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Sweet Tater Festival returns Sept. 1-2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation is making plans and preparing for the introduction of fall with one of its larger festivals: the 28th Annual Sweet Tater Festival, which will kick off on Sunday, Sept. 1, and run until Monday, Sept. 2, at Smith Lake Park.

"We're really excited about hosting the 28th annual Sweet Tater Festival. It will be a fun-filled Sunday and Monday with lots of vendors and, of course, sweet taters," shared Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Cornelius. "The fries are a must-have."

The event will feature live music and entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, resource booths and more.

A big draw of the two-day festival is the Labor Day Car Show. It's held on the second day of the festival each year and sees participants showing off souped-up and classic cars, other automobiles and bikes. Registration is $15 per vehicle entered, with the potential to walk away with first-place bragging rights and a $1,000 cash prize. A 50/50 drawing will also take place during the » PAGE 2



2020 CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The 28th annual Sweet Tater Festival will be held Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-2, 2024, at Smith Lake Park.

Library celebrates birthday of 'the boy who lived'



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ravenclaw Lilli Hock, Hufflepuff Peyton Hock, Slytherin Camilla Coleman and Gryffindor Easton Hock joined others to celebrate the birthday of fellow Hogwarts student, Harry Potter, at the Cullman County Public Library on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from the Hogwarts Houses of Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and Slytherin took control of the Cullman County Public Library on Wednesday, July 31, as part of the library's birthday celebration for the literary character Harry Potter.

Cullman County Public Library System Director Amber Thornton and Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore had the idea to transform the inside of the library into the Great Hall, complete with a Potions Class and Polyjuice Punch.

"We are so glad you all came out to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with us!" Thornton smiled as she took in the crowd. "We are going to start by singing 'Happy Birthday' to Harry Potter and then we have some cake and some Polyjuice Potion Punch for you today."

Attendees were invited to sign in for the event before heading off to the tables set with crayons and Harry Potter- and Hogwarts-inspired coloring sheets. Others flocked to the photo backdrops and many props and sets in the library's main area. Robes and wands flashed as spells were cast and defenses thrown.

Library staff came prepared with Bertie Botts Every Flavored Beans and Hagrid's trademark "Happee Birthdae Harry" neon pink confection of a cake. Children ate and drank like witch- » PAGE 2

Temporary Cullman Middle School traffic plan

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Elements teams up with Curt's Closet for back-to-school drive

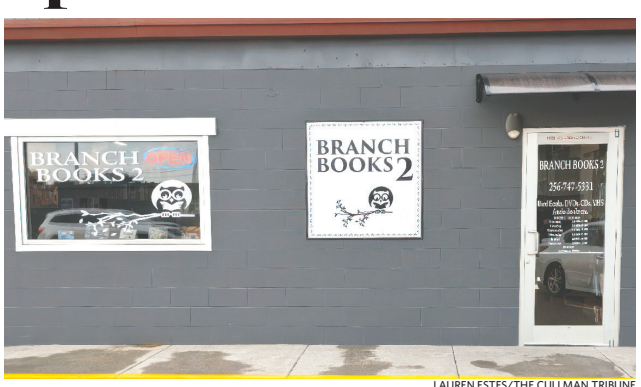


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported July 31

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported July 31, 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 25

- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $46; Hwy 157

July 29

- domestic violence-3rd degree harassment; person; Ash Ave. NE
- harassment; menacing; person; Walnut St. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Shoe Show; general merchandise; $49; Marktplatz Ctr. SW
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $550; Olive St. SW

July 30

- theft of property-1st degree; burglary-3rd degree; person; '03 Honda Accord, cash; $880; Sandy Ave. SW

ARRESTS

July 29-30

Paul, Bradley M.; 22

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Naler, Cory L.; 27

- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment
- interfering with a domestic violence emergency call

Ruiz, Melinda F.; 54

- retail theft of property-2nd degree
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ory, Bradley S.; 36

- violation of domestic violence protection order

Stutts, Timothy G.; 36

- public intoxication

Price, Thomas H.; 33

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – assault-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Library (from Front)

es and wizards at the Three Broomsticks.

The morning event also touted many other events and activities for the Muggle-born attendees, like a Potions Class that saw children making sand art bottles to mimic magical potions to be used at a later date, a costume contest to reveal the best lookalikes and shouldbe wizards and Harry Potter trivia to test the knowledge of superfans and possibly secure an invitation to Hogwarts, to be brought by an owl.

Higgins (from Front)

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

Festival (from Front)

car show. Registration for the Sweet Tater Festival Labor Day Car Show will run from 7-11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 2.

Cornelius smiled and said, "My favorite thing about the weekend is seeing which of the great cars, trucks and bikes that are brought to the car show wins Best of Show on Monday."

The Sweet Tater Festival will take place Sunday, Sept. 1, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission to the festival will set attendees back $5 each. However, the admission cost covers entry for both days of the festival. Smith Lake Park's amenities will be open and available during the festival, including swimming and miniature golf; camping sites are available for the weekend. Find out more information about Smith Lake's amenities and campsites at www.cullmancountyparks.com.

For information on registering for the Sweet Tater Festival Labor Day Car Show, contact David Speegle at 256-385-1401 after 5 p.m.

To register as a vendor or sponsor of the Sweet Tater Festival, contact Cullman County Parks and Recreation at 256-739-2916.

Smith Lake Park is located at 403 County Road 386.

