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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Eagles falls to Hatton 65-46 in NW Regional Semifinals



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Cold Springs' Toni West (4) drives to the basket during the Lady Eagles' 65-46 loss to Hatton Monday night.
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Hatton edges Cold Springs 54-48 in NW Regional Semifinal



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Cold Springs' Tanner Kilgo posted 12 points in the Eagles' 54-48 loss to Hatton Monday night.
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Tennessee man dies in Cullman County plane crash

The pilot of the plane, a local man, was critically injured



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Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison, left, and Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick, right, addressed the media Sunday regarding Saturday night's plane crash near the airfield.

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. – One person was killed, and another critically injured in a plane crash a half mile west of Cullman Regional Airport at approximately 6 p.m. Saturday.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick on Sunday identified the victim, who was the passenger, as John T. Sigman, Sr., 70, of Dyersburg, Tennessee.

"The family said he was coming down here looking to purchase that aircraft," said Kilpatrick, who said the body has been sent to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences for an autopsy.

Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison identified the injured party, the pilot, as Frederick Dawson "Noah" Holloway, local to the airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has identified the aircraft as a Piper PA-32. The plane went down in a wooded area and caught fire, according to a statement from the FAA.

Said Harrison, "I can't thank the responding agencies enough. Vinemont Fire, West Point Fire, Cullman Fire, all of them did a great job helping. Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department, Cullman EMS and Cullman EMA, along with Air Evac, State Troopers, Cullman County Coroner...the FAA was here last night, and then our airport staff. Everyone did exactly what they were supposed to do to start the chain of events as we work through this investigation."

The National Transportation Safety Board is conducting the investigation. No further details have been made available.

1 killed, 2 injured in wreck at Hwy. 278/Hwy. 157



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Emergency responders are seen at the scene of a two-car crash at Alabama Highway 157 and U.S. Highway 278 Saturday in Cullman.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Exit 304 lights getting upgraded; lease discussed for old Cotton Gin property



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope City Council got a close-up look at new lights that are being installed around Exit 304.
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman council talks airport improvements; westside park project price dropping



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Members of the Cullman City Council are seen Monday, Feb. 22, 2021.
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CRIME

2 suspects charged after high-speed chase through Morgan, Cullman counties

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LACON, Ala. – A high-speed chase originating in Morgan County after an attempted stop for a traffic violation Friday evening led authorities into Cullman County, where officers from the Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office joined in the pursuit. Alabama State Troopers were also involved. The pursuit ended after the suspects left Interstate 65 at Exit 318 at Lacon and crashed their vehicle.

The Morgan County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) identified the driver of the vehicle as Burt Anthony Williams, 45, of Hartselle and the passenger as Tracy Don Winnett, 48, of Cullman.

The MCSO said Williams had three active felony warrants. He is now facing charges of attempting to elude, reckless endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting arrest, as well as multiple traffic violations.

The MCSO said Winnett had active warrants with its department as well as the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. He is now facing charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with physical evidence.

Additional charges are pending.

No officers or civilians were injured in the pursuit. The suspects sustained minor injuries in the crash but were treated at the scene.

According to Cullman Police Capt. Gene Bates, the suspects fled from Morgan County, down I-65 South. Once in Cullman County, they exited onto U.S. Highway 278 through Cullman, down West Main Avenue and into Good Hope, where they got back on I-65 North.

CPD Officer Rob Long deployed spike strips; however, the suspects avoided them and exited onto Exit 310 and went down Alabama Highway 157 to Hwy. 278, where they turned back and came through Cullman again, taking a left on U.S. Highway 31 to Cherokee Avenue and to Good Hope and back to I-65.

The spike system was deployed again by Long near Exit 308, and this time all four of the suspects' tires were deflated. The vehicle continued north and lost its tires, running on rims.

Once at Exit 318, the suspects exited the interstate and wrecked as deputies with the Morgan County Sheriff's Office were preparing to perform a pit maneuver to end the pursuit.

Bates said Friday night officers were recovering controlled substances that the suspects threw from the vehicle at various locations during the pursuit.



MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Burt Anthony Williams, left; Tracy Don Winnett, right

CRIME

Hanceville man charged with trafficking meth

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A Hanceville man has been charged with trafficking methamphetamine, according the to the Cullman Police Department (CPD).

CPD Sgt. Trey Higginbotham initiated a traffic stop on Gordon Lance Winstead, 50, Saturday. Officers AJ White and Kolby Smith assisted.

During the traffic stop, officers allegedly recovered methamphetamine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

The CPD said Winstead was arrested and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center, where he was allegedly found to be in possession of more methamphetamine.

Winstead is charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and promoting prison contraband.

The CPD said Winstead was out on bond on an unrelated charge at the time of his arrest Saturday.

He is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gordon Lance Winstead

EDUCATION

Wallace State designated Military Friendly School for 8th consecutive year

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College has been named a Military Friendly School by Viqtory Media, Inc., for the eighth consecutive year.

Wallace State was recognized with the distinction for its record of military student success, including graduation, retention and employment outcomes, and for its services, positive culture and policies in support of veterans and their dependents.

"Wallace State is indeed honored to be recognized as a Military Friendly institution, a designation we strive to achieve every year," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "We have been intentional in our efforts to provide personalized services to our veterans and their families, and to create an environment that demonstrates our deep gratitude for their service, and support for their educational and career goals."

Colleges selected as Military Friendly Schools were graded on certain criteria favorable to veterans, including academic policies and compliance; admissions and orientation; culture and commitment; financial aid and assistance and graduation, career and military student support and retention.

Wallace State hosts meet-and-greets for its veterans at the Veterans' Corner on campus, which is located on the sixth floor of the library. The Veterans' Corner was established for veterans in order for them to have one central location together to study, congregate, share stories and unwind.

Wallace State's Veterans' Corner was spearheaded by IT Department employee Virginia Barber and her Leadership Wallace State team a number of years ago. Barber, an Air Force veteran who served in Desert Storm, and her team raised awareness about the experiences of veterans returning to civilian life and proposed a location where veterans could meet and support each other, as well as additional veteran-centered events and activities.

The Burrow Museum at Wallace State also annually hosts an exhibition commemorating America's military service in photographs.

Veterans, national guard/reservists and dependents/survivors are eligible for VA education benefits at Wallace State. The Alabama Community College System adopted The Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (Choice Act) after it was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law. The Choice Act guarantees in-state tuition to veterans and their family members.

Veterans interested in educational benefits available at Wallace State are encouraged to contact Wallace State's Brett Messersmith, the college's veterans' certifying official, at 256-352-8431 or at brett.messersmith@wallacestate.edu. Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits cover everything from tuition and fees to books for all of Wallace State's programs. Flight time for pilot training through Wallace State's aviation program is also covered.

Wallace State's designation as a Military Friendly School will be recognized in multiple publications, including in G.I. Jobs and Military Spouse magazines.

According to its website, Viqtory Media has led the industry as a ratings entity for over a decade, surveying thousands of institutions and assembling lists that capture best practices in recruitment and retention of military employees, students and franchisees. The Military Friendly ratings program has been instrumental in the development of corporate and college military recruiting programs.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

STATE

PUBLIC NOTICE: ADECA online state surplus property auction Feb. 25-March 3

ADECA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Laptops, office furniture, vehicles, generators and even portable paint booths are among the 365 lots of items up for bid in the next state surplus property auction this week.

The Surplus Property Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is hosting the auction via GovDeals.com starting at 7:30 a.m. this Thursday, Feb. 25 with bidding running until 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 3.

For information on becoming an authorized bidder, visit https://adeca.alabama.gov/Divisions/Surplus/Pages/PublicSales.aspx. The auction items will be listed here starting Feb. 25: www.GovDeals.com/AlabamaSurplus.

In addition to property no longer needed by state and federal agencies, ADECA acquires items abandoned voluntarily at several airports in the Southeast.

