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Local agricultural business employing drone tech

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Peinhardt Living History Farm recently partnered with retired Assistant Cullman Police Chief Jason Mickle and his crop spraying business Sky Spray for crop protection.

Mickle said this is the first season for Sky Spray, which uses drone technology, and the first time he has sprayed at Peinhardt Farm.

"My partner, Chris Thrasher, and I want to thank Peinhardt Farms for reaching out and trusting us to provide this service," Mickle said. "We also want to thank Peinhardt Farms for all they have done over the years for the children of this community and know what a difficult decision it was to cancel this year's events. We will be praying for healing and comfort for their family." (Peinhardt Living History Farm recently announced the cancellation of its public and school activities for this fall.) » PAGE 3



JASON MICKLE

Sky Spray recently partnered with Peinhardt Living History Farm to spray its crops.

AT&T strike continues in Cullman



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

AT&T workers can be seen on strike Friday, Aug. 23, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A group of 20-30 people were posted along U.S. Highway 31 North near the old Quincy's property, on strike citing unfair labor practices at AT&T.

An un-named Cullman man told The Tribune it was a "bargaining strike" — because there is not someone who is at the table who is able to present negotiations.

"This strike includes 17,000 people in nine states within the AT&T business that work in land line, fiber, construction, office workers and more," he said.

Locally represented, he said, are workers from Cullman, Birmingham and Huntsville.

"We are striking for unfair labor practice, and bargaining in bad faith," he said. "This started last Friday at 2 p.m. and we have been out here every day since."

The group said it will be there until a fair deal is reached.



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Cullman Community Theatre presents 'The Sound of Music'



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 23

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 23, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 19

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
- theft of property; CR 1288
- theft of property; CR 823
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
- theft of property; I65NB MM290
- trafficking drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 67
- stalking; CR 1130
- domestic violence; CR 222
- burglary; CR 569
- theft of property; Hwy. 69
- domestic violence; CR 359

Aug. 20

- theft of property; CR 734
- domestic violence; CR 1756
- harassment; CR 813
- sell/distribute drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 813
- theft of property; CR 1806
- harassment; CR 220
- trespassing; harassment; Hwy. 91
- assault; 2nd Ave. SW

Aug. 21

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- theft of property; CR 385
- domestic violence; CR 468
- domestic violence; Tillery Rd.
- burglary; CR 1488
- harassing communications; Hwy. 69S
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 702
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Hwy. 69N

ARRESTS

Aug. 19-21

Brown, Anthony T.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bryant, Lijah B.; 47
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Chiles, Lakisha D.; 43
- GJ – assault-child abuse-simply-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Criscoe, James M.; 36
- attempting to elude law enforcement officers – serious injury or death
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – open container – alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Dahl, David E.; 34
- burglary-non-residence-force
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Edgil, Billy R.; 62
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Ford, David L.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – speeding-no workers-construction zone

Hyde, Ashley B.; 46
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Johns, Jessica J.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs

McClure, James W.; 50
- FTA – failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- violation of registration of rabies
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- resisting arrest

Motherway, Michael A.; 35
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- DUI (alcohol)

Shikle, Candice M.; 47
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- resisting arrest
- obstruction-governmental operations

Sterling Jr., Bobby J.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Tackett, Erin K.; 24
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Tarvin, Daniel J.; 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Vandegriff, Tanya R.; 46
- FTA – speeding-no workers-construction zone

Waldrop, Wesley A.; 50
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – violation of a domestic violence protection order

Willingham, Larry S.; 49
- assault-domestic-coercion (harassment/intimidation)

Willingham, Tyren S.; 27
- FTA – open container-alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – operating vehicle with improper tires
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Woerner, Tyler H.; 32
- sell/distribute of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 17
- harassment; person

Aug. 20
- forgery-2nd degree; theft of property-1st degree; McCaw Precision Machining Inc.; forged check

Aug. 21
- identity theft; person
- harassment; person; St. Joseph St. NW

Aug. 22
- theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; $6,246; Marie St. NW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '09 Dodge Ram; $300; 3rd St. SE
- retail theft of property-2nd degree; Belk; general merchandise; $1,154; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

Aug. 21-22

Criscoe, James M.; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – attempting to elude
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Vandegriff, Tanya R.; 46
- FTA – driving while suspended

Willingham, Tyren S.; 27
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA – driving while suspended
- FTA – insurance violation

Harbison, Patrick L.; 54
- FTA – DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

List (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County recently released an updated list of food resources in the area. With the emergence of more and more "Little Free Pantries" across the county, assistance for those in need is usually never more than a few miles away.

Cullman County is currently home to more than 25 food pantries. Larger food assistance organizations such as Cullman Caring for Kids and The Pantry at The Link and the many church-based programs operate on a volunteer basis to assist neighbors in need with selecting food items.

Cullman's Free Little Pantries are stocked and used by individuals in the area, with food and resources being self-served.

"United Way of Cullman County is excited to share our updated list of Little Food Pantries and local food banks, featuring some of our partner agencies like Cullman Caring for Kids, The Link of Cullman County and Wallace State Cares Lion's Kitchen," shared United Way of Cullman County Resource Development & Outreach Director Taylor Johnson.

"Everyone deserves to have reliable access to food, and we hope this list will be a helpful resource for families in our schools and the community.

"Please use these services if you need them and donate if you can. Together, we can make a difference."

Little Free Pantries can be found at:

- Dodge City behind Jack's
- Chris Heart Pantry behind Vinemont Volunteer Fire Department
- East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Emeus Baptist Church
- First United Methodist Church of Cullman
- Flint Creek Baptist Church in Vinemont
- Blessing Box at Good Hope City Hall
- Hope Pantry in Hanceville, near Hanceville Police Station
- Hanceville Public Library
- Mary Carter Store in Cullman
- Ryan's Creek Baptist Church
- Spring Hill Baptist Church
- St. Andrew's Methodist Church
- West Point Community Center

Volunteer-based food pantries and assistance can be found at:

St. Vincent de Paul
201 Third Ave. SE
256-737-5131
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
9-11:45 a.m.

