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Kilpatrick, Floyd sworn in

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Thursday afternoon two Cullman County elected officials, Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick and Cullman County District Judge, Place 1 Chad Floyd, took their oaths of office for their new terms. Many local and state officials were present for the events, including Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Cullman County District Attorney Elect Champ Crocker; Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry; and Cullman County EMA Director Tim Sartin.

Kilpatrick, entering his third term, faced opponent Kevin Henry in the Republican primary last year yet, after defeating his challenger, ran unopposed in the General Election.

Kilpatrick first won the position of Cullman County coroner in 2014 when he defeated four-term incumbent Gary Murphree.

"I'm proud to be trusted by the people of Cullman to continue to serve as their coroner," Kilpatrick shared.

"I will continue to work hard for them and » PAGE 2



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Cullman County Circuit Judge Greg Nicholas administers the oath of office to Cullman County District Judge Chad Floyd, who is seen with his son Cole, daughter Audrey, wife Ashley and son Cooper.

– COLUMN –

Heartland Quilt Guild - more than meets the eye



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Talented artists display their projects during Show and Tell at the Heartland Quilt Guild meeting

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As I drove to the January meeting of the Heartland Quilt Guild on Thursday night I knew what to expect - four or five sweet, softspoken grandmothers sitting around a table laying out their pieces and hand stitching their quilts. Right? Wrong. So very wrong.

When I pulled into the parking lot of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church on St. Joseph Drive there were no cars to be found. Perhaps I was too early. The meeting wasn't to start for another five minutes.

Another vehicle pulled into the parking lot and pulled to the back of the church. Aha! I found my handful of demure quilters, I thought!

As I rounded the corner I was shocked to see several cars, dozens of them.

OK, this is cool. My calm demeanor evaporated when I entered the room filled with tables packed full of women, almost 40 as I recall.

Suddenly, I felt almost 80 eyeballs sizing me up. Going into reporter mode, I eased up against the back wall and tried to blend in with the wallpaper. Except there was no wallpaper.

Let me point out here that I have a history of crippling social anxiety, the kind that didn't allow me to leave the house for weeks in the past.

Full on hyperventilating ugly panic attacks aren't unfamiliar to me, although it's been a while since I have been visited.

As I tried to fade into the wall, I felt the dreaded warmth rising from my neck making its way to my face. Oh boy.

About that time a jovial lady beelined her way to me. Upon determining that I was just "the girl with the paper," Hazel Ruehl went back to her seat and the meeting continued.

And meet they did. There were minutes to approve, health updates to provide, door prizes, membership reports, budget approval and much more.

The best part of the evening was show and tell, where members had the option to show off their projects.

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'...would just love to kill administration'

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Jan. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 13, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 9

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1141
- criminal mischief; CR 331
- assault; tampering with physical evidence; Good Hope School Rd.
- theft of property; CR 580
- burglary; CR 1802
- domestic violence; CR 1338

Jan. 10

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 820
- theft of property; CR 852
- harassment; CR 551
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 580

Jan. 11

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1605
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- harassment; Good Hope School Rd
- harassment; CR 1165
- theft of property; CR 1224
- criminal mischief; CR 72
- domestic violence; CR 1206
- harassment; CR 1165
- theft of property; CR 1762

ARRESTS

Jan. 9 – 11

Drake, Maxwell L.; 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Farley, Hannah A.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Fulenwider, Ashley M.; 35
- FTA- assault-reckless endangerment
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- public intoxication

Henderson, Dylan E.; 24
- attempting to elude police officer

Hill, Patricia B.; 49
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Hook, Kodi J.; 27
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- Probation Violation- illegal possession/use of credit card

Imler, Sheyenne M.; 22
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- obstruction governmental operations
- FTA- public intoxication

Jacobs, Alexis P.; 21
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Martin, Tabatha Leal D.; 37
- manufacture methamphetamine

Rickard, Michael O.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Vandiver, Misty C.50
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Wren, Dalton T.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Davenport, Michael B.; 36
- public intoxication

Kelley, Brandon J.; 27
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- tampering with physical evidence

Lopez, Leah D.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Mooney, Jamey R.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- resisting arrest

Scruggs, Richard; 32
- Probation Violation- sell/distribution methamphetamine
- Probation Violation- promote prison contraband

Arrington, Sharon D.; 50
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Copeland, Jason Anthony P.; 22
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Day, Nicholas R.; 24
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

Graves, Kelly B.; 54
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Kratz, Jesse P.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Myrex, Heather N.; 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Posey, Amy K.; 40
- negotiating worthless instrument

Roden, Caleb C.; 23
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Smith, Blake S.; 34
- FTA possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 6
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 157 & 2nd Ave. NW; damage to 2019 Honda Accord; $500

Jan. 8
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cullman Housing Authority; Logan St. SW

Jan. 9
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $18

Jan. 10
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; pressure washer; Hwy. 157; $148
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Enterprise Rent-A-Car

Jan. 11
- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW
- harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; damaged to 2021 Dodge Ram; $150

Jan. 12
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Olive St. SW; weedeater; $330
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 2nd St. SE; gun; $300
- theft of property-4th degree; Sky High Smoke Shop; St. Joseph Dr. NW; general merchandise; $40
- harassment; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Popeye's; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; Ulta Beauty; Cullman Shopping Center; perfume; $700

ARRESTS

Jan. 12

Folds, David A.; 63
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle

Compton, Ashley D.; 40
- criminal treapss-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Blountsville man killed in crash

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala. — A Blountsville man was killed in a single-vehicle crash at approximately 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, in Blount County.

Alabama State Troopers said Robert F. Wray, 30, was fatally injured when the 1995 Oldsmobile Cutlass he was driving left the roadway, struck a tree and overturned. Troopers said Wray was not using a seat belt at the time of crash, was partially ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred on Joy Road near Bama Lane, approximately 2 miles south of Blountsville.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Sworn (from Front)

will continue to make improvements."

Kilpatrick was sworn in by Floyd in the Cullman County Commission meeting room, with his son Brayden holding the family Bible and wife April by his side.

In the courtroom upstairs, Cullman County Circuit Judge Greg Nicholas swore in Floyd while Floyd's son Cole held the family Bible while daughter Audrey, wife Amanda and young son Cooper were by his side. Floyd was first appointed by Gov. Kay Ivey in March 2020, filling the bench vacated by retiring Judge Kim Chaney amid ethics charges.

Floyd hears district cases from the small claims, civil, traffic and child support dockets while also presiding over the Cullman County Drug Court Program.

He also serves as a deacon at Cullman First Baptist Church.

Helicopter (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council on Thursday approved Resolution no. 668 to begin the search for an inoperable Vietnam-era Bell UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) helicopter, which the City will place in Veterans Park. It is unclear how long the search will take.

Deborah Stam spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting about the Hope Food Pantry, located on Bangor Street behind the library and next to the Hanceville storm shelter, and an upcoming community food drive Feb. 6-11. Four sponsors will have boxes set up to receive donations.

The sponsors include Warehouse Discount Groceries, Hanceville City Hall, Hanceville Library and Hanceville Water Department.

The Tiny House Pocket Neighborhood proposal was tabled until the next council meeting. The Irish Festival is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 and the Grilled Cheese Festival will be held Saturday, May 27.

Police Chief Bob Long reported five felony arrests, 18 misdemeanor arrests and a total of 38 arrests last month. The department handled 1,164 calls during the month.

Hanceville City Hall will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The next council meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 26. The work session will begin at 5 p.m. and regular meeting will be at 5:30. Meetings are held at Hanceville City Hall.

Intersection (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday announced the City of Hanceville has been awarded $650,000 for improvements at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 91, including a right turn lane on Alabama Highway 91 heading eastbound at the intersection. Also included will be traffic signal upgrades.

"We're just so happy to see this project come to Hanceville," said Mayor Kenneth Nail. "The traffic on 91 gets backed up all the way to the old Seafood World and this is going to help that a lot."

Part of over $40 million in transportation grants for various road and bridge projects, the funding is a part of the Rebuild Alabama Act and specifically the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II).

ATRIP-II is an annual program which sets aside at least $30 million from ALDOT's portion of the gas tax revenue.

The ATRIP-II board includes only three state senators and three members of the state house selected from over 140 legislators.



GOOGLE MAPS

The intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 91

One of those members is Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, who worked arduously to ensure the funding for the Hanceville intersection.

"I am proud to say that I have done what I said I was going to do and use every tool at my disposal to help the people of Alabama including my district," Gudger said.

"It is a very competitive process, but Hanceville, being the only one in Cullman County that applied for these funds, was awarded along with four other projects in District 4. Across Alabama we are sure to be fair and equal to all parts of this state to get help in state road projects."



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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• 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.
• Sunday, Jan. 15 - 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. 15 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Adult class at 11. Message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
• Sunday, Jan. 15 - 5 p.m. Southern Gospel singing
• Saturday, Jan. 28 - Toni Pearson will be speaking at Cornerstone Church at 3 p.m. and it would be great if we could all go and support her. Food will be served from 2-3 p.m.
• 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.

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.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

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.

Pleasant View Singing
• Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have its regular third Sunday night singing on Jan. 15 at
• 5 p.m. Dry Creek will be featured guests. 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.

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.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
Friday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman. The meeting will be held in a reserved room in the back of the restaurant. For more information call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10 a.m. at WildWater. This year two names will be drawn from participants who take the plunge, with one winner receiving a one-year family membership to the CWAC and another winner taking home a 2023 family season pass to WildWater. Only registrants who take the plunge are eligible for the drawing. Register today at https://tinyurl.com/CullmanPolarBear-Plunge.

Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper
Saturday, Jan. 21, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Beans, cornbread, onions and drink for $5. With a dessert $6. Eat in or carry out. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

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.

Empty Bowls of Cullman County
Monday, Feb. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Cullman. Enjoy a delicious dinner of Three Guys chili and grilled cheese, music by local performers and a silent auction. Benefits Cullman Caring for Kids. Only one thing will be different this year. For 17 years, potters made bowls for attendees to take home after their meals. The potters are no longer able to produce the number of bowls needed for everyone. Drive-through and carry-out options will be available. Tickets are $10 each and available at Cullman Caring for Kids or First United Methodist Church. Monetary donations or donations to the silent auction can be made at Cullman Caring for Kids, 402 Arnold St. NE #W1, Cullman, AL 35055. Monetary donations can also be made online at www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

January 11, 2023 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Case details* (Updated Thursdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 16.3%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 642,220
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2023): 11,018
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,981
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2023): 0
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 8.7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 12,797
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2023): 274
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 74
• Death in Cullman Co. (2023): 0
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,394
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 121
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 30,430
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 4,945

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,910,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,467,565
• Doses administered: 6,700,859
• Additional doses administered: 990,768
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,954,694
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,449,681
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,443,030

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

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FCCLA County Pork Cook-off



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured are Aleana Brantley, Madison Kovar, Abigail Whitehead, Maegann Dingler and Leighann Quinn

Stephanie Blair
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Jan.10, 2023, students from the various city and county schools met at the Alabama Farm Credit headquarters in Cullman for the FCCLA County Pork Cook-off.

