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City announces completion of RR crossing safety upgrade

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman on Wednesday, July 24, announced the completion of a major safety upgrade at the Arnold Street Southeast railroad crossing. In partnership with CSX, a state-of-the-art four-quadrant gate barrier system has been installed, marking a significant improvement in pedestrian and vehicular safety.

This new system features gate arms in all four quadrants of the crossing, preventing vehicles from circumventing the barriers when activated.

The upgrade also includes the implementation of constant warning time technology, enhancing the overall safety and efficiency of the crossing.

"This installation represents a crucial step forward in our ongoing efforts to improve public safety," said Mayor Woody Jacobs.

"The four-quadrant gate system provides an additional layer of protection for our residents and vis- » PAGE 5



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State and local officials cut ribbon on Garden City River Park improvements, new fire station



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Garden City Mayor Tim Eskew and Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall are joined by other state and local officials to cut a ribbon celebrating improvements in Garden City at Garden City's new fire station Wednesday morning, July 24, 2024.

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GARDEN CITY, Ala. — Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall, representatives from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and other local leaders gathered for a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Garden City Fire Department's new fire station Wednesday, July 24, to officially unveil improvements at Garden City River Park.

The renovations were funded through a court settlement reached by the State and Tyson Foods after an illegal wastewater discharge at the company's facility in Hanceville in 2019 and subsequent fish kill on the Mulberry Fork of the Black Warrior River in Hanceville. (See https://www.cullmantribune.com/2019/06/11/feature-river-residents-sound-off-about-tysons-mulberry-fork-spill-fish-kill)

As part of the settlement of the lawsuit, the State created a Restitution Fund Oversight Committee to evaluate and oversee projects designed to enhance the state's natural resources, increase recreational opportunities and benefit the environment and public health in communities impacted by the wastewater discharge.

ADCNR's Poolos served as chairman of this committee, which selected the project at Garden City River Park.

The event also highlighted the construction of a new fire station in Garden City, which was partially funded with restitution funds.

ADCNR Deputy Commissioner Edward Poolos
"The Garden City River Park project had a lot of different aspects. They installed new restroom facilities at the park, added a hiking trail around the park, had a kayak launch, new parking and new pavement. But the main issue you noticed if you've been to the park before this project was the erosion of that stream bank and what we were seeing was that you wouldn't have a park there in a few years because of the river. So, doing the stream bank stabilization was a game changer there.

"In my job I get to deal with a lot of local elected officials and they're passionate about their communities, but no one is more passionate about their community than Mayor (Tim) Eskew. Neither one of these projects would have occurred without his passion for this community."

ADCNR Commissioner Christopher Blankenship
"This type of project and the ones that follow are examples of connecting citizens with the rivers, creeks and streams of our state. Fishing, boating, tourism, history and quality of life are all im- » PAGE 4

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Cullman Dive Team wins ARPA State Championship



CULLMAN SWIM TEAM

The Cullman Dive Team won this year's ARPA State Diving Championship in Boaz Wednesday. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 24

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 24, 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 19

- assault-3rd degree; person; Co. Rd. 469

July 20

- assault-3rd degree; person; Co. Rd. 469
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '24 Ford Escape; $800; Co. Rd. 469

July 22

- burglary-3rd degree; J & D Contracting; tools; Industrial Dr. SW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $200
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $362; Hwy 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; chainsaw; $540; 3rd Ave. NE
- theft by deception; person; Hwy 157; cash; $300
- theft of lost property; person; phone; $200; Co. Rd. 469

July 23

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

July 22-23

Motes, Katherine L.; 58

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

Watson, Braden H.; 26

- FTA - public intoxication

Shaddrix, Billy G.; 43

- GJ – retail theft of property-2nd degree
- GJ – organized retail theft

Smith, Shedrick D.; 27

- GJ – possession of forged instrument-1st degree
- GJ – retail theft of property-2nd degree
- GJ – retail theft of property-3rd degree
- GJ – organized retail theft

Harris, Onis S.; 32

- public intoxication

Angle, Jerry A.; 29

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Martinez, Bryann L.; 26

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Cross, Brandyn C.; 37

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- chemical endangerment of a child

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Bash (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The City of Good Hope will host its annual Back-to-School Bash on Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5-7 p.m. at Good Hope's Municipal Park, located at 135 Municipal Drive.

"It's that time of year again, back to school in just a few weeks. This is a fun time for the kids and us as mayor, council and employees to get to interact with our community," Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett said.

"Myself as a retired teacher, I see the importance of investing in children now because these are our future leaders. We care about the teachers and students, and this is a small event we can do to let them know we care and wish them the best upcoming school year."

"We are so excited for this event," shared Good Hope City Clerk Lori Leusby. "We have several fun activities planned for the kids to enjoy."

Activities on the roster for the bash include an interactive petting zoo, door prizes, free haircuts, games, snacks, free back-to-school pictures, inflatable water slides and a children's favorite: a mobile arcade.

Children must be dry before visiting the mobile arcade or having their pictures taken.

Leusby recommended bringing a towel and refraining from the waterworks until after children have played in the arcade and had a snapshot made.

The first 200 people at the event will receive a free bagged meal, and the first 150 students will receive a new Raiders-themed T-shirt to rock school spirit on the first day of school. The day's door prizes have been donated by businesses and individuals in the Good Hope community. Prizes will be drawn for and handed out beginning at 6:30 p.m.; attendees must be present to win.

The event has added a new teacher giveaway. Upon entering the park, students will be asked to nominate their favorite teacher from Good Hope Primary, Elementary, Middle or High Schools. At the end of the event, one teacher will be drawn from Good Hope Primary and Elementary, and one teacher will be drawn from Good Hope Middle and High School's nominated educators; those two chosen teachers will receive a gift from the City.

"Teachers do not have to present to win the teacher giveaway," Leusby added.

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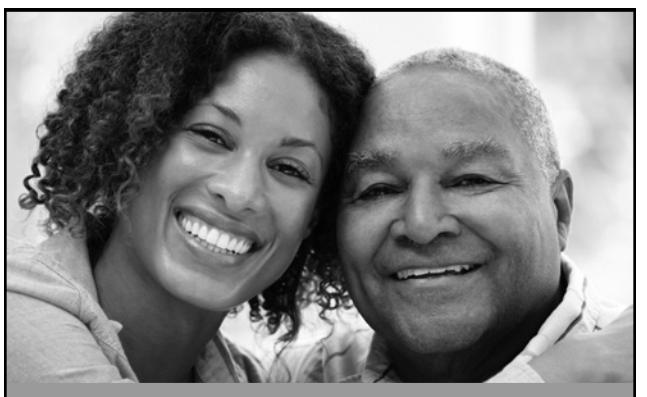
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The Crossing Food Bank
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Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, July 26 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, July 28 - 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.
• Sunday, July 28 - 5 p.m. healing service

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.

