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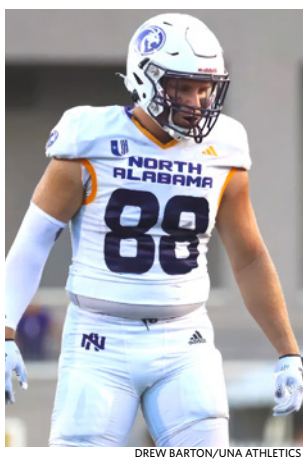
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Berlin Town Council views 2025 budget, talks park project

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council on Monday took a look at its proposed 2025 budget, including $500,000 for its park and recreation project and nearly $300,000 for road work in the town. The budget includes $600,000 carried over from the FY 2024 General Fund, and $310,050.50 in estimated revenue for the coming year. An estimate gives the Town a $191,550 surplus at the end of FY 2025.

Berlin's Road Fund, separate from the General Fund, anticipates $302,000 in revenue and $295,000 in expenses, $250,000 of which is dedicated to repaving.

Following discussion of its park and recreation project, with $500,000 in the proposed Capital Fund, the council voted to focus on development of a farmers market building, parking lot and playground in the coming year.

Proposals for building a permanent bathroom building were tabled due to high estimated construction costs.

The council can vote on the proposed budget at its September meeting.

The council also » PAGE 7



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The Berlin Town Council is seen on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024.

Joker and Amy:

The adoption story that was meant to be



HUNTER PAFFRATH

Joker showing off how he earned his name, alongside owner Amy Dunn

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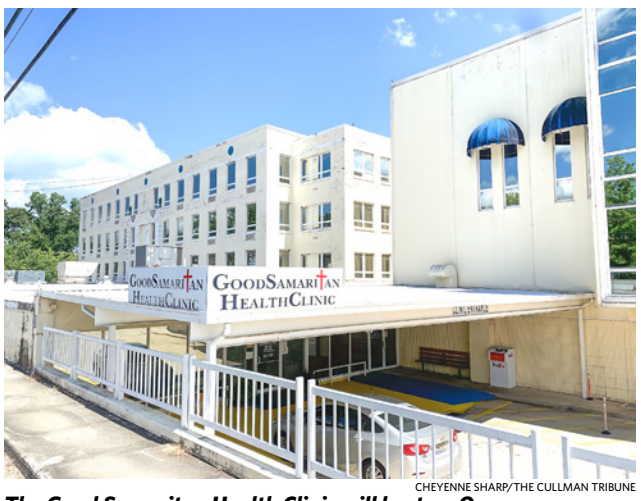
CULLMAN, Ala. — It's been one year since Amy Dunn of Cullman adopted Joker, the mustang. During this time, after plenty of head scratches, lots of laughs and tons of treats, they have forged a lifelong bond. Dunn adopted Joker at the Bureau of Land Management Wild Horse and Burro adoption event at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center in September 2023, but his journey to her began when he was born at the Northern Nevada Correctional Facility in January 2021.

Joker's mother had been brought to the facility after being removed from the Antelope Valley Herd Management Area in July 2020 during an emergency gather due to a lack of available forage and water on the range. Joker was cared for by inmate staff at the facility, where he was gelded, given proper veterinary » PAGE 5

Case dismissed against men accused of attempted kidnapping at Sportsman Lake Park

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Good Samaritan to host Open House ahead of 20th anniversary



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The Good Samaritan Health Clinic will host an Open House Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 21

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 21, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 15

- harassment; person

Aug. 19

- theft by deception-1st degree; First Southern Financial; cash
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Pet Supplies Plus; general merchandise; cash; 2nd Ave. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; $660; Olive St. SW

Aug. 20

- theft of property-2nd degree; Ulta Beauty; general merchandise; $1,839; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

Aug. 19-20

Cooper, Helen; 72

- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Gentry II, Jack C.; 26

- assault-2nd degree

Franklin, Stanley B.; 59

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

McClure, Jeffrey S.; 43

- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Waldrop, Wesley A.; 50

- GJ – leaving the scene of an accident w/injuries
- GJ – DUI
- GJ – assault-3rd degree (3 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Case (from Front)

Lauren Estes
lauren@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Two men who were charged with second-degree attempted kidnapping earlier this month saw the case dismissed on Monday, Aug. 19, at a preliminary hearing in the courtroom of Cullman County District Judge Rusty Turner.

Court documents obtained by The Tribune state: "The Court held a Preliminary Hearing today where the State was represented by the Hon. Nate Brock and the Defendant by the Hon. Michael Thornton. After hearing the testimony of Deputy Austin White the Court finds the State has failed to establish probable cause on the charge of Attempted Kidnapping 2nd degree. This case is dismissed and costs are remitted."

