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CCBOE recognizes Vinemont InSPIRESS team

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) recognized Vinemont High School's Team RHAD for its historic win in December at the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Innovative System Project for the Increased Recruitment of Emerging STEM Students (InSPIRESS) competition. Members of the first and only all-girls team to win include Savannah Keel (lead design), Sadie Land (project manager), Faith Rusk (lead outreach), Kimberly Wilt (chief engineer) and Angela Harris (assistant outreach). The team sponsor is Shannon Bridges.

Instructors who recently earned their board certification were recognized as well.

They include:

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SHANNON BRIDGES

Members of Vinemont High School's InSPIRESS Team RHAD are, from left to right, Savannah Keel (lead design), Sadie Land (project manager), Faith Rusk (lead outreach), Kimberly Wilt (chief engineer), Angela Harris (assistant outreach) and Shannon Bridges (teacher).

'I will work every day... to seek justice and keep our community safe'

Crocker sworn in as new DA



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Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker is seen Saturday, Jan. 14.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County's new district attorney, Champ Crocker, was administered the oath of office Saturday by Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. The swearing-in ceremony, which took place at Cotton Creek Warehouse in downtown Cullman, was attended by many state and local leaders, including Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall; Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail; Hanceville Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Sawyer; Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons; Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick; and Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta.

"I want to sincerely thank the citizens of Cullman County for having the faith and confidence to allow me to serve as district attorney," Crocker said.

"I also want to thank everyone who took time to attend my swearing-in ceremony, and as I stated in my speech, my staff and I will work every day with our law enforcement officers to seek justice and keep our community safe."

Marshall said he thinks Crocker will be a leader among the state's district attorneys.

"There are 17 new DAs taking office across the state and that's the largest group we've ever had come into our state at one time and that's a great thing," he said. "We are really excited about what Champ is bringing to our association. We believe he will be a leader in our group and that's a great thing for the future."

Sheriff Gentry said he was honored to be in attendance and take part in the proceedings.

"I was very blessed to be among the speakers who were able to share and also to be a part of the transition in swearing in District Attorney Crocker," Gentry said. "I'm very excited for the future working relationship of law enforcement with the District Attorney's Office."

Members of Crocker's assistant district attorney staff and civilian staff were also sworn in on Saturday.

Commission on Aging sets 2023 schedule



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BEN JOHNSON SOUTH

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Marshall condemns FDA's 'illegal and dangerous decision to abandon restrictions on abortion-inducing drugs'

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorney General Steve Marshall on Friday led a coalition of 22 state attorneys general in sending a letter to the commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, Robert Califf, condemning the FDA's recent decision "to abandon its longstanding restrictions on the remote prescription and administration of abortion-inducing drugs."

"The Food and Drug Administration's decision to abandon commonsense restrictions on remotely prescribing and administering abortion-inducing drugs is both illegal and dangerous," the attorneys general wrote in the letter. "In direct contravention of longstanding FDA practice and congressional mandate, the FDA's rollback of important safety restrictions ignores both women's health and straightforward federal statutes. We urge you to reverse your decision.

"The authority to regulate abortion lies with the people and their elected representatives," the attorneys general continued. "In our states, we prioritize the health and safety of women and children and our laws reflect this. And in many states, including Alabama, elective abortion is illegal. . . . Our States will not yield to the Administration's radical pro-abortion policies."

A press release issued by Marshall's office said, "The letter details the serious risks associated with abortion-inducing drugs, which both state and federal laws and policies—including, until now, those of the FDA itself—have long recognized by imposing restrictions on their prescription and administration. But, in the wake of the Dobbs decision, 'the FDA announced a wholesale change to [its policy aimed at mitigating the dangers of such drugs].' The FDA's new policy is denounced by the attorneys general in no uncertain terms for 'prioritizing . . . pro-abortion policy over women's health,' which recklessly 'endanger[s] the lives of women' in addition to 'enthusiastically endanger[ing] the lives of unborn children.'"

"Though the FDA has abdicated its responsibility to protect women's health, we have not," the attorneys general concluded their letter. "To be crystal clear, you have not negated any of our laws that forbid the remote prescription, administration, and use of abortion-inducing drugs. The health and safety of our citizens—women and children included—is of paramount concern. Nothing in the FDA's recent changes affects how we will protect our people."

Marshall was joined in sending the letter by the attorneys general of the states of Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.



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Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall was in Cullman on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Schedule (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA) released its 2023 schedule of events for the area's senior citizens recently, allowing ample time for everyone to save the dates. The COA staff works year-round to plan for the events to ensure maximum fun for older people.

- April 5 - Easter Egg Hunt
- May 5 - Senior Day at Strawberry Festival
- May 10 - Older Americans Day
- July 14 - Cornhole Baseball Tournament
- Sept. 7 - Senior Health Fair
- Sept. 29 - Senior Day at Oktoberfest
- Oct. 11 - Senior Day at the Cullman County Fair (tentative)
- Dec. 8 - Senior Night at Winter Wonderland
- Dec. 15 - Senior Christmas Party

The Strawberry Festival and Oktoberfest have grown exponentially over the years with Depot Park and Festhalle bursting at the seams during the events.

The designation of Senior Days at the two crowded favorites allows the county's elders to participate in the celebrations.

The inaugural Cornhole Baseball Tournament was held in 2022 and far exceeded expectations with hundreds of competitive seniors vying for the championship.

COA made a note of the turnout and positive feedback and added the tournament to the 2023 schedule of events.

Christmas season sees two events, Senior Night at Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake and the Senior Christmas Party. The 2022 Christmas Party filled the event space at Stone Bridge Farms and organizers are tentatively looking for a bigger venue for the 2023 celebration.

For more information on the events or other services offered by COA, visit www.co.cullman.al.us/coa or call 256-734-1241.

Scholarships (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — For many students, attending college would not be a reality if not for grants and scholarships. While grants are needs based, scholarships are options for all students who meet specific criteria. The deadline for Wallace State Community College (WSCC) scholarships is Feb. 15. For WSCC Future Foundation scholarships, the deadline is March. 3.