The Pantry at The Link
708 Ninth St. SE
256-775-0028
Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Cullman Caring for Kids
402 Arnold St. NE
256-739-1111
Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m.

Cullman Caring for Kids Mobile Food Pantry
First Wednesday-Colony
Second Wednesday- Crane Hill
Third Wednesday- Baileyton

Hillside Baptist Church
23654 U.S. Highway 31 Falkville
256-338-6085
Call for assistance

The Crossing
1503 Second St. SW
256-709-2780
Tuesday and Thursday
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Unsheltered International
479 County Road 827
256-841-5229
Monday
9 a.m.-noon

Northbrook Caring Center
1629 Second Ave.
256-737-7757
Tuesday
9-11:30 a.m.
Thursday
5:30-7 p.m.

Cullman First United Methodist Church
320 Third St. SE
256-734-6690
Third Saturday
8:30-11 a.m.

Cullman First Baptist Church
501 Second Ave. SW
256-734-5632
Third Saturday
8:30-11 a.m.

Holly Pond First Baptist Church
10751 U.S. Highway 278
256-796-6161
Second Saturday
8:30-10:30 a.m.

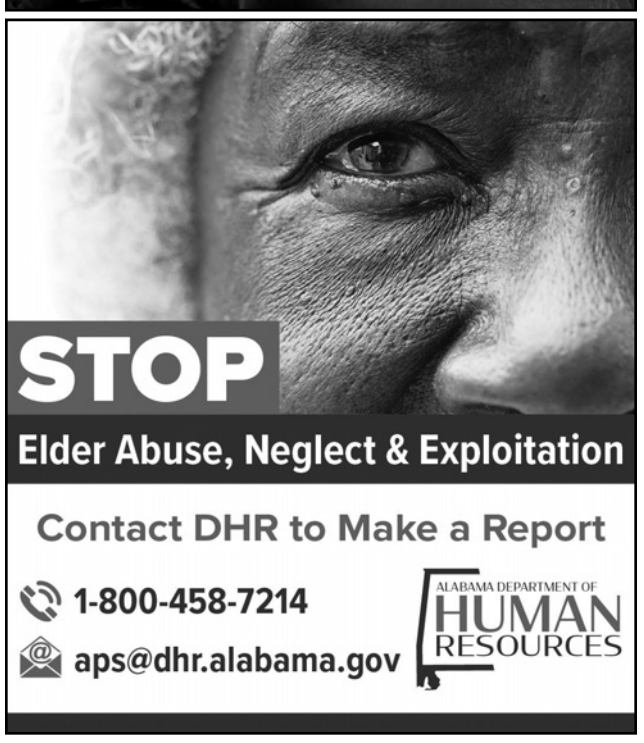
Hanceville First United Methodist Church
704 Commercial St.
256-352-5536
Second Saturday
8-10 a.m.

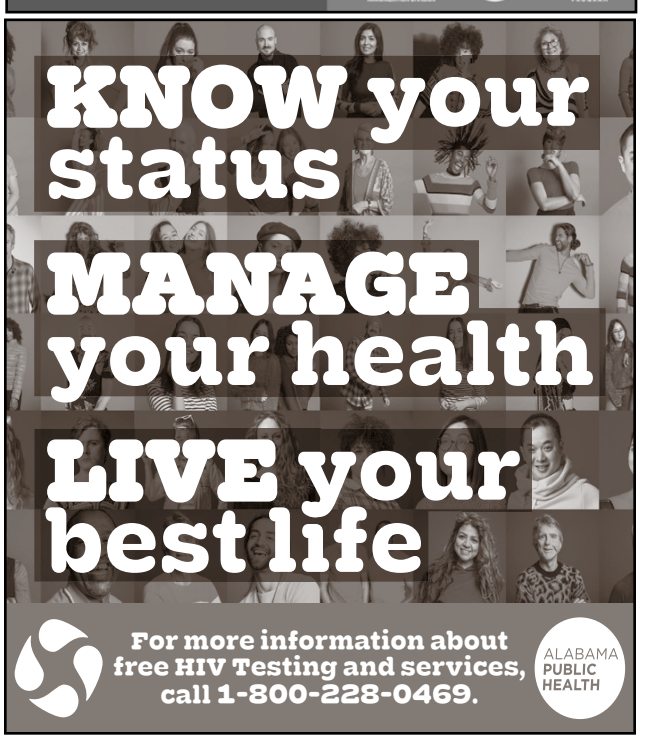
Spirit Life Church of God
1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW
256-739-3326
Third Saturday
9-11 a.m.













Tech (from Front)

Mickle said Sky Spray sprayed fungicide and insecticide on a patch of pumpkins and small area of sorghum at the farm.

"The fungicide is to kill and prevent the growth of fungi which can lead to different types of rusts, blights and mildews which can damage the plants," he said. "The insecticides were for army worms which are rampant right now in Cullman County. The majority of spraying I have done recently has targeted these worms. They can decimate crops and pasture overnight it seems."

Sky Spray uses a DJI AGRAS T40 spray drone.

"It can spray pesticides on row crops, pasture and right of ways," Mickle said. "It also has a dry hopper for spreading cover crops and dry fertilizer. The drone is battery powered, using a generator to recharge a rotation of three batteries. The drone allows us to operate when fields are wet, and we can do so without damaging the crop or compacting the soil. For row crops this means higher yields. The drone is precise, using GPS and RTK to create accurate mapping and grid patterns. This produces uniform and consistent application of pesticides and cover crops which lowers input cost on chemical and seed."

Mickle shared that although drones in agriculture are probably new to most people, they have been used extensively in the Midwest and other areas of the country, spraying hundreds of thousands of acres.

"This technology improves every year and will only expand in the future," Mickle said. "Very excited to be working with the people of Peinhardt and the history they give to Cullman."

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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.
• 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
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.

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!