Auction items can be inspected on-site at the Surplus Property Division's Montgomery warehouse, 4590 Mobile Highway, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26.

ADECA conducts online public auctions periodically each year, but surplus items are available at any time to municipal and county governments, state agencies and qualified nonprofit organizations. In addition to the surplus property program, ADECA administers an array of grant programs for law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, water resource management and recreation development.

For more information about the online auction, visit www.adeca.alabama.gov/surplus or call 334-284-0577.

HEALTH

Scale Back Alabama kicks off 2021 program with exciting changes

Jeannie Gaines, Molly Killman

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to commit or re-commit to a healthier lifestyle and develop positive habits along the way. Scale Back Alabama, the state's largest wellness program, begins this year on March 1 with some new and exciting changes.

This year, Scale Back Alabama will be an entirely virtual program. Participants will register online and choose one to three goals to work on throughout the 10-week program. Each week, participants will receive a challenge and a health tip that will encourage them to reach their goal(s). Weight loss is now optional, and participants will select their own wellness goals.

It is easy to register an individual participant. Two-person teams are no longer required:

- Visit http://scalebackalabama.com/register/.
- To get started, participants will answer a few questions that will help them choose the best goals for them.
- By March 1, participants will receive an email from Scale Back Alabama with instructions on how to access their personalized user dashboard and set wellness goals for the program.
- Registration closes Feb. 28.
- Important: Public weigh-in sites are no longer available. Some workplaces or organizations may host private sites if they can do so safely. Weigh-ins and outs are no longer required to participate in the program.

Prizes

- All prizes will be on an individual basis; there will be no team prizes.
- At the end of each week, participants will indicate on their user dashboard if they did or did not complete that week's challenge. Participants who did complete the challenge on any given week will be entered into a drawing for that week's prize.
- Each week, participants will indicate on their user dashboard if they did or did not meet their pre-set goal(s) that week. For every week that participants meet at least one of their goals, their name will go into a prize drawing to be held at the end of the program.
- All prizes will be in the form of an Amazon e-gift card.

Facts about Scale Back Alabama:

- Inaugural contest started in January 2007
- Now in its 15th consecutive year
- Cumulative number of pounds lost statewide: 1.4 million
- Cumulative number of participants statewide: 335,752

Scale Back Alabama is a public awareness program hosted by the Alabama Hospital Association and the Alabama Department of Public Health, with generous support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 22

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 22, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 19

- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 109
- domestic violence; CR 944
- domestic violence; CR 1101
- domestic violence; CR 1408
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 590
- attempting to elude; I-65/MM 316
- using false identity to avoid arrest; Fire Station Road

Feb. 20

- unlawful possession of marijuana, shooting into an unoccupied vehicle; CR 1545
- domestic violence; CR 747
- domestic violence; Schwaiger Road
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1030
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 641
- violation of a protection order, stalking; CR 1118

Feb. 21

- attempting to elude; CR 1114
- domestic violence; CR 401
- domestic violence; CR 1114
- criminal mischief; CR 128
- theft of property; CR 109
- theft of property; CR 1114
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65/MM 305

ARRESTS

Feb. 18

Arnold, Trent Keith, 33

- harassment
- interference with a domestic violence emergency

Baker Jr., Clinton Cornelious, 65

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Baker, Jessica Ann, 27

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Barnett, Gretchen Speegle, 45

- FTA- shoplifting

Carroll, Scottie Allen, 35

- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- felon in possession of a firearm

Graves, Kevin Dewayne, 34

- FTA- public intoxication

Harris, Joseph Lynn, 33

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of a forged instrument
- using false identity to avoid arrest

Harvell, Candace Whitney, 33

- giving false information to law enforcement

Sears, Bridget Nichole, 35

- FTA- cruelty to animals
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- promoting prison contraband
- FTA- driving while suspended

Williams, Shayla Cheyenne, 26

- FTA- unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA- theft
- FTA- public intoxication (3 counts)

Williams, Tiffany Carol, 30

- FTA- public intoxication

Feb. 19-21

Boatright, Marqua Anne, 44

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Colburn, Amy Blackwood, 42

- harassment

Cornelius, James Gregory, 29

- harassment

Cornelius, Melanie Danette, 47

- harassment

Godsey, James Colonel, 38

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hicks, Justin Terry, 27

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use

Holloway, Amber Leana, 41

- public intoxication

Hughes, Ronnie Joe, 50

- FTA- driving while suspended

Jude, Timothy Daniel, 32

- using false identity to avoid arrest

McWhorter, Amanda Nicole, 31

- attempting to elude
- public intoxication

McWhorter, Brittany Amber, 27

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ragsdale, James Daniel, 34

- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- speeding

Sapp, Dakota Mardel, 23

- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order (2 counts)

Simmons, Charles Thomas C., 30

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Skinner, Matthew Seth, 25

- harassment/intimidation
- interfering with a domestic violence emergency
- aggravated stalking (2 counts)
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Wells, Jason Lynn, 32

- assault

West, Nicholas Wayne, 31

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Wynn, Gregory Paul, 45

- FTA- unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 18

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $53

Feb. 19

- third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree burglary; Eidson & Associates; 2nd Ave. SW; damaged property; $1,600
- third-degree theft of lost property; person; 4th St. SW; wallet & contents
- first-degree theft of property; person; 3rd Ave. SE; '03 Ford Explorer; $8,000

Feb. 20

- third-degree theft of property; Harrison Outdoors; 2nd Ave. NW; trailer; $1,030
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $84
- third-degree burglary; person; St. Joseph St. NW; miscellaneous; $1,050

Feb. 21

- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $50
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '07 Chevrolet Tahoe; $200

ARRESTS

Feb. 19

Fuller III, Evan J., 25

- trafficking
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol

Smith, Trenten D., 26

- fourth-degree theft of property

Bartee, Katherine L., 38

- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation

Feb. 20

Battles, Gregory R., 34

- DUI

Lowery Jr., Douglas E., 26

- third-degree criminal trespassing
- fourth-degree theft of property

Winstead, Gordon L., 50

- trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- second-degree promoting prison contraband

Gray, Christopher J., 45

- third-degree domestic violence

Sterling, Christopher W., 43

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA- running a red light
- FTA- insurance violation

Wynn, Gregory P., 45

- carrying a concealed pistol without a permit
- FTA- carrying a concealed pistol without a permit
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper lights

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Hook, Kodi J., 26

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation

Armstrong, Tabatha L., 34

- fourth-degree theft of property

Swafford, Jeffery S., 42

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- driving while revoked

Smith III, Robert D., 42

- fourth-degree theft of property

Kerby, Heather N., 26

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Parker, Bailey M., 21

- FTA- expired tag

Graves, Kevin D., 34

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

Berlin Residents
The Town of Berlin will be handing out Midland WR-120 Weather Radios Saturday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, March 6 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. Citizens are asked to bring their current electric bills that show they are paying fire dues to the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department, along with a photo ID.

Cullman Electric Cooperative Scholarship Opportunity
Do you know a high school senior attending a college, university or technical school in the fall? The scholarship deadline is one week away! Applications are due Friday, Feb. 26, at 4 p.m. Scholarship applications can be found on our website at https://bit.ly/3arxOSk.

Baileyton Bargain Days
- First and third 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.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Opportunity
The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District is now accepting applications for a $500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association. Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior and living in the state of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 12, 2021. For more information, contact Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431 or kholmes@cullmanswcd.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Monday and Thursday nights 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
- Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
- Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
- Classes- Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult class, "The Phases of Armageddon" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
- Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
- Mondays-Fridays- Our 5 Points Ministry provide free hot meals for children and elderly 3:30-5 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW Please call Aimee at 256-841-2060 to register or for more information. Eat in or take out. Kids' activities are available. Kids do not have to come to the center to get a free meal. Adults can list the names of the children and do takeout meals. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
- Saturday, Feb. 27 5:30 p.m. Chili Fundraiser for Children's ministry- $7 per person: chili, drink and dessert

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
- 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
- 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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- Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Virtual Concert Featuring Miss Alabama 2019 Tiara Pennington
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 9:30 a.m. at bit.ly/missalabama-wscc. Pennington will also participate in a Q&A session. Her appearance is part of Black History Month events offered at Wallace State Community College.

