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Cullman City Schools Foundation seeking alumni award nominations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Schools Foundation is seeking nominations for its 2023 Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Service to Cullman City Schools and Promising Alumni Awards. The nomination deadline is Feb. 10, and the awards luncheon will be held April 6.

Each nomination should be accompanied by an explanation of why your candidate is a worthy nomination. Information including special recognitions, awards, honors, accomplishments and contribution to the school system and community should be featured.

Distinguished Alumni Award Criteria:

- Notable achievements in their chosen professional field and/or contributions to society
- Have graduated from Cullman City Schools or been enrolled in and would have graduated more than 10 years ago
- May be nominated posthumously
- Distinction in professional life
- Distinction in service to community
- Serving as a positive and inspiring role model to young adults
- Commitment to the Cullman community

Distinguished Service to Cullman City Schools Award Criteria:

- Recognizes individuals/businesses/organizations for contributions significantly impacting the Cullman City Schools
- Contributions could include volunteer services, personal contributions and/or sacrifices to im- » PAGE 8

'I'm wealthy in life'
Drinkard celebrates with Sacred Heart students



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Roy Drinkard is pictured with Jennifer Grey and her second-grade class at Sacred Heart School.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students at Sacred Heart School on Friday celebrated their 100th day of school by dressing up as 100-year-olds, and the second-grade class was in for a special treat. Cullman's most treasured centenarian, Roy Drinkard, visited the eager students and shared stories from his life, from the time he was born in 1920 until today.

At 102, Drinkard is sharp as a tack and considers every day a blessing.

Asked if he had ever been bullied as a youngster, Drinkard answered honestly and told of a time when he intended to bully another young boy.

"One time I was going to bully a boy," Drinkard shared. "I was going to push him down and make him eat grass. Instead, he ended up pushing me down and I ate grass. I remember that lesson well!"

Asked questions by the students about everything ranging from how much property he owns to how many chickens he had growing up, Drinkard took all the questions in stride and a few made him chuckle with a sparkle in his eyes.

When asked if his father was as wealthy as Drinkard is today, he responded with grace and gratitude saying, "I'm wealthy in life. I'm wealthy because of my children, my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren. I'm wealthy because of the way people treat me here and because I have Jesus in my heart."

He talked about the importance of hard work and his first job cleaning out the family's chicken houses when young, to which a student asked, "You had to clean up chicken poop?" He did, in fact, have to clean up the poop of 10,000 chickens. When he shared about not have a telephone until the » PAGE 12

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 20

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 20, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 17
- burglary; CR 1179
- criminal mischief; 2nd Ave SW, Hanceville
- disorderly conduct; CR 384
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- domestic violence; CR 842
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1223
- theft of property; CR 744

Jan. 18
- criminal mischief; CR 1145
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at MM308
- theft of property; CR 1101
- domestic violence; CR 1855
- harassment; CR 255
- domestic violence; CR 34
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at MM306

Jan. 19
- assault; CR 1107
- domestic violence; CR 1515
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 613
- domestic violence; CR 1629
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1470
- theft of property; CR 1286
- domestic violence; CR 1558

ARRESTS

Jan. 17 – 19

Barnes, Victoria A.; 33
- FTA- cruelty to dog/cat

Eldridge, Julie A.; 50
- Probation Violation-forgery-possessing forged instrument

Johnson, Taylor M.; 22
- DUI (alcohol)

Mann, Justin C.; 33
- FTA- assault-harassment
- FTA- DUIA (alcohol)

McCormack, Ethan D.; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Puckett, Hudson R.; 20
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pugh, Ashley C.; 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Speegle, Daniel E.; 37
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Surrett, Jason O.; 38
- Probation Violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Tanner Sr., James I.; 59
- Probation Violation-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Vincent, Derrick L.; 35
- cruelty to dog/cat
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Willson, Frederick S.; 48
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)

Davis, Kayla L.; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple family

Golden, David G.; 47
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Motion to Revoke- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- Motion to Revoke- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous
- Violation of Release Order- buying/receiving stolen property
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance

Horton, David L.; 62
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-burglary-residence-force
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- larceny/theft-theft of article from auto
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- using false identity to avoid/hinder arrest/prosecution
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-robbery-residence-strong arm

Jackson, Michael T.; 29
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA- possession of a concealed weapon without a permit

Johnson, Angela M.; 47
- failure to obey police officer
- criminal trespass

Jones, Hagen E.; 28
- Probation Violation- burglary-non residence-no force
- Probation Violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Lee, Justin J.; 26
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Martin, Tabatha Leal D.; 37
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-larceny/theft-firearms

Moore, Tammy R.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting (3 counts)
- FTA- forgery-forged instrument (3 counts)
- FTA- possessing forgery device/tools
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- operating vehicle with expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance (2 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- forgery-counterfeiting
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possessing forgery device/tools
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possessing forged instrument
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree-larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Ramos, Roberto J.; 23
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- exposure or lewd act in public

Speakman, Tyler L.; 28
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation-buying/receiving stolen property

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 54
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Warmath, James R.; 34
- FTA- driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 15
- theft of property-4th degree; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; miscellaneous; $350
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $235
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $118

Jan. 18
- identity theft; person

Jan. 19
- theft of property-2nd degree; Radio Shack; miscellaneous; $1,696
- theft by deception-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,000
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $661

ARRESTS

Jan. 18

Jones, Hagen E.; 28
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal mischief-3rd degree
- FTA- driving without license

Lee, Justin J.; 26
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

Jan. 19

Bradley, Jamie M.; 26
- public intoxication

Henderson, Shelia A.; 55
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Moore, Tammy R.; 36
- FTA- theft by deception-4th degree
- FTA- insurance violation

Golden, David G.; 47
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- insurance violation

Leonard, Ashley S.; 34
- theft of property-2nd degree

Fanning, Nathan D.; 38
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Chapel (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Foundry Ministries, based in Bessemer, Alabama, is "where lives are reshaped by the hands of God, through Christ-centered programs and services." Located outside of the city of Cullman near Holly Pond is The Foundry Farm, a refuge in a country setting for men overcoming addiction.

Director of The Foundry Farm, Eddie Wilson, said permanently transformed lives through Christ-centered ministries is the vision behind The Foundry Ministries' story and process.

"The Foundry Ministries restores hope and rebuilds the lives of the addict through Christ-centered recovery," Wilson said.

"Our Foundry Farm life-change program is located in Cullman on 60 acres of serene and peaceful land where we have the capacity to serve 70 men seeking the tools necessary to battle addiction and other factors in their lives where they may need life-changing help."

Wilson said the site's latest venture is The Foundry Farm Chapel.

"This chapel came about through conversations that started over two years ago with some men from our Cullman community who were coming to the farm to lead a Bible study on Monday evenings," he said.

"It did not take long for us to realize that the location we had been using didn't have the space necessary to accommodate everyone.

"This same space was where we also had church services on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Having an adequate, large enough space was a critical need for us."

Wilson said idea for the chapel began with one of the men who was leading the Bible study.