Aveanna Hospice & Home Health Tailgate-Style Community Lunch
Tuesday, Aug. 27, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aveanna Hospice of Cullman, 407 Fourth Ave. SW, Cullman. RSVP by calling us at 256-739-2588. Aveanna Hospice. Stop in and say hello, grab a lunch and register for door prizes!

Cullman County Cattlemen's and Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale
Friday and Saturday, Aug. 30-31, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are a $10 donation. Add chips and drink $1 each. Place advance orders by calling Edwin Calvert at 256-595-7608.

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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Dispatcher (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman County coroner is investigating the death of Hanceville dispatcher Christopher Michael Willingham, 49, of Hanceville.

According to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick, Willingham was found Friday, Aug. 23, deceased in his office just after 11 a.m.

"The cause and manner of death are pending," Kilpatrick said.

A post on the Cullman County Coroner's Office Facebook page read, in part, "On Friday August 23, 2024 the Cullman County Coroner's Office responded to Hanceville Police Department to investigate the death of an employee found unresponsive in an office.

"The employee was identified as Christopher Michael Willingham 49 of Hanceville. He was a dispatch supervisor."

According to the post, the Hanceville Police Department requested the nearby Wallace State Community College Police Department conduct the investigation.

This story is complete as of press time.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Bearcats drop season opener at Bob Jones 48-12

Gary McGriff
Correspondent

MADISON, Ala. — Cullman traveled to Bob Jones to kick off the 2024 season against the Patriots Thursday night but unfortunately for Bearcat fans, the Patriots jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter and Cullman was unable to climb back from the early deficit. Bob Jones led 20-6 at halftime and went on the hand the 'Cats a 48-12 loss.

Cullman kicked off to Bob Jones. During the run back, a personal foul penalty against Bob Jones resulted in a disqualified player and Bob Jones with the ball at their own 10-yard line. The Patriots wasted little time as Rhys Dorsey broke off a 90-yard touchdown run and with only 16 seconds off the game clock, Bob jones took a 7-0 lead after a successful PAT.

On the ensuing kickoff, Chance Hausler had a 38-yard kickoff return to put the Bearcats near midfield. Cullman's offense failed to get positive yardage and punted the ball after three plays.

The Patriots took over on their 20-yard line. It took five plays, and the results were the same as Bob Jones scored a touchdown on a 52-yard touchdown pass play from Johnston Jackson to Dorsey.

The PAT was no good and with 9:11 left in the first quarter Bob Jones extended their lead to 13-0.

Cullman put together a 12-play drive and were unable to score. Punter Tyler Brock had a great punt that put Bob Jones deep in their own end of the field at the nine-yard line.

After a Bob Jones punt, Cullman put together a 52-yard scoring drive when Cooper Ogstad scored on a seven-yard run. The PAT was missed, and Bearcats closed the score to 13-6 with 8:37 left in the half.

The Patriots ended the first half scoring with a 90-yard touchdown, 13 play drive when Jackson threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Samuel Monroe.

With the successful PAT, the Patriots took a 20-6 halftime lead.

Both defenses played well in the third quarter. Near the end of the third quarter, the Patriots had the ball on their own 34-yard line.

Four plays later, Jackson scored on a 40-yard touchdown run. The PAT was good, and Bob Jones led 27-6 with 2:10 left in the third quarter.

Cullman took over deep in their own end of the field. Three plays later, a Bearcat punt was fielded short on the Cullman 20-yard line by Aaron Mitchell, and he scored a touchdown with under a minute to play in the third quarter. The PAT was good and the lead for the Patriots was 34-6.

Assisted by an unsportsmanlike penalty on Bob Jones, the Bearcats took over on their own 45-yard line.

As the fourth quarter began, Cullman completed a four play 55-yard touchdown when Preston Gay threw a 43-yard pass to Ogstad. After the missed PAT, the score was 34-12 with 11:01 left in the game.

Bob Jones completed the scoring with another touchdown pass from Jackson to make it 48-12 with 4:46 left in the game.

Cullman will return home next week to host Mortimer Jordan.



JOELLE BROOKS

The Cullman Bearcats fell on the road to Bob Jones 48-12 Thursday night.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont opens season with wins over Columbia, Cullman Christian

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont tipped off the 2024 season at home Thursday afternoon and in their first matches under new head coach Bobby Daniels, the Lady Eagles collected a pair of wins over Columbia and Cullman Christian to get off to a 2-0 start.

Vinemont 2 - Columbia 0 (First match)

It was back-and-forth early on in the first set between Vinemont and Columbia. Columbia held a slim 4-3 lead, but a pair of points by Carley Stephens and an ace by Caroline Miller gave them a 7-4 lead.

They continued to create some distance between them and Columbia. Morgan Flanagan picked up a point and back-to-back kills, and Addison Holcomb collected a pair of points as well, and Vinemont pushed their lead to 12-5.

Flanagan continued to rack up the points in the first set, as she collected four aces to help stretch Vinemont's lead to 18-6. An ace from Reagan Robinson and a pair of points by Flanagan helped seal the 25-10 win for Vinemont in the first set.

In the second set, Vinemont quickly fell behind 3-0 and were down 6-2 at one point. Columbia held an 8-5 lead, but Holcomb picked up a point and back-to-back aces to tie things up at eight.

Later on in the set, Abby Kuykendall collected an ace, Flanagan picked up a point, and Arleigh Thomason added a kill to give Vinemont a 14-12 lead.

Miller would later add back-to-back aces to make it 17-13. A kill by Holcomb, later followed by a point by Mabri Smith, stretched Vinemont's lead to 23-17. Jayden Friedrick's ace helped Vinemont finish off their sweep of Columbia, 25-17.

In the first set, Flanagan led the way with four points, four aces, and a pair of kills. Stephens added a pair of points and a kill, and Holcomb finished with a trio of points.

In the second set, Holcomb finished with a pair of aces, a kill, and a point, and Flanagan added a pair of points and a kill in the win.

