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‘Steel Magnolias’ coming to Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Community Theatre’s (CCT) first 2023 performance will be the southern favorite “Steel Magnolias” on Feb. 16-19 at the Traditions Bank venue on Cullman’s west side.

Director Rodney Basenburg said the board of directors reviewed several plays before choosing “Steel Magnolias” as its next production. He said it’s a play he has always wanted the opportunity to direct.

The original play, written by Dothan, Alabama, native Robert Harling, was written as a form of therapy after Harling’s sister’s death from diabetic complications in 1985. Initially penned as a short story for Harling’s nephew to have an account of his mother’s life, the story turned into a play within two weeks.

The play was produced off-Broadway beginning in 1987 and Harling wrote the screenplay for the 1989 film version, which starred many notable names including Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Daryl Hannah and Olympia Dukakis.

Set in northwest Louisiana, the play tells » PAGE 3



Chellie Letson will play the role of Annelle in the Cullman Community Theatre production of “Steel Magnolias.”

CULLMAN COMMUNITY THEATRE/FACEBOOK

Cobblestone Hotel moves ahead



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Progress on Cobblestone Hotel construction is seen Wednesday, Jan. 4.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After a public hearing, the Cullman Planning Commission on Tuesday approved the short-form subdivision for the Cobblestone Hotel property at 1835 Main Ave. SW. The new hotel, with a more central location than the ample lodging choices along Alabama Highway 157, promises “big city quality, small town values” with a fitness center, 24 hour Starbucks coffee service and an on-site, 24-hour convenience store.

The planning commission also held a public hearing to move the lot line for a property at Fifth Avenue and Seventh Street Southwest. The short-form subdivision was approved.

Lastly, the short-form subdivision for property on County Road 1402, to be divided into five lots, was tabled until February’s planning commission meeting. County Road 1402 runs from Alabama Highway 157 by Ponder Wrecker and Auto to County Road 1435/Eva Road.

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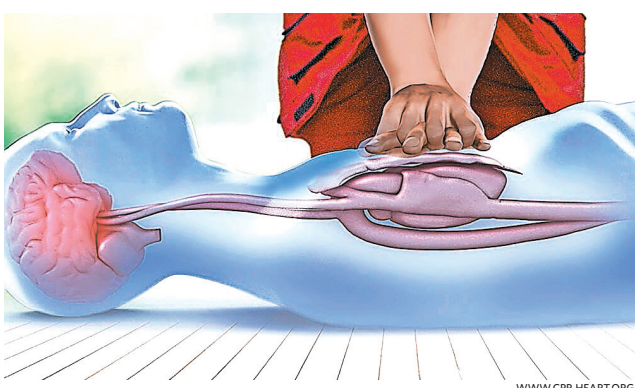
Veteran and Beginning Farmer workshop series kicks off new year



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 4, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 30

- harassment; CR 121
- domestic violence; CR 1545
- harassment; CR 1730
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 522

Dec. 31

- theft of property; CR 223
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB exit 299
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 532
- theft of property; CR 107
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Weeks Cir.
- theft of property; CR 1598
- theft of property; CR 107
- obstructing governmental operations/resisting arrests; CR 272
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- assault; CR 1224

Jan. 1, 2023

- domestic violence; CR 984
- domestic violence; CR 1358
- burglary; CR 1678
- theft of property; CR 1030

ARRESTS

Dec. 29, 2022 - Jan. 3, 2023

Arwood, Amy M.; 40
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Baker, Grayson J.; 18
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Baker, Harrison R.; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Bartlett, Troy L.; 49
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Beasley, Anthony R.; 51
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Bennefield, Jeremy A.; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Bishop, James P.; 28
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Brasher, Lance R.; 33
- Probation violation- theft of property-2nd degree

Butler, Vivian L.; 50
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Canady, Antonio L.; 23
- FTA- speed above 45 mph on county road

Cavanaugh, Kyle J.; 37
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Combs, Bradley R.; 38
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle (4 counts)

Curvin, Meshach J.; 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Dover, Janissa C.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Duke, Alex M.; 20
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Farr, Justin W.; 31
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Farr, Larry D.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Franklin, Christy L.; 47
- Probation violation- larceny/theft/theft of property-2nd degree, $1,500-$2,500

Garrett, Wesley N.; 40
- possession of dangerous drugs

Goggins, Kerry L.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- attempting to elude a police officer

Haney, Savannah B.; 35
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)
- FTA- drug trafficking
- Motion to Revoke- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- Motion to Revoke- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Harbison, Johnny L.; 70
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Hill, Magen H.; 34
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Hooper, Lisa M.; 53
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, Christian Shawn H.; 25
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Johnson, Christine L.; 54
- appears in public place under influence

Mann, Jacob C.; 26
- FTA- giving false information to law enforcement officer

McDaniel, Thomas A.; 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA= possession of dangerous drugs

Mohamed, Mohamed S.; 31
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Monfort, Clayton A.; 24
- appears in public place under influence

Odom Jr., Michael D.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Parker, Adam A.; 37
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Parker, Jimmy N.; 49
- Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order

Perminova, Yaroslava; 42
- Motion to Revoke- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Perotti, Rebecca O.; 41
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Pope, Robert H.; 55
- resisting arrest
- obstruction of governmental operations

Rice, Rebecca S.; 64
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Roncker, Christopher E.; 48
- assault-aggravated assault- A to M aggravated assault (attempted murder)

Scheer Jr., Kyle A.; 19
- possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- DUI-other substance

Schubert Jr., Steven M.; 35
- FTA- recovered property
- FTA- theft of property-2nd degree- theft of a firearm, rifle, or shotgun

Sears, Bridget N.; 37
- Probation Violation- conservation-cruelty to animals
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation-stolen vehicles-auto theft

Spain, Durell; 22
- FTA- damaged property-burglary of auto-3 counts (no theft)

Taylor, Eric D.; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Thompson, Johnnie; 59
- assault-aggravated assault-family-gun

Thompson, Tina L.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)
- attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc. of wine or alcohol

