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‘Remarkable development’ lauded at industry appreciation event

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CULLMAN, Ala. — City and county industrial development leaders, local government officials and local industry representatives were celebrated on Thursday, Feb. 9, for their investments in business development and the fiscal growth in Cullman County and the state.

Cullman County Industrial Development Authority and the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board, along with the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce brought together the directors and CEOs of the city and county’s industry, both big and small, at The Venue at Cotton Creek for an evening to recognize their tenacity in bringing prosperity to Cullman and its residents.

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Local industry was celebrated at The Venue at Cotton Creek on Thursday, Feb. 9.

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Heartland Quilt Guild highlights Quilts of Valor



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A patriotic quilt is shown at the Heartland Quilt Guild’s February meeting.

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My second Heartland Quilt Guild meeting was far less terrifying than the first. I knew what to expect and had met a few quilters at the January meeting. The downside was that I arrived late due to an event earlier in the evening. Walking into any meeting late is the worst for me as I value punctuality and always arrive at appointments 10-15 minutes early. I put on my big girl panties, took a deep breath and walked in late.

Once inside, all fears dissipated and I found myself in my usual state of awe when witnessing artwork shown by talented artists. A bed-sized quilt that was handstitched using 2.5-inch fabric strips had me wondering if these women are in fact » PAGE 4

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 10, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 6

- attempt to elude police officer; CR 1545
- burglary; CR 62
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31

Feb. 7

- shooting into occupied vehicle; CR 1820
- theft of property; CR 481
- theft of property; I-65 at 299 MM
- theft of property; I-65 SB rest area
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- assault; CR 12552
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 91
- harassment; CR 1506
- domestic violence; 3rd St. Hanceville
- theft of property; CR 643
- theft of property; CR 1194
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1342
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E

Feb. 8

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1270
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 1352
- possession of dangerous drugs
- domestic violence; CR 1210
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- discharging firearm into occupied vehicle; theft of property; CR 601
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 594
- criminal mischief; CR 68
- Violation of Protection Order; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Feb. 6 – 8

Bachelder, Cyrus Z.; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Bell Jr., Merdis J.; 36
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Ford, David L.; 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Labrecque, Michelle L.; 52
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)

Sutton, Felicia L.; 35
- non-support-child

Thomas, Alexander A.; 38
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force

Weldon, Tracy M.; 48
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force

Bryant, Alyssa G.; 26
- possession of methamphetamine

Calma, Christopher R.; 36
- possession of dangerous drugs
- public intoxication

Camp, Blakeney N.; 28
- Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force

Downs, Ethan G.; 25
- public intoxication

Edgil, Billy R.; 60
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- criminal trespass

Elms, Randy L.; 27
- FTA- non-support-parent

Huff, Faye L.; 42
- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting (5 counts)
- FTA- forged instrument (5 counts)

Johnson, Christine N.; 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Kelso, Dustin A.; 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Looney, Blake S.; 22
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Martin, Kody A.; 33
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle

Nordstrom, Timothy B.; 45
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Pack, Martie D.; 62
- possession of dangerous drugs

Phillips, Patrick E.; 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer (2 counts)
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Raphael, Lorena L.; 41
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Richards, James H.; 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Skinner, Joshua J.; 41
- Violation of a Domestic Violence Protection Order

Wallace, Timothy L.; 33
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 8

- theft of property-3rd degree; Stones River Electric; Cherokee Ave. SW; iPads; $1,000
- theft of property-4th degree; ULTA Beauty; Cullman Shopping Center; cologne; $125
- harassing communications; person

Feb. 9

- criminal mischief-3rd degree; harassment; person; CR 715; damage to 2022 Chevy Blazer; $200
- forgery-3rd degree; Tobacco Country; forged check
- theft of property-4th degree; ULTA Beauty; Cullman Shopping Center; cologne; $165

ARRESTS

Feb. 8

Edgil, Billy R.; 60
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication

McAnally, Patricia A.; 43
- theft of property-3rd degree

Santacruz, Jose; 19
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (2 counts)

Feb. 9

Camp, Blakeney N.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) has made multiple arrests over the past several days, including:

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Deputies located Heath Kerry Johnson, 36, of Cullman, at an abandoned residence in the Berlin community.

Johnson had outstanding warrants. A subsequent search of his person allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia.

Johnson was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. His failure to appear warrants included three counts of possession of dangerous drugs, four counts of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a concealed weapon without a permit and three traffic violations.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Deputies arrested Walter Sterling Shiver, 62, of Oxford, Alabama, on failure to appear warrants for drug trafficking, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and illegal possession of alcohol.

Deputies arrested Felicia Leann Sutton, 35, of Birmingham, on multiple warrants, including possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance (grand jury indictment), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (grand jury indictment), unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (grand jury indictment), unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (three counts, failure to appear), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (two counts, failure to appear), forgery (failure to appear), possession of a forged instrument (failure to appear), possession of forgery tools (failure to appear) and non-support (warrant).

Deputies arrested Keith Tremayne Whitehead, 49, of Cullman, on warrants for unlawful possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and failure of ex-felon to report an address change.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Deputies responded to a residence in the Holly Pond community for a welfare check.

Justin Michael Rohrscheib, 41, of Cullman, was located at the residence.

After speaking with deputies, Rohrscheib allegedly attempted to flee on foot. After a brief pursuit, he was apprehended.

Narcotics and paraphernalia were allegedly located on his person.

Rohrscheib was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

Deputies arrested William Chad Robertson, 35, of Vinemont, on a failure to appear warrants for failure of an adult sex offender to register.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Deputies went to a residence in the Vinemont area to serve a warrant on Randy Elms, 27, of Vinemont. Elms was located at the residence and placed under arrest.

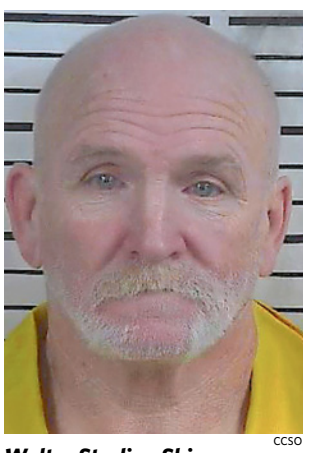
Methamphetamine allegedly belonging to Alyssa Gayle Bryant, 26, of Vinemont, was allegedly located at the residence. She was also placed under arrest.