Colony Town Council Work Session and Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 5 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman High School Jazz Band Concert
Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Cullman High School
The concert is free, but seating is limited. Reserve your seat at https://gofan.co/app/events/243859.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Cullman Tree Commission Meeting
Friday, Feb. 26 at 9:30 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

Tree-City USA Dedication Ceremony
Friday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Hall

Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday
- From 12:01 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26 to midnight Sunday, Feb. 28, Alabama will observe the annual Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday. Certain emergency preparedness items will be exempt from the state's 4% state sales tax, and the cities of Cullman, Good Hope and Hanceville and Cullman County are all participating, along with the towns of Addison, Dodge City, Eva, Fairview, Garden City and Arley, waiving local tax on certain items.

Tax-exempt items include the following priced at $60 or less:
- Flashlights, lanterns
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Batteries
- First-aid kits
- Cell phone charger
- Two-way radios
- Manual can openers
- Tarps and plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Fire extinguishers
- Tie-down kits, bungee cords or rope

Other tax-free items include coolers, ice packs, plywood, window film and smoke/fire/carbon monoxide detectors. Portable generators and power cords costing $1,000 or less are also tax-free. To see a full list of tax-free items, go to https://bit.ly/3qFabeI.

Colony Black History Museum
- Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021 from 3-5 p.m.
- Colony Educational Complex, 151 Byars Road in Colony

Annual Spring Cleanup for City of Cullman Sanitation Customers
- March 29 – April 2, 2021
- Place your old unwanted appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other large items curbside on MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021. Crews will be picking up these items throughout that week (separately from your regular garbage and recycling). This is a service provided to our customers at NO EXTRA CHARGE!
- There are some things we can't pick up, though. We CANNOT pick up rocks, dirt, bricks, concrete, construction materials, hazardous materials or tires. And due to the large volume of items to be picked up, we will not be picking up brush, tree limbs and other yard waste during the week of March 29-April 2, 2021.
- If you have any questions, please contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560 or cityhall@cullmanal.gov.

The American Hero Music Festival
- Saturday, April 24 at Camp Liberty, 15719 Alabama Highway 157 in the Battleground community west of West Point- Gates open at 9 a.m., with the show going from 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- The event will feature headliner Black Oak Arkansas along with Blackbird Anthem, Billy Don Burrs, Rowdy Johnson, Michelle Leigh, Mercy Shine, Dawn Rix, Dee Rock and Kris Rowdy, as well as speakers Billy Howell, Jr. (veteran of the Special Forces unit that was the subject of the 2018 film "12 Strong"), Navy Rear Admiral Kent David and Dan Robinson.
- Activities consist of an Airsoft shoot house, zip lines, food, vendors and giveaways, with the grand price being a Smith & Wesson M&P AR15 style rifle.
- Lodging available through Camp Liberty (cabins, camping/RV, and bunk rooms)
- Get tickets at http://bit.ly/2NLka3a.

No. 8 Alabama moves 1 game closer to SEC regular-season title after Defeating Vanderbilt, 82-78

UA Athletics
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The No. 8/9 Alabama men's basketball team pulled out an 82-78 home victory over Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon on Senior Day. The win improved the Crimson Tide to 18-5 overall and 13-1 in Southeastern Conference and put UA's magic number to clinch at least a share of its first SEC regular season championship at one game heading into next week's action.

The Crimson Tide was led by guard Jaden Shackelford's season-best 27 points in the contest. Guard Jahvon Quinerly remained hot with 15 points and three assists, while forward Alex Reese added 10 points and a team-leading plus/minus of +23 in the victory.

Vanderbilt (6-12, 2-10 SEC) was led by Scotty Pippen Jr. who went for 24 points, while Dylan Disu collected 17 points and 15 boards in the loss.

Alabama's seven seniors were honored following the contest, including: Tyler Barnes, Jordan Bruner, Britton Johnson, Herbert Jones, John Petty Jr., Alex Reese and Kendall Wall.

Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"We're fortunate to get the win. I'm happy for the seniors on Senior Day to get the win. I'm proud of them for what they've done for the program.

"It's their team. I tell these guys numerous times that I've been coaching a long time and I have a lot of years left in coaching. You guys have limited time left to play this game.

"This is your team. You're going to decide what you get out of it and these seniors have done a good job of taking ownership of this team. I'm proud of these seniors.

"We're one win away from clinching at least a share of the regular season title, which would be huge for this senior group. I want to highlight Alex Reese's play. I thought he was great.

"He led the team in plus/minus (+23). He hit the two threes and the huge three in the second half. He played well. We have four scholarship seniors and I was going to start those four. Reese came to me and was like, 'No, let's start Tyler [Barnes] instead of me. I was like let's start Tyler and you. With seven seniors it's hard, but with these guys and the respect that they have for Tyler [Barnes] is incredible. I thought the start of the game was good. It shows where Reese is.

"He's about the team and not about himself. It's good to get rewarded with a good game.

"Of course, [John] Petty is having an unbelievable year with being National Player of the Week earlier. [Jordan] Bruner comes in with his leadership and basketball IQ. He wasn't at 100%, but it was good to give him some playing time before we head to Arkansas.

"He didn't play great numbers-wise, but it was great to have him back on the floor. The value that each of these seniors brings is incredible."

Team Stats

- In a game that featured nine ties and 12 lead changes, Alabama came away with the victory and is now just one win away from clinching at least a share of the SEC regular season championship, which would mark the first such title in 19 years dating back to the 2001-02 squad

- Tyler Barnes earned his first career start on Senior Day while all seven seniors saw playing time

- Shackelford and Quinerly combined to score 43 of the Tide's season high 57 points off the bench, outscoring the Commodores by 47 in the stat (57-10)

- Keon Ellis also had a solid game with eight points, a season-high nine rebounds and three assists while also earning the Hard Hat award

- Vanderbilt shot 43.9 percent from the field and 43.5 percent (10-of-23) from beyond the arc while the Tide shot 42.6 percent from the field and 25.6 percent (10-of-39) from three-point range

- Alabama narrowly won the battle of the boards, 37-36, while also outscoring Vandy 32-26 in the paint

First Half

- After being even 5-5, Vanderbilt held the 10-8 advantage at the under 16 media time out

- Alabama led 13-12 before a 5-0 mini run by the Commodores gave them a 17-13 lead with 13:11 left in the opening stanza

- The Tide trailed 20-18 before another 5-0 spurt by Vanderbilt pushed the lead to its largest of the half at 25-18 at the 9:57 mark

- A smooth layup by Shackelford jumpstarted Alabama's 9-0 run to take back the 27-25 lead with 4:04 left in the first half

- Vanderbilt went up 29-27 with 2:26 to go, but the Tide closed the second half out with a 6-0 run to take the 33-29 lead into the locker room

- Alabama outscored the Commodores 15-4 over the final 9:57 of the second half with eight points coming from Shackelford

Second Half

- The Commodores began the second half with a 9-1 run to go up 38-34 before Alabama exploded with a 10-0 run that included five points off of a Vandy technical foul and ensuing three-point shot

- A thunderous dunk by Reese highlighted the 15-2 run and gave Alabama its largest lead of the game thus far at 53-43 with 11:20 to play

- In all, the Tide's 19-4 run lasted 4:08 and forced the Commodores into a time out with 9:59 remaining and Alabama leading 57-45

- Vanderbilt would not go away and answered with an 18-6 run to take back the lead, 65-63

- Behind Jones, Alabama responded with a 7-0 spurt to take the lead for good, making it 70-65 at the under 4 media time out

- After Vandy cut the Tide's lead to 73-70, Quinerly drained a three pointer to extend Alabama's lead 77-70 with 1:34 left

- The Tide knocked down key free throws in the final minute to earn the 82-78 victory

Next Up

The Tide takes to the road for its first of two away games when it travels to take on Arkansas on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

The game is set for an 8 p.m. CT tipoff in Fayetteville, Ark. and can be watched on ESPN2.

