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City of Cullman announces downtown Quiet Zone Corridor

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman on Friday announced the implementation of a Quiet Zone Corridor, effective Monday, Sept. 16, at 8 a.m.

According to the City, the Downtown Quiet Zone initiative "will significantly reduce train horn noise through downtown Cullman," encompassing railroad crossings at Ninth Street Southeast, Arnold Street Southeast and Eighth Street Northeast.

To establish the Quiet Zone, the City said, it has invested in comprehensive safety upgrades over the past four years, including:

- Constant warning time systems at all three crossings
- Additional quad gates installed at Arnold Street
- Traffic channelization devices at Ninth Street

"These improvements ensure the Quiet Zone meets national safety » PAGE 6



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Making dreams come true:

Support Cullman's Special Education students' dream trip to Disney



APRIL BORDEN

Steven Cox, who is described as "a friend to everyone," is seen on a previous trip to the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. Cox is one of the students who will be participating is this life-changing trip to Disney.

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School is offering its Special Education students a life-changing opportunity with an upcoming trip to Disney. The adventure, designed to build essential life skills, will see students developing teamwork, responsibility and real-world experience through a series of pre-trip and on-site activities.

Students will be involved in planning their daily itineraries, learning how to navigate airports and amusement parks and budgeting their money.

"The life skills gained by this trip are endless, including socialization, time management, communication, self-advocacy, navigation skills, budgeting for the trip and overcoming sensory issues," shared April Borden, a Cullman High School Special Education teacher.

In addition to these valuable lessons, the » PAGE 3

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Cullman's Patterson named to ALABCA Hall of Fame



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman High School Baseball Coach Brent Patterson is one of four coaches selected as part of the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame Class of 2025. Patterson and the rest of the Class of 2025 will be honored at the ALABCA Coaches Convention Award Banquet Dec. 12 at the Hyatt Regency in Birmingham.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 13

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 13, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 9

- domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 1386
- violation of protection order; CR 437
- harassing communications; CR 1141
- domestic violence; CR 1082
- theft of property; CR 1545

Sept. 10

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1134
- theft of property; CR 107
- theft of property; CR 1194
- harassment; Fairview Rd.
- criminal mischief; domestic violence; Scott Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 813
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Market Platz SW
- harassing communications; CR 818
- criminal mischief; CR 437

Sept. 11

- domestic violence; CR 702
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N

ARRESTS

Sept. 9-11

Burnett, Gevonte T.; 32

- GJ – burglary-residence-force
- GJ – possession of drug paraphernalia
- GJ – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- GJ – possession of dangerous drugs
- GJ – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- GJ – ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Butts, Dale P.; 50

- possession of a stolen vehicle

Calvert, Shona N.; 37

- harassing communications
- possession of a stolen vehicle

Garmon, William J.; 32

- violation of domestic violence protection order

Gibson, Jason L.; 50

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Grant, Jonica B.; 28

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – DUI (controlled substances)

Haynes, Christopher D.; 54

- FTA – fraud-swindle/home repair

Hyatt, Shanon N.; 50

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kilpatrick, Justin K.; 36

- FTA – failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possessing stolen property, less than $500
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Murphree, Brian A.; 44

- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Neaveaguero, Antonio G.; 34

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Sacrab-Chen, Abel M.; 19

- firearm possession by an alien

Vaughn, Raymond C.; 33

- assault-domestic-menacing-knife

White, Roger A.; 46

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Young, Jimmy L.; 52

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 11

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Sept. 12

- criminal mischief; person; damage to '03 Toyota Camry; $100
- menacing; person; 1st Ave. SE

ARRESTS

Sept. 11-12

Givens, Trenton T.; 19

- public intoxication

Blackmon, Christopher R.; 30

- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Smith, Cody D.; 36

- public intoxication

Ulatowski, Peter J.; 61

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Celebrating 100 Years: Antioch Missionary Baptist Church hosting centennial event Sept. 15

Gauge Day
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Antioch Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 100-year anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 9:45 a.m., marking a century of faith, community and service. The centennial event will feature a historical display of photos and documents, as well as a potluck lunch, with attendees encouraged to bring their favorite side dish or dessert. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

Founded in 1924 with the purchase of a wood-frame church built in 1915, Antioch began its century-long journey with its first service in April of that year.

In its early days, the church was purchased by a group of Baptists after the original Christian denomination disbanded, and it has been an anchor for the local community ever since.

Antioch has seen many changes throughout its century-long history. In 1947, the original wood-frame building was replaced with a new structure, complete with a basement, auditorium and classrooms.

Over the years, the church has continued to modernize, adding indoor restrooms in 1958 and air conditioning in 1966.

Extensive renovations in 2018 brought the sanctuary up to date with refinished hardwood floors, new pews, updated lighting, and fresh paint, ensuring that Antioch remains a welcoming place of worship for generations to come.

David Hadley, Centennial Committee member and current Sunday School superintendent, emphasized the significance of the event, drawing a connection to biblical celebrations of the past.

"Celebrations are nothing new. In the Old Testament, there were many celebrations and feasts the LORD directed His people to observe," Hadley shared.

"These feasts were times God instructed His people to stop their normal day-to-day lives and come together as a group of people.

"The Jewish people were to remember and praise God for His goodness and mercy."

He continued, "We want to remember how loving and amazing God has been to the people and community of Antioch over the last 100 years.

"During the good times and the bad, the highs and the lows, God has always been faithful."

Hadley also encouraged the congregation to look forward, highlighting the church's continued commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We not only look back, but we also look forward. Just as our brothers and sisters in Christ ran their race and helped us be who we are today, we prepare the next generation," he added.