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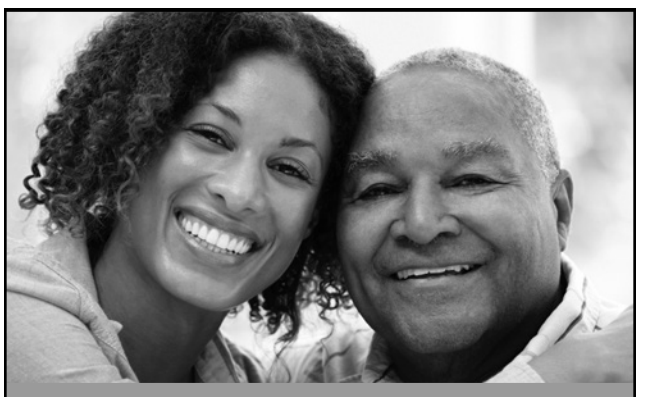
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Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Friday, Aug. 2 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Aug. 3 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast, Foundry Farm outreach at 10
• Sunday, Aug. 4 - 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, Aug. 4 - 2 p.m. Prayer 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.

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.

Fairview West Baptist Church Rummage Sale and Bake Sale
Saturday, Aug. 3, from 7 a.m.-until at Fairview West Baptist Church, 1172 County Road 566, Hanceville. Inside the fellowship hall.

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.

Vinemont High School Class of 1974 50th Class Reunion
Saturday, Aug. 10, from 5-8 p.m. at Ledgers, 281 County Road 717, Cullman. Casual dress; come and enjoy catching up. Questions 256-531-4222.

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 nonmembers welcome!

Holly Pond Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Join us as we serve you all the pancakes you can eat with a side of bacon and sausage and your choice of coffee, water or juice for a donation only. Invite your friends and have a fun morning on Aug. 17, from 6-9 a.m. at the Lions Club Building in Holly Pond near the ballfields. Donations benefit Lions Club special projects such as sight and juvenile diabetes. Thank you for your support.

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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'God has given me the opportunity to shine His glory, and live for Him': West Point's Patton Fell discusses her journey with God



PATTON FELL

West Point's Patton Fell

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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point's Patton Fell is preparing to start her junior in August and in this interview, she discussed some of the challenges she's faced in her life up to this point and how her relationship with God has helped her overcome those challenges.

"Towards the end of 2022, I started to struggle with bad anxiety. I didn't tell anyone, because I didn't want to be a burden to others. it continued and wouldn't quit, and I couldn't figure out why. In the middle of 2023, I started to question my faith. I didn't feel like I was saved, and I didn't feel like I had a true relationship with God. I decided to stay quiet about it, because I didn't want people to think that I was faking being a Christian. My anxiety got worse and worse, but I felt like I could get over it myself. In November of 2023, I went to church with a friend, and his dad, who was the pastor, said this: 'You can know who Jesus is but not truly believe in Him and have a true relationship with Him'. That was an eye-opener for me, and at that point, I knew I wasn't saved. I knew who Jesus was, because I grew up in church, but I never fully surrendered my life to Him. So, on November 15th, 2023, I gave my life to Jesus, and it was the best decision that I ever made." Fell said.

"Ever since that day, I have had a peace in my heart about things I used to stress over. I have been a much happier person, and He has delivered me from all of my shame. I am now free from sin, and I have the desire to live for the Lord. Even though I know I will still go through hard times, the Lord has proven to me that He will always be by my side and will never leave me."

Fell took away so much from that experience. She shared some of her favorite Bible verses and has been working to help out more people who are looking to find God in their lives.

"I learned that God will never leave my side, and He will provide for me, no matter what. In times of trouble, He will always be there, and He will protect me and my walk with Him. I also learned that He would give me strength when I need it, and empower me to do things for His glory," Fell said. "2 Timothy 1:7 says, 'For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.' In times of fear, this verse helps remind me that God has given me the power to overcome fear. Also, Psalm 23 has helped me remember that the Lord will lead me and guide me. I don't have to worry about what is around me, because He makes a way for me," Fell said. "I try to be a light to others and share what God has shown me from the messages at church to others who need encouragement. I try to give God the glory for everything He has done for me, and I try to make others feel loved by Jesus just from being around me. I try to do what He would want me to do in different situations, so others can see that He can, and He will, change the way you walk, talk, and think."

Fell is a part of Mission Blitz at her church and has touched so many lives during her time there. She shared some memories from her favorite mission she has participated in while working there.

"My serve group built a deck for our DMD house. The Mission Blitz experience is always so incredible. You get to fellowship with new people and make new friends that love the Lord just as much as you do. My favorite part of Mission Blitz is always the message and worship. Every year, we get to see God move in ways we wouldn't have thought was possible. This year, I got to see two of my best friends get saved, and it was so wonderful to watch them give their life to the Lord. Knowing that I will be going to heaven with my friends makes me so happy, because not only do I get to live eternally in heaven, but they will too," Fell said.

"My favorite mission that I took part in was helping a lady clean up around her house last year at Mission Blitz. We got to sit with her and talk about what God has done for her and her family. She had a granddaughter that was in a bad wreck, and the doctors weren't sure she would make it. Sure enough, that little girl was alive and well, and we got to meet her the day we went to help. I loved this experience, because it helped me see that God was working and is still working, not just in my life, but other people's life too."

Fell wants to make an impact and help as many people as she can find God in their own lives.

"I try to help my friends and their walk with God or anyone else that needs it. Doing this means so much to me, because God has given me the opportunity to shine His glory and live for Him. I love being able to help others with the power that God has given me to use for His glory. It means a lot to me, because I know that one day, as these kids grow up, they will know the Lord and have a relationship with Him. I will get to see them in heaven with me. I also love knowing that these kids will be a light for the Lord and will help give God the glory for all the things He has done in their life."

Fell gave some advice to those people that want to have a relationship with God but don't quite know how to do that. She talked about some great role models that she looks up to and what she has learned the most about her journey so far.