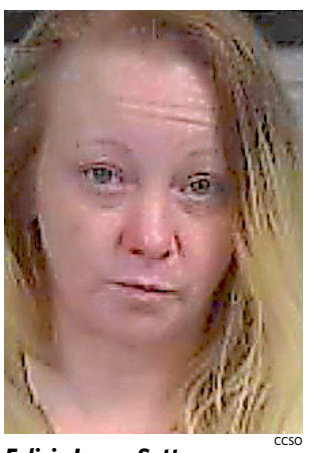
Elms was charged with non-support (failure to appear).

Bryant was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

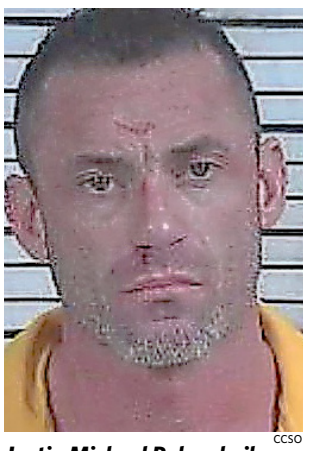
Deputies arrested Timothy Lee Wallace, 33, of Hartselle, on warrants for unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (probation violation), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (failure to appear) and promoting prison contraband (failure to appear).

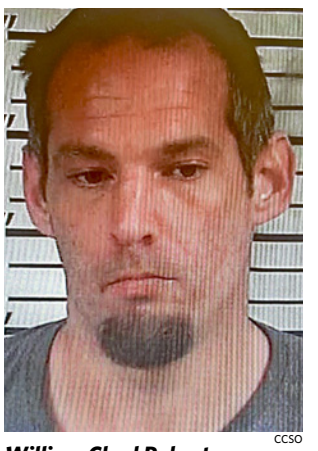

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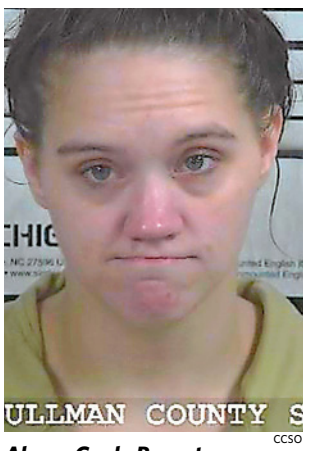

CCSO
Felicia Leann Sutton


CCSO
Keith Tremayne Whitehead


CCSO
Justin Michael Rohrscheib


CCSO
William Chad Robertson


CCSO
Randy Elms



CCSO
Alyssa Gayle Bryant



CCSO
Timothy Lee Wallace

Court of Criminal Appeals upholds Blount County murder conviction

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals recently affirmed the conviction of Bobbie Green Holaway, 66, of Blountsville, for murder. Attorney General Steve Marshall announced the Court's decision.

Holaway was convicted in the Blount County Circuit Court on June 11, 2020, for the murder of her husband, Jerry Holaway.

Marshall's Office said, "The evidence at trial showed that on the night of June 10, 2016, Holaway called 911 and reported that she had shot her husband. Holaway contended that her husband had abused her, but the evidence showed that Holaway was in fact planning to divorce her husband. On the night of the murder, she texted a male friend but never mentioned anything about a violent confrontation with the victim. Subsequent police investigation revealed important information that was inconsistent with Holaway's story about the night of the murder."

Blount County District Attorney Pamela Casey's office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Holaway was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. She sought to have her conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Holaway's conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, Feb. 3, 2023.

Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General John J. Davis for his successful work on this case and thanked Casey and her staff for their valuable assistance in defending the murder conviction.


BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Bobbie Green Holaway

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & 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. 11 - 6-9 p.m. Plus One Valentines Banquet. Donations are accepted and appreciated!
• Sunday, Feb. 12 - 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. 12 - 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. 12 - Do you have a loved one a (prodigal) you've been praying for? The prayer team will have a special time of prayer right after morning service. Turn in their names or a picture at Spirit Life Church, on a prayer request sheet. If you feel like you need a special prayer in this area, you are more than welcome to stay and receive prayer as well.

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.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Please come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
Friday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral in Cullman. The group will meet in one of the reserved rooms in the back of the restaurant. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Kindness Rocks
Friday, Feb. 17, from 4-7 p.m. The Little House at Art Park. Rock-painting event to celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Presented by Free Mom Hugs and Sunrise Pride. Free.

St. Andrews Methodist Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, Feb. 17, from 4-7 p.m. 615 Main St. SW. Eat in or carry out.

Fairview Lions Club Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7-10 a.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Plates are $8 and are available eat-in or carry-out. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita Chambers at 256-385-8805 or William Criscoe at 256-385-5596.

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.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: So You Want To Keep Bees For Fun and Profit?
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. In its second class of the year, the free Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series will explore beekeeping as a hobby and as a moneymaker with local beekeepers participating in a panel discussion with exhibits to study. Register with Tony Glover at gloveta@aces.edu or 205-568-0005.

Holly Pond Lions Club Beans and Greens Meal
Saturday, Feb. 25, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lion's Club Building. All you can eat, with cornbread. Don't cook that night; join us for your meal. Eat in or take out. Donations accepted. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club programs. Also, we will accept any and all unused eyeglasses for donation.

Cullman Lions Club Fish & Ham Dinner
Saturday, March 4, from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Cullman Middle School cafeteria. Tickets are $15, and include a choice of catfish or ham, plus hushpuppies, slaw, baked potato, dessert and a drink. Eat in or get it to go. Drive-through available.

Veteran and Beginning Farmer Series: How to Sell Your Farm, Garden or Kitchen Products to the Public
Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. Free. Helpful input and advice from experienced farmers and market sellers will be provided for the attendees to make the most out of their produce. Contact Tony Glover to register by email at gloveta@aces.edu or by calling 205-568-0005.