Thrasher, Kelsie P.; 25
- Probation Violation-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Tucker, Lisa M.; 43
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force
- Probation Violation- illegal possession/use of credit card

Turbeville, Jeremy L.; 24
- indecent exposure
- sexual misconduct

Veal, Joshua S.; 38
- FTA- appears in public place under influence
- Probation Violation- possessing stolen property

Weber, Andrew S.; 19
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wilson, Robert D.; 58
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drug (3 counts)
- FTA- fraud-obscuring/defacing/removing vehicles identity

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 27
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Main Ave. SW; guitar; $200

Dec. 29
- theft of property-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $1,555

Dec. 30
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Park Manor Apartments; Lee Ave. SW; damaged property
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; $122
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; $511
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; 4 St. SW; general merchandise; $71
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $165
- criminal trespass; Cullman Housing Authority; Logan St. SW

Dec. 31
- assault; person; White Cir.
- theft by deception-1st degree; person; cash; $9,345
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $272
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $507

Jan. 1
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $308
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $166
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW; phone; $700
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Jan. 2
- theft of property-3rd degree; Hobby Lobby; Town Square SW; general merchandise; $1,202

Jan. 3
- harassing communications; person
- theft of property-1st degree; person; 2nd Ave. NW; 2006 Hyundai Sonata; $500

ARRESTS

Dec. 30 – Jan. 3

Arwood, Amy M.; 40
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Canaday, Antonio L.; 23
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Johnson, Christian S.; 25
- disorderly conduct
- criminal trespass

James, Sharon M.; 31
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- public intoxication

Gaines, Christopher D.; 37
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cavanaugh, Kyle J.; 37
- Grand Jury Indictment-obstructing justice using false identity
- Grand Jury Indictment-possession of drug paraphernalia
- Grand Jury Indictment-attempt to elude

Fondren, Drayton C.; 22
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Moore, Matthew C.; 27
- DUI

Crabtree, Natosha D.; 40
- public intoxication

Linley, Ramona Y.; 23
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without license

Stiefelmeyer III, Carl A.; 58
- FTA- public intoxication (4 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Owens Jr., Joseph M.; 41
- using false identity to avoid arrest
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Lay, Rachel L.; 31
- criminal trespass

Hammond, Jeffrey S.; 39
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Nash, Angela M.; 28
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Hand, Dustin C.; 31
- theft of property-4th degree

Mayes, Susan P.; 65
- theft of property-3rd degree

Harrison Jr., David C.; 27
- public intoxication
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Bell, Leslie H.; 46
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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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) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.

• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

• Thursday, Jan. 5 - 10 a.m. Prayer meeting has been canceled.

• Friday, Jan. 6 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert, or drink @ 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.

• Saturday, Jan. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Community Outreach - Join our men for a free breakfast; help prepare and distribute sack lunches in the 5 Points area. All men are welcome!

• Sunday, Jan. 8 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, and for those who need salvation and deliverance.

• Sunday, Jan. 8 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

• Sunday, Jan. 8 - 5 pm Southern Gospel singing

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings

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

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• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. We will meet for our annual planning meeting and lunch. Think about ideas for Club activities for this year. Bring a covered dish to accompany a chili meal and dessert. Bring prospective new members.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church at 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman, AL 35055. All are welcome.

2023 Festival of the Cranes

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 13-15, at the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge (WNWR) and other venues throughout Decatur. Several of the weekend's activities require reservations. www.friendsofwheelernwr.org/festival-of-the-cranes-2023.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 19, at 11 a.m. at Stonebridge Farms. The program will be provided by Cullman County Extension Office Coordinator Kira Sims. For more information, email mjcjcera@gmail.com.

2023 Bownes Memorial For Kids' Sake Variety Show

Sunday, Feb. 5, at 4 p.m. at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville. Tickets can be purchased in advance for $10 at the Foundation office or on the day of the program for $15 at the door.

Steel Magnolias (from Front)

the story of the Eatenton family, specifically matriarch M'Lynn and her daughter Shelby, as Shelby marries her fiancé and bears a son against her doctor's recommendation due to her diabetes.

Truvy Jones, the local beautician, hires the new-to-town recent cosmetology school graduate Annelle Dupuy. Rounding out the cast of characters are the former mayor's widow Clairee Belcher and her best friend, the curmudgeon Ouiser Boudreaux.

Cast and members of CCT's production include:

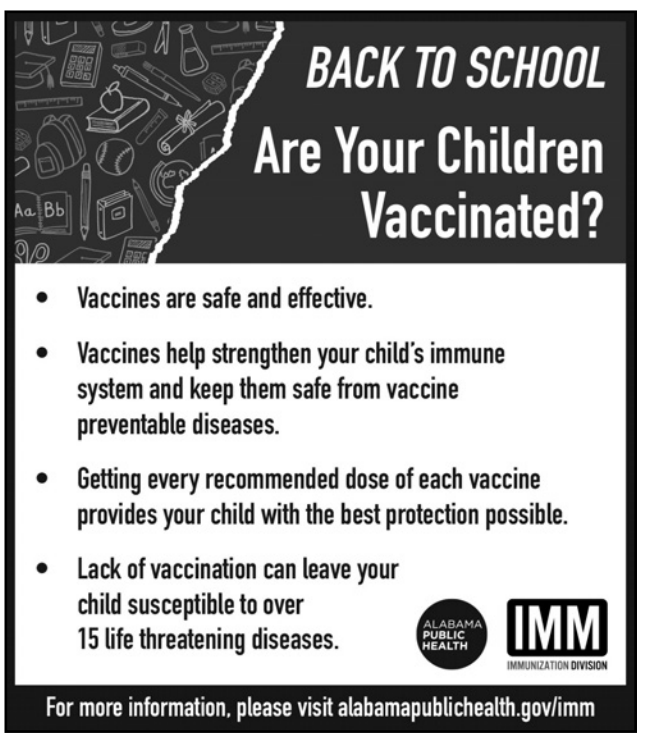
- M'Lynn – Carron Clark
- Shelby – Savannah Smith
- Truly – Melissa Lawler
- Ouiser – Drenda Walker
- Annelle – Chellie Letson
- Clairee – Laura Harris
- Director – Rodney Basenburg
- Co-director – Nick Shabel
- Production Operations Director – Noah Carpenter
- Costumes/Makeup – Paige Clabo
- Hospitality/House Manager – Casey Sandlin

Tickets are $30 and are currently available from a cast or crew member. Online ticket sales will begin on Jan. 16. The Feb. 16-18 performances will include dinner with the ticket price.

