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Former Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar pleads guilty to using office for personal gain

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former Baileyton Mayor Johnny Dyar on Wednesday pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of use of office for personal gain.

The dates of the offenses were between June 16 and July 21, 2019.

Dyar received 12 months for each count. These sentences were suspended, and Dyar was placed on probation for 24 months per charge.

He is required to pay a $2,500 fine, all court costs and restitution to the Town of Baileyton in the amount of $4,193.25.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said Dyar was also given conditions with his plea agreement/probation.

According to the stated terms of the plea agreement on Alacourt, Dyar cannot directly work for or be employed by any public government entity during the four-year probationary period. He also had to answer in open court to establish » PAGE 3

Johnny Dyar »



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Cullman Lions Club presents $50K to Good Samaritan Health Clinic



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The Cullman Lions Club on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, donated $50,000 to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic's capital campaign.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In April, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic announced plans to build a new location along Veterans Drive Southwest to better serve the residents of Cullman County. On Friday, Aug. 16, the Cullman Lions Club helped the clinic step closer to breaking ground with a $50,000 donation to Good Samaritan's capital campaign.

The area clinic was started to assist low-income and uninsured individuals with rising health care costs. Since opening, Good Samaritan has grown with the needs of its community members and acts as a primary care office, treating patients with chronic and long-term illnesses and disabilities. Acute and urgent care, dental screenings, mental health services, hearing evaluations and other services are also available through the clinic.

During the April announcement, Board Chair Zach Lee shared the goals of the clinic in its new endeavor: long-term mission fulfillment, prevention and wellness and exceptional care to all uninsured residents. The new clinic is estimated to cost the nonprofit $2.8 million and is set to break ground in 2025. In April, Good Samaritan announced that nearly two-thirds of the funding was secured.

The donation from the Cullman Lions Club puts the clinic even closer to meeting its goal.

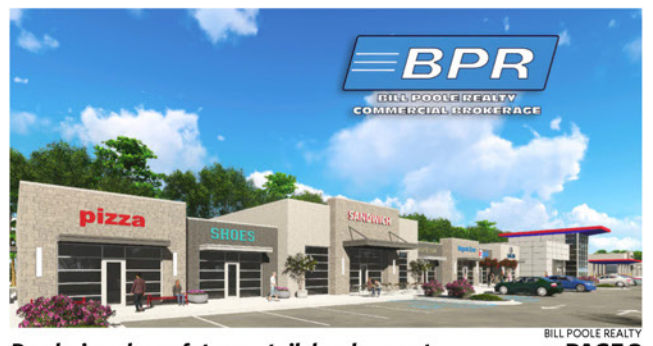
"We are so incredibly grateful to every Lions Club member for all you do for our community. This is the perfect example of how you serve us; I know your club is about service," said Good Samaritan Executive Director Jolanda Hutson. "The Good Samaritan Clinic is also about service, and this is a win-win for our community."

Hutson said the clinic's campaign is about $1 million away from the project's completion, noting that the donation from the local group is a significant contribution to the clinic's cause.

"Your gift of $50,000 is a great start and jump to what is a daunting goal of raising a million dollars in our capital campaign," she said.

The new building is set to be a 5,050-square-foot clinic with four exam rooms, a cardio room, a medication dispensary with a drive-through and a larger waiting space, which will also be used for after-hours patient education programs.

Retail site to 'transform' area in north Cullman



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 16

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 12

- assault; CR 1643
- burglary; CR 1025
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- burglary; CR 725
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278W
- harassment; CR 1643
- trespassing; CR 359
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278W

Aug. 13

- domestic violence; CR 532
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- theft of property; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; CR 35
- burglary; Colony Rd.
- theft of property; Short Rd.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1807
- harassing communications; CR 1043
- theft of property; Mercury Dr.
- burglary; School House Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 310
- resisting arrest; CR 653

Aug. 14

- trespassing; CR 109
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Good Hope School Rd.
- assault; CR 1566
- burglary; Hwy. 31
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 501
- sell/distribute drugs; unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; tampering with physical evidence; CR 1301
- theft of property; CR 1850

ARRESTS

Aug. 12-14

Blair, Coleman R.; 30

- burglary-residence-no force

Brooks, Jonathan S.; 37

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Danny W.; 66

- aggravated criminal surveillance

Bullard, Edward A.; 49

- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled (2 counts)

Calvert, Jamie B.; 50

- Criminal trespass
- Criminal mischief – damaged property

Chambers, Rayford O.; 60

- PROBATION VIOLATION – sexual abuse-1st degree

Cooper, Richard A.; 44

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Dahl, David E.; 34

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- tampering with physical evidence
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Kayla M.; 35

- FTA – contributing to delinquency of minor
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of a concealed weapon without a permit
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – resisting arrest

Fanning, Nathan D.; 40

- public intoxication (4 counts)

Harbin, Jason L.; 44

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving without driver's license
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Layton, Jennifer L.; 38

- GJ – assault-child abuse-simply-family

Martin, Geneva A.; 57

- GJ – theft-shoplifting, $1500-2500 (2 counts)

Neal, Dustin R.; 35

- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Pace, Tina E.; 38

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Rogers, Johnathon A.; 26

- PROBATION REVOKED – theft-miscellaneous

Rouse, Sarah A.; 34

- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, less than $500

Shoemaker, Gilbert M.; 63

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Valerie J.; 43

- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 13

- organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Aug. 14

- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Ashland Dr. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '22 Nissan Altima; $500; 2nd Ave. SW
- identity theft; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 3rd Ave. SW

Aug. 15

- theft of property-4th degree; City of Cullman; miscellaneous; $300; Eva Rd. NE
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW
- harassment; person; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Aug. 14-15

Harbin, Jason L.; 44

- FTA – driving without a license
- FTA – insurance violation

Dibartolo, Joseph A.; 24

- FTA – speeding
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – insurance violation

Rainey, Kelsey A.; 33

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Booker, Charles R.; 59

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Update: 1 dead following incident at Rusken Packaging

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A man died at Rusken Packaging early Wednesday evening, Aug. 14, in what was described as a medical emergency while driving a forklift.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick on Wednesday night confirmed that Doug Cordes, 48, of Vinemont, was pronounced dead at the scene. Kilpatrick stated Cordes fell from the forklift, but the fall was due to a medical emergency.

He said as of now the cause of death is listed as a heart attack.