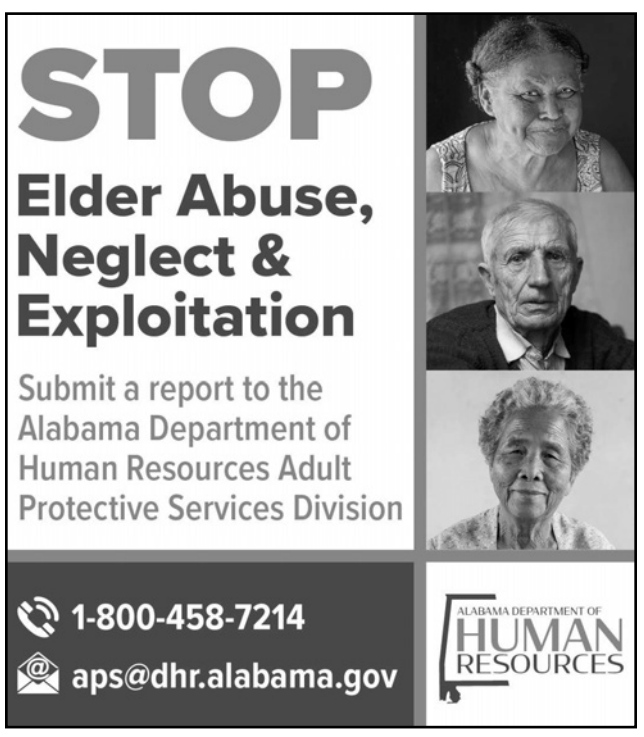
This upcoming Sunday, Sept. 15, Antioch Missionary Baptist Church will gather its congregation and community members to remember its 100 years of history, celebrate a legacy that has persisted and look ahead to its future.

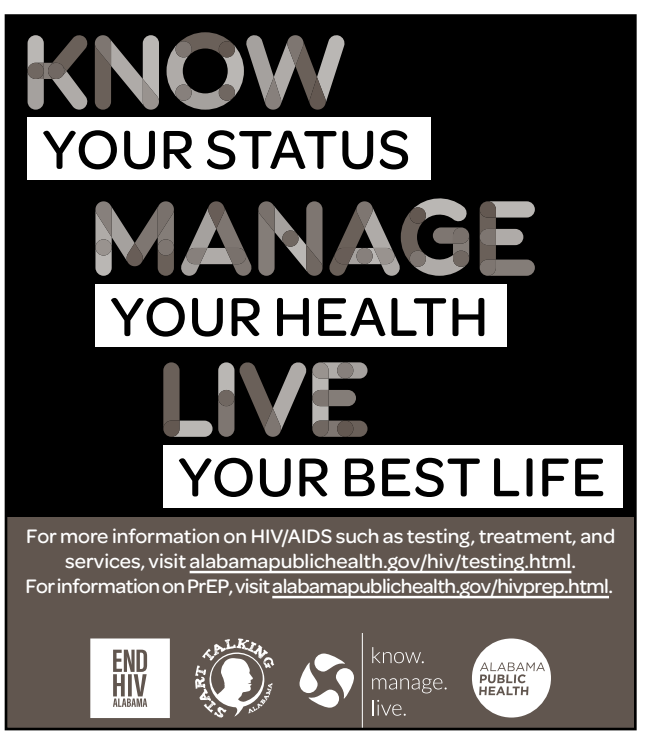
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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

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.

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Sunday, Sept. 15 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Saturday, Sept. 21 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.

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.

"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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The trip is set for early 2025, and the team is currently raising funds to sponsor approximately 10 students, along with five teachers and staff chaperones.

A total of 26 individuals, including students, chaperones, parents and siblings, are expected to attend. Each student's cost is $1,800, and the priority is to ensure all students are fully sponsored, with any donations after going to help the chaperones. The deadline for donations and sponsorships is Jan. 15, 2025.

The school is also offering sponsorship opportunities for local businesses. Sponsors will receive a 100% tax deduction, and their logo will be displayed on T-shirts worn by the students inside the park. In addition, Cullman High School's "Bearcat Buddies" club is selling T-shirts at all home games to raise funds.

"We are currently selling T-shirts as a fundraiser, which will be available at all Cullman home games for sales and donations," explained Borden.

This trip provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the students, and community support is crucial to making it happen.

Donations of any amount are welcome, and donors can submit a $100 deposit to secure a spot for a student, with the remaining balance to be covered later. Contributions can be made directly to Cullman High School Life Skills.

"I am grateful to be part of Cullman High School, where we receive unwavering support from colleagues and administration like Allison Tuggle, Aimee Bates, Aaron Sparks and Emily Hines, who go the extra mile to ensure our students are included," Borden shared. "Thank you for considering this opportunity to enrich our students' lives and make a lasting impact on their educational journey."

For more information or to donate or sponsor a student, contact April Borden at 256-734-3923 or aborden@cullmancats.net.

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WALLACE STATE ATHLETICS

Wallace State Men's Golf opens season under leadership of Kayland Wilson

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State men's golf fall season gets underway this week under the leadership of new head coach Kayland Wilson.

Wilson comes to Wallace State after serving as the head coach for the men's and women's golf teams at Faulkner University. In the 2021-2022 season, she led the men's team to a Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) title, becoming the first female head coach in any sport and at any level to win a men's conference title. That year, she was also named the SSAC Men's Golf Coach of the Year.

"We are extremely excited to have Kayland Wilson on board at Wallace State," said Karolewics.

"While winning is close to the top of her priority list, she is committed even more to making sure her players not only get better as golfers, but leave her program as better people, which fits perfectly with the college's goals as well."

The men's golf team opening tournament of 2024-2025 takes place in Pensacola, Fla., against a field of teams from Georgia, Alabama and Florida.

Before being hired by Wallace State, Wilson took a sabbatical from Faulkner State after the birth of her daughter, Eleanor James who is now 1 year old.

Wilson is married to former Wallace State golfer Blaise Wilson and has strong ties to the area. Her mother-in-law in Ashley Wilson, is the founder of Curt's Closet.