Below are scholarship opportunities for WSCC students:

Presidential Scholarships
- Must be majoring in academic program of study
- Awarded for up to 16 credit hours per semester
- Factors include the combination of ACT composite score, cumulative GPA, completed scholarship application and a personal mission statement
- ACT score plus GPA must equal 30; scores will not be rounded up

Academic Excellence Scholarships
- Must be majoring in academic program of study
- Valued up to $1,500 per semester
- Factors include the combination of ACT composite score, cumulative GPA, completed scholarship application and a personal mission statement
- ACT score plus GPA must equal 27; scores will not be rounded up

Leadership Scholarships
- Must be majoring in academic program of study
- Valued up to $1,250 per semester
- Factors include the combination of ACT composite score, cumulative GPA, completed scholarship application, a personal mission statement and documentation of up to ten leadership and community service activities
- ACT score plus GPA must equal 24; scores will not be rounded up

Performing Arts Scholarships
- Awarded through an audition process
- Amount awarded varies
- Auditions are held during the spring semester
- Contact the Music Department at 256-352-8277 for specific dates and application information

Allied Health and Nursing Scholarships
- Must be majoring in a health care program
- $1,500 awarded per semester
- Factors include ACT composite score, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, participation in clubs and organizations and/or volunteer work in health care setting

Career Technical Scholarships
- Must major in technical program
- Scholarship amounts vary
- Factors include the combination of ACT composite score, cumulative GPA, completed scholarship application, a personal mission statement and technical achievement
- If scholarship is awarded, the student is required to take 75% of program of study classes per semester.
- If awarded a scholarship, you must take 75% of your classes in your major program of study per semester

GED Scholarships
- Awarded for one class tuition
- Upon successful completion of GED test, students qualify for a three-semester-hour, one-time scholarship award

Senior Adult Scholarship Program
- For students aged 60 and older who meet admission requirements
- Covers tuition for transitional and credit classes
- Limited number of scholarships available

Future Foundation scholarships-March 3 deadline
- Approximately 200 spots available
- Apply at www.wsccfuturefoundation.org

Scholarship applications must be completed online and applicants must be U.S. citizens. The link to scholarship applications and more information is available at www.wallacestate.edu/financial-aid/wscc-scholarships. The WSCC Financial Aid office can be reached at 256-352-8182 or financialaid@wallacestate.edu.

CCBOE (from Front)

- Good Hope High School (GHHS)

- Sara Kirkpatrick - Good Hope Elementary School (GHES)

- Monica Smith - Harmony School (HS)

- Kathy Dyer - Hanceville High School (HHS)

School board members received recognition and included Heath Allbright, Kenny Brockman, Mike Graves, Wayne Myrex, Kerry Neighbors, Shane Rusk and Gene Sullins.

The following resignations were accepted:
- Doyle E. Roberson - Central Office chief school financial officer

- Bobby Freeman - HS bus driver

- Kayla Beth Drake - Welti Pre-K Auxiliary teacher

The following leaves of absence were accepted:
- Emily Hope Vaughn - Fairview Elementary School (FES) teacher

- Jodie Renea Smith - Fairview High School (FHS) child nutrition worker

- Natasha Liann Holder - GHHS TEAMS teacher

The following voluntary transfers were accepted:
- Anita S. Nunn from GHHS Bus Driver to Good Hope Primary School (GHPS) Child Nutrition Worker

The following appointments were made:
- Courtney C. Speegle - FES teacher

- Alan Craig Jones - GHHS bus driver

- Tammy Renea McClendon - HS bus driver

- Brittnay Ann Komor - Parkside temporary teacher

- Tara Hunt - Systemwide speech/language pathologist

The following substitutes were approved:
- Maxwell Wade Shumaker - Bus driver

- Lindsie Marie Robertson - Nurse

- Deborah Allums Garrison - Teacher

- Rodney Darnell Spruill - Teacher

- Sarah Hogan Galvan - Teacher/CNP

The following long-term certified teacher substitutes were approved:
- Deborah Allums Garrison - Teacher

- Kalie Brooke McSwain - Teacher

The following contract and/or salary changes were approved:
- Jeffery Shane Carter - Upgrade to education specialist

- Courtney Lynn Coots - Upgrade to education specialist

- Hayden Leigh Voce - Upgrade to education specialist

- Sonda M. McCain - Harmony school secretary

The following non-faculty coaches were approved:
- Sarah Beth Finley - Parkside volleyball and middle school girls' basketball volunteer

The following financial requests were approved:
- Pay Ed Roberson temporarily part time, as needed to perform CSFO duties until the position is filled and to train the new CSFO at his regular hourly rate of pay

- Pay William Johnson $1,250 stipend for extra duties associated with the school band, paid by the Cold Springs Band Boosters

- Pay Stacey Gardner $500 for assistant softball coaching duties from the 2022 season, paid by the Fairview High School Softball Boosters

- Pay Donald Lynn $500 and Steven Harbison $500 for extra duties associated with coaching West Point Middle School basketball, paid by local school funds

- Pay tutor $40 per hour effective by ESSER funds: West Point Intermediate – Kate Crider

The following field trips were approved:
- Cold Springs Elementary School first grade to Chattanooga for aquarium visit on March 14

- West Point High School to Chicago for Scholar's Bowl National Championship Tournament April 26-30

The following bids were accepted:
- Vinemont High School Media Center Addition awarded to Coston General Contractors for $1,690,516

- Hanceville High School New Home Economics and Agriculture building to Blalock Building Company for $3,875,500

Dates to remember
- County Basketball Tournament- Jan. 21-28

- Friday, Feb. 3- Progress reports go home

The next school board meeting will be held at the Cullman Area Technology Academy, 17640 U.S. Highway 31 N, on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 3:30 p.m. followed by an open house.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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
• 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.
• Wednesday, Jan. 18 - 7 p.m. Children, youth, and adult "RULES of ENGAGEMENT," Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Thursday, Jan. 19 - 10 a.m. Prayer meeting
• Friday, Jan. 20 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink @ 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Saturday, Jan. 21 - Food Bank from 9-11 am.
• Sunday, Jan. 22 - 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. 22 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.
• Saturday, Jan. 28 - Toni Pearson will be speaking at Cornerstone Church at 3pm and it would be great if we could all go and support her. Food will be served from 2 - 3pm. 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

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PREP BASKETBALL

Bearcats, Raiders, Lady Raiders collect wins at MLK Classic

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — This year's MLK Day Classic at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum featured three ranked, local teams and all three of them collected big wins. The top-ranked 4A Lady Raiders improved to 23-0 with a 57-41 win over Clements, the eighth-ranked Raiders pulled away to top Decatur in overtime and No. 2 in Class 6A, Cullman, capped things off with an 80-50 win over Pleasant Grove.