Stanley Dye is a member of Cullman First Baptist Church and has been a pastor for most of his life.

"We needed a place that would be suitable for the capacity of the men in our program so we would not be so cramped," said Wilson.

"This conversation was started by Stanley Dye, who has played a major role in our program by being a mentor, volunteer, prayer warrior and friend of mine and the farm's for over 10 years. His heart for the men coming to us to change their life is one that we are so grateful for.

"Stanley's role in building this chapel includes everything from his vision in the design to reaching out to his friends, community partners, churches and other businesses to raise the funds, labor, materials, etc., to see it through to where we are today.

"It would not have been possible without Stanley and so many others coming together to make it happen."

Wilson said the new chapel is going to help the men in the program by providing a place that will serve as a multiuse facility.

"The first is a chapel where their loved ones can come and visit while worshiping and praising God through song and the word of the gospel," he said.

"We get so excited to see the men in our program participating in chapel services with their children, spouses, moms, dads and other loved ones; for some, this may be the first time in this setting.

"The chapel will also allow us to hold life-changing classes and provide the ability to experience guest speakers with our other campuses as we all come together as one through technology and live-streaming capabilities. Having this space will open up so many new opportunities for the individuals in our care."

Wilson expressed his gratitude for the Cullman community, individuals, churches and businesses coming together to make the vision for the chapel come together and become a reality.

"We may never really know the lives that will be saved and the families restored because so many came together and blessed the men and their loved ones with this amazing chapel," Wilson said.



JOEY DALY/THE FOUNDRY FARM

The inside of the new chapel at The Foundry Farm

"I would also like to add that if you are interested in serving or becoming a mentor or volunteer, go to our website and see how you, too, can make a difference in the lives of the men at The Foundry Farm.

"There are many different opportunities for you to choose from. From myself and our team at The Foundry Farm, we just want to say, 'Thank you. You are making a difference.'"

For more information, visit www.foundryministries.com. The unveiling of the new chapel will be Sunday, Jan 22, at 2 p.m.

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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.
• 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.
• 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.

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.

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/Cullman-PolarBearPlunge.

Cullman Historical Society Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Rob Werner will be the guest speaker.

Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper
Saturday, Jan. 28, 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 18, 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: 12.9%
• 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): 17,540
• 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): 3
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 6.5%
• 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): 386
• 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: 1,108
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 72
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 28,339
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,648

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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PREP BASKETBALL

No. 8 Cullman takes rematch with Paul W. Bryant 68-35

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats were back home at Bearcat Arena to host a familiar opponent Thursday night but this time around, the results were a little different. After falling to Paul W. Bryant 48-46 earlier this season, the 'Cats ramped up the pressure on the defensive end in the rematch and raced past the Stampede on their way to a 68-35 win. 11 different Cullman players scored at least two points in the win.

After splitting a pair of free throws, Tucker Cagle scored inside to put the Bearcats in front 3-2 at the start of the game and Jake Dorough turned a steal into an easy basket to make it 5-2.

A layup and a three-pointer from Colton Echols gave Cullman a 10-4 lead later in the first and two more buckets by Cagle made it a 14-8 game going into the second.

Back to back scores from Dorough stretched the lead to 18-8 early in the second quarter and the 'Cats really began to create separation after Arden Crane buried a pair of three-pointers to stretch the lead to 24-8.

Technical fouls against Paul W. Bryant allowed Cullman to add to its lead at the free throw line later in the period and the Bearcats went into the locker room at the break leading 32-10.

Cullman continued to smother the Stampede on the defensive end and put up points on the offensive end in the third quarter.

A basket from Garrison Sharpe and a three by Dorough put the Bearcats in front 37-12 and after a pair of Sharpe free throws, Nate Zills laid one in to make it a 41-16 game.

Sharpe drained another three for Cullman to extend the lead to 44-18 midway through the third. Echols scored inside to keep the run going and Kase Nixon knocked down a three to put the 'Cats up 49-18. An Evan Wilson basket built the lead up to 33 points late in the period and the Bearcats went into the final frame with a convincing, 53-20 advantage.

With the clock running in the fourth quarter, Tyler Tankersley drained a three-pointer, Landon Tweedie scored inside, and Brodie Bannister laid one in to add to the 'Cats lead on their way to an impressive, 68-35 win over Paul W. Bryant.

Dorough led the way with 16 points in the win, followed by Echols with 12, Cagle with eight, Sharpe with seven and Wilson and Crane with six.

Cullman will return home next Tuesday night to host an area battle with Decatur.



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Cullman's Jake Dorough (5) led the Bearcats with 16 points in their 68-35 win over Paul W. Bryant Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders remain unbeaten with 91-26 win over Fultondale, Raiders race past Wildcats 89-71

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Thursday night was homecoming at Good Hope High School and the Raiders celebrated on the court with a pair of wins over the Fultondale Wildcats. The top-ranked Lady Raiders improved to 25-0 with a dominant, 91-26 performance against Fultondale and the fourth-ranked Raiders lit up the scoreboard in their own 89-71 win over Fultondale.

Good Hope 91 - Fultondale 26 (Varsity Girls)

Good Hope got off to yet another fast start offensively as Ivey Maddox scored the Lady Raiders' first eight points of the game and Rudi Derrick drilled a three from the left corner to give them a quick 11-0 lead. Baskets by Charly Johnson and Maddox made it 22-0, then a basket by Bailey Tetro and a three by Heather Tetro gave them a 27-0 lead. Fultondale got on the scoreboard late in the first quarter, but Derrick and Maddox would each hit a basket in the paint as Good Hope took a commanding 31-4 lead into the second period.

The second quarter was a big one for Jolee McHan as she scored the first five points of the period to make it a 36-4 game.

Baskets by Lexi Collins, McHan, and Bailey Keef made it 48-11, then McHan added a late basket as the Lady Raiders went into the locker room up by a score of 50-11.

The second half was more of the same as the bench players got plenty of playing time in this game as all but one Good Hope player found the scoring column in their 91-26 dominating win over the Lady Wildcats.

Maddox led the way for Good Hope (25-0) with 19 points. Collins added 16 points. McHan ended up with 15 points. Heather Tetro added 11 points and Derrick, in addition to being crowned homecoming queen, finished with 10 points.

The Lady Raider defense held the Lady Wildcats to just 10 made baskets for the entire game.

Good Hope 89 - Fultondale 71 (Varsity Boys)

An offensive rebound and put-back by Tyler Cone put Good Hope on the scoreboard first, K'mal Bell got fouled while shooting a three, and ended up hitting all three free throws to give the Raiders a 5-0 lead.

A basket by Cone and a three by Bell made it 10-0, then Fultondale quickly went on an 8-0 run to trim the deficit to two at 10-8.

Colton Lindsey drilled a trey from the top of the key to make it a 13-8 game with less than four minutes to go in the opening period.

Weston Hancock hit a pair of shots late in the first quarter to give the Raiders a 17-12 lead, but a pair of late baskets by the Wildcats made it a one-point game.

A free throw by Jacob Haynes made it a two-point game going into the second period.