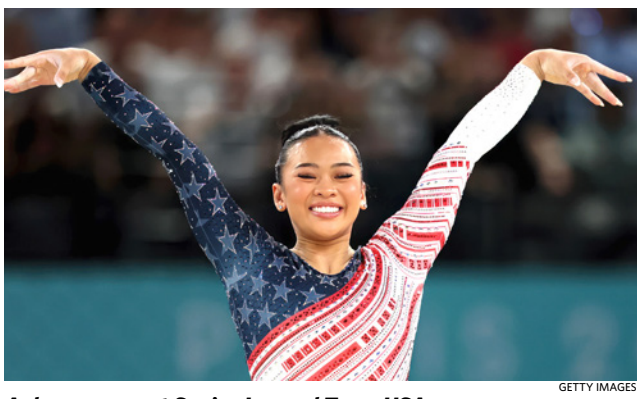
"I would first tell them that they need to realize that they are a sinner, and they need to confess their sins to God. Then, they need to believe that God sent His one and only son to die for our sins. To build a relationship with God, you have to talk to Him, read the Bible, and do the things that He has called you to do. Once you are following Jesus,

"He will always be there for you through your difficult times, and He will always be right beside you. My advice would be to stick as close as you can to Jesus from the moment you get saved until the end of your life. He is the only way, and He loves you so much."

She added, "My parents have been my biggest role models, but I've always looked up to Marli Powell. What I like the most about Marli is that she is always smiling, and she is so loving. She never fails to brighten up a room anytime she walks in, and you can see that Jesus is within her just by how she does things. What I've learned the most about my journey so far is that no matter what, you are accepted by God, and He loves you so much. He will never leave you, and He will always be there for you. He wants the best for you, and He will always provide for you. You're not alone, no matter what circumstance you are in, and you are always protected."

GOLD! Auburn's Lee, Team USA finish on top in team competition

Kendra Willard
Auburn Athletics



GETTY IMAGES

Auburn gymnast Sunisa Lee and Team USA won gold in the women's artistic gymnastics team competition at the Paris Olympics Tuesday.

PARIS — Auburn's Sunisa Lee and Team USA put on a show Tuesday, winning gold in the women's artistic gymnastics team competition at the Paris 2024 Olympics.

"This team has definitely been through a lot," Lee said. "We had so many expectations on us, but we did what we were supposed to do. We went out there and had fun with it and I think that was the most important thing. We're just so excited."

Team USA was dominant from the start, scoring a 171.296 and besting second place Italy by almost six points.

"What a great day for USA Gymnastics," Auburn head coach Jeff Graba said.

"It was so great to see Suni back in her element, having fun. We are so proud of all she's accomplished so far and can't wait to see what else is in store for her this week. It was also great to hear 'War Eagle' from the crowd during the meet!"

Lee competed in three events for the U.S. squad, going on bars, beam and floor.

The Americans kicked off the competition with a 44.100 on vault to open up with a major lead. They moved on to bars where Lee anchored with a team-best 14.566, guiding the team to a 43.332.

Team USA moved on to beam in the third rotation and Lee was once again the top scorer for the squad, earning a 14.6 to push the Americans even further ahead from the competition.

That score was tied for the highest of the day by any gymnast.

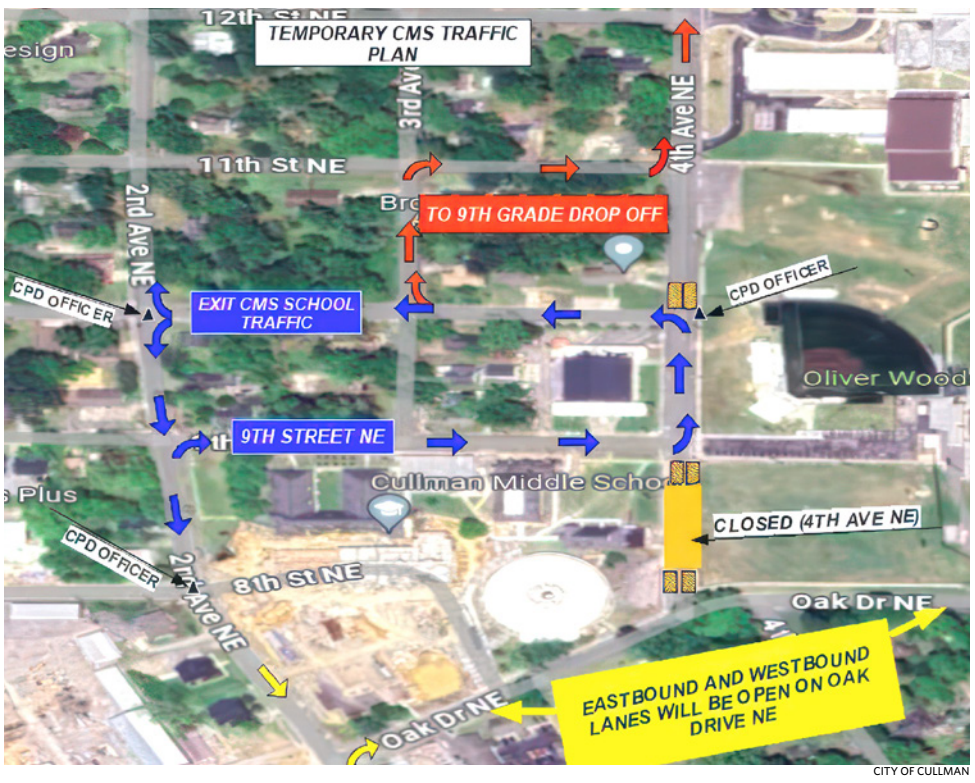
"Once I got up there, I started to calm down," Lee said about her beam routine. "I took the pressure off myself and knew I needed to go up there and do what I normally do. And that's exactly what I did. I think I did one of the best beam routines I've could've done."