Inaugural Gospel Music Jubilee
Friday, March 17, 5 p.m. Northbrook Baptist Church. The first cancer awareness event of its kind will benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides financial support to Cullman County residents battling all types of cancer. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the entertainment begins at 6 p.m. St. Bernard Jazz Band and Unity 4 Quartet are scheduled to perform and the evening will feature the Living Faith Quartet. Advance tickets are $15 or $20 at the door. A limited number of VIP tickets with parking are available for $25. Tickets can be purchased at www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com or by visiting Options at 2201 Second Ave. NW or Yates Christian Bookstore at 1650 Second Ave. SW.

Cullman Women's League Auction
Friday, March 17, 6-9 p.m. Steele Building. The fundraising auction will benefit Brooks' Place, the Cullman Regional Foundation, Curt's Closet, the Wallace State Future Foundation, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Hope Horses, Knapsacks for Kids, The Link of Cullman County, Pilot Light House, Restoring Women Outreach and the Cullman Women's League Scholarship Fund. Live music will be provided by local favorite The Overtones and silent and live auctions will take place. Tickets are available for $30 and will include dinner and two drinks. They can be purchased at Three Pears, Southern Accents, White Willow and TheraPlay. They may also be purchased from any active members of the Cullman Women's League.

Hanceville Irish Festival
Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Commercial Street in downtown Hanceville. This fun, free annual festival celebrates Hanceville's Irish heritage and music, dancing, craft vendors and food will be on-hand. www.facebook.com/hancevilleirishfest

Kaleb's 5K Run
Saturday, April 8, 8-11 a.m. Depot Park. At 1 year old, Kaleb Phillips is a special little fighter who, due to a medical condition, had both feet amputated. The victorious tot now has prostheses and through hard work in physical therapy is taking steps to a full and energetic childhood with his cheerleaders by his side. Funds raised will go toward not only Kaleb's medical expenses, but also to another family facing similar obstacles. Registration is due by March 31 and found at www.runsignup.com/race/AL/Cullman/Kalebs5KRunwalk. The 5K run begins at 8 a.m. and the 1-mile fun run will start at 9.

39th Annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Craft Fair
Saturday, April 22 and Sunday, April 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The two-day art festival welcomes 150 artists who exhibit their work to over 20,000 visitors on the picturesque campus of St. Bernard Prep School. Recognized throughout the Southeast as a must-visit festival, Bloomin' Fest is a favorite among locals as well. All proceeds benefit the operational support of St. Bernard Preparatory School. Admission is a donation of $10; children 12 and younger get in free. For more information visit www.bloominfestival.com or call 256-739-6682.

Relay For Life of Cullman County's Party in the Park
Saturday, April 29, 5-10 p.m. Depot Park. Honoring cancer survivors, the Party in the Park will also remember those who lost their battle with the disease. Relay For Life benefits the American Cancer Society's research and services. Enjoy children's activities, food trucks and live music. Visit www.relayforlife.org/cullmanal to register or join a team.

Strawberry Festival
Saturday, May 6, 9 a.m. Depot Park. Hosting over 24,000 visitors in one day, the Strawberry Festival was first celebrated in 1939. The festival features live music, a large craft show, fun and games for the whole family and Cullman's famous locally grown strawberries. This year's festival will be headlined by Blues Traveler.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Feb. 8, 2023 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

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

Case details* (Updated Thursdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 11%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 642,220
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2023): 38,572
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,981
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2023): 15
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 5.1%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 12,797
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2023): 756
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
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CCSWCD accepting scholarship applications

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD) is now accepting applications for a $750 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association.

An applicant must be a U.S. citizen, a high school senior and live in Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the District office located 501-B Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. You can also contact Kathy Holmes at kholmes@cullmanswcd.com or 256-734-1431. The deadline to receive completed applications in the District office is 4 p.m., March 4, 2023.

Quilts (from Front)

carbon-based life beings or robots. Another quilt that had echo stitching (I learned something!) of cats and books had me wondering if I could nab the quilt and run for the door without being noticed. I thought better of it since I plan to return. Another artist quilted two stools, one in rich jewel tones and the other in neutrals.

I keep reminding myself that these experts were once fumbling, confused fraidy cats like me. Or, they're robots. Mary Harris of the Quilts of Valor Foundation was the featured speaker and shared information on the history and importance of the organization, which was formed in 2003 by Catherine Roberts while her son was deployed to Iraq. The first Quilt of Valor was awarded at Walter Reed Medical Center to a young soldier from Minnesota. Specific to veterans of war, the quilts are awarded to provide comfort and healing for those who bravely fought and came home with wounds, both seen and unseen. No one escapes wartime unscathed.

More information on Quilts of Valor can be found at www.qovf.org. The Heartland Quilt Guilt meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church on St. Joseph Drive.

Follow my adventures with the Guild at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/heartland-quilt-guild.



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Boxer (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week is a lover and not a fighter. It's Boxer!

This stunning boy with a noble profile is a 2.5-3 year old border collie and Labrador retriever mix.

The lovable boy has low to medium energy needs but is sadly struggling with life at the animal shelter.

Boxer comes to you without hesitation when he's called and is eager to be by your side for adventures. At the same time, Boxer respects and honors your personal space and cherishes the attention you give him.

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

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or www.cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

It is with great joy and appreciation for our community that we report that former Pets of the Week, Betty Sue and Uriah, have been adopted into loving homes!





$5.6M in NHTSA, USDOJ grants awarded statewide for law enforcement programs

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey on Wednesday announced $5.6 million in grants to support statewide programs designed to increase public safety on Alabama's highways and in the state's communities.

"Public Safety is a core mission of my Administration. Our state, regional, county and municipal law enforcement officers do a tremendous job keeping our state and her communities safe," said Gov. Kay Ivey. "I am pleased to award these grants to support the programs that help our officers receive the training and resources needed to fulfill their mission to serve and protect our communities and our highways."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is administering the grants from funds made available to the state by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Justice. ADECA manages a wide array of programs that support law enforcement and traffic safety, energy conservation, water resource management, economic development and recreation.

