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Cullman Regional Airport 'breaks ground' on expansion project, accepts $1M ADECA grant

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Cullman Regional Airport officials on Thursday, Aug. 8, ceremoniously "broke ground" on a major renovation of its terminal apron and new hangars. An additional $1 million to help fund the renovation of the local airport and north Alabama's only drop zone was also announced at the accompanying press conference, thanks to a grant from the Alabama Department of Community and Economic Affairs (ADECA).

ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said, "Y'all have one of the most diverse industry backgrounds that I've seen throughout the state – to add another tool in the toolbox, especially when you are so close to Huntsville » PAGE 4



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Cullman Regional Airport "broke ground" on two significant projects Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.

Celebrating tradition:

Amy McAfee Wood named 2024 Burgermeister of Cullman Oktoberfest



CITY OF CULLMAN

2024 Burgermeister Amy McAfee Wood

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In the heart of Cullman, where tradition and community run deep, Amy McAfee Wood has been named the Cullman Oktoberfest 2024 Burgermeister, a title that she said fills her with immense pride and joy. As vice president of Cullman Cabinet and an interior designer with The Added Touch, Wood's connection to her hometown is profound and multifaceted.

When asked about how she felt on learning about her new title, she shared, "I was overwhelmed. I am incredibly proud to say I am from Cullman and to represent my hometown as the 2024 Burgermeister." Her enthusiasm and genuine love for Cullman are evident once you speak with her.

Wood's story began in Birmingham, but her heart has always belonged to Cullman.

"I was born in Birmingham, but have always lived in Cullman," she said. "My roots run deep in Cullman, beginning with my great-great-grandparents."

As a graduate of Cullman High School in 1992 and Auburn University with a design degree in 1997, Wood has dedicated her life to both her family and her community.

Her professional journey is closely tied to her family's business.

"I have worked in my family's business as an interior designer for 27 years. It is a blessing to have spent my childhood at Cullman Cabinet and then to spend my adulthood working hand-in-hand with my family to grow the business," she explained.

Wood's pas- » PAGE 4

Double the Chick-fil-A? » PAGE 5

Crowds fill downtown for final 2nd Fridays celebration of the year



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Attendees packed First Avenue in downtown Cullman Friday night, Aug. 9, to participate in the final 2nd Fridays celebration of the year.

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CCSO, commission purchase 80 life-saving AEDs



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Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons (left) and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry (right) pose in front of the recently purchased automated external defibrillators. » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 9, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 5

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1216
- domestic violence; CR 1055
- theft of property; Schwaiger Rd.
- trespassing; CR 35
- trespassing; assault; CR 1223

Aug. 6

- theft of property; CR 1059
- burglary; CR 255
- domestic violence; CR 623
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 310
- harassment; CR 1251
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1527
- domestic violence; CR 818
- violation of protection order; CR 1059

Aug. 7

- theft of property; CR 1059
- domestic violence; CR 1736
- theft of property; CR 1551
- domestic violence; Childhaven Rd. NE
- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 139
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- harassment; CR 616
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69N

ARRESTS

Aug. 5- 7

Allred, Dustyn H.; 29
- aggravated theft by deception
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- stolen property-rsp receiving stolen property, $500-less than $1500

Bailey, Austin L.; 19
- assault - shooting into occupied building
- reckless endangerment

Bailey, Donna R.; 56
- JUDGES ORDER - drug trafficking
- JUDGES ORDER - unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Bailey, Jerry N.; 31
- burglary-residence-force

Bita, Ana M.; 30
- GJ – organized retail theft
- GJ – retail theft-2nd degree

Bita, Rosanna I.; 19
- GJ – organized retail theft
- GJ – retail theft-2nd degree

Bryant, Emma R.; 19
- assault - shooting into occupied building
- reckless endangerment

Delgado, Angela R.; 41
- PROBATION VIOLATION - possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Dempsey, Damon B.; 28
- GJ - drug trafficking
- GJ – possession of marijuana
- GJ - possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- GJ - promote prison contraband (drugs)
- GJ - possession of dangerous drugs
- GJ – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- GJ – DUI (controlled substances)

Denney Jr., John C.; 55
- FTA – public intoxication

Dutton, Jamie L.; 44
- Possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Farmer, Justin T.; 24
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Goodwin, Joseph G.; 34
- burglary-residence-no force
- theft – theft from residence, less than $500

Harris, Joseph L.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine

Hollis Jr., Robert L.; 46
- tax/revenue-licenses required; exceptions; fees. (home building and home improvement industries)

Joseph II, Peter A.; 58
- GJ – counterfeiting
- GJ – theft – shoplifting, $1500-2500

Kilgo, Amanda L.; 50
- criminal trespass

Link, Adam C.; 32
- PROBATION VIOLATION – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Martinez, Bryann L.; 26
- GJ – flight/escape
- GJ – theft – shoplifting, less than $500

Moore, Alexander K.; 23
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force
- PROBATION VIOLATION - discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft

Nolasco-Medel, Michele D.; 52
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Philyaw, Dereck D.; 36
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Quick, Kevin J.; 60
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Reed, Jacob D.; 30
- JUDGES ORDERS – criminal mischief – damaged property
- JUDGES ORDERS – domestic violence-1st degree
- JUDGES ORDERS – DUI (alcohol)
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- criminal mischief – damaged property
- DUI (alcohol)
- GJ – sex offense-force
- GJ – sexual abuse-1st degree

Roach II, Roy W.; 49
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous theft, less than $500
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – speed above 45 MPH, county road

Robertson, James M.; 44
- JUDGES ORDERS – unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle
- JUDGES ORDERS – theft-shoplifting, $1500-2500

Sivley, Brandon W.; 24
- GJ – possession of child pornography

Smith, Jeffery W.; 35
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Smith, Michael M.; 33
- PROBATION VIOLATION – discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft

Sullivan, Samantha R.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Terry, Jerry L.; 29
- GJ – possession of child pornography

Thursby, Jessica L.; 34
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Underwood, Justin K.; 33
- GJ – incest with minor
- GJ – sex offense-victim under 12 - offender over 16

Watkins, Danajh T.; 25
- PROBATION REVOKED – unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle

Wilson, Matthew D.; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 6

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lincoln Ave. SW

Aug. 8

- harassment; person; Tally Ho St. SW
- harassment; person; Brantley Ave. NW

ARRESTS

Aug. 7-8

Anders, Kimberly S.; 49
- GJ - retail theft-2nd degree
- GJ - organized retail theft

Terry, Kielynn B.; 25
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

Tolbert, Wendy R.; 35
- FTA - driving while license suspended

Reed, Jacob D.; 30
- GJ - rape-1st degree
- GJ - sexual abuse-1st degree

Arnold, Nicholas E.; 57
- FTA - driving under the influence

Morris, William M.; 38
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Widner, Brittnee L.; 36
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- driving under the influence

Lee, Justin B.; 40
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Gilliland, Jakeb A.; 21
- stalking-2nd degree

Quick, Carliea; 52
- FTA – fail to stop exiting parking lot
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

First Source for Women to host inaugural Tinsel & Timber event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit First Source for Women (FSFW) on Thursday, Nov. 14, will host a new fundraiser, Tinsel & Timber. The event will feature a live and silent auction, live music, heavy hors d'oeuvres and an evening of fellowship while supporting the community's young and underprepared mothers-to-be.