The matinee show on Feb. 19 will not include a meal. The Traditions Bank venue is located at 109 Second Ave. NW.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders handle Cold Springs 66-23 in battle of unbeatens, Raiders pull away to top Eagles 57-36

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Cold Springs made the trip to D.E. Ryan Gymnasium for a pair of varsity matchups with the Raiders and Lady Raiders Tuesday night and both home squads were able to successfully defend their home court. In the girls' game, the top-ranked, undefeated 4A Lady Raiders squared off against the top-ranked, undefeated 2A Lady Eagles and Good Hope put together an impressive performance on its way to a 66-23 win over Cold Springs. In the boys' game, the Eagles and Raiders battles it out for a tight first half but Good Hope was able to pull away in the second half to collect a 57-36 win.

Good Hope 66 – Cold Springs 23 (Varsity Girls)
A Rudi Derrick basket and a pair of Maci Brown free throws tied things up at early in the opening period, but it wasn't before long for the Lady Raiders took control. Bailey Keef laid one it to put Good Hope on top 10-5 later in the first and Bailey Tetro drilled a three-pointer to make it 13-5.

Brown scored to stop the run and trim the lead to 15-7 at one point but baskets by Lexi Collins and Bailey Tetro stretched the lead to 19-7 going into the second quarter.

Bailey Tetro knocked down another three to start the second and add to the Good Hope lead and a basket from Jolee McHan a couple possessions later made it a 25-7 game. Ella Bruer buried a three-pointer on the other end for the Lady Eagles to cut into the lead, but Bailey Tetro and Derrick responded with threes of their own to make it a 32-10 game with two minutes remaining in the first half. Charly Johnson and Derrick each scored again to add to the Raider lead before the break and Good Hope went into the locker room leading Cold Springs 40-10 at halftime.

The Lady Raiders continued to pull away in the third quarter, taking a 45-14 lead on an Ivey Maddox layup midway through the period. Baskets by Johnson and Derrick made it a 49-14 game and thanks in large part to eight more points from Bailey Tetro, Good Hope was able to extend that lead to 59-18 going into the fourth quarter.

Collins knocked down another three-pointer for the Lady Raiders to stretch the lead to 44 at one point and with the clock running throughout the final frame, Good Hope extended its winning streak to 19 games with a 66-23 win over Cold Springs.

Bailey Tetro led the Lady Raiders with 26 points in the win. Derrick finished with 10, Maddox added nine and Collins posted seven. Taylor led Cold Springs with five points in the loss and Brown, Kenady Graves and Abby Livingston each finished with four.

Good Hope 57 – Cold Springs 36 (Varsity Boys)
Points were tough to come by early in this one, but a pair of Colton Lindsey baskets and a bucket from Weston Hancock gave Good Hope an early, 6-0 lead. An Ace Stricklin three-pointer kept the Raiders in front 9-5 later in the first and Tyler Cone laid one in just before the end of the period to make it an 11-7 game going into the second quarter.

Back to back scores by Nic Fallin tied things up at 11 with five minutes remaining in the opening half but Lindsey answered with a three on the other end to put Good Hope back in front 14-11. Free throws by Bell and Jacob Haynes stretched the lead to 18-11 and Haynes added a three-pointer to make it a 20-13 game with less than two minutes to play in the period. Lindsey and Haynes each scored to give the Raiders a 10-point lead, but John Mark Smith drilled a three at the buzzer to trim the lead to 25-18 at the halftime break.

Good Hope was able to create some separation in the third quarter, pulling ahead 33-21 on a Hancock basket midway through the period before Dakota Overton nailed back to back three-pointers to make it a 39-21 game. Cold Springs was able to cut the lead down to 16 at one point but Hancock and K'mal Bell each scored in the final minute of the third to give the Raiders a 47-29 advantage going into the fourth.

Fallin buried a three to start the fourth quarter and cut into the Good Hope lead but Lindsey converted an and-one play on the other end to get those points back and keep the Raiders ahead 50-32.

Hancock and Seth Ingram traded baskets to make it a 53-34 game with five minutes to play but Overton drained another three later in the fourth to build the lead back up to 57-34 with less than two minutes remaining. Fallin added one more basket for the Eagles but that was all the scoring they could come up with and Good Hope held on to defeat Cold Springs 57-36.

Lindsey led the way for the Raiders with 15 points in the win, followed by Bell and Overton with nine and Hancock with eight. Fallin led all scorers with 17 points in the loss.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Bailey Tetro led all scorers with 26 points in the Lady Raiders' 66-23 win over Cold Springs Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Colton Lindsey led the Raiders with 15 points in their 57-36 win over Cold Springs Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Warriors roll past Holly Pond 67-40; Broncos hold on to top Warriors 52-44

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — West Point made the short trip over to Felton Easterwood Gymnasium to take on Holly Pond in a pair of varsity matchups Tuesday night and they ended up splitting their games with the Broncos. In the girls' game, a strong start by West Point helped propel the Lady Warriors to a 67-40 win over Holly Pond while in the varsity boys' game, the Broncos got off to a great start and had to withstand a late push from the Warriors to hold onto a 52-44 win.

West Point 67 - Holly Pond 40 (Varsity Girls)
A Hallie Wheeler trey got West Point on the scoreboard first, then later on, Camryn Faulkner put in a tough jumper to give the Lady Warriors an early 5-0 lead. Holly Pond was held scoreless for almost four minutes until an Emma Earl made shot put them on the scoreboard. A rebound and put-back by Laklin Shadix made it 7-2 and that was the start of a big night for her. Liberty Shadix drilled a long-range shot and Laklin Shadix added a couple of put-back shots to push the Lady Warrior lead to 14-4 and they would end up taking an 18-5 lead into the second period.

