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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Berlin Town Council: clerk will be full-time, road improvements sought

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council on Monday evening marked the next step in the growth of the municipality by bringing Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery on board full-time, starting Jan. 1, 2022. Montgomery will work a Tuesday-Saturday schedule during the market season, since she serves as the manager of the Berlin Farmers' Market; otherwise, she will work a regular Monday-Friday schedule. The council set the clerk's salary at $37,440 per year and voted to offer 100% single insurance coverage.

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Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery

Helicon Volunteer Fire Department holds Ribbon Cutting for new ALS equipment



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Left to right: Justin Patton RPS, Katrina Key RAMS, Corey Noe HVFD, Lee Wills RAMS, Tim Brown RPS, Neil Feist HVFD, Greg Ackley HVFD, Susan Tyree HVFD Kate Denotter HVFD, Tim Wadsworth Alabama House of Representatives, Lael Feist HVFD, Nicole Jones and Michal Minor BREMSS

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ARLEY, Ala. — The Helicon Volunteer Fire Department recently received grant funding for new Advanced Life Saving equipment. Chief Neil Feist and Assistant Chief Greg Ackley applied for grants with the help of State Representative Tim Wadsworth and economic developer Dr. Nicole Jones. The Department received $13,000 from the Alabama Association of Resource Conservation and Development, and $30,000 from a state grant.

The Helicon Fire Department held a ribbon cutting for their new equipment on Monday. Tim Wadsworth, Dr. Nicole Jones and members of Regional Paramedical Services and Regional Air-Medical Services attended the event.

The grants allowed for the purchase of a cardiac monitor which acts as a defibrillator and records electrocardiograms, and a LUCAS device which is a battery-operated device that does consistent CPR compressions.

The department also received cardiac drugs and pain medication.

There are three paramedics in the Fire Department -Greg Ackley, Kate Denotter and Corey Noe - who can deliver the medications to patients. A paramedic will also be required to interpret the EKG readings of the cardiac monitor, but any of the regular firefighters can be trained to use the LUCAS device.

"The average ambulance response time for the department is 40 minutes, but Feist said he has had to wait over an hour for an ambulance, "If the ambulance is coming from Haleyville and we're down in the Crane Hill area, it's over an hour. But typically, it's in the 40-minute range."

This new equipment can be used by the first responders to assist patients in critical condition while they wait for an ambulance to arrive.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

West Point Council approves one-time pay adjustment for Town Clerk and Parks director



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 22

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 19

- first-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; tools; $3,000

Dec. 20

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Hwy. 157; phone; $100
- first-degree forgery; Cullman Discount Pharmacy; 2nd Ave. SW; forged prescriptions
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 1st Ave. NE; damaged to '22 Tesla
- leaving scene of accident; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damaged to '10 Buick Enclave; $100

Dec. 21

- forgery; Cullman Furniture Market; 2nd Ave. SW; forged check
- leaving scene of accident; person; unknown; damage to '17 Honda Pilot; $500
- second-degree criminal mischief; person; 1st Ave SE; damage to '18 Chevy Silverado; $800
- first-degree theft of property; Anthony Yates Automotive; Hwy. 157; '19 Ford F350; $45,000
- harassment; person
- third-degree criminal trespass; Dollar General; 4th St. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; catalytic converter; $400

ARRESTS

Dec. 20

Speakman, James R.; 26

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Dec. 21

Combs, Bradley R.; 37

- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Sims, Christopher A.; 30

- FTA- insurance violation

Graves, Kevin D.; 35

- third-degree criminal trespass

Brooks, Raleigh W.; 49

- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

Peterson, Ashley S.; 39

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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



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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

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

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 9.7%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,500
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 473,610 (+2,723 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,186
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,194 (+26 since Monday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 6.6%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,561
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 8,991 (+76 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 180 (+1 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,567
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 103
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 49,100
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 4,770
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 432

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,827,125 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,289,825 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 5,321,649
- Additional doses administered: 519,790
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,694,970
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,199,137
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,537,300 (No update available)

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now 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

