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Early release law goes into effect; 1 inmate freed from Cullman County Detention Center

Sheriff, new DA hold press conference

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new state law, based on a bill passed by the Alabama Legislature in October 2021, which amended a law passed in 2015 as part of Alabama's prison reform efforts, went into effect Tuesday, much to the consternation of Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and new Cullman County District Attorney and former defense attorney Champ Crocker. The new law enabled the release of 369 Alabama Department of Correction inmates. The two held a press conference » PAGE 2



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Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, left, and Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry are seen at a press conference on Thursday, Feb. 2.

'They all deserve to feel special'

Fairview's Shaggie Aggie provides style, necessities



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Fairview High School graduates Allie Scott and Jacy Gorham returned to their alma mater to pamper students.

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview High School (FHS) students lined up in a converted classroom to await their turn to be pampered at the Shaggie Aggie on Thursday, Feb. 2, when its grand opening and ribbon cutting was held.

The new clothing and personal supply closet also doubles as a salon in partnership with Wallace State Community College (WSCC) School of Cosmetology, from which WSCC students will visit biweekly to provide haircuts and styling for students.

"This is similar to a program we used to have at the school," shared Fairview High Principal Chris Gambrill. "I had a young stu- » PAGE 10



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PREP BASKETBALL

Area tournaments tipping off Monday



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The Cold Springs Lady Eagles and Cullman Bearcats will tip off their respective area tournaments Monday night.

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Feb. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 3, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 30

- domestic violence; CR 1059
- harassment; CR 38
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1101
- burglary; CR 55

Jan. 31

- theft of property; CR 102
- harassment; Colony Rd.
- burglary; CR 1592
- using false identity to avoid arrest; Beech Ave. SE
- possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; CR 316
- theft of property; CR 642
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 576
- burglary; CR 1816

Feb. 1

- theft of property; CR 1223
- assault; CR 592
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 91
- harassment; Wolf Creek Rd.
- burglary; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1059

ARRESTS

Jan. 30 – Feb. 1

Abbott, Christopher M.; 43
- elder abuse and neglect-3rd degree

Baxter, Adam K.; 36
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Givens, Paul M.; 29
- FTA- public intoxication

Haynes, Tami H.; 41
- criminal trespass

Jackson, Lois J.; 61
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Kennedy, Brian T.; 36
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

King, Sherman H.; 54
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Martinez, Manuel D.; 24
- Probation Revoked- attempt to commit controlled substance crime
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Parrish Sr., David R.; 40
- Violation of Court Order

Powell, Joseph D.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Riggs, Britany H.; 31
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)

Aaron, Toby L.; 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Anders, Leo J.; 58
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Barnes, Dustin M.; 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Cartee, Sarah J.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Curington, Crystal D.; 38
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-no force
- Probation Violation- larceny-theft-miscellaneous theft

Duke, Travis D.; 30
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- non-support child
- FTA- resisting arrest
- Violation of Domestic Violence Protection Order
- FTA- harassing communications

Graves, Kelly B.; 54
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, Jesse J.; 45
- burglary-residence-force (2 counts)
- burglary-2nd degree_domestic violence-2nd degree

Jones, Charles C.; 40
- Violation of Release Order- drug trafficking
- Violation of Release Order- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Jones, Clinton M.; 34
- negotiating worthless instrument

Parker, Tina; 50
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Pate, Cody W.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- resisting arrest

Coalburn, Shelby M.; 19
- forgery-counterfeiting

Cockrell, Rusty D.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Kennedy, Brian T.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Parris, Ethan B.; 30
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 31
- harassment; person

Feb. 1
- harassing communications; person
- robbery-1st degree; person; 4th St. SW; miscellaneous
- criminal mischief; theft of property; US Post Office; Main Ave. SW; damaged property
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; CRMC; Hwy. 157

Feb. 2
- theft of property-4th degree; forgery-3rd degree; person; forged checks
- theft of property-3rd degree; GLS Supply LLC; 4th St. SW; hot water heaters; $1,000

ARRESTS

Feb. 1

Fowler, Dawson C.; 22
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while revoked

Bogart, Faith M.; 40
- FTA- DUI

Hannah, Amiyah L.; 19
- criminal trespass

Feb. 2

Linn, Rachel A.; 39
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Gann, Kimberly D.; 52
- theft of property-4th degree

Johns, Travis M.; 50
- FTA- fail to register vehicle

Marsh, Thomas M.; 44
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Barnett, Richard S.; 23
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation

Parris, Andrew E.; 43
- FTA- false information to law enforcement
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Shaver, William D.; 26
- disorderly conduct

Contreras, Edwin; 24
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Inmate (from Front)

in Crocker's office on Thursday, Feb. 2.

"We called this press conference today to make the public aware of an ongoing issue," Crocker began.

"We learned a few days ago of an impending mass release by the (Alabama) Department of Corrections of approximately 400 convicted offenders back into society.

"There are offenders from Cullman County and all over the state.

"Some of these are violent offenders, and part of the job of law enforcement is to educate the public and that's why we're here."

The law allows select inmates to complete their sentences while under supervised monitoring from the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles (ABPP).

The early releases range from a period of three months to 12 months before the inmates' original release dates.

The goal, according to the ABPP, is to help inmates acclimate to life outside of jail while being supervised by a parole officer and electronic monitoring, at a minimum. Rep. Jim Hill, R-Moody, sponsored the 2021 bill in hopes of providing additional supervision to those exiting jails along with the safety net of electronic monitoring, which is reported to be over 70% effective statewide. The House voted to approve an amendment at the request of ABPP to allow the department more time to prepare for the additional supervision.

"At the end of last week we, sheriffs across the state, received that information that inmates would be released on Jan. 31 en masse," Gentry said. "On the list that came out then we had about 13 criminal offenders being released that were from Cullman County." On the list of 369 inmates to be freed, five are listed as being from Cullman County. The one inmate from that list who was held at the Cullman County Detention Center, Adam Pace, was serving time for manufacturing and possession of a controlled substance.

The names of all five inmates from Cullman, along with their original release dates, where housed and crimes are listed below:

- Dustyn Allred, July 2, 2023, Bibb County Correctional Facility- receiving stolen property, burglary, theft, possession of a controlled substance

- David Blair, June 25, 2023, Bibb County Correctional Facility- assault, murder

- John Blalock, May 4, 2023, Easterling Correctional Center, Barbour County- burglary, attempted rape

- Adam Pace, March 12, 2023, Cullman County Detention Center- manufacturing of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance

- William Reynolds, Oct. 5, 2023, Stanton Correctional Facility, Elmore County- third-degree burglary

(On Jan. 31, AL.com published the full list. You can read it here: www.al.com/news/anniston-gadsden/2023/01/these-are-the-369-alabama-prison-inmates-being-freed-in-mass-release.html.)

During the press conference, Gentry referred to 13 inmates from Cullman County who are being released and later clarified that only one of the 13 was held at the Cullman County Detention Center. The rest are incarcerated in other counties.

"The five names of the individuals released to the media met the criteria established by the Department of Corrections allowing that information to be given out.

"The other eight names that were included in the list received by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office have not yet met that criteria," he said.

"The list of names received by the CCSO from the DOC was deemed 'law enforcement sensitive' by the DOC.

"The DOC instructed the CCSO NOT to release this information to the media due to operational security. Only one of the 13 was released from the Cullman County Detention Center."

As of Tuesday, less than 100 inmates had been released throughout Alabama's 67 counties. Upon victim notification, the remaining inmates will be processed by ABPP, fitted with electronic ankle monitors and released. Under the law, electronic ankle monitoring is required for early release.

"One of the things you can never put a price tag on is our citizens and our safety," Gentry said.

"There's no amount of money worth a citizen losing their life. The thing that struck me on these 13 offenders was murder, rape, incest, sodomy, kidnapping, very violent criminals that would be released back into society. Anytime you see that that is not good for society."

While Gentry spoke of sexual crimes against children, those perpetrators are not eligible for early release.

Speaking on the opportunities provided to inmates by the prison system, Gentry said, "There's enough government programs in place within the prison systems. Just in our local jail we have 33 programs.

"We have a work release program just for our lower level criminal offenders. They get, guess what, since we've been in operation we get over $2 million in restitution that goes back to the victim of the crimes and it gives those offenders the opportunity to make money, and guess what, we have a plan with the business owners that they work for that when they leave they keep their jobs."

Both the district attorney and sheriff said they are eager to head to Montgomery in the coming months.

"This spring myself and many other DAs from around the state will be in Montgomery promoting our crime package," shared Crocker.

"I'll have more to say about that later, but we are looking to go to the Legislature with bills to keep the public safe."

Gentry said, "As the legislator (sic) meets this year we're going to be fighting with the DAs to keep these criminal offenders in jail where they need to be. There's no amount of satisfaction or government interference that would say, 'This is a good idea to release these people back into society.'"

Below are the requirements for early release and supervision by the ABPP.

Mandatory supervision period on certain sentences

(a) A convicted defendant sentenced to a period of confinement under the supervision of the Department of Corrections shall be subject to the following provisions, unless the defendant is released to a term of probation or released on parole under the provisions of Chapter 22 of Title 15:

(1) If the defendant is sentenced to a period of five years or less, he or she shall be released to supervision by the Board of Pardons and Paroles no less than three months and no more than five months prior to the defendant's release date;

(2) If the defendant is sentenced to a period of more than five years but less than 10 years, he or she shall be released to supervision by the Board of Pardons and Paroles no less than six months and no more than nine months prior to the defendant's release date; or

(3) If the defendant is sentenced to a period of 10 years or more, he or she shall be released to supervision by the Board of Pardons and Paroles no less than 10 months and no more than 12 months prior to the defendant's release date.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a defendant convicted of any sex offense involving a child, as defined in Section 15-20A-4.

(c) Prior to the defendant's release to supervision pursuant to this section, notice of such release shall be provided to the victim and interested parties through the victim notification system established pursuant to Section 15-22-36.2 and under the provisions of Section 15-22-36.