Good Hope 57 – Clements 41 (Varsity Girls)

The Lady Raiders started their game with Clements about as well as you can. Heather Tetro was fouled on a made three-pointer and she knocked down the free throw to make it 4-0 just a few seconds into the opening period. Ivey Maddox followed that up with back to back threes of her own and Good Hope was up 10-0 just one minute into the game. Another trey from Maddox put the Lady Raiders in front 13-2 and Rudi Derrick laid one in later in the first to make it a 15-6 game. Another basket by Maddox and another three-pointer from Heather Tetro gave Good Hope a 20-11 lead and Maddox's fourth three-pointer of the quarter made it 23-13 with two minutes remaining in the first. Charly Johnson capped off an explosive first quarter with a layup at the buzzer and the Lady Raiders went into the second leading 25-13.

Points were tougher to come by in the second quarter. Baskets by Derrick and Bailey Tetro kept Good Hope ahead 29-15 with five minutes to play in the first half and after a long scoring drought for the Lady Raiders, Bailey got another shot to fall with 1:30 on the clock to make it a 31-21 game at halftime.

A jumper by Johnson kept Good Hope in front 36-28 midway through the third quarter and after being fouled on a three-point attempt, Bailey Tetro drained three free throws to make it 39-28. A basket by Derrick gave the Lady Raiders a 41-30 lead with one minute remaining in the third and Maddox netted a pair of free throws with three seconds on the clock to make it a 43-32 game going into the fourth quarter.

Maddox's fifth three-pointer of the game stretched the lead to 46-34 early in the fourth and after Derrick added a pair of free throws, Bailey Tetro drilled a three of her own to make it 51-35 with five minutes to play.

Baskets by Johnson, Derrick and Heather Tetro stretched the lead to 57-39 with just two minutes remaining and the Lady Raiders were able to extend their winning streak to 23 games with a 57-41 win over Clements.

Maddox led the way with 19 points in the win, followed by Bailey Tetro with 12, Derrick with 11, Heather Tetro with nine and Johnson with six. Good Hope will be back home Tuesday night to host Skyline.

Good Hope 62 – Decatur 51 (OT) (Varsity Boys)

Baskets by Weston Hancock and Colton Lindsey gave the Raiders a quick, 4-0 start in the opening period and K'mal Bell split a pair of free throws to make it 5-0.

Lindsey buried a three-pointer to make it an 8-2 game and Bell laid one in to stretch the lead to 10-2 midway through the first quarter. Buckets from Eli Clements and Tyler Cone kept Good Hope in front 14-4 late in the period and after Lindsey split a pair of free throws, the Raiders went into the second leading Decatur 15-8.

Clements and Bell each scored to make it a 19-12 game early in the second quarter but the Red Raiders were able to trim the lead to 19-15 with about four minutes to play in the half. Lindsey drained a pair of free throws and Jacob Haynes scored inside to put Good Hope in front 23-19 with less than a minute remaining in the second but Decatur added a basket just before the buzzer to cut the lead to 23-21 going into the halftime break.

Cone laid one in to put Good Hope in front 25-21 at the start of the third quarter but the Red Raiders responded and tied things up at 25 with five minutes to play in the period. Lindsey drained a pair of free throws and Cone and Hancock each scored to rebuild a 31-25 lead for the Raiders late in the third and Bell added a free throw with 30 seconds on the clock to put Good Hope on top 32-27 going into the final frame.

After another bucket from Cone, Bell scored on back to back possessions to give the Raiders a 39-34 lead early in the fourth. Haynes laid one into to make it a 41-34 game around the four-minute mark and after a three by Decatur on the other end, Hancock knocked down a jumper to make it 43-37.

Another Haynes basket kept Good Hope in front 45-37 with three minutes remaining but the Red Raiders were able to battle back and bring the lead down to 45-42 with two minutes to play. Leading 45-43 with 20 seconds on the clock, Clements blocked a potential game-winning three-point attempt but a steal by the Red Raiders led to an easy basket and tied the game at 45 in the final seconds, sending us to overtime.

Bell drilled back to back threes to put Good Hope back in front 51-47 early in the overtime period and Cone converted and and-one play at the free throw line to make it 54-49 with two minutes to play.

Baskets by Clements and Cone kept the Raiders ahead 58-51 as overtime went on and Lindsey and Haynes each added free throws to put things away. Good Hope held on to defeat Decatur 62-51.

Bell led the Raiders with 17 points in the win. Cone finished with 15, Lindsey posted 11, Haynes scored seven and Hancock and Clements each added six.

Good Hope will return home Thursday to take on Fultondale.

Cullman 80 – Pleasant Grove 50 (Varsity Boys)

A pair of early steals led by Nate Zills and Garrison Sharpe led to a couple of easy baskets for Tucker Cagle and Sam Duskin, giving Cullman a 4-0 start over the Spartans. Sharpe scored inside to keep the Bearcats in front 6-4 and three-pointers by Colton Echols and Kase Nixon made it a 12-6 game midway through the opening period.

Landon Tweedie laid one in to add to the lead and back to back buckets by Cagle put the 'Cats ahead 18-8 with one minute remaining in the first. Evan Wilson scored one more basket for Cullman at the buzzer and the Bearcats went into the second quarter leading 20-8. Seven different Cullman players scored in the first quarter.

Another basket from Echols and a pair of Cagle free throws made it 25-14 early in the second. Echols buried another three stretch the lead to 28-14 midway through the second.

Cagle laid another one in, and Arden Crane knocked down a three to make it a 33-16 game. Later in the period, Sharpe drained a deep three-pointer to put the Bearcats in front 37-19 and Zills sank a pair of free throws in the final 30 seconds of the half to give Cullman a 39-19 advantage at the break.