Just before 5, calls went out to dispatch regarding a possible medical emergency at the facility, located at 64 Walnut St. NW, in the city of Cullman.

Kilpatrick said the original 911 call stated, "a forklift driver had hit (sic) head and passed out."

Once on scene, paramedics worked on Cordes until he was pronounced deceased.

City of Cullman Public Safety Director Brian Bradberry shared, "Please keep the family and everyone involved in your thoughts and prayers."

Rusken Packaging has, according to its website, locations throughout the United States – 19 facilities in 10 states. It is headquartered in Cullman.

Agriplex 'Harvest to Home' dinner Sept. 12

Rachel Dawsey
North Alabama Agriplex

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Farm Credit will present the North Alabama Agriplex's ninth annual Harvest to Home Local Foods Dinner and Auctions Thursday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Dr. William F. Peinhardt Conference Center in Hanceville.

Doors will open at 5, allowing guests to peruse the silent auction. The event supports the educational programs of the Agriplex. Catering by Chef Aaron Nichols and Wallace State Culinary Pride will feature fresh, locally sourced ingredients including a local beef flight with local shrimp from D&Y Farms. Vegetables and fruits will be sourced directly from local farmers across north Alabama.

Entertainment will be provided by Wallace State Jazz Band musicians. Sweet Grown Alabama Director Ellie Watson will emcee the event, highlighting the bounty of Alabama agriculture. Back by popular demand, professional auctioneer Kent Stanford will lead the fun in the live auction. This interactive part of the evening will feature 15 high-value items. Stefani Nelson of ALFA Insurance will sponsor the photo booth, so make sure to gather with friends to get a photo to remember the evening!

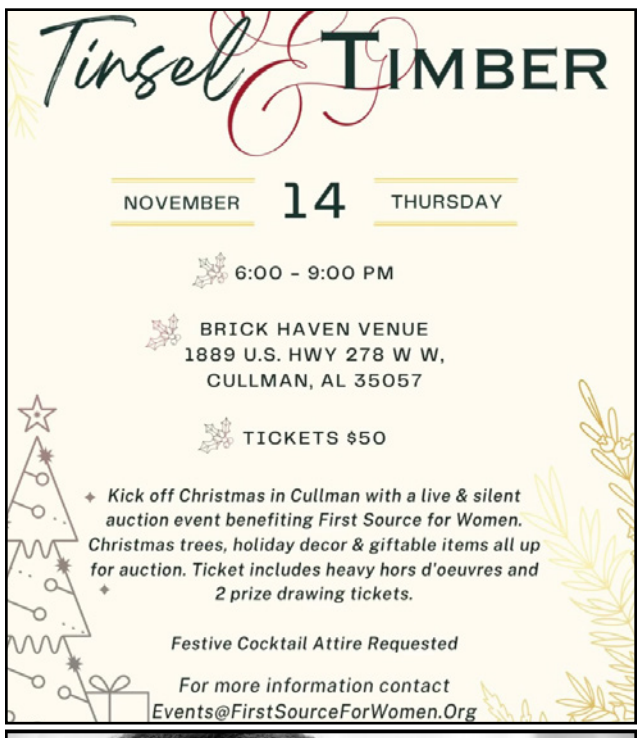
Tickets are on sale now for $50 per person or $500 for a corporate table of eight. Tickets may be purchased at the North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman, or at www.agriplex.org. Alabama Farm Credit is the event sponsor with Traditions Bank sponsoring the entertainment and Wallace State Community College providing the venue. Alabama Web Press is the print sponsor for the event. Local foods will be purchased through two sponsors First South Farm Credit and Sweet Grown Alabama.

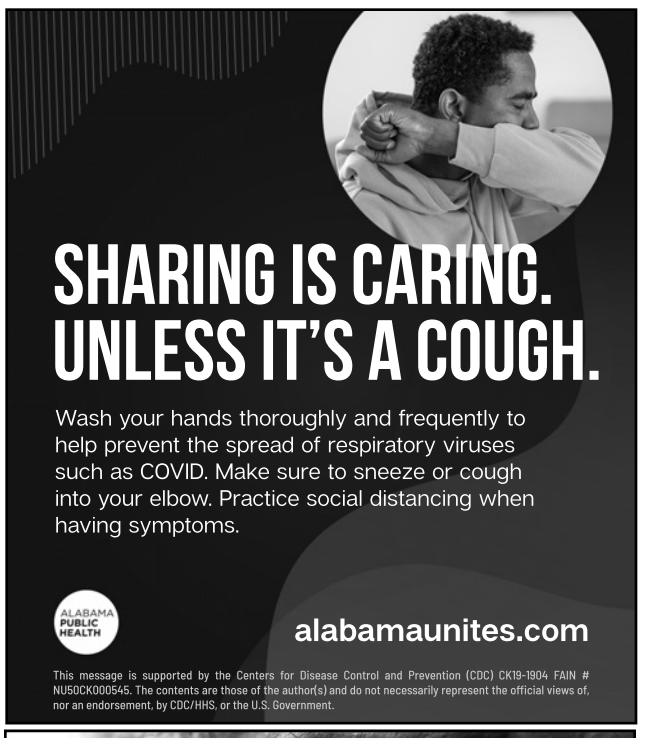
Nichols and the Wallace State Culinary and Hospitality Management Program will provide a delicious local food experience with the first course featuring crisp and tangy watermelon gazpacho paired with crunchy sourdough, basil oil and feta.

The second course will include specialty beef cuts from local farmers with Cullman shrimp served on a bed of blue corn grits and yellow squash frita. The dessert will conclude the meal with a peach crème brûlée and biscotti, flavored with ginger snap and white chocolate.

Opening the evening will be a one-of-a-kind silent auction featuring locally made items from cakes to woodworking as well as garden, farm and outdoor-themed baskets.