Since its inception in 2007, FSFW has offered pregnancy, childbirth and parenting resources, counseling and medical care to women in Cullman County and surrounding areas. In the nearly two decades of the ministry's operations, volunteers and staff have provided thousands of pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, diapers, bottles, and hugs.

Services and resources offered by FSFW are funded through community donations. While individual contributions on FSFW's website of $30 can afford one expectant mother a pregnancy test or $150 an ultrasound, a large portion of the nonprofit's annual funds are brought in at the annual event.

In 2023, almost 700 clients for were seen for prenatal care and parenting classes. And 200 babies were born to FSFW clients last year, which saw a 50% increase in client numbers, appointments and infants born.

"We are very excited about this new fundraiser. Our client numbers have doubled over the last year and continue to rise," said FSFW's Carolanne Hopper. "We are hopeful that Tinsel and Timber will give us the opportunity to raise the funds needed to continue meeting the needs of women in our community."

The inaugural Tinsel & Timber event will be held from 6-9 p.m., giving guests time to peruse auction items and enjoy the live music of Winslow Davis.

Said Hopper, "The silent auction will have giftable items to get a head start on Christmas shopping."

Embracing the spirit of the season, the evening will feature a live auction with very specific items up for bid: 12 beautifully decorated Christmas trees.

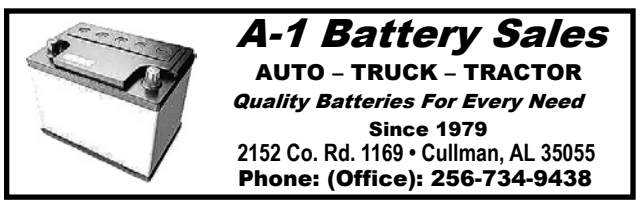
Heavy hors d'oeuvres and appetizers will be served, and there will be a cash bar featuring festive signature cocktails.

Tickets for the event are priced at $50 each and include admission, unlimited bids in the live and silent auctions, refreshments and two tickets for door prize drawings to be held throughout the night. Tickets can be purchased at either FSFW location or at www.firstsourceforwomen.org.

FSFW is seeking sponsors for the event. Sponsor levels begin at $250 for an Impact Sponsor and increase to $5,000 for the singular Presenting Sponsor slot. For more information on sponsoring the Tinsel & Timber event, contact FSFW at info@firstsourceforwomen.org.

FSFW's Cullman office is located at 706 Second Ave. SW. The Hanceville office is located at 203 Commercial St. NE.

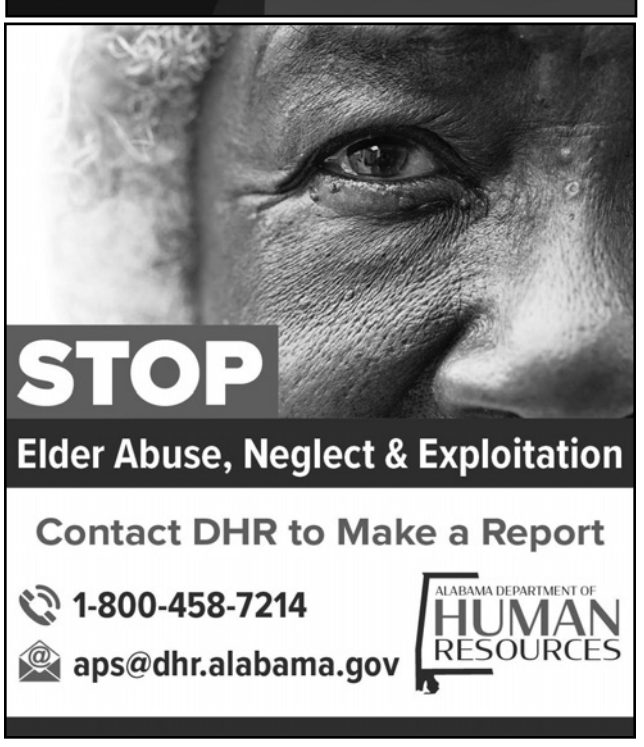
Tinsel & Timber will take place Thursday, Nov. 14, from 6-9 p.m. at Brick Haven Venue, 1889 U.S. Highway 278, Cullman, AL 35057. Festive cocktail attire is requested.













Cullman County CASA urgently seeks compassionate volunteers to be advocates for local children

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County CASA, a nonprofit program under Cullman Caring for Kids, is urgently seeking volunteers to join its mission of advocating for children in dependency cases. The organization plays a crucial role as a third-party advocate, ensuring the voices and needs of children are heard in court. CASA volunteers gather information, interact with everyone involved in the child's life and provide valuable insights to the judge.

This year alone, Cullman County CASA has served over 170 children with the help of just 23 dedicated volunteers. However, more volunteers are needed to continue providing this essential service.

Cullman County District Court Judge Rusty Turner highlighted the significance of CASA volunteers in the Juvenile Dependency Court of Cullman County, saying, "The Cullman County CASA program and its volunteers are an integral part of the Juvenile Dependency Court of Cullman County.

"CASA volunteers are an 'extra set of eyes' that help the Department of Human Resources, the attorneys representing parents and children and the court identify the resources needed for the best interest of the children before the Juvenile Dependency Court. In many cases, the involvement of CASA volunteers has helped children be reunified with their parents or placed in settings that benefit the children in the best situation for them."

Volunteer requirements include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Pass a criminal and DHR background check
- Have reliable transportation
- Complete a 30-hour training program
- Be sworn in by the judge

If you meet these requirements and are passionate about making a difference in the lives of children, consider becoming a CASA volunteer. The volunteer application is located at https://casamanager.com/volunteer-application-1099.

Your involvement can provide critical support to children and help ensure they are placed in the best possible environments for their growth and well-being.

For more information on being a CASA volunteer or the CASA program, contact Cullman County CASA at 256-739-1111 or via email at cullmancountycasa@msn.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502. The August meeting is Aug. 20.

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.
- Sunday, Aug. 11 - 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. 11 - 5 p.m. Healing service
- Saturday, Aug. 17 - Food bank

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Free Movie at the Park
Saturday, Aug. 10, at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will be showing "Inside Out" and will start at 8 p.m. We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring the kids out and enjoy the movie. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information, call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

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!

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, Aug. 13, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Peggy Ray and Judy Jones are hostesses. Program is "Keeping safe from scams."

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.