A flurry of turnovers and easy baskets allowed the Bearcats to build a 51-23 lead just three minutes into the third quarter. Crane buried another three to make it 54-26 and a pair of Echols free throws stretched the lead to 56-28.

Another Cagle basket put Cullman in front 59-37 with one minute remaining in the third and Tyler Tankersley sank a pair of free throws just before the buzzer to make it a 21-40 game going into the fourth.

Jake Dorough netted three free throws and Crane scored inside to extend the lead to 66-43 early in the final frame.

Duskin drilled a three to make it 69-44 with five minutes to play and another bucket from Crane made it 72-46 later in the period. Wilson then scored on four straight possessions for the Bearcats to wrap up an 80-50 victory over the Spartans.

Cagle led Cullman with 17 points in the win, followed by Echols with 11, Wilson and Crane with 10, Duskin with eight and Dorough and Sharpe with seven. All 12 players on the roster recorded at least one point in the win.

Cullman will be back home at Bearcat Arena Thursday night to host Paul Bryant.



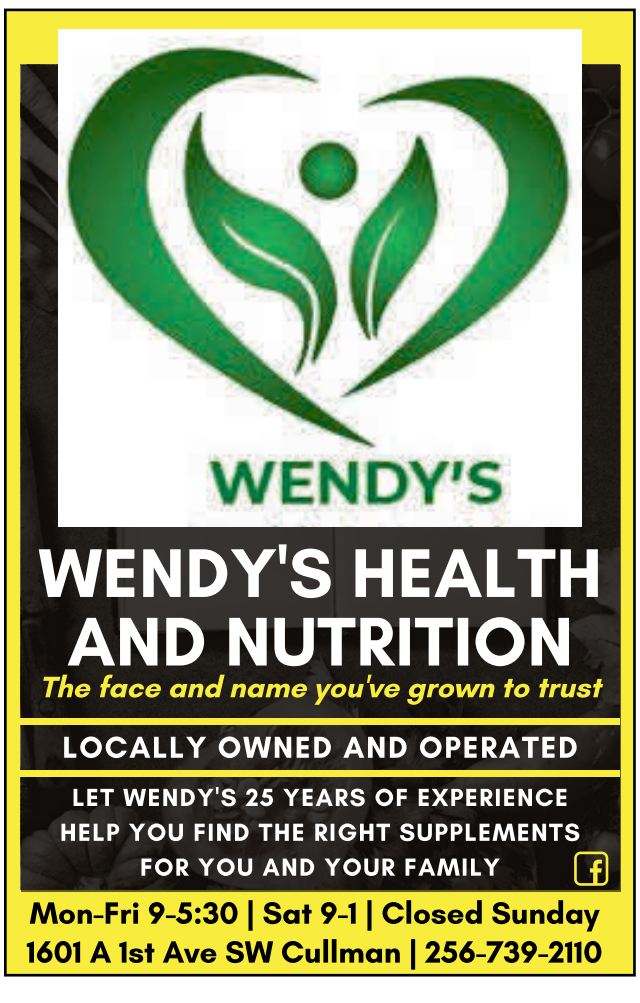
MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Tucker Cagle led the Bearcats with 17 points in their 80-50 win over Pleasant Grove Monday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Ivey Maddox led the Lady Raiders with 19 points in their 57-41 win over Clements Monday.





Alabama routs LSU 106-66 to earn largest win over LSU in program history

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The No. 4/4 Alabama men's basketball team continued its winning ways in dominant fashion Saturday afternoon, routing LSU by 40 points, 106-66, in front of a sold-out crowd inside Coleman Coliseum. It was the largest victory in program history for the Tide over LSU and the most over an SEC-opponent since Alabama's 94-53 win over Auburn on March 2, 2005.

The Crimson Tide improved to 15-2 on the season with the win, including 5-0 in SEC play and 9-0 at home. Meanwhile, LSU, which entered the game receiving votes to be ranked, fell to 12-5 on the year and 1-5 in the league.

The Tide never trailed against the Tigers as freshman sensation Brandon Miller scored 22 of his 31 points in the opening half. It marked Miller's second 30-point game of the season and his sixth game surpassing the 20-point mark. Mark Sears, Rylan Griffen and Jahvon Quinerly all contributed 12 points, with Nick Pringle adding 10 to give Alabama five players in double-digits.

Head Coach Nate Oats' postgame comments
"I Challenged our guys before the game to make sure that we were ready to go out of the gate, we need to play harder than them (LSU). I thought our rebounding to start the game was outstanding. At one point earlier in the game the second chance points were 18 to three. Obviously, we took a lot of threes but a lot of them came after an offensive board. Our defensive in the first half, offensive rebounding, a lot of effort stuff that's what I was most happy. Mentally, we told the guys our focus is going to be on rebounding and the offense will take care of itself, let's make sure we play our blue-collar points that we chart, we doubled them in the game. We were trying to focus on those areas in the game and then to not turn the ball over and our offense will take care of itself, and it took care of itself tonight."

First half
- The Crimson Tide's offense overwhelmed the Tigers in the opening half, opening a 37-point halftime lead (59-22)
- Alabama outrebounded the Tigers 26-14, scoring 18 second-chance points to LSU's three
- Alabama's 59 first half points is the most points that the Tide has scored in the first half this season, topping the 51 points in the opening stanza against Jacksonville State (11/18)
- Brandon Miller scored 22 points in the opening 20 minutes, shooting 8-of-11 from the field and 6-of-9 from beyond the arc
- Alabama shot 50 percent (21-of-42) from the field in the period while only turning the ball over three times
- The Crimson Tide's 14 three-pointers in the first half are the most in a half this season
- UA's bench outscored the Tigers 20-2
- LSU shot 25 percent (8-of-31) to score the lowest number of points in the first half this season
- The Crimson Tide recorded out 12 first half assists, with Jaden Bradley leading the way with five

Second half
- The Tide lead never got any lower than 33 points
- Nick Pringle scored nine second half points and grabbed four offensive rebounds in his 10 minutes of action
- Alabama dished out seven second half assists, with all seven coming from different UA players
- The Crimson Tide produced nine points from 11 forced turnovers in the period
- Alabama shot 86 percent (13-of-15) from the free throw line in the second half
- Senior walk-on Adam Cottrell made his first career three-pointer in the closing minutes of the game

Up next
- Alabama will travel to Nashville, Tenn. to face the Vanderbilt Commodores Tuesday at Memorial Gymnasium
- The game will tip-off at 7:30 p.m. and air live on SEC Network

For all the latest information on the team, follow AlabamaMBB on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. General athletic news can be found @UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and Alabama Athletics on Facebook.