Good Hope quickly added onto their lead in the second quarter as a basket in the paint by Colten Whatley, a three by Dakota Overton and a basket down low by Cone pushed the Raider lead to 25-16.

Bell drilled a three and got fouled; he completed the four-point play to make it 29-16.

But the Wildcats went on another run to get back in the game as they scored the next seven points to cut it to 29-23.

Baskets by Lindsey and Hancock made it 33-23, but later on, a pair of Wildcat free throws cut it to 37-30 late in the period.

Tucker Malin drilled a long-range shot, then Hancock scored the next six points for the Raiders as they would take a 46-34 lead into the locker room.

Baskets by Bell, Lindsey, and Haynes pushed the Good Hope lead to 54-37, but the Wildcats cut it to 55-43 late in the third quarter.

An and-one by Lindsey and a basket by Ace Stricklin increased the Raider lead to 60-43, but a late run by the Wildcats trimmed it to 60-49. Bell ended up scoring the final five points for the Raiders as they would take a 65-49 lead into the final period.

The Wildcats would cut it to 66-54 to start out the final period, but Bell hit a tough shot, then Cone and Haynes would each hit a basket of their own to push the Raider lead to 72-54.

An and-one by Haynes made it 75-56 and he would later hit a fast-break layup off a Wildcat turnover to increase the lead to 77-59.

Fultondale would end up cutting it to 77-66, but Good Hope wouldn't let them get any closer after that as free throws by Lindsey and Bell and baskets by Cone and Jed Clements helped Good Hope pull away as they ended up collecting an 89-71 win over the Wildcats.

Bell led the way for Good Hope (18-6) with 24 points. Lindsey added 15 points, Hancock posted 13 points and Cone and Haynes each ended up with 12 points.



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Lexi Collins posted 16 points in Good Hope's 91-26 win over Fultondale Thursday night.







AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students and teachers from St. Paul's Lutheran School join Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs at Cullman City Hall on Friday, Jan. 20.

Proclamation (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Friday signed a proclamation declaring Jan2023,-28, 2023 as St. Paul's Lutheran School Appreciation Week, with students from the school in the audience. Opened in 1954, St. Paul's Lutheran School is one of a handful private elementary schools in the area.

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Lutheran School has operated continuously at 510 Third Avenue Southeast in Cullman since 1954; and,

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WHEREAS, St. Paul's Lutheran School extends the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all they say and do while providing an academically excellent education; and,

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Lutheran School provides a Christ-centered, scripture-based education to equip students with the tools they need for academic, personal, and social achievement; and,

WHEREAS, for over six decades, they have no doubt provided the foundation for countless leaders in our community and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Woody Jacobs, as Mayor of the City of Cullman and on behalf of the City Council and our citizens, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22-28, 2023, as ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL APPRECIATION WEEK in the City of Cullman and urge all of our citizens to recognize and celebrate St. Paul's Lutheran School's history, success, and continuing impact on the lives of so many in our community.

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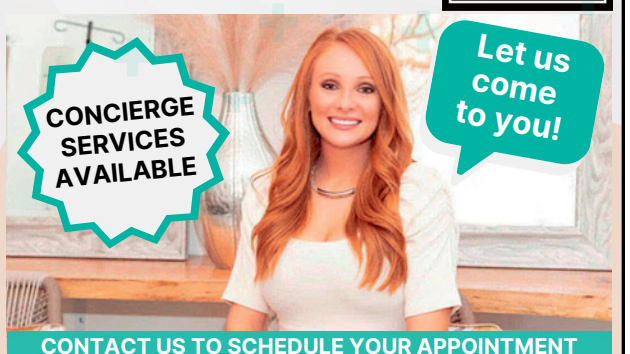


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Ivey signs 4 education-focused executive orders

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Wednesday signed four education-focused executive orders and issued a memo to the Department of Early Childhood Education.

"Governor Ivey has consistently stated that improving educational outcomes for Alabama's students is her top priority," said a release from Ivey's office.

"The signing of these executive orders marks the first of many steps that will be taken to achieve her goal of having Alabama ranked in the top 30 states for numeracy and literacy by the end of her term."

"I am proud to sign these executive orders into effect and believe they will lay an essential foundation for ensuring every Alabama student receives a high-quality education," Ivey. "This is the first of many steps I plan to take in this new term to increase Alabama's national ranking in our students' reading and math performance. Our children are our future, and by investing in their education, we are investing in a better Alabama."

Executive Order No. 729: Promoting Early Literacy by Establishing a Statewide Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Network

- Ivey authorized $4.1 million for the rollout of the program, which will ensure every Alabamian will begin receiving age-appropriate books by mail each month after they are born until 5 years of age.
- Parents will have the right to opt their children out at any time.

Executive Order No. 730: Establishing the Governor's Commission on Teaching and Learning

- The commission, which is comprised of a diverse group of subject matter experts, will examine ways to enhance the quality of elementary and secondary education in Alabama and will produce a report of recommendations by Dec. 1, 2023.

Members of the commission include:

- Business Education Alliance President and former State Superintendent of Education Dr. Joe Morton (Chair)
- State Superintendent of Education Dr. Eric Mackey
- Sen. Donnie Chesteen, R-Geneva
- Rep. Alan Baker, R-Brewton
- Rep. Barbara Drummond, D-Mobile
- Montgomery City Schools Superintendent Dr. Melvin Brown
- Holtville High School Principal Kyle Futral
- Mountain Brook Schools Superintendent Dr. Dicky Barlow
- Booker T. Washington K-8 Teacher Reggie White
- Alabama Parent Teacher Association President Donna McCurry
- Alabaster City Schools Schoolboard Member Derek Henderson
- Retired Mississippi State Superintendent Dr. Carey Wright
- Co-founder and CEO of Whiteboard Advisors Ben Wallerstein

Executive Order No. 731: Ensuring Progress Toward Full Implementation of Vital Education Initiatives

- During Ivey's tenure in office, the state of Alabama has launched several education-focused initiatives, such as the Literacy Act (2019), the Numeracy Act (2022), the Computer Science for Alabama Act (2019), a civics-test requirement (2017), and a requirement of the State Board of Education that every high school graduate obtain a college and career readiness indicator (2022).
- Executive Order No. 731 directs the State Superintendent of Education to submit a report outlining past progress made to date as well as future action items to expeditiously ensure the implementation of the aforementioned initiatives. The reports are due June 30, 2023.

Executive Order No. 732: Establishing a K-12 Teacher Registered Apprenticeship Pilot Program to Increase Pathways to the Teaching Profession

- This pilot program will provide an additional pathway—initially, in areas with documented teacher shortages—for qualifying paraprofessionals and teacher's aides to obtain a Class A or Class B teaching certificate by demonstrating competency in the classroom.
- The pilot program will be administered by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship within the Department of Commerce.

Additionally, Ivey sent a memo to Secretary of Early Childhood Education Dr. Barbara Cooper that directs the department to prioritize creating new First-Class Pre-K classrooms in counties where more than 20% of the population falls below federal poverty guidelines.