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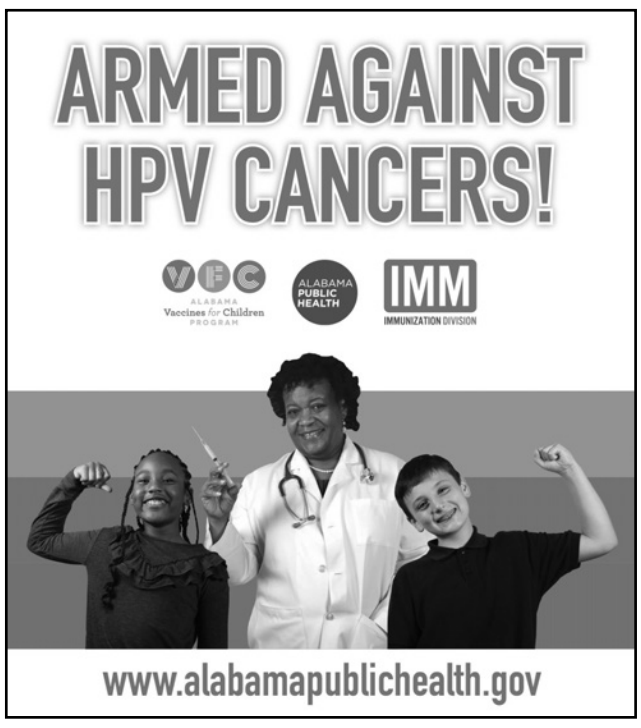
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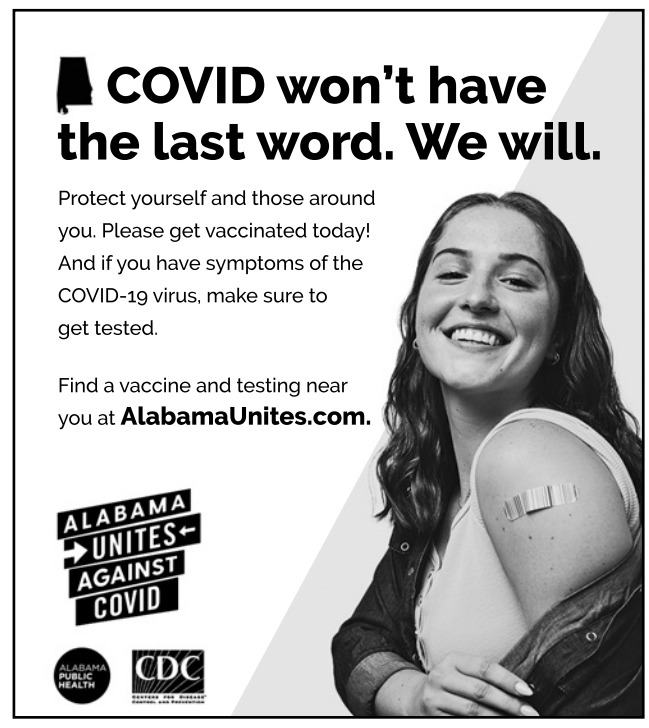
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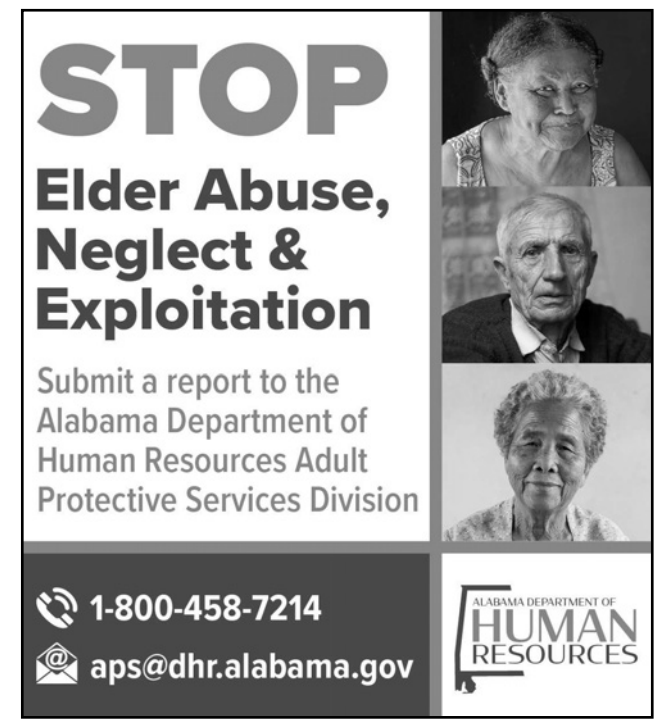
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Brenda Diane Collins



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Tony Lee Waldrop

CRIME

Two arrested on drug-related charges over the weekend following served warrants

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies went to a residence on County Road 463 on Friday, Dec. 19, to serve Felony warrants to an individual believed to be at the residence.

Tony Lee Waldrop, 62, of Cullman was located at the residence.

While there, deputies located paraphernalia, pills and a large amount of methamphetamine.

Brenda Diane Collins, 40, Cullman, was also located at the residence and had active warrants.