A native of Farragut, Tenn., Wilson played golf at Freed-Hardeman University outside of Memphis, Tenn. A PGA Level I Associate she was an assistant pro at Valley Hills Country Club in Huntsville and a certified swing coach at GolfTech before coaching at Faulkner University.

Wilson takes over for former men's golf coach Sylas Elliot, who was hired as the men's golf coach at Jacksonville State University.

"I am extremely grateful and humbled to be the next head men's golf coach at Wallace State," Wilson said.

"This is a historic program and I feel blessed to be a small part of the next chapter. I have some big shoes to fill following Coach Elliot and especially Coach Dan York. His impact on college golf will be recognized for generations, and to have my name even considered by his means more than I can even express."

Wilson expects this season to be an exciting for the men's golf program.

"I have high expectations for these guys on and off the course," she said. "They are unbelievably talented young men and I know with their work ethic we are going to be a force to be reckoned with. I truly believe this team is National Championship caliber, and I will give them my all to get them ready to bring the trophy back home."

The men's golf team finished 19th in the nation and second in the Alabama Community College Region 22 Conference for the 2023-2024 season.

The program has 13 ACCC/Region 22 championships and was an NJCAA Division I national runner-up three times and have two NJCAA individual national champions (Aksel Olsen and Cooper Brown). Two players have gone on to become PGA Tour players: Brett Wetterich and Fredrick Jacobsen.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Men's Head Golf Coach Kayland Wilson.

WSCC ATHLETICS ROUNDUP

Volleyball goes 6-1 in last 7 matches, Cross Country Teams finish top 5 at Montevallo Falcon Classic

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Volleyball team completed a seven-match stretch, going 6-1 overall, with six of those matches taking place at home as part of the Alabama/Mississippi Crossover Battle Tournament hosted by Wallace State Community College. The Lady Lions kicked off the week with a 3-1 victory against Gadsden State Community College on Sept. 4 before opening their home season at the Crossover Battle tournament, where they claimed five wins in six matches at Traditions Bank Arena in Tom Drake Coliseum.

Wallace State vs. Gadsden State Community College on Sept. 4 (3-1)

Wallace State began their stretch with a 3-1 victory over Gadsden State. Freshman Kailey Dickerson of Wellington led the way with 16 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore Chloe Jackson of Athens added 13 kills, while freshman Rachel Mecklenburg of Madison contributed 12 kills, 30 assists and one block assist.

Freshman Amanda Monge of Davenport, Fla., added six kills and four service aces, and freshman Ali Price of Rainsville tallied 21 assists and 10 digs. Freshman Abby McDonald of Fairview and freshman Molly Shiflett of Corner chipped in with 12 and six digs, respectively.

Wallace State vs. Northeast Mississippi Community College on Sept. 6 (3-0)

The Lady Lions earned a 3-0 win against Northeast Mississippi. Dickerson recorded 13 kills and 16 digs, while Jackson added 11 kills. Monge had 11 kills, and Mecklenburg provided 27 assists and six digs. Price added 13 assists, and freshman Kaylee Roman of Deltona, Fla., registered five kills on five attempts, achieving a perfect hitting percentage.

Wallace State vs. Itawamba Community College on Sept. 6 (2-3)

In a five-set thriller, Wallace State fell to Itawamba 2-3. Jackson delivered a standout performance with 18 kills, while Dickerson added 11 kills and 16 digs. Mecklenburg recorded 12 kills and 30 assists, and Monge contributed 11 kills and 13 digs. Price led with 23 assists and McDonald added 15 digs to the defensive effort.

Wallace State vs. Jones College on Sept. 7 (3-0)

Wallace State bounced back with a 3-0 victory over Jones College. Dickerson led with 17 kills, while Monge added 10 kills and 13 digs. Jackson recorded eight kills and three block assists, and Price set the pace with 37 assists. McDonald supported the defense with 14 digs.

Wallace State vs. Pearl River Community College on Sept. 7 (3-0)

The Lady Lions kept the momentum going with a 3-0 win over Pearl River. Dickerson and Monge each contributed 16 and 9 kills, respectively. Jackson recorded nine kills and two block assists, while Price tallied 35 assists. McDonald was once again strong defensively, registering 17 digs.

Wallace State vs. Northwest Mississippi Community College on Sept. 8 (3-1)

Wallace State secured a 3-1 win over Northwest Mississippi. Dickerson dominated with 19 kills and 16 digs, while Monge added 12 kills and 14 digs. Mecklenburg contributed 12 kills and seven digs. Price led with 48 assists and 16 digs, and McDonald anchored the defense with 29 digs.

Wallace State vs. Meridian Community College on Sept. 8 (3-0)

The Lady Lions wrapped up their tournament performance with a 3-0 victory against Meridian. Dickerson and Monge each contributed six kills. Jackson added nine kills and Price tallied 22 assists. Shiflett recorded four kills and one service ace, while McDonald registered eight digs to cap off the win.

Tournament Honors and Upcoming Matches

Dickerson and Monge were both named to the Wallace State Alabama/Mississippi Crossover Battle All-Tournament Team. This week, Dickerson was named by the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) as the Volleyball Offensive Player of the Week, averaging 3.92 kills per set, 0.56 aces per set, 3.4 digs per set and 0.24 blocks per set over 25 sets played this season.

Wallace State Cross Country Teams Finish Top Five at University of Montevallo Falcon Classic

The Wallace State Men's and Women's Cross Country teams continued their impressive start to the season at the Falcon Classic, hosted by the University of Montevallo on Sept. 6. The men's team finished second overall in the 8K race, while the women's team claimed third place in the 5K. Both teams competed against a challenging field of 18 teams.

Men's Team Top Seven Finishers

Sophomore Luke Kennedy of Huntsville led the way for the men's team, securing a third-place finish with a time of 25:55.24. Freshman Tyler Anthony of Fort Payne followed in 14th place, crossing the line at 26:42.43. Freshman Harper Branscome of Muscle Shoals claimed 19th with a time of 26:58.85.

