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HEALTH

Cullman Regional receives emergency CON approval for expansion project

Lindsey P. Dossey
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Health Care Authority of Cullman County/ Cullman Regional Board of Directors announced March 17 that they have received Emergency Alabama Certificate of Need (CON) approval to add an additional 30 beds to the hospital, including 13 additional critical care beds.

During the final months of 2020 and into 2021, Cullman Regional's Critical Care reached a capacity of 200%, meaning there were twice as many critical care patients as critical care beds available. This was the highest capacity of any ICU in the United States. » PAGE 3

– EDUCATION –

Can't go on the field trip?

EES brings the field trip to the students



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students explore the USS Alabama museum virtually as part of an online field trip local fourth graders participated in earlier this month.

Cullman City Schools
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Field trips have largely gone by the wayside this year due to safety precautious around the COVID-19 pandemic, but that doesn't mean students won't be visiting a few of the elementary hallmarks this school year in a different way.

Instead of going there, the field trips have had to come to them.

With East Elementary School fourth graders unable to physically visit the USS Alabama Museum in Mobile due to the pandemic, the classes instead had the opportunity to check out an online tour as part of a virtual, 360-degree experience online. The tour fits into the Alabama history curriculum that teaches students about historical events and how they affected Alabamians, spanning from the prehistoric era through the World Wars.

"We love being able to take local field trips that allow kids to experience history, but with COVID restrictions this year, we had to be creative and look for ways to bring the amazing sites around our state into our classroom," East Elementary fourth grade teacher Lindsey Howard said. "Thankfully, many places offer videos, photos and descriptions on their websites, but the 360-degree virtual experiences are what our kids became most excited about. Those are really hard to find."

Every fourth grade class participated in the field trip at different times, getting a first-hand look and walk through of the historic, retired battleship that has served as a popular museum destination since the 1960s.

"During the » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Four prisoners escape Cullman County Jail; convicted murderer at large



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Left: Leo Chavez, right: Robert Alan Peak » PAGE 2

WEATHER

NWS: at least one EF-1 tornado in Cullman County Wednesday » PAGE 8

A SURVIVAL STORY

Noted human trafficking expert to offer training in Cullman County

W.C. Mann, Kathy Wilson
Contributors

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. – Kathy Wilson, director of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force, announced that Amy Joy, a human trafficking survivor who went on to become a social worker, psychologist and lecturer on human trafficking response and prevention, will be in Cullman County on Friday, Apr. 16, 2021 for a one-day seminar at Daystar Church, 200 Daystar Dr. in Good Hope. Joy

Joy is the founder/CEO of Human Trafficking Education Seminars. According to the task force, "She has spent the last decade helping survivors of sex trafficking, developing educational programs on childhood trauma, its impact on the developing person and Dissociative Identity Disorder. She has earned a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and a Master's degree in Public Administration, both from the University of Michigan, and is currently earning her PhD. in Psychology. Amy » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 18

Cullman Tribune Staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 18, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 15

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- burglary; CR 1043
- theft of property; CR 1453
- harassment; CR 216
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 386
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 437

March 16

- theft of property; CR 1809
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1030
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W.
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 386

March 17

- domestic violence; CR 1507
- theft of property; CR 1219
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 520
- theft of property; CR 950
- theft of property; CR 1087

ARRESTS

March 15

Blood, Justin Aaron; 45
- possession of child pornography

Boatright, Jimmy Stephen; 48
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Key, Seth Patrick; 38
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- driving while suspended

Odell, Monica Coleen; 40
- unlawful possession methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Scott, Ella Katherine; 30
- unlawful possession of methamphetamine

March 16

Addison, Byron Timothy; 46
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Cantrell, Jerimiah Ross; 24
- FTA- improper lane usage

Chitwood, Terry Eugene; 42
- FTA- improper lights

Cofield, William Anthony Jr.; 40
- receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Freeman, Jessie Keith; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Holder, Donald William; 53
- Diversion Violation- possession of amphetamine
- Diversion Violation- illegal distribution of controlled substance
- Diversion Violation- larceny/theft of lost property

Johnson, George Michael; 32
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Johnson, Kim Taylor; 49
- Family offense-causing of delinquency, dependency or need for supervision

Lynn, Jonathon Paul, 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Martin, Dakota James, 20
- FTA- minor in possession of alcohol
- FTA- possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use

Owen, Jason Paul; 38
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Peak, Robert Alan; 30
- receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Pettus, Rebecca Susanne; 47
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- improper lights

Smith, Kyle Allen; 54
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Thursby, Jessica Leigh; 31
- Probation Violation-third-degree burglary, domestic violence
- Probation Violation- receiving stolen property

Waters, Michelle Leann; 26
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

March 17

Bolan, Chelsie Nicole; 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Gibson, Jerry Lee; 40
- FTA- assault-reckless endangerment

Power, Jeannie Marie; 47
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Ragsdale, Skylar William; 23
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Sapp, Michael Gweinn, 31
- FTA- burglary-non-residence-force

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 15
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree theft of property; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $32
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 157 and Hwy. 278; damage to '97 Buick LeSabre; $3,000

March 16
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wild Thang; 2nd Ave SW; miscellaneous; $294
- leaving scene of accident; person; damage to '13 Chevy Tahoe; $3,000
- third-degree theft of property; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave SW; miscellaneous; $1,095
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

March 17
- criminal mischief; Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep; Benchmark Way SW; damaged vehicles
- theft of property; person; 4th St. SW; phone; $400

ARRESTS

March 16

Harbin, Kerry D.; 50
- Grand Jury Indictment-third-degree robbery

Powers, Rainey N.; 31
- third-degree criminal trespass

Addison, Byron T.; 46
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- attempt to elude
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- certain persons forbidden to possess pistol
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without license

March 17

Ryan, Christopher P.; 52
- Grand Jury Indictment-third-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Prisoners (from Front)

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Early Tuesday evening, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) reports, four inmates escaped from the Cullman County Detention Center by slipping through an air vent near a shower and breaking through metal on an outer wall before jumping from the second floor. One inmate, Justin Long, was injured in the leap.