Jaylin Williams scores season high, No. 21 Auburn beats MSU 69-63

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Jaylin Williams scored a season-high 21 points to lead No. 21 Auburn to a 69-63 victory over Mississippi State Saturday, the Tigers' 28th consecutive win at Neville Arena.

"Jaylin Williams, one of the best games I've ever seen him play," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "It was as hard and as physical as I've ever seen him play. If you want to give anybody credit for winning that game, give it to Jaylin Williams."

Williams started hot, making his first four shots including a trio of 3-pointers to stake Auburn to a 13-6 lead.

"My teammates trusted me. They're always telling me to shoot the ball," said Williams, who made 5 of 7 3-pointers.

Allen Flanigan added a pair of 3-pointers in the half, beating the buzzer to give Auburn a 30-22 halftime lead. Starting in place of Chris Moore, who missed the game with a shoulder injury, Flanigan scored 10 points and tied Williams for the team lead with seven rebounds

The senior southpaws scored 23 of Auburn's 30 first-half points, combining to make 9 of 13 shots and 5 of 8 3-pointers.

Auburn made 11 of 25 3-pointers, a 44-percent clip, while the Bulldogs misfired on all 18 of their 3-point attempts.

State used a 6-0 run to cut Auburn's lead to 50-45 before Flanigan grabbed a defensive rebound and drove coast-to-coast for an authoritative dunk, then made a steal and assisted Zep Jasper for a 3-pointer that restored the Tigers' lead to 10 points.

A late rash of Auburn turnovers and missed shots opened the door for State to trim the Tigers' lead to 57-53 with 2:34 to play.

Wendell Green Jr. took over from there, hitting a deep 3-pointer from well beyond the top of the key, making a steal and layup, and hitting seven consecutive free throws to secure Auburn's victory. Green scored 14 of his 17 in the second half.

"All of a sudden now the game is ours," Pearl said of Green's sequence. "Making plays on both ends of the floor. It's what you have to do to win."

"I'm experienced. Coach trusts me out there," Green said. "I have experience from last year. My guys expect me to take care of the ball at the end of the game and make my free throws. It's what's expected."

Tolu Smith scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Mississippi State (12-5, 1-4).

Auburn (14-3, 4-1) hits the road for its next two games beginning Wednesday at LSU at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN2.

"We feel good, we're getting in that groove," Green said. "We want to keep finding a way to win no matter what."

Mississippi State postgame notes
For the first time this season, Auburn started Wendell Green Jr., Zep Jasper, Allen Flanigan, Jaylin Williams and Johni Broome (1-0). Chris Moore did not start or suit up due to a right shoulder injury from the Ole Miss game.

With the win, Auburn claimed its 81st victory in the all-time series with Mississippi State. The Tigers are now on a five-game win streak in the series.

All three of the last home games in the series have been decided in single digits (+6) in 2023, (+7) in 2021 and (+5) in 2019.

Jaylin Williams scored 13 of Auburn's first 15 points in the ballgame against Mississippi State. He scored 15 of his game-and season-high 21 points in the first half. Williams also shot a season-best 5-for-7 from long range. It was the most for Williams in the first half this season ahead of 14 first-half points at Washington. It marked his eighth game this season in double figures and four career 20-point outing.

The Auburn defense held Mississippi State to the second-fewest first-half points by an opponent this season (22 points). The Tigers previously held Northwestern to 19 first-half points and Washington to 23 first-half points. It was tied as the second-fewest first-half points for MSU.

AU, which ranks No. 4 nationally in 3-point field-goal percentage defense (.270), held MSU to 0-for-18 shooting from beyond the arc. It was the first time this season to hold an opponent to zero threes made.

Both the Tigers and Bulldogs did not go to the free throw line in the first half of play. It was the first time for that to happen in an AU game all season.

Allen Flanigan extended his double-digit scoring streak to four-straight games with 10 points and seven rebounds against Mississippi State.

Wendell Green Jr. recorded his third-straight double-figure game with 17 points including another perfect night from the free throw line (7-for-7) versus Mississippi State. He has gone 18-for-18 over the last two SEC games for the Tigers.

Senior walk-on Lior Berman contributed a season-high tying three points and season-best three rebounds in 13 minutes of action off the bench against MSU. It was one rebound short of his career high.

The Tigers drained a season-high 11 3-pointers against Mississippi State. The team's previous high was Colgate (10-for-22) on Dec. 2.

Auburn has now won 28-straight home games at Neville Arena – the second-longest home-court win streak in the country behind Gonzaga (75) and the longest in the SEC.

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

Siobhan Lopez
Contributor

MANCHESTER, NH – Ashley Marta of Cullman has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2022 President's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Caleb Partain of Cullman has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring and summer.

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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 *
BRAD H. TAYLOR, * CASE NO PC 2023-002
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **TONYA C. PALMER,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **BRAD H. TAYLOR**, deceased, on the 13th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tonya C. Palmer
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney/ Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue, SW
Cullman, Alabama, 35055

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
DELORES W. CORNELIUS) Case No.: PC-2022-425
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Ronald Steven Cornelius as Personal Representative of the Estate of Delores W. Cornelius, deceased, on the 30th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Ronald Steven Cornelius
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Delores W. Cornelius, deceased

TO: The Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

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

Beverly Paschal Poston,
Attorney for the Estate of
Delores W. Cornelius, deceased.
200 1st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: **CASE NO. PC-2022- 230**
Estate of DEIRL H. BAKER

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Janet Vintson, Personal Representative on the 6th day of January, 2023 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Janet Vintson
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting, HAS016
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 517
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Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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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 *
JAMES CLAYTON FISHER, JR., * CASE NO.:PC 2022-450
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **BRANDON C. LITTLE,** as Administrator of the Estate of **JAMES CLAYTON FISHER, JR.**, deceased, on the 13th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brandon C. Little
Administrator

Brandon C. Little
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
405 2nd Avenue, SW
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

JOHNNY ALBRIGHT)
)
PLAINTIFF,)
)
VS.)
) CASE NO.: SM- 2022- 900049.00
TINA BRYANT, and)
HEATHER SIMMONS,)
)
DEFENDANT.)