Lee led off the final rotation with a 13.533 on floor and teammates Jordan Chiles and Simone Biles sealed the deal to secure gold for the Americans.

Up next for Lee is the women's all-around competition where she will defend her title. Competition kicks off Thursday, August 1 at 11:15 a.m. CT.

In addition, Lee will go for gold on the uneven bars (August 4, 8:40 a.m. CT) and beam (August 5, 5:36 a.m. CT).

Plan (from Front)



CITY OF CULLMAN

The City of Cullman on Wednesday released a temporary traffic plan for Cullman Middle School. The graphic shows the plan that will be in place this school year while construction continues on the campus. From the City of Cullman: "Cullman City Schools and the City of Cullman PD want to make everyone aware of the traffic plan around CMS for this upcoming school year. With the beginning quickly approaching, it is very important to get this information out to the public in order to ensure traffic flows as smoothly as possible. Cullman Police Department and Cullman City Schools worked together to configure a plan that was safe and efficient."



Student-led podcast, 'The Mane Topic,' highlights diverse student life at WSCC

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In a roar of creativity, students at Wallace State Community College have launched their own podcast, aptly named "The Mane Topic," as a reference to the college's Lion mascot.

The driving force behind the launch of "The Mane Topic" is Vianney Verdin Maldonado, a student whose vision brought the podcast to life. Verdin Maldonado serves as the host, bringing her enthusiasm and curiosity to each episode.

"I was in journalism while in high school and wanted to continue that part of me throughout college. Last May, I helped with Wallace Way, an event for incoming students to learn about student organizations and activities. That specific event made me think about how nice it would be for incoming students to hear about the organizations and clubs they are interested in from students themselves and so the podcast came to be. It took me a long time to propose the podcast because I was doubtful of this idea, but I learned a valuable lesson when I finally did. An idea will only be an idea unless you bring it into this world. Sometimes those ideas will not become the reality you wanted, but sometimes they become an even better reality than what you had hoped for," said Verdin Maldonado, who wants students to know 'The Mane Topic' is made by students for the benefit of students. "It is a resource they can use to learn about student life and organizations on campus."

Alongside Verdin Maldonado is Gracie Moody, the podcast's outreach manager, who conducts communication on behalf of the podcast and ensures that students from a variety of campus programs and extracurriculars are represented. Moody also chooses a faculty or staff member to give their "Advice of the Week" for each episode. The audio/video editors are Emily Delgado Duarte and Arleth Flores, who help to ensure the quality of each episode and clip out bloopers so that the episodes flow seamlessly.

Ellanora Slusser serves as the script writer and editor, crafting engaging narratives that keep listeners hooked. To do so, Slusser must be aware of common practices within the campus program or club of each interviewee, to ensure that each question adequately informs listeners about the program or extracurricular that that week's guest represents.

The podcast's editor, Delgado Duarte, noted, "I enjoy the creative aspect of the editing process. It's satisfying to take raw audio recordings and transform them into polished episodes that captivate our audience. I also appreciate the technical challenge of editing, as it allows me to apply my computer science and programming skills in a practical and creative way."

Delgado Duarte mentioned specific podcasts that have inspired her: "I have a wide range of podcasts that I enjoy listening to, spanning various genres and topics. Some of my favorites include 'Reply All' and 'CodeNewbie.'"

Delgado Duarte said, "Being a part of 'The Mane Topic' has taught me valuable skills in communication, teamwork, and time management. Collaborating with team members has strengthened my interpersonal skills and taught me how to work effectively in a creative environment. The technical skills I've gained from editing audio recordings will be beneficial in my future career as a computer science professional."



WALLACE STATE

From left to right are the first members of "The Mane Topic" podcast staff at Wallace State Community College: Emily Delgado Duarte, Arleth Flores, Ellanora Slusser, Gracie Moody and Vianney Verdin Maldonado.

Since its implementation, "The Mane Topic" has published six episodes and featured seven students from various programs, extracurriculars and athletic teams across campus, with more episodes set to be released. Through conversations with students, the podcast aims to showcase the diversity of student life at Wallace State.

As Verdin Maldonado, Slusser and Moody prepare to transfer to their respective institutions, they have found successors to fill their shoes. New hosts for "The Mane Topic" will be Gabi McCormack and Josiah Johnson. Outreach manager will be Marleigh Arthur. Audio/video editors will be Arleth Flores, Reagan Armstrong, Summer Stamps and Katelynn Hicks. Stamps and Hicks will also serve as graphic designers. The team is actively recruiting new members to continue the podcast's legacy.

Delgado Duarte, who will continue working on the team until her graduation in spring 2025, said, "'The Mane Topic' has not only provided a platform for student voices but also fostered a sense of connection within the college. By highlighting the experiences of their peers, the podcast serves as a testament to the creativity and talent that thrives at Wallace State Community College."

Listen to "The Mane Topic" on Spotify or YouTube.

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More than 40 graduate from WSCC Occupational Therapy Assistant program

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — More than 40 students from Wallace State Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program were recognized at its annual pinning ceremony for graduates.

Interim program director Rachel Gooch compared the journey for the 43 graduates to growing plant.

One of her favorite quotes is "We must have roots to rise," she said.

"You may have felt like we buried you under a pile of textbooks, assignments, lectures and projects but the truth is, you were being planted," Gooch told the graduates.