"ADECA stands with Governor Ivey in support of our state and local law enforcement agencies who are helping make Alabama safer," said ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell.

Highway safety

Ivey awarded grants totaling more than $5 million to support the efforts to make Alabama's roads safer by preventing injuries and fatalities.

The state's four regional traffic safety offices will cover overtime for police officers, allowing state troopers and sheriffs' deputies to conduct extra patrols and checkpoints during peak travel times targeting speeding, seat belt violations and impaired driving. The University of Alabama will use a grant to continue projects and programs that help collect traffic safety data for the state.

• $1.42 million to the Franklin County Commission for the North Central Alabama Highway Safety Office. The office serves Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Fayette, Franklin, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Jackson, Madison, Marshall, Marion, Morgan, Pickens, Walker and Winston counties.

• $1.66 million to the city of Opelika for the East Central Alabama Highway Safety Office which serves Blount, Calhoun, Chambers, Cherokee, Chilton, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, Elmore, Etowah, Jefferson, Lee, Macon, Randolph, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega and Tallapoosa counties.

• $1.14 million for the Southeast Alabama Regional Highway Safety Office at Enterprise State Community College. The office serves Autauga, Barbour, Bibb, Bullock, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston, Lowndes, Montgomery, Pike, Russell and Tuscaloosa counties.

• $993,266 to the Mobile County Commission for the Southwest Regional Highway Safety Office which serves Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Greene, Hale, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Perry, Sumter, Washington and Wilcox counties.

• $203,558 to the University of Alabama Center for Advanced Public Safety which uses funds for technology development projects that improve data quality, timeliness, completeness and the efficiency of officers and emergency medical services personnel across the state.

Forensics training and equipment

Ivey awarded two grants totaling $240,000 for law enforcement equipment and forensics training to be utilized statewide.

• Jacksonville State University is using a $150,000 grant to assist its Center for Applied Forensics in providing training to law enforcement officers across the state in recognizing, preserving and collecting items of evidence routinely encountered by patrol personnel and investigators working complex crime scenes. The proper collection of evidence assists in the prosecution of cases.

• A $90,000 grant to the Alabama Department of Corrections' Law Enforcement Services Division is being used to purchase three handheld drug analyzers. This equipment will allow officers to safely analyze suspected narcotics, while maintaining the integrity of evidence, and all will help keep officers safe when handling suspected drug samples.

Compliance

Ivey awarded a $103,343 grant to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) that will be used to ensure compliance of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act.

The act requires that convicted sex offenders register and notify authorities of where they are living once they are released from prison. ALEA will use funds to maintain compliance of the law by maintaining current cases to adhere to federal and state laws.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor commended Governor Ivey and ADECA for their steadfast support, as well as recognizing the critical role these grants will play in ensuring law enforcement is properly equipped.

"We are grateful for the unwavering support of Governor Ivey, as well as the support from ADECA, to assist law enforcement with the funds needed to continuously provide an enhanced layer of protection and service for all.

"These funds greatly impact our operations and enable our Troopers to actively patrol and work numerous high-visibility details on our state's roadways, ultimately reducing the number of crashes and traffic fatalities," said Taylor.

"Additionally, the funds distributed for the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act continuously allow our Agency to keep local communities well-informed and promote public awareness, as it relates to the potential threat that sex offenders and fugitives pose to Alabama's citizens."

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman takes 72-70 4OT thriller at Hartselle to claim area title

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HARTSELLE, Ala. — After defeating Decatur in the opening round of 6A, Area 14 Tournament Monday night, the Bearcats returned to Hartselle High School Thursday night to face the Tigers in the area title game, and it took all night for these two rivals to battle it out. It took four quarters and an additional four overtimes for the Bearcats and the Tigers to settle things but at the end of the marathon, it was Cullman standing out in front with a 72-70 win and the area championship.

Not many teams go into a game expecting to play 48 minutes but Bearcats Head Coach Stu Stuedeman credits their strength and conditioning program as well as the will of his kids for the big road win.

"What we do in the fall. Our strength and conditioning, what we do on the track and how hard we practice. Our strength and conditioning coach Josh Marshall is the best in the country and our kids really buy in to what we do in the fall," Stuedeman said. "Then they buy into how we practice. We had hard practices on Tuesday and Wednesday because we get after it. That's just how we do it in our program and our kids are amazing. They're champions."

Baskets by Jake Dorough and Garrison Sharpe gave the 'Cats an early, 4-0 lead and three-pointers from Tucker Cagle and Kase Nixon made it a 10-2 game. Nate Zills drained a pair of free throws midway through the first to keep Cullman in front 12-4 and back to back threes from Cagle and Sharpe stretched the lead to 18-9 late in the opening period. Cagle split a pair of free throws and Sam Duskin laid one in with 20 seconds on the clock to give the Bearcats a 21-15 lead going into the second quarter.

Landon Tweedie score inside to add to the lead early in the second and after splitting a pair of free throws, Nixon laid one in to keep Cullman ahead 26-18. Cagle pulled down an offensive rebound and put it back in for a score to make it a 28-20 game midway through the period and Sharpe scored off a turnover to make it 30-20 with three minutes remaining in the half. Hartselle was able to trim the lead to four in the final minute of the quarter but Sharpe found Evan Wilson under the basket for an easy bucket just before the half to give the 'Cats a 32-26 advantage at the break.

A pair of Cagle baskets stretched the lead to 36-28 early in the third quarter and after Zills sank a pair of free throws, Sharpe knocked down another three to make it a 41-28 game.

Sharpe's next basket made it 43-29 and after the Tigers cut into the lead with a late scoring run, Cagle scored inside in the final seconds of the third to give Cullman a 46-37 lead going into the final frame.

Another score from Cagle put the Bearcats in front 48-42 at the start of the fourth but Hartselle responded and trimmed the lead down to 48-47. Zills laid one in to make it a 50-47 game but a basket from the Tigers on the other end cut the lead to 50-49. Cagle pulled down a huge offensive board off his own missed free throw but had to be treated for a cut for on the sideline so Tweedie came in and buried both foul shots to put the 'Cats ahead 52-49 with less than three minutes to play. Zills and Cagle each split a pair of free throws later in the quarter to extend the lead to 54-50 but the Tigers answered with a massive three on the other end to make it a 54-53 game with just over a minute on the clock.

