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PREP BASKETBALL

2019 Cullman County Basketball Tournament tips off this Saturday



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Good Hope's Cole Maddox



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Fairview's Payton Golden



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Hanceville's Zeke McDonald



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
West Point's Olivia Ball

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CULLMAN – This year's Cullman County Basketball Tournament is fast approaching, and all seven teams are gearing up for a big week on the hardwood. The tournament will get underway Saturday, Jan. 19 and will run all the way through Saturday, Jan. 26. All games will be played in Tom Drake Coliseum on the campus of Wallace State Community College.

In the varsity division, the Good Hope Raiders and West Point Lady Warriors secured top seeds in the regular season and will enjoy a bye in the opening round. The Lady Warriors also claimed the top seed in the junior varsity division along with Fairview, and in the ninth-grade boys' bracket, West Point will enter as the no. 1 seed. With most of the 21 upcoming matchups still undetermined, all we can talk about for now is round one, starting Saturday.

The first games of the week will be showdowns in the junior varsity bracket, starting Saturday afternoon with game one of the junior varsity girls' bracket, (4) Good Hope and (5) Holly Pond. The Lady Raiders edged out the Lady Broncos 34-32 in their last meeting so their matchup on Saturday should be interesting as well. After that game, the junior varsity boys will kick things off with (4) Cold Springs taking on (5) Vinemont. The Eagles are entering the matchup as the higher seed but haven't seen Vinemont since November when they won 34-23. Both teams have played a lot of basketball since that game so this pairing should be fun to watch.

Two more junior varsity boys' games will follow. (3) West Point will take on (6) Holly Pond and (2) Good Hope v. (7) Hanceville will cap off Saturday night. The Warriors will enter their matchups as the favorite after knocking off the Broncos 59-35 earlier this season, and the Bulldogs will have a big challenge in front of them when they take on the Raiders.

Monday, Jan. 21 will feature another junior varsity boys clash when (1) Fairview faces the winner of the Cold Springs and Vinemont showdown from Saturday. Monday will also kick off the varsity matchups, starting with (2) Fairview v. (7) Vinemont. The Lady Aggies blew past the Lady Eagles 60-16 in their last matchup so they will certainly be the favorite in the rematch. The varsity boys' bracket will get underway after them, with (4) Fairview facing off against (5) Holly Pond. The Aggies just won their last meeting with the Broncos Tuesday night 91-79 but were also defeated by Holly Pond in the annual Thanksgiving Tournament 59-38, so this is a matchup that could easily go either way.

Tuesday night has another pair of varsity games set. In the girls' bracket, (3) Hanceville will square off against (6) Good Hope and on the boys' side, (3) West Point will take on (6) Cold Springs. The Lady Bulldogs got by the Lady Raiders 60-41 in their last meeting and will try to make it two in a row when they play on Tuesday. The Warriors will enter as the favorite in their game against the Eagles after defeating them 55-51 in their last meeting, but don't be surprised if this one goes down to the wire.

Wednesday will see the ninth-grade squads finally hit the floor and they'll get things started with (1) West Point v. (4) Vinemont. The Warriors defeated the Eagles twice earlier this season by a combined score of 88-23 so they will certainly be the favorites on Wednesday. (2) Fairview will take on (3) Good Hope after that and with similar seeds and records going in, this matchup could definitely tip to either side. Two more varsity games will follow, starting with (4) Cold Springs v. (5) Holly Pond. Despite entering the tournament neck and neck in terms of seeding, the Lady Eagles are 2-0 against the Lady Broncos this season, and if they can stay hot from behind the 3-point line, it'll be tough for Holly Pond to keep pace. (2) Hanceville will face (7) Vinemont in the night cap and the Bulldogs will be fresh off of their convincing 80-41 win over the Eagles this past Tuesday night.

The last of our determined matchups will play on Thursday and Friday before the championship games slated for Saturday. On Thursday, (1) West Point will take on the winner of Good Hope and Holly Pond game from Saturday in the junior varsity girls' bracket, and following them in the varsity

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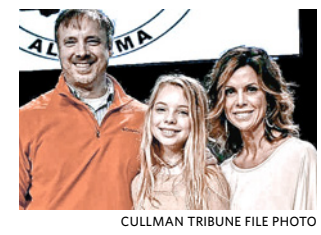
City zoning director responds to city zoning controversy

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92nd annual Cullman County Spelling Bee coming Feb. 4

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Schools Elementary Curriculum Coordinator Margaret Guthrie and Elementary Curriculum Administrative Assistant Leah Sapp have announced the 92nd annual Cullman County Spelling Bee, to be held at Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184 at Alabama Highway 157, on Monday, Feb. 4, 2019, starting at 7 p.m.



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2018 Cullman County Spelling Bee winner Jessie Godbee of Cullman Middle School, with her parents David Godbee and Tanya Davis

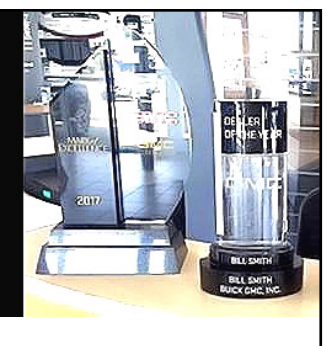
Contestants are from grades three through eight in the city and county systems, as well as area private schools, and each has one his or her school's spelling bee. The winner of the county bee will compete at the state level in March 2019.