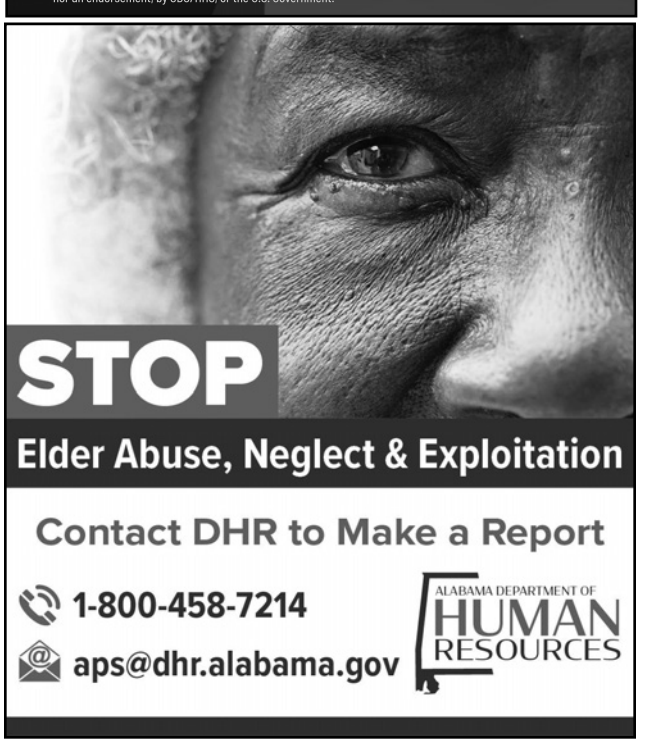
All proceeds from the dinner and auction support the North Alabama Agriplex and its programs throughout north Alabama. Ticket sales are limited to 168. For more information, contact Rachel Dawsey, director at the North Alabama Agriplex, at 256-297-1044 or info@agriplex.org.













Site (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new retail center is under development just north of Urban Cookhouse and Pasquale's on the northbound side of U.S. Highway 31 and 12th Way North in Cullman. This new development is slated to open in late 2025 if all goes well.

Owned by Bill Poole Realty, the 40,000-square-foot development will be located at 1269 Second Ave. NW (Highway 31). Retail spaces are still available for lease.

BPR Realtor Keith Hall is managing the potential businesses that may be interested in the location.

Redstone Federal Credit Union will act as the anchor business, meaning it will have a larger footprint that other businesses in the new shopping area.

Redstone Vice President of Finance Stephen Simpson said bids were opened last week and should be awarded within two weeks. He said site work will hopefully begin in a month.

"Construction timeline is 365 days," he said. "Redstone is excited about building in Cullman and looking forward to becoming active in the Cullman community."

Dale Greer, director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency, stated the new development is actually a redevelopment of an idle industry site.

"The Redstone/Bill Pool Realty project will transform that area over the next couple of years.

"I see it as another quality project and look forward to seeing the finished product," said Greer.

As far as a timeline, BPR is shooting for Oct. 31, 2024, to reach the full occupancy acquired before breaking ground.

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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.
• Saturday, Aug. 17 - Food bank
• Sunday, Aug. 18 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 930-9680 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at 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.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Aug. 18, at 5 p.m. with "Children of the Promise." The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. Everyone is invited. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

Cheeseball Tasting Tea at Grace Episcopal Church - Place Your Holiday Order Early!
The Grace Episcopal Church Women will be hosting a Cheeseball Tasting Tea on Sunday, Aug. 25, from 1-3 p.m. at The Arnold House - 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman. We are offering eight cheeseball flavors for your tasting pleasure. You will have the opportunity to order your cheeseballs early, and they will be ready for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 14, in time for the holidays. We look forward to having you join us!

"Christmas In September" Sale
Sacred Heart Altar Society and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Christmas In September" Sale on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 7 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Life Center. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Cullman. Currently, the groups are taking donations of gently used decorations for the sale. They will accept any items used to decorate homes for any season or holiday. Deadline to donate is Thursday, Sept. 19. Donations may dropped off at the Sacred Heart Church Office in the Altar Society Office. If you have a larger contribution, please call or text Vevyette Crane at 256-682-6960 to make arrangements. For more information, contact Vevyette Crane, Altar Society coordinator at the number listed above, or Dan Crane, K of C coordinator at 256-520-6095.

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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a factual basis for his guilt. Last, he had to issue a public apology.

"This happened in 2019," Crocker said. "We are working hard to clear the backlog of cases we inherited upon taking office last year. This settlement meets our priorities, which were justice, accountability and fully compensating the Town of Baileyton with restitution."

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FAITH

'I want to be that light for them': Hanceville's Mattie Keith's discusses her relationship with God

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville's Mattie Keith will be a sophomore this school year and, in this interview, she shared her story about how God has helped her overcome challenges in her life. She has had an amazing support system to help her out along the way as well.

"My walk with God hasn't always been perfect. In fact, it never will be. I've always grown in church, but that doesn't mean that my relationship with God has been healthy. As God's children, we are called to serve and share His word, but I haven't always done that. Truly, it wasn't until here recently that I have been comfortable to share more about my story and show others how much God impacts our lives. I've had many struggles in the past, but those struggles haven't always drifted my relationship with God, until my grandmother took a hard decline and got very sick. It was really hard to see the strongest person you know be so weak. It really made me question God and doubt his plans. My relationship with God then was not strong and before then, it wasn't very strong."

Keith added, "It wasn't until she passed away that I saw God in so many different things, and I think that was God and my nana helping me out. If it wasn't for some incredibly amazing angels on Earth, I wouldn't have been able to get through that time. My best friends, Millie Brown, Kerrigon Moore, Kinsley Wright, and Piper Butts, constantly helped me keep a smile on my face and helped me stay positive in that time, as well as my family, like my mom and dad, my close cousins Morgan Hammock and Mallory Rollo, and last but not least, my kind and caring boyfriend, Drake Bentley. He was there for me whenever I needed it the most and helped me, especially regain my relationship with God. It was really hard, because I jumped to questioning Him instead of patiently waiting for His plan to phase out. After I had started to get back on track with my faith, I have noticed my overall self has become happier. God has pulled me out of a really dark spot that I thought I would never get out of."

"He has sent me some amazing people as well to help with my journey. Instead of living a life where I constantly question, I instead live a life where I wait it out and see what God has in store for me. Perfecting your walk with God is never easy, and it's especially not easy to show people what that walk can look life. My youth pastor once said that you may be the only God that someone sees, and I always think about that, because there might be someone around me that is struggling and needs a light. I want to be that light for them, because no one deserves to feel the way I did. I will continue to show gratitude to God for coming through when I needed Him the most, and I know that He will continue to help me, even when I walk down the streets of gold. God has changed my life for the better, and every day, it gets more and more exciting because of the choice that I made to walk with Him every day."

Keith shared some of her favorite Bible verses and talked about her favorite mission that she's been a part of.