Aleana Brantley from Good Hope placed first, Madison Kovar from Fairview placed second, Abigail Whitehead from Holly Pond placed third, Maegann Dignler from CATA placed fourth and Leighann Quinn from Cold Springs placed fifth.

Lydia Haynes and Terri Gilley from the Women's Committee helped with the cook-off and awards.

Participating sponsors and schools included Stephanie Blair from Cold Springs High School, Amie Veal from the Cullman Area Technology Academy, Carin Rains from Cullman High School, Whitney Haynes and Brittany Freeman from Fairview High School, Amanda Williams from Good Hope High School, Amy Chambers from Hanceville High School and Renee Lee and Madison Ballard from Vinemont High School.

The Cullman County Farmers Federation Women's committee and the Alabama Farm Credit sponsored the event.

Trafficking (from Front)

Jamie Willett
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Human trafficking is the second largest criminal activity in the world and the fastest growing. Even though overall awareness in the United States has increased, human trafficking continues to go underreported due to its nature of isolation, the misconception of the definition of human trafficking and the lack of awareness of its signs and indicators.

To build awareness in these areas, the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force sponsored Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day on Jan. 11, 2023. The ninth annual Alabama Human Trafficking Awareness Day aligned with the national observation.

Human trafficking occurs when an adult or child is recruited, harbored, obtained or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery.

Since 2019, municipalities across the state have declared themselves Trafficking Free Zones as defined by the U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking.

In order to become a Trafficking Free Zone, cities commit to training their entire staff, law enforcement and first responders in human trafficking awareness; they commit to a Zero-Tolerance HR Policy regarding soliciting commercial sex, requiring immediate

termination; they are asked to educate schools and the community through educational events and awareness and prevention programs.

Alabama Trafficking Free Zones now include the cities of Alexander City, Bessemer, Birmingham, Camp Hill, Center Point, Cullman, Dadeville, Gardendale, Homewood, Hoover, Irondale, Lakeview, Mountain Brook, Northport, Opelika, Oxford, Pinson, Rainbow City, Semmes, South Vinemont, Trussville and Vestavia Hills.

Several organizations and businesses in Alabama have also taken steps to become Trafficking Free Zones, including BH Photography, the Birmingham City Council, Coastal Alabama Community College, the District Attorney's Office 7th Judicial Circuit of Alabama, Fowler-Davis, LLC, the Jefferson County City Council, the Jefferson County Mayor's Association, Trafficking Hope, The World Games 2022 Birmingham and the UAB School of Medicine.

Municipalities that declared or will be declaring January 2023 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month via proclamations are Albertville, Ashland, Birmingham, Brent, Brundidge, Center Point, Chelsea, Collinsville, Cullman, Daleville, Dora, Elba, Enterprise, Fairhope, Fort Deposit, Fort Payne, Geraldine, Hamilton, Helena, Holly Pond, Killen, Kimberly, Madison, Magnolia Springs, Montevallo, Montgomery,

Mountain Brook, Northport, Phenix City, Ragland, Rainbow City, Satsuma, Semmes, Trussville, Tuscaloosa, and Vestavia Hills.

Human Trafficking Awareness Day will be followed by the Alabama Human Trafficking Summit Jan. 26-27, 2023. This two-day training will be an in-person event at the Renaissance Hotel Montgomery. To learn more about the Summit, visit www.enditalabama.org/summit.

For more information about the Alabama Human Trafficking Task Force or to register for the Alabama Human Trafficking Summit, visit www.enditalabama.org. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/enditalabama, Instagram at www.instagram.com/enditalabama and Twitter @enditalabama.

The Alabama Human Trafficking task force was established in 2014 by the Alabama state legislature.

The task force combats all aspects of human trafficking, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking, pursues a comprehensive response to crimes of human trafficking, coordinates strategies to provide necessary services for victims of human trafficking, focuses prevention efforts to end the demand for human trafficking and creates awareness through education and community initiatives.

The task force meets quarterly; all meetings are open to the public. Anyone who has information about human trafficking should report that information to the National Human Trafficking Hotline toll-free at 1-888-373-7888, which is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.







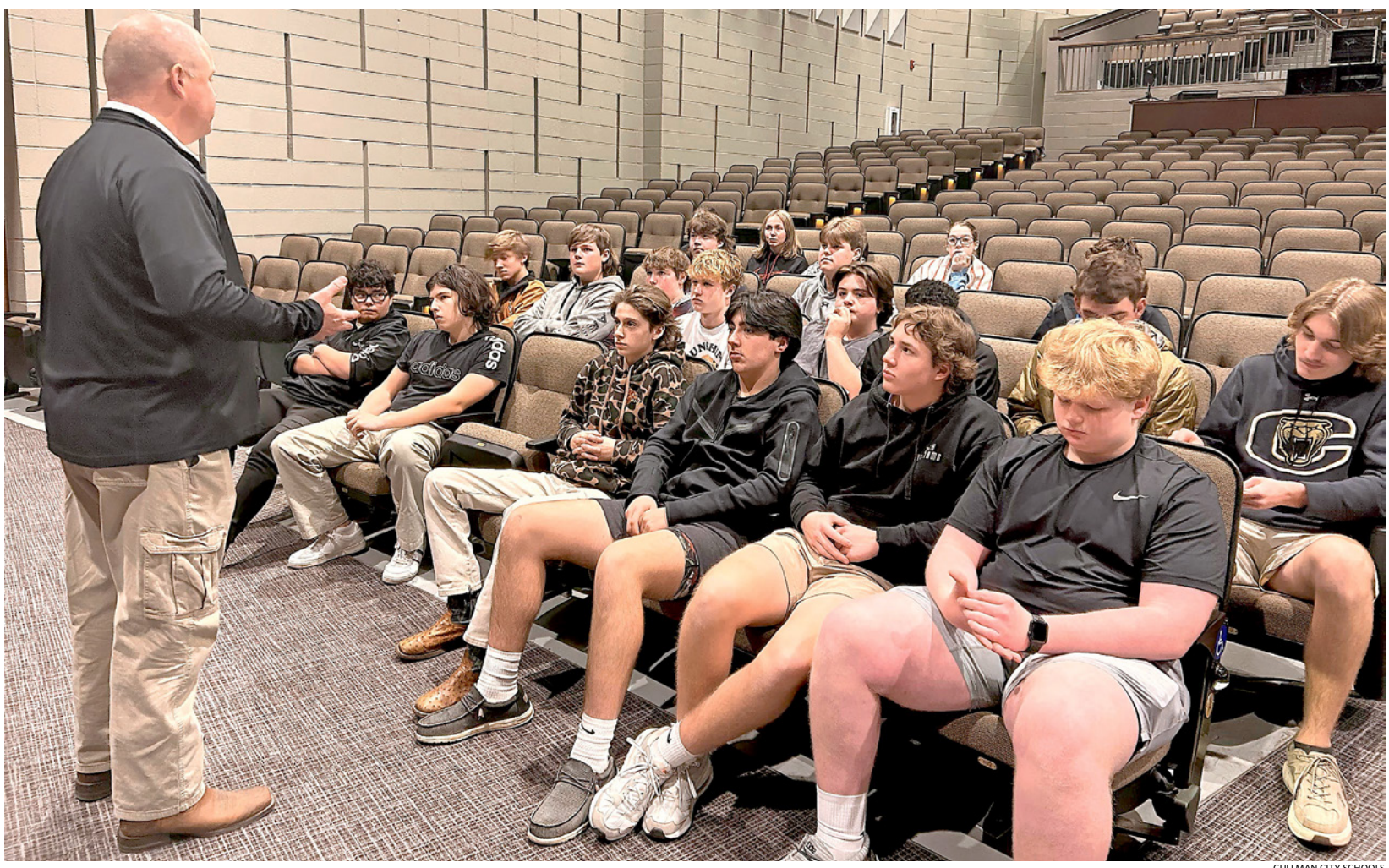




CHS to offer new workforce training in electrical, welding, plumbing, more

Cullman High partners with Academy of Craft Training

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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Russ Cofield, director of the Academy of Craft Training (ACT), speaks with students at Cullman High School about career training opportunities.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Starting next year, students at Cullman High School will be able to receive hands on training in several major trade programs as part of a new partnership with the Academy of Craft Training.

Students will be able to attend the Academy of Craft Training (ACT) campus in Decatur for training courses focused on trades including electrical, welding, building construction, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and pipefitting.

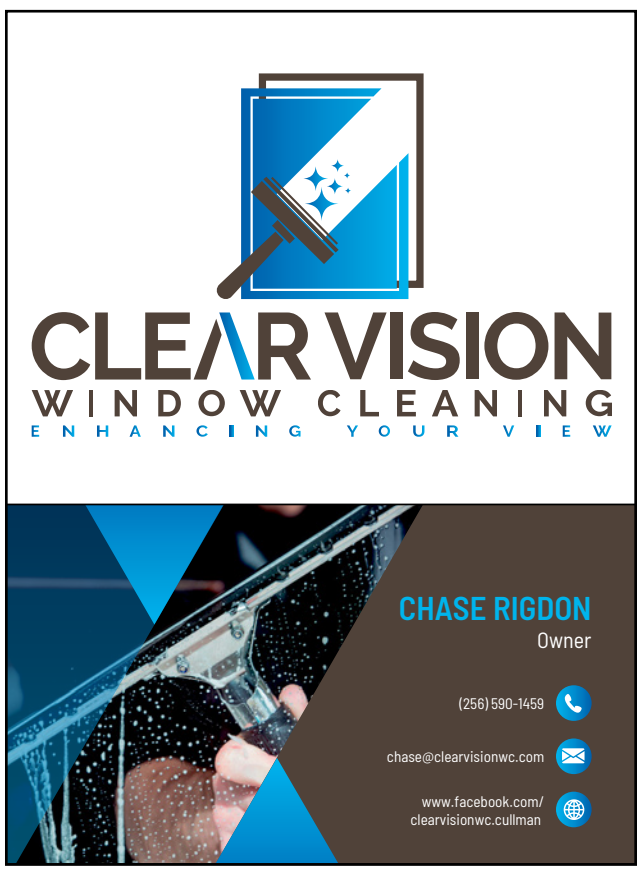
"Cullman High School is excited to partner with the Academy of Craft Training next year," Cullman High School Principal Allison Tuggle said. "Students will be able to participate in hands-on training in the construction industry and seniors will be provided with a job offer upon graduation. This is a great opportunity for students who may not be interested in attending a college or university after high school. College is not for everyone and ACT will help in preparing students who are career bound after graduation."

Tuggle added the goal at Cullman High is to ensure all students have a plan for their future upon graduation, whether it be post-educational opportunities, career or military. Russ Cofield, director of ACT, noted the training program exists to fill critical workforce needs in Alabama for local industries — all while providing multiple tracks for local students to pursue after high school.

"The construction industry needs workers. Our network of over 70 companies helps students find their future employees at the Academy. From the industry side, they find students that have basic construction, safety and employability training through our program," he explained. "Our students have the advantage of being trained beyond the typical entry-level employee so that is an advantage for the industry and the student. The goal of the Academy of Craft Training is full-time employment in the commercial construction industry."