Duskin sank a free throw with 38 seconds remaining in regulation to make it a 2-point game but coming out of its final timeout, Hartselle drove to the basket and scored to tie the game at 55 and send the area championship game into overtime.

The Tigers knocked down a jumper early in the overtime period to take their first lead of the night at 57-55. Nixon took a steal the other way for a layup with just over a minute on the clock to tie things up at 57 but a pair of free throws on the other end gave Hartselle a 59-57 lead with less than a minute to play.

However, Cagle drove to the basket and drew a foul to get back to the free throw line and he knocked down both shots to tie the game at 59 with 46 seconds remaining. Both defenses held up on the next two possessions and neither team could break the tie, sending us to double overtime knotted at 59.

Wilson scored inside to put the Bearcats ahead 61-60 early in the period and Cagle added a free throw to make it a 2-point game with two minutes remaining. Unfortunately for the 'Cats, the Tigers were able to answer once again, and dropped one in with nine seconds on the clock to tie the game at 62 and send the game to a third overtime.

A pair of Cagle baskets kept Cullman in front 66-65 with just over a minute to play in triple OT and Wilson and Sharpe each added free throws to make it a 3-point game, but Hartselle drilled a three at the buzzer to keep the score tied at 68 and send us to overtime number four.

A quick bucket from Duskin gave the 'Cats a 70-68 lead early in the fourth overtime period and Dorough laid one in to stretch the lead to four. A pair of Tiger free throws trimmed the lead to 72-70 with 45 seconds on the clock but Hartselle was unable to come up with any more overtime heroics and Cullman's defense held firm to secure a 72-70 win that will be remembered for a long time.

Tucker Cagle led the way for Cullman with 27 points in the win and Stuedeman was proud of the way he fought down the stretch.

"He's just the heart and soul. He's not the greatest basketball player in the world but he just never quits. I love that kid. I love him," Stuedeman said. "You'll watch the tape and there might be a million things he does wrong but when it's time to win, he makes the plays. He's a winner, I love him."

Sharpe finished with 13 points in the win and Zills and Nixon each added eight.

The Bearcats will be back home Tuesday night to host a sub-regional matchup against Clay-Chalkville.



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PREP BASKETBALL

Cold Springs downs Locust Fork 48-40 to win area championship

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Lady Eagles looked to add yet another area championship to their trophy case Thursday night as they faced off against the Locust Fork Hornets in the Class 2A, Area 11 title game.

The Lady Eagles got off to a strong start and Locust Fork made a couple of runs to get back in the game, but Cold Springs pulled away late in the fourth quarter to take the 48-40 win and the area championship.

Ella Dickerson put in a driving layup on Cold Springs' first possession and later added a free throw to give them an early 3-0 lead. Locust Fork hit a basket on the other end to make it a 3-2 game, but Ella Bruer buried a pair of deep treys to push the Lady Eagle lead to 9-2.

The Lady Hornets scored six straight points to cut it to 9-8 with 3:15 left to go in the opening period, but Cold Springs finished the quarter strong as Maci Brown put in a trey from the right wing to make it 12-8.

Ciara Calvert and Kenady Graves later followed that up with a three of their own as the Lady Eagles stretched their lead to 18-8 after one.

The Lady Hornets quickly cut into the Cold Springs' lead to start the second period as they scored the first seven points of the quarter to make it an 18-15 game.

Brown put in a floater to stop the bleeding as that made it a 20-15 game, but that ended up being their only points of the quarter as Locust Fork added a couple of late baskets to cut it to 20-19 at the half.

Brown put in a driving layup to start the second half for Cold Springs to make it a 22-19 game, but the Lady Hornets tied the game up at 22 on a basket of their own.

Bruer drilled her third trey of the game to break the tie and give the Lady Eagles a 25-22 lead with a little over five minutes to go in the third.

The Lady Hornets hit one of their own from deep as that gave them their first lead of the game at 27-25, but a trey by Dickerson with a little over two minutes gave Cold Springs the lead right back at 28-27. Baskets in the paint by Malaya Taylor and Dickerson made it a 32-29 game going into the final period.

Dickerson picked the perfect time to get red-hot from the three-point line as she put in a pair of treys from the right wing to stretch the Lady Eagle lead to 38-29 with 5:50 left to go in the game. Locust Fork went on another run as they scored the next six points to cut it to 38-35, but a big trey by Bruer pushed the Cold Springs lead to 41-35 with a little over three minutes to go in the contest.

Later on, Brown found a cutting Dickerson for the easy layup to make it a 43-35 game, but a trey by the Lady Hornets off a Cold Springs turnover cut it to 43-40 with less than a minute to go in the game.

Bruer split from the free throw line to make it a four-point game, then Dickerson put in the biggest basket of the game as she got fouled in the process.

She completed her and-one opportunity to stretch the Cold Springs lead to 47-40 and Bruer put in another late free throw as the Lady Eagles defeated the Lady Hornets, 48-40, to win the area title.

Bruer, Brown, Dickerson, Calvert, and Taylor all made the All-Tournament team. Dickerson finished with 19 points for Cold Springs. Bruer added 14 points and Brown collected seven points.

Cold Springs will host a Sub-Regional game against Westminster Christian or Cornerstone Monday night at 6 p.m.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs's Ella Dickerson led the Lady Eagles with 19 points in their 48-40 win over Locust Fork Thursday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison claims area championship with 38-32 win over Sumiton Christian

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted the Sumiton Christian Lady Eagles for the championship of Area 13 Thursday night and Addison was able to overcome a scrappy Sumiton Christian team and finally come away with a 38-32 victory. Addison will advance to host Hubbertville while Sumiton Christian will travel to Marion County to play a very strong Lady Raider team.