It was back on Sunday, Aug. 4, just before 4 p.m. when the Cullman County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of two suspicious individuals at Sportsman Lake Park.

According to the report, the two individuals were watching and following children around inside the park. The CCSO said the individuals allegedly attempted to use ice cream cones in an attempt to lure children away.

Deputies located the suspects and identified them as Robert Lee Hollis, 46, of Cullman, and Andrei Anatolyahch Gouchtchine, 37, of Cullman.

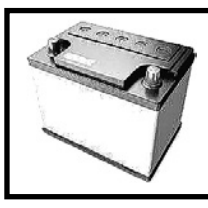
Deputies and investigators spoke with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office and both suspects were arrested and charged with second-degree attempted kidnapping.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said Monday, Aug. 19, that he stood by the arrests.

"I stand by the arresting officer's actions in these cases," he said. "We believed there was enough evidence for a jury to ultimately decide these cases, but the court disagreed."

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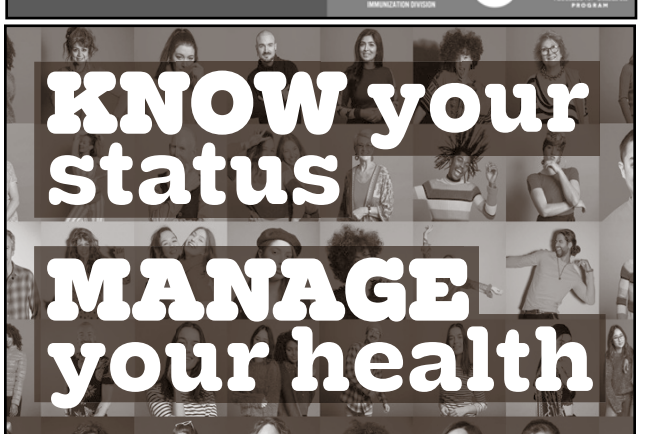
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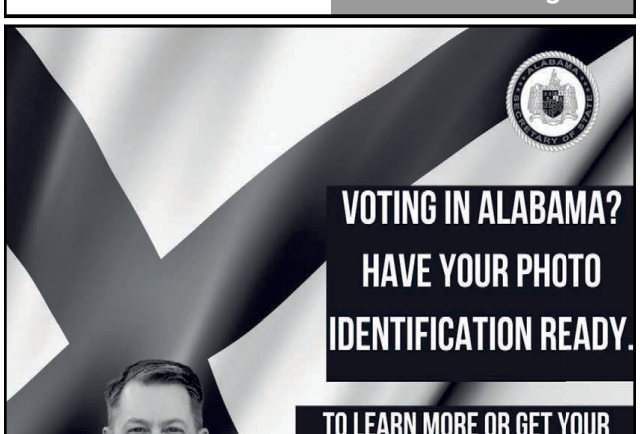

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Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

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.

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
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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.

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Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Parade and Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 2, at the Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Lineup for the parade starts at 10 at Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). The parade will start at 11. Anyone wanting to be in the parade is welcome, just be there at 10. Registration for the car show will start at 8 and will be $20 a vehicle and awards will be given out at 1. We encourage vendors to come and join us. Booths are on a first come, first served basis for $10. Food vendors are welcome this year at $50 a spot. We will have activities and a bouncy house for the kids. Cullman Police will be there with their helicopter. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us. Thank you for all your support. For more information, call William at 256- 385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

"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.

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UNA Football Notebook: Tight Ends

Mike Ezekiel
UNA Athletics

FLORENCE, Ala. – The University of North Alabama football team is just over a week away from competition, as the Lions wrap up fall camp this weekend and begin to turn attention to Week 0 opponent Southeast Missouri.

For the month of August leading up to opening week, RoarLions.com will release breakdowns of every position. Today's spotlight is on the tight end and h-back positions.

There are seven tight ends listed on the roster, including returners Kaleb Heatherly, Amarie Rogers and Nathan Brockway. Heatherly led the group last season with appearances in all 11 games with six starts, catching passes against Abilene Christian and Florida State.

He also led with three catches for 68 yards in the 2024 UNA Spring Game.

"We've got some great tight ends this year," said Heatherly.

"We've got some vertical threats and some guys that will mainly be in to block.

"We all have our own advantages and disadvantages, but we can all use them together to be great in the tight end room. Coach (Kevin) Wewers pushes us hard every day.

"We're always studying extra and trying to do extra on the field. I think it's going to be a great year for the tight ends."

The Lions added five newcomers in this group, including one international player in true freshman Braden Forscutt from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Forscutt is also a long snapper

The group is coached by offensive coordinator Kevin Wewers. He enters his second season at UNA and has previously worked with head coach Brent Dearmon at Bethel, Kansas and Florida Atlantic.