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.

Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
We will meet at The Golden Corral Buffet on Monday, Aug. 12. Dutch lunch 11 a.m. and meeting at noon. Our guest speaker will be the director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, Stephanie Lawson. Members and non-members welcome!

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.

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PREP SPORTS

‘Hard work pays off. Never, ever quit’: Fairview’s Laci Segrest talks Aggie years

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview senior Laci Segrest competed for both the volleyball and track-and-field teams during her time at Fairview and in this interview, Laci shared some of her favorite memories she made on and off the field with her friends and teammates.

"My favorite volleyball memories were beating Guntersville for the first time at home and playing in the county tournament. It was a sad time, because it was my last county tournament. I felt as though I left it all on the court, and it helped me remember why I started playing volleyball. My favorite track-and-field memories were when I medaled at county, sectionals, and state. I always had a great time with my teammates," Segrest said. "Almost our whole team was made up of seniors. I have played with those girls for five years. I learned how each of them think and play on the court. It helped me build a better bond with each girl as a teammate.

"Each of them helped me keep going, and I love each and every one of them, especially our only junior on the team, Karlie English. We all had to learn how to help her, because we all knew how hard it is to play with a team full of girls with more experience, so it was always a great way to get to know her better as well. Karlie always stepped up when we needed her, and she eventually became comfortable on the court with us. In volleyball, I learned how to be a better leader on and off the court, how to be patient, and to trust my teammates. In track-and-field, I learned to keep working hard every day and to never quit. My teammates always pushed me, and with that, it helped me to throw farther."

Segrest played for some great coaches in both sports and soaked up as much as she could from all of them.

"It was great. I learned a lot from each of them. They all gave me the opportunity to prove myself, Katie Ball especially. She took me off the court when needed and reminded me of how great I can be. My middle school coach, coach Haley, helped spark my interest in volleyball and helped me find the sport that I love. Coach Jennings, for the short time she was my coach, she taught me all of the skills that I needed to have for my varsity years. Katie Ball pushed me extra hard, because I knew she saw something in me. Whenever she would bench me, it would help me push myself harder. My track-and-field coach, Whitney Haynes, made the biggest impact on me, not just during the season, but in life as well. I feel as though I can go to her any time that I need her." she said.

She talked about some of her favorite volleyball games, what she will remember and miss the most about performing at Fairview, and her favorite high school memory.

"My favorite volleyball games were when we played Good Hope and West Point for the first time. They were always great games, and each and every one of us would play our hardest until the very last point," she said. "In volleyball, I will definitely miss the younger girls. I feel as though I had multiple great teaching experiences when it came to them. I hope that I made a big impact on those girls. I will miss my younger girls and I will definitely be back to watch their games next season. In track-and-field, I will remember and miss coach Haynes. I am sad that I won't have the chance to see her as often as I did. I will also miss the younger people on the team. I feel the same towards them as I do my volleyball girls. My favorite high school memory was homecoming. It gave us all a chance to dress up and get out of our comfort zones. It was a time we could all come together as a class and share these last memories together."

Her teachers made a big impact on Segrest's life during her time as an Aggie, and she will always remember the important lessons she learned from them as well.

"What made Fairview a special place to go to were the teachers, especially Mrs. Watts and Coach Black. I felt as though in any situation, I could go to them with my problems, and they would help me through it in any way that was needed. Most of the teachers at Fairview made a great impact on my life in my four years of being there," she said. "I will remember my friends and volleyball. These were the biggest things in my life during high school. I never really found my group of friends until senior year. Although, I didn't have many, my five friends that I had was all I needed, and I have much love for them. Volleyball season made school so much more enjoyable. I looked forward to practice every day. That's where I could work on myself and my relationship with my teammates."

Segrest will deeply miss being on the volleyball court at Fairview next season and gave advice to the students that will be starting high school in August.

"High school volleyball was so much fun, and I'm sad to let it go, but I'm so excited to play at the next level and make new relationships with my teammates," she said. "Don't take anything for granted, and when people tell you to enjoy it, because time goes by really fast, listen to them. When I first started out, people always told me that, and I had wished for my senior year to come quicker. Now that it's over, I wish I would have cherished those moments a little more. I would also like to say that everything works out in the end. Don't ever stop chasing your dreams, or change what you believe in. Everything happens for a reason. You just have to sit back, and if it's meant to happen, it will."

Segrest added, "It is beyond important, and I can't stress this enough. When it came for senior night for volleyball, I was given all of these notes from the younger girls. They had told me the impact I had on them, and it made me feel so much better as a person. Me personally, I love getting the opportunity to teach younger kids, especially when it comes to volleyball. I have made meaningful relationships with the younger girls of the volleyball team. When it comes to being a role model, you want to be the person that they can go to, and you want to be someone that they can trust. I feel like I was that person for those girls, so I feel like I succeeded as a role model."

Segrest talked about a very special role model in her life, how she wants people to remember her and gave some advice to anyone that wants to be where she is now.

"My role model in school is probably Mrs. Haynes. I could see how much she wanted to learn and succeed. I could always go to her with anything. Same with sports. She was my track coach, and she pushed me to be better every day. Even though I had a rough season, she helped me dig out of that hole at the end of the season. I hope people remember how hard-working and dedicated I was in everything. I want people to remember my enthusiastic personality and energy I brought into any room," Segrest said.



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Fairview's Laci Segrest

"Hard work pays off. Never, ever quit. I wanted to quit every track meet of this year's track season. It was the worst I had ever thrown in my track career. I knew I had to keep going and keep working my hardest and it paid off. I ended up placing third at state. Life is a mental game, and it's on you to decide where you want to be and whether you want to work to get there or just be comfortable with where you're at now. You decide where you want to be in life. You're either going to break barriers trying to get there, or you're going to sit back and just be comfortable with where you're at now and never achieve your dreams. I always knew I wanted to play volleyball at the next level, so I worked as hard as I could every day to make certain that I was going to be where I am today."