Delta bass fishing trip yields surprising state record for Dees

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Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources



KEITH DEES

It's no wonder that Keith Dees didn't want to get near this record alligator gar's mouth.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — While most people were preparing to chow down on turkey and dressing on Thanksgiving, Keith Dees and his son, Huntley, were in a special place – the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. Little did they know the result of their trip would be hauling a record fish into their bass boat.

"Generally, our tradition is to go fishing on Thanksgiving morning," said Dees of Fruitdale, Alabama. "Sometimes we go (speckled) trout fishing. There's a lot of stuff you can do that time of year. But we went bass fishing. We've had some really, really memorable Thanksgiving trips. About five years ago, we had a 250-300 trout trip, doubling up for six hours straight. We were actually talking about that trip because we'll never top that trip."

On the most recent Delta excursion, the two had already caught several redfish and numerous largemouth bass when they headed for Raft River behind the island at Little Bay John and Big Bay John. The elder Dees was throwing a Z-Man Evergreen Jack Hammer chatterbait along the grass line when his line went slack.

"My first thought was I had hooked another big redfish," he said. "I was cranking as fast as I could to try to get the line tight. The water is salty and cold that time of year, so the clarity was not great. I see a fish go by the front of the boat, a glimpse of a fish. I told my son, 'I've got one of those big redfish.' We caught one that weighed 32 pounds up there a few years ago. Then it went about 30 or 40 yards out and just kind of stopped. It wasn't like a redfish run."

Fishing with a medium-action bass rod with 15-pound-test fluorocarbon line, Dees couldn't put much pressure on the fish, and they just started following the fish around with the trolling motor.

"We were laughing and joking about what I had," he said. "Then I thought it might be a big black drum. I've caught them before on a chatterbait. It rolls on 10-15 minutes. So now the curiosity is getting the best of us. One, I want my $20 bait back and, two, I want to know what I've got hooked."

About 30 minutes into the fight, they finally realized what was causing the commotion. A huge alligator gar came up for a gulp of air.

"When it comes up, I knew it was big, but I didn't even remotely know it was a state record," Dees said. "That never crossed my mind. I love to cook, so I thought I want to catch this joker so we can eat him.

"I've got a bunch of Cajun friends, and they take it and cut it in steaks and blacken it and do medallions. It's just delicious. I'm thinking I'm about to get a bunch of freezer meat."

Another hour and a half ticked by, and Dees said the huge fish never tried to head for deep water and stayed mostly in 2 to 4 feet of water. The fish would sit on the bottom until Dees' 20-foot Triton got close, and then it would take off again.

"I thought we may have a chance to wear him down, but I still had no idea it was a state record," he said. "After about two hours, it got to where we could pull the boat up by the fish, and it would just swim along."

That's when the father-son team started devising a plan to try to get the fish in the boat. Without a harpoon or gaff, Huntley got the tow rope out with a plan to lasso the fish.

"I figured that was our only chance to get him," the elder Dees said. "I wasn't getting anywhere near that joker's mouth."

However, getting the rope around the gar's head would mean having a slack line and a chance to lose the fish. Instead, Dees told his son to get his heavy-duty flipping stick out of the rod box, find the heaviest hook he had in the tackle box and tie it with a snell knot.

"When you snell a hook, it forces it to kick out," he said. "I thought we could run it under his belly and get him hooked somewhere around his front fins. I'm still thinking the fish is somewhere around 80 to 100. I had no idea he was that big. He runs the rod under the fish and basically gaffs him.

"I was afraid he was fixing to destroy my $500 custom rod, but I guess with the combination of the water temperature in the 50s and him being held onto for two hours, he didn't fight much."

Keith and Huntley Dees had to travel to Orange Beach Marina to have the fish weighed on certified scales. (Photo courtesy of Keith Dees)

After three tries, Dees managed to get the rope around the fish's giant head and behind his dorsal fins.

"I guess my adrenalin was going, and I just pulled him over in the boat," he said. "When he hit the boat, we cut up like two schoolgirls, like nobody is going to believe this happened."

Dees then realized he wasn't familiar with the fishing regulations concerning alligator gar and made a call to Conservation Enforcement Officer Jim Daugherty of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division to verify he could keep the fish.

Daugherty told him the daily bag limit is one fish but didn't know why he wanted to keep the gar, which is considered a rough fish.

"I told Jim I wanted to eat him, and it was a great memory with my son," Dees said. "Whether it turned out to be the state record or not, it would be a story we'd be telling forever."

Dees said fishing on Thanksgiving morning also played a role in being able to put the monster gar in the boat because there wasn't another boat on the Delta.

"Normally there'd be 40 boats out there fishing for speckled trout and white trout," he said.

"If there had been any boats in that area, it never would have happened. There would have been too many people trying to get around us to see what we had. But it was Thanksgiving and there wasn't a soul around."

The boat ramp was just as empty. Dees sent photos to some friends who were asking how much it weighed. Still thinking the fish weighed around 100 pounds, he and his son decided to try to weigh the fish. He went to a friend's house with scales used to weigh deer.

The fish was hoisted on the scales with a front-loader tractor, and the scales hit 175 pounds. Another set of scales registered 165 pounds. Huntley had checked the Alabama state records and found out the existing record was 151 pounds.

Another call to Daugherty informed Dees that any fish submitted for a state record had to have the fish weighed on certified scales and verified by a fisheries biologist. That presented the next obstacle for Dees and son.

"Where do you keep a 7-foot-long fish?" Dees said. "You can't freeze the fish. My buddy had an old swimming pool, so we put him in the pool at 3 o'clock. He was still alive at 9."

Dees managed to get in touch with WFF fisheries biologist Tommy Purcell to do the inspection, but he still needed to find certified scales to weigh the fish.

A boat captain friend suggested Orange Beach Marina. Dees put tarps and $200 worth of ice in the back of his truck and headed south only to find the marina closed.

"So much had to align for this to happen," Dees said. "A guy at J&M Tackle said I needed to find Jimmy Beason (Orange Beach Marina Harbor Master) because he had weighed more state records that anybody, and he knew he was in town."

Dees went back to the marina and found someone at the management office who managed to get Beason's phone number. About 30 minutes later, Beason returns the phone call and is told the Dees' story. After some hesitation, Beason agreed to meet them at the scales in 15 minutes. Beason certified the fish weighed 162 pounds. With the paperwork in hand, Dees met Purcell at the WFF District V office on the Causeway to confirm the species.

"I was raised on the Tombigbee River, but I've spent my whole life on the Delta," Dees said.

"Seeing the excitement on Tommy's face and his staff because of a new state record put it in perspective. They just wanted to know the fish were out there and are healthy.

"The Delta is a very, very special place to me. Catching that fish doesn't happen if I hadn't spent my whole life on the water. I was known as a river rat by all my bass fishing buddies that I traveled to tournaments with, and they said there was nothing more appropriate for me than to have a state record with a gar."

Dees' application for his alligator gar was officially recognized last week by WFF as the state record. Dees and the gar have also received a good bit of publicity, but he is glad for his special place to receive recognition.

"I think anything that draws attention to the Delta is a positive," Dees said.