Sophomore David Robles of Springville finished 21st in 27:05.62. Freshman Daniel Leija of Albertville finished in 28th place, clocking in at 27:26.89.

Freshman Carson Masterson of Hatton finished 30th, with a time of 27:41.59. Freshman Elliot Denard of Springville rounded out the top seven in 34th, crossing the line at 27:54.64.

Women's Team Top Seven Finishers

For the women's team, sophomore Reagan Parris of Bremen led the Lions, placing seventh overall with a time of 19:31.07. Freshman Eden Brumer of Fort Thomas, Ky., followed in 18th place with a time of 20:10.96. Freshman Grace Gosline of Arab finished 21st at 20:20.64. Sophomore Claire Deaton of Madison claimed 23rd with a time of 20:25.50. Freshman Abigale Vega of Fort Payne took 29th place, crossing the line at 20:43.86. Sophomore Kendall Harbison of Cullman finished 33rd with a time of 20:55.45. Sophomore Ivy Edge of Eva rounded out the top seven in 39th with a time of 21:04.65.

ACCC Runners of the Week

This week, Kennedy was named as the Men's Runner of the Week by the ACCC for his placement in the Men's 8K Race at the Montevallo Falcon Classic. Kennedy finished third overall behind two runners from UAH and was the first finisher out of all ACCC schools, leading the Wallace State Men's Cross Country team to a second-place overall finish behind UAH.

Last week, Denard was named Men's Runner of the Week and Gosline was named Women's Runner of the Week by the ACCC for their strong performances at the JSU Foothills Invitational in Oxford. Denard finished the Men's 5K with a 21st place overall finish, crossing the line at 15:47. Gosline finished the Women's 5K with a 37th place overall finish, crossing the line at 20:02.

The Wallace State Cross Country teams will compete in the UT Southern Meet at the Oakville Indian Mounds Park in Moulton on Sept. 21. Races are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

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West Point hosts Community Homecoming Parade

Cheyenne Sharp
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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point residents were given a brush-up on parade etiquette and candy-collecting on Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the West Point Community Homecoming Parade. Attendees rallied around the West Point High School football team ahead of its homecoming game, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 13, against rival Lawrence County.

Heather Mathis, a longtime West Point parent said, "It's such a community here. Everybody comes out to celebrate and do these things to support the team."

With the West Point Warrior Band leading the way, the parade's floats and participants loaded up at West Point Baptist Church to begin the nearly half-mile trek through Warrior Nation to the school's baseball facility near the middle school. Originally, the parade was slated to take place on Thursday, Sept. 12, and was intended to include a community bonfire; however, Hurricane Francine sent threats of dangerous winds and flooding into the area, moving the celebration up and altering the agenda. With anticipated high winds, the idea of a large bonfire was axed for the second year in a row; 2023's bonfire was canceled due to a burn ban.

Nearly the entirety of the school and associated programs had representation for the homecoming kick-off. West Point Youth Football players and their cheerleaders and majorettes showed up with school pride, Town staff participated and West Point High School freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors were tasked with concocting and constructing floats worthy of a win.

Local businesses and organizations also joined in on the celebration and mile-long line of fun in floats, ATVs and a couple of participants, quite literally hoofing it on horseback, all tossing candy and treats to the children lining the campus' main road, hoping to hype the school's footballers and snag a victory for the year's most notable game.

The students of WPHS had a busy week leading up to the Friday night lights against Lawrence County, with traditional homecoming dress-up days. On Monday, students were encouraged to dress in their favorite holiday-themed attire, Tuesday saw the students choose country or country club, Wednesday allowed a choice of the students' favorite decades, Thursday let them transform into a favorite toy and Friday was a beach day for the students in Hawaiian shirts and floral leis.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Warrior Band led the charge at the West Point Community Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024.

Harvest to Home serves local food to sold-out crowd

Cheyenne Sharp
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex on Thursday, Sept. 12, held its annual fundraising event, the Harvest to Home Local Foods Dinner & Auctions, at the Dr. William F. Peinhardt Conference Center at Wallace State Community College. The event was sold out.

The evening of celebrating Cullman's agriculture and agritourism featured a silent auction full of items from local vendors, makers and businesses that use local ingredients or materials to create their goods. Such items included the first jar of honey ever produced by the Agriplex's hive, manned by Beekeeper Bill Grimmett, and a hand carved wooden clock from the Peinhardt family.

Wallace State Community College President Dr. Vicki Karolewics welcomed the crowd, highlighting the significance of agriculture in the area. "We are delighted to have you here this evening at our Harvest to Home celebration, our local celebration of the importance of agriculture, our local growers, our community – it's our way of life in Cullman County." Karolewics said. "Wallace State is honored to host this amazing event, once again, here in the Peinhardt Conference Center, named for a man who spent much of his life promoting agriculture."

She continued, "The purpose of the North Alabama Agriplex is simple – to preserve our heritage, educating and feeding our neighbors and growing a sustainable future. And tonight, you all are an important part of that purpose, so thank you."

Wallace State's own Chef Aaron Nichols and Wallace State Culinary Pride planned and prepared the night's meal. Guests enjoyed a starter of savory watermelon gazpacho with basil oil and toasted sourdough to graze on while keeping tabs on their bids for the silent auction. The main course was a savory and tender beef flight with local shrimp, blue corn grits and country frittata squash. A peach crème brûlée and ginger snap biscotti was the sweet end to the meal.

Keeping with the theme of Harvest to Home, the evening's meal reflected the hard-working culture of Cullman's farming community. The beef flight was provided by Cullman farmers Sullivan Creek Ranch, Idlewild Farm, God Fearing Farm, Blue Ridge Cattle Company, Mulberry Bend and Center Square Farm. D&Y Farm provided the shrimp, with other local farmers and growers coming together to provide the makings of the dinner's sides, garnishes and flavors.