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Cold Springs - Hatton (girls) (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. – The Cold Springs Lady Eagles returned home Monday night to host Hatton in the Northwest Regional Semifinals, but it was the road team that took control of this one early. The Lady Hornets jumped out to a 17-0 lead in the opening minutes of the contest and despite a strong effort from the Lady Eagles, Hatton was able to hold on and win it 65-46 on the road.

The Lady Hornets built a 9-0 lead in the first two minutes of the opening quarter and they stretched that lead to 17-0 midway through the period. A Brooke Crider basket ended the scoring drought for the Lady Eagles and made it 17-2 and Shay Sellers laid one in to make it a 22-4 game late in the first. Crider drained a three-pointer with 30 seconds on the clock to trim the lead to 24-7 but they went into the second quarter trailing Hatton 26-7.

Toni West converted an and-one play at the free throw line to cut into the lead at the start of the second and she drilled a three later in the period to make it a 33-13 game. The Lady Hornets maintained a comfortable distance between themselves and Cold Springs, but the Lady Eagles were able to chip away at the lead with a layup from Lacey Rice and four free throws from West and Crider that made it a 37-19 game.

Another Sellers basket cut the lead to 37-21 with 30 seconds to play in the half but Hatton managed to get one more shot to fall before the buzzer and took a 39-21 advantage into the locker room at the break.

The Lady Hornets got off to another quick start in the third quarter but West scored seven straight points for Cold Springs to trim the lead to 45-28. Rice banked in a spinning layup to make it a 15-point game with five minutes remaining in the third. Hatton held onto a 47-32 lead with just over three minutes to play in the period but West knocked down a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 13. However, the Lady Hornets tightened up on the defensive end and took a 51-36 advantage into the final frame.

Another bucket from West made it a 53-38 game early in the fourth quarter and the senior point guard drilled a three-pointer to make it 58-41 with just over five minutes to play. Hatton pulled ahead 62-43 midway through the fourth, but it was a 62-46 game after West buried a deep three from the top of the key with two minutes on the clock.

Unfortunately, that was all the offense the Lady Eagles were able to muster the rest of the way and the Lady Hornets held on to defeat Cold Springs 65-46.

West racked up a team-high 29 points in the loss. Crider posted seven, Rice added six and Sellers finished with four for the Lady Eagles. The loss brings another impressive season, that included another area championship, at 19-8 for Cold Springs.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs' Brooke Crider (10) drives past a defender during the Lady Eagles' 65-46 loss to Hatton Monday night.

Cold Springs - Hatton (boys) (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. – Cold Springs' postseason run continued on its home floor when the Eagles hosted Hatton in the Northwest Regional Semifinals Monday night. The Hornets jumped out to an early lead over Cold Springs, but the Eagles maintained their composure and came back to take the lead at halftime. They led most of the way in the second half but couldn't fight off a late rally from the Hornets and their season came to an end with a 54-48 loss to Hatton.

Not unlike the Lady Hornets before them, the Hornets built a 9-0 lead right out of the gate. They extended their lead to 12-0 before Roberto Ayala and Micah Calvert each drained three-pointer to get Cold Springs on the board and cut the lead to six midway through the first.

Hatton pulled ahead 16-7 as the period went on but a pair of Tanner Kilgo free throws and a layup from Ayala just before the buzzer made it a 16-11 game going into the second.

A steal by Ayala led to a Seth Williams three-pointer that cut the lead to 19-15 early in the second quarter and the Eagles weren't done. Back to back baskets by Kilgo trimmed the lead to one midway through the second quarter and after Hatton responded on the other end, Kilgo scored two more buckets for Cold Springs to keep the Hornets lead at 24-23.

However, the Eagles got the last laugh of the period when Williams drilled a corner three in the final seconds of the half to give Cold Springs its first lead of the night at 26-24 going into the locker room.

A pair of Adam Hill free throws stretched the lead to 28-24 at the start of the third quarter and he scored a basket inside to keep the Eagles in front by four with just over five minutes remaining in the period. Brody Peppers laid one in to make it a 32-36 game with less than three minutes to play in the third and Williams buried another three from the right wing to give Cold Springs a 35-28 advantage late in the period. Williams knocked down yet another trey with less than a minute on the clock to make it 38-28 and the Eagles went into the final frame leading Hatton 38-31.

Williams stayed hot when the fourth quarter began, knocking down another three-pointer to make it a 41-33 game. A reverse layup by Kilgo added to the lead but the Hornets rallied and managed to trim the lead to 43-40 midway through the fourth. Peppers put one in off the glass to make it 45-40 but a basket and a pair of free throws from the Hornets made it a 1-point game with just under three minutes to play. Another Hatton free throw tied the game at 45 and the Hornets laid one in around the two-minute mark to take a 47-45 lead, their first lead of the second half. Hatton went back to the line with just over a minute remaining and netted two free throws to extend its lead to four. Hill buried a three with 35 seconds on the clock to cut the lead to 51-48 but the Hornets hit their free throws the rest of the way and kept Cold Springs off the board to hold on and win it 54-48.

Williams led the Eagles with 15 points in the loss, followed by Kilgo with 12, Hill with nine and Ayala with five. The loss brings a close to a stellar season for Cold Springs that included both an area and county championship.



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Cold Springs' Seth Williams drives under the basket during the Eagles' 54-48 loss to Hatton Monday night.

STATE

ALEA: Project Lifesaver bracelet assists in rescue of 77-year-old man

ALEA
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – At approximately 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA's) Aviation Unit received a request to assist the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with a search and rescue mission. The sheriff's office was in the process of searching for a Center Point man. Ronald Watkins, 77, went missing from his home earlier in the day.

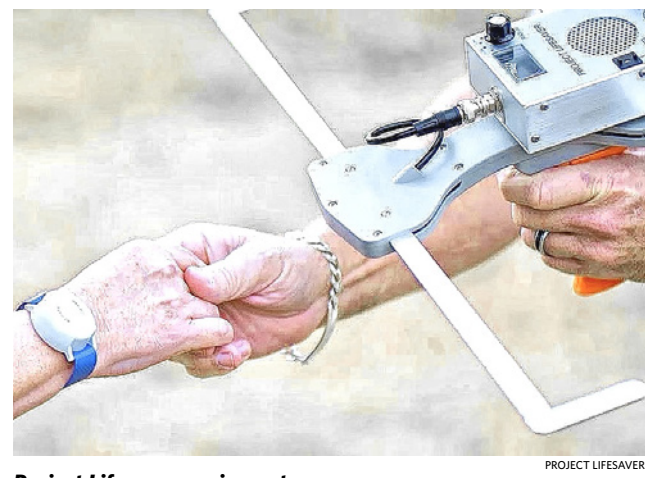
Fortunately, Watkins was wearing a Project Lifesaver bracelet, which was utilized by the ALEA Aviation Unit to gather a quality signal and identify his exact location. He was found near the intersection of Lake Drive and Huffman Road.

Once located, Watkins was transported to a local hospital for medical screening and observation.

Project Lifesaver is a program designed to rapidly locate lost individuals who may have cognitive conditions such as Alzheimer's, Down syndrome or autism. Individuals with these special bracelets transmit a "chirp" to enable specially trained ALEA Troopers and other law enforcement officers to use handheld antennae to locate lost individuals of all ages.