Contestants

- Charlie Ashley, West Point Intermediate, 5th grade
- Blakely Baggett, Holly Pond Elementary, 5th grade
- Emery Barnett, Holly Pond Middle, 7th grade
- Justin Caffee, Cold Springs Elementary, 8th grade
- Kelsey Campbell, Vinemont Middle, 8th grade
- Kai Charles, Parkside School, 5th grade
- Braden Cleek, Hanceville Middle, 7th grade
- Carter Daily, St. Paul's School, 6th grade
- Mia Fortner, Fairview Middle, 6th grade
- Kaden Gay, Vinemont Elementary, 5th grade
- Anastasia Harris, Harmony School, 8th grade
- Alex Jiang, West Elementary, 5th grade
- Jacob Kane, Hanceville Elementary, 5th grade
- Caden Maddox, Fairview Elementary, 5th grade
- Kollin McClure, West Point Middle, 8th grade
- William Nichols, Cullman Middle, 8th grade
- Chase Prewett, Good Hope Elementary, 3rd grade
- Elena Saldana, St. Bernard Prep, 7th grade
- Meadow Simmons, West Point Elementary, 3rd grade
- Allie-Michelle Stewart, East Elementary, 6th grade
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Arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 16

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 16, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS
No incidents reported

ARRESTS
No arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

ARRESTS
Jan. 15

Palmer, James A., 50
- FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- insurance violation

Goodwin, Delana M., 49
- fourth-degree theft of property

Lynn, Donald J. Jr., 28
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Selvage, Mary C., 24
- harassment

Chambers, James W., 41
- fourth-degree theft of property

Styles, Wesley A., 31
- public intoxication

Thursby, Jessica L., 29
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- expired driver's license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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

INCIDENTS
- 1/14, person, duty upon striking unattended vehicle, 1st Ave. NE, damage to '11 Honda CRV, $500
- 1/15, person, third-degree burglary, Logan St. SW, misc., $3,660
- 1/15, person, unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, Hwy. 157, phone, wallet and contents
- 1/15, person, harassing communications
- 1/16, person, duty upon striking unattended vehicle, Hwy. 157, damage to '08 Toyota Corolla, $500

Controversy (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council had one of its shortest-ever agendas, but held one of its longest-ever meetings, as city residents came to ask questions and express concerns about two separate issues: the proposed new location of Rock the South (RTS) and a proposed modification of the City's ordinance defining an R-4 residential zone, a change that could allow the construction of large apartment complexes in districts of the city currently composed of only single-family dwellings.

Local residents who came to protest the zoning modification argued that placing apartment complexes in traditional neighborhoods would increase crime, lower surrounding property values and place increasing burdens on city infrastructure and an already overcrowded city school system, eventually leading to increased local taxes.

On Wednesday, The Tribune asked Cullman City Director of Building, Planning, and Zoning Rick Fulmer to clarify the proposed zoning ordinance change.

Fulmer explained, "The old ordinances, under 'Permitted Uses,' said that duplex-attached rental units as apartments are acceptable, and it said that apartment buildings in accordance with the permitted use for condos are acceptable.

"What that did is control the number of units based on acreage, and there were a lot of restrictions related to condos that really should not relate to apartments.

"R-4 is designed for high-density living. It's exactly where apartment complexes should be. So, in looking at the ordinance, the gentleman who is helping rewrite our subdivision ordinance and will help rewrite our zoning ordinance found that and couldn't understand why multi-family dwellings was not in R-4. So, what has happened is that multi-family dwellings of four or more units has been added under 'Permitted Uses' in the R-4 zoning."

According to Fulmer, the inclusion of apartment buildings and complexes in the type of zone defined in Cullman as R-4 is typical in the ordinances of other cities and may have been a simple oversight when Cullman's were originally drawn up. If so, then the modification would not represent a radical departure from common zoning standards, but would instead bring Cullman's ordinances in line with norms across the country.

Apartment complexes of five units or more, while still to be considered residential properties, are also permitted in zoned business districts.

Controlling residential population: density, setbacks and parking

In response to questions about how many people might move into a certain area if R-4 zoning allows apartments in traditional neighborhoods, Fulmer's answer on Monday night seemed vague and even evasive to some.

Fulmer countered that population density--the number of people allowed to live in a certain area--is not a specifically defined set of numbers, but instead is defined by the issues of:

- Setback - the required distance between structures and the edges of property lines, which varies from zone to zone. R-1 has the largest setbacks, and would be reserved generally for single homes set in large yards. Even before any modification of the ordinance, R-4 already has the smallest setbacks, and is designed to maximize the amount of usable space for buildings on small lots.
- Parking - The more people live in a certain area, the more parking spaces will be required. Apartment complexes require substantial amounts of parking, and so the space taken up by the parking lots themselves will limit the number of people who can live there and, thus, the number of apartments that can be built.

Fulmer explained, "Now, the question came up about density, and the reason I couldn't give (the person asking the question at Monday's public hearing) a hard number is that there is not a density where it says 'four units per acre,' 'six units per acre' or 'one unit per 10,000 feet.' There's nothing in the ordinance that specifically says that, because the density is controlled by the required setbacks from property lines and the amount of parking required per unit. That's what controls your density."