"Song of Solomon 4:7, because it reminds me that God made me in His image, and that's the way He wants me to be, Proverbs 3:26, because it reminded me that God has always been there for me, even when I didn't realize it, and Titus 3:5, because God didn't save us because we were worthy. It was because He knew we needed it, and to me, that shows the amount of love that He has for us," she said.

"Most people probably wouldn't consider this a mission, but just sharing the message to others around me is something that most people sometimes forget about when serving God. Sometimes, including myself, most people think about themselves and what they need to do to fix themselves in order to be aligned with God, which is fine, but we often forget about those who might not even know God and His amazing works, and they are missing out on the amazing things that He can do for us. My favorite 'mission' has to be when our Wednesday night small groups would share a small devotional about something that God has done for us to help others with their walk with the Lord. Those devotionals don't just stay in the room. They travel to so many places, and to me, that is an act of missionary."

Keith wants to help even more people find God, and she wants to be a role model in their life as they begin that journey.

"It means so much to me. The earlier you grow a relationship with God, the better, and everyone deserves to know Him and his wonders. I do everything in my power to be a good example to others of what that 'daughter of a king' example' looks like," she said. "It's amazing. I want people to look at me and say, 'Man, she's on fire for God', because that's what you should want people to say about you as a child of God. I may not always be the perfect role model, but I always try my best, and I'll always be there for anyone who may be stuck in their walk with God."



MATTIE KEITH

Hanceville's Mattie Keith (middle) with Morgan Hammock (left) and Mallory Rollo (right)

Keith gave some advice to people who want a relationship with God and is more than willing to help them in any way possible.

"Just be patient, don't doubt God, and pray daily. I promise God answers every prayer that you send to Him, and He does it in a unique way. Just because something doesn't work out the way you want, it doesn't mean that you should give up on God. He does things that are best for you. If anyone needs someone to talk about that uncertainty, I'll always be there for them. I'll be here for them. I'll pray for you and with you, and I'll never tell someone unless they just want it to be shared."

Keith has so many amazing Godly role models that she looks up to, and she has learned some very important things during her journey so far.

"My role models have been my mom Nancy Keith, my cousins Morgan Hammock and Mallory Rollo, my grandmother Joan Calvert, my boyfriend's mom Lauren Bentley, my boyfriend Drake Bentley, and quite honestly, my entire family," she said. "I've learned that it's all in God's timing. You just have to put your full trust in Him."

FAITH

'Lead by example': Cullman's Bentlie Bullard reflects on how God has changed her life

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Bentlie Bullard is a freshman at Cullman High School this year and in this interview she discusses her relationship with God and the support she's received from friends, family, teammates and coaches.

"I was raised in church, and my mom and coach Ashley Wilbanks pray for me for everything. I found out two years ago that I have the same genetic disease as my mom and sister (OTC Deficiency), so I'm limited on protein. I was so scared, because my little sister was hospitalized so many times with liver failure. My mom prayed so hard and so did my coach and my cheer family. I went from being so scared to knowing and feeling that it would be okay. I don't think I could be the athlete I am without truly knowing that God's got me. He loves me, so I'm not afraid."

Bentlie shared her favorite Bible verses, and she feels so blessed to have helped so many people, especially kids, find God. Helping in the community is important to her as well.

"My favorite Bible verses are Isaiah 40:31, because God gives me strength, Isaiah 41:10, because with God, I'm not afraid, Deuteronomy 31:6, because I know that God will direct me on the path that I'm supposed to be on, and Philippians 4:13, because I can do all things through Christ," she said. "It's very important, which is why I always try to include everyone, even if we're not friends, or if we are, because I don't want them to feel alone. Our cheer team always does a community project, and I got to help paint and organize a local charity one time for kids. Doing all of that was a very eye-opening experience for me, because I realized that I'm a little spoiled. I'm sure that some of my team did too. I try to be more aware of kids who don't have things, and I give my stuff away sometimes. I've also been known to give my cash away sometimes. I've learned that it feels better to give than to receive."



BENTLIE BULLARD

Cullman's Bentlie Bullard (left) and Briley Adcock (right)

She wants to be a Godly role model for the people around her and talked about a couple of important role models she looks up to in her own life.

"I feel like if I can help anybody by showing them love, then I feel like maybe I'm doing a little of what Jesus wants me to do. I feel like kids do look up to me, so I'm very protective and caring for the little ones. My mom said that I've always been a little mama. My coach told me that I need to lead by example. Maybe my example will let another kid know Jesus," she said.

"My two Godly role models are my mom and coach Wilbanks. My mom taught me my bedtime prayer at an early age, but she and coach Wilbanks also taught me to stand up for myself and for Jesus."

She talked about some of the traditions she shares with her cheer team at competitions and practices as well.

"We all pray together before every competition with our coaches. Our coaches give us Bible verses to put in our shoes to stand on the word of God. We also pray after every practice. At the competitions, we get a different Bible verse, and it's always about not fearing," she said. "I'm dealing with the rare genetic disease that I have right now, so I know what it feels like. I can always relate to other kids. It makes me sad that I have to experience some issues right now, so I know that they feel that way too. I try to make people smile. It helps to forget the pain, so I hope it makes them forget for a minute too. I feel good that God gives me the attitude to brush it off and make others feel better, and it makes me feel better to help them."

Bentlie gave some advice to those people that want a relationship with God but don't quite know how to do that. She has learned a lot on her own journey that helps her every day.

"Come to Daystar and just listen. I promise that you will feel Him too," she said. "Trust God, and don't worry. It'll all be okay."





2 Hanceville favorites combine under 1 roof: Vintage Magnolias and Just Repurposed

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In light of the recent economic challenges, two beloved Hanceville businesses, Vintage Magnolias and Just Repurposed, are joining forces to ensure their continued success. Both shops, which have become staples in the Hanceville community, have felt the strain of the economy's effects on small-town business ownership. This partnership marks an exciting new chapter for both owners and their loyal customers.

Nancy Macon, the owner of Just Repurposed, has been a prominent figure in Hanceville for over 12 years. Alongside her husband Mike, Macon has contributed significantly to Hanceville's community through her business, which focuses on painting and repurposing furniture. As she looks forward to retiring this year, the opportunity to share her space with another local business arose at just the right time.

Maggie Sotelo, the owner of Vintage Magnolias, opened her antique shop in 2022 and quickly attracted customers from across the state.

However, like many small business owners, Sotelo has faced the challenges of a tough economy. Seeking to downsize her shop to reduce costs and maintain her business for a few more years, she found an opportunity in a neighboring business, Just Repurposed.