(d) Release of an offender to supervision pursuant to this section shall be release to an intensive program under the supervision of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

To find out information on any Alabama Department of Corrections inmate or to register for victim notifications, visit www.doc.state.al.us. The October 2021 law can be found in its entirety at https://legiscan.com/AL/bill/HB2/2021/X1.

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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & 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, Feb. 4 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Pops in Dodge City. Baby shower from 10 a.m.-noon
• Sunday, Feb. 5 - 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, Feb. 5 - 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. Prayer meeting with Bonnie Barrett will be after morning service.
• Sunday, Feb. 5 - Leadership meeting and lunch after church service.

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

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

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

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

2023 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.

Broken Parents: Healing Through the Loss of a Child
Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 6-8 p.m. at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, 301 Second Ave. SW. Light refreshments will be provided. This is a free counseling group for people who have suffered the loss of a child. RSVP to Brandie Johnson at 256-785-6833.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, located at 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. All are welcome.

Plant Sale/Book Sale
Saturday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman. All book sale items 50 cents each. Plant prices will vary.

Cullman EMS 6th Annual 911 Chili Supper & Cook-Off
Saturday, Feb. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Dr. SW. All proceeds will benefit PTSD treatments for veterans. Competition open to law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMA and EMS personnel and dispatchers. Chili supper open to the public for a $5 donation per person. Awards determined by popular vote. Door prizes and live music. For more information or to register a team, contact James Curtis at 205-903-4486 or james.curtis@cullmanregional.com.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Feb. 19, at 5 p.m. 2nd Mile from Dekalb, Mississippi, will be featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986.

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.



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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville splits senior night matchups with Cold Springs

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – It was Senior Night at Lane Horton Gymnasium and Hanceville's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs faced off against Cold Springs in their final regular season games. In the girls' game, the Lady Bulldogs erased a double-digit deficit in the fourth quarter to take the lead, but the Lady Eagles ended up pulling away late to barely get past Hanceville 54-51. In the boys' game, Hanceville took control in the second half and knocked off Cold Springs 52-33.

Cold Springs 54 - Hanceville 51 (Varsity Girls)

Ciara Calvert scored Cold Springs' first five points of the game to give them a quick 5-0 lead, but Alex Twitty hit a shot in the paint and Aaliyah Twitty got a steal, then hit the layup on the other end to make it a 5-4 game. The Lady Eagles quickly went on a big run as threes by Ella Bruer, Maci Brown, and Kenady Graves, plus a basket down low by Calvert, pushed their lead to 16-4 with less than three minutes to go in the opening period. Mattie Keith put in a floater to cut it to 16-6 and a basket down low by Savana McAnnally made it an 18-8 game, but Calvert converted on her and-one opportunity to end the quarter as Cold Springs took a 21-8 lead into the second period.

Bruer and Graves each knocked down a long-range shot to give the Lady Eagles a 27-10 lead. A trey by Calvert made it 30-12 with a little over five minutes to go in the first half, but the Lady Bulldogs went on a little run to get back in the game. Baskets by Aaliyah Twitty and Katelyn Boyd cut it to 30-16, then Boyd and Kate Sterling each put in a free throw to make it a 30-18 game. Brown and Ella Dickerson each knocked down a three late in the first half to push their lead to 36-18 and the Lady Eagles held a 36-20 lead at the half.

Both defenses took over to start the second half as Sterling and Calvert each traded baskets to keep it at a 16-point game at 38-22. That's when Hanceville would go on their run to get back in the game as Alex Twitty converted on her and one-opportunity and Sterling put in a pair of baskets in the paint to make it a 38-29 game. A pair of Dickerson free throws and another Brown trey made it a 43-29 game. A pair of McAnnally shots from the line cut it to 43-31 going into what would be an exciting final period of play.

The Lady Bulldogs came out red-hot to start out the fourth as Aaliyah Twitty and Boyd each hit a basket down low, then Boyd drilled a long-range shot to cut it to 43-38. Sterling knocked down a shot and another and-one by Alex Twitty tied the game up at 43 with a little over five minutes to go in the contest. Aaliyah Twitty laid one up and in to give Hanceville a 45-43 lead, but Dickerson put in a basket and Calvert knocked down a pair from the line to give Cold Springs a 47-45 lead with 2:50 left to go in the game. Another made shot by Sterling tied the game up at 47, but a pair of Brown free throws and a late layup by Graves gave the Lady Eagles a 52-47 lead. McAnnally hit a pair of free throws to cut it to 52-49 with 30 seconds left, but Brown would seal the deal at the line as she knocked down two more free throws to make it a five-point game. Cold Springs would go on to hold off a feisty Hanceville squad, 54-51.

Calvert led the way for Cold Springs with 17 points. Brown added 13 points and Dickerson put in 10 points. For Hanceville, Sterling finished with 13 points. Boyd and Alex Twitty each added 10 points, while McAnnally and Aaliyah Twitty each collected eight points.



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Hanceville's Logan Quick finished with nine points in the Bulldogs' 52-33 win over Cold Springs Thursday night.

Hanceville 52 - Cold Springs 33 (Varsity Boys)

Cold Springs got on the scoreboard first as a pair of shots in the paint by Cole Bales and Cameron Nunn gave them an early 4-0 lead, but Brayden Harris scored the first five points of the game for Hanceville as that gave them a 5-4 lead. Nic Fallin drilled a long-range shot to give the Eagles a 7-5 lead, but a rebound and putback by Carson Garrett tied the game up at seven. A steal and a layup by Zach Campbell, plus a floater by Noah Jones gave Hanceville an 11-7 lead, but John Mark Smith trimmed the deficit to one at 11-10 on a trey. Hanceville held a slim 11-10 lead after one.

J.T. Davis drilled a three to give Hanceville a 14-10 lead, but a Fallin trey cut it to 14-13. Jones put in one of his own from long-range, then a steal and a layup by Harris stretched the Bulldog lead to 19-14. A Smith three made it a two-point game late in the first half, but Harris knocked down a trey and got another steal and a layup to make it a 24-16 game. Bales put in a pair from the line to end the first half as the Bulldogs would take a 24-18 lead into the locker room.

Another Bales shot from long-range cut it to 26-21 early in the third, but the Bulldogs would quickly start pulling away from the Eagles after that. Harris and Logan Quick each put in a trey and Calvert would later add one from there as well to stretch their lead to 35-23. Another Fallin trey trimmed it to 37-26, but Jones knocked down a trey as Hanceville held a 40-26 lead after three.

The Bulldogs continued to add to their lead in the fourth as Davis, Braxton Broad, and Quick each put one in from deep to make it a 49-26 game. Fallin knocked down a trey and Smith hit a short jumper to cut it to 49-31, but A.J. Wood put in a shot on the other end to make it a 51-31 game. Hanceville would go on to defeat Cold Springs, 52-33.

Harris finished the game with 15 points for Hanceville. Quick added nine points and Jones ended up with eight points. For Cold Springs, Fallin led the way with 12 points. Smith added 10 points and Bales collected seven points.

Both teams will now start preparing for their respective area tournaments next week.

Broome's big night leads No. 25 Auburn past Georgia 94-73

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Johni Broome produced a double-double during a nearly flawless first half for No. 25 Auburn to help the Tigers even the season series with Georgia, beating the Bulldogs 94-73 Wednesday at Neville Arena.

"That was a really good team effort tonight," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said of the Tigers' season-high point total. "A lot of guys contributed. Great balance tonight."

Broome scored 19 points and equaled his career high with 18 rebounds. Allen Flanigan led Auburn with 22 points, making 8 of 10 shots. Wendell Green Jr. added 18 points and six assists, and K.D. Johnson reached double figures for the first time in SEC play this season with 13 points.

"Wendell's a fierce competitor," Pearl said. "All he cares about is winning."

The Tigers committed a season-low five turnovers while distributing 22 assists.

Green hit a pair of 3-pointers within 30 seconds to cap a 17-0 Auburn run that turned a two-point lead into a 19-point advantage with 6:13 remaining in the first half.

"We were efficient offensively and we were getting stops," Pearl said. "Our guys were locked into the scouting report and what we did both-ered them. Our defense was better in front of our bench again, which is a problem. We've got to do a better job in the second half."

Broome's tip-in with 2:54 left in the half gave him double figures in points and rebounds. He finished the half with 13 points and 12 boards.

"I took care of the ball and made smart plays. My teammates put me in good spots," Broome said. "Coming into the game, we knew we had to be the more physical team and dominate the glass."

The Tigers committed only two turnovers in the first half while outrebounding the Bulldogs 23-14, helping Auburn amass a 20-6 advantage in points in the paint in the half.

Leading 42-24 at halftime, Auburn's offense was even more explosive in the second half, yielding 52 points on 67.7-percent shooting.

Flanigan's transition dunk after Tre Donaldson's defensive rebound and assist put the Tigers ahead 56-36.

"When Al plays with that rhythm and tempo, and plays without a turnover, he does things inside and out, and defensively," Pearl said.

Auburn hit 10 consecutive shots down the stretch, punctuated by Dylan Cardwell's dunk. The Tigers outscored Georgia 48-18 in the paint.

"We dominated the five position tonight," Pearl said of Broome and Cardwell's combined 27 points and 23 rebounds on 12-of-16 shooting.

"They had the physical advantage tonight against a smaller, athletic Georgia team. They certainly took advantage of their size and physicality."

Mardrez McBride made six of Georgia's 14 3-pointers to lead the Bulldogs (14-8, 4-5) with 20 points.

Auburn (17-5, 7-2) begins the second half of SEC play at No. 2 Tennessee Saturday at 1 p.m. on ESPN.

"The guys and myself had to come out and put on a show today in order to prepare for that game," Broome said. "Now we're getting our eyes on Tennessee."

"We've got nine games left and we're probably going to be an underdog in six of them," Pearl said. "We've got to win the ones we're supposed to win and can win, and we've got to see if we can pick up a couple that are really hard to get starting Saturday at Tennessee."