Thankfully, this was another example of how Project Lifesaver's technology and partnerships between ALEA and local law enforcement agencies, such as the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, prove working together saves lives.

Local note
To learn more about Project Lifesaver and how to enroll a loved one in Cullman County, contact Capt. Ricky Blackwood at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342 or rblackwood@cullmansheriff.org. For more information, visit http://cullmansheriff.org/project-lifesaver/. Locally, the Cullman Police Department provides air support in searches for Project Lifesaver clients.



PROJECT LIFESAVER

Project Lifesaver equipment

Wreck (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – One person was killed and two injured in a two-vehicle crash at Alabama Highway 157 and U.S. Highway 278 midday Saturday. The crash happened shortly before noon.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick identified the victim as Rebecca Young Erby, 74, of Holly Pond.

Cullman Police Traffic Homicide Investigator Sgt. Joey Duncan said the driver of a 2011 GMC Sierra, northbound on County Road 719 (which turns into Hwy. 157 once it crosses Hwy. 278) failed to yield the right of way to the driver of a 1997 Buick LeSabre traveling westbound on Hwy. 278.

"The vehicles collided in the intersection," said Duncan.

Erby, the driver of the Buick, was pronounced dead at the scene.

A passenger in the Buick was transported to Cullman Regional by ambulance.

The driver of the GMC, identified as Tyler Jacob Guthery, 24, was also transported to Cullman Regional by ambulance.

"No further details about the crash are available," said Duncan. "It is under investigation."

Cullman Fire Rescue, Cullman EMS and others also responded to the scene of the crash.

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – Things are getting a little brighter in Good Hope. Lighting around Interstate 65 Exit 304/Alabama Highway 69 is being updated with new LED fixtures. Good Mayor Jerry Bartlett on Monday night told the council that work to replace the 58 existing lights has begun and will continue throughout the week.

The council said the cost of the new lights was quoted as $52,388.50 plus labor. The council approved the surplusage of the old fixtures through GovDeals.

The council also approved a resolution, which it drafted at its last meeting, to enter into a sewer contract with the City of Cullman to support an as-yet-unnamed development along County Road 222.

The development agreement hinges on the City of Good Hope being able to provide sewer services; however, until Good Hope can extend its sewer lines, the City of Cullman offered to allow the development to tie on to its system.

Bartlett said of the cost of the contract, "We won't know exactly until we hammer out all the details. Probably $40-$50,000 with all fees added."

Councilwoman Susan Eller, who also works for the Cullman Economic Development Agency, abstained from voting on the resolution, as advised by City Attorney Rita Nicholas.

At the council's last meeting, Bartlett estimated that it will take at least a year once building out of the sewer system begins for work to be completed.

He said he hopes to make an official announcement in the coming weeks to reveal the new business.

The council had its first reading of a resolution to enter into a lease with Stash House Properties, LLC at The Cotton Gin restaurant property at 123 Lindsey Road, which the council voted to purchase on Jan. 11, 2021.

Bartlett did not reveal what type of business will be leasing the property, but said, "It's a multi-faceted business, and we have been working on this for a while now."

The lease includes an option for Stash House Properties to purchase the property if desired. Bartlett said, "There's a lot of improvements they are doing to the building. They are going to make it bigger.

"They are doing a substantial amount of work on our building."

A second reading will take place at Good Hope's March 8 council meeting.

Back on Jan. 25, 2021, the council approved the sale of nearly 3.3 acres beside Good Hope Pharmacy, which is located along County Road 437 next to The Cotton Gin property.

Councilman Taft Dillashaw updated the council on baseball and softball sign-ups.

"He reported that 162 children have signed up for this year's ball season. The coaches are scheduled to meet Tuesday night at 6 p.m. Practice will begin in March with games starting in early April.

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LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
CULLMAN CITY PARKS & RECREATION

Cullman City Parks and Recreation is requesting sealed proposals on a new multi-tiered waterslide complex tower with canopy and a children's slide complex area at the "Wild Water" waterpark located at 1636 Field Miracles Drive SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 (Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center). The plans and specifications are on file with the Cullman City Clerk at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Plans and specifications for the project may be obtained by emailing the Cullman City Clerk Wesley Moore at wmoore@cullmanal.gov. The requests for proposals (RFPs) will be opened on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Requests for proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals will be returned to the proposer unopened. The requests for proposal will be examined by Cullman City Parks and Recreation. You may request additional site and project information from Cullman City Parks Maintenance Supervisor Kyle Clark at kclark@cullmanrecreation.org. This project is a "design-build" and includes all design, engineering, structural components, coordination with general contractor, installation of facility, pricing, required utilities, and all other items required and necessary for a full and complete installation of the new multi-tiered waterslide tower complex with canopy. RFPs will be scored based on 1) work experience and written references, 2) design and appearance of the project, 3) incorporation into existing facilities, and 4) price in regard to proposed features and enmities. The successful proposer must provide the City of Cullman with a performance bond for the project and retainage not to exceed 5% of the work completed. The City of Cullman reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the RFPs received.

Wesley Moore, Cullman City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE TO REQUESTS FOR BIDS AT CULLMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT IN VINEMONT, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport located at 231 County Road 1360, Vinemont, Alabama 35179 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Hangar Projects at Cullman Regional Airport. Major items of work include: site work, foundation, and construction of three hangars: base bid - first 100' x 100' hangar, alternate #1 – second 100' x 100' hangar, and alternate #2 - 70' x 70' hangar. All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. Proposer must be an Alabama General Contractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for the General Contractors for Alabama pursuant to Alabama Code Section 34-8-1, et seq. Only proposals of such Design-Builders who are licensed as a General Contractor prior to the date of proposal opening will be considered. Proposer must place his/her current license number on the outside of his/her sealed proposal or otherwise Proposer's proposal shall be rejected. These projects are "design-build" and includes all required site and building design and engineering; foundation, structure, utilities, fire protection; doors, windows, restrooms, finishes; HVAC, lighting, electrical, plumbing, and other associated items to create a fully capable facility. Any proposal received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals will be returned to the Proposer unopened. The Request for Proposal may be examined in the office of the Airport Manager. You may also request the documents from the Airport Manager at bharrison@cullmanal.gov. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed $50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Cullman and Cullman County. Bids may be held for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract. The City of Cullman and Cullman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Ben Harrison, Airport Manager

STATE OF ALABAMA)
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COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, March 1 2021 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: 500 2nd Ave SW, Cullman, AL 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Redstone Federal Credit Union
vs.
Lisa A. Aldaz aka Ann Aldaz
401 County Rd 1776
Joppa, AL 35087

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Marshall County District Clerk Angie Johnson, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Lisa Aldaz akas Ann Aldaz, in the real property, described as follows:

Commencing at an axle at the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range l East; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes East 290.92 feet to the Northwest corner of the property belonging to the State of Alabama; thence North 89 degrees 15 minutes East along said property 724.56 feet to the Southwest corner of the property belonging to Billy Gibson; thence in a Northwesterly direction along the West boundary of property belonging to Billy Gibson a distance of 70 feet to a fence corner marker by a metal pipe driven in the ground which will be known as the point of origin for described property; thence East along a web wire fence a distance of 137 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is the Southwest corner of the following described property and the point of beginning; thence in a North by Northwest direction a length of 130 feet to the Northwest corner of described property to a metal pipe; thence in an Easterly direction 70 feet to the Northeast corner of the described property to a metal pipe; thence South 130 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is the Southeast corner of described property; thence West 70 feet to a metal pipe in the ground, which is described as the point of beginning.

SOURCE OF TITLE: Deed Book 564, Page 806, in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Lisa Aldaz akas Ann Aldaz, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 26 day of January, 2021.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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To the Cullman Tribune:

Please publish three consecutive weeks prior to the sale: Feb. 9, 2021, Feb 16, 2021, and Feb 23, 2021.