The purpose of the evening was to raise funds for the Agriplex and its capital campaign. The goal of the Agriplex's "A New Home for the Harvest" campaign is $2.8 million, which will cover the construction of a new 8,525-square-foot facility. The new footprint would allow for a community teaching kitchen, private office space, the addition of the offices of the Cullman County Cooperative Extension and continued shared programming.

Before the live auction began, North Alabama Agriplex Capital Campaign Chairman Mike Roden updated supporters on the current status of the campaign.

"Currently, we have raised over $2 million; we are so close," Roden stated, "If you haven't had the opportunity to donate to this yet, and you would like to do that, come see any of us, or come to the Agriplex and we have those opportunities."

Local growers and producers for the event included Watson's Greenhouse, North Alabama Agriplex, Cullman Bakery, Clark Haynes Farm, J. Calvert Farm, Reeves Peach Farm, Spradlin Farms, North Alabama Mushroom, Humble Heart Farm, McEwen & Sons, Chambers Farm and White Farms.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. SW. https://agriplex.org













Corridor (from Front)

thresholds, prioritizing both noise reduction and public safety," said a media release.

According to the City, the Quiet Zone is expected to enhance the quality of life for residents and improve the business environment in downtown Cullman.

It said reduced noise levels will benefit residential, commercial and industrial areas.

"While train horns will no longer sound routinely at these crossings, safety remains the top priority," said the release. "Train operators retain the discretion to use horns if they perceive potential danger, ensuring that the Quiet Zone does not compromise public safety."

"This project represents a significant investment in our downtown area," said Mayor Woody Jacobs. "We're excited to provide a quieter environment for our residents and businesses while simultaneously enhancing safety at these crossings."

Sosa (from Front)

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Eighteen students will compete for the title of Miss University of Alabama at the Bama Theatre in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. The Miss UA pageant, which is an official preliminary event for Miss Alabama and Miss America, is in its 50th year

Carol Wright, director of the Miss UA Program, said this year's competition will feature former Miss University of Alabama titleholders as special guests.

"We are expecting 35-40 former Miss UAs to return for this special year," Wright said.

"We are pleased to welcome back our 'Forever Miss UAs' and their families who have traveled to help us celebrate this special occasion."

This year's candidates include:

Dee Allen
- Troy
- Major: Interior Design
- Community Service Initiative: Register to Vote - Encouraging our generation to register to vote and be involved in the election process.

Bella Baker
- Tuscumbia
- Major: Early Childhood Education
- Community Service Initiative: The Baker Family Foundation - Providing funding and support for non-profit organizations.

Elaina Burt
- Hoover
- Major: Public Relations on the Pre-Law Track
- Community Service Initiative: Charlie's Chance - Educating, advocating and fundraising for epilepsy education

Carson Champion
- Valley
- Major: Kinesiology
- Community Service Initiative: Champions Serve - Promoting volunteering and serving

Kate Chevaire
- Salem, New Hampshire
- Major: Public Health
- Community Service Initiative: Reading for Recovery - Helping patients with eating disorder treatment

Rylie Dewley
- Grand Blanc, Michigan
- Major: Political Science
- Community Service Initiative: Start Heart Smart - Advocating for heart health education

Lydia Fisher
- Wapello, Iowa
- Major: Biology
- Community Service Initiative: Don't Skip a Beat - Advocating for cardiovascular health for Americans

Liliana Geier
- Dadeville
- Major: Public Health
- Community Service Initiative: Live with a Passion for Compassion - Bullying prevention

Reagan Hanson
- Trussville
- Major: Public Relations
- Community Service Initiative: Reagan's Rally: Encourage to S.E.R.V.E. - Promoting volunteering

Maddie Heath
- Spanish Fort
- Major: Psychology on the Pre-Law Track
- Community Service Initiative: WOW - Working on Wellness to raise awareness about mental health

Kaitlyn Homan
- Alabaster
- Major: Kinesiology
- Community Service Initiative: Mentally Strong - Strengthening the body and mind.

Gillian Johnston
- Warwick, Rhode Island
- Major: Theater and Dance
- Community Service Initiative: #awholeathlete - Fighting the stigma and spreading awareness for mental health in athletes

Imani Muse
- Chicago, Illinois
- Major: Accounting
- Community Service Initiative: Small Acts Matter: Encouraging Tangible Change

Leslieann Rook
- Acworth, Georgia
- Major: Nursing
- Community Service Initiative: The Women and Gender Resource Center - Serve as an ambassador for this campus organization

Abby Sosa
- Cullman
- Major: Nursing
- Community Service Initiative: Bridging the Gap - Inspiring Generation Transformation Through Education for Young Hispanics

Ruby Tilghman
- Panama City, Florida
- Major: Chemistry
- Community Service Initiative: Many Mini Musicians - Bridging the Funding Gap in Fine Arts Education

Samantha Vilary
- Woodstown, New Jersey
- Major: Nursing
- Community Service Initiative: Building Bravery - Preventing and bringing awareness to interpersonal violence

Chloe Yates
- Louisville, Kentucky
- Major: Interior Design
- Community Service Initiative: Special Olympics - Deleting the 'Dis' in Disabled

The Miss UA competition, sponsored by The University of Alabama National Alumni Association, has been a platform for candidates to share their passion projects, talent and intelligence for 50 years.