GEORGIA POSTGAME NOTES

- For the sixth-straight game, Auburn started Wendell Green Jr., Zep Jasper, Allen Flanigan, Jaylin Williams and Johni Broome (4-2).
- With the win, Auburn splits the regular-season series with Georgia. It was the Tigers' 100th all-time victory over the Bulldogs in program history. In both teams' first meeting of the season, Georgia beat the Tigers by 12 points. Auburn got revenge by defeating the Bulldogs by 21 points in the rematch.
- In back-to-back games, Allen Flanigan came out hot shooting 6-of-10 from the field, 6-for-9 from the free throw line and registering 19 points in the first half alone versus West Virginia and Georgia.
- Flanigan reached double digits for the ninth time this season with a game-and season-high 22 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the field including a trio of 3-pointers against the Bulldogs. It was the 36th double-figure game of his career and his sixth career 20-point outing.
- Johni Broome is currently on four-game double-digit scoring streak recording 19 points, career-high tying 18 rebounds and one blocked shot versus Georgia. He turned in 13 points and 12 points in just the first half of play – his first time this season to record a double-double before halftime. It was his 42nd career double-double and seventh of the season, which is second most in the SEC.
- It was the first time an Auburn player brought down 15-or-more rebounds in a game since Jabari Smith (15) versus Miami (Fla.) in the NCAA Second Round on March 20, 2022. It was the most in a SEC game since Walker Kessler (19) at Arkansas in overtime on Feb. 8, 2022. It was also tied as the third-most rebounds in a single game in the Bruce Pearl Era.
- For the third time this season, Wendell Green Jr. also reached double figures before the half with 11 of his 18 points versus UGA. He also knocked down 14 first-half points against Saint Louis on Nov. 27 and 12 first-half points versus No. 13-ranked Arkansas on Jan. 7.
- Back-to-back double-digit games for K.D. Johnson, who tallied a conference season-high 13 points on 4-of-7 shooting from the field against his former school UGA.
- Auburn turned over the ball a season low five times against Georgia.
- The Tigers scored a season-high 94 points against the Bulldogs. It was their second game of the season with a 90+ point scoring output next to 93 points against Colgate on Dec. 2.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn's Johni Broome finished with 19 points and 18 rebounds in the Tigers' 94-73 win over Georgia.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Left to right are Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, Good Hope Middle School Assistant Principal Scott Brown, AmFirst Teacher of the Month Kalie Faulk, AmFirst Membership Development Manager Beverly Cochran and AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan.



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Left to right are Fairview High School Assistant Principal George Redding, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, AmFirst Staff Member of the Month Sherri Swindall, AmFirst Membership Development Manager Beverly Cochran and AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan.

CCBOE: Faulk, Swindall named AmFirst Teacher, Staff Member of the Month

Ty Watwood
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools and America's First Federal Credit Union (AmFirst) recognize a teacher and staff member each month.

This month, those honors go to Teacher of the Month Kalie Faulk from Good Hope Middle School and Staff Member of the Month Sherri Swindall, bookkeeper at Fairview High School.

"Teaching and learning is Kalie's passion," said Good Hope Middle School Principal Lesley Hembree. "I think what makes her stand out is that she has and still overcomes adversity. She constantly checks in with her students to ensure their mental and physical needs are met."

"Mrs. Swindall goes above and beyond in every aspect of her job," said Fairview High School Principal Dr. Chris Gambrill.

"She is a friend to everyone and cares about them in and out of school."

Cullman County Schools thanks America's First Federal Credit Union for donating a $100 gift card to each employee of the month. Congratulations Kalie and Sherri!

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Jones named to Lee University Dean's List

Brian Conn
Contributor

CLEVELAND, Tenn. — Lee University congratulates Alyssa Jones of Arab, Alabama, on earning Dean's List honors during the fall 2022 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Lee University is a private, Christ-centered university located in Cleveland, Tennessee, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

The university's reputation as a quality institution is seen in the high caliber of faculty, students, and friends who are drawn to campus.

Over the past three decades, Lee has experienced remarkable transformations including significant growth in academic programs, athletics, institutional facilities, student enrollment, and faculty expertise and diversity.

For more information, visit www.leeuniversity.edu.

Hall, Millican earn degrees from Mississippi State University

A. Matthews
Contributor

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. — Nearly 1,500 students were on the fall 2022 Graduation List at Mississippi State University.

Local students who earned degrees are:

• Robert Hall of Arab, Alabama, received a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU's Bagley College of Engineering

• Jordan Millican of Cullman, Alabama, received a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Some names of students may not appear on this list as a result of student requests for privacy from publication through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

About Mississippi State University
Mississippi State University is a national STEM-focused, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant university offering a wide range of educational experiences for learning and growth to a diverse student body of approximately 23,000 students. Among the National Science Foundation's Top 100 research universities, MSU provides access and opportunity to students from all 50 states and 86 countries. MSU is committed to its comprehensive research university mission, addressing complex local and global issues with innovative ideas and solutions.

St. Bernard to host Open House Feb. 23

Joyce Nix
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Prep School in Cullman is hosting Open House Thursday, Feb. 23, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for students entering grades 7-11 this fall. SBP student ambassadors will lead perspective students and their families on tours of the campus.

Operated by the Benedictine monks of St. Bernard Abbey, St. Bernard takes pride in its traditional Catholic education based around the tenets of the faith.

Students work diligently to meet the high standard of educational excellence and consistently score above state averages on standardized testing.

The co-ed college preparatory school has day students from the Cullman and greater Cullman area as well as boarding students from all over the world. Living on campus at St. Bernard throughout the school year has many advantages. Students attain a peace and mindfulness of their surroundings.

They develop habits from the daily routines of lights out and wake-up calls at consistent times.

Structured study halls in the evenings provide ample time for students to learn study skills while completing homework and preparing for the next day of class. Encountering international students allows all to experience different cultures and ideas. All these practices and experiences equip students with needed skills to find success in college and beyond.

Meg Glover, director of admissions stated, "The teachers and staff at St. Bernard work diligently to educate each student in body, mind and spirit by leading them and offering encouragement during each step of their high school journey."

There are many benefits of attending St. Bernard. Small class sizes offer more one-on-one instruction.

Students also have the opportunity to explore extracurricular activities such as sports, music, theater or the scholars bowl.

The 800-acre campus with all its facilities is seldom matched in high school or even college settings.

"I encourage anyone interested in attending St. Bernard to give me a call," Glover said. "We are always looking for exceptional students who want to make a difference in their lives, and the lives of their community."

St. Bernard Prep School offers Shadow Days at no cost, where perspective students can experience a day in the life of an SBP student.

For more information on the upcoming Open House or to schedule a private tour or shadow day, contact Meg Glover at 256-255-5890 or mglover@stbernardprep.com.

Let's celebrate Alabama Career Technical Education Month 2023

ALSDE
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This past week officially kicked off the state's celebration of Alabama Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month.

To celebrate Alabama CTE Month 2023, many local schools and communities are hosting in-school events, online career fairs, virtual college tours and job etiquette workshops to highlight the impact that CTE is having on Alabama student success.

State, local and national workforce trends
"We are truly excited to celebrate Alabama Career and Technical Education Month," said Assistant State Superintendent, Dr. Jimmy Hull. "Our programs are focused on preparing students for a lifetime of success.

"Whether they are focused on attending college right after high school graduation, entering the workforce, military service or a combination of these wonderful opportunities, Alabama Career and Technical Education is committed to assisting every student in achieving their goals."

There are so many excellent learning opportunities for students in today's CTE. Statewide, over 180,000 students in grades 9-12 are now enrolled in Alabama CTE programs. Alabama CTE is focused on preparing K-12 students for in-demand career opportunities in America's leading career areas.

The National Career Clusters are 16 basic categories, in which all current jobs in the United States can ultimately be placed into and organized.

See a list of America's Highest Paying Occupations at www.bls.gov/ooh/highest-paying.htm

Today's career clusters represent 79 different career pathways.

These categories help students and adult learners navigate their ways to greater success in the professions they are interested in. Many Alabama middle schools are now also utilizing the career cluster concept too. Their goal is to spark more career interest and STEM-related learning in students – at a much younger age.

Examples of some of the career fields that Alabama CTE students may prepare for include:

• Engineering

• Journalism (radio, television, print)

• Aviation and Aerospace careers

• K-12 Education

• Medical professions (physician, nursing, dentistry)

• Information Technology and Cybersecurity

• Law Enforcement, First Responder careers and Military Leadership

• Hundreds of other career learning opportunities

"With personal dedication and hard work, we believe every Alabama student can increase their potential to earn high-paying salaries in the future," continued Hull. "Career and Technical Education truly is a valuable resource in developing K-12 students' essential workplace skills and academic knowledge."

The special partnership between Alabama's education and workforce development communities continues to have a positive impact. Alabama's high school CTE programs are now considered to be among the top in the nation.

America's high school and college students have even more promising career prospects now available. According to top experts, over the next decade, America's leading occupations that require college-level or advanced professional credentials, will have record-breaking job openings.

For example, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicates employment in media and communication occupations is now projected to grow nearly 14% by 2030. This fast job growth will be a leading example, which is projected to result in nearly 151,500 new jobs – www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/home.htm.

CTE initiatives help reduce student dropout rates and increase on-time graduation. Students who take advanced CTE courses in high school or college are often projected to earn 3.2% more in salary over their lifetime, in comparison to peers who do not take these classes. CTE Concentrators take at least two CTE classes in a specific program of study.