"You were the seed, and the content of your courses was the water and nutrients that you needed to grow roots. Often, we don't see the roots of a plant.

"They grow deep and reach far searching for sustenance so that the plant can grow and thrive. I'm sure there were many days that you felt like you were in the dark, searching through your textbooks and slideshows for the answers to so many questions that presented themselves daily."

Throughout the semesters, Gooch said she was privileged to watch her students' roots grow deeper as they gained knowledge from fieldwork and "began to sprout leaves and limbs of interest through hands-on experience. You began applying your knowledge and your patients reaped the benefits.

"I hope you flourish and grow toward the sky, reaching for the light of knowledge and when the winds begin to blow and your branches shake, I hope you remember your roots," Gooch continued. "Your roots will provide your support and strength. You've put in the work, now trust your roots, because you'll need your roots in order to rise."

Kelly Wilson, OTA instructor and academic fieldwork coordinator, congratulated the graduates for their success and their inspiring dedication and perseverance.

"As you move forward in your careers, remember to pursue your dreams with the same determination you've shown here," Wilson said.

"The field of occupational therapy is not just a job; it's a calling to make a difference in the lives of others. As you help people overcome challenges and regain independence, you fulfill a vital role in their journey. Remember the words of Albert Schweitzer: "The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others."

Class president Kylie Roden of Henagar congratulated her classmates and said the day marked not only a celebration of what they have accomplished but the difference they will make in the world.

"We embarked on this journey with a passion for helping others, a commitment to making a difference, and a deep-seated belief in the power of rehabilitation and healing," Roden said. "Throughout our training, we have learned not only the importance of occupational therapy but also the invaluable lesson of empathy – the ability to see the world through the eyes of those we serve, to understand their struggles, and to empower them to overcome obstacles and reclaim their lives.

"So let us go forward from this moment with passion in our hearts, purpose in our steps, and the unwavering belief that through our dedication and compassion, we truly can change lives."

Program award recipient Peytan Dill of Gardendale reminded the audience to not take for granted the simple, everyday tasks we do, from brushing our teeth to cooking a meal to coping with stressful situations. Tasks for which they help others relearn or make adaptations to complete in their jobs as occupational therapy assistants.

"Occupational therapy is far more than a career path; it is a calling – a calling to improve lives, to restore hope where it has dwindled, to empower individuals to achieve their fullest potential,' Dill said.

"It is a profession that embodies the very essence of empathy, resilience, and transformation."

The Wallace State Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program is a three-semester associate degree program, with new students entering each fall semester. Applications are accepted March 1 to June 1 each year. Minimum application requirements include completion of two semesters of general required pre-OTA courses; a minimum 18 ACT composite score; and a minimum GPA of 2.5 or greater on all general required pre-OTA courses.

For more information, contact Susan Wadkins at 256-352-7848 or susan.wadkins@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/ota.



WALLACE STATE

Members of the Class of 2024 from Wallace State Community College's Occupational Therapy Assistant program pose for a photo with faculty before their pinning ceremony on Tuesday, July 30, 2024.

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

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

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

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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

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

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF July, 2024.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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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.

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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.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Pursuant to the provisions of the Alabama Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act, Section 32-13-I, et seq. Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given to the owners, lienholders and other interested parties, the following described vehicle, to wit:

2005 Dodge Caravan, Vin. #1D4GP45R95B435204.

Abandoned date 06/27/24, was taken into possession and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the following address: 1805 David Dr. Northwest, Cullman, Alabama, 35055 on September 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The seller shall have the right to reject any all bids.

Pilgrim's Journey, LLC
C/O Shay Persall Law, L.L.C.
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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

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DONE this 16th day of July, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Damien Shane Moore And Brooklyn Leigh Preston-Moore , Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Assurance Financial Group, LLC. , its successors and assigns
dated April 14, 2023; said mortgage being recorded on April 17, 2023, in Book 2047, Page 230 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 393, Page 527 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, AmeriHome Mortgage Company, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 19th day of September, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Commence at the southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 4 West; thence North 01'26'39" West 298.84 feet to an existing iron; thence North 89'43'02" West 207.24 feet to a set 1/2" capped iron and the point of beginning; thence South 01'38'27" West 122.96 feet to a set 1/2" capped iron; thence South 89'27'46" West 359.47 feet to a set 1/2" capped iron on the east right of way of a paved county road; thence North 13'23'12" West 131.81 feet to an existing axle on said right of way; thence South 89'43'02" East 393.50 feet to a set 1/2" capped iron, back to the point of beginning. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
LESS AND EXCEPT any part of the above described property lying within the following described property: A parcel of land being situated in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at a found bar accepted as the southeast corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said section and having an NAD 83 Alabama west zone coordinate value of N. 1479559.08, E. 2143052.32; thence run North 00'26'02" East along the accepted east line of said quarter-quarter for a basis of bearing (state plane NAD 83 Alabama west zone) a distance of 178.96 feet to a set rebar marked "Conn-17831" and the point of beginning; thence run North 89'23'18" West a distance of 215.92 feet to a found rebar marked LS-11845; thence run North 02'56'44" East a distance of 123.21 feet to a found 1/2" rebar; thence run N 88'35'51" West a distance of 392.80 feet to a found axle at the east right-of-way of Cullman County Road Number 813; thence run North 12'49'24" West along the east right-of-way of said County Road Number 813 a distance of 15.47 feet; thence South 88'35'51" East a distance of 394.55 feet to a set rebar marked "Conn-17831"; thence run North 06'24'37" West a distance of 119.06 feet to a set rebar marked "Conn-17831"; thence run North 77'49'11" East a distance of 232.11 feet to a set rebar marked "Conn-17831" on the accepted east line of said quarter-quarter; thence South 00'26'02" West a distance of 307.70 feet to the point of beginning.
SUBJECT TO a 25 foot right of way, the centerline being described as follows: Commence at the SE corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 11 South, Range 4 West; thence North 01'26'39" West 298.84 feet to an existing iron; thence North 89'43'02" West 207.24 feet to a point; thence South 01'38'27" West 30 feet to the point of beginning of the centerline; thence North 84'43'02" West 183.49 feet; thence South 80'57'08" West 201.32 feet to the point of ending of said centerline of right of way. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.
SUBJECT TO easement as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 484, Page 185 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 10403 County Road 813, Cullman, AL 35057.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.
The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024- 274

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF IRENE ALICE ZEHR, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Hank Zehr on the 30th 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.