"Where else can you go to catch the variety of fish in the Delta in the fall. I took a customer who was having a fish fry, and we caught a limit of speckled trout in 45 minutes. Then we went bass fishing and caught two limits and four redfish.

"That was in a mile-and-a-half circle. Where else can you do that? The Delta is an extremely special place. My son has won a (Bassmaster) junior world championship, state championships, angler of year, and it's made him an extremely versatile angler from growing up on the Delta. It's just a neat, neat place."

How to protect your child from asthma flare-ups during the winter

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Parents must watch out for several illnesses during the winter, such as the flu or RSV. However, these infections may cause more severe symptoms in children with asthma. Doctors say it is important for patients to be on the proper medications and avoid triggers to control their asthma. This will reduce episodes of increased symptoms known as exacerbations or "flare-ups."

"Some children tend to have more trouble during the cold weather season," Dr. Terri Magruder, associate professor in the UAB Division of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine at Children's of Alabama, said. "That's often because of increased respiratory infections circulating in our community during that time. Respiratory infections can increase airway inflammation, causing asthma symptoms that warrant additional medications and visits to the doctor. Washing hands frequently, avoiding sick friends and family members, and annual influenza vaccination are helpful tools to reduce illness."

Magruder also said cold, dry air or the heating source in a house, such as fireplaces, wood-burning stoves or furnaces, can cause increased asthma symptoms for some children. Additionally, indoor allergen exposure may be more common during winter months.

If being outside in the cold air increases your child's asthma symptoms, using a scarf over your child's mouth and nose can help warm the air as your child breathes to reduce symptoms.

Asthma is a serious chronic disease that affects the airways, and it can cause wheezing, difficulty breathing and coughing. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 4 million children under the age of 18 have been diagnosed with it.

According to an article published in the National Library of Medicine last April, 11% of children in Alabama have asthma.

The article also reports that Alabama children with asthma miss nearly 10 days of school each year for uncontrolled asthma. Magruder advises parents to talk to their child's pediatrician or asthma specialist if they have any concerns.

"If your child is having increased symptoms at certain times of the year, it may be a sign they need a different medication to target their asthma symptoms," Magruder said.

She also said parents should have an asthma action plan. The plan includes everything a family needs to know about the child's symptoms and care.

"It's really important for young children to have one because there are multiple caregivers who are often caring for these children," Magruder said. "We often encourage families to take a picture of their asthma action plan when they leave the clinic and send it to caregivers, so everyone knows what the updated medicines are and how to manage their child's event."

You can find more information on managing the care and treatment of a child with asthma at www.childrensal.org/services/asthma-clinic/education-and-resources.

Uriah (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteer Donna Ruttkay of the Cullman County Animal Shelter shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Uriah.

Uriah, a 4-year-old German Shepherd, cannot wait to be lying in a heap at your feet, as he loves to be your best buddy hanging out by your side.

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Uriah's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

Teachers (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools recently announced its elementary and secondary teachers of the year for 2023-2024.

This year's honored educators are Cullman City Primary School first-grade teacher Amanda Stidham and Cullman Middle School English seventh-grade teacher Katie McGee.

The two teachers will now be in consideration for the District 6 Teacher of the Year and potentially even finalists for state-level Teacher of the Year, an award that will be announced later this spring.

"We are fortunate to have so many great educators in our system.

"Mrs. Stidham and Mrs. McGee are extraordinary educators who will represent us well," Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said.

"The Cullman City school system is one of the best in Alabama.

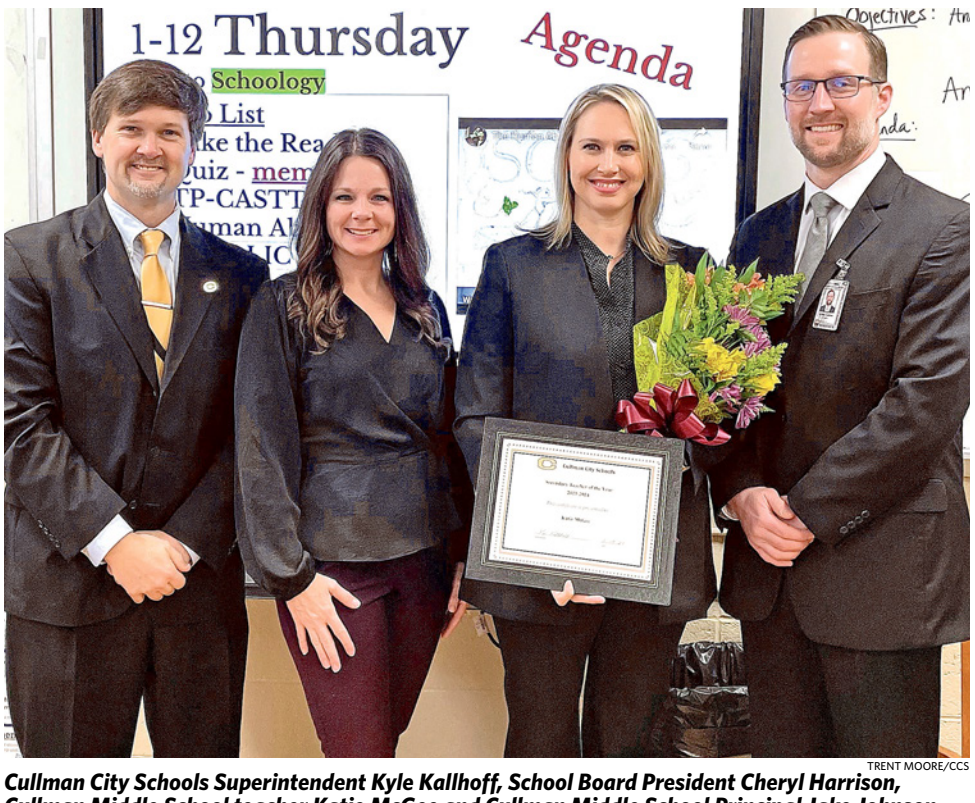
"To be selected as the Teacher of the Year in one of the best systems in Alabama means they are among the best in our state.

"Congratulations to both of them."



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Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff, School Board President Cheryl Harrison, Cullman City Primary School teacher Amanda Stidham and Cullman City Primary School Principal Elizabeth Shaddix.



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WWF: Special Youth, Veteran and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Day Feb. 4

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has designated Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, as the second of the 2022-2023 hunting season's Special Youth, Veteran and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days. The first of the two special waterfowl hunting days took place Nov. 19, 2022.

On Feb. 4, youth younger than 16 who are accompanied by a licensed adult hunter, as well as military personnel on active duty and veterans (as defined in section 101 of U.S. Code: Title 38) may hunt for waterfowl statewide.

Regular waterfowl season shooting hours, bag limits, legal arms and ammunitions apply to the special days. Hunting area rules and regulations also apply.

To participate in the hunt, youth must be accompanied by a licensed adult supervisor.

Only one firearm will be allowed per youth and only the youth hunters will be permitted to utilize the firearm for hunting unless the adult meets the requirements of a veteran or active-duty military personnel.