Can someone buy property in a traditional neighborhood and build apartments?

Said Fulmer, "Is it possible? Yes. (The person asking the question) was concerned about people acquiring property and building on it. Well, that's kind of the way it works in America. Can someone come in there and buy 12 houses and wind up with five acres or more, and request a rezoning? Yes, they can; that's always a possibility. And that's true in any zoning district."

Fulmer said that he felt like apartments that might be located in the parts of town represented by the protesters at Monday's meeting would be upscale complexes that catered to people coming to Cullman to work in one of the area's local industries, several of which have recently undertaken expansions.

For more on Monday's council meeting and RTS, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2019/01/13/tribune-exclusive-rock-south-moving-southwest-downtown-cullman and www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2019/01/14/cullman-city-council-gets-earful-about-rock-south-zoning-ordinance.

A livestream video of the RTS debate and a portion of the zoning debate is available at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/508989129588703/.

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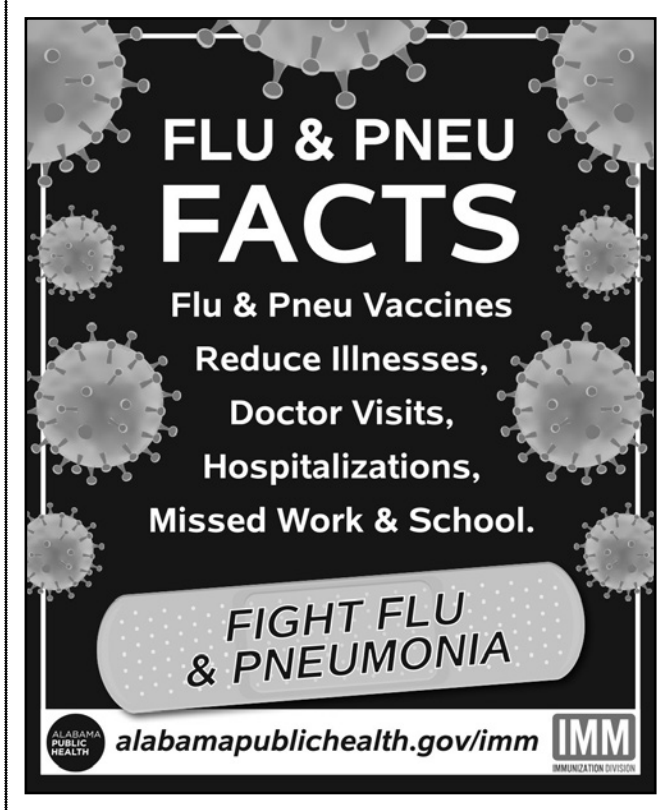
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Cullman City Council gets earful about Rock the South, zoning ordinance

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CULLMAN - Monday evening's regular meeting of the Cullman City Council instantly became a referendum on the decision by Rock the South (RTS) producers to relocate the mammoth music festival from Heritage Park to leased private land within city limits west of Interstate 65.

Residents from the Deer Trace subdivision half a mile northwest of the site showed up in force to express concern about the potential impact of the event on narrow area county roads, local property values, traffic, crime, and the safety of residents and their children on area roads.

Several complained about the suddenness of the announcement with little or no notice to residents of RTS' plan to lease the property, saying that it appeared to be a back room deal between RTS and the City of Cullman.

RTS Founder Shane Quick and 46 Entertainment Event Manager Nathan Baugh both attended the meeting, addressing the council and answering questions and accusations from the crowd. Quick referred to studies conducted by architects and urban planners, which he said pointed to the site's ability to support an event the size of RTS, and to the local infrastructure being able to support anticipated traffic.

Both Quick and council members noted that the City had not yet approved any permits for a festival at the site, and that planners and producers would have to present acceptable event plans before any permit would be issued, just as they had each year for Heritage Park.

After the impromptu public hearing, Quick and Baugh moved out to the city hall lobby for face-to-face discussion with anyone still interested in talking. Afterward, Quick said that he felt good about the informal conversation.

Proposed zoning ordinance change could increase number of apartments in residential areas

While talk of RTS moved out of the auditorium, a fair portion of the crowd stayed put for a public hearing on a proposed modification of the City's ordinance defining an R-4 residential zone, a change that could allow the construction of large apartment complexes in districts of the city currently composed of only single-family dwellings.

Residents from upscale areas of the city complained that such a modification would open the door to the construction of high-density, lower-income apartment complexes they said would quickly attract crime, become run down and lower property values in the surrounding neighborhoods.

One speaker stated, "We don't want Veigl Village (a Cullman-area low-income apartment complex) across from our homes."

Another argued that if large apartments are built in residential areas, value would go down and crime would go up, before pleading, "Please don't do that to us."

Others pointed to the effects of increased population density in city residential areas, expressing specific concerns like the possible increase in numbers of students at city schools whose class sizes are already above recommended maximums.

They argued that teachers and schools are already overburdened, and that increases in numbers would affect even traffic around the schools, which is already a subject of concern to many.



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Rock the South Founder Shane Quick (pictured), along with partner Nathan Baugh, came to explain plans for the festival's new site and answer questions about the project at Monday night's Cullman City Council meeting.