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

NOTICE TO the following Defendant:

HEATHER SIMMONS

You are hereby advised that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Failure to Pay Rent by Agreement requesting damages.

The aforesaid Defendant, Heather Simmons, must answer said complaint by 3/2/23 or, thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendant in the Cullman County, Alabama District Court Case No. DV-2022- 900049.00

Done this the 6th day of Jan., 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, Clerk
Circuit Court of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Beverly Paschal Poston
200 First Avenue Se
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-3970

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

PHILIP KEITH DAVIS, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2022-404

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF PHILIP KEITH DAVIS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Karla Gail McAllister on the 6th 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.

Karla Gail McAllister, 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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: **CASE NO. PC-2022- 231**
Estate of DELWYN G. BAKER

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Janet Vintson, Personal Representative on the 6th day of January, 2023 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

Janet Vintson
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting, HAS016
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Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

ORDINANCE NO. 2023 - 09
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

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

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Bark-ley Plumbing Contractors, Inc.
PPIN: 28034. Parcel No.: 17-07-26-2-001-001.000.
Property Address: Bolte Road and Old Hanceville Highway.
Legal Description:
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COMMENCE AT A FOUND BAR MARKING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1509571.86', E 2170996.26' AND RUN THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, GRID, A DISTANCE OF 790.85 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 7.46 FFET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF BOLTE ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST AND RUN ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 207.98 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831) MARKING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 144.42 FEET TO A FOUND PIPE MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID SOUTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE WITH THE WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF OLD HANCEVILLE HIGHWAY; THENCE SOUTH 31 DEGREES 45 MINUTES 30 SECOND EAST AND RUN ALONG SAID WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 246.14 FEET TO A FOUND REBAR; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 14 SECOND WEST, A DISTANCE OF 274.09 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 208.86 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.
within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as M-1 Manufacturing District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from M-2 Manufacturing District to B-2 Business District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 9th day of January, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this the 9th day of January, 2023. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 9th day of January, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Relay For Life of Cullman County announces 2023 anniversary event

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Relay For Life of Cullman County will return to Depot Park in downtown Cullman on Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 5-10 p.m. for its 30th anniversary relay.

Relay For Life celebrates cancer survivors, remembers those lost to the disease and raises funds to support patients and find cures. Cullman has participated in Relay For Life since 1994, contributing over $1 million to the cause.

"Cancer diagnosis has come a long way; many more of those diagnosed with cancer are surviving because of the money that has been raised by Relay For Life for researchers," said event team leadership chairperson Helen Allen.

"But there is still so much to be done, those researchers work daily to finance the dreams of all of us, to eradicate cancer.

"So please help in this fight, for those who have been diagnosed, and for those who will be diagnosed in the future until a cure is found."

The committee will host a kick-off meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Cullman First Baptist Church, 501 Second Ave. SW. Anyone interested in taking part as a team, volunteer or sponsor is welcome to attend the meeting.

Allen said, "With Covid taking the toll on all walks of life, Relay For Life, cancer patients and the fight against cancer have been among those who have suffered greatly.

"This fight needs you more than ever, so we ask you to search your hearts and find a way to help stop cancer in its tracks. This can only be done by a community banding together in financing researchers and patient services.

"Please consider forming a team, if you cannot form a team, give a donation to Relay or become a sponsor, any way you feel you can help in this fight."

Plans for the 2023 event include live entertainment, food trucks, children's activities and more.

Relay For Life of Cullman County is a local volunteer-led effort to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The Society supplies millions of dollars each year in cancer research, patient support, prevention information and education, and detection and treatment programs.

"Education, prevention and early detection are so important when it comes to defeating cancer," Allen said.

"A cancer diagnosis is devastating no matter what stage, but when it's caught early, patients are lucky because in most cases they can avoid the treatments and procedures we all fear and have a much greater chance of survival.

"And research can help lead to more tests to catch cancer earlier and better ways to treat cancer. We must continue to support their efforts so that our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren can benefit in the future."

To register a team, join a team, make a donation or for more information, visit www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal or contact Helen Allen at 256-709-4019 or helenma1941@gmail.com.

For more information about the American Cancer Society, including access to 24/7 assistance, visit www.cancer.org or call 800-227-2345.

Obituary Announcements: Jan 14 - 16

Annie Christine Bankston, 86
Annie Christine Bankston, age 86, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at her residence. Christine was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Moulton, Alabama. She loved her grandchildren and loved spending time with them. Christine loved to sew and designed drapes and she loved being a home maker. A visitation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Homes in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Winston Memorial. Brother Dylan Scott will officiate. Christine is survived by her son, Jeff Bankston; daughter, Elizabeth Bankston; sister, Oralee Vess; four grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Bankston; parents, Odis and Minnie Hood; sister, Hilda Vess; brothers, Junior Hood, Oneal Hood and Ray Hood.

Larry Edwin Bishop, 77
Larry Edwin Bishop, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away Jan. 12, 2023, at the age of 77. Mr. Bishop was born to William and Lily Tracy Bishop on Aug. 22, 1945. Larry was a member of the Holly Pond Broncos Class of 1963 and received several certifications following high school in his field of employment. Mr. Bishop worked many years as a construction foreman. Larry was a loving husband and father and his life revolved around his family. He attended every sporting event, horse show, or activity his children and grandchildren participated in. Larry was a proud "Pops" and he made certain his babies knew he loved them. Mr. Bishop is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Nancy Butts Bishop; son, Gregory Bishop; brother, James Bishop; and sister, Faye Bishop. He is survived by his son, Kevin Edwin Bishop; grandchildren, Cassandra Raley (Brandon), Brandon Woods (Alyssa); great-grandchildren, Bradley Woods, Emeri Raley, Olivia Raley, Ellie Raley, Analysse Woods; great-niece and nephews, Ivey Lynn, Evan Hill, Elijah Horton. Funeral services for Mr. Bishop were held Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Billy Vaughn officiated. Burial in Holly Pond Cemetery where Bradley Woods, Lynn Butts, Hugo Cader, Brandon Woods, Brandon Raley, Dale Hamm, and David Hamm will serve as pallbearers with honorary pallbearers Tim Butts and the J.B. Pennington football team. The Bishop family would like to extend a special thank you to their family, friends, community, and the J.B. Pennington football coaches and players for their love and support over the past several days. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated greatly. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bishop family.