"I feel like sometimes (tight ends) are the unsung heroes," said Wewers.

"They don't always get their names called or get those passes thrown their way or carrying the ball, but we ask them to do a lot.

"They are the adjuster in our offense quite a bit, so they're always at the point of attack. For us to be successful, they have to be successful.

"They are a dedicated group of guys that are blue collar, show up to work every day and give everything they have for the program."



DREW BARTON/UNA ATHLETICS
Former Cullman standout Kaleb Heatherly (88)

WSCC Volleyball ready to spike into the 2024-2025 season

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Volleyball team, under the guidance of Head Coach Randy Daniel, is set to launch into the 2024-2025 season with high expectations. Entering his 18th year as head coach, Daniel has consistently led the Lady Lions to success, amassing 16 regular-season championships and 14 tournament championships. The team's first official game will take place on Aug. 22 at 6:30 p.m. EST, as they face Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tennessee.

Two sophomores who both played pivotal roles last season, Chloe Jackson of Athens and April Burgess of Alabaster, will return to the court this season.

Jackson, a middle blocker, had a standout season last year, playing in all 53 matches and totaling 184 sets. She was a full-time starter and made a significant impact with 220 kills, 150 blocks and 75 digs. Jackson's strong performance and leadership on the court were pivotal to the team's success, and she is anticipated to continue her key role this season.



WALLACE STATE

Burgess, an outside hitter, known for her versatility on the court, returns with experience and determination to elevate the team further. She played in 50 matches last season, totaling 170 sets. She recorded 250 kills, 185 digs and 45 service aces, making her a versatile and reliable contributor on both offense and defense. Burgess's all-around play was key to the team's success last year and she is expected to take on an even larger role this season.

Additionally, the team has welcomed sophomore transfer Valerie Rodriguez from Gillette College in Gillette, Wyoming. Originally from Kissimmee, Florida, Rodriguez is expected to strengthen the team's defense with her impressive stats, including 214 digs and 18 service aces during the 2023-2024 season at Gillette College.

As a sophomore, Jackson has embraced her role as a mentor for new teammates and has quickly become an important figure in the team's dynamic. Daniel said Jackson's team leadership extends beyond her impressive on-court statistics, and that her commitment to fostering team cohesion has made her an asset to the Lady Lions.

"Chloe Jackson is a great team leader who leads by example. She really is dedicated on and off the court, and she's hoping to lead this team to another championship," Daniel said.

Jackson, eager to lead by example, said she is excited to welcome all the new players as the team heads into the upcoming season.

"I'm really looking forward to all the new girls we brought in. Last year, during my freshman year, the recruiting was very local—no one lived more than two hours away. Now, we have girls from Florida and others who are a bit farther out. I am excited to bring together our different levels of experience, meet new people and form new relationships," said Jackson. "Last year, I was blessed with sophomores who did a great job of taking care of us, pushing us and setting a high standard, which ultimately led to a great season. They made us promise that when it was our turn to be sophomores, we'd do the same for the freshmen. To me, it is very important to hold them to a high standard and help them learn how the program works. I try to push them to be their best while also being their biggest fan. I think they are a very disciplined group and respect the program's history, which makes my job easier."

Daniel said he is optimistic about the team's potential, especially with the blend of experienced players and talented newcomers. Freshmen like Kailey Dickerson from Alexandria High School and Rachel Mecklenburg from Bob Jones High School have already shown they could be key contributors.

Dickerson, an outside hitter, recorded 227 kills and 47 aces in her senior year. Mecklenburg, a setter, showcased her skills with 252 digs and 44 blocks during her senior year at Bob Jones.

"We are working hard to get back into the groove as far as volleyball fundamentals are concerned. We have a lot of new faces joining us this season, so we are focusing on trying to find good chemistry on the court," said Daniel.

The Wallace State Volleyball team is ranked 12 in the NJCAA Division 2 Preseason rankings.

The team's first home game is set for Sept. 6 against Northeast Mississippi, followed by a match against Itawamba. Wallace State will also host several key tournaments, including the Wallace State Fall Bash, where they'll face Chattanooga State and Roane State on Sept. 20, and Vincennes and Walters State on Sept. 21.

Members of the 2024-2025 Wallace State Volleyball team include: Molly Shiflett of Corner; Chloe Jackson of Athens; Addison Delaney of Madison; Kailey Dickerson of Wellington; Amelia Fowler of Attalla; Amanda Monge of Davenport, Florida; April Burgess of Alabaster; Kaylee Roman of Deltona, Florida; Abby McDonald of Fairview; Valerie Rodriguez of Kissimmee, Florida; Ali Price of Rainsville; Ava Calvarese of Fairview; Rachel Mecklenburg of Madison; Aliana Quesada of Orlando, Florida.