Long and Tyler Dooley are back in custody after they were located on Hart Drive SE off Bolte Road not far from the jail.

Leo Chavez and Robert Alan Peak remain at large. Chavez was convicted earlier this year of the 2017 murders of his parents in Blount County; he was being held in Cullman County through an agreement with Blount County.

Peak was arrested in Cullman County in November 2020 for first-degree theft of property and unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

A perimeter was set up around the neighborhood where Dooley and Long were captured, where officers from CCSO and the Cullman Police Department began a search.

Officers from the Blount County Sheriff's Office joined the search.

Multiple agencies are on the scene in Cullman, including both county sheriffs' offices, Cullman Police, State Troopers and U.S. Marshals.

Reward offered

According to Sheriff Gentry, the U.S. Marshals Service is offering a $5,000 reward for information leading to the capture of Chavez, and $2,500 for Peak.

Gentry urged anyone who sees the escapees, "Make sure to use extreme caution with Chavez."

Anyone with information can call 911 or reach CCSO at 256-734-0342, or the Blount County Sheriff's Office at 205-625-4912 or -4913. Both offices can be reached via social media.

This is a developing story.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Thursday, March 18, 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: 397,477 (+480 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in AL: 112,571 (+92 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in AL: 8,191 (+25 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in AL: 2,200
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 6,290 (+12 since yesterday)
- Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 2,961 (+2 since yesterday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.: 122 (+0 since yesterday)
- Probable deaths in Cullman Co.: 63
- Total tested in Cullman Co.: 38,557
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,574
- Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 268
- Total tested in Alabama: 2,367,598
- Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 12,391
- Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 152,898
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 386
- Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama (reported M-F): 47,030
- Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 310,742

Vaccine details (updated Monday-Friday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 1,987,025
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 1,619,685
- Doses administered: 1,364,631
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 866,236
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 459,636 (number did not update Thursday)
- Doses delivered to federal Long-Term Care Program: 292,530

Alabamians in Phases 1a and 1b, as well as people older than 65, are eligible to receive a vaccine. The ADPH announced Friday, March 12 that all people in Phase 1c will be eligible beginning March 22.

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

DAILY UPDATE FROM ADPH

Alabama ranked 9th in the country in vaccinating most vulnerable citizens

A study published in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) March 17 issue looked at how well states in the country are vaccinating their highly vulnerable citizens. Alabama scored ninth best in the country at reaching the most vulnerable Alabamians. The complete report can be viewed here, www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/pdfs/mm7012e1-H.pdf

County-level COVID-19 vaccine distribution data now available on dashboard

A new feature on the ADPH COVID-19 dashboard provides vaccination information for each of Alabama's 67 counties, including percent of Alabama residents ages 16 years or older receiving one or more doses of vaccine and the total number of doses administered in the county. To navigate, go to arcg.is/0brSGjand use the dropdown menu in the top right corner of the screen to select the county and select the "% Receiving Vaccine" tab at the bottom of the screen. Hover your mouse and click the county on the map to view the latest data in a separate window. In addition, there is now a graphical representation showing the number of vaccines administered statewide by date, beginning with December 15, on the "Doses Administered" tab. The graph indicates that March 11 was the highest day with 5,972 injections given. The hub also contains a risk indicator map and K-12 school data.

County health department inclement weather closures

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) plans for management of vaccines in severe weather events. Plans include backup generators and alternative storage sites. ADPH has lost no COVID-19 vaccine as a result of yesterday's severe weather. Local county health departments that had to close to protect the safety of patients and employees rescheduled appointments for vaccines today and over the next few days.

National Guard COVID-19 vaccination clinics

Governor Kay Ivey has activated the Alabama National Guard (ALNG) to set up mobile sites to bring COVID-19 vaccinations to underserved and rural counties throughout Alabama. The ALNG will be working closely with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), and local county Emergency Management Agency staff to provide vaccinations in the counties listed on this page. Clinic information ordered by date of first dose can be found at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/ng-clinics.html. The website also includes flyers to promote each clinic and vaccination forms that will need to be reviewed and completed prior to receiving a vaccination.

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility Check and Scheduling Portal instructions

Our online portal, http://alcovidvaccine.gov, is available to help you check your eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine and to make appointments for COVID-19 vaccinations at our county health departments. For step-by-step instructions on using the portal, a flyer is available at go.usa.gov/xsfM3

Thursday, March 18 update from Cullman Regional Medical Center

- 3 COVID positive patients; of those, 0 COVID patients are currently on ventilators.
- Cullman Regional has reported 175 COVID deaths to ADPH. Of these patients, 123 were from Cullman County.

"Please continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, social distance and wear a mask when you cannot social distance."

Approval (from Front)

"We want to thank Dr. Swaid and the CON Board for their approval of this expansion project," Cullman Regional CEO James Clements said. "This project allows us to create a better infrastructure for our clinical team in the event of another surge of COVID patients in the future."

Construction recently began on the Emergency Department Expansion project to add additional emergency department treatment rooms and dedicated behavioral health space in the Emergency Department. The Emergency CON allows this construction project to be expanded in order to add an additional 30 beds to the medical center.

"Over the past year, our facility has been stretched at times," said Clements. "This emergency CON allows us to accelerate the renovation and construction process in order to get ahead of any additional COVID patient surges in our future."