The adult supervisor must remain within arm's length of the youth at all times and may accompany up to two youth participants during the hunt. The adult is also expected to review the rules of firearm safety and hunter ethics with each youth and ensure they are followed.

Youth is defined as an individual age 15 and younger. Adult is defined as an individual age 21 and older, or as the parent of the youth. The adult must have a state hunting license, state and federal waterfowl stamps and a free Harvest Information Program registration.

Veterans and active duty military personnel must be in possession of a valid proof of service such as a military ID, Veterans Administration ID, veteran ID, veteran validation on their driver's license or a copy of their DD Form 214. Possession of the mandatory hunting licenses and stamps is also required.

For more information about the Special Youth, Veteran and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days, contact WFF Migratory Gamebird Coordinator Seth Maddox at Seth.Maddox@dcnr.alabama.gov or 334-242-3469, or visit www.outdooralabama.com/waterfowl.



SETH MADDOX/ADCNR

ADCNR promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. Learn more at www.outdooralabama.com.

Drive (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Deborah Stam recently announced the success of the Hope Food Pantry, located in Hanceville on Bangor Street behind the library and next to the Hanceville storm shelter. That success speaks to the great need for the food pantry in the community and the bigger issue of food insecurity that is felt locally, nationally and globally.

Four local sponsors for an upcoming United Way of Cullman County food drive have stepped up and will have boxes to receive food donations.

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

The food drive will be held Feb. 6-11.

Food items requested include canned foods, dry pasta and sauces, peanut butter, tuna, crackers, Hamburger Helper, macaroni and cheese, cereal, shelf-stable milk, granola bars, Pop Tarts and baby purees.

Nominations (from Front)

prove the lives of others.

- Need not have graduated nor attended Cullman City Schools

Promising Alumni Award Criteria:

- Encourages students to continue to be active with the Cullman City Schools and the Cullman City Schools Foundation after they graduate and begin their careers

- Nominees should be recognized for excelling in leadership, scholastics, character, service, and potential

- Nominees in this category should have graduated from or been enrolled in and would have graduated within 10 years

Past winners include Cullman City Council President Dr. Jenny Folsom, former Cullman Mayor Max Townson, world-renowned Chef Frank Stitt, Paige Clabo, Dr. Bill Peinhardt, Marsha Folsom, Ernest Hauk and Wesley Britt.

More information and the nomination form can be found at www.sites.google.com/view/cullmancityschoolsfoundation/distinguished-alumni.



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LEGALS

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.

PB MIN BK 213 PG 348 - 01/20/2023 07:50 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC-2022-362
JOSEPH RICHARD HATHCOTE *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to **Jo Ann Caudle**, Personal Representative of the Estate of **Joseph Richard Hathcote**, deceased, on the 20th day of January, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Jo Ann Caudle
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for the Personal Representative
105 1st Avenue NE, Ste G
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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 * CASE NO.: PC2023-005
SAUNDRA KAY HARBISON, *
*
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**

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

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
LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PB MIN BK 213 PG 366 - 01/20/2023 08:17 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LINDA GREEN, * CASE NO PC 2022-314
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **JAMES COX,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **LINDA GREEN**, deceased, on the 20th 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.

JAMES COX
Personal Representative

Christopher Smitherman
Attorney for Personal Representative
725 West Street
Montevallo, AL 35115

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 *
DANNY KAY DYER, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-375**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to PAMELA SERENA CRAWFORD, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DANNY KAY DYER, deceased, on the 19th 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.

PAMELA SERENA CRAWFORD
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Personal Representative
105 1st Ave. NE, Ste. G
Cullman, AL 35055

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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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

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

PB MIN BK 213 PG 91 - 01/12/2023 01:24 PM
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

PB WIL BK 114 PG 13 - 01/05/2023 04:18 PM
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:

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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

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:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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

PB ADT BK 64 PG 634 - 12/30/2022 10:33 AM
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

J. Bradley Wilson
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

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

FILED IN OFFICE
DEC 16 2022
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 21, 2023

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 19-20

Tommy Neil Gilley, 72
Tommy Neil Gilley, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. Tommy was born in Cullman, Alabama on June 9, 1950 to Hulet and Rachel Armstrong Gilley. He is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Christ First Ministries with Rev. Stanley Dye officiating. Interment will follow services in Holly Pond Cemetery. Survivors are: David and Belinda Tyree, Mickey and Valorie Stricklin, Sheila Stricklin, Robin and Stan Sandlin, grandchildren: Katie (Grant) Holmes, Colby Tyree, Caleb Tyree, Cade Tyree, Anna Stricklin, Lane Stricklin, several cousins, a host of friends, Sister in Christ and caregiver: Mary Malone. Visitation will be Saturday Jan. 21, 2023, from noon until service time at 2 p.m. at Christ First Ministries located at 1061 Alabama Highway 69, Cullman, Alabama 35058. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to The Gideons of Cullman County of Cullman Caring for Kids. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Gilley family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Edna Dean Morgan Browning, 84
Funeral services for Edna Dean Morgan Browning of Hanceville will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment will follow the service at Cullman Memory Gardens. Reverend John Purifoy will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from noon until 1 p.m. on Saturday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Browning was born Nov. 26, 1938, in Winston County to the late F.O. and Bertha (McCain) Morgan. She passed away at the age of 84 on Jan. 17, 2023, at Monarch Place in Hanceville Survivors include her children, Eric (Christine) Nix, Diann (John) Smith, Carol (Roger) Smith and Wanda (Scott) Lide; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Browning was preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Joe Browning; and siblings, Era Barnett and Helen Shadix. Serving as pallbearers will be Eric Nix, Chris Nix, John Smith, Jon Bolan, Roger Smith and Nick Davis. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The American Cancer Society, https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html or a charity of your choice. The family of Mrs. Browning would like to send a special thank you to the staff at Monarch Place Hanceville and Enhabit Hospice for their love, care and compassion.

Betty Lou Hood, 92
Betty Lou Hood, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hood family.

Tomie Phillip Howard, Sr., 66
Tomie Phillip Howard, Sr., of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Jan. 18, 2023, at the age of 66. Mr. Howard was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on May 14, 1956, to Tomie Jackson Howard, Jr., and Myra Phillips Howard. Mr. Howard was a graduate of Holly Pond High School. Tomie served his country honorably in the United States Army. He was an electrician retired from the IBEW. Mr. Howard is preceded in death by his father. Those surviving Tomie include his mother, Myra Howard; spouse, Kat; sons, Tomie Howard II (Nichole Christian), Michael Howard (Ryann Sheridan); daughter, Ashley Howard (Jonathan Stapleton); brothers, Jeffery Howard (Mary), Gregory Aikens (Robbie), Mark Howard (Menmen); sisters, Kimberly Calvert (Sammy), Amy Black (Randall); and two grandchildren, Mykah Howard and Remi Mae Howard. A Celebration of Life will be held for Mr. Howard on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, at Union Grove Church. Visitation with the family will begin at 1 p.m. with the service following at 2 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to have served the Howard family.

Martha Beeler, 82 (announcement)
Martha Beeler, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Beeler family.