The coaching staff includes Head Coach Randy Daniel, Assistant Coach Ella Claire Beard and Assistant Coach Makayla Lindsey, a former Wallace State player who graduated last year. Lauren Weber, who played last season, has returned this year as the team manager.

With a strong mix of leadership, talent and new energy, the Lady Lions are poised for another successful season as they work towards maintaining their tradition of excellence on the court.



SHE Collective to host SHEGathers Aug. 26

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Daystar Church and its small group SHE Collective are preparing for its largest "small" group gathering to date. The group, comprised of women from the church and community, will host the SHEGathers event on Monday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. at Daystar Church's Cullman campus.

The SHE Collective group began out of a need for women's connections and godly relationships in the community. Group organizers Stephanie Wood and Haley May are on a mission to bring more women into the collective and extend its reach with the SHEGathers Women's Event, full of inspirational speakers, food and fellowship, along with testimonials and prayer.

"At SHE Collective, we believe that despite our different backgrounds, we are all on the same journey of spiritual growth. Each month, we focus on the unique challenges women face, providing encouragement and biblical wisdom to navigate them together," shared May.

"One of our most anticipated events is SHEGathers, an annual gathering where women from all walks of life come together to connect, learn and be inspired.

"This year's SHEGathers event will feature special guest speaker Kaitlin Chappell Rogers, along with testimonies and a message from Stephanie Wood."

Attendees will hear messages and testimonies from local women in addition to the other fun spots at the event including a grazing board catered by Simply Deli Charcuterie, a fresh flower bar curated by local florist Velvet Summer, a photo booth to commemorate the evening, a bracelet-making station and mobile drink truck, Sweet Foam Alabama.

"We invite you to join us for this uplifting event and experience the strength and unity that comes from walking together in faith," smiled May.

The registration fee for SHEGathers is $30 per attendee; registration includes dinner, activities and childcare for the evening. Register at https://daystarchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2403876

Daystar Church is located at 200 Daystar Dr.

2 graduate Drug Court program

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Drug Court program recently announced two graduates of its program led by Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd and the Cullman County Drug Court staff.

The court offered its congratulations to its newest graduates Christina Ladner and "G.R."

Floyd said completing the program is a huge accomplishment.

"The fact is that not every individual who enters into the program successfully completes it," Floyd said. "When we post pictures of a graduate of the program, I want folks to know that this individual has been clean and sober for a period of at least 12 months. They have been drug screened on a random basis. They have met every requirement of our program with respect to intensive outpatient treatment and self-care at AA or NA."

Floyd said they have also completed at least 52 hours of service in the community.

"The two individuals who graduated this week were able to make it through their entire term of participation in our program without a single sanction or slip up between them," Floyd said. "They both did an excellent job and I was proud to have persons of their character in our program."



CONTRIBUTED

Pictured are Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd and Christina Ladner.

FAITH

'We need to follow Him every day': Cold Springs' Drew Dykes talks about his relationship with God

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BREMEN, Ala. — Drew Dykes is a senior at Cold Springs High School this year and in this interview, he talked about how God has helped shape him into the person that he is today. He shared his favorite Bible verse and has a couple of Godly role models in his life that he looks up to.

"He has changed my life in a big way. He's the only reason that I can live every day. I know that He died for me, and I could never repay that price back to Him, but the least I can do is try to honor Him in everything that I do. Even if I mess up, I know that He's still there for me, and He will get me through the highs and lows of life," Dykes said. "Isaiah 40:31 is probably my favorite. It just says that if we walk with Christ, He will guide us through anything that comes your way. If you trust in the Lord, you will soar on wings like eagles. You will run and not grow weary. You will walk and not faint," Dykes said. "My dad's one of my Godly role models, He's a preacher, and he is just a good Godly man who teaches me how to be better every day. I'm blessed to have him in my life, and I'm thankful for him every day. Coach Casey Howell is another one. He is just really good about reminding me and my teammates to always keep God first, no matter what."