By participating in the ACT workforce training program, Cofield added, CHS students will be able to experience a simulated workplace environment to prepare students to enter the workforce after graduation. He added students can have the opportunity to make as much as a six-figure salary within five years on some available trade career tracks.

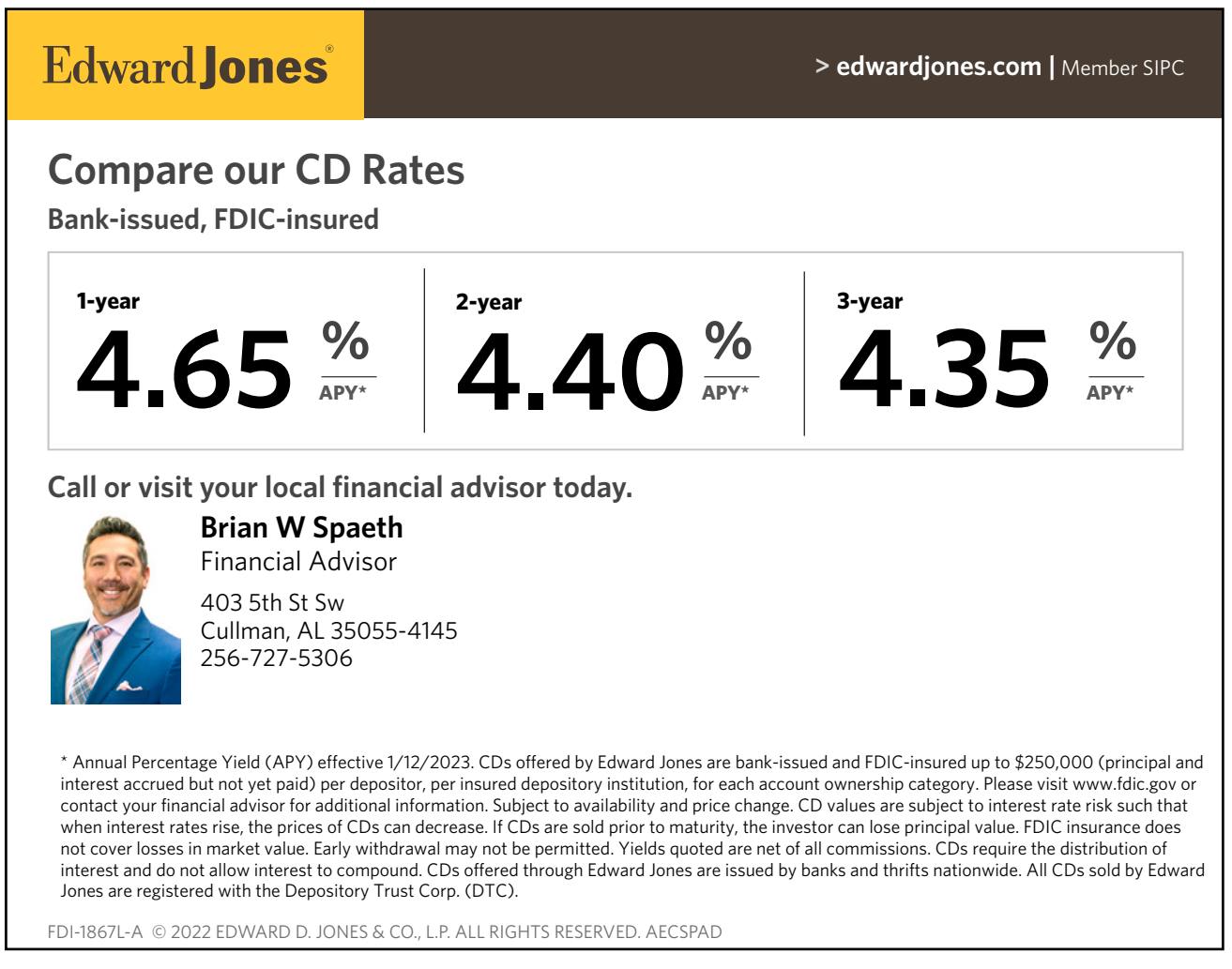


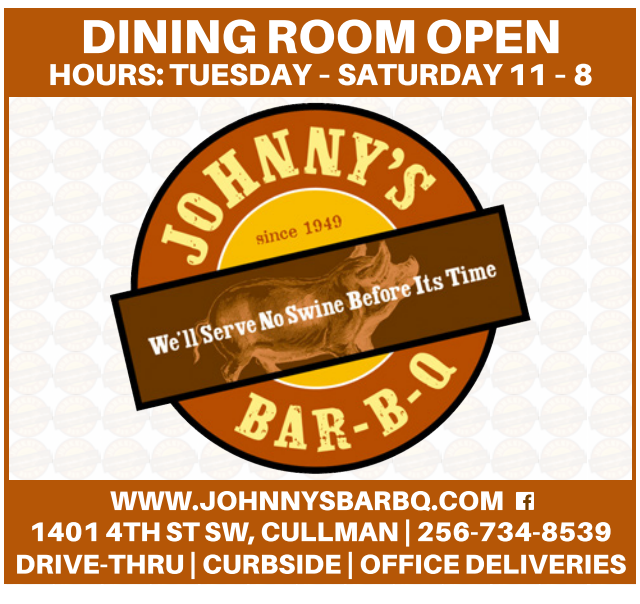












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PREP SPORTS

Looking back at some of the best games of 2022

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CULLMAN, Ala. – 2022 has come and gone and it was another year packed with great games all over Cullman County. Here I list some of the most memorable games I covered in 2022.

Jan. 4: Good Hope 37 - Fairview 32 (Varsity Girls)

Fairview couldn't have asked for a better start to the game as five points by Sadie Smith and four points by Jayla Gorham helped them jump out to a quick 9-4 lead; they pushed it to 14-5 on a three by Emma Garcia and a layup by Morgan Lindsay. They would take a 14-6 lead into the second period, but Good Hope quickly cut into that deficit as back-to-back baskets by Charly Johnson, a layup by Rudi Derrick and a three by Kyndall Seal cut it to 16-15. Later on, a Heather Tetro trey gave the Lady Raiders a 20-17 lead and they would take a 20-19 lead into the half.

It was a defensive third quarter as a combined 11 points were scored in the period. Another Heather Tetro made three gave Good Hope a 23-19 lead, but the Lady Aggies got baskets from Lindsay, Garcia, and Smith as that gave them a 25-23 lead. Bailey Tetro's layup tied the game up at 25 going into what would be an exciting final period. Seal broke the tie with a three as that gave the Lady Raiders a 28-25 lead; they would later hold a 32-29 lead before a layup by Gorham trimmed the deficit to just one at 32-31. Bailey Tetro made it a four-point game with a three and later on, Ivey Maddox helped seal the 37-32 win for Good Hope with a pair of free throws.

Jan. 8: Vinemont 57 – Fairview 55 (Varsity Boys)

Fairview held a slim 6-3 lead early in the first quarter, but a run by Vinemont gave them an 11-8 lead. Ethan Fraiser hit back-to-back shots for Fairview as that gave them a 12-11 lead, but Toby Hill hit a basket down low, then a steal and fast-break layup by Kix Johnson gave the Eagles a 15-12 lead going into the second period. Behind five straight points from Ryan Stewart, Vinemont pushed their lead to 22-15 and later on, made it 27-17 on a Colby Miller made shot and a Stewart trey. The Aggies, though, finished the first half very strong as made shots by Austin Johnson, Cade Arnold, and Cylas Yarbrough made it a 27-25 game at the half.

As quick as a flash, though, Vinemont created some distance from them, and Fairview as Isaac Moody drilled a long-range shot and Miller added another shot down low to make it 36-29. Baskets by Hill and Moody pushed the Eagle lead to 41-31 and would take a 43-34 lead into the final period. Vinemont continued to add onto their lead in the final quarter as a pair of baskets by Hill and a floater by Miller gave them a 49-36 lead and would later hold a 53-40 advantage. That's when Fairview made their push as Landon Tweedie hit a basket, then four straight points by Kobe Payne and a layup by Fraiser made it 54-48. A Payne trey cut it to 56-53, but a late free throw by Johnson helped seal the 57-55 win for Vinemont.

Jan. 14: West Point 66 – Russellville 64 (Varsity Boys)

The first quarter was a big one by West Point's Kolten Perry. Russellville held a slim 11-8 lead almost midway through the period and later made it 16-11 on a three, but six straight points by Perry gave West Point a 17-16 lead. He later added another basket to give the Warriors a 20-18 lead, but the Golden Tigers hit a late basket to tie the game up at 20 going into the second period. A big run by Russellville gave them a 32-23 lead, but baskets by Jay Lamar and Sam Wheeler cut it to five and an Andrew Lynn trey made it a 37-31 game. A pair of Wheeler free throws cut it to 39-33 at the half.

For the second time in the game, the Golden Tigers went on a huge run as they scored the first eight points of the third quarter to push their lead to 47-33. A Lamar trey made it a 51-41 game, but the Golden Tigers increased their lead to 55-43 late in the quarter. A huge three by Cade Simmons, then a technical foul was called on a Russellville player and Lynn made a pair of free throws to make it a 55-48 game going into the final period.

Wheeler knocked in a shot and Lynn hit a trey to cut it to 57-53, then four free throws by Perry tied things up at 57. After the Warriors got the lead on a pair of Lamar free throws, the Golden Tigers got the lead right back as a basket down low gave them a 62-59 lead. Free throws by Lynn and Perry gave the Warriors a 64-62 lead. Russellville tied the game at 64 on a layup, but later on, with 1.7 seconds left to go in the contest, Wheeler got fouled and he calmly hit what would be the game-winning free throws as West Point ended up winning the game 66-64.

Jan. 21: Good Hope 51 – Cold Springs 46 (Varsity Boys)

Cold Springs got baskets from Cody Bales and Tanner Kilgo early on in the game as they jumped out to an 8-4 lead. Seth Williams drilled a long-range shot to push the Eagle lead to 11-4, but Good Hope cut into the deficit to end the quarter as a layup by Noah Barnette and a made shot by Jacob Haynes cut it to 11-8 going into the second period. A Tanner Malin three tied the game up at 11, but Brody Peppers and Williams each hit a basket to give Cold Springs a 15-11 lead. Another Peppers basket made it 18-13, but Charlie O'Neil hit a long-range shot to make it a two-point game. Peppers and Bales each hit a basket down low as the Eagles would take a 24-18 lead into the locker room.

Malin hit a pair of baskets to cut it to 26-22 early on in the third period, but a Williams trey and a Peppers shot in the paint pushed the Eagle lead to 31-22. Colton Lindsey and O'Neil each hit a basket to make it a 31-26 game, but Peppers added a pair of shots down low as the Eagles increased their lead to 36-26 going into the final period. The Raiders got off to a very strong start to the final quarter as Haynes knocked down a floater, then shots down low by Lindsey and Malin cut it to 36-32. Lindsey knocked down a long-range shot to make it a one-point game, but a three-point play by Peppers pushed the Cold Springs lead to 39-35.