The winner of the title of Miss University of Alabama will receive a full-tuition scholarship for her year of service to UA and numerous other gifts and financial aid scholarships from numerous donors.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
JANET JOHNSON HOGG,) CASE NO.: PC-2024-287
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN & CONSERVATOR

TO: JUSTIN BRENT GOOLSBY and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Appointment of Guardian & Conservator* has been filed by Larry Jason Goolsby, Petitioner, through Attorney Steven C. Smith. A hearing on said *Petition for Appointment of Guardian & Conservator* has been **set for the 2nd day of October, 2024, at 10:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
RICHARD C. NOBBLETT, JR.,) CASE NO.: PC-2024-180
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: RICHARD C. NOBLETT, III, AMY ELIZABETH BOLTE and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Probate of Will* has been filed by Pamela Denise Noblett, Petitioner, through Attorney Matthew K. Carter. A hearing on said *Petition for Probate of Will* has been **set for the 3rd day of October, 2024, at 10:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Matthew K. Carter
Attorney for Petitioner
413 First Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
BRENDA SUE JOHANNES) CASE NO.: PC-2024-278
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN & CONSERVATOR

TO: SUSAN R. SMITH and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Appointment of Guardian & Conservator* has been filed by Donna M. DeLoach, Petitioner, through Attorney Sherry H. Barrett. A hearing on said *Petition for Appointment of Guardian & Conservator* has been **set for the 2nd day of October, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 28th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Sherry H. Barrett
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BILLY RANDALL BISHOP, * CASE NO.: PC2024-323
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the said Deceased having been granted to Brenda G. Bishop on the 5th day of September, 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

BRENDA G. BISHOP
Administrator

Raley L. Wiggins
Attorney for Administrator
Capell & Howard, P.C.
150 S. Perry Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

CC: CULLMAN TRIBUNE
TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GRACE MARIE ROBERTSON CASE NO.: PC 2024-286
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JEFFERY COLLINS ROBERTSON as Personal Representative of the Estate of GRACE MARIE ROBERTSON, deceased, on the 29th 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.

Jeffery Collins Robertson
Personal Representative
Pro Se

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, * CASE NO.: PC2024-213
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to BILLY E. SHAW, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, deceased, on the 9th day of September, 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.

BILLY E. SHAW
Administrator

H. Doug Redd
Attorney for Petitioner
5343 Old Springville Road
Pinson, Al 35126

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 9th day of September, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JESSE JAMES JONES, * CASE NO PC 2024-282
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(Self-Proved Will)

TO: DANIEL JAMES JONES, TINA MARIE JONES TERRY, RON JONES, STEPHANIE JONES, JENNIFER GLOVER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will) filed by David Lee Jones, Petitioner, through Attorney Steven C. Smith, has been scheduled for the **3rd day of October, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 28th day of August, 2024.

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GAF MARINE LLC,)
Plaintiff,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900294.00
)
MARLIN HAGAN,)
Defendant.)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Order of Publication of Sale, and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint on August 20, 2024. It is therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Plaintiff shall publish the sale of the 2018 Nitro Z21 Boat, Serial Number BUJ85498G718.

FURTHER ORDERED that this Order and Notice be published in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County as required by law.

DONE this 10th day of September, 2024.

/s/ GREGORY A NICHOLAS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GAF MARINE LLC, *
*
PLAINTIFF, *
*
VS. * CASE NO. CV-2024-900294
*
HAGAN MARLIN, *
*
DEFENDANT. *

NOTICE

The 20018 Nitro Z21 Boat, Serial Number BUJ85498G718, owned by Hagan Marlin, will be sold at public auction on the 27th day of September, 2024.

DONE this the 11th day of September, 2024.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
GARY GLENN WILKS,) CASE NO.: PC-2021-435
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TO: NICHOLAS JOSEPH WILKS, LUKE AARON WILKS and ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of Personal Representative* has been filed by Shelly Kelley, Personal Representative, through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on said *Petition for Final Settlement and Discharge of Personal Representative* has been **set for the 3rd day of October, 2024, at 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 5th day of September, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Know when to say when

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



There was a time in my life when I could work from can until can't. Well, actually, I still can, but "can't" arrives much earlier than it once did!

I have learned, especially when I am working in my woodshop, to take breaks and sometimes to walk away and call it a day. An old woodworker's cliché says, "Measure twice, cut once." After working too many hours without a break, I have measured a half-dozen times and still made the wrong cut. We are more prone to accident, and even injury, when we are tired. An old woodworker friend of mine once told me that my table saw was stupid. He said, "It doesn't know the difference between wood and bone!" I've come to realize that he was partially right, but that it might not be the saw that is the dumb one! Thankfully, I still have all ten digits.

When my body grows tired, my brain usually follows right behind, and I make dumb mistakes. They can be costly, and at worst, they may be painful. If I would know when to say when, I could, no doubt, avoid some mistakes and injuries.

Last week, I had worked all day on a couple of outdoor chairs and a table. I replaced all the old rotten wood with new cypress and repainted the wrought iron legs and ends.

I had a difficult time getting the holes I had drilled in my new wood to line up with the holes in the iron. When I began to grow frustrated with my progress, I decided it was time to take a break and walk away.

I spotted one of our iron lounge chairs beside our pool. They are the kind that will lay back completely flat, or if you want to sit up, you can raise the back up and lock it into place.

When I went to sit on one end of the chair, I guess I was too tired to notice that it was in the "completely flat" prone position. I didn't realize that I was about to sit on the head end of the lounge chair, rather than the other end which has legs. When I sat my seat on the chair, the end of the chair where I deposited the end of myself, raced downward to the pool's sidewalk. It was like a seesaw when your partner jumps off his end while you are up in the air. When my backside slammed down on the concrete, my elbows pitched in to give aid. While there wasn't enough padding on my derriere to absorb the blow without pain, there was even less on my funny bones. The result was, well, not funny...at all. My numb brain was still alert enough to signal my elbows that this was not nearly as enjoyable as a double-scoop of rocky road.

About the time I thought things couldn't get much worse, they surely did. The other end of the lounge chair decided to join in on the attack and assault of the old-tired-and-not-so-smart woodworker.

It shot up from the sidewalk like a rocket, doubling back over itself, and popped "yours truly" in the back of the head! Rather than saying what I was tempted to say, I quickly quoted Romans 8:28...at least 8 times!