She added, "The best advice that someone gave me came from coach Haynes. This was at my last outdoor state meet. I was throwing the discus, and it wasn't throwing how I wanted to throw it. I walked over to her, and she said this: 'This is the last time that you will ever throw, so enjoy it'. Then I realized, it doesn't matter how I performed, honestly. What she said made me realize that I don't need to think any less of myself because of a bad performance. I just need to enjoy it, because it could end in a matter of seconds."

Segrest participated in several clubs at Fairview and gained a lot from those experiences too. She earned a scholarship to continue her volleyball career at Wallace State Selma and she's looking forward to getting started with her new team.

"During school, I was in the Key Club and Student Council. I was in the Glee Club my freshman and sophomore year. I learned how to work well with others and get things done effectively," she said. "I felt like that was the right school for me. The community is very loving and welcoming. The volleyball team is very involved in everything that's going on in Selma.

Segrest has already had to overcome adversity early in her life and she believes that experience will only help her continue to conquer any challenges she will face.

"Sophomore year, I was diagnosed with epilepsy. After finally figuring myself out, it helped me realize that it won't hold me back, and it won't keep me from achieving my dreams. I overcame that obstacle, and that helped me become the best version of myself. I am so grateful that I have God, my family, and my friends to help me through each obstacle that I may face in life," she said. "I learned that I am a strong, loving, independent young woman that can do anything I put my mind to."

Championship (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

BOAZ, Ala. — The Cullman Dive Team was in Boaz for the ARPA State Diving Championship Wednesday and they toppled Madison and Boaz to return home with the win.

Congratulations to our local divers.

See results below:

10&U Boys 1m dive
1. Jaxon Curry
2. C.J. Curry
3. Keith Swidecki

10&U Girls 1m dive
1. Gemma Swidecki
2. Liliana Garcia
3. Hannah Thigpen

11-12 Boys 1m dive
1. Karson Corliss
2. William Apel

11-12 Girls 1m dive
3. Reese Swidecki (tied)

12&U Boys 3m dive
1. Jaxon Curry
2. Karson Corliss

12&U Girls 3m dive
1. Reese Swidecki

Improvements (from Front)

proved by great partnerships like what's happened here in Garden City.

"The deputy commissioner and I so enjoy working together with folks like y'all in Garden City to accomplish something of significance and we look forward to opportunities to continue to do that."

Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall
"The desire for us was to be able to get the money through that settlement and drive it back into this community. That was the vision we had and when I called the commission the first time to share that with them, they said 'Let's get it done.' The AG's Office took no money from that settlement, the department took no money from that settlement, the State of Alabama took no direct proceeds of that, this money has all been driven into the area that was most impacted by what took place. So, I'm really excited to see what you've been able to do."

Statement from Sen. Garlan Gudger
"First of all, I wish I could be with you today in person, but I understand how much the new improvement at the park and at the fire station mean to the people of Garden City and all of Cullman County.

"I understand the impact that the wastewater spill had on the river and the people of the city but when I see the new amenities at the park and know the new fire station is operational, I am so encouraged by the good that has come from this situation. I thank the attorney general and everyone on the committee for working to make these improvements here in Garden City a reality.

"I am so proud of everyone who played a role in these projects.

"I want to thank Attorney General Steve Marshall and the members of the committee, community member and businessman in Cullman County Rob Werner, community leader in Cullman County and past legislator James Fields, past legislator and community leader in Walker County Connie Rowe and our leader, ADCNR Deputy Commissioner Ed Poolos.

"I appreciate how much time and energy they put into these projects. The committee's mission is to select projects to enhance the state's natural resources, increase recreational opportunities and benefit the environment and public health.

"I can honestly say these projects in Garden City accomplished all three of these.

"The citizens of Cullman County, my friends and neighbors, can now use the river for swimming, fishing, kayaking and other outdoor activities much more easily.

"This place will always be sacred to me because my immediate family all were baptized in the middle of the river at that exact launch, my two boys, my wife and I in 2022.

"It is more than recreation here at this spot on the river, it's a spiritual one for me. Back in 2022 when we announced the planned improvements at the park along the river, plus the new improvements to the fire station, it seemed like a dream. I want to thank everyone involved in making this dream a reality.

"I know everyone in Garden City and Cullman County feels the same way."

James Fields
"We need to be thankful that we have an attorney general that has a heart for small communities and for building small communities up and keeping them vibrant. Garden City has always been a place that grabs your heart, going all the way back to its beginnings, and we are thankful that we were able to play a special role in that process of helping with this project."

Garden City Mayor Tim Eskew
"I'd like to thank the citizens of Garden City for making this possible, I'd like to thank the attorney general and the committee for figuring out how to make these funds available to enhance the community."

Garden City Fire Chief Zach Thomas
"This is a huge, huge improvement for this fire department in Garden City. When I took this position in 2022, we were in a very small station, and we were running out of room and now we have this.

"So again, I just want to say thank you to Attorney General Marshall, Commissioner Poolos, the City Council, the Mayor, the street department, everybody.

"This has been a long process but it's finally happening, and I sure do appreciate it from the bottom of my heart."

City of Good Hope adopts new building codes, talks Back to School Bash

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and approved an ordinance to update the city's building codes. In 2022, the state of Alabama requested anyone changing codes to update to the 2021 International Building Codes.

Ordinance No: 011-2024

"Whereas, this ordinance is enacted pursuant to the Act and the city's general jurisdictional power and land use authority, in accordance with the State of Alabama Division of Construction Management, it is therefore, provided:

The intent of this ordinance is to: (a) promote the general welfare and safety of the community (b) require a building permit for all incorporated areas of the City of Good Hope (permit must be obtained prior to start of project) and (c) follow current building codes.

It shall be unlawful for any person, partnership, business, or corporation to undertake or cause to be undertaken any site preparation, development, renovations, improvements, construction or relocation of a building or structure (including manufactured housing) as in accordance with this ordinance, within the incorporated areas of the City of Good Hope unless a building permit has been obtained from the city clerk. Provisions of all other local, state, and/or federal codes, ordinances, and regulations shall be applicable for any project approved by the issuance of a building permit by the city clerk. It shall be the sole responsibility of the property owner to comply with such.

The basic format of the building permit shall include filling out the Building Permit Application form with the name, address, phone number, email (if available) of the applicant and the landowner. Supply required/pertinent information requested on the Building Permit Application."

The Council also discussed the City's upcoming Back to School Bash, which will be held Thursday, Aug. 1 from 5-7 p.m. at Good Hope's Municipal Park, located at 135 Municipal Drive.