Shelly Renea White, 44
We are sad to announce the untimely death of Shelly Renea White, age 44, of Cullman, AL, who passed away Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at Whitfield Regional Hospital. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Funeral services for Mrs. White will be Friday, Jan. 20, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation for the White family will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. She was known by many of her loved ones as "Shelly Bean" or just "Bean." Survivors include her husband, David White; her daughter, Maddie White; her son, Dalton White; her granddaughter, Stella White; her parents, Bruce and Deborah Holder; her brother, Daniel Holder; and her nieces, Jada and Allie Holder. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Ovie and Martha Nell Quick; grandparents Sherman and Mary Holder; great grandmother Inez Brown; and a host of aunts and uncles.

Darrel 'Doc' Holcombe, 86
Darrel 'Doc' Holcombe, 86, of Cullman, passed away Jan., 14 2023, at River City Nursing Home in Decatur, AL. He was born to George Ivey and Lois Henry on Oct. 6, 1936, in Holly Pond, Alabama. He was a 1955 graduate of Holly Pond High School. He was married to Mavel Gwen Holcombe for 59 years and was a member of Northside Baptist Church where he served as deacon for many years. He was an avid woodworker and spent his spare time building furniture in his shop. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from noon until the Celebration of Doc's life that will begin at 1 p.m. Reverend Dennis Trimble will be officiating, with graveside services to follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Mr. Holcombe is survived by his sister; Jane (Don) Bates, his daughter-in-law; Mary Fannin Holcombe, his grandchildren; Emily (Cody) McCluskey and Christy (Sonny) Keeble and three great grandchildren; Joshua Keeble, Michael Keeble and Ethan McCluskey. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Ivey and Lois Henry Holcombe, his brothers; George I Holcombe Jr., James (Jim) Holcombe, Wayne Holcombe, his sisters; Faye Holcombe Walker, Melba Holcombe Reid, Charlotte Holcombe Torbert-Crook, his wife, Gwen Martin Holcombe and two children; David Holcombe and Dwight Holcombe. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family.

Carl Dean McCoy Weaver, 85, of Cullman
Mrs. Carl Dean McCoy Weaver, age 85, of Cullman, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023. Preceded in death by her husband, James David Weaver and her granddaughter, Brittany Dean Johnson. She is survived by her children: Karen Weaver Walker, Katherine Weaver Johnson, David DeWayne Weaver and Charles Daniel Weaver; 9 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. The family received friends Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, until the celebration of Mrs. Weaver's life which began at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Everett Richard Neves Jr., 73
Everett Richard Neves Jr., age 73, of Cullman, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023, at his residence. He was born Feb. 17, 1949, in Newport, Rhode Island. He was hard working and a strong man, truly one of a kind. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. The family will hold a private memorial service later in the week. Richard is survived by his wife, Laura Elam Neves; children, Angie (Ricky) Peek, Jake (Kristen) Neves, Jeremy Roberts, Jamie Roberts (Ellis) Machuca and Josh (Jessica) Roberts; grandchildren, Kim Tolbert and Bailey Tolbert; Morgan, Patrick and Emily Neves; Gracie and Brodie Roberts; Dominic, Damian and Darrian Machuca; Cash and Connor Roberts. He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett Richard and Isabel Sylvia Neves.

Chad Steven Bennett, 50
Memorial service for Chad Steven Bennett, age 50, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bennett passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2022, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born May 4, 1972, to Jerry Wayne Storey and Sue Hyatt. He was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Wayne Storey. Survivors include his mother, Sue (Danny) Hyatt; sons, Logan (Abby) Yancy and Tucker Yancy; sisters, Amy (Franklin) Drinkard and Sherry Woodard; brother, Scotty (Hannah) Bennett; wife, Teresa Burns Bennett; nephew, Cody (Shea) Rowell; niece, Rebecca Holcombe; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, family and friends.

Cassondra Hale Bowen, 67
Cassondra Hale Bowen passed away on Jan. 15, 2023, at the age of 67. Cassondra was born Sept. 30, 1955. She was a graduate of Cullman High School in 1973 and attended Wallace State Community College. She worked at the Cullman County court house and later as a secretary to a local lawyer. While working as an Executive Assistant at Nicholson Files, she met and married her beloved husband of 42 years before moving to Gardendale, Alabama where she would live her adult life. She was a member of the Gardendale church of Christ. Cassondra was truly a help and servant to others. She was a dedicated wife, mother and an ever present support in all of her children's activities. She is preceded in death by her father Charles Mack Hale and her grandparents, John Solomon and Pernie Beatrice (Umphrey) Reese and Eddieth Carl and Lillie Mae (White) Hale. She is survived by her husband Rick Bowen, son Austin Bowen, daughter Lacey Golden (David) along with beloved grandsons Bowen and Brady. Mother Carolyn Reese Hale and brother, Steven Charles Hale (Stacy) and sister, Sabrina Joy Hale. Nephews Tyler (Shelby) with twin great nephews Ari and Oliver and nephews Jacob (Stephanie) and nephew Jackson Hale. Funeral services will be held in Gardendale on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel. Visitation 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. with service at 2 p.m. Graveside to follow at Oakwood Memorial Gardens. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ridoutsgardendale-chapel.com for the Bowen family.