Threes by K'mal Bell and Barnette cut it to 42-41, and Bell nailed two more shots from deep to give Good Hope a 47-44 lead. A Kilgo made layup cut it to one, but a layup by Barnette made it 49-46. A pair of Bell free throws would help seal the deal for Good Hope as they came back from 10 down to knock off the Eagles 51-46.

Feb. 24: West Point 3 – Sardis 2 (Baseball)

After a scoreless first inning, West Point got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second inning. Caiden Rodgers led off the inning with a single, then moved to second on a wild pitch. A single by Colton McCoy moved runners up to second and third after the throw-in, then a dropped third strike allowed Taylor Curtis to cross the plate. Sardis tied the game on an RBI single in the top of the third inning, then in the fifth inning, another RBI single by the Lions gave them a 2-1 lead. Sardis got a rally started in the top of the sixth, but reliever Aidan Maddox got a huge strikeout to end the inning.

The score stayed the same until the bottom of the seventh as the Warriors cooked up a late rally. Rodgers hit a leadoff single, then he advanced to second on a wild pitch. McCoy reached on an error and that allowed Rodgers to advance to third. After Isaac Hoffpauir got hit by the pitch, a passed ball allowed Rodgers to score to tie the game up at two. On the next pitch, Cade Simmons quickly ended the game as his RBI single gave West Point the 3-2 comeback win.

Feb. 28: Cold Springs 7 – Fairview 6 (Softball)

Cold Springs got on the scoreboard first as a Maddie Pearl RBI single gave them a 1-0 lead after two innings. The Lady Eagles added to their lead in the bottom of the fourth inning as a sacrifice fly by Journee Swann and an RBI single by Brooklyn Ingram gave them a 3-0 lead. Ciara Calvert scored on a dropped third strike to make it 4-0 going into the top of the sixth inning, but Fairview quickly got back in the game in the top of the sixth inning. Four straight singles, including an RBI single by Ayda Payne, put Fairview on the scoreboard. A throwing error allowed Kylie Kovar and Kaitlyn Benson to cross the plate, then Payne scored on a wild pitch to tie the game up at four. Neither team could break the tie after that, so the game would be decided in extra innings.

Benson reached on an infield single, then Emma Roberts lined a two-run home run over the center field fence to give the Lady Aggies a 6-4 lead. Cold Springs, though, looked to counter in their half. Anna Rollo hit a leadoff single, then Ingram got hit by the pitch. A pair of stolen bases allowed both runners to move up to second and third, then Rollo scored on a wild pitch to cut it to 6-5. A passed ball allowed Ingram to cross the plate as that tied the game up at six, then one out later, Heidi Nichols promptly ended the game as her RBI single gave the Lady Eagles the 7-6 win.

March 4: Hanceville 14 – Locust Fork 13 (Baseball)

Hanceville quickly fell behind the eight-ball early in their game against Locust Fork as the Hornets jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead. The Bulldogs would get on the scoreboard in their half as a Jake Cornelius RBI single. Jackson Cleveland drew a bases-loaded walk to make it a 5-2 game, but Locust Fork kept adding onto their lead as they scored three more runs in the top of the second inning to make it 8-2. An RBI groundout by Drew Campbell, another RBI single by Cornelius, and during the throw-in, Adam Cooper crossed the plate to make it a three-run game.

Hanceville wasn't done yet, though, as after back-to-back walks, Les Fischer hit an RBI double and Cooper tied the game up at eight on a two-run double. Cooper and Dylan Twilley crossed the plate later in the inning as that gave Hanceville a 10-8 lead. But the fifth inning saw Locust Fork score three runs to take an 11-10 lead. Hanceville took the lead right back in their half of the fifth as Fischer reached on an infield single and Cooper crushed the first pitch he saw over the right-center field wall to give them a 12-11 lead.

Cornelius would later add his third RBI single of the night and Gabe Ognilla hit an RBI infield single to make it a 14-11 lead for the Bulldogs. The Hornets cut it to 14-13 on an RBI infield single and a passed ball in the sixth inning, but Ognilla struck out the side on 12 pitches as Hanceville picked up a wild 14-13 win at home over Locust Fork.

March 10: West Point 6 – Lawrence County 5 (Softball)

Lawrence County struck first to start out the game as an RBI single gave them the early 1-0 lead. Macayla Wilkins reached on a one-out error and Carlie Wilkins drilled a two-run home run over the center field wall to give the Lady Warriors a 2-1 lead. The Lady Red Devils grabbed a 3-2 lead in the top of the third inning on a sacrifice fly and an RBI groundout, but West Point got the lead right back in their half. Bethany Minck reached on a dropped third strike, then Macayla Wilkins' sacrifice bunt moved her over to second. For the second time in the game, Carlie Wilkins played long ball as her two-run home run over the center field wall gave the Lady Warriors a 4-3 lead.

Sidney Burks hit a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth to give West Point a 5-3 lead, but Lawrence County loaded the bases with two outs and a two-run single tied the game up at five in the top of the fifth. The next two innings saw the Lady Red Devils load the bases and both times, new pitcher Braelee Quinn got West Point out of both jams unscathed. The game would be decided in extra innings and Burks quickly ended the game as her game-winning home run off the center field wall gave the Lady Warriors a 6-5 win.

Aug. 19: Good Hope 6 - West Point 0 (Football)

Neither team could find the end zone in regulation thanks to two very stout defenses. Three punts gave the ball back to West Point, but Tyler Cone picked off a Hunter Hensley pass and returned it to the 37-yard line. The Warrior defense, though, stuffed Kaleb Jones on fourth down to get the ball right back. Hensley found Parker Marks for a 44-yard gain, then later on, Noah Laney ripped off a 24-yard run to put West Point at the 32. The Warriors were later faced with fourth down from the seven, and Good Hope's defense stuffed Hensley for no gain to keep the game scoreless at the half.

The second half saw West Point move the ball on the ground behind Garit Roberson and Hensley as Hensley picked up a pair of first downs on fourth down but were later forced to turn the ball over on downs. Good Hope would try a fake punt and Cone's pass got picked off by Marks. The Warriors were having another successful drive as their running game was wearing down the Raider defense, but Good Hope stepped up when they needed to as Eli Clements sacked Hensley on fourth down. Good Hope got the ball back but were forced to punt. Riley Wayne blocked the punt and Daniel Dean recovered it at the 29, but their drive quickly ended once again on fourth down as Landon Bagwell sacked Hensley.

The game was to be decided in overtime and Good Hope was the first team to find the end zone in the game as Jones found paydirt from a yard out. The Raider defense kept the Warrior offense out of the end zone one last time as they picked up a 6-0 win over West Point in what was truly a defensive battle.

Nov. 3: Vinemont 64 – Elkmont 61 (Varsity Girls)

Vinemont got off to a fast start to the game as Whitney Quick and Reagan Robinson scored the first 10 points of the game for the Lady Eagles to give them a 10-2 lead. A Carley Stephens made a shot down low to make it 14-4, but Elkmont made a late run as they knocked down a trio of long-range shots to cut it to 16-14. A layup by Raylee Quick gave Vinemont a 19-14 lead going into the second period. Elkmont made another three to tie the game up at 23, but a Robinson trey and a Stephens made shot gave the Lady Eagles a 29-25 lead. Stephens converted on her and-one opportunity and Maggie Burks drilled a pair of free throws to end the first half as the Lady Eagles took a 36-30 lead into the locker room.

Whitney Quick knocked down a three and Robinson added a free throw to give Vinemont a 40-30 lead early in the third quarter, but the three-point shot quickly got the Lady Red Devils back in the game as they ended up tying the game up at 40. A Caroline Miller three pushed the Lady Eagle lead to 48-43, but four free throws by Elkmont cut it to 50-47 going into the fourth quarter. The Lady Red Devils tied the game up at 53 on a pair of free throws, but Burks knocked down a trey to break the tie and give Vinemont a 56-53 lead. A pair of Whitney Quick free throws increased the Lady Eagle lead to 63-57, but the Lady Red Devils quickly cut the deficit to just three at 64-61. A last-second heave fell just short as Vinemont would go on to win the game 64-61.

Nov. 22: Holly Pond 66 – Decatur 64 (Varsity Boys)

Decatur held onto a slim 10-7 lead in the first quarter and later pushed their lead to 15-9. Kollin Brown hit a layup and Blake Rickard hit three free throws to cut it to 15-14, but the Red Raiders went on a 9-2 run to end the period as they would take a 24-16 lead into the second quarter. The Broncos quickly cut into the deficit to start the period as Sawyer Olinger converted on his and-one opportunity, and Rickard and Levi Farr each hit a basket to cut it to 26-23. Decatur pushed their lead to 31-25 and would later make it 39-31, but a pair of Brown free throws would cut it to 39-33 and Holly Pond would find themselves down, 40-33, at the half.

A Christian Couch made shot and an and-one by Rickard cut it to 40-38, but the Red Raiders quickly increased their lead to 46-38. A basket by Farr and another and-one by Rickard cut it to 48-45 and the Broncos trailed, 52-48, going into the final period. An and-one by Diego Garcia made it a 53-51 game, but the Red Raiders increased their lead to 59-52. That's when the Broncos would start their comeback as Jayden Holloway's huge three from the left corner, cut it to 59-56, then Brown knocked down a pair of free throws to make it a one-point game. Rickard's layup kept it a one-point game at 63-62, and later on, a driving layup by Olinger tied the game up at 64. Holly Pond forced a Decatur turnover, and they had a shot to win the game. Rickard got fouled and wound up hitting what would be the game-winning free throws and Holly Pond ended up winning the game 66-64.



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Good Hope edged West Point 6-0 in overtime last season.

Ivey announces more than $40M in road and bridge projects

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Thursday announced that more than $40 million in state transportation funding is being awarded to cities and counties for various road and bridge projects.

The funding is made available through the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II), a program created by the Rebuild Alabama Act. The Rebuild Alabama Act requires ATRIP-II to be an annual program setting aside a minimum of $30 million off the top of ALDOT's share of new gas tax revenue for projects of local interest on the state highway system.

"I am proud to announce the largest round of local funding since the passage of the Rebuild Alabama Act as I close out my first term and gear up to begin the next four years," said Ivey.

"Our decision to address Alabama's infrastructure challenges is paying major dividends in several vital areas, and I am thrilled to continue building on this momentum by moving forward this year's projects."

The state has now awarded more than $140 million in state transportation funds under ATRIP-II since the program's creation in 2019.

There were 33 projects selected for funding for a total of just over $40 million in state transportation funding. Of those awarded projects, 18 were from cities and counties putting forward more than $7 million in local funds. Under the ATRIP-II program, there is no requirement that local governments put up matching funds to be eligible. The projects were selected by the ATRIP-II Committee created by the Rebuild Alabama Act. It is anticipated that a number of the selected projects will be under contract during the 2023 fiscal year. All projects are required to move forward within two years of the awarding of funds.