"It's that time of year again, back to school in just a few weeks. This is a fun time for the kids and us as mayor, council and employees to get to interact with our community," Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett said. "Myself as a retired teacher, I see the importance of investing in Children now because these are our future leaders. We care about the teachers and students, and this is a small event we can do to let them know we care and wish them the best upcoming school year."

"We are so excited for this event," Shared Good Hope City Clerk Lori Leusby, "We have several fun activities planned for the kids to enjoy."

Activities include an interactive petting zoo, allowing children of all ages to pet and visit with farm animals and others, door prizes, free haircuts, games, snacks, free back-to-school pictures, inflatable water slides, and a mobile arcade.

The first 200 people will receive a free bagged lunch, and the first 150 students will receive a new Raiders-themed t-shirt for the first day of school. The door prizes have been donated by businesses and individuals in the Good Hope community. Prizes will be drawn at 6:30 p.m. and attendees must be present to claim their prize.

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next meeting Monday, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.



Crossing (from Front)

itors, especially considering that this crossing previously lacked any gate arms."

The Arnold Street Southeast project is part of a larger initiative aimed at establishing a quiet zone corridor through downtown Cullman.

This zone, which will extend from Ninth Street Southeast to Eighth Street Northeast, will allow trains to pass through without sounding their horns, except in emergency situations.

"We're excited about the positive impact this will have on our downtown area," added Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer.

"The quiet zone will significantly enhance the quality of life for residents and businesses in the heart of our city, while maintaining the highest standards of safety."

Residents are reminded to always exercise caution around railroad crossings and obey all warning signals and gates.

Arthur (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Arthur is German Shepherd who is approximately 2 years old.

This kingly shepherd is low to medium energy. He is beautiful inside, as well as out, and absolutely loves the time you're able to devote to him. Arthur thrives in your company but does understand personal space is needed, too. This lovely king is the quintessential companion/therapy dog extraordinaire. Those at the shelter taking care of Arthur said they, "just love this remarkable fellow!"

Make room at your castle for the majestic King Arthur!

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

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

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



Year (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The new school year is quickly approaching, with Cullman City Schools commencing on Wednesday, Aug. 7 and Cullman County Schools following suit on Thursday, Aug. 8. The first day of school will be one of staggered attendance for both systems.

Cullman County Schools students with last names beginning with the letters A-K will attend on Aug. 8 and those with last names beginning with L-Z will attend on Aug. 9; all students will attend on Monday, Aug. 12. Likewise, for students enrolled in Head Start, Pre-K or kindergarten in Cullman City Schools, only boys will attend on Aug. 7, with only girls attending on Aug. 8; all those students will attend on Friday, Aug. 9. All city schools students in grades 1-12 will attend beginning Aug. 8.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared some important news about the system's car line procedures. These procedures were enacted to ease the gridlock of traffic surrounding the schools, allowing vehicles to move more efficiently.

"For Cullman City Primary School parents, we are asking parents to have their name tag in place for both arrival and dismissal. This helps us ensure everyone is being dropped off and picked up at the same location," Kallhoff said.

For parents and caregivers who drop off and pick up in East Elementary or Cullman Middle School car lines, those procedures have shifted as well.

"Cullman Middle School: Fourth Street will still be closed just north of Oak. Therefore, all traffic during dropoff and dismissal will exit north onto Fourth Street. This is the same pattern we used the last two weeks of school last year," shared Kallhoff. "East Elementary: Due to moving fifth grade into the main building, fourth-through sixth-grade pickup will be in a different location."

Before the pencils are sharpened and bows are placed, students are invited to walk into their classrooms and meet their new teachers, find their seats and become familiar with the environment of the new school year. Open House information can be found below or on each school's Facebook page.

CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

CULLMAN CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
Friday, Aug. 2
- Head Start, Pre-K and kindergarten- 3 p.m.
- First and second grades- 4 p.m.

EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday, Aug. 5
- Students with last names beginning with A through I- 5 p.m.
- Students with last names starting with J through Z- 6 p.m.
- Food trucks will be on-site at the school from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday, Aug. 5
- 4-6 p.m.

CULLMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Friday, Aug. 2
- 5-7 p.m.

CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, Aug. 5
- Freshmen at 6 p.m.
- Upper-level students at 7 p.m.

CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

COLD SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.
- Kona Ice, bounce houses and food trucks will be on-site

COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

CULLMAN AREA TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

CULLMAN COUNTY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
Sunday, Aug 4
- 2-5 p.m.

FAIRVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Monday, Aug. 5
- Kindergarten and Pre-K parents only are invited to a short orientation at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Open House for all grades from 3-6 p.m.

FAIRVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Sixth grade from 2-4 p.m.

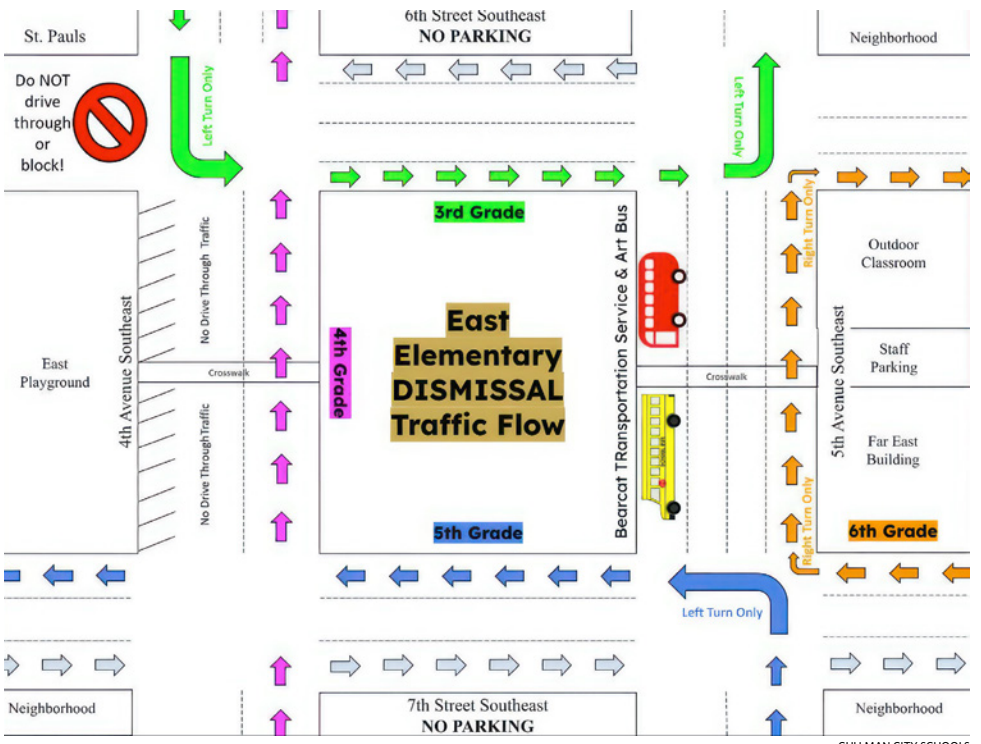
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Seventh and eighth grades from 3-6 p.m.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

GOOD HOPE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Students with last names beginning with A through K- 3-4:30 p.m.
- Students with last names beginning with L through Z- 4:30-6 p.m.
- The school will hold an informational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 4, for parents and families of Pre-K students at 2 p.m. and for families and parents of kindergarten students at 3 p.m.