The first period started out slow for both teams and it was a precursor of things to come for the entire game. Either both teams were uptight or were just plain off in their playing rhythm as neither team could hit a shot to save their life. Sumiton Christian came out in a pressing defense which is not the norm for them and let's be honest, the Lady Dawgs didn't handle it all that well. Addison won the period 7-4 with Gracie "Bug" Manley scoring 4 points and "Magic" Molly Gilbreath hitting a trey. Addison point guard Hadley "Shooter" Butler led the team with 5 rebounds. Sumiton Christian Center Emma Potts was almost unstoppable on this evening. Potts had 2 points but had 7 boards in the first period. Lady Eagle Addison Hogland had the other two points for Sumiton Christian.

If you hoped that the girls on both teams would settle down your hopes would have been dashed. Both teams had numerous bad passes, sloppy ball handling and were taking wild shots.

Even if the girls were close enough for a layup the ball would roll off the rim. It was just a downright ugly offensive game in the first half. Manley had 2 points and 4 rebounds in the period while Gilbreath led the team with 5. Sumiton Christian had one bucket the entire period and that was a three pointer by Annalace Rice. Addison led 14-7 at the half.

The second half started off with Sumiton Christian and Addison seemingly settling down. Both teams played a little bit better but both offenses still struggled. Addison won the period 15-12 to take a 29-19 lead into the fourth period.

The biggest news during the quarter was that Sumiton Christian's main player, Emma Potts, picked up three quick fouls within a span of 3 minutes giving her four for the game. This took Miss Potts off the court during a time when the Lady Eagles had cut the Bulldog lead down to four.

At the time of her fouth foul, Potts had a game high 15 rebounds. Potts also had 6 points in the period while three other Lady Eagles put in a bucket a piece. Addison was led by Manley who carried the Lady Dawgs in the period with 10 of Addison's 15 points. Gilbreath added the other 5.

The final frame was exciting for both teams. The Lady Eagles came out with a 5-0 run to cut the lead back to 29-24. Potts had three points while Addison Hogland hit a layup for her two points. Addison was able to stop the Eagle momentum and increase their lead to 33-28 with only 3:32 to go in the game. Gilbreath nailed a three-pointer and Butler sank two free throws. After two empty possessions by both teams, Potts then responded with about an eight foot baby hook shot that hit nothing but net to cut the lead to 33-30 with only 1:04 to go in the game. Addison's Katie Barrett hit a free throw to give the hometown Dawgs a 34-30 lead with only 55 seconds to go.

The Lady Eagles wouldn't go away as Potts had a put back to cut the lead to 34-32 with only 33 seconds left. This is where Addison's guards, Butler and Gilbreath knocked down four free throws to give the final score of 38-32. The Addison Lady Bulldogs defense stepped up when they had too and even though they didn't play that well on this evening they still got the win.

Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland, "I think we all know we didn't play that well tonight, but my girls still dug down deep and were able to come up with some key stops when they needed too. I believe it shows the character of a team when you don't play well but you don't give up and keep on fighting and come away with a victory. Sumiton Christian is a much-improved team and number 3 (Emma Potts) was a handful all night.

She really played well. I thought that Coach (Andy) Rice really had a good game plan tonight for Sumiton Christian and they defended us as well as anyone has all year. We get to move on and host a game Monday night. We need to put this game behind us and move on because from this point on it is win or go home."

Sumiton Christian Head Coach Andy Rice, "I thought that my girls played really hard tonight. I believe that we played our best defense we have played all year. We changed up and pressed them tonight and we hadn't 'done that in our earlier meetings this year. I have an extremely young team; I mean we have only senior, and I believe that our future is bright. My goal this year was to realistically finish second to Addison. They had a veteran good team coming back and were the obvious favorites in our area. We have made the state playoffs and we are excited about that. We are probably going to travel to Marion County on Monday, so we are going to have our hands full again."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led by Gilbreath with 18 points, 2 assists and 1 steal. Manley had 16 points, 8 boards, 1 assist and 2 steals. Butler had 3 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals. Barrett had 1 point, 2 boards and 3 steals. Lydia "Barbie" Ergle had 8 rebounds and 1 assist. Brilyn Dover had 4 rebounds. Lauryn "Beemer" Cunningham had 2 boards.

Sumiton Christian was led by Potts who had 15 points and 20 rebounds. Hogland had 10 points and 5 boards. Annalace Rice had 5 points and 2 boards. Calli Corley had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Ali Kelly had 2 boards.



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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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.

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COLUMN

Celebrating in the Wundergarten

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

WILLKOMMEN, Y'ALL! Cooking is a form of storytelling. "WUNDERGARTEN," the Brothers Grimm-like folktale I wrote and The Cullman Tribune is serializing in its Community Matters quarterly magazine, is set on a strawberry farm in Colonial Cullman during the 1870s. To bring the story to life for readers who savor food, I told of tasty dishes cooked by the heroine, Frau Ruehl, a German widow who owned the farm. Daydreaming in the Wundergarten of the tale, I imagined a treasured recipe box Frau Ruehl brought to America from her native Germany.

This cooking series, "Celebrating in the Wundergarten," combines Cullman-grown garden bounty and imaginative recipes that salute Cullman's German farm heritage.

This year, we are celebrating the 150th birthday of Cullman.

For 21st century cooks, the recipes embrace modern ease and have a greater array of ingredients than Frau Ruehl would have had in her pantry, but they promise those tantalizing flavors from the past.

The Cullman Tribune, Alabama's oldest continuously published weekly newspaper and Cullman County's oldest business, is also celebrating a 150th birthday in 2023. CHEERS and MANY MORE!

WUNDERGARTEN BAKED CHICKEN SCHNITZEL
(Source: allrecipes.com)

INGREDIENTS
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 6 chicken breasts, cut in half lengthwise (butterflied)
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp. ground paprika
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 cups seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1 large lemon, zested

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 425F. Line a large baking sheet with aluminum foil and drizzle olive oil over foil. Place the baking sheet in the oven as it preheats.

2. Meanwhile, open the chicken breasts like a storybook and place between two sheets of plastic wrap on a solid, level surface. Firmly pound with the smooth side of a meat mallet to 1/4-inch thickness. Season both sides with salt and pepper.