Bryan Wayne Alldredge, 38
Visitation for Bryan Wayne Alldredge, age 38, of Cullman, will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Alldredge passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023, at his residence. He was born May 3, 1984, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, to Cecil Alldredge and Marjorie Melissa Alldredge. Survivors include his parents, Cecil and Marjorie Alldredge; fiancée, Emily Taylor; daughter, Pandora Taylor; aunts, Jackie Washburn and Becky Richard; uncle, Johnny Freeman; and a host of cousins and friends.

Jerome Lee Newton, 55
Jerome Lee Newton, age 55, of Arley, passed away Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at UAB hospital. He was born July 12, 1967, in Birmingham, Alabama. Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church in Helicon, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Liberty Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Greg Dollar will officiate. Jerome is survived by his sons, Tyler (Mylie) Newton and Seth (Carolina) Newton; granddaughter, Holley Newton; mother, Betty Newton; siblings, James Gramann, Wanda Newton, Robert Newton; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Regena Newton; and father, A.W. Newton.

Betty Lou Kilpatric Pierce Hood, 92
Betty Lou Kilpatric Pierce Hood, 92, of Cullman, Alabama went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023, at Morningside Assisted Living. She was born to Homer and Winnie Kilpatric on Aug. 6, 1930, in Arley, Alabama. She graduated in 1948 from Meek High School, where she was cheerleader. Betty was blessed with generally good health for most of her 92 years which she filled with many activities. She was an active member of Seventh Street Baptist Church for many years. Some of her favorite activities and affiliations were WMU, The Auburn Club, DAR, and Eastern Star. She was a Republican poll worker in the Baldwin Community for over 50 years. She began her life in the Baldwin community as a poultry farmer in 1965. While growing pullets for Golden Rod, she began working at the All Steak Restaurant as a waitress, where she loved the people she served. In 1976, she went to work at Nicholson File, where she developed lifelong friendships. She retired from Nicholson File in 1993 to take care of her mother, which began a new career of elder care. She loved the people who she cared for and developed lasting relationships with their families. She often said she took care of "the elderly," many who were younger than her. After suffering a light stroke in 2018, she moved to Morningside Assisted Living, found another group of friends that lasted until her passing. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 57 years, George W. Hood, her son, Douglas E. Pierce and first husband Albert E. Pierce. She was also preceded in death by her special friend, Jo Presto. She is survived by daughters, Nancy Pierce Mermis (Jim), Lana Beth Hood Slaten (Terry), a daughter-in-law, Vicki Pierce and a son, Rodney Paul Hood (Patty). Grandchildren, Susan Pierce Cone (Van), Matthew Pierce (Chasitie), Mundi McCormick, Matthew Reid, Zachary Mermis, Sam Mermis (Roisin), Gus Slaten, Ryan Hood and Dakota Hood. Her great grandchildren, Vandy Cone, Phoenix Mermis, Clay and Cody Wilson and Bowie Hood. She was also survived by numerous loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. The family wishes to thank the loving staff at Morningside (The Neighborhood) and Gentiva Hospice both of Cullman. Moss-Service will be in charge of the funeral arrangements. Visitation will be Sunday afternoon 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church, with interment in the Cullman City Cemetery. Her grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Martha Ann Newton Beeler, 82
Martha Ann Newton Beeler, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama, peacefully slipped free of her pain surrounded by her husband, children, grandchildren and friends, on Jan. 18, 2023. Martha was born July 15, 1940, in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky, to Joseph Ethel Newton and Martha Rebecca Hayden Newton. Preceded in death by her brothers: Joseph Robert Newton, John Hayden Newton and Charles William Newton; her son, David Andrew Beeler, and grandson, Cole Hansen Kilgore. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Dr. Henry Stewart Beeler, Jr.; children: Henry Stewart Beeler, III (Kathy), Moria Shawn Jaquiss (Ian), Rebekah Lili Speakman (Dell); grandchildren: Brian McCarthy Jr. (Laura), Sarah McCarthy, Joseph McCarthy and Lily Jaquiss; great grandchildren: Wyatt McCarthy and Gloria Grace McCarthy. Martha attended St. Benedict Catholic School in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky from third grade until she graduated high school in 1958. She told her family many times that she fell in love with Henry when she was in the third grade but had to wait years for him to discover her. She attended college at Nazareth College in Louisville, Kentucky and graduated from the St. Joseph Infirmary School of Medical Technology in 1962. After she and Henry were married, she got a job managing the lab at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. She was the youngest lab manager at the hospital at the time and the first woman to fill that role. When Henry graduated from medical school, Martha became an U.S. Army officer's wife and traveled across the United States and Europe with him and began their growing family. Their first child, Henry Stewart, was born in Lexington, Kentucky then, after graduation, the young family moved to Denver, Colorado where David was born, then Fort Dix, NJ for two years and then several years in Bad Kreuzenach and Augsburg, Germany where Shawn was born. Rebekah was born stateside in Hartford, Kentucky before the family finally settled in Cullman in 1974. Martha helped set up Henry's medical practice and managed most of the business details for the entire 47 years that he practiced. Martha was a devoted wife and mother who was staunchly proud of and blessed by all four of her children. She could drill multiplication tables, spelling and grammar, edit essays and book reports all while cooking dinner. She was a constant presence at school where she served on the PTA, volunteered in the classroom and always attended every recital, concert, spelling bee, auction or event for all of her children. She was an avid reader and took great joy in reading to her children and to any child who wanted a story. She loved to host parties and invited guests for Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays and other special events. She was active in Fidelia Club and helped the club stage large craft fairs and holiday bazaars to raise money to support their charitable efforts. In later years, she was a member of Pilot Club and helped to promote bike safety by putting on puppet shows at elementary schools around town. She volunteered at Sacred Heart School even after all of her children and grandchildren graduated. Martha also participated in a medical mission tour to Kenya with Kenya Relief. She loved to travel and was able to visit 48 states, several European countries and Kenya. Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., Rosary Service immediately to follow at Sacred Heart Church, Cullman, Alabama. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, her funeral mass will begin at 11 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church. Martha wanted her funeral to be a celebration of her life and asked that her friends and family wear joyful colors to honor her passing. A memorial service will be held at Trowbridge Funeral Home in Lebanon Junction, Kentucky on Jan. 28, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Graveside service will then be held at Lebanon Junction Cemetery at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Sacred Heart School in Cullman, Alabama.

June Lorainne Palmer, 84
The funeral service for June Lorainne Palmer, 84, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Rev. Randy Makemson and Rev. Wade Maynard will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Midway Memorial Gardens, formerly East Lawrence Memorial Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Palmer family. Mrs. Palmer was born June 4, 1938, to Henry Auburn and Anna Bell Turner Laurence. She passed away Jan. 20, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was a loving wife, mother and Gramma. She served with her husband in the ministry for 40 years. She loved flowers, gardening, crafts and antiques. Mrs. Palmer was preceded in death by her parents, Henry Auburn and Anna Bell Turner Laurence; her husband, Rev. James "Jim" Palmer; 4 sisters and a brother. She is survived by her daughters, Lisa (Don) Whisenant and Annette Johnson; brother, Buell Joyce "B J" (Ann) Laurence; grandchildren, Alexis (Patrick) Chadderdon, James Todd Young, Taylor Dunn; great grandchild, Lily Fox and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Palmer family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I am slightly intimidated by my new vehicle

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It was time! We had driven my old SUV for 12 years and for 215,000 miles. We've been together for so long, and traveled together so far, I couldn't bear to let her go...so I didn't! She has been faithful. Never one-single time has she stranded me on the side of some dark-desert highway, with or without cool wind in my hair! Since the dealer didn't want to pay me much of anything to take her off my hands, I decided to keep her, but I did buy a new one. I have used my old one like a truck to haul lumber, instruments, and who knows what else, so I'll still do that, and maybe I can keep my new one nice and clean.