OPINION

How to listen to a sermon, part 7

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

Note to readers: *Sadly, Pastor Tom Fillinger passed away Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021. Pastor Fillinger had submitted articles to be printed through March 16, 2021, and The Tribune will continue to print his articles through that date.*

Today in our series on **How To Listen to a Sermon** we address **exegesis**.

Don't let the term confuse you. This is one of the most vital and important aspects of the study of scripture. Listen carefully and apply what you hear to each sermon or lesson that you are privileged to hear from God's word.

So, what is exegesis? Here is a helpful definition.

As the term suggests, exegesis is the science of interpretation. It is closely related to hermeneutics. Whereas hermeneutics seeks to establish the proper ruling principles of biblical interpretation, exegesis seeks to fix the meaning of individual statements and passages.

Exegesis is predicated on two fundamentals. First, it assumes that thought can be accurately conveyed in words, each of which, at least originally, had its own shade of meeting. Second, it assumes that the content of scripture is of such superlative importance for man as to warrant the most painstaking effort to discover exactly what God seeks to impart through his word.

Let's look at a key verse in understanding exegesis. That verse is John 1:18.

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The last three English words, *made him known*, are one word in the original language. It is the word from which we get the English translation exegesis. Exegesis is the process of "leading out into the open" the meaning of words as conveyed by the original authors. Words and their relationships give meaning to language. This fact helps us understand the absolute vital importance of precision when we seek to correctly understand and apply God's word to life and ministry. Scripture was given to us in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Koine' Greek. Word studies in these languages enable us to glean the precise meaning of God's Special Revelation to us.

The tragic abuse of this principle may be witnessed daily. Simply watch or listen to what passes as "Christian programming" on the TV or radio. This is not a new phenomenon. The sons of the OT priest Aaron were guilty of offering "strange fire." That is, the offerings they made did not meet the standard the Lord had clearly established.

So, as you listen to sermons or Bible lessons, make certain that what you hear is a true and accurate representation of what the text says. Anything less is strange fire!



CONTRIBUTED
Tom Fillinger

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

Case details

- Total confirmed cases in AL: 382,331 (+485 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 105,189 (+192 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 7,526 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,066
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,011 (+6 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,830 (+6 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 113 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 62
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 36,643
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,895
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 116
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,260,261
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 15,007
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 170,523
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 862
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 45,128
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 275,245

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,035,475
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 927,275
- Doses administered: 768,331
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 553,407
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 213,934
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 108,200
- Doses administered by the federal Long-Term Care Program: 69,453

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Daily update from ADPH

B.1.1.7 variant update

As the ADPH continues to partner with private and commercial laboratories for sequencing to detect the B.1.1.7 strain (initially identified in the UK) of SARS-CoV-2, ADPH expects more cases of this highly transmissible variant to be identified within our state. ADPH now reports 22 total cases of B.1.1.7 throughout the state. Cases have been found in Autauga, Montgomery, Jefferson, Madison, Mobile, Elmore, and Crenshaw counties. At this time, many infectious disease experts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have indicated that the current vaccines should be effective against the strain B.1.1.7. However, this is still being studied. Currently, the B.1.1.7 variant has not been definitively linked to worse outcomes of the disease. As this variant is recent to the United States, it is important to follow the outcome of persons infected with this variant. If a patient presents with recent taste or smell disorder, or clearly presents with COVID-19 illness, and tests negative for SARS-CoV-2, providers are asked to collect a specimen as soon as possible for submission to the ADPH Bureau of Clinical Laboratories or a laboratory that performs sequencing. ADPH advises the public to continue practicing the usual mitigation standards with emphasis on correct and consistent use of face masks of washable, breathable fabric such as cotton, practice social distancing, and wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

CDC quarantine guidance for vaccinated persons

The CDC recently made additional changes to quarantine guidance addressing whether persons fully vaccinated must continue to quarantine if exposed to a confirmed COVID-19 case. A health alert with updated ADPH COVID-19 non-healthcare isolation and quarantine guidance is available here: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcd/assets/adph_han_covid-19.non-healthcare.isolation.quarantine.guidance.updated_21.02.19.pdf

Federally Qualified Health Center COVID-19 vaccine program

The Federally Qualified Health Center program, a partnership between Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and CDC was launched to provide more vaccines for Community Health Centers that are reaching communities that are underserved and more vulnerable. Cahaba Medical Care Foundation in Centreville, and Quality of Life Health Services, Inc. in Gadsden have been identified to start receiving federal allocations in Alabama.

Inclement weather vaccine delays

Shipments of approximately 10,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses were delayed throughout the state last week. The shipment delays were due to inclement weather conditions, and have been a national issue, not just here in Alabama. There were no spoiled or lost doses, and vaccine is being reshipped by McKesson as weather permits. Even with weather delays, many county health department locations continued to operate over the weekend and will have extended hours this week to provide second doses. ADPH expects shipments to pick back up this week so vaccine clinics are fully operational. All county health departments throughout the state are back open and operational today. The CDC states that if a delay occurs in the normal schedule for receiving a second dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the second dose of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines may be administered up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose.

Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has scheduled an advisory committee meeting for February 26 to discuss the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) application Johnson & Johnson submitted for its single-shot COVID-19 vaccine. We anticipate the Johnson & Johnson vaccine being approved soon after the meeting, joining the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine options. ADPH encourages the public not to vaccine shop, as all approved COVID-19 vaccines are excellent options.

Vaccine distribution is a difficult balance

Public health prioritizes some groups of people for COVID-19 vaccine based on the jobs they do and because we currently must ration this scarce resource. This is a difficult balance, and it is not necessarily the most equitable vaccine distribution. For example, healthy young people working in grocery stores might not experience severe coronavirus disease, but they might expose hundreds of others they encounter each day to infection. A person with underlying health conditions who is able to stay at home might be at higher risk of severe illness but would not infect others. About one-third of the people in Alabama have chronic health conditions that put them at high risk for COVID-19. Once more vaccine is available, we hope to offer vaccine to everyone who wishes to have it. We know there are concerns and appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 23

Ashley Brooke Reed, 34, of Cullman

Funeral services for Ashley Brooke Reed, 34, of Cullman, who passed away Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, were at Moss Service Funeral Home Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021 at 1 p.m. Burial followed at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directed. Ashley was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She worked at GE Appliance in Decatur. She enjoyed spending time with her children swimming at the lake, fishing, and roller skating. She loved listening to music. She is preceded in death by her daughter Pyper Grace Hall and grandfather Stuart Shelton. Her survivors include her children Ashton Eli Shelton, Judson Lee Aaron, and Mya Brooke Hall; mother Kimberly Blanton Shelton; father Timothy Paul Shelton; grandparents Mary Crow Farris, Gordon (Martha) Blanton, and Phyllis Shelton; sister Laura Shelton (Joseph Adam) Ballard; uncle Shand (Krysti) Blanton; and nephew and nieces Lucas Aiden Lee, Ayla Brooke Sanders, and Macie Dawn Shelton. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Darold Dean Tubbs, 87, of Cullman

Darold Dean Tubbs of Cullman passed away Feb. 19, 2021 at the age of 87. He was born in Hartselle July 24, 1933 to Dewey George and Cleo Katherine Bibb Tubbs. Mr. Tubbs was a veteran of The United States Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. He worked and retired from the State of Alabama Highway Department as a civil engineer. Funeral services are Tuesday Feb. 23, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Good Hope Baptist Church with Dr. Ralph Andrews officiating. Mr. Tubbs will lie in state at the church for one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Good Hope Cemetery. Survivors are wife Mattie Lee Whitlock Tubbs; daughter Darlene Maddox and family Jeremy (Debbie) Maddox, Cassidy (Travis) Peek, Aliyah Peek, and Cole Maddox; son Kerry (Calleigh) Tubbs and family Zachary Tubbs, Caleb (Heather) Tubbs, Walker Tubbs, Yancey (Drake) Peaugh, and Laiken Peaugh; daughter Deana Tubbs; daughter Devona (David) Calvert and family Deidra (Jason) Wix, Mattie and Jack Wix, Savanna (Matt) Smith, Grady and Logan Smith, Natalie (Corey) Calvert, and Collier Calvert; and daughter Deonne (Bryan) Pugh and family Emma and Eli Pugh. Visitation is Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at Moss Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Due to COVID-19, we ask everyone to follow guidelines of social distancing and the use of a mask. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Funeral Home directing.