3. Mix flour and paprika together in a shallow bowl; whisk eggs, salt, and pepper together in a second shallow bowl; and mix breadcrumbs and lemon zest together in a third shallow bowl.

4. Dredge one piece of chicken in flour; shake off excess. Dip into beaten egg. Lift up so excess egg drips back into bowl. Press into breadcrumbs to coat both sides. Place the breaded chicken unstacked, onto a plate. Repeat with remaining chicken.

5. Remove the baking sheet from the oven. Arrange chicken in a single layer on the hot sheet. Drizzle more olive oil over each piece.

6. Bake in a pre-heated oven for 5-6 minutes. Flip chicken and continue baking until it is no longer pink in the center and the breading is lightly browned. A thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165F.

7. Serve atop lettuces, chopped apple and a sprinkling of magical pecan bits. Drizzle with a blend of apple cider and honey.

AUF WIEDERSEHEN, Y'ALL!

Show your heart some love this month with a heart-healthy diet

Anna Jones
Contributed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — When it comes to heart health, diet matters. Experts at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine say wholesome nutrition is a major factor in combating plaque buildup in the arteries that can lead to heart disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggests that a poor diet — among diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity and excessive alcohol use — is one of the most influential lifestyle choices that put people at a higher risk for heart disease. By incorporating heart-healthy foods into one's diet, individuals can be one step closer to maintaining a healthy heart.

Fruits and vegetables

"Having abundant produce in your diet has several benefits for your heart," said Caroline Cohen, Ph.D., a dietitian in the UAB Department of Family and Community Medicine. "Many fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of potassium, a mineral that plays an important role in blood pressure control. In addition, fruits and vegetables contain dietary fiber to aid in maintaining cholesterol levels in the optimal range."

Jody Gilchrist, a nurse practitioner in the UAB Cardiovascular Institute, says eating fresh fruits and vegetables cooked using a low-fat method is great for heart health.

"Stick to vegetables that have rich color, like spinach, avocados, bell peppers, carrots and zucchini," Gilchrist said. "Heart-healthy fruit options include strawberries, blueberries and blackberries, which are full of important nutrients that play a central role in heart health."

Gilchrist reminds people that it is important to not substitute fresh fruits with 100 percent fruit juice or sweetened dried fruit due to the high amount of sugar in both options.

The American Heart Association recommends filling at least half of one's plate with fruits and veggies in order to make it to the recommended 4 ½ cups of each per day. All produce counts, including canned, fresh and frozen varieties, so incorporating these foods into one's diet is easy. When shopping for canned or frozen produce, it is best to choose the options with the lowest amount of sodium and sugar.

"We typically prefer frozen produce over canned; but if you are using canned, just be sure to rinse before using," Gilchrist said.

Foods that are high in fiber play a large role in protecting against heart disease, diabetes, diverticulitis, inflammatory bowel syndrome, obesity and colorectal cancer. Fiber maintains gut health, stabilizes blood sugar and helps people stay fuller longer.

Whole grains are good sources of fiber and other nutrients that help regulate blood pressure and maintain heart health.

An easy way to add fiber to one's diet is to replace refined grains, which have been milled in a way that strips the grain of important nutrients, with whole grains, which contains the entire grain. Choosing whole grain bread instead of white bread and whole wheat pasta instead of egg noodles are examples of simple ways people can incorporate whole grains into their diet.

These small substitutions add up when it comes to maintaining heart health.

"The benefits of foods rich in fiber go beyond just heart health," Gilchrist said. "Foods that are rich in fiber, vitamins and minerals can make you feel full longer, lower bad cholesterol, control blood pressure and help you maintain a healthy weight."

Healthy sources of protein

AHA recommends choosing healthy sources of proteins. Healthy proteins can be found in plant sources such as beans, peas, lentils and nuts.

They can also be found in fish and seafood such as anchovies, herring, mackerel, black cod, salmon, sardines, bluefin tuna, whitefish, striped bass and cobia.

Each year, UAB Medicine partners with the American Heart Association to develop a heart-healthy recipe book filled with delicious, simple and affordable meals. Download the 2023 Heart-Healthy Recipe Book at uabmedicine.org/heart.



UAB

UAB experts provide tips on how to maintain a heart-healthy diet.

Red meat like beef, pork and lamb typically has more saturated fat than healthy sources of protein and can raise cholesterol levels and increase risk of heart disease.

When eating poultry, pork, beef or other meat, choose lean meat, skinless poultry and unprocessed forms. Finally, keep an eye on portion sizes, and ensure portions consist of no more than 3 ounces of cooked meat.

Read nutrition labels carefully

"There is no need to avoid all packaged foods; but certain types can contain very high amounts of sodium, which can increase blood pressure in many people and increases the risk for heart disease," Cohen said.

"Frozen meals, canned soups, deli meats, savory snacks and commercially prepared breads are among the top contributors to sodium intake in the United States. Read these labels carefully, and look for brands with less than 20 percent of the Daily Value for sodium per serving."

Cook at home

In addition to choosing heart-healthy ingredients, Gilchrist recommends cooking meals at home to maintain a healthy and balanced diet.

"When you cook at home, you have more control over which ingredients are included in the dish, and you can adjust these ingredients based on your preferences," Gilchrist said.

"Cooking at home also saves money, and with so many easy recipes available, it saves time too."

Olive oil can be a healthy substitute for butter, margarine and other types of fat. Olive oil can help lower "bad" LDL cholesterol and increase "good" HDL.

It can also lower blood pressure and offers anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties known to reduce heart disease.

"Emphasize dietary fats coming from olive oil, nuts, seeds, avocados/avocado oil, and fatty fish to increase monounsaturated and omega-3 fats, both of which can reduce risk of heart disease and decrease inflammation," Cohen said.

"Eat these foods more often than fatty cuts of meat, cheeses, pastries and fried foods, which all contain saturated fat, a type of fat that raises blood levels of unhealthy LDL cholesterol."