Waldrop was arrested and charged with: drug trafficking, possession of opium or derivative and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Collins was arrested for the following warrants: failure to appear on possession of stolen property, possession of methamphetamine (six counts) and possession of drug paraphernalia (three counts).

"Our deputies at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office have been extremely proactive this holiday season," Sheriff Matt Gentry said. "Remaining diligent and getting these drugs off the street is a point of emphasis for the Sheriff's Office. I am proud of the hard work and dedication all of our deputies continue to show."



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Christopher G. Barnett



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Christopher Charles Pennington

Charges (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County deputies arrested a Cullman man after he was stopped for a traffic violation in the Welti area on Friday, Dec. 17.

When Christopher G. Barnett, 44, Cullman, was pulled over, deputies located a baggie containing methamphetamine inside the vehicle.

Barnett was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Cullman County Sheriff's deputies also arrested a Hanceville man at his residence on Dec. 18.

Christopher Charles Pennington, 60, of Hanceville, was arrested by CCSO deputies on multiple warrants which included: drug trafficking, possession of drug paraphernalia and a FTA / driving while license suspended.

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 Street 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 Saint Joseph Drive 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.
• Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Message "EMPOWER ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach - CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• 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-Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their 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 (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

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August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

Night of Jazz
• Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Faculty and Friends
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
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Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
Nov. 19 – Dec. 30: This annual Cullman event is returning this year, featuring thousands of lights, Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. A new addition is the Winter Wonderland Christmas Shop. Times are 5-9:30 p.m. For a more detailed schedule or for more information, call 256-734-3052.

Christmas in the Park
Nov. 26 - Dec. 31: The City of Arab is hosting Christmas in the Park nightly 5-9:30 p.m. from Nov. 26 - Dec. 31 at Arab City Park (844 Shoal Creek Trail, Arab, AL). Over 2 million display lights to walk through! Admission is $6, with ages 2 and under free. For more information, call 256-586-6793 or visit https://www.arabcity.org/

Christmas at the Grotto
• Nov. 26 – Dec. 31: Christmas at the Grotto will return this season at the Ava Maria Grotto. The Grotto will open for special evening hours to allow visitors to tour the Grotto grounds which will be decorated with thousands of lights. This year, there will also be barbecue, music and even horse-drawn carriage rides Dec. 17 and 18. Admission prices for adults - $6, students - $3, with children under 3 are free.
• For more information, visit http://www.avemariagrotto.com.

Wallace State Community College spring registration
Dec. 11 - Jan. 15: Registration for the spring 2022 semester is underway at Wallace State Community College. Classes will begin Jan. 10 with options for day and evening classes on campus, online and hybrid. Registration will continue through Jan. 15 for regular and Mini Term I classes. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8. Call 256-353-8000 for more information.

Christmas Dinner at Parkside Catfish
Dec. 24: Parkside Catfish (13610 Alabama Highway 69, Baileyton, AL) is hosting a Christmas Dinner on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. This is a free meal for anyone in need. For more information, call 256-796-4288.

Pleasant View Watch Night Service
• Dec. 31: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a Watch Night service on Friday, New Year's Eve starting at 8 p.m. The guest singers will be "The Singing Ambassadors" from Fayetteville, Tennessee. We will break for refreshments around 10 p.m. We will pray the old year out and the new one in. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left.
• For more information call 256-796-5986.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats down Demopolis 54-33; improve to 12-0

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats hit the floor at Tom Drake Coliseum Tuesday afternoon to compete in this year's Wallace State Christmas Classic and their first foe was the Demopolis Tigers. The 'Cats were relentless on the defensive end of the floor and made nearly ever possession frustrating for the Tigers on their way to a 54-33 win. Cullman improves to 12-0 with the win and Head Coach Stu Stuedeman is very pleased with how his team is coming along on the defensive end.

"Our depth has come a long way and I just trust everyone 1-12 to be in the ball game. We still have a couple kids hurt and when they get back, I'll trust them in the game too, but our depth has been remarkable, it's awesome.

"We have really improved on the defensive end, full court and half court and it's really fun to watch them," Stuedeman said.

"When I go home at night and put the tape on, it is really fun to watch these guys fly around and make plays. That's not to say that they don't mistakes, but they're a lot of fun to watch and I'm really proud of them. We just have to keep getting better and make sure that we play to our standard every quarter."

Tucker Cagle scored inside to give the Bearcats a 2-0 start and after a three-pointer from Demopolis on the other end, Jamar Kay drilled a three of his own to put Cullman back in front 5-3. Garrison Sharpe drove to the basket and scored through a foul and after hitting the free throw, the lead was up to 8-3 midway through the first quarter.