GOOD HOPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

GOOD HOPE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Map of changes to Cullman City Schools drop-off and pick-up procedures

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Freshmen will meet in the lunchroom at 2 p.m. for lockers and schedules and to meet teachers and tour classes.
- Grades 10-12 will begin picking up schedules at 3 p.m. in the high school gym.

HANCEVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Kindergarten at 2 p.m.
- First Grade at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Second-fifth grades from 4-6 p.m.

HANCEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

HOLLY POND K-8
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Grades 10, 11 and 12 from 3-4:30 p.m.
- Freshman Bootcamp from 4:30-6 p.m.

PARKSIDE SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Pre-K parent meeting at 2 p.m.
- Kindergarten parent meeting at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Open House
- 3-6 p.m.

VINEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Kindergarten and Pre-K from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- First through fifth grades from 3-6 p.m.

VINEMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Sixth grade from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Seventh and eighth grades from 3-6 p.m.

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

WELTI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

WEST POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Kindergarten from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Grades 1-3 from 3-6 p.m.

WEST POINT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4 from 2:30-5 p.m.
- New WPIS students and all fourth-grade families will meet in the gym at 2:30 p.m. for a mandatory introductory meeting.

WEST POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL
Sunday, Aug. 4
- Sixth grade from 3-5 p.m.
- All sixth-grade families must meet in the gym at 3 p.m. for mandatory orientation

Tuesday, Aug. 6
- Seventh and eighth grades from 3-6 p.m.

WEST POINT HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday, Aug. 6
- 3-6 p.m.

West Point Quarterback Club to host Drawdown Dinner Aug. 10

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Quarterback Club (WPQC) is rallying together for the 34th time to host its Warrior Night Fundraiser, the annual Drawdown Dinner. The event is the club's largest fundraiser of the year, and often, the proceeds and donations go toward replacing needed equipment and upgrading the training, practice and game facilities used by the football team.

On Saturday, Aug. 10, in the West Point Middle School lunchroom, guests will be able to chow down on smoked barbecue while supporting local youth and the Warrior Nation with a donation of $100 for a ticket for two.

"The ticket is good for two barbecue plates," WPQC President Greg McAfee said. "Tickets will be sold until the drawing begins."

Throughout the night and after dinner, tickets will be drawn. The first few tickets drawn will win $100, and the cash prizes will grow as more tickets are drawn.

For each ticket sold, the drawdown amount increases. McAfee said the club hopes to sell 300 tickets for the dinner. Sales of 100 tickets will include a grand prize draw of $100, while a sale of all the available seats will result in a drawing for $10,000 in cash for one lucky attendee. Cash prizes are not the only winnings at the event. McAfee and the WPQC officers have secured a bingo caller for the event, giving attendees a variety of door prizes and the potential for cold, hard cash.

McAfee shared, "We will also have bingo for prizes. See any Quarterback Club officer or contact 256-727-4909 for tickets."

The WPQC Drawdown Dinner will be held on Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. in the WPMS lunchroom. Tickets are $100 each and guarantee admission to the dinner and two barbecue plates. WPMS is located at 4545 County Road 1141.

LEGALS

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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KAREN REXANA TAYLOR * CASE NO PC 2021-464
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE

TO: KAITLYN LYNCH, JARRETT LYNCH AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Final Settlement of Decedent's Estate filed by Martin Taylor, Petitioner, through Attorney Marcus A. Jones, III, has been scheduled for the **28th 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 23rd 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 PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
NELWIN ANNETTE TAYLOR, * CASE NO.: PC2024-183
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to STEPHEN TAYLOR, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF NELWIN ANNETTE TAYLOR, deceased, on the 23rd 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.

STEPHEN TAYLOR
Executor

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Executor
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

2002 Buick Century, Vin.#2G4WS52J321193304
1994 Buick Century, Vin.#1G4AG55M2R6419904
2014 Buick Encore, Vin.#KL4CJASB2EB581716
2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vin.#1GNEC13Z32R119342
2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, Vin.#2GCEC13T751260822
2016 Chevrolet Sonic, Vin.#1G1JA6SH4G4118247
2002 Chevrolet Malibu, Vin.#1G1NE52J92M546973
2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer, Vin.#1GNES16S736119204
1997 Chevrolet Tahoe, Vin.#1GNEK13R9VJ427329
2002 Dodge Caravan, Vin.#1B4GP25382B576710
2006 Ford F150, Vin.#1FTPW14516KC45914
2007 Ford Taurus, Vin.#1FAFP56U37A153768
2008 Ford Focus, Vin.#1FAHP35NX8W238375
2005 Ford Escape, Vin.#1FMYU03145KC51011
2005 Ford F-150, Vin.#1FTRF122X5KD07066
2002 Ford F150, Vin.#1FTRW08L22KA41192
2002 GMC Envoy, Vin.#1GKDS13S922175406
2006 Honda Odyssey, Vin.#5FNRL38756B047147
2001 Honda Civic, Vin.#1HGEM229X1L120858
2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Vin.#1J8GS48K17C583959
2002 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Vin.#1J8GW68J22C259581
Unknown 2009 Kawasaki
2005 Lexus ES330, Vin.#JTHBA30GX55140425
2008 Mazda Mazda3, Vin.#JM1BK343X81859708
2000 Nissan Maxima, Vin.#JN1CA31AXYT022474
2015 Suzuki M50, Vin.#JS1VS56A2F2100041
2003 Toyota Camry, Vin.#4T1BE32K83U783975

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TERRY LYNN TAYLOR * CASE NO PC 2021-462
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT OF DECEDENT'S ESTATE