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
This year's dinner will be held in the church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Oct. 2, beginning at 4 p.m. The dinners are available for dining in or drive through/take out and the cost of the dinner is $15. The dinner features a traditional German menu of bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and a homemade dessert. The meat used in the dinner comes from Brickyard Meats in Cullman, which is owned by a family of parishioners.

Peinhardt Farm Days
Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 20, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Gates will close one hour before the event ends. Hands-on activities will be demonstrated over 40 acres of the farm. Farm Days are free for ages 2 and younger, and $10 for all others, cash only. Please leave your pets at home; only service animals are allowed. This is a walking tour with limited accessibility. Peinhardt Living History Farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho St. in Cullman. Find out more at www.peinhardtfarm.com or on Facebook/Peinhardt Living History Farm.

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Cullman County Farm-City Banquet scheduled for Nov. 21 at Loft 212

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Farm-City Committee is pleased to announce the annual Cullman County Farm-City Banquet, set to take place on Thursday, Nov. 21, at Loft 212. The evening's festivities will commence with a silent auction and entertainment at 5 p.m., followed by the banquet at 6.

This year's theme, "Cullman County Counts on Farmers," highlights farmers' vital role in the community's economy, culture and daily life.

The event will feature live entertainment, a meal and an update on agriculture education.

The night will end by honoring contest winners, Students of the Year and City Family of the Year. All proceeds from the silent auction will go to Cullman Caring for Kids, the Pilot Light Home, Curt's Closet and the Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

"We are excited to bring the community together to celebrate our farmers, businesses and community and their invaluable contributions," said Oakleigh Calahan, chair of the Cullman County Farm-City Committee.

"This event is a wonderful opportunity to honor those who work tirelessly to provide for our community in many ways."

Tickets for the banquet are $30 per person and can be purchased online at https://givebutter.com/farm-city24 or at Citizens Bank and Trust branches in downtown Cullman or Alabama Highway 157. For more information, please contact cullmanfarmcity25@gmail.com.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The teachers and staff of St. Bernard Preparatory School recently convened for their annual in-service meeting, beginning the day with a Mass celebrated by School Chaplain Fr. Linus Klucsarits in the Abbey Church. This cherished tradition marks the start of the academic year, fostering a sense of community and spiritual renewal among faculty and staff.

Following the Mass, attendees enjoyed a breakfast and a warm welcome from Abbot Marcus Voss. School President Fr. Joel Martin then shared the inspiring vision, mission and rich history of St. Bernard.

"From the beginning in 1892 the school at St. Bernard was called a 'college,' though it offered only grades 6-12 for boys; the term 'college' was often used for such a school as St. Bernard at that time.

"The junior college, two years beyond high school, was added in 1929. In 1954 the four-year post high school college was begun," he said.

This year's meeting was marked by the introduction of three new teachers: Dr. Phil Ratliff, who will teach Freshman and Sophomore English; Samantha Reid, who will also teach English; and Cassie Floyd, who will join the Science department.

"Catholics are known to have schools worldwide," Fr. Joel shared. "It is important for the human person to use the gifts of intellect and will. We want our students to know and live the true, the good and the beautiful.

"That is a full education, and it is uniquely possible at St. Bernard. Finances are always an issue in Catholic schools, and St. Bernard is no exception. We want to offer an education to all, whether or not they can afford the cost; that is a struggle. Yet God always takes care of St. Bernard, especially through our benefactors."

Guest presenter Sister Chiara Francisco, LIHM, presented a compelling lesson on the five pillars of Catholic education. Her presentation was followed by small group sharing projects, and group activities, emphasizing the core values of Catholic education.

Sister Chiara articulated the pillars as follows:

• Supernatural Vision: Life is not limited to the here and now but extends throughout eternity

• Founded on Christian Anthropology: Recognizing that we a union of body and soul, and made in the image of God, having the ability to know and love

• Animated by Communion and Community: Emphasizing the importance of belonging and living in community, inspired by Mother Theresa's quote, "We have forgotten that we belong to one another"

• Imbued with a Catholic Worldview: Ensuring that the curriculum is thoughtful and reflective of Catholic teachings

• Sustained by Gospel Witness: Keeping God at the center of all we do



ST. BERNARD

Left to right are new teachers Dr. Phil Ratliff, who will teach Freshman and Sophomore English; Samantha Reid, who will also teach English; and Cassie Floyd, who will join the Science department.

St. Bernard is set to begin classes on Monday, Aug. 12.

CCSO, commission purchase 80 life-saving AEDs

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Cullman County Commission recently made what the CCSO called a "substantial investment" into the lives of Cullman County residents. The CCSO partnered with Birmingham-based Cardiac Solutions to provide life-saving equipment for the sheriff's office.

A media release from Sheriff Matt Gentry said Gentry purchased 80 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) from Cardiac Solutions.

According to Cullman County Administrator John Bullard, the total amount for all the AEDs, setup, service and warranty is $333,060. "This will be paid mostly from opioid response dollars. The first payment of $25,000 has already been paid by the sheriff's department and the opioid funds will pick up from there," he said. At the March 19 meeting of the Cullman County Commission, the commission "approved the use of opioid settlement funds to install AED devices in select senior centers and patrol/first responder vehicles."

"This will allow every patrol deputy and school resource deputy to have the equipment in their vehicle. There will also be AEDs throughout the sheriff's office and detention center. The remainder will be placed in the full-time senior centers located throughout Cullman County," said the media release.

Cardiac Solutions will reportedly provide the necessary training to ensure everyone is able to effectively use the equipment. According to the CCSO, Cardiac Solutions is the only company that can offer "camera remote monitoring 24 hours a day, 365 days a year."

"The safety and security of the (residents) of Cullman County have always been the priority for the sheriff's office. Keeping people alive is obviously a big part of this. Our deputies are the first responders; they are the first ones on the scene of wrecks, accidents, assaults and other types of injury-related incidents," Gentry said. "It is their job to secure the scene and keep everyone alive until the medical professionals get there. I would like to personally thank the Cullman County Commission for partnering with us and helping to make this happen. These AEDs are a wonderful tool that will help save lives and hopefully give our (residents) a little more peace of mind."

Jon Seale, CEO of Cardiac Solutions, expressed his support for the CCSO, saying, "The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (sic) commitment to safety and readiness is commendable. Equipping vehicles and public spaces with AEDs, and AED camera remote monitoring, is a crucial step in improving survival rates during cardiac emergencies. We are proud to collaborate with Sheriff Gentry and the Cullman County commissioners on this life-saving endeavor."

The AEDs are currently at the CCSO and will be issued to deputies as they receive the necessary training.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons (left) and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry (right) pose in front of the recently purchased automated external defibrillators.

Grant (from Front)

and those opportunities."

The grant will help fund the airport's ongoing improvements, which have been underway for the last decade. Since 2014, Cullman Regional Airport has been steadily improving its facilities and infrastructure.

Taxiways and the runway have been rebuilt, and now the airport is ready to tackle the largest project yet with the terminal apron expansion and new hangars.