Still others noted increased pressure on area infrastructure. Both speakers agreed that the impact of increases in population density in Cullman's residential neighborhoods would eventually require increases in local taxes.

Opponents of the change asked for large apartment developments to remain under their previous zoning designation of B-1, a type of business zone designation that would keep them out of residential areas.

The council gave the proposed ordinance a first reading, and took no action. The measure is expected to be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

See The Tribune's video of the RTS debate and a portion of the zoning debate at www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/508989129588703/.

Good Hope moves forward with development project; Bartlett responds to Rock the South move

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GOOD HOPE - The City of Good Hope moved forward at Monday night's council meeting with an as-yet undisclosed economic development project, following an executive session after which Mayor Jerry Bartlett was authorized to enter into an agreement for "economic development project 114."

Bartlett said he hopes to announce the project in the near future, sharing, "When loans and other details can be finalized, the individuals involved in the economic development will tell him when to announce it."

Bartlett also pointed to the current U.S federal government shutdown as part of the delay in finalizing some aspects of the project.

The mayor also gave his thoughts on Monday morning's Rock the South announcement. After some recent speculation that the giant music festival might choose Good Hope as its new home, organizers instead decided to move to a different location within the city of Cullman.

Said Bartlett, "I think it is wonderful! We were excited that they were considering us and a little disappointed that we didn't get it but, now that I think about it, Exit 305 is in need of a spark and I think this is going to really fire up 305. So, when you look at it, Rock the South, we all share the revenue from it so the most important factor is that it stay here.

"It's staying here and that's what we love and what we wanted more than anything. If you really think about it, it being there at (County Road) 469, closer to Exit 305, if we get a hotel or we get a restaurant, that hotel or restaurant will be here year round. Whereas, if we had it over here and didn't spark growth there, it's good for just the event they put on. In the long run, I think it's a blessing in a disguise. I'm happy."

In other business, the City's audit has been completed and Councilman John Harris plans to present the report at the next council meeting.

The Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) annual report was also completed, with results presented by Grady Parsons of Living Water Services. The report indicated a few high flows but concluded that the city's water quality is exceptional. The council approved the MWPP report for submittal to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

The council also passed a resolution to continue using alcohol funds to pay for Air Evac Lifeteam service for residents.

Bartlett said of the resolution, "Any citizen in Good Hope that ever has to be airlifted, we pay for that. We have used it a few times now."





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Sealed Bids shall be received for one (I) or more Community Safe Room(s) by the Logan Volunteer Fire Department, until noon on local time by February 4, 2019. The bids will be opened on February 6, 2019 at 10 a.m. at Cullman County Economic Development, Cullman, Alabama. At this time bids .will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 114" steel plate safe room, with standard bathrooms, 35 KW generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. The contract, if a bid is chosen, will be awarded at the regular Logan Volunteer Fire Department meeting after the February 6, 2019 opening.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361. Each bid must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. The successful bidder will also be required to provide a notarized Contractor/Installer form certifying this upon completion of the job, as well as an engineering peer review.

The Logan Volunteer Fire Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

All bidders **must** use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked - in the lower left-hand envelope **"BID #0119- Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted to Logan Volunteer Fire Department at 325 2nd Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Friday 7:30 am to 4:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Ashley Graves, Project Coordinator at ashley@cullmanecondev.org or call at 256-775-6258 or contact Chief Toby Bates at logan01toby@gmail.com**

PHARMACY TOPICS
by Rex Smith
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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

Use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) was associated with an 18 percent increased risk of atrial fibrillation – an irregular, often rapid heart rate – in a study published in the *British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology*. Atrial fibrillation affects approximately 0.5 percent of the general population, but more than six percent of the elderly population.

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By taking a high-cost drug with a low-fat meal – instead of on an empty stomach, as prescribed – prostate cancer patients could decrease their daily dose, prevent digestive issues and cut costs by 75 percent, according to a new study in the March 28, 2018 issue of the *Journal of Clinical Oncology* (JCO). Abiraterone acetate, marketed as Zytiga, is the standard medicine used to treat metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer. Patients taking Zytiga are told to take four of the 250 milligram pills first thing in the morning. Then, having gone without food overnight, they must wait at least one more hour before eating breakfast.

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New research published in *PLOS ONE* suggests higher levels of vitamin D are associated with decreasing risk of breast cancer.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has granted approval to the combination of two immunotherapy drugs, ipilimumab and nivolumab, for the treatment of metastatic kidney cancer. The results of the large, international clinical trial leading to the approval were just published in the prestigious *New England Journal of Medicine* and showed a significantly higher response rate and improved survival than the standard therapy in patients with intermediate and highly aggressive kidney cancers.

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Brackets (from Front)

girls' bracket, the top-seeded Lady Warriors will play the winner of Wednesday's contest between Cold Springs and Holly Pond. Friday will start with a junior varsity girls' showdown between (2) Cold Springs and (3) Fairview and will be followed by (1) Good Hope facing the winner of Monday's Fairview and Holly Pond matchup in the varsity boys' division.

After all that, this year's champions will be determined on Saturday, Jan. 26 starting with the ninth-grade boys title game at 1 p.m.