A made shot by Samantha Giles made it a 20-7 game early in the second quarter and she would later knock down a three to cut it to 22-10. Another made basket down low by Laklin Shadix made it 24-10, but another Giles trey cut it to 24-13. Wheeler and Liberty Shadix each knocked down a long-range shot to push the West Point lead to 30-15 late in the second quarter. Liberty Shadix and Emma Earl each traded baskets to end the first half as the Lady Warriors took a 34-17 lead into the locker room.

Jaelyn Faulker hit a driving layup and Wheeler drilled a pair of treys as that gave West Point a 42-18 lead. Another Jaelyn Faulkner made shot and threes by Camryn Faulkner, Liberty Shadix, and Laklin Shadix made it a 60-24 game going into the final period. The fourth quarter saw the younger players get some playing time under a running clock as the Lady Warriors ended up winning their game over the Lady Broncos, 67-40.

Laklin Shadix finished with 21 points, 20 rebounds, and three blocks for West Point (9-7). Liberty Shadix added 16 points and eight rebounds. Wheeler ended up with 12 points and Jaelyn Faulkner added nine points. For Holly Pond (7-9), Earl led the way with nine points. Giles added eight points and Madison Butts ended up with seven points.

Holly Pond 52 - West Point 44 (Varsity Boys)
West Point got on the scoreboard first on an Ashton Rodgers made shot, but a short hook shot by Levi Farr got Holly Pond on the scoreboard. Blake Rickard knocked down a three from the right wing and Kollin Brown hit a driving layup to give the Broncos a 9-2 lead. Kolten Perry put in a tough shot to cut it to 10-4 with less than two minutes to go in the opening period, but a Jackson Wilkins trey from the right corner made it 13-4 going into the second period.

A pair of Rickard free throws increased the Holly Pond lead to 15-4, but a Rodgers made shot cut it to 15-7. Sawyer Olinger knocked down a short jumper to make it 17-7, then a pair of baskets by Farr pushed the Bronco lead to 21-11.

Another Rickard trey made it 24-11 with a little over three minutes to go in the first half, but the Warriors quickly made a dent into Holly Pond's lead to end the first half. A pair of free throws by Jay Lamar, a Perry made shot, and a Rodgers three cut it to 24-18 at the half.

The Warriors continued their run into the third quarter as Perry and Pressley Burtis each knocked down a trey to cut it to 26-24. Burtis added a shot down low to tie the game up at 26 with 5:25 left to go in the third quarter.

The Broncos quickly responded with a three of their own by Carson Ryan and Olinger hit a shot of his own to give the Broncos a 31-26 lead. J.D. Cochran hit a shot down low to make it a 31-29 game late in the third period, but with less than two minutes to go in the quarter, five straight points by Ryan pushed the Holly Pond lead to 36-29. A pair of Lamar free throws made it a five-point game going into the final period.

Baskets by Christian Couch and Olinger made it 40-31 early in the final quarter, but a Rodgers trey and a pair of Cochran free throws cut it to 40-36.

A Perry made shot made it a 41-37 game, but Ryan knocked down a shot down low and Brown knocked down a three to make it 46-37. Rodgers knocked down a pair of shots to swivel the deficit to eight at 49-41 and later hit a pair of free throws to cut it to 50-44, but they wouldn't get any closer after that as a pair of Rickard free throws helped seal the 52-44 win for Holly Pond.

Ryan led the way for Holly Pond (14-4) with 11 points. Brown and Rickard each added 10 points, while Olinger and Farr each ended up with eight points. For West Point (7-11), Rodgers finished with 16 points. Perry added 10 points and Lamar ended up with seven points.

Holly Pond will stay at home Friday night to host Falkville in their first area games while West Point travels to take on Russellville for another pair of area matchups.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Laklin Shadix finished with 21 points in the Lady Warriors' 67-40 win over Holly Pond Tuesday night.

Alabama Farm Credit expands into crop insurance with new company, Farm Shield

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Steve Tate Insurance is joining the Alabama Farm Credit family of companies. Since 1992, Steve Tate Insurance has provided crop insurance to north Alabama farmers. Alabama Farm Credit has provided north Alabama farmers with rural agricultural credit and financial services since 1916.

Tate said he and his wife had been thinking it was time to make a change, and he had received several offers from prospective buyers, but didn't feel any were the right fit. Then Mel Koller, CEO of Alabama Farm Credit, and someone he's known for several years, expressed interest. For Tate, it was the fit he was looking for. "They conduct business the right way. My friends, my customers will be taken care of by a company that provides exemplary service," Tate said. "AFC will bring even more efficiency and will take great care of my customers."

Koller called the deal a win-win. "I have a lot of respect for Steve and what he's built. It's a good match for AFC," Koller said. "Steve's brand has a lot of value for our customers, and we share many of the same customers. We're going to deliver added value with the same focus on service and relationships. We've brought on a talented team that knows our clients and will service them well."

Nathan Kinnaman will lead this new team as Farm Shield's director of insurance. He brings 20 years of crop insurance experience and comes to Farm Shield from Farmer's National Company, the number one land management company in the country, where he served as vice president of insurance. Farming is in Kinnaman's blood. He was born and raised in the small farming community of Guide Rock, Nebraska, and says he learned an appreciation of farming legacies and relationships, which will guide him at Farm Shield.

"Insurance is a relationship business. We're dedicated to building and maintaining relationships and working in our client's best interest," Kinnaman said. "We believe in working with the client from the 'table to the tailgate,' wherever and whenever best fits their needs."

Even though Tate will no longer be the business owner, he said he isn't going anywhere. "The only thing changing is the name of the company. I'll serve as a consultant and will be available to advise and interact with our customers," Tate said. Koller added that having Tate stay on with Farm Shield is part of their commitment to a seamless transition for their customers.

To learn more visit www.alabamafarmcredit.com.