"Since 2014 to right now, every single project that we've put in play has been accomplished," said Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison. "Everything that we have done has been for the growing or rebuilding of the airport."

The renovations aim to make CRA a premier regional airport, offering clients who fly in a full sense of autonomy with their aircraft. Due to the airport's current size, Harrison and the airport staff often have to be hands-on with maneuvering aircraft and arranging them inside hangars or designated areas. The soon-to-be-added space will ensure that each aircraft's owner or operator can navigate themselves without the help of airport staff.

Harrison said, "I know that doesn't seem like much to you all, but the less we have to touch on these very expensive jets, the less opportunity we have to damage very expensive jets."

Martin Aviation, a jet, turbine and piston maintenance facility in Scottsboro, has decided to expand its reach into Cullman. Soon, the maintenance facility will break ground on its own service hangar.

Martin Aviation's new wing will offer Cullman Regional Airport pilots avionics and engine installation, paint booth services, maintenance tracking and detailing services.

"About 12 years ago, my wife and I became frequent visitors at the Cullman airport and we often talked about how beautiful Cullman was and how it could be an excellent place to live and raise a family," Chris Martin, owner and director of maintenance at Martin Aviation, said.

"I'm excited and blessed to announce that we have been given the opportunity to do our part to grow the community by expanding our aircraft maintenance business to the Cullman airport."

Martin acknowledged Wallace State Community College and its Aviation and Flight Technology programs, mentioning that the expansion of Martin Aviation into Cullman will give WSCC students and graduates the ability to witness their chosen line of work in a real-world setting and give them the tools to use their certificates or degrees in the place they call home.

After addressing and thanking the officials present, WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics said, "Wallace State is honored to be your partner in training the aviation workforce.

"We have pilots working all over the United States; they're even flying 757s and 767s internationally for major airlines.

"As our airport grows, we are grateful to support your growth, and we certainly want to do all in our power to increase the number of Alabamians who are interested in pursuing careers in aviation."

Wood (from Front)

sion for design and her commitment to helping clients in Cullman and the surrounding areas with both residential and commercial projects has made her a beloved figure in the community.

Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), shared his excitement about Wood's new role.

"Amy McAfee Wood is the perfect choice for Burgermeister. Her dedication to Cullman and its residents is unparalleled," Anderson said.

He emphasized that Wood's long-standing commitment to the community and her involvement in various local projects have made a significant impact on Cullman.

He said, "She's always been a strong supporter of our events and initiatives, and we are thrilled to see her recognized in this way."

Cullman has celebrated its rich German heritage for nearly half a century. In 1982, building on the success of Sacred Heart's German Festival, which began in 1977, local businesses, churches and civic groups united to officially launch the first Cullman Oktoberfest.

Anderson highlighted the festival's enduring success, stating, "Decades later, we are still going strong. The 2023 Oktoberfest boasted record-breaking attendance, with nearly 40,000 people celebrating with us. This enduring success is a testament to the creativity, hard work and dedication of countless entities and individuals. We are deeply grateful to all our sponsors, committee members, vendors, businesses, churches, schools and civic groups who invest countless hours and resources into this festival. Thanks to their efforts, this cherished tradition is set to thrive for the next 50 years and beyond."

Beyond her professional achievements, Wood's greatest joy comes from her family. "My greatest joy is being the mother of four Cullman High School graduates: Olivia, Nicholas, Alexander and Wilson," she proudly shared. Her deep connection to her family and community has always been a driving force in her life.

Being named Burgermeister is a significant honor for Wood, who has always cherished her hometown.

"I have enjoyed visiting many cities in the US. However, I always love coming home to Cullman. We have something special. I am humbled and proud to be selected as this year's Burgermeister. I just love Cullman," she said with heartfelt emotion.

As Burgermeister, Wood said, she looks forward to participating in all the Oktoberfest events.

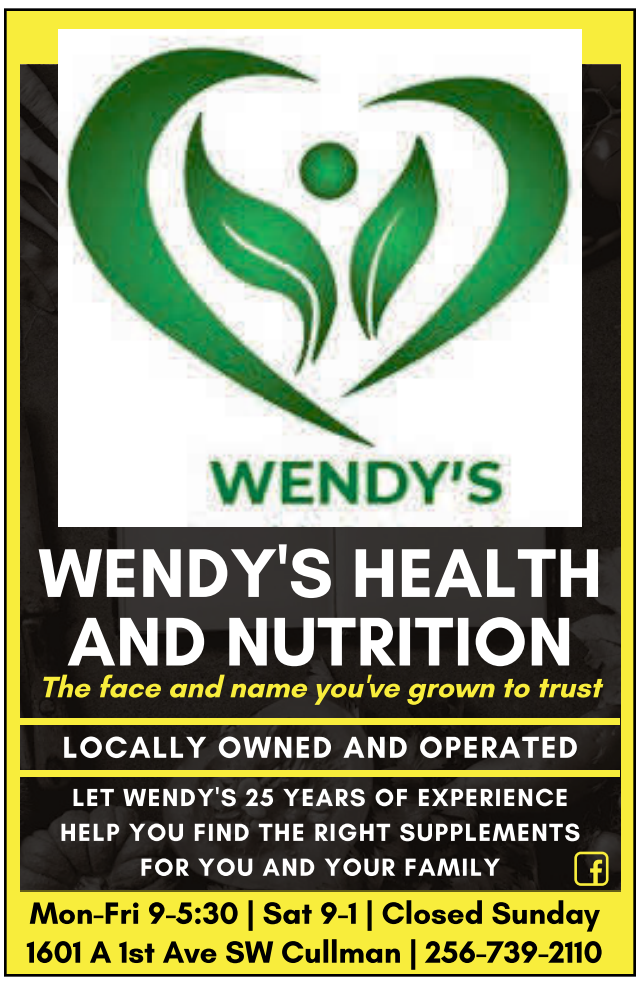
"I am looking forward to all the events planned in Cullman for Oktoberfest from the (Burgermeister) Ball to the tapping (of the keg). Most of all, I look forward to visiting with friends and family, welcoming guests from out of town and showcasing our German heritage," she shared excitedly.

Anderson noted that Wood's involvement would undoubtedly add a special touch to the festivities. "Her enthusiasm and pride for Cullman will enhance the experience for everyone attending Oktoberfest," he said.

Wood's dedication to her family, her business and her community embodies the spirit of Cullman.

As she steps into her role as 2024 Burgermeister, her love for her hometown and its traditions will undoubtedly shine through, making this Oktoberfest a truly memorable celebration.

This year is particularly special, according to Anderson, as Wood will inaugurate the opening ceremony using a custom mallet crafted by her late father, Danny McAfee, for the ceremonial tapping of the keg. Wood's role as Burgermeister and the use of her father's mallet will add a deeply personal touch to the festivities, embodying the community and family spirit that makes our festival so unique.