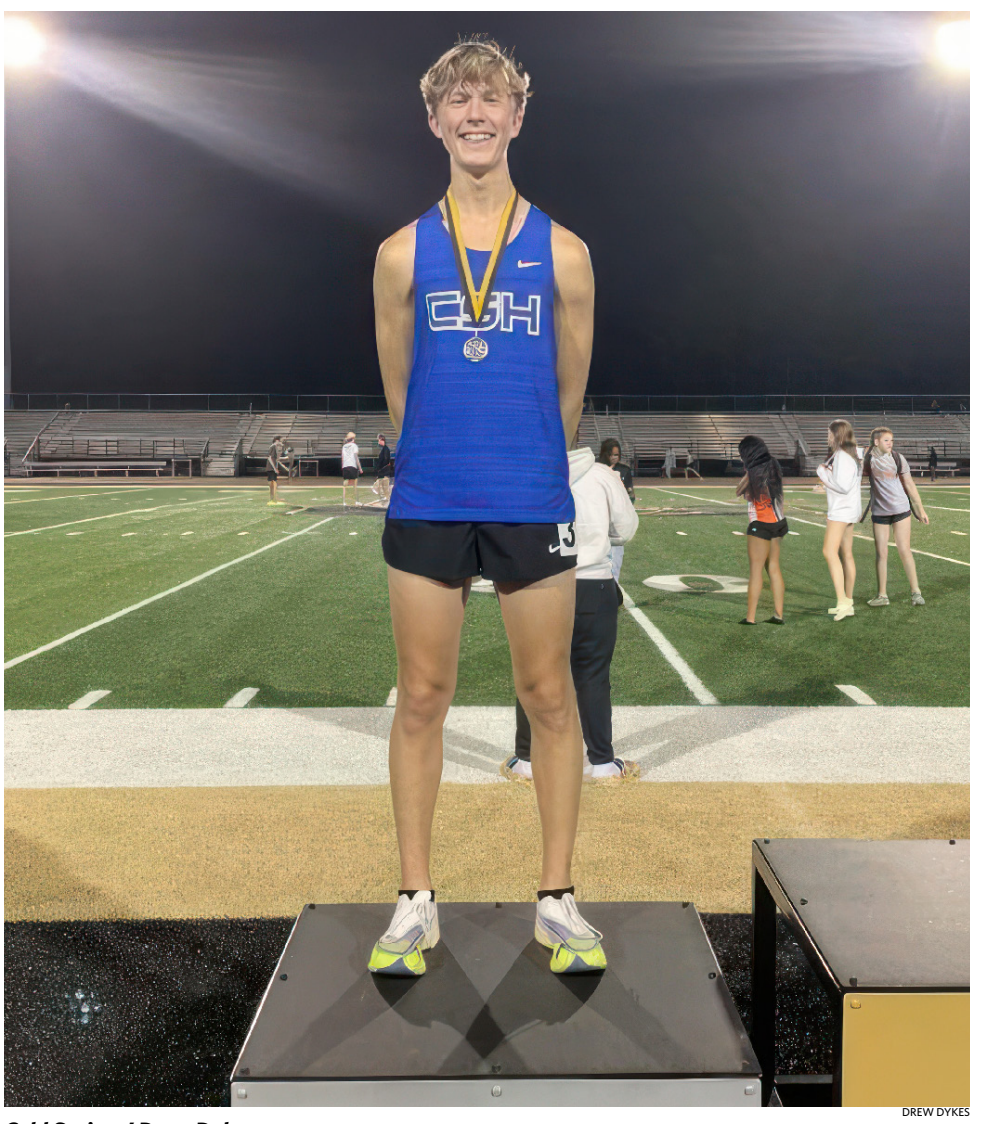
Drew wants to help people find God, and he is continuing to grow his faith every single day.

"I think it's very important to help them find God. If you start pouring into them while they are young, then they will have it with them as they get older. Growing up is hard, and I think having God by your side makes it a lot better," he said. "Growing in my faith and trying to be a good example that people can follow is something that I've been working on. I'm trying to be a good mentor for them. By no means am I perfect at all, but I just think that's what we all need right now: to be Godly people and Godly role models. I just think that it's great to teach people, especially in sports, to not just be good athletes, but good people, and following God helps with all of that."

Drew gave some advice to those people that want a relationship with God but don't quite know how to do that. He talked about some of the routines that he does with his team before a race, and what he has learned during his journey so far.

"Jesus paid the ultimate price by dying on the cross for our sins. We don't deserve it, but that's the great thing about Him: we don't have to. All he asks is that we take up our cross daily and follow Him. Yes, that's going to take sacrificing things of this world, but at the end of the day, it's all going to be worth it when we are in the kingdom of heaven with God," Dykes said.

"It's very hard, but He's the way, the truth, and the life, and we need to follow Him every day. When we mess up, He will forgive you. You just have to repent and turn away from those evil things. He is an all-loving God," he said. "We pray as a team before every race. What I've learned so far is that life is very hard, and you will try to search for answers in a lot of wrong things, but the only one that will never fail you is Jesus, and I truly believe that."



DREW DYKES

Cold Springs' Drew Dykes

Joker (from Front)

care and prepared for adoption.