Alabama CTE also provides opportunities for young people to participate in seven national student organizations:

• FBLA helps students develop their potential for top careers through learning important business skills and education concepts - www.alabamafbla-pbl.org

• JROTC is producing selfless leaders committed to the greater good. Through JROTC, students learn leadership and personal responsibility - https://alabama-jrotc.org

• FFA is a dynamic youth organization that makes positive differences in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership and personal growth through agricultural education - https://alabamaffa.org

• Members of SkillsUSA proudly proclaim, "We are America's Future Workforce." SkillsUSA works to ensure students are prepared for high-paying, real-world career opportunities – https://alskillsusa.org

• Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is an organization for students interested in Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) education and careers. FCCLA has family as its central focus. It offers students fantastic opportunities to develop top communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills – https://alabamafcclа.org

• DECA prepares students for entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, hospitality, and management careers. Nearly eighty-six percent of DECA students go on to pursue a college education – www.alabamadeca.com

• The Technology Student Association (TSA) provides leadership and opportunities in technology and engineering areas. This organization prepares students in robotics, science, technology, and STEM-related career areas https://alabamatsa.rocks

• HOSA students are Future Health Professionals! They prepare for careers in Physiology, Growth and Development, Medical Language and Safety, Body Mechanics, Infection-Disease Control and Forensics. HOSA students develop medical leadership - https://alabama-hosa.org/

• Jobs for Alabama's Graduates (JAG) pairs students with committed JAG Specialists, who provide instruction to help each student through their personal journey to earn a high school diploma, secure a quality career, and pursue a college education. Alabama JAG has nearly a 99% graduation rate - www.alabamajag.org

To learn more about this year's Alabama CTE Month celebration and activities taking place in your local community, contact your local Board of Education, call the ALSDE Career Tech/Workforce Development Section at 334-694-4876 or visit www.alabamaachieves.org

Teachers and Local Education Administrators, the 2023 CTE Month Communication Plan is available for review at: https://files.constantcontact.com/ecd88bf2801/0da3b69c-1879-44a2-ad99-c5003c7eb480.pdf

AL Dept. of Early Childhood Education receives $4M from U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education (ADECE) was recently awarded $4 million by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for Alabama's Preschool Development Grant Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) initiative for 2023.

"Alabama children deserve the best start possible, and these funds will help us support early childhood educators in an efficient, developmentally appropriate way," said Governor Kay Ivey.

"This grant will support the scaling of high-quality programs of early childhood care and education, so we can ensure our children are prepared for further education, a career and a lifetime of success."

Ivey's office said Alabama's PDG B-5 work aligns with the governor's Strong Start, Strong Finish initiative, a comprehensive education-to-workforce agenda with a focus on the birth-five continuum, recognizing a child's first five years as the foundational preparation necessary for lifelong achievement. It said the PDG B-5 Planning grant will ensure Alabama is positioned to prepare the workforce to serve in early childhood environments.

"This grant builds upon the previous work to implement a unified Early Childhood Care and Education system," said Dr. Barbara Cooper, secretary of the ADECE.

"Once realized, the system will maximize our previously coordinated efforts to better connect and leverage early learning and care opportunities and ultimately inform decisions with data, increase efficiency and reduce duplication."

The ADECE is an executive, cabinet-level state agency established to enable the governor to effectively and efficiently coordinate efforts and programs to serve families and young children from birth to age 8 throughout the state.

For more information about the department, visit children.alabama.gov.

To learn more about the PDG B-5 grant, visit acf.hhs.gov/ecd/early-learning/preschool-development-grants.

ADCNR: Outdoors is for everyone

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) is making every effort to convey the message that our state's great outdoors is for everyone.

"The Department tries to create an atmosphere that is safe, welcoming and accommodating to all individuals," said Justin Grider, ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division R3 coordinator.

Grider and Billy Pope, ADCNR's communications and marketing director, were analyzing license sales data and discovered an encouraging trend. License sales increased across the board, and license sales for people of color had increased significantly since 2019.

Grider said many people realized the outdoors was a safe place to spend recreation time during the COVID pandemic.

"People who had never enjoyed the outdoors discovered the outdoors during the pandemic," Grider said. "People who had lapsed and hadn't been outdoors in years were able to spend some time outdoors. I also think people who relied on meat sourced from grocery stores were made aware of how fragile the supply chain could be, so they turned to learning about hunting to provide that source of organic protein. That led to a spike in interest with new audiences to include everyone.

"The cool thing about it is that even since the pandemic, those percentage numbers have remained high. It's not like folks just came in 2020. They came and realized what our natural resources have to offer and realized the Department caters to everyone."

The license data also provided the geographical areas where most of the hunting and fishing licenses were sold. The Department then provided numerous outreach programs in the areas that were not as highly represented in that data.

"We looked at the data and focused on the areas that needed attention, where people hadn't previously interacted with the Department," Grider said. "That included the Adult Mentored Hunting Program, the Firearms 101 Program, the trapping program or the Go Fish! Alabama Program and many other community engagement efforts.

"We tried to meet people where they were. In doing so, we looked to staff those events and use volunteers who were representative of people from the communities so those individuals could see themselves doing those activities and have somebody to look up to in that role."

Funds generated from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses are crucial for supporting ADCNR's Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. License sales for outdoors activities provide a vital funding source through the Pittman-Robertson Act, where an excise tax on firearms and ammunition is collected and then divided to states according to their number of license sales and the size of their state.

R3 is a national program that addresses ways to boost hunting and fishing participation – Recruit, Retain, Reactivate. Grider said he has proof that those outreach efforts have been successful.

"We have several examples of individuals who came to those workshops and are now volunteering, helping as mentors," he said. "We are increasing our representation from those previously underserved audiences. We can now connect with them and develop relationships."

Grider said it seems the portrayal of the nation in the news media focuses on polarization and tension between groups, but he doesn't think that picture is completely accurate.

"When you zoom into real-world examples, like one of our workshops or outreach events, that couldn't be farther from the truth," he said. "We have people from all over the world with different backgrounds, different belief systems, different political opinions. All those things are set aside to focus on doing something outdoors, whether it be target shooting, hunting, fishing, trapping or many of the other outdoor recreation activities. People can put those differences aside and bond on those common themes. It's been incredible. I think it speaks to the healing capacity the outdoors offers. What it does for your health. And it builds foundations for building relationships with people who may not look like you, think like you or act like you.

"We will keep seeking partnership opportunities with user groups who are interested in being involved with the Department and have an interest in outdoor recreation. We want to be available to everyone. It's an open-door policy. We have staff who are great at making those connections."



ADCNR

Students from Alabama A&M and Tuskegee University were give instruction on the use of a crossbow at Oak Mountain.

Some of those partnerships include outreach events at the Montgomery Biscuits and Huntsville Trash Pandas minor league baseball parks. Advertising sponsorships include Auburn University Football as the Countdown to Kickoff radio show title sponsor and Troy Sports Properties, providing in-game and radio advertising for football, basketball, and baseball games.

"By being represented at these events, we can invite them to the workshops and outreach events and have face-to-face interactions, which increases the likelihood that people will get involved in workshops, engage with the staff and be comfortable reaching out to the Department for information about hunting, fishing, hiking, kayaking or target shooting," Grider said. "Again, it's meeting people where they are and making those connections. I'm really proud of our staff, volunteers and partners and their willingness to get involved, step outside of their comfort zones and try new things. It really speaks to the outdoors as being a common place where everybody can meet in the middle."

The outdooralabama.com website also added Google Translation to increase access to new audiences to highlight the numerous outdoors facilities, like shooting ranges, the most archery parks in the nation, some of the most beautiful parks in the nation in the Alabama State Parks System, and saltwater fishing opportunities, including the Gulf State Park Pier and Fort Morgan Pier.

Sgt. Bill Freeman, WFF Conservation Enforcement Officer, said even if you take the COVID spike out, the license sales to people of color have seen a 17% increase since 2019.

"I think a lot of our outreach efforts have helped to contribute to that," Freeman said. "We've really done a lot with our HBCUs (historically black colleges and universities) with our mentored programs. I really think they're seeing our Department in a different light. Our programs are welcoming and making access easier for all people."

Freeman cited an example, a fishing event held at the lake at Gateway Park Golf Course in Montgomery

"We planned that event with Montgomery Parks and Recreation because more minorities had access," he said. "It was a huge success. I think these events are starting to turn the tide in terms of minority participation.

"And I recently attended a seminar among female hunters and anglers, and providing protein for the family was very high on their lists. Our younger generation is much more conservation-minded and wants to know where their food comes from."

Freeman, who has been presented several diversity awards from SEAFWA (Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies), said that theme was evident at a recent mentored deer hunt at Oak Mountain State Park with a group of students from Alabama A&M and Tuskegee University.

"They were really interested in the meat-processing aspect of it," he said. "They're hunting but for different reasons than my generation, the baby boomers. The mentored hunting program is a such a great program, because all these kids have never hunted or fished. But once they do it, they're so enthusiastic and happy. They have a different outlook on what they actually thought hunting was. They are more nature minded. They like being in nature. They understand why we're hunting. We're not hunting for trophies. We're hunting to help manage a deer population. If you present it like that, they get it."

Freeman said another mentored hunt was planned for Feb. 3-4 in Bullock County with A&M, Tuskegee and Auburn University.

"I think we had 11 hunters at Oak Mountain," he said. "Now we're getting overwhelmed with students who want to sign up to learn about our natural spaces. They are just like sponges. They care about the water, the land and what they're eating.

"I can't say enough about our programs, and I can't say enough about the R3 program, because I'm seeing it work. We're reaching audiences we've never reached before. We're going to the Black Belt region with fisheries education. We went to Perry County, where people had never seen a game warden and didn't know anything about our Department or what we do. I'm very excited about this work."

ALEA celebrates Black History Month

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Each February, our nation honors and celebrates the history of African Americans and their immeasurable contributions to every aspect of American life. As Alabamians our state was the location of numerous monumental and pivotal events which led up to the American Civil Rights Movement that awakened not only the nation, but also the world to implement change. The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Our Agency is proud to join law enforcement agencies and organizations across the nation in celebrating Black History Month. ALEA has been and will continue to be dedicated to, building a diverse and inclusive state law enforcement agency that fully represents and reflects the communities we serve."

The Agency will highlight the transformational work that African American employees have accomplished both past and present by sharing their stories and celebrating their heritage. These stories will be shared on ALEA's social media platforms throughout February.

In 1972, Elbert Dawson, 25, of Tuskegee; Leon Hampton, 25, of Birmingham; and Tyrone Anderson, 24, of Montgomery, were the first three African American State Troopers hired by the Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS).

However, by ALEA's inception in 2015 with the consolidation of 12 Legacy Agencies including DPS, the Agency had established a strong diverse workforce across all divisions and units, including gender diversity.