PREP FOOTBALL

Good Hope preparing to kick things off this fall

Sammy Confer
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. -- Football season is right around the corner, and all of our local teams are gearing up for another season on the gridiron. In Good Hope, Alan Scott will be entering his 10th season as the head coach of the Raiders, and he'll have experience returning on both sides of the ball this year. Scott saw a lot of encouraging things from his team during their spring game and during summer workouts. He's looking forward to seeing their hard work pay off when they kick things off later this month.

"A majority of our offensive and defensive returners were starters last year," Scott said. "The number one thing that we want to do is compete. In the spring game, we played Fyffe and Vinemont in both halves. I thought our guys played really well. It was a good chance for us to play some really good competition. They didn't back down, and from a defensive standpoint, I was really pleased with our effort, intensity, and our tackling. Throughout the summer, we've just tried to get bigger, faster, and stronger, do all of the little things right, and try to help ourselves be ready to compete this fall."

Scott added, "Fyffe has been kind of the standard in high school football for the last 10 years. Coach Benefield and I have been friends for a long time, and we finally got the game together. We got our wires crossed a little bit, so that's why we played them in the spring," Scott said. "We are actually going to play them week 0 for four quarters here coming up. We played them for a half. We played the varsity for a quarter, and it was 7-0. Then, we played the JV for a quarter, and it was 7-0, so I thought our guys hung in there with them."

Good Hope will be in a new region this year, and the schedule will present some new challenges for the Raiders.

"We've been over there with Oneonta, Cherokee County, and Etowah the last several years, and they did move us west. Dora, Cordova, Curry, Fayette County, Hamilton, Haleyville, and Fultondale stayed in there with us, so it's interesting. Some teams moved up from 3A, and a lot of those teams that are in our region have competed against each other for the past couple of years, so we're kind of the new kid on the block," Scott said. "I see a lot of parity in our region. In the offseason, I've really tried to watch a lot of film, any that I can get my hands on from the opponents that we're going to have this fall. They're well-coached. The programs all have great histories, so I think it'll be a real dog fight to try to come out of there and get a playoff spot."

One of Good Hope's assistant coaches on staff, Taft Dillashaw, was inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame this summer and Scott shared how much Dillashaw has meant to his own football career as both a player and a coach.

"I played Junior High football, around either 1991 or 1992, and Taft was there. He had been there, you know? That wasn't his first year. All I've ever known about Good Hope football, he's been involved in it," Scott said.

"He coached me there. He coached me through high school. He was really hard on me, but I love him. I really do. He was really hard on me, but he was trying to get everything he could out of me. When I became a coach, as a young coach, he was a guy I would call. As a defensive coordinator, if it was something I hadn't seen before, he and I would try to figure it out together. When I was at Vinemont, there was no team that I wanted to beat more than Taft and Good Hope, but now that I'm at Good Hope, I'm thankful to have been able to work with him for the last 10 years in my role now. He's just a blessing."

Coach Scott has seen the seniors and juniors take on leadership roles during the preseason and likes the way they younger guys have followed their example.

"It's going good so far. We're trying to stress leadership at Good Hope and have been since I've been there. Each team elects seven young men that they want to represent the team, and Hank Hudson and Tyler Cone will be two of them that will represent the team," Scott said.

"They've done a great job of trying to make sure that these young guys kind of know the ropes, and they are holding the expectations and the standards up, so that they don't slip. The young guys are following well, too."

Two of the seniors on this year's team, Hank Hudson and Tyler Cone, feel like the team has really bought in to the goals that they are building towards this season and are looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish together.

"When we come to work, we know what we want to do," Cone said. "We all have a goal, and everybody follows along with the leaders, so we want to be good leaders that the young guys look up to. That's what we like to have."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders will kick off the 2024 regular season at West Point on Aug. 30.

"Coach Scott has done a really good job this summer in teaching us how to be leaders, especially during our two-day camp that we had. I felt like everybody's doing a good job in leading the younger guys, and I think everybody's bought in, and they know what we want to do this year," Hudson said. "Before the games, we like to listen to music, get a little pumped up. Normally, right after that, all of the coaches will give us a pre-game speech about the scheme, then coach Scott will get us fired up. Then, we'll say a quick prayer, and we'll go out and play the game."

2024 Good Hope Raiders Football Schedule

Aug. 30 - @ West Point
Sept. 6 – vs. Fultondale*
Sept. 13 - @ Haleyville*
Sept. 20 - @ Cordova*
Sept. 27 – vs. Addison
Oct. 4 - @ Curry*
Oct. 11 – vs. Hamilton*
Oct. 18 - @ Fayette County*
Oct. 25 – vs. Dora*
Nov. 1 – vs. Fairview

*region game

Chick-fil-a (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Recently, the Chick-fil-a in Cullman went through a complete overhaul, leaving some consumers without their favorite chicken meals.

At the most recent meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission meeting, documents were presented, but there was nothing to indicate a sale or purchase of land for a second location in the city.

City Engineer Erica York on Thursday said, "The submission from Monday was just a short form subdivision, not a site plan submittal, so all that I have is the survey for that."

After speaking with York, The Tribune reached out to the Chick-fil-A corporate office to confirm whether or not a second location had been chosen.

According to corporate officials there is no official second location at this time.

A spokesman for the company stated, "We are always evaluating potential new locations in the hopes of serving existing and new customers great food with remarkable service.

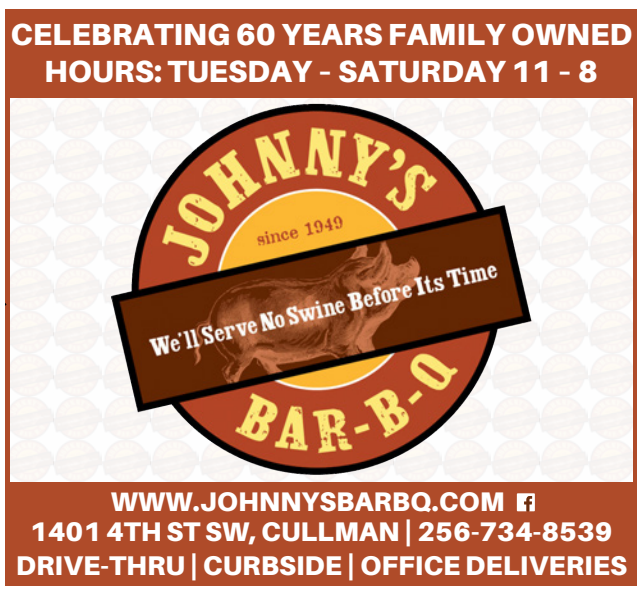
"We would very much like to have more restaurants in the Cullman area, but we have no new locations to confirm at this time."

The Tribune reached out to Cullman First Church of the Nazarene for confirmation regarding the potential sale of its property along Alabama Highway 157 to Chick-fil-a and whether the church will still have access to the parking lot on Sundays.