2019 CULLMAN COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Wallace State Community College (Admission is $6 per day)

Saturday, Jan. 19

- JV Girls' Game 1 – (4) Good Hope v. (5) Holly Pond – 2 p.m.
- JV Boys' Game 1 – (4) Cold Springs v. (5) Vinemont – 3:15 p.m.
- JV Boys' Game 2 – (3) West Point v. (6) Holly Pond – 4:30 p.m.
- JV Boys' Game 3 – (2) Good Hope v. (7) Hanceville – 5:45 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21

- JV Boys' Game 4 – (1) Fairview v. winner of game 1 – 5:30 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Game 1 – (2) Fairview v. (7) Vinemont – 6:45 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Game 1 – (4) Fairview v. (5) Holly Pond – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- JV Boys' Game 5 – winner of game 2 v. winner of game 3 – 5 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Game 2 – (3) Hanceville v. (6) Good Hope – 6:15 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Game 2 – (3) West Point v. (6) Cold Springs – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- Ninth Grade Boys' Game 1 – (1) West Point v. (4) Vinemont – 4 p.m.
- Ninth Grade Boys' Game 2 – (2) Fairview v. (3) Good Hope – 5 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Game 3 – (4) Cold Springs v. (5) Holly Pond – 6:15 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Game 3 – (2) Hanceville v. (7) Vinemont – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24

- JV Girls' Game 2 – (1) West Point v. winner of game 1 – 5 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Game 4 – (1) West Point v. winner of game 3 – 6:15 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Game 5 – winner of game 1 v. winner of game 2 – 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

JV Girls' Game 3 – (2) Cold Springs v. (3) Fairview – 5 p.m.

- Varsity Boys' Game 4 – (1) Good Hope v. winner of game 1 – 6:15 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Game 5 – winner of game 2 v. winner of game 3 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26

- Ninth-Grade Championship Game – winner of game 1 v. winner of game 2 – 1 p.m.
- JV Girls' Championship Game – winner of game 2 v. winner of game 3 – 2:30 p.m.
- JV Boys' Championship Game – winner of game 4 v. winner of game 5 – 4 p.m.
- Varsity Girls' Championship Game – winner of game 4 v. winner of game 5 – 5:30 p.m.
- Varsity Boys' Championship Game – winner of game 4 v. winner of game 5 – 7 p.m.









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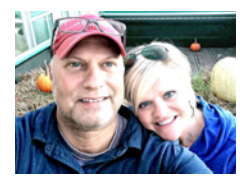
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EDUCATION

West Elementary's Shaddix named state school counselor of the year

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CULLMAN - Elizabeth Shaddix, guidance counselor at West Elementary School, has received statewide recognition, being named the 2019 Alabama School Counselor of the Year by the Alabama School Counselor Association.

Shaddix will represent Cullman City Schools and Alabama in Washington, D.C. on Feb. 1, 2019, where she will be honored at a black-tie gala along with other top counselors from across the country.

Shaddix was recognized for her achievement at Tuesday's Cullman City School Board meeting.

Also recognized were the school board members themselves, including Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson; each was presented with a certificate in observance of National School Board Recognition Month by the city school principals.

Patterson said of the board, "They take on a difficult job and assume enormous responsibilities.

"These individuals work collaboratively to set and maintain our policies that provide the framework for Cullman City Schools.

"As strong advocates for public education, they stand up to the needs of our students, our staff, and they provide the vision that our community desires."

Also recognized at Tuesday's meeting was Erica Rutherford, reading coach at Cullman City Primary School. Rutherford recently completed her doctorate in education.

Superintendent performance report

The results from a yearly evaluation conducted by the school board regarding the superintendent's performance for the 2017-2018 school year was presented.

Patterson received high marks and excelled in financial management, technology management, educational leadership, communication and community relations.

Said Patterson, "I focused on communications and community relations. One of the things, I had developed a weekly newsletter.

"That is published once a week and sent through social media. Also, there is a link to the website that you can sign up so anyone can access the newsletter each week.

"We deployed a mobile app for informational and emergency notifications.

"I facilitated a design and the update of our district and school websites through the technology department and to make sure that they met all the ADA requirements. We implemented an electronic messaging system to track state needs from year to year."

She continued, "I organized and worked with our city council to meet and discuss the needs of both our school system and the city.

"I am currently serving on a three-year term as a board member for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and through this board, I am able to provide a voice for our school system and businessmen.

"At the state level, I serve on the Superintendent's Association of Alabama's board and serve as an advocate for our students and our schools at the state level."

School calendar

The board approved all agenda items and new business including the calendar for the 2019-2020 school year.

Students will begin the 2019-2020 school year in Aug. 7, 2019. This year, students will enjoy a full week out of school for Thanksgiving.

Christmas break will begin after an early dismissal on Dec. 20, and students will return on Jan. 6, 2020.

The last day of the 2020 school year will be May 21 unless make-up weather days are needed.

The Cullman City School Board will meet next on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. in the Central Office board room.

Community Notes- Jan. 17-20

Relay For Life of Cullman County Kick-Off Event

Volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Cullman County will gather at 5:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 17, at First Baptist Church of Cullman Fellowship Hall to kick off plans for its annual event set for Friday, May 3 at Cullman County Fairgrounds. Teams and sponsors from the 2018 event will be recognized and teams will be able to choose their tent site for the 2019 event and get information on Relay-wide fundraisers and more. Upcoming meetings will also be held on Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, April 18 and May 2. For more information or to register or join a team, visit www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal or contact Helen Allen at 256-709-4019 or helen@weltimail.com. Visit the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL.