Workshop (from Front)

Kira Sims
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The North Alabama Agriplex and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System (Extension) have partnered the past several years to provide training to beginning and small farmers. Formerly known as the Beginning Farmer and Rancher, the series takes on a new name, Veteran and Beginning Farmer, as it starts over in the new year to encourage military veterans to participate. The name change also comes as the North Alabama Agriplex and Extension partner together for Operation Grow – a new veteran farmer program sponsored by the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries.

The Veteran and Beginning Farmer workshops are open at no cost to anyone interested in the topics presented.

The workshops take place on the second Tuesday, January through September, from 6-8 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, except for two farm field trips. Registration is requested, and a light supper will be provided at most workshops. To register, contact Tony Glover at 205-568-0005 or gloveta@aces.edu.

One goal of the Veteran and Beginning Farmer series is knowledge. Equipping beginning small farmers with the technical knowledge needed to succeed in a farming operation is critical.

This is achieved through a variety of topics and presenters. In 2023, topics will range from vegetable production methods, meat goat basics, soil management, farm funding, animal first aid and more.

Workshops are interactive and led by experts including Extension agents and specialists, farmers, producers, a veterinarian and agriculture agency representatives.

A second goal of the series is connection. When beginning farmers with similar interests interact with one another it adds value to the learning process and reminds them they are not alone in their pursuit.

Beginning farmers also have the opportunity to connect with experienced farmers, tapping into a wealth of knowledge and potentially leading to mentorships.

Lastly, beginning farmers are connected to resources from local to federal levels, including staff and services from various organizations.

If you are interested in learning more about what topics are offered in the Veteran and Beginning Farmer series, visit https://agriplex.org/WPtest/farmer-rancher-program. For veterans interested in farming, check out the Operation Grow program offered through Extension (www.aces.edu/blog/topics/farming/operation-grow-for-military-veterans).

CPR (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Monday, Jan. 2, many people in Cullman and across the country watched live on television as 24-year-old Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin suffered cardiac arrest on the field during the Bills' game against the Cincinnati Bengals. Hamlin received critical life-saving CPR on the field from first responders and the Bills' update Tuesday said in part, "Damar Hamlin suffered a cardiac arrest following a hit in our game versus the Bengals.

"His heartbeat was restored on the field, and he was transferred to the UC Medical Center for further testing and treatment."

In a statement released Tuesday, Hamlin's family expressed their gratitude to his fans across the country and those who played a part in assisting him during the on-field emergency.

"On behalf of our family, we want to express our sincere gratitude for the love and support shown to Damar during this challenging time," said the statement. "We are deeply moved by the prayers, kind words, and donations from fans around the country.

"We also want to acknowledge the dedicated first responders and healthcare professionals at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center who have provided exceptional care to Damar."

If someone you love or even a stranger were to suffer a medical emergency in your presence, do you have the training and skills to provide life-saving measures until first responders arrive? Are you CPR certified? If not, please consider signing up for one of the classes available in Cullman. You never know when someone may need you.

CULLMAN REGIONAL

Infant and Child CPR Classes

- Hands-on training teaches how to respond to medical emergencies, including breathing trouble, choking and cardiac events, in babies and children. The class also includes training on the safe use of automated external defibrillators (AED) used in sudden cardiac arrest emergencies like the one suffered by Hamlin.
- $50 per person
- Call 256-737-2635 to register or visit www.cullmanregional.com/community/classes.

Basic Lifesaving for Non-Healthcare Professionals (CPR/First Aid)

- This course is for those who want to learn basic life-saving steps. Students will learn how to activate EMS, perform chest compressions and breathing and AED (automated external defibrillator) training for all ages along with steps to aid choking victims of all ages. Students receive a book on CPR and a card of completion.
- $30 per person
- Call 256-737-2635 to register or visit www.cullmanregional.com/community/classes.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Infant and Child CPR classes, CPR and First Aid classes, Lifeguard Training, Babysitter Training and more are available. Visit www.redcross.org/local/alabama/take-a-class for more information.

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION

Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers

- The four-hour class is accepted by health care organizations and teaches CPR for patients in distress. The class provides techniques for adults, children and infants and includes AED training.
- Saturday mornings
- $95 per person
- Email ashley.baker@wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8386 for more information.

Additional CPR classes are available throughout the county at various volunteer fire departments. Contact your local department to find out more information.

Cullman EMS also hosts classes at various times. Contact 256-775-1633 for more information.









Cullman City Schools sets community meetings for strategic plan update

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — With 2023 now underway, Cullman City Schools is seeking community feedback to gauge key priorities, ideas and goals for the district's strategic plan for the future.

School leaders will conduct three community meetings this month to gather feedback and perception data from parents and community members to help frame a plan and set goals for Cullman City Schools for the next five to seven years. The meetings are open to the public and anyone in the Cullman community is invited to attend.

The meetings are set for Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Terri Pines; Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. at West Elementary School's cafeteria and Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman High School's Tillman Hall.

Along with the three public community meetings, district leaders will also host feedback sessions with system employees and several different community groups to ensure as many perspectives are being heard while the plan is formed.

The goal of these meetings is to gather feedback in six key areas: student safety and support, technology, curriculum and assessment, employees, finances and resources, and facilities. These categories were defined to support the pillars of Cullman City Schools: student services, curriculum and instruction, and operations.

"It is incredibly important to gather input from stakeholders when planning. Through this process, we hope to gather perception data on what we are doing well and where we can improve," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff explained. "Before the end of the 2022-2023 school year, I want to present a community-driven road map to the board aligned to financial and human resources that will help us grow and meet the needs of the students and families we serve for years to come."

Community meeting dates

- Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Terri Pines
- Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. at West Elementary School's cafeteria
- Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. at Cullman High School's Tillman Hall


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LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman will hold a public meeting on Monday, January 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at Cullman City Hall to discuss the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant program. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the CDBG Program and the proposed economic development application the city plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs for funding consideration. All citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting. All citizens who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should contact the city clerk at (256) 775-7109 in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs – Mayor

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
RICHARD DUSKIN, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-437**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to JASON DUSKIN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of RICHARD DUSKIN, deceased, on the 30th day of December, 2022, 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.