Helen Pruett Glasscock, 88
Helen Pruett Glasscock, age 88, passed away Saturday, Jan. 14, 2023. She was born on Dec. 16, 1934, to Tom Watson and Clara Federer Pruett. She is preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Frances Williams and Betty Couey; and a brother, Carl Pruett. Helen was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, whose memory is cherished by her family. She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Kenneth Glasscock; three daughters: Debra Kreps, Mary (David) Mayo and Melanie Glasscock; six grandchildren: Maria Faulkner, Daniel Kreps, Thomas (Lauren) Kreps, Benjamin (Jena) Mayo, William (Jessica) Mayo and Sarah (Nathan) Harris; 12 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by two brothers: Cecil (Myrna) Pruett and Chester (June) Pruett. She was a longtime faithful member of Oak Level Baptist Church where she served in many capacities. Helen began her teaching career in the English department of St. Bernard College in the fall of 1966 and continued with St. Bernard Preparatory School until her retirement in May 2019. She was a passionate teacher who loved and cared for her students and pushed them to reach their potential. The family received friends at Moss Service Funeral Home, Monday evening, Jan. 16, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The celebration of Mrs. Glasscock's life will be Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home chapel with burial to follow at Oak Level Baptist Church cemetery. The family would like to give a special thank you to Sharon Bennett, RN and all the staff of Cullman Regional Medical Center Hospice. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Joyce Marie Coggin, 83
Joyce Marie Coggin, age 83, of Cullman, passed away Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, at the Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on Jan. 8, 1940. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur and Ruth Cornelius Pettit; daughter, Angie Dingler; brother, Dale Pettit. Joyce leaves to cherish her memory by her husband, Richard Coggin; children, Marshall (Beth) Eskew, Karen (Don) Collette and Shirley (Greg) Hayes; son-in-law, Cliff Dingler; brother, Bryce Pettit; sister-in-law, Vickie Pettit; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other loving family and friends. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at noon at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 11 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. The family has asked Cody Grayman, Greg Hayes, Jacob Jordan, James Jordan, Devin Eskew and Seth Calvert to serve as pallbearers. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Coggin Family.

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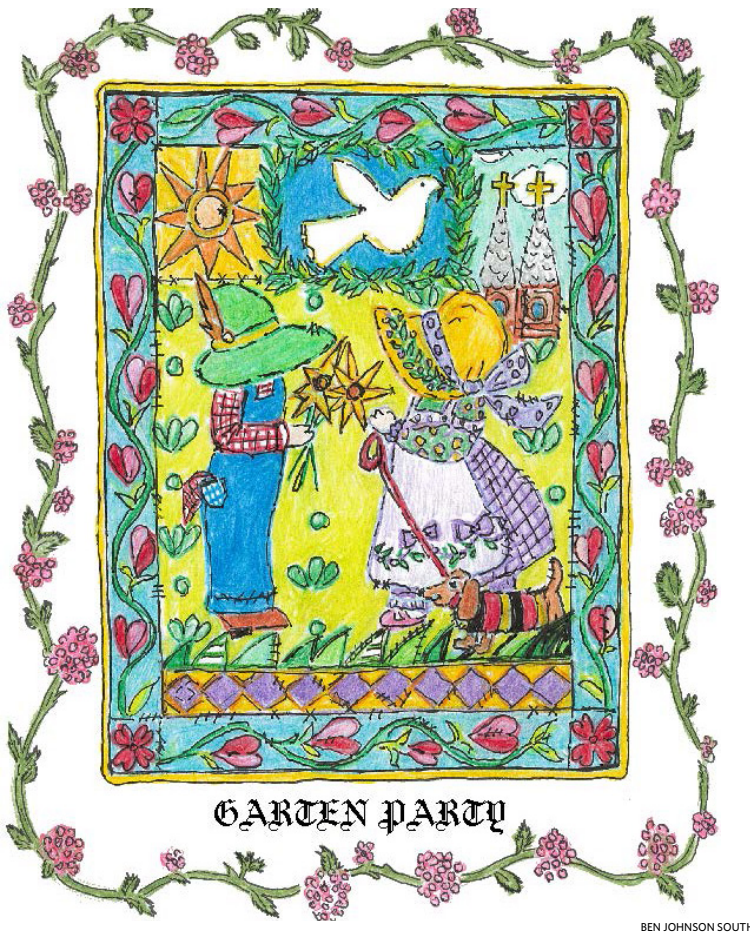
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CULLMAN, Ala. — 1870s German Colonial era Cullman County and the collected folktales of the Brothers Grimm inspired the original, new folktale "WUNDERGARTEN," which will be introduced next month.

"WUNDERGARTEN" is a for-all-ages tale written and illustrated by Cullman author/artist Ben Johnson South. It tells the story of a 14-year-old German orphan, Fritz, working on a strawberry farm owned by a German widow, Frau Reel, and some "fantastical magic" that happens as Fritz creates a "wundergarten" of Brothers Grimm characters.

To provide a classic foundation for "WUNDERGARTEN," South, a member of The Brothers Grimm Society of North America, read and studied each of the 210 German folktales collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm in the early 19th century.

"(This year), 2023, is the 200th birthday of the first English translation of the brothers' 'German Popular Stories,' which gave the world "Cinderella,' 'Rumpelstiltskin,' 'Rapunzel,' 'Snow White,' 'Hansel and Gretel,' 'The Frog Prince,' 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 203 other timeless tales.

"This year seemed perfect to try to add to the tradition with a new story. And, Cullman County during the 25 years when it was a German colony, was an ideal inspiration," said South.

He continued, "I shared bits of the 'WUNDERGARTEN' story last fall with gifted elementary school students in Jefferson County, and they are eager to visit Cullman.

"However, the Brothers Grimm were not collecting children's stories, but tales for all ages. I'm delighted to premiere the read-aloud version of 'WUNDERGARTEN' this Feb. 3 with the 50-plus age group, 'Young-at-Heart' at the First Baptist Church of Cullman."

"WUNDERGARTEN" has become a Cullman community project and the author appreciates the help of these folks and groups in supporting the launch: Leldon Maxcy of Leldon's, Laura Benton of the Cullman County Public Library, Holly Rosen of Cullman Office Depot, Casey and Markus Doering, the Cullman County Museum, Tammy Smith and the Cullman Historical Society and the North Alabama Agriplex.

The Cullman Tribune will recognize its own 150th birthday and the 200th birthday of the Brothers Grimm works English translation with a serialized version of the full story of "WUNDERGARTEN" beginning in the next issue of The Tribune's "COMMUNITY MATTERS" magazine.

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