For more information about the ATRIP-II Program, visit www.dot.state.al.us/programs/ATRIPII.html. A list of this year's selected projects is available at https://governor.alabama.gov/assets/2023/01/ATRIP-2023-Release-Table.pdf.

VA: Free emergency health care for veterans in suicidal crisis

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Starting Jan. 17, veterans in acute suicidal crisis will be able to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost – including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit.

This expansion of care will help prevent veteran suicide by guaranteeing no cost, world-class care to veterans in times of crisis. It will also increase access to acute suicide care for up to 9 million veterans who are not currently enrolled in the VA.

Preventing veteran suicide is the VA's top clinical priority and a top priority of the Biden-Harris Administration. This effort is a key part of VA's 10-year National Strategy for Preventing Veteran Suicide and the Biden-Harris administration's plan for Reducing Military and Veteran Suicide.

In September, the VA released the 2022 National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, which showed that veteran suicides decreased in 2020 for the second year in a row, and that fewer veterans died by suicide in 2020 than in any year since 2006.

"Veterans in suicidal crisis can now receive the free, world-class emergency health care they deserve – no matter where they need it, when they need it, or whether they're enrolled in VA care," said VA Secretary for Veterans Affairs Denis McDonough.

"This expansion of care will save Veterans' lives, and there's nothing more important than that."

The VA has submitted an interim final rule to the federal register to establish this authority under section 201 of the Veterans Comprehensive Prevention, Access to Care, and Treatment (COMPACT) Act of 2020. The final policy, which takes effect on Jan. 17, will allow VA to:

- Provide, pay for, or reimburse for treatment of eligible individuals' emergency suicide care, transportation costs, and follow-up care at a VA or non-VA facility for up to 30 days of inpatient care and 90 days of outpatient care
- Make appropriate referrals for care following the period of emergency suicide care
- Determine eligibility for other VA services and benefits
- Refer eligible individuals for appropriate VA programs and benefits following the period of emergency suicide care

Eligible individuals, regardless of VA enrollment status, are:

- Veterans who were discharged or released from active duty after more than 24 months of active service under conditions other than dishonorable
- Former members of the armed forces, including reserve service members, who served more than 100 days under a combat exclusion or in support of a contingency operation either directly or by operating an unmanned aerial vehicle from another location who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable
- Former members of the armed forces who were the victim of a physical assault of a sexual nature, a battery of a sexual nature or sexual harassment while serving in the armed forces

Over the past year, the VA has announced or continued several additional efforts to end veteran suicide, including establishing 988 (then press 1) as a way for Veterans to quickly connect with caring, qualified crisis support 24/7; proposing a new rule that would reduce or eliminate copayments for veterans at risk of suicide; conducting an ongoing public outreach effort on firearm suicide prevention and lethal means safety; and leveraging a national veteran suicide prevention awareness campaign, "Don't Wait. Reach Out."

If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support.

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

To reach responders, dial 988 then press 1, chat online at www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255.

Cook: Deer activity in most of Alabama approaching peak

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — For most of the state, Alabama deer hunters are in the midst of the peak hunting period when deer start moving with increased rutting activity. Chris Cook, Deer Program coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, says hunters need to spend as much time as possible in the woods for the rest of the season.

"If we get normal weather for the rest of the season, I suspect a lot of deer will be killed," Cook said. "In the southern part of the state, the rut is getting ready to start up. When you've got that going on and the weather is good, then hunters are going to be in the woods. That's usually the big factor. It's not necessarily the deer activity; it's the hunter activity too. Hunters are a lot more likely to stick it out and spend more time in the woods if the weather is in the 40s as opposed to the 70s or teens and it's not raining. Weather really plays huge part in hunter activity.

"With the rut starting, the bucks are getting interested. This is the time to be out hunting if you're in the lower two-thirds of the state."

The deer season in the majority of the state runs through Feb. 10. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/seasons-and-bag-limits/deer-season for details about deer season dates in Alabama's multiple deer zones.

Cook said the hunting season didn't start particularly well because of the fall weather and an unusually cold spell at Christmas.

"It was really dry leading into the hunting season in a lot of the state," he said. "That's always going to have an impact on wildlife, especially deer. The acorn crop was hit or miss. In some areas it was pretty good, some just average and some below average.

"That four or five days of freezing cold weather really put a hurting on everybody's food plots. Most people don't plant enough acreage to impact the carrying capacity or overall food supply for the deer herd, but it definitely could impact people's hunting success because a lot of people rely heavily on those food plots."

Cook said to have a noticeable impact on the deer herd, landowners and leaseholders would have to maintain a significant amount of the land area in wildlife openings.

"Most people plant to attract deer during hunting season," he said. "For them, it's about finding the right location to allow access to the hunters.

"If they're planting food plots with the purpose of improving overall habitat quality, carrying capacity of the land and affecting deer health, then you're probably going to need at least 5% of the acreage in good quality food plots throughout the year. A bare minimum would be 2-3%.

"Most properties have 1% or less in food plots, especially leased land. If you're able to plant enough acreage, then the challenge is planting the right stuff for the deer to have something to eat year-round and not just during hunting season."

With the moderation of temperatures lately, Cook said some of the food plots will recover. With other browse material in short supply, the surviving food plots may be the place to be.

"If they do have a few food plots that bounce back and start growing well, they may be able to have an outstanding finish to the season," he said. "We'll see how it goes. This continuing warmer weather should help everything. It'll take a little time, but I've already had reports that some of the clover is coming back."

In years past, a 200-pound deer was not particularly common. In the past several years, that has changed. Anyone who keeps up with Alabama's deer season through social media has seen another year with really large deer, not only antler-wise but also body size with numerous deer above that 200-pound mark.

"Anytime you see a deer that big, it's usually a combination of age and having good food to eat," Cook said. "A lot of people are managing their properties for wildlife, and that would include not only the food plots but how they manage the timber stands with burning and thinning."

Alabama instituted a three-buck limit in 2007 during all combined seasons. One of the three must have at least four antler points 1 inch or longer on one antler (except for Barbour County where bucks must have a minimum of three points on one side). That buck limit and a movement toward quality deer management have shifted the attitude of many hunters toward a more selective harvest.

"Probably the biggest factor is people are letting deer get old enough to get that big," Cook said. "That's been a trend for a lot of years now with people more and more receptive to passing on a really good 3-year-old and letting them become 4-year-olds. You definitely didn't see that as widespread 20 years ago as you do now. Deer have to have that age to get those bigger bodies."

Alabama had its first cases of chronic wasting disease (CWD) last season with two deer in Lauderdale County confirmed with the disease.

To date, no deer harvested during the 2022-2023 season has tested positive for CWD.

The WFF staff recently completed another mandatory weekend of sampling in the CWD buffer zone of Colbert County and the eastern section of Lauderdale County. Cook said the sampling quota in Lauderdale County has been met and only a few more are needed to meet the quota in Colbert County.

"It's a good thing we have met our quota in Lauderdale County and haven't had any positives," he said. "That's encouraging. Just because we've met the quota doesn't mean we're going to quit sampling deer. We'll sample when we get opportunities. We haven't quite met our quota in Colbert County, so we'll keep sampling."

Cook also encourages Alabama deer hunters to take advantage of the numerous self-service sampling locations with freezers where hunters can drop off their deer head to be sampled. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/cwd/cwd-sampling for an interactive map of freezer locations.

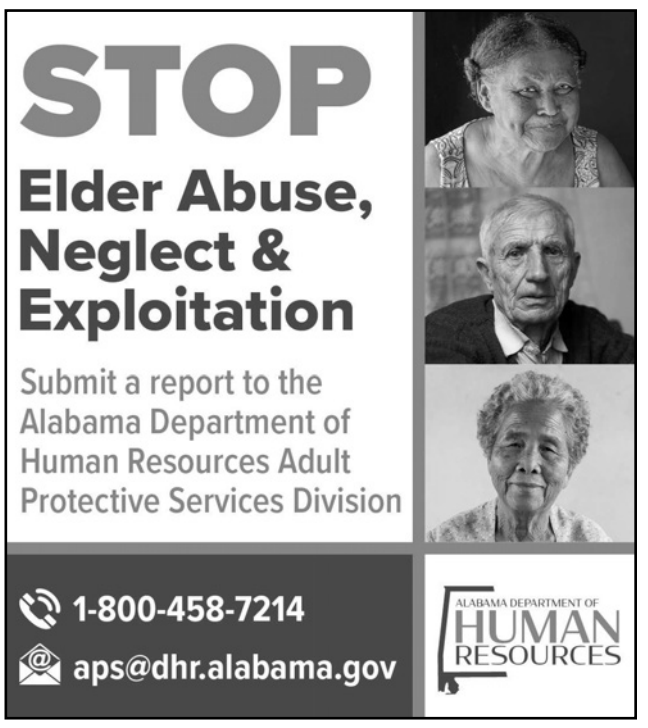
"Anyone willing to have their deer tested can use one of our drop-off freezers," he said. "We have the materials there with sample tags. They fill out the tags, put the deer head in the provided bag, put it in the freezer and we'll have it tested.

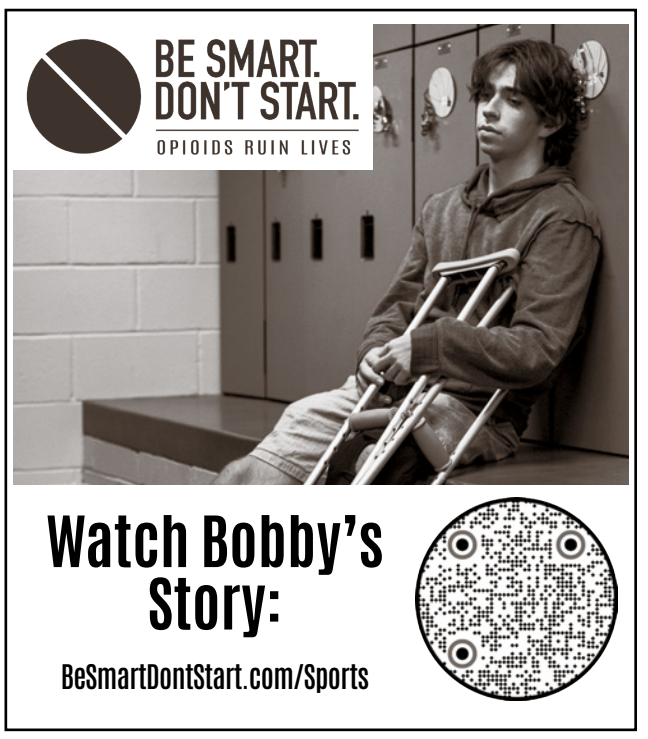
"Surveillance is important to detect CWD early. You do that by surveillance in all parts of the state, not just in northwest Alabama. We want hunters in all parts of the state to help us."