Sharpe stayed hot and knocked down another three to make it an 11-3 game. Tucker Apel and Cagle each scored to extend the lead to 15-3 and after Nate Zills added another basket inside, the 'Cats went into the second quarter leading 17-5.

Another bucket from Zills and a pair of free throws by Cagle made it a 21-5 game early in the second Kase Nixon knocked down a three to keep Cullman in front 24-9 later in the period.

Another Nixon basket made it 26-9 and after a pair of Tucker Gambrill free throws, Sharpe drained a deep three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Bearcats a 31-12 advantage going into the halftime break.

A three-pointer by Gambrill and another Apel layup stretched the lead to 36-14 at the start of the third and Cagle buried a three from the top of the key to make it 39-14. Another three-pointer from Gambrill and a basket by Sharpe made it a 44-22 game midway through the third quarter and Kay and Sharpe each scored one more time in the period to put Cullman in front 48-24 going into the fourth quarter.

Kay knocked down another three-pointer early in the fourth to make it 51-24 and after Nixon split a pair of free throws and Colton Echols laid one in, the Bearcats cruised to a 54-33 victory over the Tigers to remain unbeaten.

Sharpe led the way for Cullman with 13 points in the win. Cagle finished with nine points and Gambrill and Kay each posted eight. Nixon scored six, Zills and Apel each added four and Echols finished with two.

The Bearcats will be back in action at this year's Wallace State Christmas Classic Wednesday at 3 p.m. when they take on Pleasant Grove.



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Cullman's Garrison Sharpe (15) led the 'Cats with 13 points in their 54-33 win over Demopolis Tuesday.

PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders take county matchups over West Point

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The West Point Warriors and Lady Warriors traveled to Good Hope for a pair of county matchups Tuesday night, but they were sent home with a pair of losses by the Raiders and Lady Raiders. Good Hope took the varsity girls' game 68-49 and the boys defeated West Point 76-45 to complete the sweep.

Good Hope 68 - West Point 49 (Varsity Girls)

Good Hope got off to a hot start to the game as Bailey Tetro and Ivey Maddox hit back-to-back threes to give the Lady Raiders a quick 6-0 lead not even a minute into the game. West Point's Liberty Shadix hit a layup to put them on the scoreboard with 5:52 remaining in the first quarter. A Heather Tetro layup stretched Good Hope's lead to 10-4, but the Lady Warriors got a layup from Bethany Minck and a trey from Laklin Shadix as they trimmed the deficit to just one at 10-9. But Maddox had a quick answer, drilling back-to-back long-range shots as the Lady Raiders went into the second period with a 16-11 lead. Maddox had 11 of Good Hope's 16 first-quarter points.

A Liberty Shadix trey cut the deficit to two to start out the second period, but Good Hope took over after that as Charly Johnson hit a layup to make it 18-14.

Bailey Tetro scored the next eight points and Maddox scored the next four points after that as the Lady Raiders quickly increased their lead to 30-14 with less than three minutes to go in the first half. Back-to-back baskets by Ryleigh Jones made it a 12-point game, but Bailey Tetro drilled her fourth trey of the first half as Good Hope held a 33-18 lead at the half.

West Point looked to trim into the deficit to start out the second half. A Hallie Wheeler trey and a Jones free throw made it a 33-22 game. Another Maddox trey, though, quickly made it a 36-22 contest. Another Wheeler trey cut the deficit to 11 at 38-27, but baskets by Maddox and Johnson stretched Good Hope's lead to 42-27. After a Braelee Quinn layup made it 47-34, Rudi Derrick hit back-to-back baskets down low to give the Lady Raiders a 51-34 lead and Good Hope would go into the final period with a 53-36 advantage.

A Renee McLeod layup and a pair of Derrick saw Good Hope push their lead to 57-36 to start out the fourth quarter. A Liberty Shadix trey and a Jones layup cut the Lady Raider lead to 59-44, but they wouldn't get any closer after that as a pair of Kyndall Seal treys and one by Maddox quickly sealed a huge 68-49 win for the Lady Raiders. With that win, Good Hope's winning streak is now up to 10 games.

Maddox led the way for Good Hope (12-2) with 23 points. Bailey Tetro added 16 points. Derrick ended up with eight points. Seal and Johnson each added six points. Heather Tetro ended up with five points and McLeod finished with four points. For West Point (9-5), Liberty Shadix finished with 19 points. Jones added nine points. Minck ended up with seven points. Wheeler added six points. Laklin Shadix and Kaylee Faulkner each ended up with three points and Quinn chipped in with two points.