In fact, in 2020 at the direction of Secretary Taylor, the Agency created a Cultural Awareness Improvement Team (C.A.I.T) to implement a continuous focus on enhancing ALEA's workplace in offices across the state, giving each employee a voice and opportunities for participation in various events and campaigns, while providing valuable insight and creating a successful work environment for all. In 2022, the Agency was chosen as one out of 12 law enforcement agencies across the nation for its best-looking cruiser, which was placed next to an iconic F-16C Fighting Falcon "Red Tails" fighter aircraft. ALEA proudly took the most recent opportunity to highlight not only the Agency, but also pay homage to the brave men who helped carve the way toward racial equality in the armed forces on a national stage. "Black History Month not only provides us with a way to commemorate African Americans but also gives us a method to celebrate all Americans, as it is diversity that enriches our nation. I am both honored and proud to work with employees from a variety of backgrounds and ethnicities as we all strive to achieve the same goal of protecting and serving the citizens and visitors of Alabama," said Taylor.

HudsonAlpha launches new public education program

Introducing HudsonAlpha U, the new name for the Institute's public education programs

Staff Reports
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — HudsonAlpha U is the new name and brand for the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology's popular public education programs and resources.

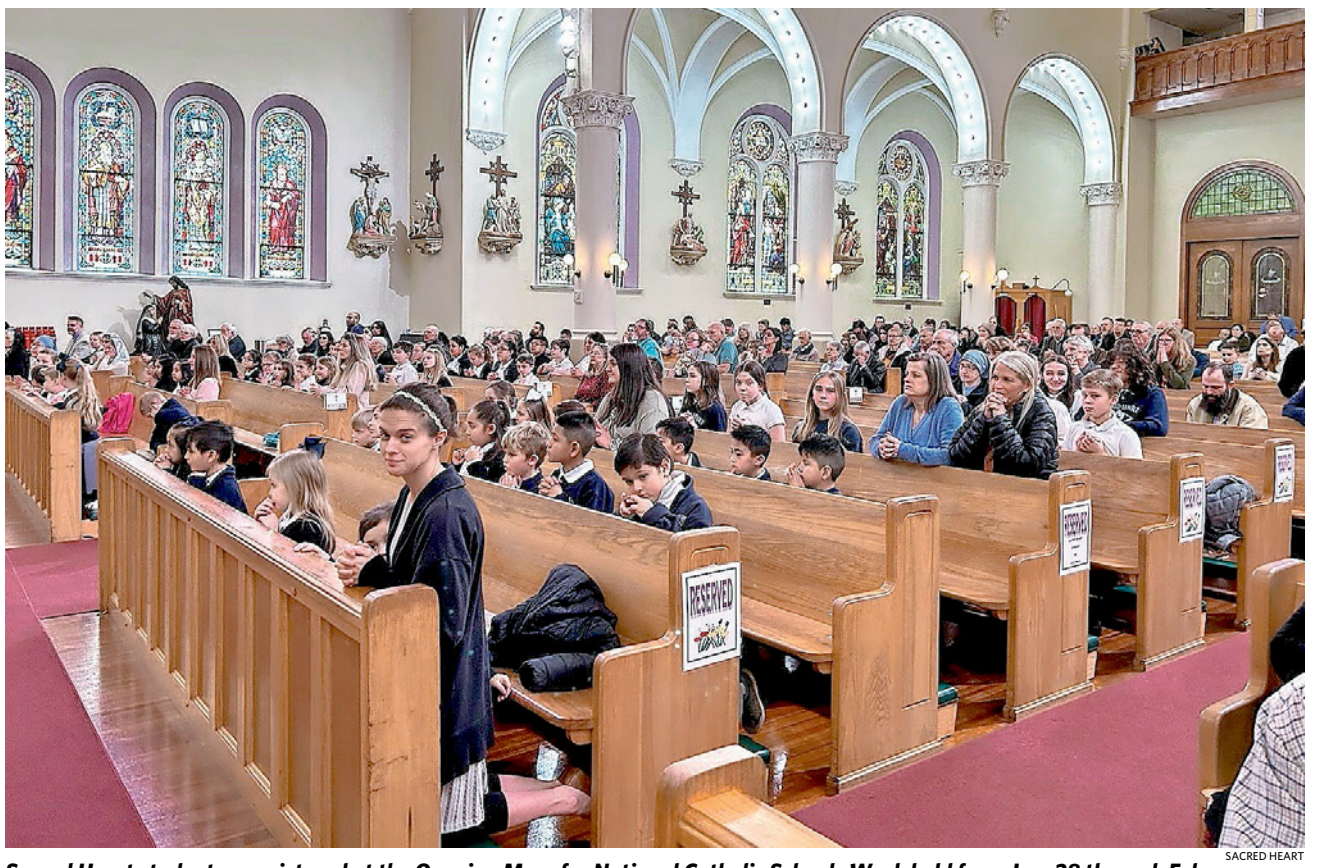
"HudsonAlpha U Nights" is a series of evening events designed for a public audience. The events are free and open to the public, although pre-registration is required. Events will be hosted by Kelly East, MS, CGC, the Institute's vice president for educational outreach, and will be held on the HudsonAlpha campus.

"We're thrilled to bring these events to the community," East said. "One of our goals is to make our public education programs more accessible and continue to reach out to more people interested in learning more about the power of genomics. We want to help people understand genomics in an engaging way and bring new discoveries and biotechnology applications to life through in-person events and online resources." The inaugural HudsonAlpha U event, "Genomics & Biotech Discoveries: Stories from the last year that you need to hear," will be held on Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at the Jackson Center (6001 Moquin Dr., Huntsville, 35806). To register, visit https://2023hudsonalphau.eventbrite.com. Registration for this event closes Tuesday, Feb. 14. HudsonAlpha U helps fulfill one of the nonprofit's mission areas, which is to help develop a more genomically literate community. HudsonAlpha's public education program was originally launched by Neil Lamb, PhD, in 2008 as Biotech 101 and 201. East was selected as the new vice president for educational outreach when Lamb was named the Institute's president in July 2022.

For more information about HudsonAlpha U, and all of the planned 2023 events, visit www.hudsonalpha.org/u.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
FEBRUARY 4, 2023

National Catholic Schools Week



SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart students are pictured at the Opening Mass for National Catholic Schools Week held from Jan. 28 through Feb. 4. Theme for the annual celebration at the local school was "Faith, Excellence, Service," a tradition that has been running throughout the school curriculum since its founding in the late 1800s. Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs issued a proclamation celebrating this cornerstone of education in the heart of downtown Cullman. Various celebrations were planned for the week, including the annual book fair. Sacred Heart School is open to all students covering K3 through the sixth grade.

Mending kids' hearts: Children's of Alabama celebrates kids' heart health

Staff Reports
Contributor



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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — February is American Heart Month. It is a month to raise awareness for conditions that affect every heart, from neonatal patients to adults. Children's of Alabama has one of the largest pediatric cardiovascular programs in the Southeast. Families of children who need specialized cardiovascular care can turn to the experts at the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama at Children's.

The team at the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama provides pediatric cardiac care for more than 14,000 patients a year. In 2022, the staff performed more than 700 cardiac catheterizations and electrophysiology procedures, and nearly 475 cardiovascular surgeries with a 99% survival rate for all surgical procedures. The center includes 20 private cardiovascular intensive care (CVICU) rooms with four dedicated CV-ECMO suites, 16 private critical care unit (CCU) rooms, two cardiovascular operating rooms and two catheterization labs.

"Our multidisciplinary team of over 350 professionals who work at the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama are committed to providing superlative care for our patients," said division director Yung Lau M.D. a pediatric cardiologist at Children's and the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB). "Our results for both survivals, as well as complication rates, are among the best in the world. Regardless of the heart disease, Children's of Alabama has developed the expertise to not only treat these patients but also support the family during this challenging time."

This "heart hospital within a hospital" represents decades of tradition of superior cardiovascular clinical care and research dedicated solely to children. This single-care platform includes surgeons, intensivists, cardiologists, nurses, social workers, child life specialists, counselors, nutritionists, occupational and physical therapists and chaplains.

Congenital heart defects are the most common birth defect, and most have no known cause. Congenital heart disease (CHD) affects about 40,000 births annually in the United States. Nearly 1% of births per year are affected by CHD. It kills more children each year than all cancers combined and is the top killer of children born with developmental abnormalities. Survival of infants with CHD and other congenital defects depends on how severe the defect is when it is diagnosed, and how it is treated. Children's is a leader in the treatment of CHD.

Throughout the month, Children's is raising awareness about CHD and promoting the work done by the medical professionals at the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama. There are opportunities for anyone interested in supporting the center.

Events and promotions:
Children's Russell Building will be illuminated in red in honor of American Heart Month throughout the month.

Castin' 'N Catchin' (April 29) -This annual fishing tournament raises money for the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama. It started as a small idea among four patient families in 2016 and has grown into the largest charity bass fishing tournament in the nation. Organizers expect the tournament at Goose Pond Colony Resort in Scottsboro will reach $1 million in funds raised for research, development and patient care. Visit www.castinncatchin.org to register.

J. McLaughlin (225 Summit Blvd., Suite 98, Birmingham, Alabama) will host a Sip and Ship on Feb. 23 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. A portion of the proceeds during the event will benefit Children's of Alabama.

The Mending Kids' Hearts Specialty Car Tag-Alabama residents can purchase or renew a specialty car tag. Proceeds from this car tag provide valuable funds for patient care, research and specialized physician training for the Pediatric and Congenital Heart Center of Alabama. The tag can be purchased at any Alabama Department of Motor Vehicle location for $50 in addition to your normal tag cost. $41.25 of the $50 will go to Children's. For more information, go to www.childrensal.org/foundation/eat-shop-support/specialty-car-tags.

Children's Facebook page, Twitter feed and YouTube channel will feature patient stories all month.