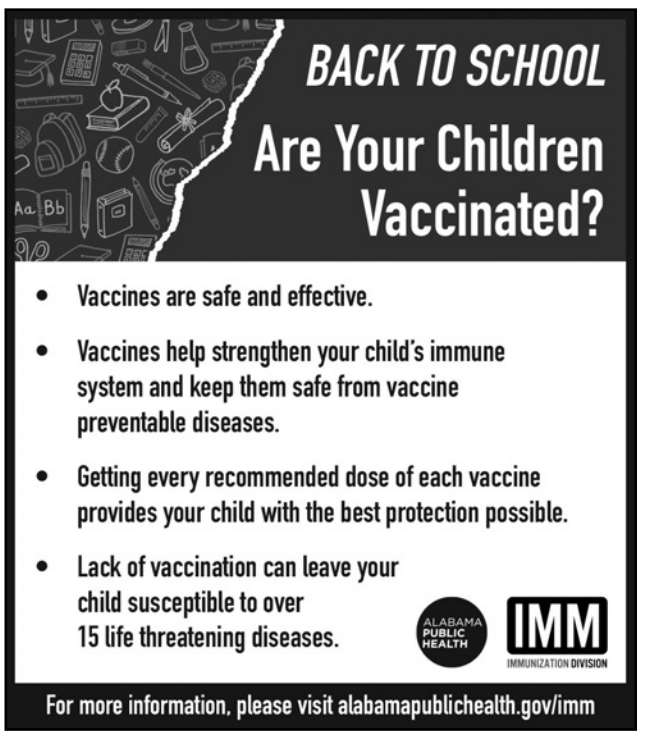
Visit the CWD page at www.outdooralabama.com/cwd/cwd-alabama for more information.

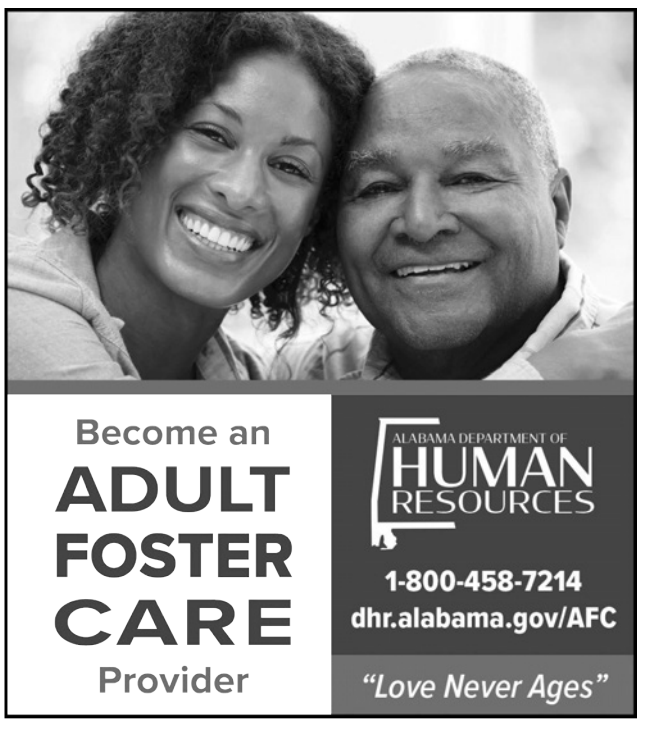
It also appears that Alabama's deer herd had lower incidents of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) during the past year.

"We didn't get nearly as many calls this season," Cook said. "We had a lot of calls last year of skinny deer. They probably had the EHD virus during the summer and got over the virus but had lingering problems that caused them to lose weight. We do a survey of our staff, and they report any deer they got reports on or any deer they examined, and they haven't had nearly as many incidents this year as they did in 2021."









Local students named to JSU President's, Dean's Lists

Buffy Lockette
Contributor

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Nearly 1,200 students were named to the President's List at Jacksonville State University for their outstanding academic performance in fall 2022. To be named to the President's List, a student must earn at least 12 GPA hours of course credit while maintaining a 4.0 term GPA.

Local students include:

- Katherine E. Robles of Arab
- Wesley Kent Tyler of Arab
- Mary A. Whitlow of Arab
- Billy Atchley of Arab
- Tyler Donald Boyd of Arab
- Hannah Denise Hallmark of Arab
- Chloe Ann Thompson of Cullman
- Zachary McClain of Cullman
- Ashley D. Barnett of Cullman
- Jordan Riley Allbright of Cullman
- Kolton L. Guthrie of Cullman
- Abigail Kristin Curtis of Cullman
- Emily P. Hancock of Cullman
- Ashley W. Patrick of Cullman
- Cayla E. Allen of Joppa
- Kacie Rochelle Swann of Logan
- Mattie Elizabeth Womack of Addison
- Amber Lashae Greer of Falkville
- Kinley G. Coots of Falkville

More than 1,300 students were named to the Dean's List at Jacksonville State University for their outstanding academic performance in fall 2022. To be named to the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.5-3.99 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 GPA hours of course credit.

Local students include:

- Priya A. Ragha of Arab
- Allison N. Carroll of Arab
- Hannah E. Zajaczkowski of Arab
- Lakelyn McKenna Wilson of Arab
- James Tyler Thompson of Bremen
- Brennen Elliott Norton of Cullman
- Julee S. Turner of Cullman
- Mattilen M. Nelson of Cullman
- Jamie L. Mezick of Cullman
- Kayla Ann Melton of Cullman
- Hannah Elizabeth North of Hayden
- Jonathan Adam Turner of Hayden
- Hailey Anne Smith of Hayden
- Jessie M. Sandlin of Hayden
- Hannah M. Scott of Holly Pond
- Cassandra Jo Peterson of Holly Pond
- Edmund-Joseph Kochan Lovett of Vinemont
- Hannah Faith Phillips of Arley

Founded in 1883 as a state teachers college, Jacksonville State University has grown from humble beginnings into the Alabama regional university with the highest percentage of accredited programs. Located in the Appalachian foothills midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, JSU offers more than 150 courses of study, including over 40 online programs, at the undergraduate and graduate level. To learn more, visit www.jsu.edu, call 1-800-231-JAX1 or e-mail jaxfacts@jsu.edu.

Charges (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools has filed criminal charges against a student who allegedly made verbal threats against school administration in October. The student was allegedly removed from school grounds and has been provided virtual learning since the incident.

An article published by the Alabama Media Group stated the student was charged with criminal harassment after threatening to kill school administrators, according to the student's mother.

The mother alleges her son, a senior at Cullman High School, has not been provided with the provisions outlined in his individualized education plan (IEP) and that is the reason for his violent verbal threat to administrators. She said the school overreacted to his threat. The mother said it is because of his Asperger's Syndrome.

"Without referencing any particular student, the Cullman City Schools strive to provide a safe school environment, free of violent acts," said Cullman City School Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff. "We take any threat to kill people very seriously. We follow Alabama law and our policies, which require that we report acts of violence accompanied by threats to kill employees. We appreciate the support of the Cullman Police Department and the SROs on our campuses daily."

Kallhoff continued, "Our teachers and administrators do an exceptional job writing and following IEPs despite the allegations brought forward in the Alabama Media Group article. The administrators on all five campuses have a tremendous responsibility to maintain a safe learning environment for all students and employees. Our school leaders do a wonderful job making sure our schools are safe places for our children to learn."

The information below is directly from the Cullman High School Code of Conduct and shows two infractions and their consequences.

2.01a Disruption that Threatens Safety, including on a bus or at a school event
Any serious disturbance or action which threatens the safety of the learning environment, a school event/activity, or the orderly operation of the school or educational process both on and off campus.

2.16 Harassment/Bullying, and Cyberbullying
Negative actions that may be based on race, color, disability, sex, religion, national origin, or age. Harassment means a continuous pattern of intentional behavior that takes place on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored function including, but not limited to, written, electronic, verbal, physical acts or hazing which may include cyberbullying, that has the effect of substantially disrupting or interfering with the orderly operation of the school, whether the conduct occurs on or off school property, online, or electronically. Hazing is defined as "the forcing of humiliating or ridiculous tasks for initiation or membership."

Class II Intermediate Offenses – Consequences
- Parent contact
- Temporary removal from class
- Detention
- Saturday School
- Extended Saturday School
- In-school suspension
- Out-of-school suspension (not to exceed five consecutive days)
- Referral to outside agency
- Restitution of property and damages where appropriate
- Temporary or permanent loss of device access
- Referral to administrator
- Restitution in vandalism instances for actual loss, damage, or repair
- Any sanction(s) included in Class I and other sanction(s) as approved by the local principal



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
GARY PHILLIP CASON, CASE NO. PC 2023 - 010
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Dustin Heath Cason, as Administrator of the Estate of GARY PHILLIP CASON, deceased, on the 11th day of January, 2023, 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.

Dustin Heath Cason

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SAUNDRA KAY HARBISON, CASE NO.: PC2023-005
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to SHERON LOVELL, as Personal Representative of the Estate of SAUNDRA KAY HARBISON, deceased, on the 12th day of January, 2023, 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.

SHERON LOVELL
Personal Representative

Carl E. Chamblee, Sr.
Attorney for Personal Representative
480 Chamblee Lane
Warrior, AL 35180
205-590-0343

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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 vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

1997 Kia Sportage, Vin#: KNDJB7237V5544665
1997 Dodge Ram Pickup 1500, Vin#:1B7HC13Z7VJ534138
1997 Nissan Truck, Vin#: 1N6SD11SXVC306063
2013 Nissan Altima Vin#: 1N4AL3AP9DN530328

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, February 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, Al 35055

JOE CARETTI AUTO SERVICE, INC.
(PLAINTIFF)
VS CASE NO: SM-2022-900476
ASHTON DARREN ELMER
(DEFENDANT)

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), Ashton Darren Elmer , whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Joe Caretti Auto Service, Inc., for $2047.33 plus court cost, cause of action being: Money owed for repairs and labor

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 18th day of February, 2023, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 12th day of January, 2023

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on February 13, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Resolution 2023-17 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak.
Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 17
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman is the owner of portions of Twelfth Way NW and Twelfth Street NW;
WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council finds that this property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and has determined that it is in the interest of the public that such street or portion thereof be vacated;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the portions of Twelfth Way NW and Twelfth Street NW are hereby declared vacant and the Mayor is authorized to surplus and sell this property for its fair market value.
Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

In accordance with Section 10A-1-9.22 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that Cullman Dermatology Clinic, P.C. was dissolved on December 29, 2022. Any persons with claims against the corporation should send written notice to Cullman Dermatology Clinic, P.C., Attention: Steven M. Skinner, M.D., 1205 County Road 1466, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Such claim should set forth the name of the claimant, the address and telephone number of the claimant, the nature of the claim, including but not limited to, all facts supporting your claim and the date such claim arose. Any claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that First Team Construction Co., Inc., Contractor, has completed the Welding Training Facility for Wallace State Community College at 801 Main Street NE, Hanceville, Alabama 35077, for Wallace State Community College, Owners, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately contact Seay Seay & Litchfield, 1115 S. Court St., Montgomery, AL 36104.