Good Hope 76 - West Point 45 (Varsity Boys)

K'mal Bell drilled a three to put Good Hope on the scoreboard first, but West Point's Sam Wheeler hit back-to-back driving layups to give them an early 4-3 lead. Charlie O'Neil hit back-to-back long-range shots and Bell converted on a three-point play to give the Raiders a 12-4 lead with less than six minutes to go in the opening quarter.

A Tanner Malin layup made it a 14-4 lead for Good Hope, but Kanen Trussell brought the Warriors back into the game with six straight points and the Raider lead was now cut to four at 14-10. Tanner Malin and Tyler Cone scored Good Hope's next straight points to give them a 20-10 lead and the Raiders would go into the second quarter with a 24-14 lead.

Another Bell trey made it 29-15 with less than five minutes to go in the second period. Jacob Haynes added a layup to make it 31-15 and later drilled three free throws to increase Good Hope's lead to 34-17. Back-to-back layups by Malin and O'Neil stretched the Raider lead to 38-17 and Good Hope would go into the half with a 38-17 advantage.

A pair of Kolten Perry free throws made it a 38-19 game to start out the second half, but a 10-0 Raider run quickly put to rest any hope of a West Point comeback. A pair of baskets by Bell and a three each from O'Neil and Cone saw the Warriors looking at a 19-point deficit at 48-29. Back-to-back-treys from Jayden Laney and Jay Lamar did cut the deficit to 13 at 48-35, but Cone and Malin scored the team's final six points of the quarter as Good Hope held a comfortable 54-30 lead after three periods.

West Point looked to make one more run to try and get back in the game as baskets by Lamar and Cade Simmons and an Andrew Lynn trey cut the Raider lead to 59-37, but eight straight points from Tanner and Tucker Malin quickly pushed Good Hope's lead to 69-40. They would go on cruise control from there as the Raiders ended up rolling past the Warriors, 76-45.

Malin led the way for Good Hope (8-4) with 19 points. O'Neil added 16 points. Bell ended up with 13 points. Cone added 10 points. Haynes and Tucker Malin each finished with eight points and Cannan Jones chipped in with two points. For West Point (4-10), Trussell finished with 13 points. Lamar added 10 points. Lynn finished with six points. Simmons ended up with five points. Wheeler added four points. Laney finished with three points, while Perry and Ashton Rodgers each ended up with two points.

The Raiders will take on Demopolis Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., while the Warriors prepare to host a Christmas tournament starting December 27. The Lady Warriors won't play until January 3 when they host Danville.



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Good Hope's Ivey Maddox finished with a game-high 23 points in the Lady Raiders' 68-49 win over West Point.



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Good Hope's Tanner Malin was recognized for scoring his 1,000th career point at Tuesday night's games.

EDUCATION

Kenneth Gamble, first Wallace State CDL graduate to use wheelchair, earns full-time job driving across U.S.

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Kenneth Gamble became the first graduate to utilize a wheelchair from Wallace State Community College's Commercial Driver's License program in 2020.

Gamble is now employed with Jimbo and Company Transport, a family-owned and operated company based in Indiana. Jimbo and Company transports cargo trailers, horse trailers, cars, RV trailers and government trailers across the United States.

Gamble, who lives near Dothan, visited campus during the fall 2021 semester, while fulfilling one of his routes.

"Jimbo and Company is great to work for. I've been in a wheelchair since October 2009, and this is the first time since then I've found fulfillment in a job.

"I'm thankful Jimbo and Company believe in me, and I'm excited to prove how hard I'll work," Gamble said.

"It means more than anyone else can remotely comprehend."

Wallace State's Director for Center for Career and Workforce Development, Jamie Blackmon, added, "We are so proud of Kenneth. He exemplifies steadfast perseverance, and with his dedication and positive attitude, he will find even more success throughout his life."

Over a decade ago, Gamble suffered a spinal stroke after undergoing major back surgery, forcing him to use a wheelchair.



WALLACE STATE

Kenneth Gamble earned his CDL license through Wallace State and is now driving for Jimbo and Company Transport.

Gamble, who worked previously as a mechanic, became interested in earning a CDL after watching a Facebook video of a fellow wheelchair user earning his credentials.

Through networking connections at the Alabama Department of Rehab Services, Gamble was introduced to Wallace State's CDL program and instructor Ben Matanane.

During his journey through the Wallace State program, Gamble completed his training by using trucks equipped with additional hand controls surrounding the steering wheel and connected to the gas and brake pedals.