JASON DUSKIN
Personal Representative

Kenneth Weldon
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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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STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.:** PC 2022-413

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DANNY RAY NICHOLS, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JENNIFER HADDOCK, as Administratrix of the Estate of DANNY RAY NICHOLS, Deceased, on the 27th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

Jennifer Haddock
JENNIFER HADDOCK
Administrator of the
Estate of
Danny Ray Nichols, Deceased

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
A.H.,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-279
A minor child.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR AND AMENDED PETITION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR

TO: BRITTANY CONN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF A.H., A MINOR CHILD
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.H. BORN TO BRITTANY CONN

Please take notice that a *Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator* and *Amended Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator* has been filed by Sonia Milam, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Tim W. Milam. A hearing on said *Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator* and *Amended Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator* has been **SET FOR THE 9TH day of MARCH, 2023, AT 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 30th day of December, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Tim. W. Milam
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Tuscumbia, AL 35674

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MYRA GAIL HENDRIX, * CASE NO.: PC 2022-296
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KRISTI GREEN ANDERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MYRA GAIL HENDRIX, deceased, on the 27th day of December, 2022, 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.

KRISTI GREEN ANDERS
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
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Cullman, AL 35055

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GEORGE THOMAS WOOD, * CASE NO.: PC2022-396
*
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to JULIE AUSTIN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GEORGE THOMAS WOOD, deceased, on the 27th day of December, 2022, 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.

Julie Austin
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)
) **Case Number: PC2022-** 357
GAIL COURSEY,)
)
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Gail Coursey, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Roger Holmes
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
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Cullman, AL 35055

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 3-4

Helen Ruth Watts, 87
Funeral service for Helen Ruth Watts, 87, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 5 at New Hope #2 Baptist Church, Ralph McGowan and Dave Wright officiating. Mrs. Watts passed away Jan. 2, 2023 surrounded by family. She was born March 28, 1935 to Hoyt and Ruth Gunter. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Jackie Watts; son, Kennie Watts; sisters, Martha Ann Wright, Agnes Grimes and Brenda Wright. Survivors include, one daughter, Debbie (Randy) Bates, two sons, Keith (Carol) Watts and Jayson (Crystal) Watts; one sister, Geraldine (Wayne) Morris; one brother, Donald (Joyce) Gunter; grandchildren, Wesley (Misty) Watts, Phillip (Sally) Watts, Casey (Morgan) Watts, Meagan (Erik) Keese, Nicholas (Kristina) Watts, Kaleb (Haley) Watts, Courtney (Dillon) Jarrett; great-grandchildren, Bailey and Addie Watts, Ella and Cohen Watts, Henry Watts, Colt and Skylar Keese, Lydia, London, and Nicholi Watts and Kayden Watts. Helen was a longtime member of New Hope No.2 Baptist Church, married to the love of her life, Jan. 14, 1953. She was a treasured member of the Holly Pond Community and always welcomed others with open arms. Everyone who came to her house was sure to leave with a full heart and full belly. Her love of Christ was unparalleled, and she truly emulated His love toward others. She focused much of her life on loving and valuing every moment with her family. She was truly an angel on earth. The family will receive friends Thursday from 11 a.m. until noon. Kaleb Watts, Casey Watts, Erik Keese, Mitch Morris, Dillon Jarrett, and Scott Gunter will serve as pallbearers. Obituary provided by the Watts family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Watts family.

Jerry W. Laney, 74
Jerry W. Laney, age 74, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Jerry was born in Cullman, Alabama on May 11, 1948 to Oda Theodore and Theresa Murphree Laney. Mr. Laney is a veteran of the United States Army. Funeral services are Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church with Rev. John Richter. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: Wife: Janice R. Laney of Cullman, Step-mother: Levern Laney of Vinemont, Sons: Craig W. (Crystal) Laney of Cullman, Eric C. (Julie) Laney of Fairview, Matthew K. (Jamie) Laney of Crane Hill, Sister: Kathy L. Rushing of Crane Hill, Brothers: Danny Joe Laney of Vinemont, Johnny M. (Janet) Laney of Vinemont, He was Gramps to his beloved five grandchildren: Josh (Shelby) Foster, Connor B. Laney, Sarah E. Laney, Grant C. Laney, Carson R. Laney, and a special uncle to Aaliyah. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church "Burn The Note" at 512 Second Ave. SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055 or call 256-734-0344, or online contributions: https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/giving. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Laney family.

Darryl Scott Allen, 60
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for Darryl Scott Allen, 60, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Allen passed away Dec. 31, 2022 in Houston County, Alabama. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Betty Ruth Cooke, 73
Betty Ruth Cooke, age 73, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Service details are incomplete at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Cooke family.

Danny Michael Kent, 74
A celebration of life for Danny Michael Kent, age 74, will be held Jan. 7, 2023, at the Cullman Moose Lodge. Memorial services will begin at 2 p.m. with fellowship, dinner, and music to follow throughout the evening. Friends and loved ones are welcome to come by at any time during the celebration. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Kent Family. As a loyal member and champion of the Moose Lodge, the family is requesting donations to the Cullman Moose Lodge or to Moosehaven in lieu of flowers. Danny passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born May 14, 1948, to Malcom and Rose (Annie Ruth) Kent who preceded him in death. Survivors include his children, Heather Sellers and Ashley (TJ Uhler) Kent, his siblings Charlotte Shedd and Greg (Clara) Kent and their families; his girlfriend Mary Simmons and her family, his stepchildren including Brittney (Jimmy) Tucker and Jesse (Brittany) Hagood and their families, and his extended family of loved ones. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Kent family.

Buri Lee Moore, 85
Buri Lee Moore, 85, of Houston, entered into rest Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at her residence. Buri was born June 13, 1937, in Houston, Alabama. She was a kind, loving woman with a great sense of humor. Visitation will be held Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Houston Community Cemetery in Houston. Brother Bobby Smith will officiate. Buri is survived by her sisters, Maybelle Feltman, Ellie Elworth, Arville Cecil, Darlene (Gary) Bates and Jewel (Tommy) Pruitt; brothers, Cecil (Debbie) Abbott and Lelton (Mary) Abbott; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Wesley Moore, and Roy Shafer; parents, Melvin and Iola Abbott; brothers, Leon Abbott and Cliff Abbott; and sister, Lorene Davis.