Vinemont 2 - Cullman Christian 0 (Second match)

It went back-and-forth for a while between Vinemont and Cullman Christian in the first set. Cullman Christian held onto a slim 8-6 lead, but three straight points by the Lady Eagles, including back-to-back kills by Thomason and Flanagan, gave them a 9-8 lead. Later on in the set, Mabri Smith picked up back-to-back aces to make it 12-9. Vinemont looked to pull away in the end.

A kill by Holcomb and an ace by Stephens made it 20-12, but the Lady Lions cut it to 22-15.

They wouldn't get any closer after that, though, as Robinson collected a point and Smith's third ace of the set gave Vinemont the 25-15 win in the first set.

The second set saw Cullman Christian jump out to a quick 7-0 lead. They pushed their lead to 8-2, but the Lady Eagles looked to fight their way back into the contest. Stephens picked up a point, and Flanagan collected back-to-back aces to cut it to 8-5. Later on in the set, the Lady Lions stretched their lead to 14-9, but a point by Flanagan and an ace by Robinson helped Vinemont trim the Lady Lion lead to 14-13. Once again, though, Cullman Christian pushed their lead back up to five at 18-13.

The Lady Lions held a 20-17 lead late in the set, but four straight points by the Lady Eagles, including a point by Stephens gave them a 21-20 lead.

The Lady Lions got the lead right back at 22-21, but led by a pair of aces by Miller, Vinemont grabbed a 24-22 lead. They went on to take the second set, 25-23, to finish off their sweep of Cullman Christian.

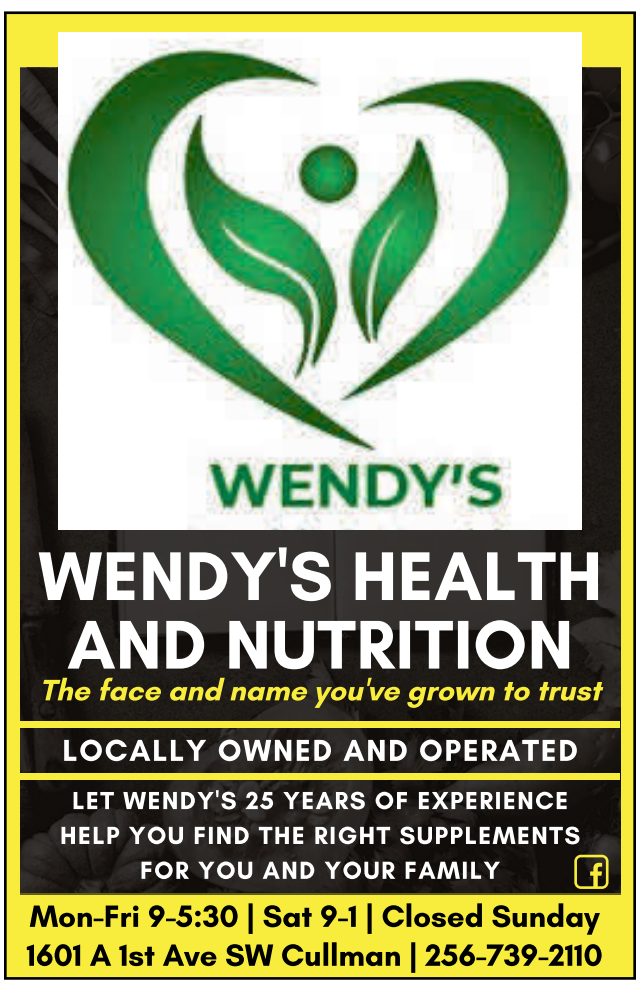
In the first set, Smith led the way with a trio of aces. Stephens added a pair of points and an ace, while Flanagan collected a pair of points and a kill. In the second set, Flanagan finished with a pair of aces and a point. Stephens and Holcomb each added an ace, a kill, and a point, while Miller ended up with a pair of aces in the win.

Vinemont will remain home to host a tournament Saturday.



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Vinemont's Addison Holcomb knocks one back over the net during the Lady Eagles' 2-0 win over Cullman Christian Thursday.







Join the 10th annual Divino Nino Festival at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Aug. 31

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The 10th Annual Divino Nino Festival will take place on Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. This year's festival holds special significance as it coincides with the 25th anniversary of the Shrine.

"As the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament turns 25 this year, we're also celebrating another anniversary – our 10th Annual Divino Nino Festival! Join us as we celebrate The Word becoming flesh, as a child – the Divine Child!" said the Shrine.

The Divino Nino devotion at the Shrine began with Mother Angelica's experience during a visit to a shrine dedicated to the Divine Child in Bogota, Colombia, in 1996. While praying before a statue of the Holy Infant, she felt as though it moved and heard the words, "Build me a temple and I will help those who help you." This vision led to the construction of the Shrine, which has since become a place of deep spiritual significance to people far and wide.

In 2014, the Nuns of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery began hosting the annual Divino Nino Festival to honor the Divine Child Jesus, with a bilingual focus to reflect Mother Angelica's experience in Colombia. Held on the Saturday closest to the Feast of the Divino Niño, the festival centers on encountering Christ through Mass, a Eucharistic Healing Service and joyful celebrations like balloons, cake and a procession, making it a day of spiritual and communal joy for all ages.

"I want very much to spread devotion to the Divine Child Jesus. Not only is He powerful, but what you and I need is family and that Child Jesus will make us one again. He will put love in our hearts, where it should be," Mother Angelica said in celebration of the love of God as the Divine Child Jesus.

The festival will begin at 9 a.m. with concurrent talks on the Child Jesus, delivered by Fr. Patrick Mary, MFVA in English, and Fr. Jim Hedderman in Spanish. A full schedule of events can be found below or on the official Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament website.

Schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Concurrent talks on the Child Jesus
  - o English Talk - Fr. Patrick Mary, MFVA
  Spanish Talk - Fr. Jim Hedderman
- Confessions available
- 10 a.m. Kids' event: A Rosary of Joy with Totus Tuus (Must be accompanied by parent)
- 10:30 a.m. - Rosary with the Poor Clare Nuns
- 11 a.m. - Festival Mass, Procession to Divino Nino Statue and Blessing of the Children
- 12:30 p.m. - Lunch available for purchase and Divino Nino Cake
- 12:30 p.m. Kids' lunchtime songs and fun (Must be accompanied by parent)
- 2 p.m. - Eucharistic Healing Service
- 3 p.m. - Confessions available

For more information and the full schedule of events, visit www.olamshrine.com/preview/96-divino-nino-festival or call 256-352-6267. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is located at 3224 County Road 548, Hanceville, AL, 35077.



SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Statue of Child Jesus located in Piazza of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville

Theatre (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Community Theatre on Thursday opened its production of "The Sound of Music" at Cullman High School. Well received by a large weeknight audience, the show continues with performances at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday.

The group's description describes the show as "A tuneful, heartwarming story, based on the real life experiences of the Von Trapp Family singers, one of the world's best-known concert groups in the era immediately preceding World War II. The musical tells the story of Maria, who takes a job as governess to a large family while she decides whether to become a nun. She falls in love with the children and their widowed father, Captain von Trapp. He is ordered to accept a commission in the German navy, but he opposes the Nazis."

"I am very proud of this production," said Director Wayne Cook. "We want it to communicate to this community that theater is alive and well and thriving in our county. We believe 'The Sound of Music' is a milestone production, and will set the tone for the future of CCT. There has been a lot of hard work, a lot of people sharing their creative gifts, and a lot of divine intervention that has gone into this show. These people are so tremendous. This county has so much talent."

While opening night had a few bugs, they were minor, and the overall production was well above what one might expect in community theater, and well within the high standards that Cullman has come to expect from Cook and his team.

Cook told The Tribune, "I want to thank our production team. They have poured their hearts into this show and that is what it takes. They have been rockstars. We hope the community will come out for the final three productions, and celebrate our community and the arts. As I said, we see this as a milestone show that will continue to build a stronger investment in the arts for our town."

Principal cast

- Paige Harbison Clabo - Maria
- Mark Preiss - Captain Von Trapp
- Savannah Smith Seay - Baroness Schraeder
- Grant Holland - Max Detwiller
- Zach McCabe - Franz the butler
- Shellie Vines - Frau Schmidt
- Kim Trelles - Mother Abbess
- Ava Fales and Bailee Henderson - Liesl
- Brenden Preiss and Levi Stricklin - Rolf
- Anne Lunsford and Tori Glover - Louisa
- Graham Wright and James Olson - Kurt
- Cadan Fales and Isaac Heinze - Frederich
- Addi Southerland and Lucy Bates - Bridgetts
- Noah Cofield and Lorelai Johnston - Marta
- Avery Mae Sparks and Kate Higginbotham - Gretl
- Sam Jones - Herr Zeller
- Lauren Preiss - Frau Zeller
- Sarah Glover - Sister Berthe
- Madalyn Jordan - Sister Sophia
- Bre Turner - Sister Margaretta

At a glance

- Cullman Community Theatre presents "The Sound of Music"
- Cullman High School auditorium
- Saturday, Aug. 24, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m.
- General admission tickets available at https://cullmanct.booktix.com for $12 in advance.
- Admission is $15 at the door.
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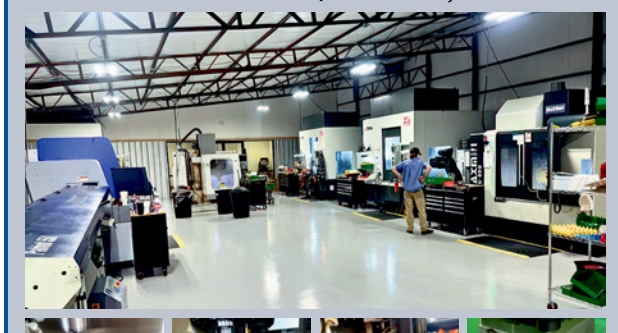
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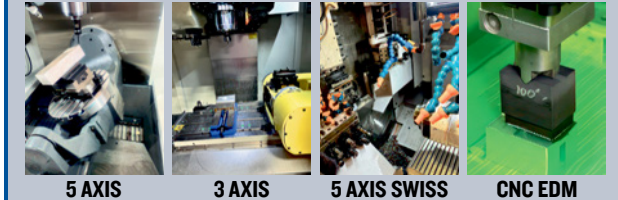
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Park (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman on Friday announced the relocation of the dog park at Heritage Park to a new, enhanced location at Ingle Park on the east side of Championship Field.

The new dog park will feature a larger area that includes shaded spaces, new equipment for dogs to enjoy and a conveniently located parking lot that is closer to the park.

These improvements are designed to make the park more accessible and enjoyable for all residents and their furry companions. The project is estimated to be completed by November 2024.

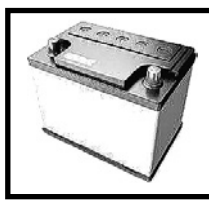
Mayor Woody Jacobs expressed enthusiasm for the project, stating, "Having shade at the dog park has been a need for a long time, and we are thrilled to finally bring this project to fruition. This new facility will provide a better experience for our community and their pets."

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson added, "We are pleased we'll be able to refurbish the old equipment from Heritage Park for a future project at East Side Park.

"This not only promotes sustainability, but also enhances our recreational offerings throughout the city."

City Councilman Clint Hollingsworth shared his personal connection to the park, saying, "As a dog lover, I enjoy taking my German Shorthaired Pointer, Wilkes, to the dog park and I believe this new location will be a great benefit to fellow dog lovers in our community."

Residents are encouraged to visit the new dog park once it opens and to take advantage of the improved amenities.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA MOORE, Deceased. — **Case Number: PC2024-238**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Linda Moore, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 22nd day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Douglas Owen Moore
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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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, Deceased. — CASE NO. PC2023-345

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:
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JOHN GORDEN COOK, Deceased. — **Case Number: PC2024-250**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of John Gorden Cook, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Janet Leah Thomas and Sheila Denice Slatton
Co-Personal Representatives

Tonya C. Palmer
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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 Larry Joe Crawford, Deceased — Case No. PC 2024-296

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Randy Lee Crawford as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry Joe Crawford, deceased, on the 22nd day of August, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Personal Representative
Randy Lee Crawford

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate/Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-294

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CONNIE McSWAIN ALLEN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Lawrence E. McSwain on the 22nd 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.