WellStone announces mental health hiring event Feb. 10

Staff Reports
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Mental health and substance abuse remain the no. 1 health concern across the state, yet an ongoing shortage of mental health professionals makes it difficult to meet growing demand. That's why WellStone is inviting mental health care professionals to "find their perfect career match" at its upcoming Valentine's Hiring Event. Individuals can visit WellStone on Friday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at its main campus at 4040 Memorial Parkway SW, Huntsville, AL 35802.

Why work at WellStone?
Longtime employees say their work gives them a great sense of purpose. "I love the job, I love the atmosphere, I love the people that I work with," says Billing Manager Eleshia Hill, who has worked with the organization for 19 years. "I like knowing that the work that I do supports my colleagues as they do life-changing work with clients across our community."

WellStone, north Alabama's mental health care leader, serves up to 14,000 children, adolescents and adults every year through more than 70 programs such as outpatient therapy and psychiatric services, group homes for individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) and intensive outpatient programs (IOP) for adolescents and adults with substance use disorders (SUDs). With the recent addition of 24/7 crisis care services, WellStone is ensuring that north Alabama residents have access to quality mental health care. Anytime. Anywhere.

"One in four adults suffers from mental illness in any given year," said Josaylon Henry, WellStone's chief clinical officer. "Therefore, staffing in the mental health care field is extremely important to our organization and community. These positions assist individuals with reaching and maintaining psychiatric well-being and thriving as productive citizens."

WellStone is looking for RNs, LPNs, case managers, therapists, techs, peer support specialists and more. Entry- and mid-level positions are available, along with full- and part-time options. Hiring managers will be on-hand at the event to conduct interviews and may make on-the-spot offers, contingent upon positive background check results. Applicants who hope to find their "perfect career match" should bring a resume and can apply for positions beforehand.

Candidates can visit www.wellstone.com for a full list of career opportunities or email christi.smith@wellstone.com for more information.

WellStone, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, is North Alabama's largest and most comprehensive mental healthcare provider. We have served the Tennessee Valley since 1969, when the organization was founded as the Huntsville - Madison County Mental Health Board. No one is turned away from WellStone due to an inability to pay.

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– BOOK REVIEW –

‘The Lincoln Highway’ by Amor Towles

Cathy Mayor
Contributor

“The Lincoln Highway” is Amor Towles’ third novel. His previous books are “The Rules of Civility” and “A Gentleman in Moscow.” All three are bestsellers. Set in 1954, “The Lincoln Highway” is considered by many to be his best.

The book’s style is to have each chapter told by different characters. Some readers do not like this style. In this book, I find it works well.

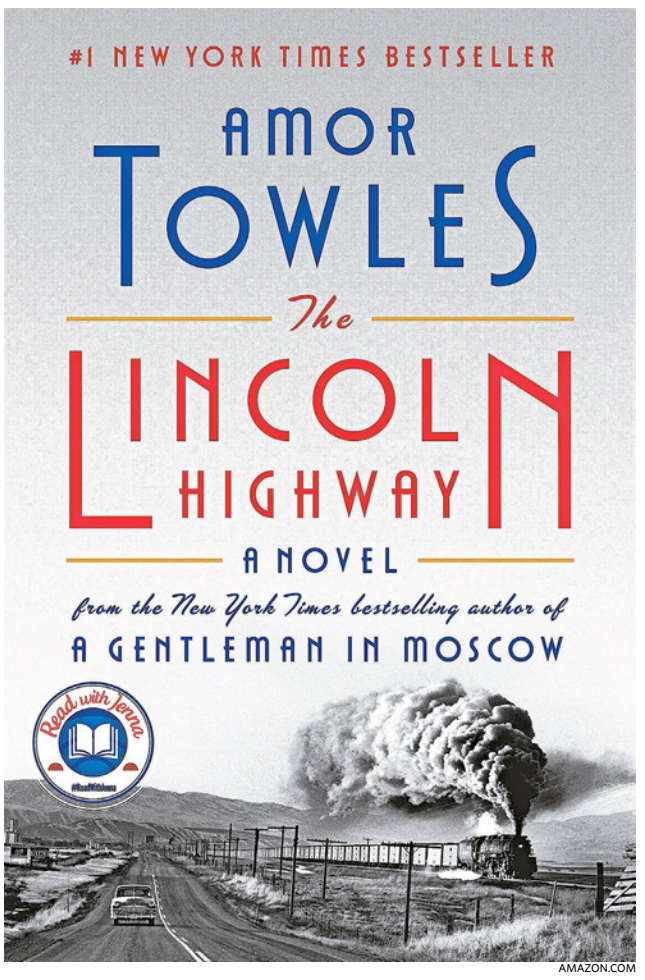
The story is about 18-year-old Emmett Watson, who was incarcerated in a juvenile detention work camp. He was released early because his father died from cancer. His extremely smart 8-year-old brother Billy was cared for by a neighbor’s teenage daughter, Sally. Now that Emmett is free, the two must plan for the future. Emmett wants to be able to support himself and Billy. Billy wants to go to San Francisco to find their mother who abandoned them years ago. On her way to California, she sent her sons postcards from various tourist sites along the Lincoln Highway. Billy is convinced they can find her. The plan is to drive Emmett’s Studebaker to California on the Lincoln Highway. Before they can depart, two of Emmett’s fellow inmates (Duchess and Woolly) show up with a different idea. Duchess and Woolly have escaped the work camp and want Emmett’s help.

Duchess was raised by his father, a vaudeville actor. Woolly is the black sheep of a wealthy Northeastern family. Duchess wants to exact vengeance on those who hurt him.

Woolly appears to have either a learning disability, drug addiction or both. His family doesn’t think he is ready to receive his trust fund. Duchess and Woolly have a scheme to travel to the Adirondacks to take Woolly’s trust fund from the family safe. Duchess and Woolly “borrow’ Emmett’s Studebaker and head east.

Emmett and Billy decide to follow them to retrieve the car. They hop a train heading east. Along the way, they meet a variety of characters. Some include a dishonest preacher, vagabonds, vaudeville actors, ladies of the night and the richest and the poorest of New York. Later, Sally joins the mission.

As the book progresses, the reader discovers much more about the characters and the reasons Emmett, Duchess and Woolly were placed in the detention camp. Towles also addresses how a single action can alter a person’s future. Towles teases out the details as the trip progresses. This is a fast-paced novel, a book full of adventure and very compelling.



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Tournaments (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Brackets for next week’s area tournaments have been released and most of our local teams will tip off their postseason campaigns at home Monday night. On the girls’ side, the Good Hope Lady Raiders, the Addison Lady Bulldogs, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles and the West Point Lady Warriors earned top seeds for their area tournaments on the boys’ end, the Meek Tigers and Holly Pond Broncos claimed the top seeds as well.

St. Bernard, Hanceville and Fairview’s girls will travel for their opening-round area tournament matchups and Arab, Fairview and West Point’s boys will be on the road too. Everyone else will play their opening-round games on their home court looking to advance to the area tournament finals and advance to a sub-regional.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Class 1A, Area 13
- Addison v. Meek (Girls) – 7 p.m.
- St. Bernard at Sumiton Christian (Girls) – 5:30 p.m.

Class 2A, Area 11
- Cold Springs v. Cleveland (Girls) – 6:30 p.m.

Class 2A, Area 13
- Holly Pond v. Falkville (Girls) – 5 p.m.

Class 4A, Area 11
- Hanceville at Etowah (Girls) – 5:45 p.m.

Class 4A, Area 13
- Good Hope v. East Lawrence (Girls) – 7:30 p.m.

Class 5A, Area 14
- Fairview at Guntersville (Girls) – 5:30 p.m.

Class 6A, Area 14
- Cullman v. Decatur (Girls) – 6 p.m.
- Cullman v. Decatur (Boys) – 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Class 1A, Area 13
- Meek v. St. Bernard (Boys) – 7 p.m.
- Addison v. Sumiton Christian (Boys) – 5:30 p.m.

Class 2A, Area 11
- Cold Springs v. Southeastern (Boys) – 7 p.m.

Class 2A, Area 13
- Holly Pond v. West End (Boys) – 5 p.m.

Class 3A, Area 13
- Vinemont v. J.B. Pennington (Girls) – 4 p.m.
- Vinemont v. J.B. Pennington (Boys) – 5:15 p.m.

Class 4A, Area 11
- Hanceville v. Oneonta (Boys) – 5:45 p.m.

Class 4A, Area 13
- Good Hope v. Priceville (Boys) – 7:30 p.m.

Class 5A, Area 14
- Arab at Scottsboro (Girls) – 4 p.m.
- Arab at Guntersville (Boys) – 7:30 p.m.
- Fairview at Scottsboro (Boys) – 6 p.m.

Class 5A, Area 15
- West Point v. Russellville (Girls) – 5:30 p.m.
- West Point at Russellville (Boys) – 5:30 p.m.

LEGALS

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

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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**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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 *
JOSEPH RICHARD HATHCOTE * CASE NO.: PC-2022-362
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, 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 *
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**

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

TAMMY BROWN, 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
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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

JOHN ROBERT PATTERSON AND
MELISSA EVELYN PATTERSON
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
CASE NO: AD2022-104

K.A.S. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6/15/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **HAILEE ANDREE FRANCIS LACKEY, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, BRAIDEN REEFER ROBERT STANLEY, ALLEGED FATHER AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD, K.A.S. WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED**

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by John Robert Patterson and Melissa Evelyn Patterson, 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 petitioners, 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 2nd DAY OF February, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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 PETITION OF
CHRISTOPHER ERIC ENGLAND
FOR THE ADOPTION OF
CASE NO: AD 2023-002

B.M.G. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6/15/2021

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **CHRISTOPHER PATRICK GROVES, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD, B.M.G. WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED**

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Christopher Eric England, 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 petitioners, 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 2nd DAY OF February, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

ADPH: Children's Dental Health Month promotes good oral health

State Health Officer Scott Harris, M.D., M.P.H.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — February is National Children's Dental Health Month, a time when we draw attention to the need for good oral health practices for children. The theme for this observance in 2023 is "Brush, Floss, Smile!"