As I tried to gather my senses, I assessed if I was seriously injured or just mostly embarrassed.

I quickly looked around to see if anyone had witnessed my train wreck. At that very moment, I knew I had missed when I should have said when, and I called it a day!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1936, 1950

From the files of 1936

Joe C. Sapp spent Monday in Birmingham.

Coroner J. Grady Moss has a sprained ankle.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray, of Hanceville, were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trichel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Doctor and Mrs. C.E. Herrin and Doctor and Mrs. Alurie Culpepper will spend this week in Baltimore, Maryland at the Southern Medical Convention.

The Women's Missionary Society of Good Hope Baptist Church met at the church for the November meeting. Mrs. Essie Henry was elected president, Mrs. B.H. Reid, vice-president, Mrs. Stella Weeks, secretary, Mrs. Bessie (John) Christian, personal service and Mrs. D.E. Ryan, P.T.A.

Permanent waves $1.95 and up (advertisement).

Dry season threatens water.

The good old days are more old than good, but memory tends to eliminate the low spots.

From the files of 1950

Mr. J.E. Gray, Senior, who was employed by the Tribune in 1888 stopped by for a visit last week. John A. Johnson was editor when Mr. Gray started work for the Tribune. He now resides in Birmingham.

Cullman cheerleaders this year are Carolyn Miller, Shirley Fay Hamilton, Nancy Moore, Dale Tidwell and Bill Handley.

Mr. Dennis Blalock of Route One Hanceville brought by the Tribune some lovely sweet potato blooms, resembling the morning glory, with a dark purple center. Mr. Blalock has three acres of the blooming potato vines and says these are the first blooms he has ever seen in many years of farming.

Pat Buttram, son of Reverend and Mrs. J.W. Buttram, of Baileyton, was seriously injured last week in California when a prop cannon exploded and hit him in the chest. Mr. Buttram is making six movie pictures a year with Gene Autry and also has a television program. Pat is a brother of Reverend Gus Buttram, pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church.

Clyde Jerome Speegle is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Speegle. He was born on September 18th.

Mrs. Opal Wheeler has received word that her husband, Sergeant Wheeler, was seriously injured in Korea on September 15th.

R.L. Baker of Baileyton has some fine Yates apples. Ad.

A 1949 Oldsmobile driven by Roy Richter of Cullman and a truck driven by Oscar Cordes collided close to the post office on Sunday afternoon. There was about $100 in damage to the Richter car and about $25 to the Cordes truck.

C.J. Burkart suffered a stroke of paralysis, on his right side, as he sat at the breakfast table on Monday morning. He has worked at Kinney Brothers store in West Cullman for 25 years.

POET'S CORNER

Thrifting on a Saturday Night | By: Randy C. Hale

I like the thrift stores, the laid-back
shopping experience.
There is more variety here than
creatures in the wild.
Clothes, glassware, and whatnot's.
Pots and pans, picture frames, toys,
books, and furniture from every decade.
Tonight there's a stripped chair
from the seventies and an Elvis
figurine and some baby angels.

I guess most of us help stock these
stores caused by remodeling, moving,
or just too much on hand.
You got to make room so you can go
more thrifting.
Now I don't want someone's used
carving board, and I would rather
not wear some dead man's shoes.
And no used underwear, but I've yet
to see that. Thrift stores scruples?

I would imagine there are no two
stores the same, and a good reason
to hit more than one while you're out.
I just saw something I didn't know
what it was, but considered it at 1.99.
Because the price is what it's all
about when thrifting.
Enjoying the hunt without spending
a fortune.
Yes sir, bargain!

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

SEPT. 14

C O N T R A C T O R R J V C L R E L W
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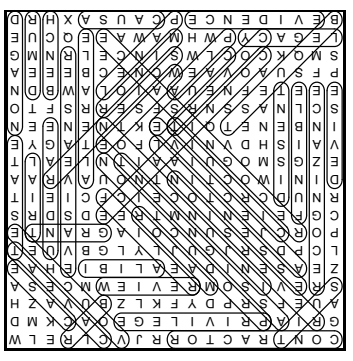
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Hanceville City Council votes to allow tattoo and body piercing facilities

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council at its meeting on Thursday held a public hearing and vote on Ordinance 2024-5, which proposed amending the zoning ordinance to allow tattoo and body piercing facilities within city limits. The council also made appointments to the zoning board and planning commission, along with addressing other City business.

The meeting began with a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. This issue had sparked considerable conversation in previous meetings, and both supporters and opponents were in anticipation of the council's decision.

Brittani Armstrong Coker, a local business owner and longtime resident of Hanceville, spoke first. Passion filled her words as she began to share about her life and her dedication to her community, as well as focusing on her sister, Kourtney Quick, the challenger to the City's current zoning ordinance.

"My big sister is trying to change the city ordinance for the betterment of our community. Not to be detrimental to your church. Not to infringe on your religious rights. Not to corrupt your children. And not to take away from the small-town charm of Hanceville," Coker said. "She is trying to show my nieces and nephews that you can achieve anything that you want to, as long as you work hard enough, and you remain honest to yourself and your community."

Coker highlighted Quick's dedication to the community, emphasizing her support through charity work, including drives for toys, food, school supplies and even covering medical and funeral expenses for families in need.

"She has purchased refrigerators and stoves for single mothers. She has helped cover costs for headstones and medical expenses for families that couldn't afford it otherwise. And she has never once asked for recognition on anything, even though she deserves it," Coker added. Coker, never lacking conviction or passion in her tone, concluded with some final powerful statements. "The simple fact is that the City of Hanceville desperately needs more tax revenue rotating in our community and a more welcoming and diversified atmosphere so that all members of our community can feel welcomed and loved in our small town. We're not living in the past; tattoos are no longer a taboo form of self-expression," she said. "If you look on the wall behind you, council, it says 'a positive and progressive community.' Can you honestly say if this doesn't pass that we are living up to that mantra? We need to have positive growth in this town, and Kourtney is the answer to that."