Since March of 2020, Cullman Regional has had over 7,200 confirmed COVID-19 patient days. Although current COVID-19 cases are declining, with the new variants of the virus circulating rapidly, now is the time to prepare for an additional spike in hospitalizations in the not-too-distant future.

According to an article in the Washington Post on February 10, the new variant first seen in Britain is significantly more transmissible than the older variants. In the United States, if unimpeded, it could drive daily new case counts back to the January peaks of more than 200,000 increasing hospitalizations and deaths.

For more information about Cullman Regional, call at 256-737-2000 or visit online at www.CullmanRegional.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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.

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 pick-up. 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.
• Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m. Youth lock-in. A night of food, movies, fun and games! Free for all teens 13-19.
• Saturday, March 20 9-11 a.m. Drive Through Food Bank. Bring ID.
• Saturday, March 20 Parents Night Out! 5-9 p.m. Meal and snacks provided. Bring your children for a night of fun! Temperature checks will be performed. No fees! Donations received go to the Children's Ministry.
• Saturday, March 27- Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings - serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations, and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday-Jasper 5100 Curry Hwy Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504 from 3-5 pm or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1:00 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045 For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, March 31 7 p.m. - Easter Revival. Communion and Foot washing. Everyone welcome!
• Saturday, April 3 2-5 p.m. - Easter Community Celebration. Free food, Easter Egg hunt, bouncy houses and games for children. Everyone invited!

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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St. Paul's Spring Flea Market
• St. Paul's Lutheran School will host a Spring Flea Market fundraiser Saturday, March 20 from 8 a.m.-noon. Vendors will be located inside the gym and in the front parking lot of the school. Spaces are limited. Interested vendors should contact Emily Trahan at emilytrahan@stpaulscullman.com. Find out more at www.stpaulscullman.com.
• St. Paul's is located at 510 3rd Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055.

Good Hope High School Pageants
Saturday, March 20 in the school gymnasium. The Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant will begin at 4 p.m., and the Miss Good Hope Heritage Princess and Miss Good Hope Heritage Pageants begin at 5 p.m. Admission is $7.

Food Drive with Comedian Darren Knight
• Wednesday, March 24 from noon-3 p.m. at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE Cullman
• Join us for a day of fun, laughter and a mission to help feed hungry children.
• Darren Knight (known as "Southern Mama") will be accompanied by fellow comedians "Red Squirrel and Gary Cargal."
• For every 20 cans of food donated, you can have your photo made with them!

Heritage Homeschool Attracting Butterflies
• Thursday, March 25, 9-11 a.m.
• We will cover the importance of our native butterflies and how to help create the perfect habitat for them in your own yard. Register at Agriplex.com.

Senior Easter Egg Hunt
• Friday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park Veterans Memorial, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman
• Sponsored by the Cullman County Commission on Aging. FREE admission, and lunch provided by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Hanceville Lions Club Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 26 from 4-7 p.m. at the Moody Center in Hanceville (111 Michelle Street) Drive-thru only. Plates are $12. Proceeds benefit the Hanceville Lions Club community projects. For more information, call Kenneth Quick at 256-352-6397.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry
• Friday, March 26 from 5 PM to 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will sponsor one of their annual Lenten Fish Fry dinners at the Family Life Center. Due to COVID-19 this will be a drive-thru event only, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm using the school parking lot for meal pick-ups. Fried or baked fish, French fries, hush puppies and coleslaw meals are available for $8.00 single and $24.00 for families of 4 or more. This event is open to the public with funds raised used for church projects of the Knights of Columbus.
• Barbara Ragsdale. 256-347-3471

Cemetery Clean-Up
• March 28, 2021
• The Holly Pond Homemakers Club asks that all flowers be removed from graves at Holly Pond Cemetery by March 28,2021 for cemetery clean-up and mowing before Easter. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342

le petit Fashion Show
• Saturday, March 29 at 2 p.m. in the garden at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE, Cullman
• A BD Ballet Academy scholarship & performance fund evet
• Tickets are $10. For reservations, call 256-338-6401 or email brooke.desnoes@gmail.com.

Annual Spring Clean-up 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.

Easter Healing Service
• April 2, 3, 4, 2021
• Healing Waters Ministries at 305 3rd Ave SW in Cullman, AL will host a Healing Revival on Friday, April 2nd at 7pm; Saturday, April 3rd at 7pm and Sunday, April 4th at 5:30pm.
• We are inviting everyone in the community, friends, family and those in need of a healing. Overflow parking in City Parking Deck. For more information contact Mary Sue Sanford at (334) 306-3921.

Annual Easter Bake Sale
• April 3, 2021
• The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will sponsor the annual Easter Bake Sale for the upkeep of the Holly Pond Cemetery on Saturday, April 3, 2021, beginning at 8:00 and ending at sell out.
• Location will be at Holly Pond Town Hall. Come early for better selection. Questions? Call Brenda at 256-531-3342 or Gladys at 256-338-1478.

Holly Pond Community Easter Egg Hunt
• Saturday, April 3 at 2 p.m. at Governor's Park
• Children are encouraged to bring their own baskets, but some baskets will be available for kids who do not have one of their own.

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.

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – Alabama men's basketball head coach Nate Oats has been named a finalist for the 2021 Werner Ladder Naismith Men's Coach of the Year and the United States Basketball Writers Association Henry Iba Coach of the Year Award, both organizations announced Wednesday.

Oats is one of four coaches from across the nation to be recognized on each list, joining Scott Drew (Baylor), Mark Few (Gonzaga) and Juwan Howard (Michigan).