Lawrence E. McSwain
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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.

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Attorney for the Estate of
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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

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
Co-Personal Representatives

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CARLES LEMEUL FARR, Deceased. — CASE NO PC 2024-123

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE and FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY and AMENDED PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE and FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: **CARLES MATTHEW FARR, DONNA RENEE STANDRIDGE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES**

Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary filed by Shirley Renae Williams Farr, Petitioner, *and Amended Petition to Admit Will to Probate and for Letters Testamentary* filed by Melvin Hasting, Attorney for the Petitioner, has been scheduled for the **25th 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 22nd day of August, 2024.

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

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A weekend spent in a horse cave

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Actually, it was not an entire weekend, but it was a Friday evening and most of Saturday. Before any wild rumors begin to circulate, we did not actually spend the weekend in a cave. We only spent two hours in a cave, but that was not in Horse Cave. Yes, there is a cave there named Horse Cave, but we never saw it. We spent two hours on that Friday afternoon touring a small portion of the largest cave in the nation, some say in the world, but that's another story for another writing...perhaps next week.

Jean and I spent part of those two days in the town of Horse Cave, which is named after the cave. Thoroughly confused? There is a cave named Horse Cave and it is located in a town that is now called Horse Cave. Which one came first? The chicken, excuse me, I mean the cave. The town was named for the cave. Horse Cave, Kentucky, is a wonderful little town of around 2200 residents. It is located in Central Kentucky's Hart County. There is also a church there named Horse Cave Baptist Church. Now, we are getting to the reason we went there in the first place. My main purpose there was to do a program of stories and songs as Bro. Billy Bob. My friend and fellow Rainsville native, Lynn Traylor, leads Liberty Association of Baptist there. He invited me to come do a program for their senior adults from across their association. Horse Cave Baptist Church hosted the event.

It took us the better part of two days to get there from Opelika. Part of that is because The Cigar Box Guitar Store is located in Huntsville, Alabama. It is the only store in the world dedicated solely to cigar box instruments. It is on the way to Horse City... somewhat. Since I am now building and playing cigar box guitars and dulcimers, well, of course, I had to make the slight detour to see this wondrous place. I was not disappointed.

No, they don't sell cigars, just instruments and amplifiers made from empty cigar boxes. I purchased some parts and the smallest, cutest, little amplifier I've ever seen.

Jean and I had the privilege of staying in a beautiful old bed-and-breakfast, that was not really a bed-and-breakfast. Our host, Ms. Debbie, is the Senior Adult leader at the church. She and her late husband, bought the beautiful early 20th-Century, two-story wooden house, with the intent of converting it into a bed-and-breakfast. Unfortunately, he became ill and passed away before they completed their transformation.

Ms. Debbie not only provided us a bed, bathroom, and breakfast, but she also served us a huge, delicious dinner, as well. For dessert, she served us pieces of Mississippi Mud Cake about the size of Mississippi.

To walk all that off, we strolled downtown to an auction. In the excitement of bidding on items that we didn't need, we spent the grand total of $7.70. Oh, don't be fooled. We walked out with a box full of goodies and a half-dozen antique wooden yardsticks. I wish I had kept on bidding on the old classical guitar and gourd-shaped mandolin. So, how did they land on the name Horse Cave? Some say Native Americans, and possible outlaws too, hid their horses in the cave. Others say a horse accidently fell into the cave by stepping on one of the openings. We had a big time in a small town with an unusual name, with a warm church, and a gracious host at the B&B that wasn't actually a B&B. It was more!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the files of 1936

Congressman-elect, Luther Patrick, of Birmingham, will speak at the Cullman County Courthouse on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. It is a meeting of the Roosevelt Club and a Democratic Rally for Cullman County.

The L.O. Brock family are building a new home.

There will be a play at White City on Friday night. A small admission will be charged.

Those married from September 24 to October 1, 1936 were Glaynus Quattlebaum, 20, to Miss Loree Jenkins, 16 and Buell Hale, 18, to Miss Ruth Waters, 16.

A large crowd attended church at White Grove on Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. Floyd Linton has erected a new store building.

Pauline Camp and Cortez Johnson are attending Florence State Teachers College.

Velma Hicks was the Sunday dinner guest of Flossie and Flora Duke.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Woods drove to Montevallo on Sunday to escort Opal Brown to where she will be a student this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Glasscock spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Thomas J. Boyd was killed by a truck, while walking across the Bee Line Highway, from the mailbox in front of his home.

Laudie Vandiver was married to Jewel Calvert this week.

Mrs. Aurelia McCabe will move to Vinemont, at an early date.

Doctor Sudduth was killed in an accident while helping others, following a wreck with no thought for his own safety.

Martin Turner Harbinson was married to Miss Rucie Hudson this week.

From the files of 1950

Joseph H. Yeager and Claude H. Moore are enrolled at Perdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

Louis and Leo Hasenbein, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hasenbein and both Army Corporals, arrived home last week for a thirty day surprise furlough visit, from Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel J. Jones were injured when a 15-year-old youth attempted to pass Walter L. Horton's vehicle, knocking it off the road and hitting the Jones' vehicle head on. Mr. Jones has a broken leg and cuts and bruises. Mrs. Jones has a lacerated scalp and bruises.

Mrs. Nellie Coffman, age 86, fell at her Hanceville home and broke a hip, last Thursday. She is the mother of John T. Christian.

Maxine Floyd, age 19, was killed in a Garden City accident on October 19th. Maxine's twin sister, Christine, died an hour later and another sister, Mrs. Margaret Jones, suffered a back injury. They were all three telephone operators in Birmingham. The ladies were enroute to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Floyd, of Vinemont. They were well- known as the Floyd Sisters Trio.