With Coker's conclusion, another community member addressed the council related to some final questions about the ordinance and future business growth, with the hearing coming to a close.

After the hearing concluded, the council moved on to new business before circling back to vote on Ordinance 2024-5. Mayor Jimmy Sawyer called for the vote, and Councilman John Stam voiced the only dissent. "I am voting no but I want to express my appreciation for what your family has done as far as community involvement. I think that is very honorable of y'all," Stam said. "The reason I am voting no is because, as I stated before, there are a lot of older people in my generation that expressed interest in it, via image or whatever, it's more a generation thing. I have had a lot of people express they didn't want it. "I thank y'all for y'all's involvement. But that's the reason. I am sort of on the fence, but with all of the sort of people I hang around with, generational people that support me, I am going to vote no."

Following Stam's comments, the rest of the council, excluding Kenneth Cornelius, who was absent, voted yes, effectively amending the zoning ordinance that barred tattoo shops from operating in the city limits of Hanceville.

Quick, the prospective tattoo shop owner and steward of the ordinance change later wrote on her Facebook page, "We did it! Your kindness and support throughout this process has meant everything to me. I will never be able to repay it, but I promise I will try. Milk and Honey Tattoo coming soon."

In other business, the council:

- Voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 2024-1 (Property Annexation/Zoning The Broadway Group / KME Development)
- Approved the purchase of a 2013 Chevrolet truck from Cullman Jefferson Gas for $12,300
- Voted and approved the appointment of Jonathan Black for a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Adjustments (Place 1)
- Voted and approved the appointment of Robert Powell for a six-year term on the Planning Commission (Place 8)

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 26, at Hanceville City Hall. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. with the meeting following at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 12-13

Brenda Joan Holmes Scott, 77
Our beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend Brenda Joan Holmes Scott of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the age of 77 years old. Brenda was born in Cullman, Alabama. She was the oldest daughter of Vera and Harden Wiggins. She is survived by her husband David Scott, her three daughters Kathy Pestona (Rob), Christina McLemore (Mike), Kelly Cornelius, son Richard Holmes and sister, Gloria Wise. Brenda is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Brenda was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon Holmes; daughter, Teresa Murphree; grandson, Gregory Murphree; niece, Tabitha Denton; brother-in-law, Jim Wise; son-in-law, Jeff Cornelius and brothers Larry, Wayne, and Mike Wiggins. Anyone who knew Brenda knew that she had a love for nursing. Even though she was a young, busy mother of five children, she decided to return to school to become a nurse. Brenda was one of the first students to attend Wallace State Community College Nursing Program. While studying and raising her children she obtained her LPN license and later went back to school to become a RN. With Brenda's demanding school and work schedule, she persevered as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, being sure to attend her children's and grandchildren's school events and sporting activities. Brenda started her career at Woodland Hospital in 1980 and only retired when the hospital closed in 2009. She influenced and served as a mentor to the lives of many young nurses. Brenda was a loving member of Pine Street Independent Baptist Church. Even when her health deteriorated to the point where she could no longer attend church, she watched church services online and shared her love for Jesus anyway she could. Brenda was the true matriarch of her family. She gave so much of her life attending ballgames, cooking dinners, helping with homework, drying tears, bandaging knees, and teaching her family to never give up on their dreams no matter what life hands them. She was admired by many, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of her loved ones. A celebration of life visitation for Brenda will be held Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home chapel. Brenda will be laid to rest in Gum Pond Cemetery, Eva, Alabama. To leave condolences for the Holmes-Scott family visit www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Inez Mae McDonald, 99
Inez Mae McDonald, age 99, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024. She was born on May 11, 1925, to Valera and James "Albert" Smith. Inez was born into an industrious farming family and spent her early educational years between Center Hill and Gold Ridge Schools. She started styling hair as a teenager and continued that passion for more than 70 years. She met and married her husband of 61 years in 1956 at a dance and it was love at first sight for both of them. They dated two years and married in October 1958. Their son Marty was born the following Oct. and life blossomed for them as they continued their life together. Soon after they would start to work on Bethlehem Methodist Church, which started as a labor of love and became a life of ministry for David and Inez. Inez may be best known for her work on the city council of Dodge City, or the banana bread that she would bring to those in need. Inez is survived by her son; Dr. Marty (Lynn) McDonald, sister; Vera Brown, and grandchildren; Brett (Shannon) McDonald, Derek (Candice) McDonald, and Dr Ben (Carley) McDonald, as well as three great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband of 61 years David McDonald, her parents Albert and Valera Smith, and her sister Era Bowling. A visitation for Inez will be held Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life graveside service will occur Saturday, Sept. 14, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Cemetery, Glory Hill Road. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Steven Ray Dickinson, 60
Funeral Service for Steven Ray Dickinson, age 60 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating; burial at Enon Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dickinson passed away on Sept. 13, 2024, at his residence. He was born Thursday, Sept. 19, 1963, in Washington, DC to Donald Ray Dickinson and Marteen Gray. He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents Alonzo Holmes and Myrtle Holmes, Keith Dickinson and Ruth Dickinson. Survivors include his mother Marteen (Rayford) Gray, sister, Deanna Bonds, and a host of family and friends.

Ronnie Lee Parris, 57
Ronnie Lee Parris, age 57, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024. Ronnie was born in Niles, Michigan on Nov. 30, 1966, to Ronald Larry and Charlotte Dian Parris. A visitation will be held Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Monday, Sept. 16, 2024. at Flint Creek Cemetery, 3048 County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179. Survivors are: sons: Tyler Jackson, Havyn Byrd, adopted children: Ethan and family, Shaylen and family, mother: Charlotte Parris, father: Ronald Parris, brother: Robert Parris, sister-in-law: Alisa Parris, nieces: Mocha Nicole Parris, Tyla Drew Parris. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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