TO: KAITLYN LYNCH, JARRETT LYNCH AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Final Settlement of Decedent's Estate filed by Martin Taylor, Petitioner, through Attorney Marcus A. Jones, III, has been scheduled for the **28th 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 23rd 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

Marcus A. Jones, III
Attorney for Petitioner
300 N. Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd, Ste 200
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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 *
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:
Annette Irons-Parker
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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 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 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 *
MATTHEW JAMES BAKER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-217
Deceased. *

Case# PC2024-217
PB MIN Book:224 Page:935
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07/09/2024 4:24PM
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
1 Page(s)

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 *
ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT *
a/k/a JOYCE M. NIBBLETT, * CASE NO. PC2024-228
Deceased. *

Case# PC2024-228
PB MIL Book:124 Page:876
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07/16/2024 2:05PM
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
1 Page(s)

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

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

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

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

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Spenser Templeton
R. Andrew Yarbro
Simpson, McMahan, Glick & Burford, PLLC
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Suite 310 West Tower
Hoover, AL 35244

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

LEGALS

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT — ACCS FORM 5-A

Sealed proposals will be received by the Alabama Community College System at the office of:

Wallace State- Hanceville Oneonta

Burrow Building – 2nd Floor Conference Room

801 Main Street NW, Hanceville, AL 35077

UNTIL 2:00 PM Central Time
Thursday, August 8, 2024, 2024

Theater Stage Lighting Upgrades for Wallace – Hanceville Community College
Hanceville, Alabama

ACCS # 2024-016
McKee Project # 24-159

at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference to be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 10:00 AM Central Time on site.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama Community College System in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at :
www.mckeeassoc.com; Project Bid List

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect (Engineer) upon deposit of $ 200.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first **2** sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect (Engineer); the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

Walter T. Mckee, Jr.
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS
AND FOR BIDS FROM BIDDERS WHO ARE PREQUALIFIED

Prequalification Proposals (Letters of Interest (LOI) and Statements of Qualifications (SOQ)) from General Contractors (Construction Service Firms) shall be submitted and will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249; UNTIL 2:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, August 1, 2024, for the following project**: MOBILE RIVER 16" WATERLINE REPLACEMENT, McCrory & Williams, Inc Project No. M5712-2673** for consideration of approval to bid this project. Prequalified Bidders will be notified in writing on or about August 6, 2024, at which time Bid and Construction Documents will be made available to bidders.

Instructions for SOQ packages may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or requested at the offices of McCrory & Williams, Inc, 3207 International Drive, Suite G, Mobile, Alabama 36606.

As one of the conditions of submitting a SOQ, it must be understood that knowledge and experience is extremely important. Therefore, the construction firm will have to submit evidence and proof acceptable to the Board of their ability, knowledge, experience, training of supervisory personnel and labor, and will be required to submit evidence and proof that construction firm has performed work of a similar nature within the last twenty-four (24) months and that such work was satisfactorily and safely completed.

Qualifications of any sub-contractor(s) used to obtain prequalification status are to be included in the firm's statement of qualifications. Contractors should pay special attention to the Board's Supplier Diversity Program requirements to ensure prequalification packages include the required documentation as to participation of diverse sub-contractor(s) and suppliers to meet the Board's goals of the Contractor's good faith efforts to secure such participation.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive technical errors, and/or abandon this process if, in their judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

All General contractors seeking prequalification status are required to submit the prequalification documents enclosed and clearly marked on the outside of the package as follows: **"CONFIDENTIAL – STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS – MOBILE RIVER 16" WATERLINE REPLACEMENT," Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ATTN: Douglas L. Cote, PE, Assistant Director of Operations, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249.**

Sealed bid proposals will be received only from Prequalified General Contractor Bidders by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249; UNTIL 12:00 PM LOCAL TIME; ON MONDAY, September 9, 2024, and then publicly opened and r**ead at 1:00 p.m.**

The Work of the project includes, but is not limited to the following:
Installation of approximately 1900 LF of 20" TR Flex ductile iron watermain with 42" steel encasement pipe under Mobile River by directional drilling. Connection to the existing 16" system will also be required.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Consulting Engineer, upon payment of $200.00 for each (printed) set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks shall be made payable to "McCrory & Williams, Inc." Bid documents will be mailed only upon receipt of deposit. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

Refer to MAWSS Policy No. DBE 16-01 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Policy for Public Works Act Contracts, which states that contractors shall make a demonstrated good faith effort to award **fifteen percent (15%)** of the contract amount to certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as subcontractors and/or suppliers performing commercially useful functions which are consistent with contract requirements. Further information for requirements during the bidding and contract performance phases are provided in Policy No. DBE 16-01 and should be considered by prospective bidders. **Also, bidders must list all DBE subcontractors and suppliers on the provided Subcontracting Plan form to be submitted with the package.**

A **Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at the MAWSS Main Training Room at the Park Forest Facility, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618 on August 14, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective prequalified bidders and subcontractors are required to attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents. The following contract bid documents, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Subcontracting Plan, SSO and Unpermitted Discharge Prevention Notification, and any addendum attachments shall be printed on yellow color paper and tabbed. The Contractor shall be responsible for preparing its bid package in accordance with this guideline.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249: "Bid for Constructing MOBILE RIVER 16" WATERLINE REPLACEMENT McCrory & Williams, Inc Project No. M5712-2673, to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, September 9, 2024". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or Irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount**, not to exceed $10,000.**

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

THIS INVITATION FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS AND FOR BIDS FROM BIDDERS WHO ARE PREQUALIFIED IS CONDENSED FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS CAN BE FOUND IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

THE BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
MOBILE, ALABAMA

NOW HIRING
TIRE TECHS

SAME DAY APPLICATION AND INTERVIEW + COMPETITIVE PAY

COLLEGE TIRE
315 MAIN ST. NW HANCEVILLE
256-352-2221

LEGALS

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

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

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

F. Sidewalk Fund Option

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION IV. **EFFECTIVE DATE**. This ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of July, 2024. /s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 22nd day of July, 2024. /s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 21
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Pioneer Land Acquisitions, LLC, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioners, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PIN: 14255. PARCEL NUMBER: 17-01-02-0-001-017.000. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 0 County Road 770.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Parcel I: All that part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, T10S, R3W, more particularly described as: commencing at an existing axle marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2; thence S 89 degrees 10'54"W along the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 1874.04 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; the from said true point of beginning S 89 degrees 10'54"W a distance of 626.63 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the East right of way of Eva Road; thence N 17 degrees 18'51"E along said right of way a distance of 711.79 feet to an existing 5/8 inch rebar iron at the Southwest corner of Warnke Place Subdivision; thence N 89 degrees 22'50"E a distance of 616.98 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence S 16 degrees 37'28"W a distance of 706.8 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also a right of way described as follows: All that part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, T10S, R3W, more particularly described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence S 1 degree 15'42"W a distance of 173.24 feet to a point on the South right of way of Alabama Highway No. 157 and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run S 0 degrees 09'55"E a distance of 478.54 feet; thence S 89 degrees 22'41"W a distance of 45.00 feet; thence N 0 degrees 09'55"W a distance of 497.36 feet to the South right of way of Alabama No. 157; thence S 67 degrees 40'05"E along said right of way a distance of 48.26 feet to the true point of beginning.