Nate Oats

• After finishing last season with a 16-15 record and 8-10 mark in SEC play, Oats has guided Alabama to a 24-6 overall record in 2020-21 and a 16-2 mark in Southeastern Conference play in his second season at The Capstone

• The Tide clinched the program's first regular season title in 19 years, since earning the 2002 regular season crown, and

• Following the regular season, Oats led the Crimson Tide to a SEC Tournament championship title, the first time its occurred in 30 years.

• The 16 league wins tied for the most in program history, matching the 1986-87 team which also finished SEC play at 16-2

• Alabama enters the NCAA Tournament currently ranked No. 5 in the latest Associated Press Top 25, which is its highest ranking in the AP Poll in the month of March since 2002, and No. 5 in the USA Today Coaches Poll

• Alabama earned the No. 2 seed in the East Region of the 2021 NCAA Tournament. which matches the highest seed in program history (2002 and 1987)

• Alabama's 10-game winning streak earlier in the year was the longest 25 years dating back to the 1996-97 campaign, and their 16 league wins is tied for the most in program history (1986-87).

• He has an overall record of 36-21 (.632) across his two years at the Capstone and a 23-12 (.657) mark against SEC competition

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.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama Head Coach Nate Oats has been selected as a finalist for both the Naismith and USBWA Coach of the Year Awards.

UAB Football returns to the field for spring practice No. 1

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Returning to the field for the first time since winning the 2020 Conference USA Championship, the UAB football team held its first of 15 spring practices on Tuesday morning at the Football Operations Center.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

• Today marks 200 days until the Blazers open Protective Stadium on Oct. 2 against Liberty. The season officially begins in 169 days in Montgomery as UAB faces Jacksonville State on Sept. 1. Season tickets are available here.

• Number changes: Blazer nation will see players in new numbers this season. Some recognizable changes include Kelle Sanders (#2), Ryan Davis (#6), Samario Rudolph (#7), Trea Shropshire (#11), Troy Young (#11) and Austin McGee (#23).

• The Blazers return 17 starters from last year's team, along with 12 seniors who are utilizing their extra year of eligibility due to COVID. Most notably, UAB returns every starter on the offensive line to a unit that allowed the third fewest sacks nationally in 2020 and helped UAB rush for 200.0 yards per game.

HEAD COACH BILL CLARK

On opening spring practice
"Today, I saw everybody getting better and still protecting each other. Like every first day, we have a lot of things to get better at and a lot of things to correct. Our attitudes were great and they practiced well together."

On how players have prepared
"The thing I have been really proud of is our offseason. With recruiting being the way it is, it has allowed us to move spring later. I want to brag on all of them with how they have trained."

On the ending to last season
"I think we were disappointed (to not have the bowl game), but our last memory was a championship memory. It is great memories of a championship. That is all we are thinking about. That is now behind us.

"The bullseye gets bigger and bigger. This team has high expectations. We have one of the toughest schedules in the country, so we have a lot of work to do."

The Blazers are back on the field Thursday for their second practice of the spring. Be sure to follow @UAB_FB on Twitter and Instagram for updates.



UAB ATHLETICS

The UAB Blazers hit the field for their first day of spring practice Tuesday.

B.A.S.S. postpones day 1 of Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake

Emily Harley
B.A.S.S. Communications

FLORENCE, Ala. — B.A.S.S. officials made a decision to postpone the first day of competition at the Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake as increased current caused by severe weather and high sustained winds are making the fishery unsafe for boaters. The forecast is calling for sustained west-southwest winds of 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 expected by mid-morning.

"The combination of flood-level flow and high wind blowing against that current can create a dangerous condition for boaters," said Lisa Talmadge, Bassmaster Elite Series Senior Tournament Manager.

"The safety of our anglers is always our first priority."

The tournament is being hosted by Florence-Lauderdale Tourism.

Gusty winds and strong current are givens during springtime on a river system like Pickwick Lake, but too much of both, when coming from opposite directions, spell trouble for boating.

That scenario forced the postponement of Thursday's competition at the Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake.

"The combination of flood-level flow and high wind blowing against that current can create a dangerous condition for boaters," said Lisa Talmadge, Bassmaster Elite Series Senior Tournament Manager. "The safety of our anglers is always our first priority."

Here's the scenario. Thursday's forecast calls for winds from the west-southwest at 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph.

The Tennessee Valley Authority's forecasted discharge schedule from Wilson Dam into Pickwick is over 179,000 cubic feet per second. The Tennessee River flows from east to west.

The sum of the whole are strong winds and stronger current colliding from opposite directions. And that equates to hazardous boating conditions throughout the lake.

"When massive amounts of water are released, the winds go straight against the current," said David Allen, a fulltime guide on Pickwick and tournament angler.

"When it really ramps up with the discharge it even makes it worse."



B.A.S.S COMMUNICATIONS

Due to the effects of yesterday's severe weather, B.A.S.S. officials decided to postpone the first day of the Guaranteed Rate Bassmaster Elite at Pickwick Lake.

He continued, "The winds build up and draw the current upward toward the surface, which creates a riptide effect.

"As it builds, it makes it very difficult to even get on plane."

The competition begins tomorrow, when the winds subside and the weather is more stable, following multiple rounds of severe weather that included tornado warnings, flood warnings, heavy rain and high winds.

The full field of 100 anglers will now compete on both Friday and Saturday, with only the Top 50 advancing to Sunday's semifinal round.

The Top 10 will compete for the championship on Monday.

Daily takeoffs will be held at McFarland Park at 6:45 a.m. CT and weigh-ins each day at the park at 3 p.m.

CULLMAN COUNTY STORM DAMAGE

On Wednesday evening, March 17, 2021, a storm system caused damage throughout Cullman County. Over 6,000 members of the Cullman Eletric Co-op were left without power. Multiple trees blocked roadways and mass flooding was an issue.