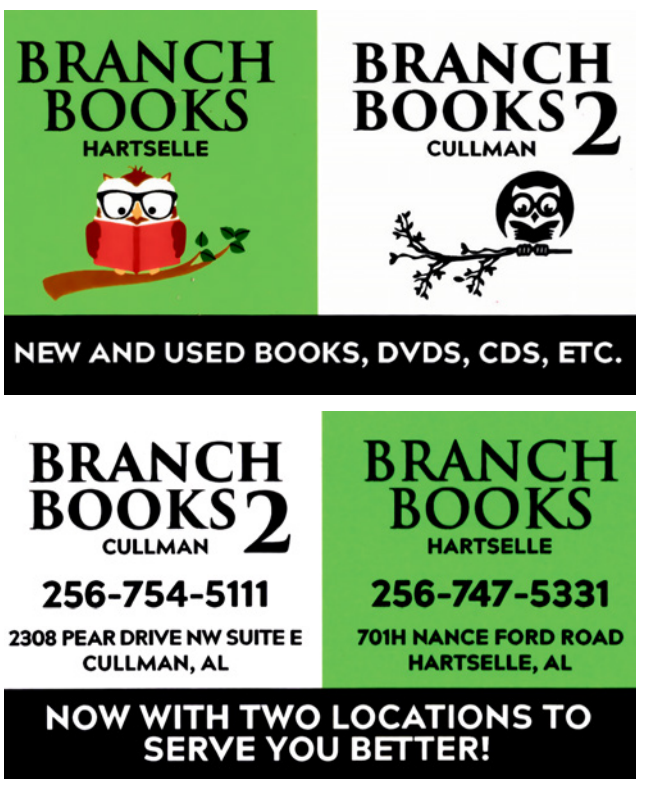
At the time of publication, the church has not responded to the inquiry.

There will be more on this story as it develops.















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LEGALS

CLOSE-OUT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Cullman County Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 9:15 a.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE., Cullman, AL to discuss closing-out of the County's FY 2024 CDBG Urgent Need Project (CY-SF-PF-19-102) which replaced a failing culvert located beneath a section of County Road 222 near the intersection of the I-65 Exit 205. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input or objections to the county proceeding with the close-out of this project. All citizens who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator, Cullman County Economic Development at (256) 775-4696 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Jeff Clemons
Chairman
Cullman County Commission

FORMAL AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

The Cullman County Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE., Cullman, AL 35055 to discuss amending the County's FY 2024 CDBG Urgent Need Project (CY-SF-PF-19-102) which replaced a failing culvert located beneath a section of County Road 222 near the intersection of the I-65 Exit 205. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss submitting a formal amendment to ADECA increasing the local matching funds committed in support of this project. All citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. All citizens who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Matt Kinsland, Director, Cullman County Economic Development at (256) 775-4696 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Jeff Clemons
Chairman
Cullman County Commission

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHARLES J. MCCABE, * CASE NO. PC2023-345
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF DEBORAH ANN MCCABE STAM, FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF CHARLES J. MCCABE, DECEASED

TO: TERESA ATCHISON, LEWIS ATCHISON, CHRISTOPHER ATCHISON, ANTHONY ATCHISON AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF CHARLES J. MCCABE, DECEASED.

Petition of Deborah Ann McCabe Stam, for the Probate of Will of Charles J. McCabe, Deceased filed by Deborah Ann McCabe Stam, Petitioner, through Attorney Charles L Anderson. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **18th day of September, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 8th day of August, 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.

Petitioner's Attorney:
Charles L. Anderson
Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC
7515 Halcyon Pointe Drive
Montgomery, AL 36117

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. CV 2022-0009

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CLURA QUICK, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge filed by Sherry H. Barrett, Administratrix of the Estate of Clura Quick, has been set for hearing on the 12th day of September, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Sherry H. Barrett
Administratrix of the Estate of Clura Quick
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721
e-mail: sherry@smithandsmithllp.com

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
J.D.C.
A minor child. CASE NO.: PC 2024-248
D.O.B. 12/11/2006

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF MINOR CHILD

TO: CHRISTOPHER DANIEL CLEVELAND AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO HALEY JENICE HOWELL HARRIS AS KNOWN AS J.D.C.

Petition to Change Name of Minor Child was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Haley Jenice Harris, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 31st DAY OF July, 2024.

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

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street SW, Ste 102
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Redstone Federal Credit Union,

PLAINTIFF,

VS. CASE NO: DV 2023-900476

Erica Leigh Reaid
a/k/a Leigh Reaid,

DEFENDANT.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

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

Done this the 25th day of June, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to WILLIAM OSMER, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF SYBLE F. OSMER, deceased, on the 1st day of August, 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.

Syble F. Osmer
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3342

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 1st day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GORDON JUNIOR GRACE, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 168
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters of Administration *cum testamento annexo* having been granted to Steven Matthew Putnam as Administrator *cum testamento annexo* of the Estate of Gordon Junior Grace, deceased, on the 1st day of August, 2024, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Steven Matthew Putnam

Administrator *cum testamento annexo*

Shay Persall
Attorney for Administrator *cum testamento annexo*
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-7800

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-276

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HUE ELIJAH SMITH, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to David L. Kelso on the 8th day of August, 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.

David L. Kelso
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
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
*
LEONARD RAY HUDDLESTON, * CASE NO.: PC2024-268
A/K/A RAY HUDDLESTON, *
*
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to KEVIN WAYNE HUDDLESTON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LEONARD RAY HUDDLESTON A/K/A RAY HUDDLESTON, deceased, on the 25th day of July, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

KEVIN WAYNE HUDDLESTON
Personal Representative

G. Alan Smith
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 320589
Birmingham, Alabama 35232

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 MATTER OF)
)
DOYLE COLLIER, JR.,) CASE NO.: PC-2024-114
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: TABATHA COLLIER, ANGELA COLLIER and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been filed by Michael Key, Agent for Cullman County Department of Human Resources, through Attorney Diane Dunning. A hearing on said *Petition for Letter of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been **set for the 28th day of August, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 25th day of July, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Diane L. Dunning
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
LAWRENCE E. ECKLEY, * CASE NO.: PC2024-243
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to LATONYA MINES, Esq. as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF LAWRENCE E. ECKLEY, deceased, on the 25th 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.

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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 25th day of July, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Blackberries, bugs, and Simon Peter

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I grew up picking blackberries. On one end of Mama's hundred-acre garden was a big tamed blackberry briar. Every summer that thing was loaded with blackberries that were about the size of my dad's thumbs. My dad had the biggest hands and fingers of anyone I knew, so in other words, those were some nice big blackberries. Even as large as those blackberries were, even in the bumper crop years, there was never enough. I could put a good-sized dent in a bucket of blackberries by putting them in my belly on the way to the house from the garden.