Parcel II: All that part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, T10S, R3W, more particularly described as: commencing at an existing axel marking the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 2; thence S 89 degrees 10'54"W along the south line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter a distance of 1874.04 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence N 16 degrees 37'28"E a distance of 706.8 feet to a set 5/8 rebar iron on the South line of Warnke Place Subdivision; thence N 89 degrees 22'50"E a distance of 1415.93 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the South right of way of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence S 67 degrees 35'35"E along said right of way a distance of 272.42 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron on the East line of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2; thence S 0 degrees 24'02"E along said East line a distance of 562.00 feet to the true point of beginning.

Also a right of way described as follows: All that part of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2; T10S, R3W, more particularly described as commencing at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence S 1 degree 15'42"W a distance of 173.24 feet to a point on the South right of way of Alabama Highway No.157 and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run S 0 degrees 09'55"E a distance of 478.54 feet; thence S 89 degrees 22'41"W a distance of 45.00 feet; thence N 0 degrees 09'55"W a distance of 497.36 feet to the South right of way of Alabama Highway No. 157; thence S 67 degrees 40'05"E along said right of way a distance of 48.26 feet to the true point of beginning.

Less and except: A tract or parcel of land being a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 2, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found axle marking the accepted Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 2, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1528101.18', E.2173796.51' and run South 89 degrees 45 minutes 35 seconds West (bearing based on AL. State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, GRID) and run along the accepted South line, a distance of 2500.60 feet; thence run North 17 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 51.43 feet to a set rebar on the North right of way line of Cullman County Road No. 770, same being the point of beginning; thence continue North 17 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 245.70 feet to a set rebar (Conn-17831); thence North 78 degrees 15 minutes 48 seconds East, a distance of 325.80 feet to a set rebar (Conn-17831); thence North 09 degrees 04 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 330.37 feet to a set rebar on the South line of Lot 4 of Warnke Place Subdivision, Phase III as recorded in Map Cabinet B, Slide 347H, in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 42 seconds West and run along the South line of said subdivision, a distance of 770.85 feet to a found capped corner (Harris-5742) on the East right of way of Eva Road; thence South 17 degrees 53 minutes 33 seconds West and run along said East right of way line, a distance of 657.42 feet to a set rebar (Conn-17831) marking the North right of way line of Cullman County Road No. 770 and being in a curve to the left, having a central angle of 14 degrees 17 minutes 49 seconds, a radius of 197.85 feet, a chord bearing of South 82 degrees 45 minutes 18 seconds East and a chord length of 49.24 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 49.37 feet to the point of tangency; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 13 seconds East and continue along said North right of way line, a distance of 330.54 feet to the point of a curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 01 degrees 45 minutes 12 seconds, a radius of 1,475.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 89 degrees 13 minutes 11 seconds East and a chord length of 45.14 feet; thence run along arc or said curve an arc distance of 45.14 feet; thence run along arc or said curve or arc distance of 45.14 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 88 degrees 20 minutes 35 seconds East and continue along said North right of way line, a distance of 206.00 feet to the point of beginning.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-4 Residential District contingent upon the owners granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 22nd day of July, 2024. /s/ Jenny Folsom, President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 22nd day of July, 2024. /s/Mayor Woody Jacobs

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Obituary Announcements: July 23-24

Charles Dewayne West, 52
Charles Dewayne West, age 52, of Vinemont, passed from this life on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at his residence. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Charles was born on March 15, 1972, to Billy Wayne West and Carrie Etta Harris West. He was preceded in death by his father; wife of 31 years, Patricia West; brothers, Johnny Wayne West, and Randy Joe West. He is survived by his mother, Carrie "Pat" Henderson; sons, Jeremy West, and Dylan West (Jessica Turner-West); sister, Patricia West Graves, and Melissa Garrison (Bo); grandson, Damon "Buddy" West; a host of family and friends.