The idea of sharing a storefront emerged during one of Sotelo's visits with Macon. After much consideration, both women decided to turn this vision into reality.

As a result, Vintage Magnolias will be moving into the historic building that has housed Just Repurposed, allowing the two businesses to combine resources while maintaining their unique identities.

"We will be sharing the storefront. We will be joining forces. Vintage Magnolias will be on one side of the building and Just Repurposed is going to on the right side of the building. We will have the best of both worlds in one building for you," Sotelo stated, sharing her excitement on the new collaboration.

The historic building where the two businesses will now operate has a rich history in Hanceville. Constructed by the Rauchmann sisters in 1920 after a devastating fire, the building has served various purposes over the years, including a general store, funeral parlor and dress shop. Now, it will be the home of both Just Repurposed and Vintage Magnolias, continuing its legacy as a central part of the community.

Vintage Magnolias will close its current location on Aug. 31, with the move scheduled to take place after Labor Day with the goal of reopening by Sept. 14. The first Fall Open House at the new location is set for Saturday, Oct. 5.

Sotelo expressed her gratitude to her customers for their continued support, saying, "From the bottom of our hearts, we are so grateful to all of you who have supported us. It all started out here at this red brick building. This is where our vision came. You guys have been absolutely awesome in supporting us here."

She continued, "We love you all and hope that you will continue to support us. We will only be half a block over on the corner.

"We are really excited about this collaboration with Just Repurposed! "

Customers are encouraged to follow Vintage Magnolias' journey on Facebook, where updates on the move and upcoming events will be posted.

Vintage Magnolias is currently located at 111 Commercial St. NE, and can be reached at 256-287-7052. Just Repurposed is located at 202 Commercial St. NE, and can be reached at 256-339-0982.

Vinemont council tables software talks, prepares for senior luncheon

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Town Council on Tuesday resumed discussions on Text MyGov communications software and chose to table the item of business until its next meeting. It also discussed the next senior luncheon.

On Monday, Aug. 19, the council will host its monthly Senior Luncheon at the Vinemont Community Center located at 88 Ridgeway St. from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. This luncheon is open to all area seniors to enjoy, as the council and other local businesses offer lunch, bingo, and prizes to all attendees. The council asks that attendees bring a dessert, if able.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the Town's Rebuild Alabama Act FY 2024-2025 Transportation Plan

- Approved direct support in the amount of $300 to the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force

- Approved Baker Productions Advertisement Package for the upcoming Chillin'-N-Grillin' BBQ Fest in the amount of $1,500

The council will hold a budget work session Monday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 10. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. with the meeting following at 6.



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The Vinemont Town Council held its monthly meeting on Aug. 13, 2024.

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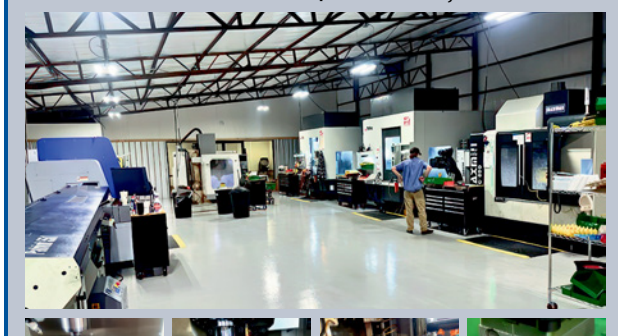
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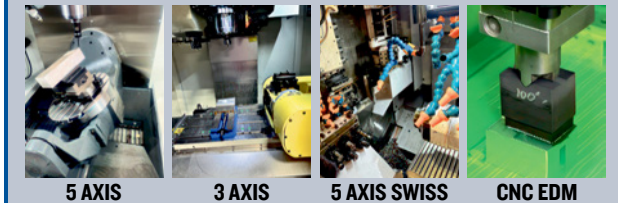
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Fest (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — On Saturday, Oct. 26, the air will take on the distinctive smell of sticky and sweet barbecue as grill masters and competitors take to the fires for Vinemont's Chillin'-N-Grillin' BBQ Fest.

The festival, centered around the best of the best behind the charcoal (or propane), is seeking competitors in three categories: Backyard BBQ, People's Choice and the Battle of the Heroes. The meat for each team will be provided by the Town through a partnership with The Butcher Meat Co.

The Backyard BBQ competition will center around the grill master and his or her ability to perfectly grill two meats – chicken and/or ribs – judged by a panel of seven local barbecue lovers. The People's Choice competition is just that – the people's choice. Tickets are sold at the event allowing attendees to sample grilled wings and cast a vote on the best of the competition, ultimately choosing the champion.

The Battle of the Heroes competition is a crowd favorite year after year. The competition sees local fire, police, EMS and other emergency personnel face off behind the grill to see who makes the best wings. Past years have seen Hero teams from Cullman Fire Rescue, the Hanceville Fire Department, Cullman Police Department and REHAU's retired fire team.

The cost to participate in the chicken or rib portion of the Backyard BBQ competition is $150; to enter both portions, the cost increases to $225. People's Choice, if entered independently of the Backyard BBQ competition, carries a fee of $200 and can be bundled with a two-category entry in the Backyard BBQ competition for a total of $275.

To participate in the Battle of the Heroes, or to register for any portion of the Chillin'-N-Grillin' BBQ Fest, contact Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser at info@townofsouthvinemont.com.

The event will take place Saturday, Oct. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Vinemont Sports Complex. Other activities will include a car and track show, arts and crafts and food vendors, a kids' zone and live entertainment.

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LEGALS

Public Meeting Notice

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicants listed: Bravo Investments LLC DBA Bravo 17, 504 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Beer and Wine Off Premises; Bravo Investments LLC DBA Bravo 18, 1667 Cherokee Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055 – Beer and Wine Off Premises; Sipsey Vineyard and Winery, 515 4th Street SW, Ste 103, Cullman, AL 35055 – Wine On and Off Premises

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS – GENERAL EXCAVATION AND UTILITY WORK

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for general excavation and utility work A bid package may be obtained at Cullman City Hall or requested via email at cityclerk@cullmanal.gov.