Mama did some amazing things with the ones that survived the trip to her kitchen. There she made jars of blackberry jelly and jam. I can still smell those blackberry cobblers she baked up in the oven. When we were blessed enough to have some vanilla ice cream to put on top of that piping-hot cobbler, well, it was almost more than this country boy could survive. Once those tamed berries were all canned up, cooked up, served up, and eaten up, I went looking for more. I always knew I could take a walk on the wild side and find plenty more.

The pasture and woods directly behind our house were always covered with blackberry briars. Those berries weren't quite as big as those tamed ones we grew by the garden, but all that meant was I had to pick more of them. I usually went alone, but mama sent me out well equipped for the task at hand. You see, blackberries are well guarded and put up quite a fight to hang onto their delicious fruit. First, there's the thorns. Those rascals will bite you, and I do mean they'll get you good. Then there are often a few snake friends that like to stand guard.

I can still hear mama saying, "Watch out for snakes now!" Then last, but not least, even though they may be least in size, is that huge army of minuscule red bugs known as chiggers. If you've never played host to a plague of chiggers, count your blessings, count your many blessings! We didn't have Off or some other insecticide back then, but we did have kerosene. As much as I hated it, Mama used to tie kerosene-soaked rags around my ankles. She said, "This will keep the chiggers off of you." If someone had thrown a lit match in my direction, I probably would have lit up like a lamp!

Once, after I was grown, I went to Mama's to pick blackberries. I was old enough to make my own decision about the kerosene rags. I made the wrong choice. In a day or two my legs had more little red spots on them than they had white skin! And boy, did I itch! I coated my legs in calamine lotion, I took a bath with Clorox in the water, I painted those spots with fingernail polish, and I scratched...and scratched...and scratched. It so happened that the following Sunday, I had planned to do a dramatic monologue sermon at church as Simon Peter. Like in all church plays, I wore a knee-length bath robe and sandals. My legs looked like I either had a bad case of measles or someone had used my legs for target practice with a BB gun! I was so embarrassed. Some smart aleck asked, "Simon Peter, what happened to your legs?" Without missing a beat, I grinned and replied, "A full day of fishing on the Sea of Galilee with no sunscreen and hole-ly pants!"

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the files of 1900

The Polytechnic College will close Friday and the scholars will picnic at Blue Hole on Saturday.

Mrs. Judge Fuller and pretty little daughter, Gladys and Miss Caroline Schlosser visited Birmingham this week.

Oster and "Baby" McMinn returned home on Tuesday, from Memphis, Tennessee, where they have been attending school.

C.O. Adkins, W.G. Brown, R.E. Lee and A.J. Allgood spent several days fishing near Decatur this week.

J.H. Ryan has purchased an interest in Mr. Julian's business and the firm is now styled as Julian and Ryan. They take first class photographs, repair bicycles, clocks, watches and jewelry.

Misses Carrie and Ada Brown, Mrs. Pearl Callahan, Berney Wilhite, R.M. Brown and Joe Hewlett were among those who attended the commencement exercises at Falkville last week.

From the files of 1950

The reserve champion steer in the Birmingham Fat Calf Show was exhibited by Kennon Wood. Other local winners were: Asa Blalock, Dois Sims and Ralph Blalock.

Holly Pond graduates include: Royce Bailey, Milford Black, Lewis Brown, Ezell Cornelius, O'Neal Daniel, Harrol Dismukes, Dane Estes, Earnestine Gable, Virginia Hart, Hershel Henderson and Guy Hunt, etc.

Louis J. McPherson, age 69, of Bangor, died on May 10th, in Gulfport, Mississippi, following an automobile accident.

The County-Wide 4-H Rally will be held at Cullman High on Saturday, May 20th.

Two arrests have been made in conjunction with four separate egg robberies from McAnnally Produce Company in Garden City, involving 113 cases of eggs.

Bud Lawrence, of Vinemont, had his tonsils removed on Saturday at Doctor Stitt's Clinic.

Isaac Whisenant, of Hulaco, is in the Guntersville Hospital receiving treatment for a punctured lung and breaks in both legs.

The Lee Franklins returned to Holly Pond from Chicago after attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dunkin have a new television, which is a popular community attraction at Holly Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Calvert (formerly Martha Jane Aaron), will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 26th. Their children's names all start with an "E." The boys are Edgar, Ervin, Ellis, Emory and Everett. The girls are Mrs. Essie Henry, Mrs. Ella Austin, Mrs. Ethel Giles and Miss Eva Calvert.

Mrs. J.W. Morgan was the Sunday winner of the orchid on the Kessler Good Neighbor program.

The annual all day singing will be held at Welti on Sunday, May 28th. Everyone is urged to bring a well-filled lunch basket.

Mrs. Owen Williams is the new president of Coterie.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Sullins have a new daughter, Margaret June, born on May 16th.

POET'S CORNER

Lovely Things | By: Randy C. Hale

The mate that God has given you
to love and to cherish
The smile of a special friend
A mother with her children
A Father's hands
The ocean and its waves
A furry loyal pet
A fall colored mountain that
touches a bright blue sky
A babbling brook flowing through
a field
A fresh fallen snow
The people of God at worship
and
The countenance of a child who
is given love.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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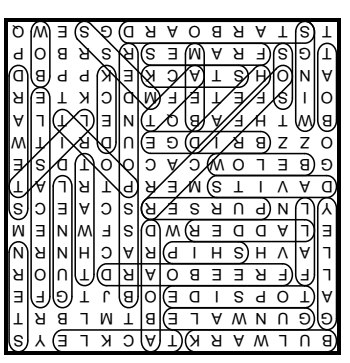
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 8-9

Shirley Faye Lamar, 86
Funeral service for Shirley Faye Lamar, age 86 of Cullman, is Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at noon, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Dr. Mickey Jett officiating. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 11 a.m. - noon and interment will be at Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Shirley was born Aug. 19, 1937, to Herman Hogeland and Ethel McClendon Hogeland. She passed from this life on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at her residence. Shirley is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gene Wilson Lamar; sister, Mickie Fendley. She is survived by two sons, Rick Lamar (Renee), Randy Lamar (Valerie); one daughter, Nanette Lamar Jett (Mickey); brothers, Neal Hogeland (Ellen), and Steve Hogeland (Laurita); eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a host of family and friends. Family remembers Shirley as a wonderful mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend who loved her family deeply. She enjoyed camping and traveling and was very outgoing. She is a member of Living Faith Baptist Church. She will be very missed.