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Storm damage on County Road 747 between Berlin and Simcoe



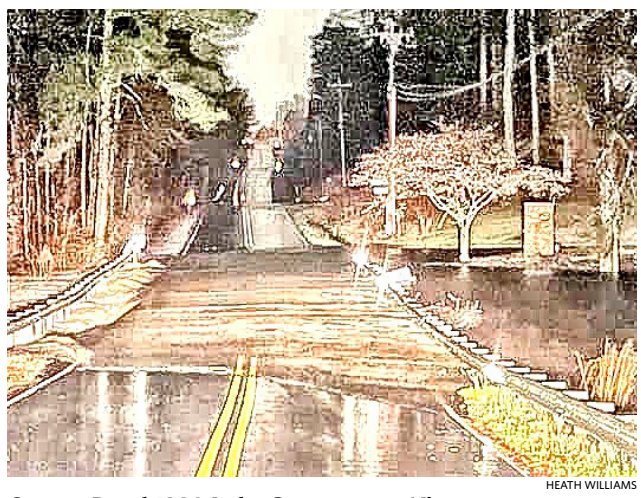
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Storm damage on County Road 1635 in the Simcoe community



HEATHER BUCKELEW

Road damage on County Road 1485



HEATH WILLIAMS

County Road 1339 Lake George near Vinemont



EMMA ROGERS

Flooding on County Road 1485



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View of the base of Larkwood Falls from Larkwood Drive NE on Thursday, March 18th



TY WATWOOD

County Road 1162 in West Point



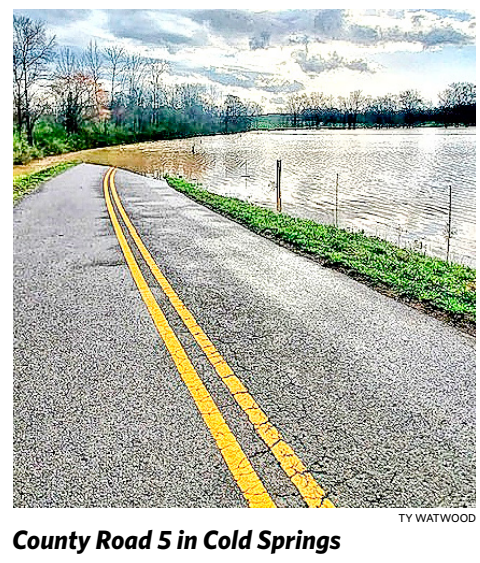
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Fish on the side of Larkwood Drive NE



TY WATWOOD

County Road 1162 in West Point



TY WATWOOD

County Road 5 in Cold Springs



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Overflow at Duck River Dam in Cullman County on Thursday, March 18th



JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Storm damage near the Simcoe area on County Road 1635



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman is in the process of closing their FY 19 Katherine Street CDBG Neighborhood Improvement Project (CDBG Project #: LR-CM-CP-19-014). Funds from this grant were utilized to replaced deteriorated infrastructure from Main Street, NW. to Rosemont Avenue on Katherine Street. As part of the close-out procedures the city will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Auditorium to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input. Any citizen who would like to attend the public hearing, but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Wesley Moore at (256) 775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO: 007-2021

Lease Building at 123 Lindsey Rd to Stash House Properties, LLC

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOOD HOPE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. It is hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is not in need for public or municipal purposes, to-wit:

A tract or parcel of land in the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 10, Range 3 West, said tract being more particularly described as beginning at the Southwest corner of said forty, thence running North 210 yards; thence East 140 yards; thence South 210 yards, and thence West 140 yards to the point of beginning, containing 6 acres, more or less.

Also, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 10, Range 3 West, more particularly described as follows:

Commence at the Northwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 10, Range 3 West; thence South along the West line of said forty, 690 feet to the point of the beginning; thence East 420 feet; thence North 81.03 feet; thence West 420 feet to the West forty line; thence South along said line 81.03 feet to the point of beginning.

Section 2. The City of Good Hope, Alabama, having received an offer from Stash House Properties, LLC to lease with option to purchase, that real property described in Section 1, above, it is hereby declared to be in the best interest of the public and the City of Good Hope, Alabama, to lease said real property to Stash House Properties, LLC under the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

Lease Terms are set in Exhibit " A" attached hereto
and become a part of this Ordinance Upon Execution

Section 3. Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 11-47-21 of the Code of Alabama of 1975, the mayor of the City of Good Hope, Alabama, is hereby directed to execute said lease/lease purchase agreement in the name of the City of Good Hope, Alabama.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 8th **DAY OF** March, **, 2021.**

Jerry Bartlett
Jerry Bartlett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christie Chamblee
City Clerk

No Tax Collected 1.00, Recording Fee 32.00, TOTAL 33.00

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
HILDA JEANETTE TODD, * **CASE NO.: PC2020-367**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ROSE EDMONDSON LANGSTON as Personal Representative of the Estate of HILDA JEANETTE TODD, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Rose Edmondson Langston
Personal Representative

Shelbie Hankey
Attorney for Personal Representative
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256-736-8744

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2020-313

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LUETTA CRIDER KINNEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Jan L. Kinney on the 18th day of March, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jan L. Kinney
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

A.C.R. CASE NO: PC 2020-306
D.O.B. 12-18-2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGOCAL FATHER OF THE CHILD BORN TO PENNIE LYNN MCBRAYER HILL KNOWN AS A.C.R.