Raymond W. Schaffer, 94
Funeral Service for Raymond W. Schaffer, age 94 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. and Rosary at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Schaffer passed away on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at his residence. He was born, Feb. 4, 1930, to John Schaffer and Maggie Schaffer. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Mary Schaffer; sons, Dennis (Vicky) Schaffer and Perry (Wendy) Schaffer; daughter, Belinda Boone; stepdaughter, Sandy (Quinnen) McDowell; stepsons, Bobby (Sandi) Gay and Michael Gay; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; brothers, Herbert Schaffer and Fred Schaffer. Mr. Schaffer served in the Airforce during the Korean War from 1950-1954 and retired from the Ryder Truckline. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sister Emilie Schmitt O.S.B., 99
Sister Emilie Schmitt O.S.B., a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, died peacefully at the monastery on July 22, 2024, at the age of 99 and in the 75th year of her religious profession. Sister Elisabeth Meadows, Prioress, led prayers as Sisters gathered at her bedside upon her passing. Reception of the Body with Vespers for the Faithful Departed will be prayed on Thursday, July 25, at 4:45 p.m. in Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel in Cullman, followed by visitation until 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, July 26, at 10:30 a.m. Interment in the monastery cemetery will follow. Born in 1925 in Eufaula, Alabama, to Eugene Max and Mary Kramer Schmitt, Sister Emilie was baptized Mary Gene at Holy Redeemer Church in Eufaula. As a young child, Mary Gene moved with her family to Gulfport, Mississippi, where she attended St. John the Evangelist School in Gulfport for both elementary and high school. Following graduation, she worked in her family's grocery business before entering the Benedictine community in Cullman. The Sisters of Mercy who taught Sister Emilie at St. John's hoped that she would enter their congregation, but Mary Gene followed the example of three aunts who were Benedictine Sisters and she entered Sacred Heart Convent as a postulant in 1947. The following year she became a Novice and received the name Mary Emilie. Sister Emilie made her First Profession in 1949 and Perpetual Profession in 1952. Sister Emilie already had strong family ties to Cullman and to the Benedictine Sisters. Her grandfather, Maximillian Schmitt, was an early settler in Cullman and his brickyard was the source of many of the bricks used in the construction of the monastery's first building, Ottilia Hall. Sister Emilie also had many relatives in the town, including her aunts at Sacred Heart. Her family from Gulfport visited Cullman often during Sister Emilie's younger years. Sister Emilie attended Sacred Heart College, receiving an A.A. in elementary education, and St. Bernard College to receive her A.B. degree. She also attended Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee for further study. Sister's teaching ministry took her throughout the diocese, from Elberta in the south to Florence in the north. Hundreds of young students benefitted from her caring instruction over forty-one years of teaching. For many, she held the important role of first-grade teacher and was fondly remembered by former students who encountered her at the monastery or in her occasional visits to former schools or parishes. Three teaching assignments held a particular warm place in Sr. Emilie's heart - St. Paul's and St. Margaret's schools in Birmingham, and St. Joseph Regional School in Florence. At St. Margaret's she also served as Principal and House Superior, and at St. Paul's she was able to teach alongside one of her aunts, Sister Clare Kramer. In Florence, Sister Emilie taught 1st grade for twenty years, endearing herself not only to a generation of students who still remember her with great affection, but also to the entire parish communities of St. Joseph's in Florence and St. Michael's in St. Florian. When Sister Emilie was called to return to Cullman for ministry, the St. Joseph School Foundation's Board of Directors honored her with a special Resolution, noting her "true dedication to the development of the potential of each student," her exemplary service, her immeasurable contributions to the growth and development of the school, and her deep devotion to Catholic education. In many of her mission assignments, Sister Emilie also served as sacristan, work that she began as a young student assisting the Sisters of Mercy at St. John's school in Gulfport. When she retired from teaching, Sister Emilie took on the role of sacristan at the monastery. She served in this role for many years while also serving in the Retreat Center and ministering in other ways within the community. Sister Emilie found great joy in crocheting baby blankets that she offered to the community to give as gifts. Her creation of "slippers" made from recycled Christmas cards was an annual tradition that brought joy to many children. Sister Emilie was noted for her kindness, her dedication to her responsibilities, her ready smile, and her loving heart. She was also known for her fidelity to prayer and could always be counted on to hold in prayer the prayer requests of others. Letter writing was a special pleasure, especially the regular exchange of letters she shared with her sisters, Dot and Betty Clare, with whom she was close. The affection of nieces and nephews brought her great joy. Sister Emilie was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Jenner; a nephew, Michael Jenner; and great-nephew Scott Robertson. Survivors include her Benedictine Sisters; a sister, Elizabeth Clare Cucchiara; and beloved nephews and nieces. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama, 916 Convent Road NE, Cullman, AL, 35055, or shmon.org/support-us.

Billy Olan Rucks, 86
Funeral services for Billy Olan Rucks, 86, of Hanceville, Alabama, will be 2 p.m. July 26 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Shanghi Cemetery in Walker County. Bro. Rick Davis will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Friday at Hanceville Funeral Home from noon to 2 p.m. Billy, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, was born on April 14, 1938, to the late William and Molly Nobinger-Rucks in Blount County, Alabama. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on July 23, 2024, in Hanceville, Alabama. Born in 1938, Billy lived a life full of love, laughter, and joy. Billy's love for fishing was matched only by his passion for spending quality time with his grandson, creating memories that will be cherished forever. A proud member of the 1955 Hanceville High School Championship football team, Billy's love for sports was a lifelong affair. Although Mr. Rucks didn't attend college; after high school he went on to obtain two honorary diplomas from Texas A&M and LSU. Family was the cornerstone of Billy's life. He thrived on family gatherings, where his laughter and jokes filled the room. Known for his playful spirit, Billy loved to aggravate and make jokes, always bringing smiles to those around him. He was the epitome of the neighborhood dad, always there with a helping hand, share a good story or air up a bicycle tire. Billy had a deep love for the beach and enjoyed being on the road, traveling to new places and making new friends. His joy was infectious, and he was happy wherever he was, spreading positivity and warmth. After 35 years of dedicated service, Billy retired from Southern Natural Gas, leaving behind a legacy of hard work and commitment. He was also a proud member of the Masons, upholding the values of brotherhood and service. Those surviving him are his daughter, Lacey (Douglas Clark) Wilson; grandson, Jonathan Taylor Wilson; sister, Fifa Jo Harris; sisters-in-law, Judy Lockard-Goldsmith and her husband, John and Melba Rucks; and a host of many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Rucks was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Faye Lockard-Rucks; siblings, Murl Rucks, Louise (Bill) Whitt, Lorene (Joe) Bachmuth, Faye Rucks and W.C. Rucks; and brother-in-law, Harold Harris.

Steven Roy Cupp, 74
Steven Roy Cupp, 74 of Cullman, was preceded in death by parents Earnest Roy Cupp, Jr. and Alesia Chandler Cupp. Sister Karen Cupp Klugh (Ben). Survived in death by his wife, Barbara Marlar Cupp; children Bryan Cupp, Brandy Cupp (Brandon Gamble), Trey Doyle (Heather), Lindsey James (Nathan); grandsons and five granddaughters. Sisters Linda Cupp Dodson (Daniel), Pamela Cupp McWilliams, Cecille Cupp Cooper (Bobby), Brothers Michael Cupp (Susan), Jeffrey Cupp (Melanie). A host of nieces and nephews. Steve served in the Army National Guard. He was a custom home builder on Smith Lake for over 50 years. People called him "The Legend." He loved his wife, Barbara, and his family. He was a true craftsman and it was evident in the homes he built. He sawmilled his own wood of different varieties. This allowed him to make one-of-a-kind pieces, including tables, mantles, beams, columns, etc. He even made balusters out of crepe myrtle limbs for some customers. Whatever the customers wanted, he could build it! A visitation for Steve will be held Friday, July 26, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Good Hope Baptist Church, 90 Good Hope School Road, Cullman, AL 35057, followed by a Celebration of Life Funeral Service at 1 p.m. Steve will be laid to rest in Good Hope Cemetery, 90 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope, AL 35057. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online or mailed to UAB Center for Palliative and Comfort Care.

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