Hank Zehr
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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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 *
ANNIE JOYCE NIBBLETT *
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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

Petition for Probate of Will **by Mason E. Nibblett, Jr., Petitioner, through Attorney Michael J. Baggett. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the 27th day of August, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.**

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

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

Done this the 16th day of July, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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 *
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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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday August 5, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – Alabama Highway 157 NW – create two lots
2. Short form subdivision – Cherokee Avenue SW – create two lots
3. Short form subdivision – Cherokee Avenue SW – create two lots (Lowes)
4. Short form subdivision – Kilpatrick Landing – create two lots
5. Preliminary subdivision – Warnke Subdivision – Alabama Highway 157 NE – 87 lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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Drive (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Elements Health and Wellness Spa located in the Warehouse District in downtown Cullman has teamed up with Curt's Closet for a back-to-school drive. The spa is collecting donations for area families including school supplies, clothing and more to be given to the local nonprofit.

Curt's Closet Founder Ashley Wilson said they see countless children needing the basics that most take for granted. This type of drive collaborating with willing local businesses helps supply those needs.

"We are so thankful for local businesses that step up to get involved and make a difference in so many deserving children," Wilson said. "We appreciate Elements Health Spa for the support they are providing and the children they are impacting."

Elements Health Spa Patient Advocate and Social Media Coordinator and staff member McKinna Duke said they hope to provide Curt's Closet many back-to-school items through this drive.

"We just wanted to give back to our community who has given us so much," Duke said. "We know that Curt's Closet is able to help a bunch of people and families and we wanted to contribute whatever we could to that cause."

Items requested include school supplies, backpacks, clothing, shoes and more.

Get more information about Elements at www.facebook.com/power.naturelements or Curt's Closet at www.facebook.com/cw-20curtscloset. Elements will host the drive through the end of August at its storefront located at 111 First St. NE, Ste. A, in Cullman.

Obituary Announcements: July 30-31

Teresa Myers Barnett, 71
Teresa Myers Barnett, age 71, of Crane Hill, passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Teresa was born on Feb. 27,1953, to Jimmy Ray Myers and Dorothy Eloise Light Myers. The following is written by her daughter, Ashlee: Not even death can break these invisible strings that tie us together. You will remain in our hearts and our minds forever. Our actions in the future will reflect the wisdom and knowledge you have imprinted on us by life lessons you gained through good times and bad. These shared experiences have shaped us into who we are, and we thank God for all of them! And now, we will continue to pass them on to our children, and ensure in that respect that you live on mother! We know in the end you held onto God's unchanging hands, fought the good fight, and won. You have always been enough, mother, and we are so proud we will see you again!! In your words, Psalms 91 over you! We love you!! Teresa Barnett 2/27/53-7/28/24.

Dexter Scott, 67
Funeral services for Dexter Scott, 67, of Dora will be 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Burial will follow the service at Colony Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from noon until 1 p.m. at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Mr. Scott was born Sept. 4, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama. He passed away July 26, 2024, in Dora, Alabama.

Andrew Joseph Hoenig, 74
Funeral Service for Andrew Joseph Hoenig, age 74, of Athens, is Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, at 2 p.m., at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Wade Maynard, Andy John King, and Eric Pugh officiating. Visitation will be held from at the chapel from noon - 2 p.m. and interment will be at Center Grove Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Andrew was born on June 18, 1950, to George Joseph Hoenig Jr. and Theresa Lorene Schmuck Hoenig. He was preceded in death by his parents; and mother-in-law, Elsie Hood. He is survived by his wife, together for 58 years and married for 55, Joyce Hood Hoenig; his sons, Phillip Andrew Hoenig (Lori) and Joseph George Hoenig (Nicole); his sisters, Carol Sandlin, Pam Stead; grandchildren, Lindsey Hoenig, Rachel Hoenig, Carley Hoenig, Ethan Hoenig (Karla), Evan Hoenig; great-grandchild, Valentina Rose. To know him was to love him. He will be deeply missed. The family asks in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Limestone County Hospice in memory of Andrew.

Ruby A. White, 94
Ruby A. Denney White, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on July 28, 2024, at the age of 94. Ms. White was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on July 20, 1930, to John Barlow and Mary East Denney. Ms. White was a member of Maple Street Baptist Church. She was a devoted wife and mother and her family meant everything to her. Ruby enjoyed tending her flower gardens and yard, and she always kept her home in order. Ms. White enjoyed listening to old southern gospel music as well. Ruby was a wonderful lady, and she leaves behind a legacy of kindness and love. She will be missed greatly by many. Ruby is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Coy White; infant son, John White; daughter Linda A Tullis; and grandson, Jonathan White. Those surviving Ms. White include her daughter, Sharron Allen; grandchildren, Michael White, Elizabeth White; and sister-in-love, Fran Tate. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation from noon until 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Bro. Earl Harper officiating. Burial will follow services in Union Grove Cemetery where Ruby will be laid to rest alongside her beloved, Coy. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family and our prayers are with them.