First Team Construction Co., Inc.
475 North Dean Road
Auburn, AL 36830

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

DEBORAH GAY GILLON, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2022-443

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF DEBORAH GAY GILLON, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to David Paul Whittaker on the 12th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

David Paul Whittaker, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
Phone: (256) 734-4721
Fax: (256) 734-4774
e-mail: steve@smithandsmithllp.com

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA *
CULLMAN COUNTY *
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CASE NO. PC2023-004

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JACQUELINE LOUISE GENTRY, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, Gail Miller, on the 5th day of January, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 5th day of January 2023.

Gail Miller
GAIL MILLER
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Jacqueline Louise Gentry,
Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the
Estate of Jacqueline Louise Gentry, Deceased
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
PAULINE LINTON EVANS, * CASE NO. PC 2022 - 446
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Janice Estes Rester as Personal Representative of the Estate of Pauline Linton Evans, deceased, on the 28th day of December, 2022, 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.

Janice Estes Rester
Janice Estes Rester
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
GAIL A. THOMPSON, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2022-272**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to TRACY WILLIAM THOMPSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of GAIL A. THOMPSON, deceased, on the 5th day of January, 2023, 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.

/s/ Tracy William Thompson
TRACY WILLIAM THOMPSON,
Personal Representative for the
Estate of Gail A. Thompson, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

PB ADT BK 64 PG 631 - 12/30/2022 10:27 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF B.N.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/13/2015 CASE NO.: AD2022-045

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHASIDY NICHOLE MURPHY, NATURAL MOTHER OF B.N.W. BORN OCTOBER 13, 2015

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Emily Cathryn McClurkan Wilson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF December, 2022.

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW Suite E
Hartselle, AL 35640

PB ADT BK 64 PG 627 - 12/30/2022 10:14 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF M.J.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 03/18/2014 CASE NO.: AD2022-044

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHASIDY NICHOLE MURPHY, NATURAL MOTHER OF M.J.W. BORN MARCH 18, 2014

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Emily Cathryn McClurkan Wilson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF December, 2022.

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW Suite E
Hartselle, AL 35640

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF E.G.W.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 05/11/2017 CASE NO.: AD2022-043

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHASIDY NICHOLE MURPHY, NATURAL MOTHER OF E.G.W. BORN MAY 11, 2017

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Emily Cathryn McClurkan Wilson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF December, 2022.

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW Suite E
Hartselle, AL 35640

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF A.R.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/17/2009 CASE NO.: AD2022-094

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: RENAE LYNN BROOKS, NATURAL MOTHER OF A.R.M. BORN JANUARY 17, 2009 AND MICHAEL RAY MORRISON, NATURAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO RENAE LYNN BROOKS, A.R.M. BORN JANUARY 17, 2009

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Stephen Robert Amundsen and Susan Elizabeth Amundsen, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF December, 2022.

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

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioners
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GERALD WILLIAM WATTS, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-003**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Ancillary Letters of Testamentary having been granted to Ann Harrison Watts as Ancillary Personal Representative of the Estate of GERALD WILLIAM WATTS, deceased, on the 4th day of January, 2023, 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.

Ann Harrison Watts
Ancillary Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Ancillary Personal Representative
PALMER LAW FIRM, LLC
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-246-9600

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ANNIE FISHER OAKES, * CASE NO.: PC2022-449
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CHRISTINE FISHER VEST, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ANNIE FISHER OAKES, deceased, on the 4th day of January, 2023, 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.

Christine Fisher Oakes
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
Annie Fisher Oakes, deceased
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Al 35055
256-739-3970

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
THURMAN ELBERT MORGAN, * CASE NO PC 2022-431
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JOYCE SHAW, DENNIS MORGAN AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Thurman Elbert Morgan, Deceased, filed by Mitch Witcher, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, J. Bradley Wilson, has been scheduled for the 2nd day of March, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 4th day of January, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
M.D.W. * CASE NO: JU 2015-483.04
a minor child, DOB: 01-23-2015 *

NOTICE

The Petitioners having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Mother in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Biological Mother, Jamie Wood, of M.D.W, born on 01-23-2015, respond to the Petition by the 13th day of February, 2023 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Andria Sims, 300 First Avenue SE, Suite 104, Cullman, Alabama 35055, 256-775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 16 day of Dec, 2022.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 4th day of January, 2023.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JANUARY 14, 2023

COLUMN

You'll shoot your eye out – or something worse!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

It wasn't a Red Ryder like the one in "A Christmas Story," but there was a time in my young life when, like Ralphie, I just had to have a BB gun. Why my parents would even think about getting me one is still beyond belief, but when I consider that my father was a chemist who brought me anything I wanted from his laboratory, I shouldn't have been surprised. What's a few BBs when he's supplying me with sulfuric acid? So, on Christmas morning of my12th year, I discovered a Daisy BB gun underneath the tree.

It was beautiful. It looked like one of the Winchesters you see in an old John Wayne movie. Daisy called the model 1894 "a spitting image" of the gun that won the west. And it certainly won our neighborhood. The 1894 had more power than the Red Ryder. It would hold 50 BBs in the chamber and shoot them as fast as you could cock the lever. And I shot plenty. Squirrels and chipmunks ducked for cover when they saw me coming.

It wasn't long before I began using the 1894 for nefarious purposes. For example, soon after I got my rifle, the streetlight near our house suddenly stopped working. And I had to know how painful a shot from my BB gun would be.

So, my little sister Kay became the unknowing subject of that experiment. You can be sure that every little sister who has a big brother is going to be a Guinea pig.

A medium-distance shot caused a nice sized whelp on her leg, which in turn, resulted in a nice sized whelp on my butt after she ratted me out.

Mom also took away the rifle for several weeks, after reminding me that I could've shot my sister's eye out. Yes, she really said it. I suppose art really does imitate life.

Strangely, Kay remained interested in the BB gun. Over and over, she asked me if she could shoot it. I was pestered like only a little sister can.

Finally, I gave in. We went to our front steps, partially hidden from view by a large cedar bush. Then the devil took over my thoughts.

Satan said, "Oh, come on. Have some fun!" I readily agreed. Cocking the gun, I pushed it through the cedar branches and handed it to Kay. She eagerly put her finger on the trigger.

"Wait until I tell you to shoot," I said. She nodded. Soon, I saw one of our neighbors driving down the street. It was Mr. Fairley, in his nice blue Chevy truck. The perfect target. When he got in front of our house, I gave the command.

"Now!"

She pulled the trigger, and I heard the rifle spit air. Almost instantly, the driver's side window turned into a spider web, then fell into a million pieces on the street. In a second, it had completely vanished. It was like magic - black magic. Mr. Fairley stopped, and Kay and I bolted around the house to the basement.

I was terrified. I had no idea that Kay could even hit the truck, much less a window.

Plus, I didn't think that my BB gun could cause that kind of damage. Clearly, I was wrong on both counts. Soon we heard the doorbell ring, followed by some muffled conversation. Within a few minutes, we got our summons from the executioner.

"Joe, Kay! Get up here right now!" my father bellowed.

We slowly, dreadfully made our way up the steps and into my parents' bedroom. Mom and Dad waited.

My father couldn't even speak. He was just making growling sounds like a werewolf. His face was tomato red, and he glared at us with angry eyes that froze us in fear.

I had never seen him like this. His belt was already on the bed. There would be no plea bargains. Punishment would be harsh and swift. Dad walked toward me in furious silence with his arms extended - he looked like Frankenstein!

At that point I did what any red blooded 12-year-old facing such circumstances old would've done. I pointed to my sister and said, "She did it!"

Yes, I ratted. I squealed. I snitched. If I were in prison, I would be facing a shiv to the ribs - but I wouldn't have been facing an apoplectic father. I knew I was going to get a whipping, but maybe he would expend some of his energy on my sister, and mine wouldn't be so bad.

He turned, grabbed Kay by the shoulders and began to shake her.

"What did you do it for? What did you do it for?" he screamed.

Suddenly, my mother stepped in and said in a firm voice, "James, stop that right now."

He let go with a snort of disgust and stormed into the kitchen - probably to pour a snort. The bedroom was silent until Mom said, "Go to your rooms right now." We high-tailed it out of there.

The whippings never came. I think Mom stopped Dad for fear of what he might have done to us in such a fit of rage. Of course, I surrendered my BB gun and didn't see it again for a long while.

After months, mother fished it out of her closet and gave it to me after a stern 10-minute lecture, which ended when she said, "... and you could shoot somebody's eye out."

Not to mention a truck window.

Joe Hobby is a comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 12-13

Anessa Rhea Harbison White, 53
Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints. (Psalm 116:15) Beloved child of God, loving mother, precious sister and faithful friend. On Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, Anessa went home to be with her Heavenly Father. Anessa will be forever remembered by her radiant smile, her deep love for Jesus and her unmeasured kindness toward everyone she met. She would share that though she is absent from her earthly body, her spirit is now present with the LORD. She would encourage everyone to read the Bible and to "Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge (obey) Him and He will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5) She would tell us that Jesus was faithful and true to His promise that He would never leave her or abandon her, and that as she suffered through the challenges of this life, He was with her all the way. She would joyfully remind us that her favorite hymn was "Victory in Jesus" because it tells of the redeeming power of Christ and that regardless of what we face in life we can walk in Victory by choosing to live for Him. And she would share that her greatest parting desire would be for everyone to come join her in her new home in eternity by accepting Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior. Her mission was accomplished, and faith is now sight.

Judy Lee Cutcher, 79
Judy Lee Cutcher, 79, of Arley, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, at her residence. She was born Nov. 25, 1943, in Cullman, Alabama. Judy lived a life of giving and service, to her family, to her church, and her community. Her family was always her first priority, but they were especially her pride and joy. Her greatest joy was watching her children grow and then watching her grandchildren come into the world. Judy managed five chicken houses for 30 years, primarily by herself while raising three kids. Judy was also involved in her church, where she taught Sunday School and was involved in the vacation Bible school program from teaching to being the director. She had a true servant's heart. Judy was blessed with 15 grandkids that she adored and had a huge hand in raising. As if life couldn't get any sweeter, God added 10 great-grands to the herd. Of course, to Judy she felt blessed beyond measure. The legacy she leaves behind is long and full of love. Judy wasn't a world traveler, but she loved the beach and the smoky mountains to which she visited every chance she got. Judy was not what you would call an adventurer, but she was always up for anything the grandkids wanted to do. Her happiness was through them. Her life was lived for her family and her Lord which is evident from her beauty inside and out. She will be missed by many her on earth, but Heaven has gained a precious soul. Judy is survived by her son, Billy Joe Cutcher Jr; daughter, Teresa (Tommy) Jones; son, Ricky (Jamie) Cutcher; grandchildren, Kasey (Chris) Woods, Hannah (Cody) Cutcher-Terry, Blake (Caitlyn) Jones, Haley (Jake) Seymore, Garrett Cutcher, Ben (Sara) Cutcher, Dylan (Katie) Jones, Tyler Cutcher, Zeb (Anna) Cutcher, Gavin Jones, Emma Cutcher, Molly King, Graicen King, Aubrey Cutcher; great-grandchildren, Naomi Wissinger, Houston Seymore, Haven Jones, Alaina Cutcher, Brynlee Terry, Aliyah Cutcher, Henry Seymore, John Wheeler Terry, Thomas Matthew (TJ) Jones, Baby Jones; brother, JT (Myrl) Kilpatrick; sister-in-law, Shelby Kilpatrick; brother, Danny (Jackie) Kilpatrick; brother, Donnie (Brenda) Kilpatrick; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cecil E. and Dorothy A. Kilpatrick; husband, Billy Joe Cutcher; brother, Terry Kilpatrick; and grandson, Hunter Cutcher. A visitation will be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Addison, where the service will be held at 1 p.m. Brother Samuel Tucker and Brother Steton Hayes will officiate. Burial will follow in adjoining cemetery.