In August 2023 shipment papers came through ordering Joker to head east to Cullman, with a stopover for rest at the Elm Creek, Nebraska Wild Horse and Burro Corral. He arrived in Cullman on Sept. 19, completing a roughly 2,300-mile journey from Carson City — the only place he had known until then.

As fate would have it, Dunn was searching for a new four-legged best friend when she came across "9074" (the neck tag number assigned to Joker by the BLM) at the adoption event.

"From the moment I saw 9074, I knew he was the one I'd be taking home," said Dunn.

"He was in the back of the pen playing with his water trough. It was so cute."

Dunn said she wanted to keep an open mind and check out the other available horses but realized she was just going through the motions as Joker was in the back of her mind the entire time.

"I was deciding on a name for him," Dunn said.

"Once we brought him home, he was super curious about everything and again playing with the water trough. That's when I decided the name Joker was the right fit for him."

Dunn admitted she was originally planning on training Joker and then finding him a new home within the community, but those plans changed when she fell head over heels for him.

"Joker is staying with me," said Dunn. "I love him. I am planning on coming back to the adoption this September to see if any other horses or burros catch my eye."

The Bureau of Land Management will return to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Sept. 19-21 and will be offering approximately 100 wild horses and burros for adoption.

Read more about the event at www.blm.gov/announcement/september-19-21-wild-horse-and-burro-event-cullman-alabama.



HUNTER PAFFRATH

Joker receiving much deserved affection from his mama, Amy Dunn.



‘Living legends’: Wild horse and burro adoption event Sept. 19-21 at Ag Center

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is set to host a wild horse and burro adoption event at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center in Cullman. The event, offering around 100 wild horses and burros gathered from western rangelands, will be open to the public from Sept. 19-20, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and Sept. 21, from 8 a.m.-noon.

“The BLM has placed nearly 300,000 wild horses and burros into private care since 1971,” said Southeastern States District Manager Robert Swithers. “This is an opportunity to provide a good home to one of America’s living legends.”

To qualify for adoption, applicants must be at least 18 years old and have no record of animal abuse.

Homes must provide a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with adequate access to food, water and shelter. Corral fences must meet specific height requirements: 6 feet for adult horses and 5 feet for yearlings. Additionally, trailers must be stock-type, covered and equipped with swing gates, as well as sturdy walls and floors.

BLM staff will be on-site to assist with the adoption process and provide information about the animals. Additionally, adopters can take advantage of the BLM’s Adoption Incentive Program, which offers $1,000 to those who successfully care for their adopted animal for one year.

For more information about the BLM’s Wild Horse and Burro Program, visit www.blm.gov/whb.



LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2024-207
SYBIL WILLIAMS *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Morris Williams, Personal Representative of the Estate of Sybil Williams, deceased, on the 20th 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.

Sybil Williams
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for the Personal Representative
407 2nd Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2024-249
MELBA KAY PIGG *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Gordon Dennis Pigg, Jr., Personal Representative of the Estate of Melba Kay Pigg, deceased, on the 6th 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.

Gordon Dennis Pigg, Jr.
Personal Representative

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

THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:) CASE NO: PC-2024-223
THE ESTATE OF:)
LEVI BENJAMIN LAWRENCE)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ROBBIN LAWRENCE, as personal Representative of the Estate of LEVI BENJAMIN LAWRENCE, deceased, on the 12th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE SAID Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

ROBBIN LAWRENCE
Personal Representative

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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 *
ZELDA ROSE LINDSEY, * CASE NO.: PC2024-161
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MELANIE ALENA RUSSELL, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF ZELDA ROSE LINDSEY, deceased, on the 12th 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.

Melanie Alena Russell
Personal Representative

Joseph T. Ritchey
Dentons Sirote PC
2311 Highland Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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DONE this 12th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

LEGALS

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

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

2012 Infiniti QX 56, Vin. #JN8AZ2NE2C9017459.

Abandoned date 05/28/24, was taken into possession and will be sold to the highest bidder for cash at the following address: 1073 County Road 1488, Cullman, Alabama, 35058 on August 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The seller shall have the right to reject any all bids.

Brenda Chastain
C/O Shay Persall Law, L.L.C.
611 7th Street SW
Cullman, AL 35055

NOTICE OF CIVIL ACTION

The representative for the Estate of Stephen Craig Lindsey, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.’s First Amended Complaint and other relief by October 14, 2024, or thereafter, a judgement by default may be entered against them in Case No.: CV-2023-900343.00, Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done the 15th day of August, 2024.