Janice Graham Tucker, 74
Janice Graham Tucker, age 74, of Cullman, Alabama went to be with the Lord on July 26, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents, Bruce and Ida Mae Graham, husband, Joe Tucker and siblings: Aaron, Othel, and Royce Graham. She is survived by her son, Derrick (Suzanne), a sister, Linda Cobbs, a brother, Ray Graham, and several nieces and nephews. Services will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel July 30, 2024, with Rev. Cleghorn officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until the time of service at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Louise Powell, 87
Mrs. Dale Louise Powell, age 87, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center July 28, 2024, surrounded by her family. She was born on Jan. 6, 1937, to Louis Monroe and Annie Levonia Evans in Cullman. She is survived by her: daughter, Ginger Kay Cullen of Panama City; son, Mark A. (M'Kori) Johnson of Cullman; son, Van D. (Melissa) Johnson of Fort Walton; son, Jerme Powell of Cullman; daughter, Cindy (Shawn) Self of Good Hope. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great Grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends. Mrs. Louise was preceded in death by her brother Donald Evans and her sister Barbara Dean Evans, and her Parents Louis and Levonia Evans. Mrs. Louise was extremely talented and was a master gardener: she taught arts and crafts with the Senior Citizens of Cullman through Cullman Commission on Aging. She also owned a gas station in Vinemont and made the best Biscuits in town at the Shell Station on 278 and W. Main. She also was an accomplished cake baker and decorator doing several weddings and other special occasions. She also worked for a time as a seamstress for Porter Mills. As far as mothers go, she was simply the best! Her Celebration of Life Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at Hamby's Chapel Cemetery on Eva Road. Her family will receive friends prior to the service from noon until 12:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Richard Morris Kocurek, Sr., LCpl, 69
A Celebration of Life with military honors Service for Richard Morris Kocurek, Sr., LCpl, is Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, at 3 p.m., at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation time with the family will be from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service. Speaking at the service, is Mr. Kocurek's son, Trent Kocurek and Jay Maze. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Richard was born in Houston, Texas on March 25, 1955, to Alvin August Kocurek and Loyce Cheatham Kocurek. He passed from this life Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Richard was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alvin August Kocurek, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Kocurek; sons, Rick Kocurek (Emily), and Trent Kocurek (Terri); step-sons, Benjamin Curths, Jacob Curths, and Michael Curths; grandchildren, Sawyer Kocurek, Oliver Kocurek, Isla Kocurek, Tethys Curths; and a host of family and friends. Richard served proudly in the United Stated Marine Corp. He loved his country and was very proud of it. The family describes him as a most loyal friend who always strove to help people, even strangers, no matter what else he had going on. He was also quite a prankster and had a great sense of humor, loving to scare people and play jokes. He loved the outdoors and would go hunting and fishing at every opportunity. He was a Marine, police officer, restaurant owner, a very creative and motivated entrepreneur, and a selfless and caring man. Richard created a lasting legacy for himself and his family, whom he loved so much. A one-of-a-kind gentleman who will be missed greatly. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, friends and family donate to Disabled American Veterans, in memory of Richard. Information to donate can be found at www.dav.org.

Sherrie G. Allison, 84
Sherrie G Allison, age 84, formerly from Peoria Illinois, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2024, in Cullman, Alabama. Born Aug. 8, 1939, as Sherrie Gail Hale in Cullman County Alabama. Preceded in death by her parents Elmus and Ruby Hale. Brothers Elmus (Hunky) Hale, Jackie Hale, Jerry Hale and John Hale. Sisters Eva Toothman and Francis Guthrie. Survived by son, Michael (Robin) Hoshor and daughter, Rita (Michael) Golden. Brothers Billy Hale and Charlie (Pat) Hale. Sisters Geraldine (Robert) Austin, Stella Nolley and Diann (Steve) Fuller. Grandsons, Mason and Merit Rowe. Granddaughters Avery Hoshor and Maria Rowe. One Great granddaughter Essy. And a special mention to beloved nephew Darrel Sanders.

Douglas McArthur Hagood, 82
Douglas McArthur Hagood, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2024. Douglas is survived by his wife, Johnnie Hagood; his daughter Connie Lawrence (Jamie); and his son Brian Hagood (Cecelia); his sister Betty Tubbs; his grandchildren Madison Lawrence, Lauren Hagood, Morgan and Bo Wright, Lydia Hagood and Mackenzie Lawrence and his great grandchildren Campbell and Stratton Wright. Services for Douglas will be held Aug. 2-3, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Family will receive friends for a visitation on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, from 6-9 p.m. On Saturday, Aug. 3, 2024, there will be a lie in state from 10-11 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11 a.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Douglas will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055-4812.

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Allen warns Alabama residents of 'misleading' voter registration PSA

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretary of State Wes Allen is warning Alabama residents about what he says is a misleading public service announcement currently airing in Alabama.

"The PSA, distributed by Vote411, an operation of the League of Women Voters, instructs Alabamians to register to vote using the Vote411 website. The website captures the website visitor's personal data including their IP address and contact information and then, once the information has been captured, the individual is directed to the Alabama Secretary of State's website," according to a release from Allen's office.

"I'm exposing this data-mining collection effort masquerading as Vote411. It's a sham. This is simply a shady way to collect the IP addresses and personal data of Alabama citizens. In the website's fine print, the League of Women Voters disclose that 'The League may, from time to time, share the name and mailing address of its non-member financial supporters with other non-profit organizations,'" said Allen.

"But they hide that in a small link they hope no one will read."