Charles Franklin Drake, 89
Charles Franklin Drake, age 89, of Vinemont, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023. Charles was born in Vinemont, Alabama. A visitation for Charles will be held Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral service will occur Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 920 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Flint Creek Cemetery, County Road 1354, Vinemont, AL 35179. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Drake family.

James Chalmer Tidwell, 43
James Chalmer Tidwell, age 43 of Scottsboro, passed away Jan. 3, 2023. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Mr. Tidwell was born July 30, 1979, in Cullman, AL to Chalmer Tidwell and Willie Nell Davis Tidwell. James loved classic cars and camping with his wife. He also loved spending time with his family. And he loved his Lord and Savior. Mr. Tidwell was preceded in death by his parents, Chalmer and Willie Nell Tidwell, whom he loved dearly. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Tidwell; stepson, Neil Kelley, sisters, Charlene Monk and husband Michael, Sheila Ann Hendershot and husband Warren, Glenda Nell Burruss and husband Allan and Patricia Sue McGee; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Leroy Pope, 81, of Holly Pond
Leroy Pope, 81, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Jan, 12, 2023. Mr. Pope was born July 9, 1941, in Cullman County, Alabama, to John and Lillian Speegle Pope. Mr. Pope is preceded in death by his parents. Those surviving Leroy includes his wife, Linda Bradley Pope; daughters, Johnna Hollingsworth (Greg), Celette Dean (Matt); grandchildren, Emree Dean, Chase Hollingsworth (Caroline), Calan Hollingsworth (Siarra); sons, Lloyd Pope (Sherryl), Heath Pope; granddaughters, Chanda Pope, Stormy Bartlett, Samantha Pope; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services for Mr. Pope will be 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Gary Nunn officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Sunday afternoon, from 2 p.m., until services begin. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Holly Pond Cemetery in memory of Mr. Pope. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pope family.

Nicholas Jay Mosley, 36
Funeral service for Nicholas Jay Mosley, 36, of Vinemont will, be at 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at Temple Baptist Church with interment in Crossroads Cemetery. Minister Josh Stancil will officiate. The family will receive friends at the church from noon until 2 p.m prior to the funeral at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mosley family. Mr. Mosley passed away Jan. 12, 2023, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Sept. 5, 1986, to Roger Dale and Kay Mosley. He was an amazing son, best brother to his friends, loving father to Khloe; friend to everyone he met, and cared about others before himself. He loved big and gave the best bear hug! He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his mother, Kay Mosley; daughter, Khloe Mosley and a host of friends that were like family.Pallbearers will be Caleb Bonds, Michael Ugarkovich, Nathan Brown, Tyler Skipper, Adam Joiner, Caleb Tubbs, Kyle Turner, Tyler Jones. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Carl Nathan Alexander, 72
Carl Nathan Alexander, age 72, of Wilson Bend Community, passed away Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born July 7, 1950. Carl is survived by his wife of 53 years, Barbara Ann Alexander; son, Carl Dewayne Alexander; daughter, Michelle (Gerald) Lyons; granddaughter, Destiny (Austin) Griffith; grandson, Tyler Manley; great granddaughter, Sienna Griffith; brother, Danny (Alisha) Alexander; sisters, Reba McLeod Jefferson and June (Dennis) Aderholt; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Madolyn Barnes Alexander; and father, Revis Alexander. The Alexander family will hold a memorial service at a later date.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Starting year number ten of writing

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This week I am beginning my tenth year of writing what you are now reading. The second week of January, in 2014, I wrote my first weekly column for The Opelika News. The editor of the paper at that time said, "We'll try it for a few weeks and see how it goes." He said, "Some people think they want to write a weekly column, but after a few months they can't think of anything else to say." I guess I've always had the gift of gab. He said, "Write us around 600-words each week of something uplifting, inspiring, and not too heavy." Now here we are starting my tenth year, so I guess it has gone pretty well. Amazingly, I still find more things to write about than I can use. People often ask me what my column is about. The simple answer to that question is life.

That new opportunity to write was not my first time to write a newspaper column, but it was my first time to write one every week. My late dear friend Chyron Wood was writing a column for The Cullman Tribune back then.

He told the editor of that paper that he should print my column each week. Soon afterward, that paper became the second one to run my column.

Through the following years, and even as recently as a few weeks ago, other newspapers have added my scribblings to their pages each week.

The most recent one was The Valley Times-News, which serves Valley and Lanett, Alabama, as well as West Point, Georgia. Since I am now serving as pastor at Lanier Baptist Church, in Lanett, I am especially glad to have that writing opportunity there.

Way back in the early 1980s, I wrote my very first newspaper column. I was living in Fort Payne at the time and a member of the Fort Payne Ministerial Association. On a rotating basis, one of us wrote a column for Fort Payne's Times Journal.

I don't remember now how often my time came around, but it was several times each year. I did the same kind of occasional writing when I lived in Southaven, Mississippi, for The DeSoto Times.

Ironically, Fort Payne's Times Journal is one of the 18 newspapers across the state that currently carries my column each week now. This includes towns as far north as Stevenson, as far south as Atmore, and all in between. Although I write periodically for a Christian magazine, and I have written 10 books including everything from my humorous Billy Bob stories, serious Christian novels, column collections, and illustrated children's stories, this column has been and still is my favorite writing activity.

Sometimes I enjoy browsing back through some of those old articles and remembering and reliving some of the happenings, like the Blizzard of 2014. I might be using a bit of writers' license with the word blizzard, but we rarely see snow way-down South, so 2 inches seems like a blizzard to us!

Anyway, thank you to The OA News for giving me that start back in 2014, and to all the other newspapers that have picked up my column since then.

Thank you to all my readers. I hear from many of you through email, on Facebook, and in person at stores, churches, or wherever. I love to find out my words have brightened someone's day a little and maybe even given them some encouragement. Please keep reading and I'll keep writing. I am blessed to have this opportunity to do what I love to do.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1964

From the files of 1964

Mrs. Clemons Father Dies Here Sunday

Robert Woods Blair, age 62, father of Mrs. L.H. Clemmons, died at the Cullman Hospital, on Sunday, after suffering a heart attack that same day.

Mr. Blair and his wife, of Leavenworth, Kansas, were guests of Doctor and Mrs. Clemmons and were planning to move here shortly.

His widow, one daughter, three grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Earl Witcraft, are his survivors.

Funeral services were held on February 17, at Seventh Street Baptist Church, with Reverend J. Gilbert Speake officiating and Moss Service directing interment.

Pallbearers were Doctor Frank Stitt, Doctor John T. Morris, Doctor W.J. Lovett, Bill Allen, Donald Giles and Fred Hale.

Bearcats Breeze Past Golden Eagles, 81-58

The Cullman Bearcats wrapped up the game, in the first half against Athens, last Friday and then coasted to a 81-58 victory.

The Bearcats built up a 44-23 halftime lead and then eased up, outscoring the losers only one point, in each of the last two periods.

Terry Chandler paced the Cullman attack with 25 points, while Tommy Carter's 20 were tops for the losers.

No fewer than ten Bearcats broke into the scoring column, Sherril Smith being the only member of the 11-man squad who failed to score.

The Cullman Bees continued their winning streak with a 51-36 victory. Doug Lovelace was top man with 22 points.

Etha News

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. South, were Mr. and Mrs. F.K. Richter and family, of Birmingham.

Sunday afternoon guests of the D.H. Johnsons, were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. O.W. South and Myra Absher.

Mrs. Annie Bennett visited Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Keller, on Sunday.

Eulas Dendy, formerly of this community, died of a heart attack, at his home, in Attalla, last Wednesday. Burial was in Pell City, on Friday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sovetis Dendy.

Fairview News

Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Holland, Rosemary and Theresia and Mrs. W.T. Tankersley, of Dothan, arrived on Saturday, at the bedside of their mother, Mrs. G.W. Mauldin, who is seriously ill.

New Hope North News

Reverend James Denney brought the sermon at the church here, on Sunday.

Walter Hill, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with J.W. Grant.

Linda and Gerald Grant, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Grant.

Johnny Webb sold 20 thousand chickens last weekend.

Mrs. Lillie Bell, of Ebenezer community, is ill with pneumonia.

Hillard Bell, of Ebenezer, is improving after several weeks illness.

POET'S CORNER

The Girl with a Pearl Earring | By: Randy C. Hale

The light bends around her well
this somber evening.
Final touches of weeks, days,
hours, filling the canvas with an
undying depiction.

She will move onto other
rooms, places, people, time.
Hue and shades changing,
clothes and turban fading.

Her mouth slightly opened,
as if she had something to say
mischievous,
with eyes unblinking
peering into the future,
a pose unceasing.

Left behind to be embraced,
adored, imagining the girl
with a pearl earring and what
she may have ever fancied,
what she may have ever
dreamed.



Girl with a Pearl Earring oil painting c.1665 by Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, 1632-1675

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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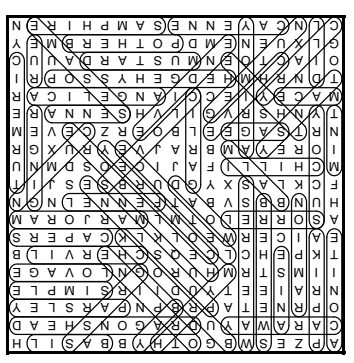
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Quilters (from Front)

and appreciated. It was magnificent!

"I took a class at the Agriplex and I needed something to keep my hands busy," shared Laurie Osborne.

"I met Hazel there and she invited me. I didn't have a clue about any of it. I had never quilted. That was four years ago.

"No one in my family sews. They're not crafty. Here there's a group of women with the same interest. We get to tap into their knowledge, which is really cool. I get inspired during show and tell and I love the camaraderie."

A little bit about me- I'm pretty crafty. I learned to crochet and embroider at 6. I know my way around some cross stitch and can do rudimentary sewing.

That's actually not true. I can sew fairly well, but I'm impatient.

Things need to be pressed and laid out just right and such.

Being patient isn't my jam. I drink too much coffee for that nonsense.

The challenge I'm embarking on this year is daunting. I am determined to make a quilt.

The goal isn't one of those amazing masterpieces I saw on Thursday night or anything like them.

My plan is to make my first (and only?) patchwork quilt with a bunch of squares hopefully sewn together and maybe relatively aligned. In this monthly series I'll be sharing my progress and my setbacks. I imagine the process won't be pretty but, with the help of the Heartland Quilt Guild, maybe my first quilt will be.

The Heartland Quilt Guilt meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church on St. Joseph Drive.



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