The Petition to Change Name of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Pennie Lynn McBrayer, Biological Mother. If you should contest, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 24th **DAY OF** February **, 2021.**

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

Johnny V. Berry
Attorney for Petitioner
405 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-017

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY S. HUGHES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MARY S. HUGHES

TO: **Doris Briscoe, Larry Edward Jacobs, Rebecca Eloise Sprowl, Kellie Christine Jacobs, Brian K. Jacobs, Benjamin M. Jacobs, Kevin Jacobs, Stephanie Jacobs, Helen West Wright, Bonnie West Bishop, Doyle West, Sheila West Crumbley, James Graham, Jerry Graham, Margaret New, Brenda Presnell, Dion Speegle, Heath Speegle, Brandi Kelley Foster, Becky Smith Spinks, Debbie Smith Foshee, Timothy Smith, Sandra Tucker, Charlotte Arrington, Tammy Trussell, Karen Gay, Derrick Hutson, Cindy Taylor, Joy Bush, Jamie Morris, Lisa McGinnis, Phillip Hutson, Stephen Hutson, Brian Hutson, Sheri Taylor,** THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF MARY S. HUGHES AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of Michael Cone to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Mary S. Hughes, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 15th day of April, 2021, at 10:00a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM S. YEARWOOD, * **CASE NO.: PC2020-353**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to VALARIE STERLING YEARWOOD as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM S. YEARWOOD, deceased, on the 4th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Valarie Sterling Yearwood
Personal Representative

Michael J. Baggett
Attorney for Personal Representative
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest
Suite 102
Cullman, AL
256-737-0740

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
J. MACK BRAMLETT * CASE NO.: PC2021-090
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to REBECCA BRAMLETT, as Personal Representative of the Estate of J. MACK BRAMLETT, deceased, on the 17th day of March, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Rebecca Bramlett
Personal Representative

Timothy M. Fulmer
Attorney for the petitioner
300 Cahaba Park Circle, Suite 100
Birmingham, Al. 35242

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

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

Trip (from Front)

virtual field trip, my teacher-heart was just enjoying the moment, but I managed to get a few seconds of their reaction on video," Howard said. "They were excited to share with their peers what they had found, and one of my students gave me a hug and told me 'thank you.' That's a moment you work hard for!"

Though they weren't able to tour in person, Howard said the virtual tour was still a great way for students to make a tangible connection to what a real battleship looks like, how it works and the role it played in the state's history.

"The goal was for them to be able to make connections to the text they were reading. Our article stated that at one point during World War II, Alabama was building one naval ship each week," Howard explained. "I am not an expert on naval ship-building, but I believe that is an extraordinary task. So we wanted our students to see the intricate details of a naval ship, and be proud of our state's accomplishment."

About Cullman City Schools

Cullman City Schools has more than 3,000 students and encompasses Cullman High School (Grades 9-12), Cullman Middle School (Grades 7-8), East Elementary School (Grades 2-6), West Elementary School (Grades 2-6) and Cullman City Primary School (Grades K-1). Cullman City Schools also hosts the Cullman City Head Start Program. Cullman City Schools consistently ranks as one of the top school systems in College ACT scores in the state of Alabama.

Trafficking (from Front)

is the author of "Human Trafficking 101: Stories, Stats, and Solutions."

As an adjunct professor and international speaker, Amy continues to fight for those adversely impacted by childhood trauma.

Where approved, four continuing education credit hours will be available for social workers, juvenile probation officers, law enforcement personnel, licensed professional counselors and educators.

Planned presentations include:

- Joy's personal story
- Understanding human trafficking and sex trafficking
- The role of social media
- Predator grooming tactics
- Developmental trauma
- Interventions and how they help
- Vulnerable groups and what makes them vulnerable
- Human trafficking prevention

Participants will learn to

- Differentiate between federal, state and local trafficking laws and other crimes associated with trafficking, such as smuggling, incest and prostitution
- Identify common warning signs and tactics of predators like traffickers, pedophiles, pimps and customers ("Johns")
- Explain the connections between human trafficking and early childhood trauma, foster care and other at-risk populations
- Identify appropriate intervention techniques for children and adults who have experienced developmental trauma
- Apply gained knowledge in the professional fields of education, law enforcement, mental health, health care and community leadership

Wilson told The Tribune, "The last year has been very difficult to provide our community with the education we had hoped.

"We have been unable to have our task force meetings due to Covid, but we are hopeful this training will be a start to getting back to a somewhat 'normal.' We love being in the community raising awareness.

"This training will be phenomenal. Amy Joy is a survivor of human trafficking and will tell her personal story, as well as provide education on social media, predator grooming, developmental trauma, intervention and prevention of human trafficking."

The event is sponsored by District Judges Chad Floyd and Rusty Turner, Brooks' Place, Daystar Church, Cullman County Juvenile Probation Office and the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force.

At a glance

- A Survival Story - human trafficking response/prevention training with Amy Joy
- Friday, Apr. 16, 2021
- Daystar Church, 200 Daystar Dr., Cullman (Good Hope), AL 35057
- 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., registration at 8:30 a.m.
- Registration fee $20 by cash or check payable to Brooks' Place, register onsite or pre-register
- Training open to all professionals, CEU's available with approval
- For more information or to preregister, contact Haley Harris at 256-739-2243 ext. 306 or email hharris@cullmancac.com.