All Bidders bidding must be licensed and must show evidence of license before submitting bids. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received. Wesley M. Moore - Cullman City Clerk

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JON ALEXANDER ROBERTS, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-251**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution* has been filed on the 3rd day of July, 2024, by Jennifer Roberts, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Melvin Hasting and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Jennifer Roberts
Petitioner

Melvin Hasting
PO Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 14th day of August, 2024.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
J.D.C.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/11/2006

CASE NO.: PC 2024-248

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 PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
FLORENCE JOANN IVEY) Case No.: PC-2024-291
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Gregory Charles Ivey as Personal Representative of the Estate of Florence Joann Ivey, deceased, on the 16th day of August, 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 will be barred.

Gregory Charles Ivey
Gregory Charles Ivey
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Florence Joann Ivey, deceased

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice one a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Beverly Paschal Poston (PAS001)
Attorney for the Estate of
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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PAULA HAZELRIGG, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-271**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to WARREN HAZELRIGG, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PAULA HAZELRIGG, deceased, on the 15th day of August, 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.

WARREN HAZELRIGG
Personal Representative

Laura Alfano
Attorney for Personal Representative
440 Twin Ridge Road
Warrior, Alabama 35180

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

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
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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
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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. PC2024-106

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JEANETTE BUETTNER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary Co-Personal Representatives on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Deborah Buettner Krisulewicz and Carol Buettner Sherts as Co-Personal Representatives on the 16th 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.

Deborah Buettner Krisulewicz and Carol Buettner Sherts
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The window fan

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Back when I was growing up, they had air conditioning. Please notice I said "they" had air conditioning. I did not say "we" had air conditioning. Who was they? Well, back then, I thought it was everybody except us. Even some restaurants and motels had air conditioning. I know this because they had red neon signs hanging in their windows that said so. I did not know this because we ate out or stayed in motels. We did neither, but I wanted to. I wanted to go live in one of those motels, but Mama wouldn't let me because my hometown of Rainsville didn't have a motel back then.

Ken, my across the highway buddy, had air conditioning. They had central air conditioning. His daddy bought a little rectangular box that he hung in a window in the central part of their house. It only cooled the central part of their house, but it was better than what "we" had. I spent a lot of time at Ken's house, especially in July and August!

We had a window fan, or as Mama was prone to say a "winder fan." While that may not be the proper pronunciation of the word, it does adequately describe what it did. It simply created wind. It didn't actually cool the air...it just moved it around. Ours actually did set in the window. We had those big wooden windows that we raised by hand and held open with a long wooden stick. In the back bedroom, where we kept our window fan, it was a perfect fit and the fan held up the raised window.

Our fan was the deluxe model. I had six speeds. It was reversable, with three speeds each way. The high speed sounded like an airplane taking off. I had never flown on an airplane, but I imagined that was what one sounded like. We could set it to blow hot air into the house or suck hot air out of the house.

Ours was normally set to blow out, except when my sister and I wanted to sing, holler, or yodel into the fan. Actually, neither of us knew how to yodel, but we sang into the fan it sounded like yodeling. Daddy did not appreciate our talents, and when he was home, we usually didn't appreciate his response to our beautiful singing.

We had to be careful around that fan when it was blowing out. On high speed, it would almost suck the hair right off your head. As a matter of fact, it did suck Billy Bob's (fictitious) great Uncle Lonzo's hair right off his head. When he wasn't wearing a cap or hat on his head, he wore a toupee. It was a cheap piece and he never glued it down, but he should have. He got too close to that fan and it sucked his hairpiece right into the grill. Billy Bob and his sister were rolling on the floor laughing at such a sight. Uncle Lonzo's fake hair was salt and pepper in color, to match what little hair he still had. It also matched Smokey, their old long-haired cat. When their Mama saw that hair on the fan's grill, she thought it was ole Smokey about to be sucked into the fan. She threatened to kill those two...and they hadn't even done anything!

Air conditioning is so common place these days that restaurants and motels don't even have those neon signs anymore. I guess everybody really does have air conditioning these days. Everywhere except heaven, that is. Heaven doesn't need it, and the other place can't get it!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1930, 1950

From the files of 1900

M. Dickerman has purchased the sawmill, belonging to W. Turney, near Vinemont.

Doctor W.A. Barclift, of Hartselle, is having a cottage erected on the bluff, overlooking the Vinemont railroad station and will use it as a summer home.

Mrs. M.W. Howard stopped in Cullman, this week, on her return from Kentucky, where Mr. Howard has been making campaign speeches.

John F. Knight went to Birmingham on Wednesday to meet Mrs. Knight, who has just returned from Canada. They will reside here.

The length of public schools in this county will be increased this year from three to four and one-half months.

The Tribune-Gazette this week goes to a seven column paper, from a six column.

Probate Judge, S.L. Fuller has received warrants for 253 disabled Confederate soldiers and widows of deceased soldiers, which he will distribute.

From the files of 1930

Byron Ashwander, of Hanceville, purchased the first "A" automobile license in this county on October 1st, according to Probate Judge, Homer F. Mitchell. The tag is number A 103-301 and will be used on a Ford coach. George Ashwander, of Hanceville, purchased the first "B" tag for his Dodge sedan and Alton McBrayer purchased the first truck tag for his Ford truck.

At the B.P.W. benefit "Bug" party, on Thursday, Miss Mamie Hoelscher won first prize and Miss Margaret Schlosser and Miss Gertrude Ziegler second and consolation.

Mrs. M.J. Duke was seriously injured, on Friday morning, when she fell from the back door step at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Norton entertained on Friday evening, honoring their son, Willie, on the anniversary of his birth.

W.L. Guthrie and son, Thurman spent Sunday in Sipsey as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Johnson.

Among those attending the state fair in Birmingham this week were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and Miss Gertrude Hill, Casper Mages and Miss Betty Mages, Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Rainey, Hartwell Speegle, Miss Sophie Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Leeth and children and Miss Thelma Kinney.

The Cullman Bearcats won their opening game of the season, by defeating Fairview, 12 to 0.

Charley Bilgero, who underwent an operation in Birmingham last Thursday is reported to be resting well, at this time.

From the files of 1950

Charley Dewberry, age three, was killed at Liberty Grove, when he fell into a neighbor's boiling pot of water, where they were killing hogs.

Mr. and Mrs. Fonzie Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Holmes and Lowell Holmes were baptized at the John R. Holmes pond, last week.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Aldridge, of Piney Grove, severely cut his leg on a pile of sawdust. It required several stitches.