Senior Outreach Organization Dinner and Entertainment

The Senior Outreach Organization meets on the first, second and third Saturday of each month at The Link of Cullman County. (It is not affiliated with The Link of Cullman County, it is only renting the building.) The meal begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. - 708 9th St SE, Cullman

North Alabama Quartet Convention

- Jan. 18-19, 2019
- Free admission
- Temple Baptist Church, 30 County Road 1184, Cullman (off Alabama Highway 157 near West Point)
- 5:30 p.m. Friday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday
- Friday will feature a concert by Triumphant Quartet.
- Saturday evening will feature a "homecoming-style" hymn singing.

Bingo at the American Legion

Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4.
181 Reid Road
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Westside Baptist Church Singing

Singing Sunday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. with Trusting Grace.
711 Cleveland Ave. SW

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing

Third Sunday night singing, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. with Second Mile. The church is located by U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Benefit Singing

Benefit singing for Zachery, Jessica and baby Sampson Tanner. The family had a great loss by house fire, but thankfully the family got out safely. The singing is Sunday, Jan 20 at 2 p.m. at Freewill Baptist Church on St. Joseph Street in Cullman. Guest singers will be Battle Ground GG and Heartfelt Trio.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- Meeting

TOPS meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman

- Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
- Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
- Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

New cancer support group- Victory Support Group

Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. The first meeting is Monday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources.

Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer.
Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 14 - 19

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Funeral services for Mrs. Rita Reyna Hitt Abbott, 59, of Hanceville are Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Michael Harris and Rev. Tim Dubberly officiating, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Abbott went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. She was born December 4, 1959 to Robert Joe and Othelia Cone Hitt. She was preceded in death by an infant brother, Jamie Hitt and her father, Robert Joe Hitt. Rita is survived by her husband of 42 years, Ronald Lee Abbott; sons, Donald Lee (Jamie) Abbott and Nathan Alan (Sheena) Abbott; grandchildren, Savannah Faith Abbott, Brody Joe Abbott, Kimberly Michelle Cobb, Cassandra Reyna Abbott and Natalie Grace Abbott, due in March; mother, Othelia Cone Hitt; sister, Joyce Ann Shelton; brothers, Buddy (Glenda) Hitt, Michael (Betty) Hitt, Phillip Hitt and Bobby Hitt and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Rita loved her family and excelled at being a grandmother. She had a "green thumb" and earned a degree in horticulture from Wallace State. She was an excellent cook and seamstress. Rita was of an upstanding character and a member of Mt. Grove Baptist Church.

Jay Edward Hawkins, 78, of Joppa, passed away on Monday, January 14, 2019. He was born January 23, 1940, in Blount County, Alabama, to Jay and Virginia Beasley Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins was a floor covering salesman by trade. Jay never met a stranger and loved to talk. These gifts helped him be a successful salesman. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Jay cherished his wife, adored his girls, and believed his grandchildren and great-grandchildren hung the stars. He spent many weekends and vacations camping with his wife and girls. The trip to the campgrounds often included Mr. Hawkins own personal concert featuring a loud rendition of "American Pie." He was so proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren in all that they did! Jay beamed with pride over everything they did, whether it was an athletic accomplishment or their service to our nation. He endured his grandson's childhood pastime, of building traps to catch an intruder, with patience. Jay often found himself ensnared in strings or some other device, but his frustration of being captured always turned to laughter as he untangled himself from the trap. He was a fun loving man who collected coins and thought Duck Tape fixed anything. Mr. Hawkins was past president of the local Civitan International club, former member of the Alabama National Guard, and serves at the Marshall County Court House with RSVP. Jay was also a proud Alabama fan. Our hearts are greatly saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. Jay is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jerry Hawkins. He is survived by his beloved wife, Linda Hawkins; daughters, Laura (David) Hallmark, Sandy (Bruce) Haase; brother George Hawkins; grandchildren Heidi, Bruce III, Brian, Scott, Erin; great-grandchildren, Guinness, Reily, Ruby Ann, River, Michael; and a host of friends and neighbors Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2019, at Fairview First United Methodist Church, Scott Hagood and Richard Saylor officiating. Mr. Hawkins will lie in state one hour prior to service time. Burial will follow in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday evening, January 16, 2019, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., in the chapel of Holly Pond Funeral Home. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hawkins family.

Mr. Hubert Donald Tolbert of Cullman Alabama passed away January 16, 2019 at the age of 84. He was born July 4, 1934 to Johnny Hubert and Netty Marie Cagle Tolbert. Funeral services are Friday, January 18, 2019 at 1 PM at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Learon West and Rev. Randy Williams officiating. Interment will be in Baldwin Heights Cemetery. Survivors are his wife Christeen Tolbert, sisters Bonnie Ruth Tolbert and Betty Fay Tolbert. Visitation is Thursday, January 17, 2019 from 6 PM until 8 PM at Moss Funeral Home. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences.

Jenny Beasley Lovelady, 44 of Addison, entered into rest on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Arrangements pending.