Gamble used a lift, made by Life Essential Lifts, to transition from their wheelchair to the truck's driver's seat.

As an employee of Jimbo and Company, Gamble selects the transportation jobs he's interested in through a "load board," completes a preliminary checklist for delivery, and drives each cargo to its intended destination.

"I wouldn't have this job if not for the help from the state, the instruction from Ben and Wallace State and those who believed in me," Gamble said.

"There really are no words to express my gratitude for it all."

For more information about Wallace State's CDL program, contact 256-352-8386.











West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. — The West Point Town Council had only a couple of items on their agenda for their Monday night meeting. The council discussed the success of the town community meal that took place Saturday, Dec. 11, at West Point Baptist Church. The church provided 350 meals to the community.

Once the council approved the minutes and financials of the previous meeting, the new business discussed was a one-time pay adjustment of $1,500 for Clerk Joann Jones.

Timmy Smith said, "By no means is it an amount that is going to show how much she really does."

The council also approved a one-time pay adjustment of $300 for Park/Maintenance director Mike Wray.

The West Point Town Council meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Berlin (from Front)

road improvements

The council authorized Mayor Patrick Bates to apply for a Rebuild Alabama road grant of up to $250,000 to widen Mount Carmel Drive and make other road and intersection improvements in the town.

Additionally, the council passed a resolution to encourage the Alabama Department of Transportation to carry out a planned widening of U.S. Highway 278 from Fourth Avenue Southeast in Cullman out to East Point, since that section of road provides the primary route for Berlin residents traveling into Cullman. The project is on ALDOT's current project list for Cullman County, but does not have an approved plan.

The council also voted to take bids for mowing, weed eating and bush hogging on town property.

Mayor Bates reported that he is talking with a firm to conduct Berlin's 2021 audit at a cost of $5,000.

Bates also reported on a recent meeting of the farmers market growers:

- Seven of the market's eight bays are now committed.
- Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. will be the official market days, though growers will be allowed to come at other times when they have produce available.
- The market season will start in mid-May and run into October.
- The market will again participate in the Power of Produce, "PoP," program to introduce children to agriculture.
- The town plans to install a line to provide water to the market. Growers also requested improved signage.

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Berlin Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Lawsuit (from Front)

Office of Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorney General Steve Marshall filed a lawsuit Tuesday to block the Biden administration's Head Start mandate for program employees to vaccinate against COVID-19, and for pre-school pupils to wear face masks, or risk all federal funding.

Two of Alabama's state agencies—the Alabama Department of Human Resources and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education—would be affected by the mandate, as would all of Alabama's Head Start teachers, staff, volunteers and students.

The mandate requires all personnel to be "fully vaccinated" and wear masks at all times, while also requiring students ages two years and older to wear masks.

The lawsuit brought on behalf of the State of Alabama argues that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services lacks the legal authority to impose the mandate.

It further notes that the mandate conflicts with Alabama's vaccine passport law in that it requires state government entities to enforce it.

"The Biden administration clearly has no plans to back down from its errant pursuit of nationwide vaccination," said Attorney General Marshall.

"Likewise, the State of Alabama has no plans to back down from its righteous pursuit of nationwide injunctions."

The lawsuit was filed in the Western District of Louisiana. Attorney General Marshall joined with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry to bring this action, along with his colleagues from Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Attorney General Marshall added, "The victims of these mandates will not be 'the unvaccinated,' as President Biden would like you to believe.

"Rather, the harm will be felt by the rural pre-school children who will be left with no place to go if their centers are shut down.

"A program that the federal government created is at risk of being destroyed by those who claim to care most about its participants."



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
Charles Edward Hollis,) Case No. PC2021-452
Deceased)

Notice to Creditors

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Patsy Young as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Edward Hollis, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Patsy Young
Personal Representative

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Cullman County, Alabama

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MAURICE STRINGER BAILEY * CASE NO PC 2021-341
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **SHEILA STAGGS and GERALDINE BAILEY STAGGS TIMBS,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of **MAURICE STRINGER BAILEY**, deceased, on the 20th day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sheila Staggs and
Geraldine Bailey Staggs Timbs
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
RALPH LEA NAIL, JR., CASE NO. PC 2021 – 446
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Doug Harris, whose full name is Douglas E. Harris, but who is known as Doug Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Ralph Lea Nail, Jr., deceased, on the 20th day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Douglas E. Harris a/k/a Doug Harris
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KAREN REXANA TAYLOR * CASE NO PC 2021-464
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Martin Taylor,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Karen Rexana Taylor**, deceased, on the 21st day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Martin Taylor
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
TERRY LYNN TAYLOR * CASE NO PC 2021-462
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **Martin Taylor,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Terry Lynn Taylor**, deceased, on the 21st day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Martin Taylor
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JUANITA ROBERSON, CASE NO.: PC-2021-372
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted **BRIAN CRAIG ROBERSON, SR.** as Administrator of the Estate of JUANITA ROBERSON, deceased, on the 13th day of December, 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 forever barred.