POET'S CORNER

Creation | By: Randy C. Hale

We are tangled inside,
red black, and green,
We are the art of shapes,
lines of different length.
A maze of shades and colors
reaching in and out,
turns and spins.

Hang us up for viewing,
none is all the same.
Drawn from some pleasure,
expression of some pain.
From the hand of an artist,
the twisting of a pen.
Look at us a little closer — look again.



PENELOPE HAMLIN, AGE 5

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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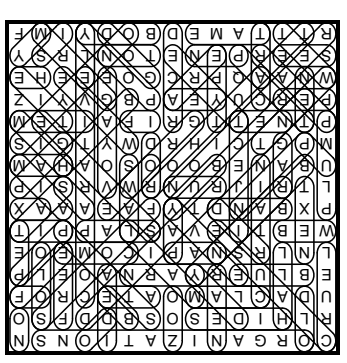
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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 15-16

Christ Trimble, 58
Chris Trimble, age 58, of Bremen, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2024, at UAB Hospital. There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Chris's residence: 100 County Road 108, Bremen, AL 35033. The family asks all Chris's family and friends please come and celebrate his life with them. All are welcome and they ask you please continue to keep them in your prayers. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Chris was born Nov. 2, 1965, to Erston Daniel Trimble, Jr. and Anna Ruth Redwine. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Eilts-Noe; brothers Lenn Trimble (Darlene), Barry Trimble, and Darrell Trimble; sister, Melanie Perry; special friend, Samantha Jones; a host of nieces and nephews and family and friends.

Joel Franklin Moon, 88
Funeral service for Joel Franklin Moon, age 88 of Crane Hill, will be Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 10 a.m. to noon and interment will be at Mt. Hope Baptist Cemetery in Crane Hill, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Joel was born Jan. 21, 1936, to Milford Gordon Moon and Verdie Azalee McSwain Moon. He passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, at his residence. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Margaret Brown Moon; one son, Frank Moon; brother, Oliver Moon (Ruby); sister, Willodean Lindley (husband Ernest, deceased); five grandchildren, Dallas Moon (fiancé, Joann Foley), Dalton Moon, Courtney Martin (Bradly), Kaitlyn Franklin, Vanessa Franklin; four great-grandchildren, Presley Moon, Jesse Martin, Elizabeth Martin, and Ashton Franklin; and a host of family and friends. Joel is described as by those closest to him, as a simple family man. He adored his family and was always happy and smiling. He will be missed so much.

Sherry Boone-Nelson, 67
A memorial service for Sherry Boone-Nelson, 67 of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Friday Aug. 16 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Sherry, a beloved member of our community, was born on March 1, 1957 in Cullman, Alabama and passed away peacefully on Aug. 13, 2024, in Boaz, Alabama. A proud resident of Hanceville, Sherry was known for her support of Alabama football, often seen cheering for the Crimson Tide. Sherry had a lifelong passion for classic cars and was a regular attendee at car shows, where she could often be found admiring history of these cars. This love for automobiles was not just a hobby, but a way to connect with others who shared the same interest. Born to Early Boone and Opal Anderson, Sherry embraced her Indian heritage, sharing traditions and stories with friends and family, ensuring the rich heritage was passed down through the generations. Above all, Sherry was devoted to her family. She cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, who brought immense joy and pride into her life. Sherry's home was always filled with laughter, love, and the warmth of family gatherings. Survivors include her husband, David Ottis Nelson, Jr.; children, Jay Colby Glasscock (Kimberly Brooke), Adam Derek Glasscock, Nicolette Nelson; grandchildren, Jace Cameron Glasscock, Caden Glasscock, Colten Cash Glasscock, Skylar Sellers, Sawyer Sellers, Sage Sellers; siblings, Glena Dahlke, Vicky Walker, Eddie Boone, Marie Creel; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Mrs. Nelson was preceded in death by her parents, Early Boone and Opal Anderson; brother, Bobby Boone; and her sister, Patricia Rutherford.

John Purdy, 55
With deep sorrow we announce the funeral services for John Purdy which will be 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. The family will receive friends at Hanceville Funeral Home from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday. Mr. Purdy was born on July 4, 1969, and left his earthly home on Aug. 13, 2024, to be with his father, Ronnie Purdy and brother, Samuel Purdy. Born in Birmingham, Alabma and raised in Hanceville, Alabama, John was a student of Hanceville High School. From an early age, John developed a deep love for nature. He enjoyed fishing and swimming, where he found peace and joy in the simple pleasures of life. He also had a natural talent for working with his hands, which led him to a career in construction. His craftsmanship and dedication to his work were admired by all who knew him. Music was another passion of John's, and he enjoyed all kinds, finding solace and inspiration in melodies and rhythms that resonated with his spirit. John was funny and loved to make people laugh. His smile and warm, caring heart will be cherished by many. He is survived by his mother & step-father, Joyce and Skip Lassiter; daughter, Angel Purdy; grandchildren, Nathaniel, Richard, Brandi, Little Angel, and Seth; half-brother, Matthew Purdy and his wife-Kayla; step-brothers, Brandon and Nick Lassiter; uncle, Jerry Isbell; a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins; and extended family, Mechelle Chappell (Mike Hooper) and her children, Brenda, Sonya, Archie and Kenneth. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Purdy Family.