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PREP BASKETBALL

West Point drops Tuesday night matchups with Hartselle

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WEST POINT – The Hartselle Tigers traveled to West Point for a pair of matchups with the Warriors and Lady Warriors Tuesday night and Hartselle was able to leave with a pair of wins. The Lady Warriors fell just short 42-34 and the Tigers were able to pull away from the Warriors 94-68.

Hartselle 42 - (18-4) West Point 34 (varsity girls)

It was a battle of two great defenses in this game and it showed early on as the Lady Warriors held a slim 5-4 lead. They stretched it to 10-4 on a layup by Mackenzie Carter and a trey by Miriam Oldacre, but the Lady Tigers finished the quarter strong, scoring the final seven points to take an 11-10 lead into the second period.

Hartselle made it 20-12 in the second quarter behind some sloppy passing from West Point, but the Lady Warriors' defense kept West Point in the game and kept it a 20-15 game in a half that featured just seven fouls.

The third period featured some sloppy play by both sides, but both defenses continued their stellar play. West Point found itself trailing 29-22 going into the final period.

The Lady Warriors made a push to start out the quarter as they hit four of their six shots from the line to make it a 29-26 contest. Lexi Shadix hit a huge three from the left wing to cut the deficit to just two at 33-31 with 3:38 to go in the game, but the Lady Warriors never got any closer after that as turnovers plagued West Point for the remainder of the contest.

Shadix led the way for West Point with 13 points, eight rebounds, a steal and a block. Miriam Oldacre added 10 points, four rebounds and a steal. Carter ended up with 10 points as well, along with seven points and a pair of steals, and Maci Hamby chipped in with a point. The Lady Warriors will look to rebound at home against Russellville on Friday night.

Hartselle 94 - (10-12) West Point 68 (varsity boys)

Both teams traded points early on, but the Warriors broke a 5-5 tie with a three from Kolton Sapp and a layup by Kobe Bowers. The Tigers answered back with 10 in a row to take a 15-10 lead. A Sapp three cut it to 18-15. He finished with 10 points in the period to help keep his team in the game, but the Tigers wound up taking a 26-21 lead into the second period.

Hartselle continued its red-hot shooting, scoring the first 14 points of the quarter before Rylan Jones ended the run with a layup. The Tigers pushed their lead above 20 at one point and the Warriors went into the locker room trailing 50-31.



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West Point's Lexi Shadix attacks the basket in the Lady Warriors' 42-34 loss to Hartselle Tuesday night.

Sapp looked to spark the West Point offense early in the second half, scoring the first five points to make it a 50-36 game, but the Warriors never got any closer after that as Hartselle quickly pushed its lead back to 20.

The Warriors never got out of the double-digit hole the rest of the game and wound up falling 94-68.

Sapp finished with 19 points for West Point. Aubry Cleghorn added 10 points, five rebounds and a steal. Tyler White ended up with 10 points, two rebounds and a pair of steals. Tyler Thompson added eight points, four rebounds and a steal. Will Cochran finished with eight points as well, along with three rebounds, two assists and a steal. The Warriors will look to regroup on Friday night when they take on Russellville at home.

PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville collects road sweep of Vinemont; Tuesday night scoring wrap-up

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VINEMONT – Hanceville made the brief trip north to take on the Vinemont Eagles Tuesday night and the Bulldogs went home with a pair of varsity wins. The Lady Bulldogs put down the Lady Eagles 53-26 and the Bulldogs blew past Vinemont 80-41.

(11-8) Hanceville 53 – (5-18) Vinemont 26 (varsity girls)

The Lady Bulldogs took control of this one early, starting the game on a 7-0 run and maintaining an 11-5 lead at the end of the first quarter. Hanceville stretched its lead out to 22-12 by halftime, thanks in large part to 16 first-half points from Kelly Pickett.

The Lady Bulldogs were able to take advantage of some Vinemont turnovers and turn them into easy buckets on the other end, building a 38-22 lead by the end of the third quarter. Hanceville started the final quarter the same way it started the first, with a 7-0 run that eliminated any chance of a comeback from the Lady Eagles. The Lady Bulldogs pulled away to win it 53-26.

Pickett led Hanceville with 25 points in the win, followed by Kierra Merriweather who finished with seven and Malia Howell and Mira Geiser who both added six. The Lady Bulldogs will look to keep things rolling in the right direction when they travel to face J.B. Pennington Thursday.

Bailey Preiss led Vinemont with nine points in the loss, followed closely by Madysen Hacker who posted eight. The Lady Eagles will try to bounce back with a win Thursday when they host Holly Pond.

(17-4) Hanceville 80 – (5-18) Vinemont 41 (varsity boys)

Just like the Lady Bulldogs before them, Hanceville's boys' squad jumped out to an early lead as well, taking a commanding 21-5 lead into the second quarter. The Bulldogs were able to force turnovers throughout the game and turned them into fast-break points, making it tough for the Eagles to chip away at the lead. Raiden Morgan knocked down a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer to give Hanceville a 41-19 lead at the break.

The third quarter might've been the most one-sided of the night for the Bulldogs, as they outscored Vinemont 31-15 in the period and built a 72-34 lead by the start of the fourth quarter. With the clock running, Hanceville held on to win in convincing fashion 80-41.

Several Bulldogs scored in double figures, led by Morgan with 23. Fred Ellis finished just behind him with 19 points, followed by Tyson Bellmon with 14.