I must admit, however, that I am slightly intimidated by the new one. It is what they call a smart vehicle. I now have a smart phone, a smart television, a smart laptop, but the same ole dummy trying to operate them! I'm still trying to learn what all it will do, and what all I don't have to do anymore.

Not only do I not have to turn on my headlights, it will even dim them when meeting another car, and brighten them once it passes. The first night I drove it, I thought something was wrong! My mom had an old '68 Mercury that did that, but hers had a shortage.

While driving across rural Lookout Mountain late one night, her headlights keep going out. That greatly increased my prayer time that night!

Perhaps the biggest surprise my new SUV gave me, happened the first time I stopped at a traffic light. It stopped too! No, I don't mean it stopped rolling, it stopped running.

The engine shuts down when you stop. My sales person had failed to tell me about that feature.

I thought, "Here I am with a new vehicle and already I'm about to be walking."

I had several old jalopies in my younger days that did that, but they wouldn't start back up.

Many of them were stick-shifts, so since I grew up in the mountains of Northeast Alabama, I could just let them roll downhill and pop the clutch.

We don't have mountains in Central Alabama, and my new SUV doesn't have a clutch, so that wasn't a possibility. We do have a town named Valley, but I've yet to find the mountain. No problem though, because as soon as I took my foot off the brake, it fired right back up, all on its own!

I was a little disappointed that my new ride doesn't have a CD player. I've gone from 8-tracks, to cassettes, to CDs, to nothing but a radio!

Actually, it has a built-in computer right on the dash. I can plug a flash drive into the port and play all kinds of things, or dial up Sirius XM, or good ole-fashion AM/FM. I can pull up GPS on

it, or talk on my cellphone without using my cellphone!

It almost drives itself, because when I have the "lane correction" on, if get too close to the line it will steer me back over. It gets upset though when I take my hands off the wheel. It will even apply the brakes when I try to tailgate you!

My new smart SUV, made by Ford, is quite amazing, but it still isn't as amazing as we old human beings, made by God. He programmed us to do all sorts of intelligent things, even if we don't, long before there was artificial intelligence!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1916, 1936, 1950

From the files of 1916

The Honorable George Parker spent Wednesday at Brilliant.

Doctor P.M. Allison has returned home from Battle Creek, Michigan.

In the election of November 7, 1916, in Cullman County these were elected: Probate Judge – Fred J. Buchmann (R), Circuit Clerk – O.S. Roden (D), Tax Collector – Lee Cochran (R), County Commissioners – L.A. Kelton, E.T. Knight, J.B. White and J.A.Vickery (all Democrats).

From the files of 1936

Doctor and Mrs. C.E. Herrin and Doctor and Mrs. Alurie Culpepper will spend this week in Baltimore, Maryland at the Southern Medical Convention.

The Women's Missionary Society of Good Hope Baptist Church met at the church for the November meeting. Mrs. Essie Henry was elected president, Mrs. B.H. Reid vice-president, Mrs. Stella Weeks secretary, Mrs. Bessie (John) Christian personal service and Mrs. D.E. Ryan P.T.A.

From the files of 1950

Mr. J.E. Gray, Senior, who was employed by the Tribune in 1888, stopped by for a visit last week. John A. Johnson was editor when Mr. Gray started work for the Tribune. He now resides in Birmingham.

Cullman cheerleaders this year are Carolyn Miller, Shirley Fay Hamilton, Nancy Moore, Dale Tidwell and Bill Handley.

Mr. Dennis Blalock, of Route One, Hanceville brought by the Tribune some lovely sweet potato blooms, resembling the morning glory with a dark purple center. Mr. Blalock has three acres of the blooming potato vines and says these are the first blooms he has ever seen in many years of farming.

Mrs. Opal Wheeler has received word that her husband, Sergeant Wheeler was seriously injured in Korea, on September 15th.

A 1949 Oldsmobile driven by Roy Richter, of Cullman and a truck driven by Oscar Cordes, collided close to the post office on Sunday afternoon. There was about $100 in damage to the Richter car and about $25 to the Cordes truck.

C.J. Burkart suffered a stroke of paralysis, on his right side as he sat at the breakfast table on Monday morning. He has worked at Kinney Brothers Store in West Cullman for 25 years.

Those yelling for the Bearcats on Friday night included: Helen Hamilton and Kenneth Speegle, Doris Lessman and Kermit Robinson, Gwen Hart and Elwin Robinson, Jeanette and Bobby Joe Blalock. The game was at Scottsboro.

Dwight McSwain leaves the Bearcat football team to enter the Army on October 19th.

Cullman defeated Scottsboro, 14 to 6. Coach Tilrow Morrison attributed the upset to the blocking of Asa Blalock, Dahlke and Cook.

POET'S CORNER

The Smile | By: William Blake, 1757-1827

There is a Smile of Love
And there is a Smile of Deceit
And there is a Smile of Smiles
In which these two Smiles meet

And there is a Frown of Hate
And there is a Frown of disdain
And there is a Frown of Frowns
Which you strive to forget in vain

For it sticks in the Hearts deep Core
And it sticks in the deep Back bone
And no Smile that ever was smild
But only one Smile alone

That betwixt the Cradle & Grave
It only once Smild can be
But when it once is Smild
Theres an end to all Misery.

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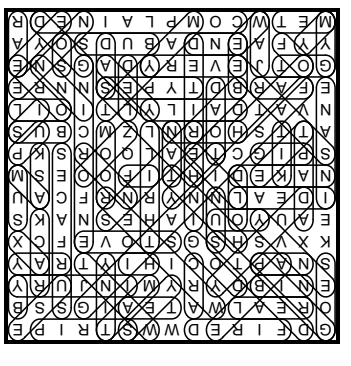
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Drinkard (from Front)



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Sacred Heart second graders gather around Roy Drinkard as he provides words of wisdom.

age of 25, the second graders shared a collective "Wow!"

As Drinkard told the children about failing school in the second grade, their gasps were audible. He explained that after that year, he made straight As for the rest of his school years.

He continued to speak with great fondness of his two daughters and their accomplishments and his storied military career.

As their time together came to an end, a student asked teacher Jennifer Grey if Drinkard could stay and go to break with them. The students, despite their young age, sensed the value of Drinkard's wisdom gained from over 102 years of good living and wanted to learn more life lessons from him. God willing, we'll all have that chance.

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