Melanie Rae Watkins, 66
Melanie Rae Watkins, age 66, of Morris, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024. Melanie is survived by her sister Marilyn Dean Whitton and her brother Ricky (Marilyn) Dean; her sons Johnny Ray Sego, Anthony Shawn (Katherine) Dean, her grandchildren Alex Dean, Summer Dean, her great grandchildren Baxton, Briley, and Dillon and her nephews Cameron Whitton and Brandon Whitton. Melanie was preceded in death by her son Jesse Dean and her parents Harold and Margaret Dean.
A visitation for Melanie will be held Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Following the visitation will be a graveside service at 2 p.m. at New Prospect Baptist Church, 5625 County Road 38, Cullman, AL 35057. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Dorothy Rice, 95
Dorothy Rice, age 95 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024. A visitation for Dorothy will be held Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, from 9 a.m. to noon at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A funeral service will occur Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024, at noon, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 at Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Janet Carol Peebles, 68
Janet Carol Peebles, age 68 of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024. A visitation for Janet will be held Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 from 5-8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. The funeral service will occur Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, at 10 a.m., with interment to follow at Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery, 2830 Beech Grove Road, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Pat Rich Thomas, 75
Funeral service for Pat Rich Thomas, age 75 of Cullman, will be Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Jim Laney officiating. Visitation will be at the chapel from noon-2 p.m. and interment will be at South Cemetery (formerly known as Mountain Grove, in Blountsville, Alabama). Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Pat was born Nov. 4, 1948, to Isaac Rich and Ruby Mae Strange Rich. She passed away on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, at St. Vincent's East, surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Green; several brothers and sisters. She is survived by her husband, Jim Thomas; son, Scott Russell (Susan); daughter Leslie Lindsey (John); grandchildren, Shane Lindsey (Jessica), Jake Lindsey (Skye), Meagan Russell, Hayley Russell, Madison Russell; great-grandchildren, Elsie Lindsey, Vivian Lindsey, Braelyn Morrison; and a host of family and friends. Pat loved spending time with her "Red Barn Family" and they loved her too. She was an honest and plain-spoken, but also, a loving and kind woman. Her family will always remember her love and her wonderful cooking. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Annette Marie Alexander, 84
Funeral service for Annette Marie Alexander, age 84, of Cullman, will be Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Valley Springs Baptist Church, with Bro. Jeremie Clark and Pastor Tim Box officiating. Mrs. Alexander will lie in state at the church from 2-3 p.m. and interment will be at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Marie was born Jan. 30, 1940, to Carl Abbott and Ruby Busby Abbott. She passed away on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Athel Alexander; brothers, Earnest Abbott, Baby Brother Abbott, Michael Gene Abbott, Danny Abbott; sisters, Eloise Bailey, Oleta Clark; son-in-law, Gene Norman. She is survived by her children, Kathy Alexander, Karen Norman, Kallen Hulsey (David), Kraig Alexander (Debbie); brothers, Buddy Abbott, Anthony Abbott (Doris), Maxine Graves, Geneva Sellers (John), Carol Payne (Paul); grandchildren, Timothy Jackson, Dustin Jackson (Crystal), Stefan Hulsey (Elena), Tristan Hulsey (Mackenzie), Madison Norman, and Sam Norman; great-grandchildren, Aleiah Bullard, Ryver Jackson, Adleigh Hulsey; and a host of family and friends. Marie loved being with her family, going to church, sewing, painting pictures, gardening, growing beautiful flowers, and living life on the farm. She was a supervisor at Cullman Lingerie and grew chickens for Gold Kist then Pilgrim's Pride for over 35 years. She had an incredible passion for giving and helping others.

Marjorie Alyce-Snow Etheredge, 94
We announce the everlasting life of our beloved mother, Marjorie Alyce Snow Etheredge, 94 from Logan, Alabama. Margie went home to her precious Lord and Savior on Aug. 16, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Margie was born on May 9, 1930, to Felix and Marie Stiedle Snow in Gardendale, Alabama. One of two children, Margie grew up surrounded by extended family and friends in a Christ-centered home in Belview Heights, Alabama. She attended Ensley High School and Bob Jones University. Margie met her life-long love, Edward Terry Etheredge, during a church visitation. Ed had just come home from serving on the USS Missouri during WWII, and his mother asked Margie to come and visit him. The moment she met him, she fell madly in love. Margie and Ed were married on Aug. 8, 1948, at Central Park Methodist Church. Together, Margie and Ed raised five sons and one daughter. Margie raised her children according to God's word in Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." THANK YOU, MOM, for loving us and leading us to eternal life. The greatest love of our mother's life has always been her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She has worshiped Him, praised Him, shared His love with others, and leaned on Him when life was so hard that she couldn't stand on her own. She studied the Word of God without ceasing. She faithfully glorified God with her beautiful singing voice, playing the piano and organ, and teaching God's word to children and adults. Margie loved the ministry of the Logan Baptist Church Prayer Group, and serving the Lord wherever she was needed. She was a long-term member of Logan Baptist Church, and she loved her church family and friends. Margie treasured family get-togethers. She loved writing poetry. She penned the column Pause and Ponder for The Cullman Tribune. Margie was an avid reader. She also enjoyed hand sewing and watching "her" deer enjoy their meal at the deer feeder. She will be dearly missed. Margie was preceded in death by her best friend and beloved husband of 58 years, Edward Terry Etheredge; her son, Ellis Terry Etheredge; her granddaughter, Rachel Alyce Joiner; her great granddaughter, Hayleigh McKay Etheredge; her parents, Felix and Marie Stiedle Snow; and her sister, Rochelle Snow Lawrence. Margie is survived by her loving children; Michael (Brenda) Etheredge, Steven (Angie) Etheredge, Jacqueline (Charles) Joiner, John (Diane) Etheredge, and David Etheredge. She is survived by nine grandchildren; Terry (Stephanie) Etheredge, Keith (Allison) Etheredge, Brandon (Stacey) Etheredge, Matthew (Kelly) Etheredge, Justin (Lynn) Pate, Hunter Etheredge, Jacob Joiner, Eric Etheredge, and Daniel (Brittany) Etheredge. Margie is also survived by fourteen great grandchildren; Marlee, Mattie, Mia, Camden, McKenzie, Isaiah, Kaleb, Tanner, Maleah, Maxton, Michael, Amberly, Brooklyn, and Hadleigh. Visitation will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in Cullman on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, from 2-3 p.m. with a Celebration of Life following in the chapel. Graveside service will be at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Officiants will be pastors John McKoy and Anthony Clark. Music will be provided by Nancy Clark. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Gideons International, P. O. Box 97251, Washington, DC 20090-7251, 1-866-382-4253.

Douglas Wayne Cordes, 48
Douglas Wayne Cordes, age 48, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024. Douglas was born in Cullman, Alabama on Sept. 5, 1975, to David Wayne and Margie Ann Todd Cordes. He is preceded in death by his mother: Margie Ann Cordes, brothers: Micheal Cordes, Andrew Cordes and Wesley Cordes. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Monday Aug. 19, 2024, at Bethlehem West Baptist Church at 3 p.m. with Rev. Paul Cleghorn officiating. Survivors are: wife: Misty Cordes, daughters: Kenzie Cordes, Kaci Cordes, sons: Zack Cordes, Austin Mooney, father: David Cordes, granddaughters: Avyrie Cordes, Ava Mooney, Hadley Duffie, sisters: Kelly Stewart, Crystal (Jason) Jones, several nieces and nephews. Visitation is Monday Aug. 19, 2024, at Bethlehem West Baptist Church from 12 noon until service time at 3 p.m. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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