Obituary Announcements: March 19

Christopher Eugene Owens, Jr., 16, of Crane Hill
Funeral service for Christopher Eugene Owens, Jr., 16, of Crane Hill will be at 2 p.m., Friday, March 19th, 2021 at Bethlehem West Baptist Church with interment in Sulphur Springs Baptist Cemetery. Bro. Paul Cleghorn, Bro. Randall Edmondson and Bro. Daniel Gann will be officiating. The family will receive friends at the church on Friday from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be ministering to the family. Christopher passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021. He was born November 1, 2004. Christopher was a well-rounded, outstanding student and athlete. He loved basketball, loved his friends, his family, his church and loved the Lord. He was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, Joyce & Ken Ratliff, Fred & Earlene Taylor and Tommy Williams. Survivors include his parents, Becky & Josh Drummond; grandparents, Pam & Donald Drummond, Pattie & Chris Tucker, Hugh & Heather Taylor; great-grandmother, Pat Williams; sisters, Lily Owens, Sara Owens and a host of friends and extended family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Wilma Cofield, 84, of Cullman
Margaret Wilma Cofield, 84, passed away on March 16, 2021. She was born June 29, 1936, in Cullman County, to Jim and Beatrice Johnston Breedlove. Ms. Cofield worked many years on the production line at the Goldkist plant. Margaret enjoyed a good yard sale and the treasures she found there. She also enjoyed cooking and especially enjoyed feeding those she loved. Margaret was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and like most mommas around here, she loved her family with food. She was of the Baptist faith and worshiped at several different churches in the Baptist church family. Ms. Margaret leaves behind a large family who will be forever grateful for the woman she was, the prayers she prayed, and the love she has shown to them. Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Beatrice Breedlove; husband, Fred Cofield; sons, Wayne Cofield and Tommy Cofield; and her six older siblings. She is survived by her son William Anthony Cofield; daughters, Audrey Smith and Kitty Todd (Johnny); ten grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren. Graveside services for Ms. Margaret are 2 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021, South Cemetery in Blountsville, AL. Friends may visit with the Cofield family in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from 12:30 p.m., until 1:15 p.m. on Friday. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cofield family.

Eleanor Ruth Dodd Green, 84, of Falkville
Funeral service for Eleanor Ruth Dodd Green, 84, of Falkville, will be 1PM, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Enon Baptist Church. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Bro. David Stancil will officiate the service. The interment will be in the adjoining cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Green family. Mrs. Green was born May 26, 1936 to David Edward & Maude Smith Dodd. She was a dedicated member of Enon Baptist Church. She loved animals, flowers and redbirds. She married James Dewey Green on November 6, 1953. Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her parents, David Edward & Maude Smith Dodd; husband, James Dewey Green; brothers, J.P. Dodd, Edward Dodd, Wayne Dodd; sisters, Kathleen Dodd Morgan, Iris Dodd Steed, Annis Dodd Nelson. She is survived by her daughters, Beth Green, Carol Green Thomason (Michael); sons, James Edward Green (Regina), Matthew Green (Camella); brother, Keith Dodd (Iris); sister Audrey Dodd Bales; sister in law, Helen Dodd of Boaz; grandchildren, Van Thomason, Jennifer Thomason Miller (Jason); great-granddaughters, Dorothea, Vivian, Stephanie and Julie Miller; and a host niece, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Charles Champ Kasten, Jr., 60, of Cullman
Charles Champ Kasten, Jr., 60, of Cullman, passed away on Monday, February 22, 2021 at his residence. Charles was born June 10, 1960 in Morgan County to Charles and Mary Kasten, who preceded him in death. Charles started working as a young man at William Jordan's store in West Point while he attended high school and studied at Wallace State College. From there he worked for the Hanceville Herald Newspaper selling ads. Charles began his insurance career with ALFA insurance as an agent and worked his way into his own business, The Kasten Insurance Agency, where he remained working until his death. Charles always appreciated his clients. He enjoyed helping them and coming into work every day. Charles loved God and his family and a close second was his love of antique cars/trucks, antique trains, and motorcycling. Charles leaves behind his loving wife of 38 years, Pamela Hulsey Kasten, his son, Seth Kasten, and his sister-in-law, Suzanne Hulsey Eady, his beautiful horse, Cinnamon, who he enjoyed spending time with and his cat, Comet. He cherished his many friends. The family would like to give a special thank you to Dean Sticher, Dawn Pennifeld and Don Crum for their help during this difficult time. A graveside service, conducted by Brother Steve Rodgers, with immediate family was held on February 23, 2021. Cullman Funeral Home was honored to serve the Kasten family.

Charles Edward Denton, 81, of Cullman
Funeral service for Charles Edward Denton, 81, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 21, 2021 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Bro. Steven Sutter and Bro. Ryan Key officiating with interment in Bethlehem East Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Denton passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at his residence. He was born June 3, 1939 to Howard M. & Clara Annamae Urban Denton. He was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Cullman. Charles loved working with wood and camping. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Thomas Denton, James Denton; sister, Breathea Armstrong; first wife, Frances Helms Denton. Survivors include his wife, Betty Denton; sons, Michael (Vickie) Denton, Christopher (Ginger) Denton; stepson, Joseph (Connie) Whitehead; sisters, Joyce (Ken) Waldrep, Brenda (Randy) Powell; grandchild, Alecia (John) Davidson; great-grandchildren, Reed Davidson, Evelyn Rose Davidson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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Tornado (from Front)

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The National Weather Service (NWS) Huntsville office sent a damage assessment team to inspect areas of Cullman County hit by last night's storms, and issued a preliminary statement late Thursday afternoon saying, "Preliminary results from our survey indicate EF-1 damage in Cullman County." No specific location was given, and NWS added, "We need to do some more analysis to determine if there is more than one track and we hope to have more information tonight or tomorrow."

The Enhanced Fujita (EF) scale was created to rate tornadoes based on wind speed and the type and severity of damage done. An EF-1 indicates wind speeds between 86 and 110 miles per hour and produces "Moderate damage. Roof surfaces peeled off; mobile homes pushed (off of) foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off road," according to the NWS definition.