Lisa McSwain, Circuit Court Clerk
Court of Cullman County, Alabama

Felicia A. Long
Hill Hill Carter Franco Cole & Black, P.C.
425 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Attorney for Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Town of Dodge City
Advertisement for Bids

Sealed bids for the Town of Dodge City will be received until 2:00 p.m. on September 9, 2024, at the Dodge City Town Hall, 130 Howard Circle, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

Project for repaving County Road 223 which includes asphalt paving, binder, tack coat, striping, traffic control, milling and removing. Project covers 2 miles of asphalt for 112,980 sq. ft., along with 2 inches of binder for 10,000 sq. ft.

A cashier’s check or bid bond payable to the Town of Dodge City in an amount not less than 5% of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder’s proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of contract.

Bid documents may be obtained at the Town Hall of the Town of Dodge City, Alabama.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Town of Dodge City or copies thereof. All bidders must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Sec. 8, Code of Alabama 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Town of Dodge City; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Town of Dodge City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Town’s judgment, the best interests of the Town will thereby be promoted. All bidders must submit with his or her bid, a statement identifying the drawings and/or addendums encompassed by the bid amount.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
TED WAGNON, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 283
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Dawn Wagnon as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ted Wagnon, deceased, on the 6th day 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.

Dawn Wagnon
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
Attorney for Personal Representative

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Cullman, AL 35055
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC 2023-384
FREDDIE JOE STALLINGS, SR. *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Liudmila Stallings, Personal Representative of the Estate of Freddie Joe Stallins, Sr., deceased, on the 20th 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.

Liudmila Stallings
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 1st Avenue Se
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

CENTRAL ALABAMA ASPHALT
& CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC

August 20, 2024

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The Cullman Tribune

RE: Advertisement for Completion
Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Central Alabama Asphalt & Construction, LLC**., has completed the Contract for **Construction of the Town of Colony Road Resurfacing Project (CDBG Project No. SM-CM-PF-22-017)** for the **Town of Colony, Alabama**, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately be filed at P.O. Box 20766, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402 or Call Marcus Barr 205-239-7457.

This ad should run for Four weeks.

Sincerely,
Central Alabama Asphalt
& Construction Company, LLC
Skylar Robertson
Office Administrator
skylar@centralalabamaasphalt.com

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MELBA WALLING LINDSEY SCOTT, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2024-289

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Randall K. Lindsey, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Melba Walling Lindsey Scott, deceased, on the 20th day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DONE this the 20th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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Berlin (from Front)

voted to:

• Adopt a transportation plan under the Rebuild Alabama Act for work on Mt. Carmel Drive

• Make an addendum to it farmers market regulations exempting vendors with at least 50% homegrown produce from needing a business license, and requiring those selling food not at least 50% homegrown to meet health department regulations

• Donate $5,000 to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department for new radios

• Donate $475 to the North Alabama Agriplex

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Berlin Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Anastasia (from Front)

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Meet Anastasia, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week!

This beautiful 4-5-year old Husky may be a bit up tempo, as she is described as having medium energy, but she comes with a special trait. A dog like Anastasia is different; she pays close attention to what you're doing from a distance and acts on alert for those in her home.

When not on standby duty, she prefers to be where you are, nestled up close. When you go for a walk or lounge under a shade tree, she finds solace by your side.

Those caring for her said, "There is not a better therapy/companion dog anywhere!"

So live a little and take this beautiful watchdog turned lapdog home today.

If you arrive and she's been adopted, don't be discouraged as there are many furry friends waiting for their fur-ever families!

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

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

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

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House (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — This Sunday, Aug. 25, residents will have the opportunity to step inside one of the area's nonprofits, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic. The clinic and its staff have been preparing for an Open House to celebrate the clinic's 20th anniversary in the Cullman community, as well as the milestone of $1.9 million raised to aid in the construction of a new and state-of-the-art clinic building.

"The Open House is this Sunday; it's to celebrate 20 years of Good Samaritan Health Clinic," shared Executive Director Jolanda Hutson.

"It's very timely in that now we are in the middle of a capital campaign to build a new facility."

The new facility will be an estimated 5,050-square-foot clinic with four exam rooms, a cardio room to promote wellness and prevention, a drive-through medication dispensary and ample waiting area space that can be used for after-hours patient education.

Said Hutson, "The goal of this open house is for the community members who maybe don't know a lot of what Good Samaritan is about, who we serve, the services we provide and the impact we make on the community."

Since 2004, the clinic has treated thousands of Cullman County residents who are uninsured, whether by job loss or unemployment, financial constraints or the loss of coverage under a spouse's plan.

The Good Samaritan Health Clinic prides itself on offering exceptional care for the area's uninsured at no cost to the patient.

Through partnerships with other providers in the area, the clinicians at Good Samaritan are able act as primary care as well as treat chronic and long-term illnesses and disabilities.