BRIAN CRAIG ROBERSON, SR.

Annette Irons-Parker
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
BILLIE FRANCES HILBURN SARTIN, DECEASED.) CASE NO.: PC-2021-332

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to SEAN HILBURN SARTIN as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLIE FRANCES HILBURN SARTIN deceased, on the 7th day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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Ancillary Personal Representative

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 21-22

Betty Ann Brown, 83, of Cullman
Betty Ann Brown, age 83, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, Dec. 17. Betty was born July 29, 1938, in Cullman, Alabama. Betty is survived by her daughters: Teresa (Mark) White and Lisa (Ronnie) Wilson; her grandchildren: Valerie (Terry) Keller, Chris (Kelly) Speegle, Nathan Speegle, Justin (Desiree) Wilson, Josie Wilson and Bree (Wade) Graff and her great-grandchildren: Skyler Speegle, Logan Keller, Anthony Speegle, Ethan Yahn, Isaac Medina, Izzie Wilson, Sophia Graff, RaeLynn Graff, Jack Wilson, Slayden Speegle, Aniya Graff, Roman Graff and Isla Wilson. Betty was preceded in death by her husband: Frank Brown; her daughter: Denise Brown Aderholt and her parents: Onis Almon and Rosalee Dover Conn. A celebration of life visitation for Betty will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A celebration of life funeral service to follow at 1 p.m. in the chapel. Bro. Dejuan Reese and Bro. Samuel Tucker will be officiating the service. An interment will occur at Spring Hill Cemetery (5400 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057). Moss-Service Funeral Home will be directing the service.

David Shannon Farley, 66, of Hanceville
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for David Shannon Farley, 66, of Hanceville. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Farley passed away Wednesday, Dec. 22, at CRMC. He was born June 9, 1955, to Billy Joe and Mary Ellen Hall Farley. He loved his family, missed his mama and now he's gone home. He loved Alabama football. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Laura Powell and Faith Farley and two infant sisters. Survivors include his son: Justin Farley; daughter: Shayna Gatlin; brothers: Max (Sharon) Farley and Dennis Farley; sister: Lisa Sandlin; grandchildren: Hannah and Haliey Farley, Josh, Austin and Jessica Gatlin; great-grandchildren: Carter Gatlin and Malakai Gatlin; mother of his children: Debbie Warren; family and friends.

Shirley Jeanette Eubanks, 65, of Vinemont
Funeral service for Shirley Jeanette Eubanks, 65, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 23, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Hebron Church of Christ Cemetery, with Rev. Tim Dubberly officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from noon – 2 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the funeral. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Jeanette passed away Dec. 20, at Athens Limestone Hospital. She was born May 16, 1956, to Walter Ray and Shirley Temple Baker Martin. She was a dedicated mother, first and foremost. She loved her children and spent her life putting their needs above her own. She especially loved her role as Nana. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother: Donald Martin. Survivors include her daughters: Misty (Kevin) Folds, Carrie Farr and Lisa Eubanks; brothers: Jimmy (Grace) Martin and Jerry (Owanna) Martin; grandchildren: Eli and Averee Folds, Daniel and Shiann Farr and Bailee and Landon Eubanks; great-grandchild: Dalton Farr; family and friends.

Louis Patrick Whatley
Louis Patrick Whatley was born Dec. 17, 2021. Hours after coming into the world, he passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family. He is survived by his parents: Patrick and Kathleen Whatley; sisters: Therese Rose Whatley, Zelie Marie Whatley and Lucy Maire Whatley; grandparents: Dolores Kisbey-Green and Todd and Patty Whatley; great-grandparents: Eithne Kisbey-Green and Clyde Whatley; aunts and uncles: Angela (Chris) Ascherman, Brendan Kisbey-Green, Daniel (Amy) Whatley, Kelly (Brett) Aldridge and Clay (Michelle) Whatley and cousins: Olivia, Paul, Benjamin, Amelia and Samuel Ascherman, Colton Hubbard, Will, Andrew, June and Jacob Whatley, Kate, Luke, Ben and Anna Aldridge and Sydney Whatley. He was preceded in death by his grandfather: Kevin Kisbey-Green and great-grandparents: Victor Kisbey-Green, Ronald and Shirley DeKlerk, Joseph Whatley and James and Monica Staudt. A rosary and holy hour for Louis Patrick will be held Thursday, Dec. 30, at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church (217 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055). A funeral mass for baptized children will be Thursday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