Jeanette Elizabeth Caples, 77, of Cullman

Funeral services for Jeanette Elizabeth Caples, 77, of Cullman were at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Caples passed away Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 at Cullman Regional. She was born Monday, Aug. 23, 1943 to Johnny Ray and Alice Elizabeth Cochrane. She is preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband David Caples of 62 years; sons David Caples and John (Judi) Caples; daughters Teresa (Dike) Moss and Lois (Jesse) Hall; grandchildren Michelle (Allen) Sears, Cecilia Caples, Becky Caples, Christi (Rand) Narrell, Jared (Stacy) Caples, Letisha (Ricky) Antone, Sarah (Chris) Hanson, Katie (Jonathan) Dolloff, and Sammie Jenkins; and great-grandchildren Alex, Bailey, Wesley, Carter, Carson, Lyric, Sylas, and Asher. Visitation was from noon-2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Jeffrey Brien Penn, 46, of Cullman

Funeral services for Jeffrey Brien Penn, 46, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pat Penn officiating; burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Penn passed away Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021 at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug. 10, 1974 to Fred Penn and Lavonne Steinolfson. He is preceded in death by his mother and grandparents Norman and Estelle Penn and Mike and Adeline Steinolfson. Survivors include his son Logan Penn; daughter Cassidy DiLeva, father Fred (Cindy) Penn; brothers Mark (Tai) Penn and Matthew Penn; sister Crystal Penn; nephews Weston Penn, Shawn Howe, Soloman Penn, Isaak Penn, and Jonah Penn; niece Anna Grace Penn; best friend Shatone Foster, and a host of aunts, uncles, and other family. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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Catholic fraternal organization marches through Cullman County

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CULLMAN, Ala. – On Saturday, members of Fraternus, a Catholic organization that encourages men to pass along Christian virtues to the next generation of boys- their own and especially those without fathers in their lives- made a pilgrimage through Cullman County. Starting at St. Bernard Abbey in Cullman, around 75 adults and youth from Fraternus chapters at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Huntsville made their way on foot from town roughly 13 miles to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament near Hanceville.

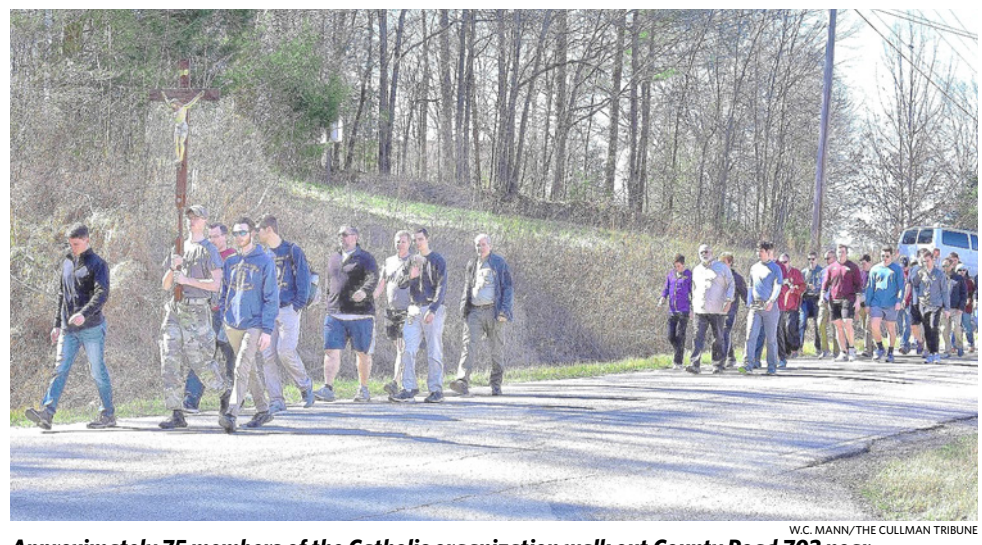
According to the Fraternus website, outdoor activities like Saturday's walk are regular activities for members, saying, "From St. John Bosco to BI. Pierre Giorgio Frassati to St. John Paul II, saints with a particular skill at reaching the hearts of young men know that when you bring boys out into creation they become more open to the Creator.

This experience of the outdoors is needed in a world saturated with media and materialism, especially in the teen years. Fraternus Excursions are designed with a common theme and goal, namely, learning about our true identity as men. Sometimes only when we disconnect from daily life and go into the wild can we realize this true identity."

According to a source at the Shrine, while this year's event included only participants from the two central and north Alabama chapters, the event's organizers have already been contacted by chapters from multiple states with commitments to join with the local groups next year.

The organization says of itself: "Fraternus provides the materials and experiences to help 'remake your minds' in Christ in the spirit of fraternity and virtue with a special emphasis on the roles of fathers in the home and community.

"The goal is simple: regain self-mastery through discipline and prayer, unite as brothers for accountability and encouragement, order our household towards God and virtue, and unite in our community for the apostolate (bringing others closer to God)."



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Approximately 75 members of the Catholic organization walk out County Road 703 near Welti Falls Saturday, on their way to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

For more information, visit:

- https://fraternus.net
- https://olamshrine.com
- https://stbernardabbey.com

Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman City Council on Monday evening approved a series of capital projects for the Cullman Regional Airport, including:

- Reconstruction of the 100 foot-wide runway, upgrading the strip while retaining current dimensions

- Replacement of the airport's automated weather observation station (AWOS)

- Construction of three new hangars

- Acquisition of aviation easements and land

Airport general manager Ben Harrison told The Tribune that bids for the hangers should be complete by the end of March, and construction should begin by the end of the summer. The start of the runway project is slated for early September.

Harrison said of the expanded facilities, "We're totally out of space; we're completely full.

"So we've got that long-term development plan that we want to do up there; probably take us 15 years or so to develop it out. This would just be the starting point of that."

The council also voted to lower the budget for the Nesmith Park renovation due to the discovery of items that could be removed from the budget without compromising the project.

The council originally awarded the bid for the Nesmith Park Ballfield to Coston General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $779,544, but Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism (CPRST) found that it could remove a non-required certification while at the same time increasing the structural integrity of fencing at the baseball field, decreasing the cost of the project by $59,000. The approved change order reduces the total cost of the contract to $720,544.

Plenty of sanitation news

The council authorized Mayor Woody Jacobs to apply for a $350,000 Alabama Recycling Fund grant through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to improve Cullman's local recycling program by constructing a recycling facility and purchasing a recycling compactor with box and a skid steer.

The program had to shut down for some time last year as the City struggled to transport recyclables to Birmingham after the closure of a plant in Decatur which the sanitation department had been using.

Councilman Johnny Cook reminded the council and audience that Cullman's annual Spring Cleanup is coming March 29 through April 2 and noted that people putting out items for pickup must do so on their regular garbage schedule.

Cook also announced that the City's recycling program is back up and running, and that anyone interested in participating should contact the city sanitation department. He also pointed out that the City can be penalized for certain common infractions when delivering recyclables, and he requested that residents remove food and food residue before putting items in recycling bins; he also asked residents to not put Walmart or grocery store plastic bags in bins or use those as bags for other plastics, as they are not recyclable.

Additionally, Cook said that if the new 96-gallon trash container customers received are too big for their needs, they can have them switched out for smaller ones. If you need assistance, contact the City of Cullman Sanitation Department at 256-737-7560.