John T. Harper, age 69 and John Frank Lambert, age 69, both died this week in separate incidents of self-inflicted gunshot wounds, according to coroner, Grady Moss.

Roy James Stewart and Margaret Jean Bice, of Walter, were recently married. Margaret is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bice.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Buckness and daughters, of Oneonta spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Razzie Rice.

POET'S CORNER

Daniel and the Lions | By: Randy C. Hale

A law was passed, no one could pray.
But on his knees, Daniel stayed.
He looked to God, his faith stood firm.
His love for Him could not be turned.

Into a den of hungry lions,
was Daniel cast inside.
A stone was set, the night to past
and Daniel sure to die.

But in the morning, the King rushed
down and called outside the pit.
O Daniel, O Daniel. Are you within?
And hope within him lit.

For Daniel spoke, alive and well.
No danger to him came.
God sent His angel in the night,
the lions mouths he tamed.

From the jaws of death Daniel rose
without so much a scratch.
And God was praised and lifted up,
and evil lost this match.

And for those who devised this plot,
what came of them you wonder?
Well, let's just say, the lions ate well,
their flesh fed well their hunger.



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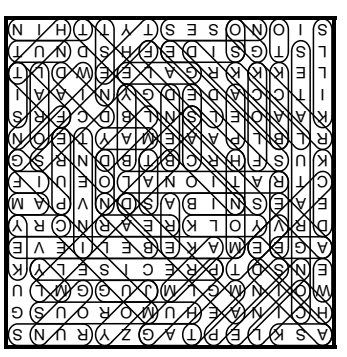
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Cullman 4-H Robotics Club hosting parent meeting Aug. 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman 4-H Robotics Club will hold a parent meeting on Thursday, Aug. 29, at 3:30 p.m. at Cullman Christian School, located at 1803 Beech Ave. SE, in the concession area of the gym. This meeting is an important opportunity for parents to learn about this year's team requirements, schedule and the exciting opportunities available for their children in the robotics program.

The club, geared for students from fifth grade through high school, offers a hands-on learning experience in VEX Robotics, guided by experienced coaches like Kerri Roberts, 4-H Youth Development coordinator, and Jonathan Haynes, STEM teacher at Cullman Middle and High Schools. Both have been trained through the Southeastern Center of Robotics Education (S.C.O.R.E.) at Auburn University.

The 4-H Robotics Club provides a unique niche for homeschool and private school students, though it is open to public school students as well.

The club will practice on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5 from Sept. 5 through January at Cullman Christian School.

Due to limited resources, participation in the club requires a tryout.

Students will need to study this year's game, develop a strategy and create a digital notebook that will be reviewed. There is a $65 participation fee, with financial assistance available for those in need.

Roberts explained what typical club meetings involve: "Meetings involve the construction of the robot within certain parameters of the game, practicing driving skills (with a control much like a PlayStation controller) and incorporating computer programming. VEX Robotics is a competition program, but what I love about it is that when two teams are assigned during the competition to drive the course, it is a cooperative game."

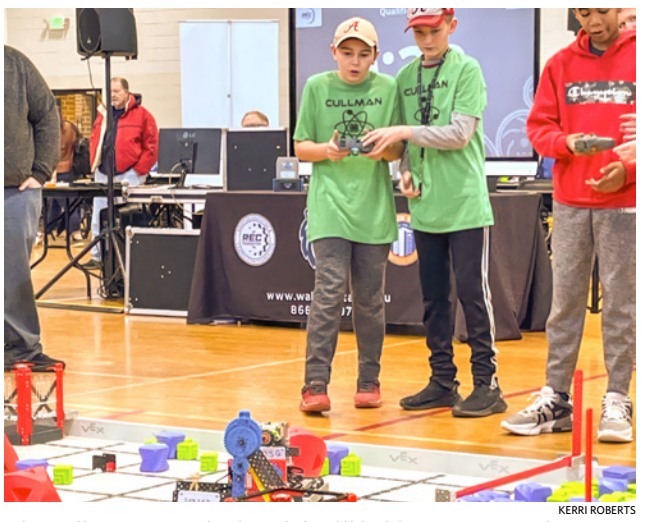
Parents attending the meeting can expect a detailed overview of the program. The club also plans to participate in out-of-county tournaments, including the WSCC robotics tournament hosted by Terry Ayers and his crew.

The mission of the 4-H Robotics Club is to ignite a passion for robotics that could lead to future career opportunities for students.

"Our main goal in 4-H is to spark an interest that will continue to be a passion for that child into adulthood.

"There are many careers in robotics. If we can help youth explore this interest in a fun and safe environment, then we have succeeded," Roberts shared.

For more information on this year's VEX Robotics games, visit www.vexrobotics.com/competition.



KERRI ROBERTS

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COLUMN: How I met your Mimi

Joe Hobby
Contributor

Hey everybody! I wanted to let you know that even though I wrote this story for my grandchildren, I'd like y'all to read it, too, because my guess is that quite a few of you have a story that's a lot like this one.

Dear Grandkids,
By now y'all know that a lot of these stories I've written are so you'll have a good idea of who your granddaddy was after I'm no longer around. My hope is that one day (hopefully, far in the future) you'll read them, laugh and recall me fondly.

I'll bet this story that is one you've never heard before. But it's quite important to all of you because if it didn't happen, you wouldn't be here right now. So, think about that as you read on.

You may have noticed that on some summer nights, a lot of old people will show up in a big parking lot, driving old cars that look brand new. They'll park, open their hoods, set out lawn chairs, turn on oldie-goldie music and socialize. It's called a cruise-in.

Of course, anyone my age will tell you this is a throwback to the old days when every town, large and small, had a drive-in that was a magnet for cars and kids.

It was kinda like a Sonic – where waitresses actually delivered food to you on trays attached to your window. These were places where AM car radios blared the latest Top 40 hits because FM or Sirius didn't exist back then.