Alabama's Oral Health Office kicked off the month by announcing the two winners of the sixth annual statewide 2023 "Share Your Smile With Alabama" photo contest.

The smiling third graders will be featured on billboards and with other marketing efforts to increase awareness of good oral health practices.

Oral health affects overall health throughout life.

Cavities, also known as caries or tooth decay, are an extraordinarily common disease in children, even though there are very good tools to prevent them.

Untreated cavities can cause pain, infections, and can lead to problems with eating, speaking and learning. More than one in five children aged 2 to 5 has at least one cavity in their baby teeth.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends parents follow and remember these basic P-E-A-R-L-S of Wisdom to protect and maintain their child's teeth:

• Protect tiny teeth by caring for your mouth when you're pregnant.

• Ensure that you wipe your baby's gums after each meal.

• Avoid putting babies to bed with a bottle.

• Remember to brush your child's teeth twice daily with fluoride toothpaste. For children younger than 2 years, consult with your dentist or doctor about when to start using fluoride toothpaste.

• Limit drinks and food with added sugars for children. Encourage your child to eat more fruits and vegetables and have fewer fruit drinks, cookies and candies. This gives your child the best possible start to good oral health.

• Schedule your child's first dental visit by his or her first birthday or after the first tooth appears. Their tiny teeth matter!

Other important CDC guidance includes ensuring that children have good sources of calcium in their diets to help build strong teeth and recommending that families make water their mealtime drink.

Drinking fluoridated water rebuilds the surface of teeth and helps protect teeth from decay.

Another effective tool for children's dental health is the application of dental sealants.

Sealants are a quick, easy and painless way to prevent most cavities children get in the permanent back teeth where 9 in 10 cavities occur.

Children aged 6-11 without sealants have almost three times more first-molar cavities than children with sealants.

Parents are encouraged to ask their child's dentist to apply sealants when appropriate.

If your child's school has a sealant program, sign your child up to participate. If no program is available, ask your child's school to start one.

More information about oral health is available at alabamapublichealth.gov/oralhealth.

Not only does a healthy smile increase a child's self-confidence, but good oral health care is also essential to your child's health and well-being.

Your child's future oral health begins with you.

Special (from Front)

dent run up to me one day showing off her new hair. She was so excited because she got layers. I thought about how that's something my girls get; (sic) they go to get their hair done, and for this young lady, it was a first. They all deserve to feel special."

Among WSCC Sabrina Flanigan's cosmetology students who came to pamper the Fairview students were two FHS graduates, Jacy Gorham and Allie Scott, who were eager to return to their alma mater.

Scott, who recently graduated from Fairview, was happy to see many former classmates.

Gorham, who just graduated from WSCC, reached out to Flanigan when she heard about the venture.

"My students were so excited to participate that we had to draw names to see who got to come," said Flanigan.

"We have around 68 students and they were all so excited.

"Jacy just graduated from our program at Wallace and had already graduated from Fairview.

"She heard about this program and reached out asking to come too."

FHS instructor Brittany Freeman has been the motivating force behind the Shaggie Aggie in hopes of providing basic needs to her students through the boutique setting where clothing, toiletries and more are available.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 2-3

Robert Eugene Sparks, 42
Robert Eugene Sparks, 42, of Falkville, passed away on Feb. 1, 2023, at Decatur General Hospital. He was born Nov. 11, 1980, to Norman Dean Sparks & Cordelia Cook. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sparks family. Mr. Sparks was preceded in death by his parents, Norman Dean Sparks & Cordelia Cook. He is survived by his brothers, Lester Beeler, Jr. and James Lewis; sisters, Karen Dollarhyde, Lois Allen, and Angelia Sparks; and a host of family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Sparks family.

William Joseph Speer, 61
Memorial service for William Joseph Speer, age 61, of Hanceville, will be at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Speer passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at St. Vincent's Hospital. He was born November 27, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama, to Robert Joseph Speer and Kathlene Speer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Teresa Speer; parents, Robert Joseph Speer and Kathlene Speer; and brother, Michael Speer. Survivors include his sons, Jerry (Kaitlin) Speer and Robert Speer; sister, Janice Eddleman; sister-in-law, Mistie Speer; and a host of nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Margaret Geraldine Smith, 84
Funeral Service for Margaret Geraldine Smith, age 84, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel. Visitation will be from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Smith passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Nov. 9, 1938, in Gadsden, Alabama, to Clarence Newman Gargus and Thelma Gargus. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, James Gargus; and sister, Dorothy Spencer. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Ralph Dennis Smith; daughters, Carol (Bert) Sugden and Deborah (Robert) Carmichael; grandchildren, Jeffrey Greene, Laura Swiontoniowski, Emily Rudorf, and Kevin Rudorf; great-grandchildren, Emma Swiontoniowski, Nora Swiontoniowski, Axel Greene, and Beverly Greene; and sister, Wilma Stallings.

Duron Crider, 89
Duron Crider, age 89, of Decatur, until the last six years, passed peacefully from this earth at The Oaks Highland in Bessemer on Jan. 30, 2023. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m., Hanceville Funeral Home with Visitation 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. and with Pastor Aaron Kretzschmar of St. Paul's Lutheran, Decatur, Alabama officiating. Duron was born in Jones Chapel, Alabama, moving to Cullman with his family as a teen. Mr. Crider was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Anna Lou Schmidt Crider; his parents, Lindsey and Bessie (Parris) Crider; brothers, Hoyt Crider, Hollis Crider, and Byron Crider, and sister, Audrey (Crider) Morgan. He is survived by his daughter, Debra Annette Crider Besant (Chris), Tuscaloosa; his daughter, Julie Lyn Crider Hucks (Austin), Tunnel Hill, GA; his son, Darryl Brent Crider (Lesley), Hoover, AL; his grandchildren, Chadwick Palmer Besant (Carlie), Northport, AL, Jordan Anna Peace Donegan (Nick), Rome, GA, Jenna Madeline Peace, Jacksonville, FL, Gavin Austin Hucks (Linsey) and Spencer Lamar Hucks, both of Tunnel Hill, GA, Trenton Haun Crider and Lindsey Elise Crider, both of Hoover, AL; and his great grandsons, Everett William Donegan and Reid Charles Donegan. Duron Crider attended the University of Alabama before being drafted into the Army during the Korean War. Upon his honorable discharge, he and Anna returned to AL where he began work at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville. While working as a Division Director of Procurement, Duron returned to school and earned his Juris Doctor degree to assist in drafting contracts on behalf of the U.S. government. After a 33-year career with NASA, he retired in 1994 to spend more time with his children and grandchildren, who lovingly called him PawPaw. Family always came first with Duron; he and his late wife, Anna, loved having their grandchildren spend time with them either at their home or taking them on trips. Anna was the center of his happiness and joy, having met her when he was just 17 and they spent the next 67 years together until her passing in 2018. He also enjoyed playing golf, playing in tournaments across the Southeast, and he loved to travel, driving his family cross-country on multiple occasions and annual camping trips to various national and state parks. Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Besant, Austin Hucks, Chad Besant, Nick Donegan, Trent Crider and Anthony Hays. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made either to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1700 Carridale St., SW, Decatur, AL 35601, or to either the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Dorothy Mae Culwell, 88
Funeral services for Dorothy Mae Culwell of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023 at Midway Missionary Baptist Church in Hanceville. Reverend Lonnie Goodwin will be officiating. Mrs. Culwell will lie in repose at the church on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Welti Cemetery. Visitation will be on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023 at Hanceville Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mrs. Culwell was born on April 11, 1934 in Cullman County to the late William and Mima (Ham) Boatright. She passed away peacefully at her home on Feb. 1, 2023 at the age of 88. She was the oldest founding member of Midway Missionary Baptist Church. Spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren was a passion of hers. A few of the many things she enjoyed doing was reading, gardening and canning. She was also well known for her quick-wittedness, joking and laughter. Those left to cherish her memory are her children, Gorman Max Culwell Jr., William Kent Culwell, Eric Wade (Patty) Culwell, Dorothy Yvonne (Harold) Robinson and Jared Dwight (Jamie) Culwell; grandchildren, Alex Culwell, Amanda Christopher, Josh Culwell, Delia Collins, Aurora Culwell, Luke Smith, Lauren Smith, Mike Smith, Sarah Eskew, Michael Culwell, Kaylee Renshaw, L.J. Culwell, Rory Amos and Tyler Amos; 11 great-grandchildren; sister, Lorene Mann; and a host of many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Culwell was preceded in death by her grandson, Ryan Culwell; great granddaughter, Rogue Marie Culwell; 5 brothers; and 2 sisters.

Diane Green Williams, 65
Diane Green Williams, age 65, of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. She was born July 27, 1957, in Missouri to Daniel Clyde Smith and Lucille Smith. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Rickey Williams; son, Danny Everett; and granddaughters, Mary Payton Everett, Olivia Everett, and Chelsea Everett.

Ida Lee Hodge, 82
Ida Lee Hodge, 82, of Arley, passed away Feb. 3, 2023 at her residence. She was born Aug. 6, 1940. Ida was an author, poet, artist, and a quilter. She was a physical therapy assistant and volunteered at a women's prison. Ida was a marathon runner and completed several marathons in her earlier life. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Collinsville Cemetery in Collinsville, Alabama. Ida is survived by her daughters, Tammie Keller (Wallula, WA.), Benita Abercrombie (Arley, AL.), and Patti Brinkerhoff (Richland, WA.); 7 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Author Beard; daughter, Starr Beard; and parents, Louie and Rubye Hodge.