Shelia Annette Collum, 59
Shelia Annette Collum, age 59, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2023. Service details are incomplete at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Collum family.

Shawn Jeffery Crider, 56
Shawn Jeffery Crider, 56, of Bremen, Alabama, passed away unexpectedly Friday morning Dec. 30. Shawn was born on Sept. 1, 1966, to Grant and Linda Crider in the Cold Springs community. Shawn was the middle son of three boys who grew up playing sports and working on the farm. At Cold Springs High School, Shawn played every sport that had a team. After graduating in 1984, Shawn continued his athletic journey playing baseball and basketball at Brewer State before returning home to help with the family business. Shawn would go on to be inducted to the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. Shawn was a man of community. He along with his dad and brothers help grow a humble poultry farm into a company that employs more than 125 people to this day. Shawn led HH Technologies, formerly Hired Hand, over a period of 20 years of extraordinary growth. During his tenure, the company grew from one location with approximately 50 employees to a company with 400 employees and four manufacturing locations around the world. His leadership was vital to the company's success. In addition, Shawn played an integral role in the development of Cullman by serving on the Cullman Industrial Development Board. He also served on the U.S. Poultry and Egg Board along with several other local company's boards over the last 20 plus years. Shawn had countless passions. He enjoyed architecture and had a knack for bringing ideas to life. In addition to unique designs, he created spaces for friendship and fellowship. He always wanted to surround himself with his friends and family at home or in Destin, Florida, his second home. He loved to travel to see new places and meet new people. One of his biggest strengths was also a passion of his, helping others. Shawn was a man of great warmth and compassion. Shawn would always meet you with a friendly face, smile, and more than likely a hug. He truly never met a stranger. He was an encourager and always a light in the dark. He loved so many people in his life. His optimism was infectious. His personality was giant. He will be missed dearly. A loving husband, father, and friend to all, he is survived by his wife, Mandy Crider; father, Grant Crider; mother, Linda Crider; children, Brock Shadix, Austin Crider (Willie), Garrett Crider, Sydney Crider, Keaton Kinney; brothers, Tony Crider (Wendy), Brett Crider (Stephanie), along with a host of family including aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at 2 p.m.. at Daystar Church in Good Hope, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the scholarship that has been set up in Shawn's name. Donations to the Shawn Crider Memorial Scholarship can be made using the link below: http://www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/crider.

Rodney Lynn Jones, 52
Rodney Lynn Jones, 52, of Hanceville passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Jones was born Jan. 30, 1970, to James Donnie Jones and Linda Sue Green. Rodney loved life and loved his family. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Marvin Green, Mary Lois Blethen and Alford & Narvilla Jones. He is survived by his mother, Linda Green; father, Donnie (Wanda) Jones; brother, Donnie Ray (Erica) Jones; family and friends. A visitation is planned for Friday, Jan. 6, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the funeral home for expenses. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Rodney Dale Stevens, 71, of Cullman
A memorial service for Rodney Dale Stevens, 71, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at New Freedom Baptist Church. Rev. David McGowan will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral home is honored to serve the Stevens family. Rodney Dale Stevens, formerly of Waukegan, Illinois, was born Oct. 22,1951, to Robert Lee & Dorothy Cartwright Stevens. Mr. Stevens passed from this life Jan. 3, 2023, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was an avid Chicago Cubs Fan. Rod loved all his kids and his dog, "Boss." He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Lee & Dorothy Cartwright Stevens; and a sister-in-law, Madeline Stevens. Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife of 39 years, Barbara Sander Stevens; three sons, Mike Stevens, John (Kelly) Stevens, Dustin Hoggard; a daughter, Amy Cason; brother, Bobby Lee Stevens; sister, Jackie (Martin) Becerra; grandchildren, Nathaniel Cason, Erin Grace Cason, Joseph Cason, Peyton Cason, Issac Cason, Hayden Cason, Alyssa Cason, Adam, Haggard, Brandon Stevens, Grayson Stevens and Scarlet Stevens; and a host for family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Stevens family.

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ALEA announces Firearms Prohibited Person Database

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — In 2021, the Alabama Legislature passed the Alabama Uniform Concealed

Carry Permit Act (Act 2021-246) which went into effect Jan. 1, 2023. The Act requires the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) to develop, create, maintain and administer a searchable state Firearm Prohibited Person (FPP) Database that enables law enforcement officers across the state to learn of a person's inability to possess a firearm.

The database was created for the purpose of providing law enforcement with a means to check and gather accurate information, to provide officers with situational awareness relative to the individuals they encounter in order to protect both citizens and visitors as well as law enforcement.

Regardless if law enforcement officers are issuing a citation on a traffic stop or investigating criminal activity, officers using the Law Enforcement Tactical System (LETS) can now receive notifications concerning an individual's inability to possess a firearm.

ALEA's Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division successfully completed and began the testing phase of the new database in August of 2022.

The database was fully operational and compliant with the Act on Oct. 1, 2022.

The estimated cost(s) of the database is a one-time fee of approximately $400,000, and $45,000 annually.

The annual fee includes the infrastructure of the system such as the server, license and maintenance.

The Alabama Legislature also passed the Open Carry or Permit-less Carry (Act 2022-133) which repealed the Permit to Carry Pistol in Vehicle or Concealed (13A-11-73) law and eliminates the requirement for Alabama citizens to obtain a permit to carry a concealed pistol.

Citizens should be advised that this Permit-less Carry Law only pertains to the state of Alabama.

If you are planning to travel across state lines with a concealed pistol, we encourage everyone to be aware of concealed permit laws in the state(s) in which you are traveling that may require a permit.

Since the database went live on Oct. 1, ALEA's CJIS Division has been committed to enhancing and improving the database in an effort to ensure the safety of both citizens and visitors as well as law enforcement within the state.