And there were so many cars. Many of them were sat in neat rows beside the ordering speakers, but there was also an endless stream that circled the parking lot.

There were fast ones, new ones, old ones, shiny ones and beat-up ones. All colors, shapes and models were part of the procession. This was truly Americana (go look it up).

In some ways, it was nothing more than a glorified mating ritual. Keep in mind there was no internet back then.

That meant no social media or dating apps, so meeting members of the opposite sex wasn't as easy as it is now. Back then, it always helped if you had a buddy who knew some girls, or a "girlfriend" who helped you with your love life. In a way, the drive-in was our version of social media – a way for boys and girls to meet, a place to socialize.

And that is exactly what my friend Mike and I were doing on a warm summer night in 1972.

I had just finished my first year of college, and was recovering from being dumped by a girl that I really liked. So, we headed to Shoney's Big Boy, the current teen hotspot on the eastern side of Birmingham. Immediately upon our arrival, I staked out a premium parking place, backed in my lime-green Camaro and placed a food order over the speaker. It was always the same – French fries and a Coke – not much to eat, but it did entitle me to park at Shoney's for half the night.

We had been there for about an hour when Mike spotted an old red Volkswagen with some familiar faces inside.

Once he waved, the car stopped, parked beside us, and three girls popped out of the tiny vehicle like clowns in a circus car.

The driver of the bug was Janice, a friend of Mike's sister. Her fellow passengers were Sherry and Carol. Mike knew them, too. We were quick to learn that the car belonged to Carol, who was too embarrassed to drive the VW thru Shoney's on a Saturday night.

All of us talked for a while. Eventually, I began to gravitate toward Carol when I learned that she had nearly decided to go to Jacksonville State, but had a change of heart, and was enrolled at the University of Alabama in the fall.

This gave us common ground, a very important component of a first-time conversation. She asked me dozens of questions about school, ranging from dorms to food to lecture classes to football games. I asked questions as well, gleaning information about a girl I was becoming interested in.

Eventually the evening ended, and as Mike and I drove home I had a couple of questions to ask him: 1) was Carol seeing anybody, and 2) would she be interested in going out with me? Even a worldly college student like myself didn't want to be rejected – again. Like a good friend should, Mike made a background check, and a few days later, gave me the green light. I made the phone call, and soon we went on our first date, and our second and our third. The relationship went on through college, and the rest is family history.

So my dear grands, now, over 50 years later, you finally know the story of how I met your Mimi. It all began with her red Volkswagen, my green Camaro and a drive-in restaurant. And we did it without Facebook, Instagram or Tik Tok.

I'm sure we weren't the only ones.
Love always,

Granddaddy

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 22-23

Virginia Anne Kretzschmar, 88
Funeral service for Mrs. Virginia Anne Kretzschmar, 88, of Blountsville, is at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24, 2024, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with Reverend John Bussman and Reverend Christopher Clark officiating. The visitation will be Saturday, from 10-11 a.m., at the church. Interment will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Kretzschmar passed away on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Denzer Grayot and Goldie Elizabeth (Suttles) Shoemaker, husband, Kenneth James Kretzschmar, and brother, D. Dale Shoemaker. Her children survive her; son, James Mathew (Donna) Kretzschmar; daughter, Laura Elizabeth (Dan) Brown; grandchildren, Brian (Emily) Hayes, Elizabeth (Jeffrey) Lamar, Emily (Eric) Trahan, Erin (Shawn) Smith and Laura (Seth) Martin and nine great-grandchildren. Pallbearers are Brian Hayes, Jeffrey Lamar, Eric Trahan, Shawn Smith, Seth Martin, Minor Lamar and Asher Lamar. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Paul's Lutheran School, 510 Third Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The following Remembrance was written by Virginia's family: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28 Virginia was born on July 8, 1936, to Denzer and Goldie Shoemaker. Her brother, Dale, was born a decade later. Virginia had a fun and, at times, mischievous spirit. In 1955, she married Kenneth James Kretzschmar. Their daughter, Laura Elizabeth, was born in 1957 with son, James Mathew, following in 1961. Over the next few decades, their family increased in number with the addition of five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Kenneth and Virginia were incredible parents and the most outstanding and loving grandparents. They were a blessing to their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Kenneth and Virginia Kretzschmar were the earthly embodiment of Romans 12:10: Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Throughout their lives, they led by example. They loved each other greatly. They had an incredible work ethic. They were steadfast and true friends. They were in church every Sunday they were able. They stayed in the word. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." They lived completely devoted lives to one another and their family. They raised their children and grandchildren in the way they should go. Virginia may be gone from this world, but we know she has been reunited with the saints that have gone before her. She and her beloved husband are reunited and we find so much joy knowing they are in paradise. Virginia will live on through her family. Her blue eyes, blonde hair, spunk, and stubbornness run strong throughout her kids, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The example of steadfast love and devotion to her husband and family set strong standards that her loved ones hold on to dearly. Our family thanks you for your continued support and prayers through this time of mourning.

Nola Jane Moore, 77
Nola Jane Moore, 77, of Athens, Alabama, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2024. Mrs. Moore was born on Feb. 16, 1947, in Alabama, to James and Margaret (Gibson) Biggs. Mrs. Moore is survived by her daughter Cindy Moore Vinson; grandchildren Jamie Moore (Dana), Candice McGuire (Andrew), Brandon Moore (Jessica), Cyrena Romine (Justin), and Wesley Moore (DJ); great-grandchildren Gracie, Benton, Eli, Bentley, Allie, Braxton, Oliver, Sam, Piper, Steven, Garrett, Emmet, and Valerie; brother Jimmy Biggs (Gayle); sisters Susan Townsend (Jimmy) and Millie Keel (Cecil); daughter-in-law Ruth Bolin; and several nieces and nephews she loved very much. She is preceded in death by her parents James and Margaret Biggs; husband Ralph; son Bent Moore; and sister Jan Jackson. The funeral service for Mrs. Moore will be Sunday, Aug. 25, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home, with Daniel Tucker officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, Aug. 25, from 1 to 2:45 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

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