Hanceville will look to stay hot when the Bulldogs travel to take on J.B. Pennington Thursday night.

The Eagles were led by Katch Johnson who finished with 13 points in the loss, followed by Jordan Hall with eight points and Lucas Miller with six. Vinemont will try to get back in the win column Thursday night when the Eagles host Holly Pond.

Other Tuesday scores

- Hartselle 94 – West Point 68 (varsity boys)
- Hartselle 42 – West Point 34 (varsity girls)
- Decatur 63 – Cullman 45 (varsity boys)
- Cullman 77 – Decatur 47 (varsity girls)
- Fairview 91 - Holly Pond 79 (varsity boys)
- Fairview 44 - Holly Pond 42 (varsity girls)
- Lynn 53 – St. Bernard 45 (varsity boys)

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ALERT

Cullman sheriff's office seeks public's assistance in identifying suspect

Bradley Williams
Cullman County Sheriff's Office

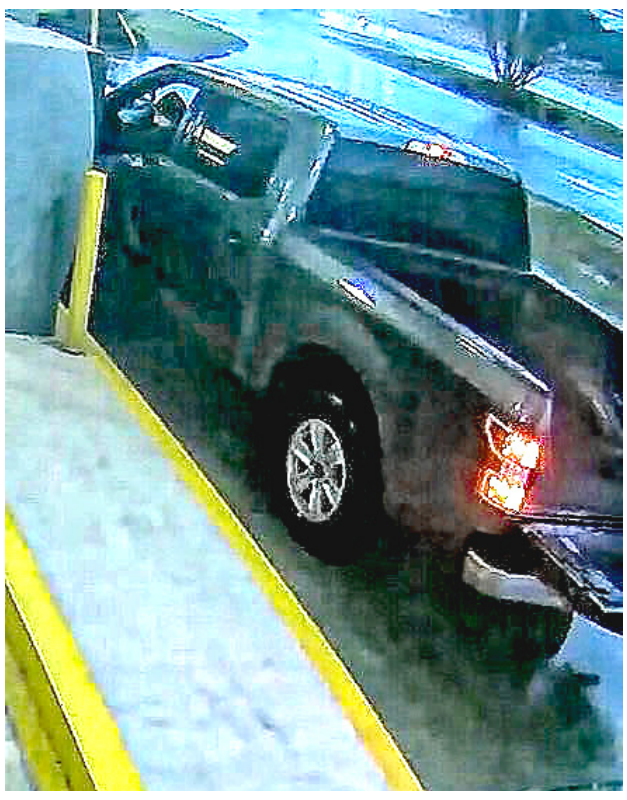
CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is asking for the public's assistance with identifying the subject in the right picture below.

The suspect, and accomplices, are using cloned debit cards at bank ATMs in Cullman County and surrounding counties.

The CCSO has also included pictures (below) of vehicles that it believes the suspect and his accomplices could be driving, including a silver or gray Ford F-150 crew cab, dark red or maroon Porsche Cayenne and a gold Hyundai Santa Fe.

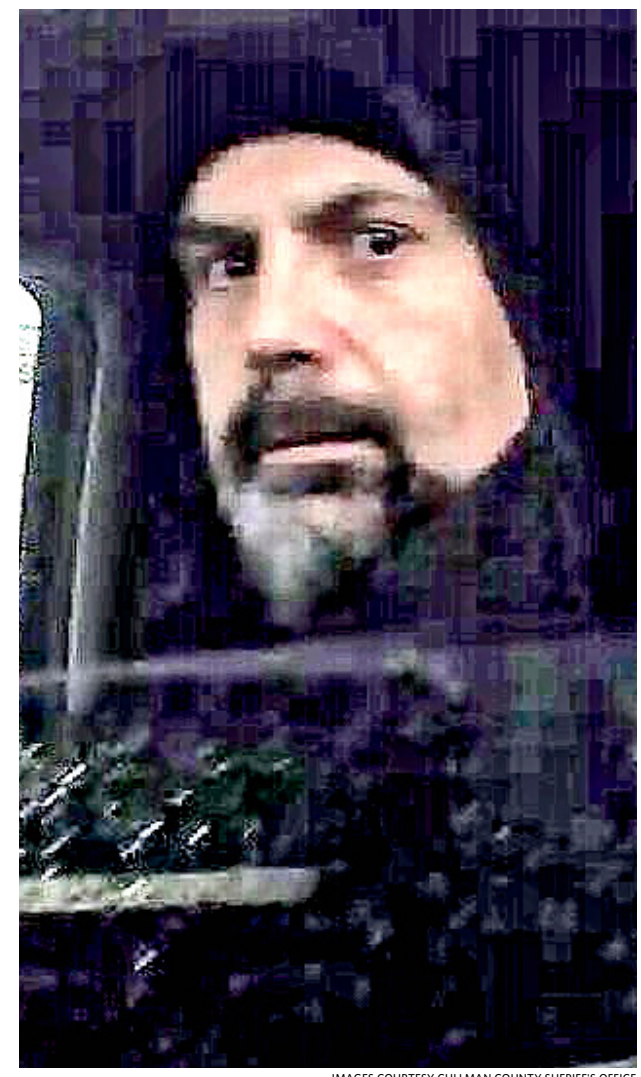
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