Council resolutions

The council also approved the following resolutions:

- To authorize the mayor to enter into an intergovernmental contract to receive wastewater from the City of Good Hope, to aid in the construction of a gas station near the Good Hope/Cullman line along County Road 222

- To authorize the reimbursement of expenditures for capital improvements with future bond proceeds

- To apply to the State of Alabama for a $100,000 grant Recreational Trails Program Funds to construct a multi-purpose trail at the Burrow Hamilton Farm.

Special events

The council approved two special event requests:

- St. Paul's Lutheran School, to hold a flea market fundraiser from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 20, 2021

- Cullman High School Softball Boosters, Inc., to hold a 10K run fundraiser from 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

Citizen expresses frustration and concern over Biden election

During the public comment section of the meeting, Cullman resident Brian Ogstad presented members of the council a letter entitled a "Legal Notice of Unlawful Orders of Biden Administration and Treason," charging President Joe Biden and others with treason and election fraud and calling on elected officials at lower levels of government- including the local level- not to carry out laws or executive orders of the Biden administration.

Ogstad also presented flash drives to the mayor and council members, reported to contain documentation supporting the claims made in the letter.

The presented letter concludes: "As a result of the overwhelming evidence, we can clearly see that the election of Joe Biden was a fraud, and as a result has no lawful power or legitimacy; and therefore no word, order, policy, or instruction from Joe Biden or his representatives has any authority, power, or legitimacy, and should not be accepted or obeyed in any way. To do so would clearly be an act of treason."

The council accepted the letter and flash drives but did not respond to Ogstad's statements.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.









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Annual 'Movie Night' fundraiser at East Elem. gets daytime twist for 2021

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The PTO's movie night fundraiser has become a bit of an annual tradition at East Elementary School in recent years, and thankfully the administration was able to keep it going for the 2020-2021 school year — it just required a few pandemic-safe tweaks to pull off.

Instead of inviting students and families to mingle and watch a film on the big screen in the auditorium together like in past years, this year's edition of movie night moved the festivities up to the afternoon, with students getting an afternoon break to enjoy a movie and snack on popcorn, safely in their classrooms.

East Elementary School Principal David Wiggins said the event, held Friday, was a way to bring a bit of the fun students are used to having to this extremely unique school year, while helping keep a beloved tradition alive.

"PTO Movie Night has been a staple at EES for more than a decade, but when COVID-19 prevented us from holding the event, our PTO got creative, stepped up and made it happen for our kids," Wiggins said.

"We are not trying to 'find a little normalcy' because not much is normal these days. This event was simply about having some fun."

Wiggins thanked the PTO, staff and administration for continuing to innovate while keeping students as safe as possible this year.

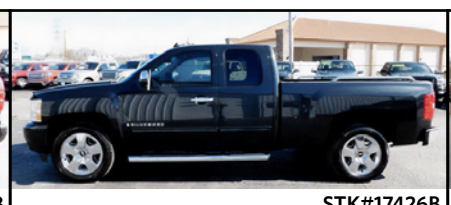
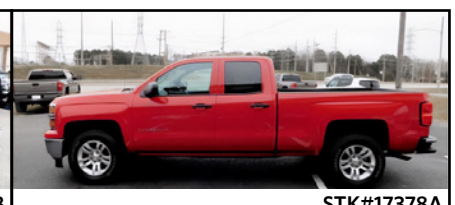
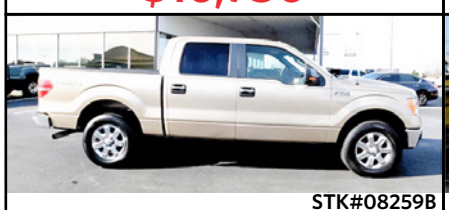
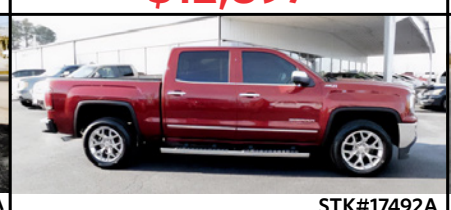
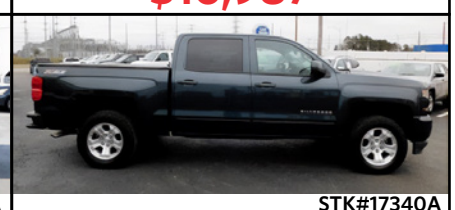
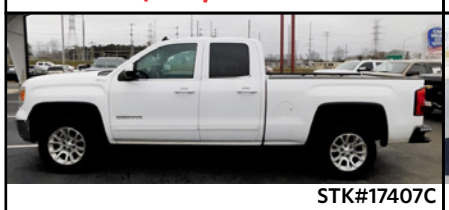
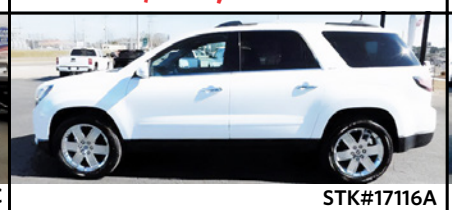
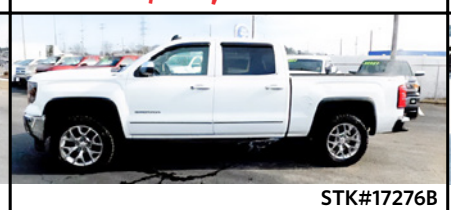
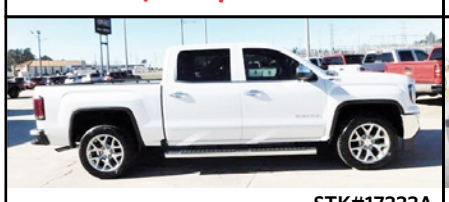
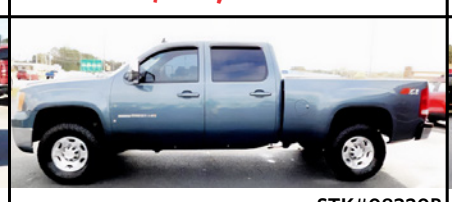
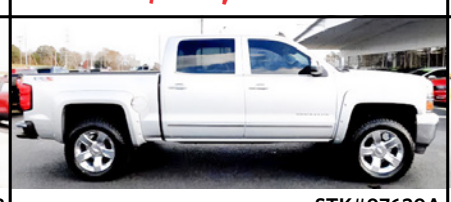
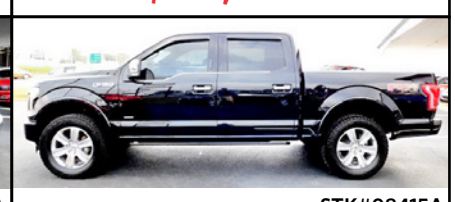
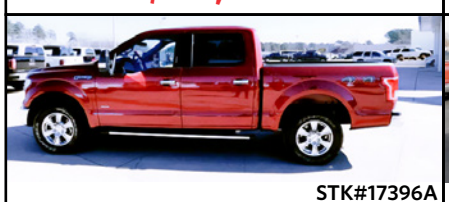
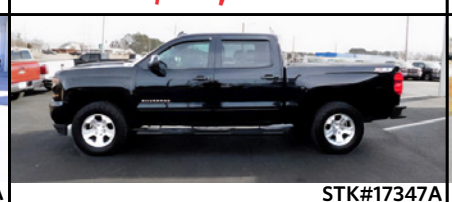
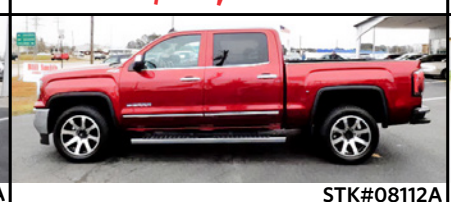




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