He continued, "Alabama citizens can rest assured that the Secretary of State's office and local election officials are well-equipped to handle voter registration in Alabama.

"There is no reason to use a data collection website like the one being managed by the League of Women Voters which will give your personal data to other entities without your knowledge and could likely put your personal data at risk. Skip these data collecting websites and go directly to the secure website at AlabamaVotes.gov where your privacy will be respected."

Eligible Alabama citizens may register to vote online at www.AlabamaVotes.gov or mail a voter registration form to their local Board of Registrars.


OFFICE OF WES ALLEN
Wes Allen

Cullman Regional expands pediatric services with new clinic and physicians

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional is expanding its pediatric program. Expanded services include new pediatric physicians, a new larger pediatric clinic location and a pediatric hospitalist program to provide 24/7 coverage for the hospital.

Beginning Sept. 3, pediatricians John Licata and Christopher Dodd will see patients at Cullman Regional Medical Group Pediatric Clinic as the newest members of the hospital's employed provider group.

Licata, who is relocating his practice from Tuscaloosa, completed his medical degree at Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia, and residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Dodd completed his medical degree and residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and is relocating his practice from Franklin, Tennessee.

"Bringing in new pediatricians underscores our commitment to provide high quality care for children and families in Cullman and surrounding communities," said Lisa Courtney, VP of physician services.

"And with a larger, dedicated clinic space, we are better able to meet the increasing demand for pediatric services in our area."

Licata and Dodd will join pediatrician Dr. Andrew Jones in the new 5,800-square-foot clinic located on the third floor of Professional Office Building III on the Cullman Regional campus.

It will feature separate sick and well waiting areas, 11 exam rooms, a whimsical child-friendly interior design and four office spaces for providers.

To round out the expanded outpatient pediatric care, Cullman Regional has created a new pediatric hospitalist program to ensure that specialized pediatric physician care is available 24/7.

Pediatric hospitalist physicians care for patients in the hospital's pediatric unit and can be consulted to see patients in the ER.

The addition of two new pediatric physicians, opening of a new larger pediatric clinic location and creation of a pediatric hospitalist program are all part of a priority initiative by the hospital to enhance women's and children's health care services at Cullman Regional.

This initiative also includes the recent addition of six neonatology physicians, a Level II special care newborn nursery and adding more OB-GYN physicians to Cullman Regional Medical Group.


CULLMAN REGIONAL
Dr. Christopher Dodd


CULLMAN REGIONAL
Dr. John Licata

Alabama launches new physician training program to address doctor shortage

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Medical Association of the State of Alabama and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners recently announced that applications are now being accepted for an innovative program designed to increase the number of doctors in the state.

The Bridge Year Graduate Physician Program, established under the Physician Workforce Act signed by Governor Kay Ivey in 2023, allows medical school graduates who did not match into residency programs to gain valuable experience and skills under the supervision of licensed physicians. Alabama joins 10 other states with similar initiatives.

Qualified applicants will receive a permit to practice medicine under an Alabama-licensed physician, valid for one year and renewable for an additional year.

"There is a growing shortage of physicians in Alabama, leading to delays in patient care," said Dr. Amanda Williams, president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

"The Bridge Year program is a key part of the Physician Workforce Act and a crucial step toward ensuring more Alabamians have access to the physician-led, team-based care they need."

"There are many reasons medical graduates may not match into residency programs, often due to limited residency slots," said William Perkins, executive director of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners.

"The Bridge Year program will help alleviate Alabama's physician shortage and provide these graduates with additional training as they reapply for residency."

The Medical Association championed passage of the Physician Workforce Act during the 2023 legislative session.

In addition to the Bridge Year program, the Physician Workforce Act streamlines the process for out-of-state physicians to practice in Alabama by removing an in-person testing requirement for medical licensure and allows international medical graduates to apply for a medical license a year earlier during their training.

The Physician Workforce Act garnered support from numerous organizations, including the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), the University of South Alabama, the Free Clinics Association, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Federally Qualified Health Centers and various medical specialty groups.

For more information on the Bridge Year Graduate Physician Program, visit www.albme.gov.

Branch Books (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A family owned bookstore opened a second location, Branch Books, in Cullman this summer.

Branch Books Owners Robert and Cheryl Kahlstorf opened their first location, in Hartselle, five years ago. The idea for opening the second location came after some of their Hartselle customers told them they were sad a bookstore in Cullman was closing.

"A lot of our readers and customers live in Cullman," Cheryl Kahlstorf said.

"Several of them asked us if we would consider opening a location in Cullman.

"Since we had many more books than what we could display in Hartselle we decided to go ahead and open one in Cullman as well."

Kahlstorf said opening a second location was a lot easier than starting the first one.

"We know more of what type of books people are interested in now," she said. "With the price of everything going up we like to offer people an opportunity to be able to still read at a reasonable price."

There are Facebook pages for each store where updates and new items are shared.

"People love to bring books in for store credit," Kahlstorf said.

"We thought it would be nice to post pictures of all those books as they come in, so that the customers would always know what came in before we put them on the shelves.

"People now message us when the pictures are posted and tell us which ones they would like."

Branch Books sells new and used books with the focus being primarily on used books.

"We also sell DVDs, CDs, audio books, Playaways (audio books for kids), etc.," shared Kahlstorf. "We have a large amount of homeschool books and books for kids, as well as books for young adults and senior citizens. There is also a signed book section, and a collectible book section for people who want to use books to decorate their homes."

The Cullman location has been open since the first week of July. It is located at 2038 Pear Drive NW, Suite E, directly behind Fro'z Shaved Ice.

"Follow us on Facebook to see the newest arrivals to each store," Kahlstorf said.