Donald "Don" Richard Zehr, Sr., 82
Funeral service for Donald "Don" Richard Zehr, Sr., age 82, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church with Larry Brown and Allan Kuykendall officiating; interment in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Zehr passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Aug. 10, 1940, in Croghan, New York, to Leon Andrew Zehr and Edwina Mae Zehr. Don's lifetime work was carpentry and maintenance. He was a licensed minister who served our community in the jail ministry for over 20 years. Don was a longtime member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for 46 years. His passion was leading people to Christ. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Duane Zehr; and grandson, Jonathan Smith. Survivors include his beloved wife of 64 years, Irene Zehr; children, Don (Adonna) Zehr, Jr., Debbie (Richard) Johnston, Hank (Lisa) Zehr, and Regina (Chip) Johnsey; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; sisters, Muriel Roggie and Maggie Catalano; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Dodging potholes on a shortcut road

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



What did we ever do before we had GPS? Well, we used maps and followed signs, for one thing. We also stopped at gas stations and asked for directions. Those directions were not always helpful if we didn't know where the old Johnson place used to be or the whispering oak by the side of the road. Sometimes we were given unspecific directions like, "After you turn left on County Road 3876, you go way, way, way, way, way down that road, and then go about another 2 miles and it will be on your left." Did I say unspecific or unhelpful?

Last Tuesday evening, I had a meeting that was about 30 minutes from home. I had been to the location numerous times, so I knew exactly how to get there and how long it would take.

As I usually do, I left with ample time to get there. I don't like arriving late for a meeting, especially if they have already started when I arrive. I hate that condescending look when the others turn around and stare when you walk in. They are thinking, "What? Do you not own a watch, a clock, a cell phone, or a calendar?" You sit down beside the guy who says, "Just get here when you can," or "We went ahead and started without you."

I didn't need to use my GPS. I even knew 2-different ways to get there, but what I didn't know was which one was fastest. I don't especially care which one is the shortest, but I want to know which one is the quickest.

This way of thinking, and curiosity, can cause all kinds of problems. Even though I didn't need my GPS, I decided to pull it up simply to see which route it would choose. I thought I knew which route it would show me, but when I came to the road where I usually turned, she had me going another mile before I turned. I bit. No, actually, I ended up being bitten.

The road looked good enough. It was paved and fairly wide...at least where I turned. Roads can be deceiving. They do not always continue the same way they begin. After a couple of miles, I realized we were cutting through a wooded area.

With my headlights on full beam and staring straight ahead, the road looked different. There was no road sign that said "Pavement ends." I'm not the most astute fellow in the world, but I could tell by the sound of crunching gravel beneath my tires and loose gravel hitting the underside of my vehicle, my new vehicle, that a sign is not required for the pavement to end.

As the road narrowed and the potholes grew larger, I knew I had better slow down. I came to one pothole that reminded me of Lake Michigan, but I knew I had not traveled that far, at least not yet. Then I came to a crossroads. GPS said go straight, but the sign said, "Detour. Bridge out ahead." I turned left on another dirt road with even more potholes.

To make a long-story short, and a short-trip long, my 30-minute trip took me 45 minutes! Yes, they had already started, and yes, they did turn and stare.

The big roads would have been better, but that is not always the case. Sometimes, the broad road is the way that leads to destruction, while the narrow one is more difficult, but it is the one which leads to life. Many choose the wrong route. (Matthew 7:13-14).

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1954

From the files of 1954

Sergeant First Class Taylor Weldon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weldon, spent a few days at home last week and will return to Long Beach, California and Navy duty on Monday.

Bob Miller, of the United States Air Force base, in Kentucky, spent the weekend at home with his mother, Mrs. Ruby Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sansing are the proud parents of a little son, born on September 8.

Jimmy Wayne and Carl Harris were up from Birmingham on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harris and children, of Gardendale, were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Pinkie Connell and family.

Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox and Mrs. Junior Evans and children of Arkadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daily and boys, of Birmingham.

W.O. Whaley visited Mr. and Mrs. Siller Casey, in Hanceville, on Friday. Mr. Casey has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lamont drove to Blountsville to visit their son, William and family in their new home.

Mrs. Stella Crosley and family, of Birmingham, spent the weekend at her home here.

Mrs. Erby Whaley and children visited her mother, Mrs. Craps and family at Empire, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Weldon and boys spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Ella Grantham, of Hanceville.

Teen Dates

Night owls out Saturday night were: Jane Plunkett and Bill Hendrix, Joy Huffstutler and Ray Maddox, Virginia Graf and Len Adams, Kittie Garrison and Roy Ward, Alice Chandler and David Knight, Donna Ward and Greg Hatchett, Diane Nelson and George Hasenbein, Sandra Taylor and John Milner, Martha Ragland and Pat Padgett, Harriet Saunders and Rodney Camron, Alice Lane and David Howell, Julia Robertson and Jimmy Lee (Birmingham), Mary Lou Rasco and David Moss, Glenda Calvert and Wade Tucker, Carol Knighten and Edward Boike, Barbara Butler and Johnny Nesmith, Barbara Bone and Babe Smith, Joyce Ponder and Mike Hinkle, Betty Langley and Layne Weeks, Jackie Hamilton and Dale Cook, Shelby Patterson and Kenneth Yeager, Shirley Patterson and Gary Joe Duke, Becky Glasscock and Harlan Allen, Becky Garrison and Tommy Gilley, Carol Gibbs and Harry Fuller, Patsy Scott and Dan Henry, Shelia Mitchell and Dale Brock and Becky Maxey and Herman Baker.

POET'S CORNER

God's Jewelry | By: Randy C. Hale

They were mine from the beginning,
yet I loaned them to be treasured
and esteemed upon the earth.

They shined and glistened in their
time, and were cherished by many
who could see their beauty.

And when they aged, and slightly
tarnished by the dust of the earth,
their value still dazzled through
and warmed the hearts of those who
recognized and embraced their worth.

When their time ended on the earth
and I could loan them no more.
I gathered and polished them with
even more of a brilliant sparkle
than before.

And I shall adorn the golden city
with my precious stones, and they
shall glisten and radiate within the
walls of jasper, among the other
exquisite stones, the emeralds,
sapphires, and rubies behind the
gates of pearl.

In the day when I shall display my
beloved jewelry forever.

In loving memory of Shirley Hilburn 1942-2023
Based on Malachi 3:17; Revelation 21:16-21

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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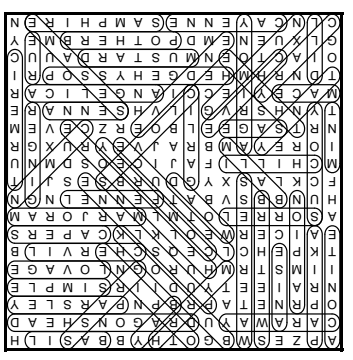
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
FEBRUARY 4, 2023

East Elementary students use robotics to create unique art

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Students at East Elementary School used rolling robots to create artwork, as part of the school's broader robotics and coding curriculum.

Young learners across all grades participated in the project, which utilized Sphero Spark Robots — essentially ball-like robot devices that can be controlled — to spread paint and created artwork for their classrooms. The project was a way to introduce students to some basic principles for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum, as well as fundamentals of coding.

"This is an activity that simply exposes students to robotics, which is a foundation for other upcoming STEM activities and coding activities," Savannah Wood, library media specialist at East Elementary School, said.

"Sphero is a robot in the shape of a sphere that students can drive and manipulate, as well as be used to further code with. Then students can use iPads to control them."

As for the artwork created along the way, teachers displayed the projects in their classrooms or outside their hallways.

"We used tape to create their teacher's name, or a bearcat paw print, and once the paint dried we peeled the tape off to reveal the art," Wood explained.

Wood went on to explain the importance of STEM education and how Cullman City Schools works to innovate and find creative ways to engage students within those concepts.

"Since we are an elementary school, Cullman City (Schools) set the goal to expose students to as much robotics and STEM as possible," she said.

"This exposure will be further developed as they enter middle school and even high school.

"We are giving them the foundation at this level."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

East Elementary School students use Sphero robots to create artwork as part of the school's broader STEM education initiative.

Extension offers additional Natural Resources Webinars in 2023

Cole Sikes
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The Alabama Cooperative Extension System continues its award-winning Natural Resources Webinar Series in 2023. A product of the system's forestry, wildlife, and natural resources management (FWNR) team, this webinar series has significantly expanded reach and impact since its inception in 2020.

A new webinar will be available every other Wednesday throughout 2023. Visit the Natural Resources Webinar Series page for more information about webinar dates and online registration.

What is the Natural Resources Webinar Series?

Alabama Extension's Natural Resources Webinar Series offers free online presentations and question/answer sessions for anyone interested in natural resources management. The webinar series was created in 2020 by Alabama Extension FWNR agents Bence Carter and Norm Haley to offer a convenient, remote option for natural resources programming.

Haley said natural resources management is a broad topic that appeals to a wide range of audiences.

"We try to incorporate a wide array of topics and speakers to provide updates and how-tos for all types of natural resources management, as well as goals that landowners and managers can apply on their own properties," Haley said.

What to expect

This series consists of 25 biweekly webinars presented via Zoom. Each webinar is approximately one hour in length—including a 45-minute presentation and 15 minutes of a live question and answer session. Webinars are facilitated by Alabama Extension. Presenters include Extension personnel and experts from other agencies or universities, as well as USDA and state government agencies.

Carter said program participation has increased 41% since its inaugural release two years ago. Some of the most popular natural resources webinars have included topics such as forestry pests, trophy pond management strategies, prescribed fire and ticks as well as quail ecology and management.

"This increase in attendance is a testimony to the value the series provides," Carter said. "We see a lot of repeat attendance and they are spreading the word with others. It's been fun to see it grow and know we are helping people."

Approximately half of the webinar attendees participate in the course's live broadcast. Each registrant receives a link to the recording. This option is a convenient way to learn on an individual's preferred timeline.

The impacts

There have been many accomplishments since the Natural Resources Webinar Series began. Carter said one of the standouts is the amount of land in Alabama that attendees report owning or managing. "The attendees of this series represent approximately 4,039,111 acres. That's 17.6% of Alabama's forestland," Carter said. "Nearly 70% of the attendees report implementing a practice discussed in the series." The series also provides foresters and loggers an opportunity to receive free education credits to maintain their certification.

More information

Extension's Natural Resources Webinar Series was recognized by the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals with the 2022 silver award for televised conference-video conference category. This webinar series is exclusively sponsored by the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association. Learn more about this program and others by visiting Alabama Extension's website, www.aces.edu.