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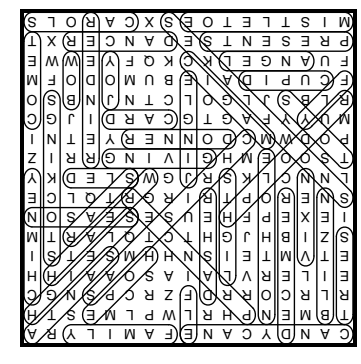
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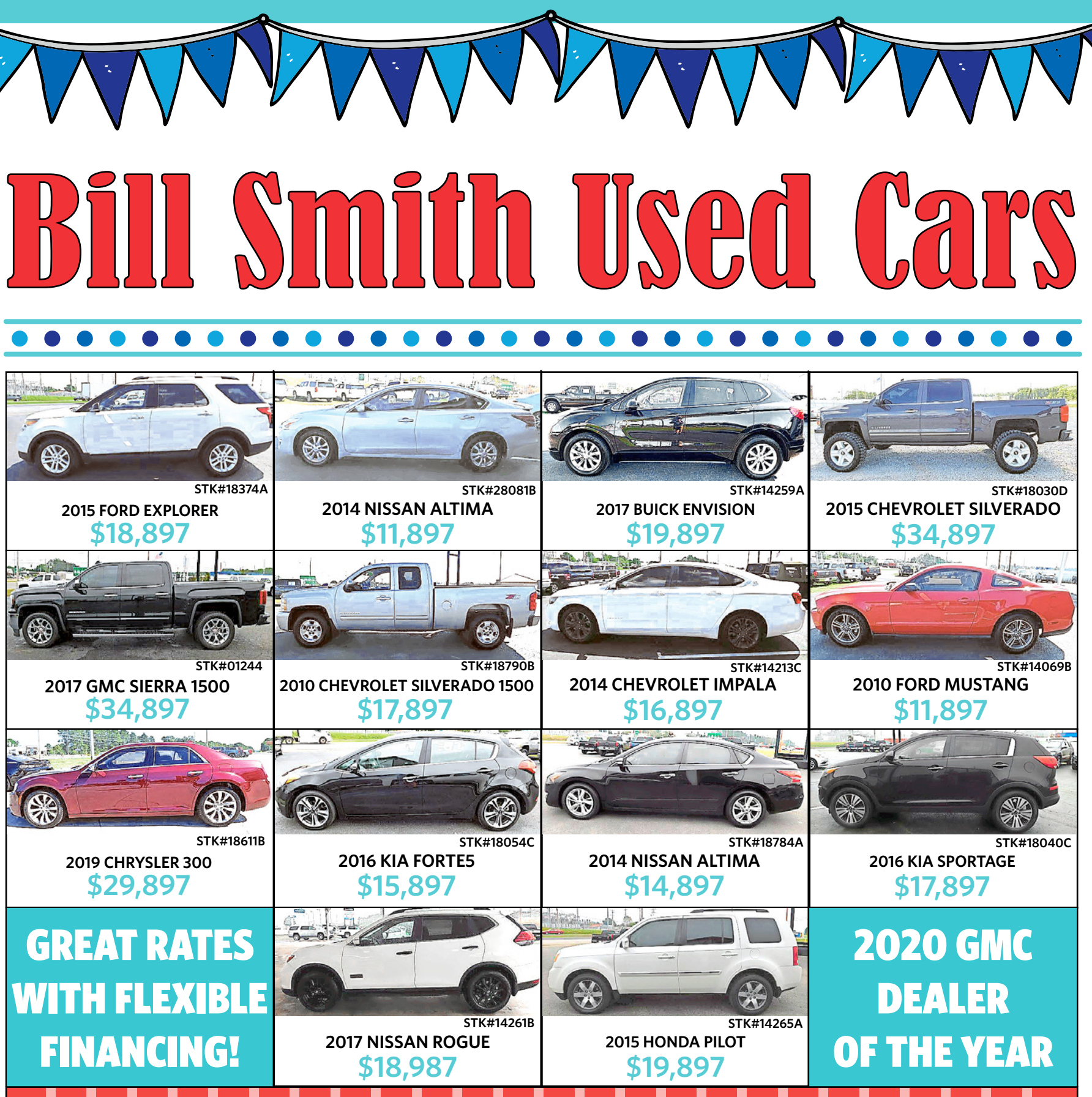


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