Twice a year, the Lions Club International Mobile Eye Clinic makes a stop at Good Samaritan to outfit residents in need with a free pair of correctly fitting and prescribed eyeglasses. Acute and urgent care, dental screenings, mental health services, hearing evaluations and other referrals for services are also available to Good Samaritan clients.

"A lot of people who are uninsured are just one diagnosis away from despair and fear and anxiety and possible financial dire straits," Hutson said.

"We want to come alongside them to encourage them and assist them to get the health care they need."

To register for the Good Samaritan Health Clinic's Open House on Aug. 25, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com or email jhutson@goodsamaritancullman.com. Open House times are 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

The clinic is located at 401 Arnold St. NE, Ste. A, in Cullman.

To donate to the clinic's capital campaign, visit https://good-samaritan-health-clinic-of-cullman-inc.networkforgood.com/projects/223335-capital-campaign-for-new-clinic.

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 20-21

Wreathel Evans Hogan, 100
Funeral Service for Wreathel Evans Hogan, age 100 of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Greg Standridge officiating; Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Hogan passed away on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at her residence. She was born, Aug. 8, 1924, to Moses Evans and Blanch Willingham Evans. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons Michael Hogan and Marcus Hogan and brother Pascal Evans. Survivors are her daughter, Madran Hogan; son, Randall Hogan; granddaughters, Tilisa Johnson, Karen (Gerad) Pinion and Kimberly Hogan (Wesley) McCravy; grandsons, Mark (Keshia) Johnson, Adam Hogan and Jonathan Hogan; 12 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren.

Ronald "Ronnie" Lee Knott, 70
In Loving Memory of Ronald "Ronnie" Lee Knott (70) | May 20, 1954 ~ August 18, 2024. The family of Mr. Knott will welcome friends for a visitation from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Survivors include his wife, Karon Knott; children, Angela Eady (Michael), Tyler Knott (Lindsey); grandchildren, Sierra Eady-Carroll, Grayson Eady, Declan Knott, Ethan Knott; and brother, Johnny Milligan. Mr. Knott was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Knott Grier; siblings, Shelia Boatright, Sharon Parrish, Randall Boatright, and Allen Boatright. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Knott Family.

Melba J. Mann McSwain, 86
Melba J. Mann McSwain, age 86 of Cullman, died Monday, Aug. 19, 2024. Mrs. McSwain was preceded in death by her husband, Dwight McSwain; and her daughter, Sandy McSwain. She is survived by her children: Vicki Branch (David) and Mitch McSwain (Dorothy); sister, Marilyn Blankenship; brother, Ricky Mann; special niece, Glenda Hardiman; five grandchildren: Nicole Robertson (Joey), Roxanne Mauldin (Heath), Judd Branch (Jennifer), Megan Britton (Cory), and Kaleb McSwain (Mariah); and 18 great grandchildren. The graveside celebration of Mrs. McSwain's life will be Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Gideon's International or to First Baptist Church of Cullman Building Fund. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Tamara Peinhardt White, 58
Funeral Service for Tamara Peinhardt White, age 58 of Logan, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, 2024, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Rev. John Richter officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. White passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024. She was born, June 7, 1966, to Eddie Peinhardt and Rebecca Laminack Peinhardt. She was preceded in death by her grandparent's, Carl (Irene) Peinhardt and Atha (Oscar) Laminack and her aunts, Patricia Peinhardt and Carolyn Peinhardt Johnson. Survivors include her parents; husband, John White; daughters Carlie (Austin) Warnke and Katie White and son, Jake (Kendra) White; grandchild, S.J. Townson; sisters, Jennifer (Samuel) Tucker and Sabrina (Adam) Hudson and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Tamara was an exceptional wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend to all. Please make all donations to Peinhardt Living History Farm.

Thomas Clayton Martin, 92
Thomas Clayton Martin, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024. A celebration of life visitation for Thomas will be held Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, from 2-3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 3 p.m. Thomas will be laid to rest in Central Baptist Church Cemetery, 8309 Micklewright Rd, Trussville, AL.

David Davis, 70
David Davis passed away on Aug. 2, 2024, at the age of 70, in Cullman, Alabama. Born on Dec. 25, 1953, David dedicated many years of his life to R.E. Garrison as a truck driver, a career that was both demanding and fulfilling for him. He is survived by his loving children, Kimberly Sharp (Jeremy), Chase Bales (Bobby), and Rachel Wilson (Treinidy). His siblings, Laura Washburn (Benny), Richard Davis (Julie), and Randall Davis, also survive him. David was blessed with many grandchildren along his life. David was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Mildred Davis, and his sibling, Carol Rusk. His family and friends will forever remember his steadfast presence and the love he shared with them.

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