ACES: 2023 deer hunting safety refresher

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Deer hunting is a popular recreational pastime for many Alabamians. In fact, the 2021-2022 hunting season saw more than 228,000 hunters spend a combined 4.9 million days in pursuit of white-tailed deer. Last season was also the safest on record, with minimal recorded incidents. In support of Alabama's hunting safety education efforts, two Alabama Cooperative Extension System forestry and wildlife experts share a refresher on hunting safety.

A hunter's pledge
According to Alabama Extension Forestry and Wildlife Sciences Professor Mark Smith, no deer in the woods is worth the risk of a hunting injury. This is especially true when hunting with loved ones. Carelessness and complacency are often the cause of injury while spending time in the woods.

However, the good news is injury can be prevented. Even the most veteran outdoor enthusiast needs a safety refresher.

"With deer season now in full swing, let's all do our part and pledge to continue keeping safety as a top priority," Smith said.

Last year, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) reported 15 hunting-related accidents. Ten of these accidents were caused by firearms and five were related to tree stands.

"Our state witnessed approximately five to six hunting fatalities according to the past 10-year average," Smith said. "Fortunately, Alabama did not record any fatal hunting incidents last year."

A Hunter's Safety Guide
Smith said hunting is one of the safer recreational activities with fewer annual accidents compared to football, bicycling, golf and even bowling. Review the guide below to keep yourself and others safe while enjoying the outdoors.

Carelessness and complacency
Generally, most accidents occur when someone is careless or complacent about their safety. In some cases, safety equipment and precautions may seem like an inconvenience. However, they exist for a reason. Below are a few examples of mistakes while hunting.

- Failing to double check the safety switch on a firearm

- Not pointing a firearm muzzle in a safe direction (i.e., treat all firearms as if they are loaded)

- Uncertainty of a target as well as what is behind it

- Forgetting to wear hunter orange to let a fellow hunter know you are not their next target

Tree stands
Tree stands are one of the most frequent causes of hunting accidents. As previously mentioned, exactly one third of ADCNR's documented 2021-2022 incidents involved tree stands–further reinforcing the need for safety refreshers.

Bence Carter, an Alabama Extension regional agent, said using a simple safety measure can reduce these accidents.

"Everyone who prefers to hunt in tree stands should wear a safety harness," Carter said.

"Using this tool is important to prevent injury from a potential fall."

Smith adds hunters should also be sure to wear harnesses when checking or moving tree stands prior to the beginning of hunting season.


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Education
As the saying goes, you are never too old to learn. This motto is also beneficial when adapting it for youth. Similar to wearing a seatbelt while driving a vehicle, leading by example is important to spread knowledge of hunter safety.

"Although it isn't required for hunters younger than 16 years of age, attending a hunter safety course hosted by ADCNR is recommended," Carter said. "For hunters 16 years old or older, this course is required for purchasing a hunting license."

Alabama has a relatively successful hunter safety record. Smith said this did not occur by chance.

Instead, he attributes this accomplishment to the hard work of the ADCNR staff and their statewide team of volunteers.

"Each year approximately 13,000 new students are provided hunter safety instruction," Smith said.

"This effort helps keep hunting as one of the safest activities for enjoying Alabama's wonderful natural resources."

Spreading the word
To continue ensuring hunting as a safe recreational opportunity in Alabama, everyone must do their part. Spread the word of this safety refresher at a hunting camp or practice safety with children at home before embarking into the woods.

Learn more about hunting and youth in the content piece titled, Hunting and Outdoor Skills.

More information about hunting antler sheds and deer processing are available on Alabama Extension's website, www.aces.edu.

ALEA: 19 fewer traffic fatalities in 2022 than 2021

Troopers investigate 14 traffic deaths during extended 9-day holiday period

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Over the course of 2022, Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division investigated crashes that resulted in 19 fewer lives lost on Alabama's roadways.

This past year, ALEA Troopers investigated a total of 31,990 traffic crashes, which resulted in 10,914 injuries and 586 fatalities reported. Crashes declined by 2,185 and injuries were down 646 in 2022 from the 2021 totals.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "We would like to thank the motoring public for their diligence and continuous efforts in assisting law enforcement, which enabled ALEA Troopers to reduce the number of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities, ultimately making Alabama roadways safer.

However, this extended holiday travel period still reminds us that we need to remain constant in our resolve to create an environment of safety on our state's roadways.

Unfortunately, this year there were 14 lives tragically lost."

The extended holiday travel period spanned over nine days and began at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, and ended at midnight Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023.

The fatal crashes occurred in Baldwin, Chambers, Chilton, Dallas, DeKalb, Elmore, Jefferson, Limestone, Marshall, Monroe and Tuscaloosa counties.

Of those killed, 11 were drivers, and three were passengers. All were traveling in vehicles equipped with seat belts, four individuals were using them, nine were not.

In one case, it is unknown whether a seat belt was used.

Colonel Jimmy Helms, Director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety agreed and said, "Our Troopers did a phenomenal job this year actively patrolling and working numerous high-visibility details in order to reduce crashes and save lives.

"However, they were tasked with notifying the loved ones of these 14 individuals following the fatal crashes over the holiday season.

"This is one of the most difficult parts of our job and we at ALEA offer our heartfelt condolences to the families and loved ones."

ALEA would like to remind everyone how important traffic safety is and urge the motoring public to begin 2023 with a pledge to make it a top priority at all times of the year.

An initiative for the Agency over the course of the next year will be to focus on both education and enforcement as it relates to the use of seat belts.

Regardless if an individual is a driver or passenger, buckling up is the single most effective action one can take to protect themselves in a crash.

During the holiday season ALEA also promoted its "12 Days of Safety" initiative to reiterate traffic safety and encourage safe driving behaviors through a variety of enforcement activities, including driver license and equipment check points, to curb such deadly behaviors as driving under the influence, driving while distracted, not buckling up, speeding and following too closely.

Taylor encourages everyone to be familiar with the holiday campaign's safety tips throughout the year, which are still available on the Agency's website.

"We wish everyone a happy New Year! With your assistance, we will make it a safe year – aiming toward even lower totals at the end of 2023."