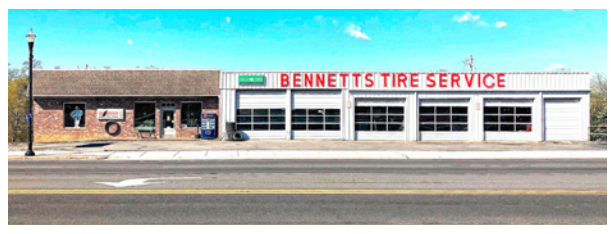
In east Cullman County, substantial tree damage and a small amount of structure damage occurred at a point along County Road 747 on the southern edge of the Simcoe community, and the road was temporarily closed near that location by a tree or trees across the road on Wednesday night.

To the east and still south of Highway 69, multiple structures were damaged--some severely--and numerous falling trees took down power lines in the area around the intersection of County Road 1635 and County Road 1670. 1635 remained closed into Thursday afternoon as crews removed large trees and lines from the roadway.

At the north end of the Simcoe community above Highway 69, a few structures were damaged and several storage sheds were destroyed.

Wednesday's weather event included high winds and heavy rains that flooded numerous areas and washed out some roads, leading to a closure of Cullman County Schools, whose busses could not get through to pick up some students. Reports sent to NWS from seven points in Cullman County ranged from 3.00-4.20 inches of rain.

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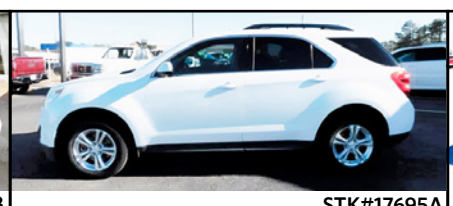
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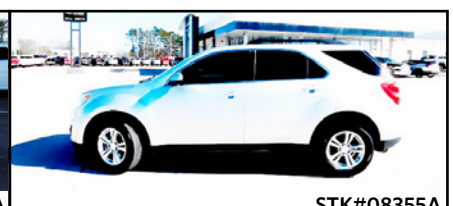
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No drop-off location

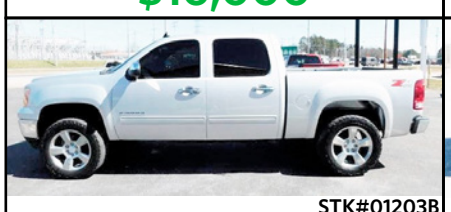
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$16,000


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2015 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
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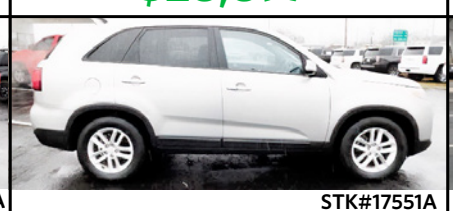

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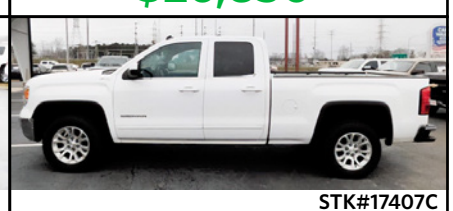

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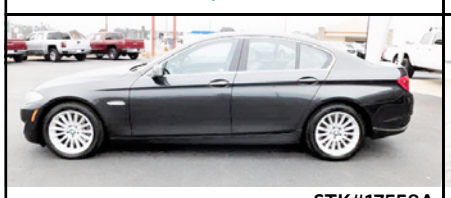

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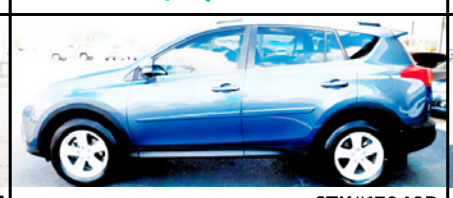

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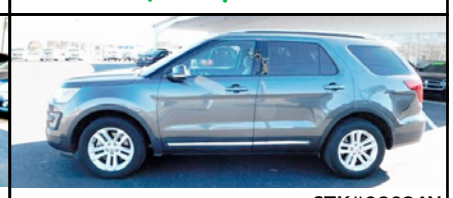

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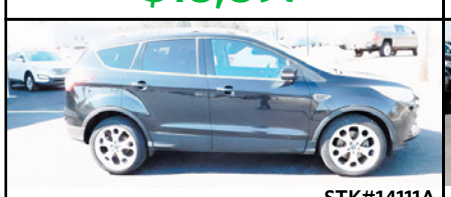

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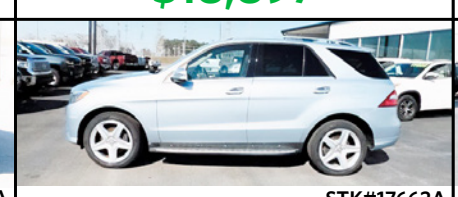

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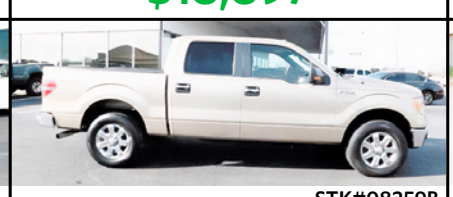

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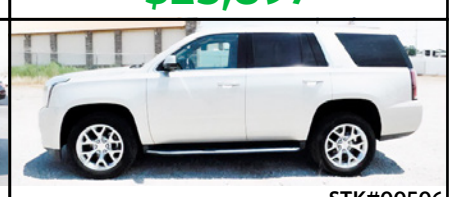

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2014 MERCEDES BENZ M CLASS
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2013 FORD F-150
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