Kathleen Hankins, 87
Funeral Service for Kathleen Hankins, age 87 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Dubberly and Heath Tinker officiating; burial at Bethel Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Hankins passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. She was born March 3, 1937, to Charlie Franks and Ella Faye Franks. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Vester Hankins and son, Michael Hankins. Survivors include her daughter, Tina (Randall) Jones, Kathy Overton, Mark (Kera) Hankins, Angie (Mike) Guthrie, Jason (Stephanie) Hankins; grandchildren, Niki Kegler, Randy Jones, Richard Overton, C. J. Perry, Tyler Hankins, Mckenzie Hankins, Kaitlyn Hollis, Jaycee Hankins, Michael Hankins, Shana Quick, Savanna Weaver, Jacob Hankins; 20 great grandchildren; brother Jimmy Franks; special friend, Pauline Scott and her pet baby Precious. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jacqueline C. Willoughby, 96
Funeral Service for Jacqueline C Willoughby, age 96 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Pastor Kevin Jenkins officiating; burial at Welti Cemetery, Cullman, Alabama. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Willoughby passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at Cullman Regional. She was born Oct. 20, 1927, to Kiah Lincoln Clay and Eleanor Clay. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Oves Willoughby; daughter, Maria (Jim) O'Connor; grandson, Davy O'Connor; daughter in law, Regina Knop Willoughby. Survivors include her son, Tim Willoughby; daughter, Lanette (Jackie) Satterfield; grandchildren, Meghan (Justin) Epperly, Christian (LeAnn) Willoughby, Andrea Satterfield, Susan (Ariel Lopez) Satterfield, Emily (Patrick) Ray, Luke (Amanda) Satterfield, Paul O'Connor, Becky O'Connor and Laura Cooper; great grandchildren, Liam, Boone and Isabelle Epperly, John and Emily Willoughby, Natalie Jones, Thomas Lopez, John Weston and Ava Ray, Lillian and Maris Satterfield, Davy and Noah O'Connor, Goldie (Theo) Owens and Elle Cooper O'Connor; great great grandchildren, Naomi Jones, True and Roland Owens and Cannon O'Connor; sisters, Linda Crider McDonald and Deloris Crider and a host of nieces, nephews and other family members.

Glenda Gail Moses, 79
Funeral Service for Glenda Gail Moses, age 79 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bro. Dudley Brock officiating; burial at Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 -11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Moses passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at Cullman Regional. She was born, April 12, 1945, to Greir Warren Holmes and Christine Holmes. She was preceded in death by her parents and son Kerry Moses. Survivors include her husband, Jerry Moses; son, Mark (Lisa) Moses; grandchildren, Mary Moses, John Moses; brother, Lowell Holmes and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sandra Hammock Duren, 77
Sandra Hammock Duren, age 77 of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024. Sandra was born in Cullman, Alabama on Feb. 4, 1947, to Joseph and Bessie Ryan Hammock. Graveside services are Sunday Aug. 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville Alabama. Rev. Keith Whitley will officiate service. Visitation is Saturday Aug. 10, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 5:30-8 p.m. She is survived by her husband: Douglas P. Duren, daughter: Rhonda Calvert, granddaughter: Reagan Calvert, niece: Kathryn Green, nephew: Stephen Duren. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

DeEtte Johnson Knott, 98
DeEtte Johnson Knott, age 98 of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Aug. 4, 2024. DeEtte was born in Cullman, Alabama on Dec. 19, 1925, to Otto Marvin and Clara Laburta Bailey Johnson. She is preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and three sisters. Funeral service will be on Saturday Aug. 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tommy Graves officiating. Interment will follow in Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Survivors are: Son: Darwin Knott, Grandchildren: Jamie Lynn (Rick) Martain, Joy Elizabeth (Harold) Jones, four great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, a host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and other family and friends. Visitation is on Friday Aug. 9, 2024, from 5:30-8 p.m. At Moss Service Funeral Home. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Barbara Jo Headrick Bolin, 76



Barbara Jo Headrick Bolin, who graced this world with her presence on March 30, 1948, gently passed into eternal life on Aug. 9, 2024, at the age of 76, after a brave battle with cancer. Barbara filled the roles of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister with immense love and grace. She leaves behind her beloved husband Richard Bolin, her son Mark Bolin and his wife Leah, her daughter Rebekah Vinson, her siblings Carol Cobb, Sandra Tucker, and Mark Headrick along with his wife Ruth, seven cherished grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her parents Joe and Mirtice Headrick, and her nephew Clatis Joe Headrick. A faithful servant of God, Barbara played piano for many congregations, enriching worship services and touching lives through her musical gift. Known for her dedicated prayer life, she was a warrior of faith, often spending hours interceding for her loved ones. Barbara's mornings were devoted to studying and reflecting on scripture, drawing strength and wisdom from God's word. Throughout her journey with cancer, Barbara saw her trials as a way to draw closer to her Lord and Savior, striving to honor and glorify Him in all things. Her courage, grace, and unwavering faith were evident to all who knew her, embodying the scripture she held dear, Second Timothy 4:7-8. The lyrics of a beloved chorus encapsulate how Barbara approached life and how she will be remembered: Jesus draw me ever nearer as I labor through this storm, You have called me to this passage, And I'll follow, though I'm worn. May this journey be a blessing, May I rise on wings of faith, And at the end of my heart's testing, With your likeness let me wake. Barbara's warmth, laughter, and deep friendship left indelible marks on the hearts of those she encountered. Her memory will continue to inspire and guide us until we meet again. The Bolin family extends heartfelt gratitude to the medical team, caregivers, and especially the hospice staff who provided such compassionate care in her final days. A private memorial service will be held by her family to commemorate Barbara's extraordinary life.

Walter G. Welford Jr., 76
Walter G. Welford, Jr., age 76, of Vinemont, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. A graveside service will be held at Haughton Memorial Cemetery in Amory, Mississippi, on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Walter was born Oct. 30, 1947, to Walter G. Welford, Sr. and Mary Sue Stoddard Welford in Amory, Mississippi.

Raymond Field Earp, 71
Raymond Field Earp, age 71 of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, at his residence. A Celebration of Life will be held for Raymond at a later date, at Murfreesboro Funeral Home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Raymond was born Aug. 7, 1953, to Raymond Lafayette Earp and Alice Fields Earp in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He is preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law, Derek Drake. He is survived by his wife, Melissa Earp; sons, Jon (Leah) Earp, who reside in Cincinnati, Ohio, Cody (Jessica) Woodall, and Connor Earp; one daughter, Courtney Drake, who resides in Murfreesboro, Tennessee; grandchildren, Lucas Earp, Amelia Earp, and Gavin Woodall; a host of family and friends. Raymond was a retired engineer from CSX Transportation. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him.

Shari Ann Gato, 60
Graveside Service for Shari Ann Gato, age 60 of Crane Hill, will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Mrs. Gato passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, at Cullman Regional. She was born Feb. 25, 1964, to Marion Copeland and Phyllis Copeland. She was preceded in death by her parents. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jennifer Lee Wilkins, 44
Jennifer Lee Wilkins age 44, of Cullman passed from this life on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Jennifer was born Feb. 11, 1980, to Phillip Van Wilkins and Loretta Lee Mullin Wilkins. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Robert Battles; daughters, Ava Baker, Zeddica Grice, Tempest Grice; sister, Sheena Wilkins; and niece, Emily Faith Swann. Jennifer was an awesome mother, wife, sister and aunt. She will always be loved and remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

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