The Mediterranean-style diet is great for heart health, because it contains low-inflammatory foods. It emphasizes vegetables, fruits, whole grains, beans and legumes; includes low-fat or fat-free dairy products, fish, poultry, and non-tropical vegetable oils and nuts; and limits added sugars, sugary beverages, sodium, highly processed foods, refined carbohydrates, saturated fats, and fatty or processed meats.

This diet can play a large role in preventing heart disease, obesity, diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

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11 Eagle Award winners honored for contributions to Alabama State Parks

Staff Reports
Contributor

GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — Winners of the seventh annual Eagle Awards were honored Saturday as part of Eagle Awareness Weekend at Lake Guntersville State Park.

The Eagle Award – sponsored by the Alabama State Parks Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – is presented annually to people and organizations who have made outstanding contributions in support of Alabama State Parks. For 2022, 11 winners were selected from nominations submitted.

This year's Eagle Award winners are:

- Curt Cearley (Community Partner)
- Toni Bruner (Community Partner)
- AmeriCorps NCCC (Park Partner)
- Fresh Air Family (Park Partner)
- Chewacla Invasive Plant Working Group (Park Partner)
- Back Country Horsemen of Alabama (Park Partner)
- Dianne & Mason Johnson (Volunteer in the Parks)
- Barbara Greenlee (Volunteer in the Parks)
- Mitch Emmons (Volunteer in the Parks)
- Sen. Steve Livingston (Elected Official)
- Rep. Wes Kitchens (Elected Official)

"Millions of people visit Alabama State Parks every year, and that's a testament to the commitment and dedication shown by volunteers, community partners, elected officials and organizations," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "The annual Eagle Awards allow us to show our appreciation for all of the amazing work the winners do to enhance outdoor recreation and help our parks provide the very best experience possible. We truly thank them for all of their hard work.

Here's a closer look at each winner:

Curt Cearley (Community Partner)
As founder and executive director of the Rise Raptor Project, he leads an educational nonprofit that conducts 50-to-80 programs annually to educate groups about raptors and inspire the public to embrace principles of good stewardship and scientific discovery. He is a regular contributor to the Eagle Awareness programs at Lake Guntersville State Park and conducts similar programs at other Alabama State Parks, including Joe Wheeler and Monte Sano.

Toni Bruner (Community Partner)
Bruner serves as executive director of Legacy, an organization dedicated to providing science-based, environmental information and education and promoting environmental stewardship. She conducts teacher workshops for Alabama State Park naturalists across the state, and her "Mountains to the Gulf Workshop" educates and informs about Alabama's natural resources and unmatched biodiversity.



CONTRIBUTED

Left to right are Chad Jones, president of McClellan Chapter Member of the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Steve Lathem, president of Wind Creek Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Jaime Ruff, president of West Alabama Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Mike Bagwell, chairman of the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Heather Jones, president of Central Chapter the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Pam Horton, president of Warrior Mountain Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of Alabama; Rep. Wes Kitchens; Tamika Eatmon, of AmeriCorps NCCC; Sen. Steve Livingston; Verna Gates; Barbara Greenlee; Toni Bruner; Curt Cearley; State Parks Director Greg Lein, kneeling with dog; Mitch Emmons; and Dianne and Mason Johnson.

AmeriCorps NCCC (Park Partner)
Tamika Eaton organized a team of nine people, ranging in age from 18 to 22, who helped create the "Base to Summit" trail at Cheaha State Park. This new trail features an elevation change of more than 1,000 feet, stretches for a mile and leads to Alabama's highest point. It will be hiked and appreciated by park guests for years to come. The mission of AmeriCorps NCCC is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through direct, team-based community service.

Fresh Air Family (Park Partner)
An outdoor-based education nonprofit organization led by Verna Gates and founded in 2006, the organization is dedicated to improving science literacy and scientific thinking for children and youth. Fresh Air Family is a valued partner to Alabama State Parks by hosting hikes and events at our parks, and it adds to the positive experiences for guests through educational programs such as Wild About Service Camp, Not Scared Camp and Gross Out Camp.

Chewacla Invasive Plant Working Group (Park Partner)
A volunteer group led by Gary Wagoner, the organization works to improve and protect Chewacla State Park's ecological health by removing and controlling invasive plants and restoring the native plant ecosystem. In 2021, CIPWG initiated several meetings and planning sessions to create workdays at Chewacla State Park. These events used local volunteers to take on the tedious task of removing invasive plant species.

Back Country Horsemen of Alabama (Park Partner)
As the state chapter of Back Country Horsemen of America, a national nonprofit organization, the group builds and maintains horse trails at Oak Mountain, Wind Creek, Lake Guntersville and Paul Grist state parks. The organization's volunteers have also built campsite amenities and barns at several parks, which helps fulfill its mission of keeping trails open for all users of public lands.

Dianne & Mason Johnson (Volunteer in the Parks)
Beginning in January 2022, the Johnsons volunteered at Cathedral Caverns State Park and helped get construction of the campground expansion off to a great start by developing after-hours check-in policies and procedures. They also performed maintenance work at the campground and provided excellent customer service to park guests.

Barbara Greenlee (Volunteer in the Parks)
A volunteer at the front desk at Wind Creek State Park, Greenlee is always first to answer the phone, help visitors and make sure every guest has a spectacular experience. She's known for going above and beyond and making the work environment enjoyable and fun.

Mitch Emmons (Volunteer in the Parks)
Emmons served as a volunteer at Cheaha State Park in October 2022 in the Lower Improved Campground. He also contributed his phenomenal photography skills during an important time to alert visitors to the level of the leaves changing. Park officials noted the campground was immaculate during his stay and he created and maintained a bathroom log to document dates and times of cleanings.

Sen. Steve Livingston (Elected Official)
Livingston has three parks in his district: DeSoto, Monte Sano and Buck's Pocket. He has been very supportive of recent efforts to renovate DeSoto Falls, where upgrades to restrooms, improvements to the parking area, and the addition of a new beach and kayak launch were made. He also supported efforts to purchase 149 acres of land being sold at auction that adjoins the park's DeSoto Falls property. Sen. Livingston also championed the re-opening and renovation of Buck's Pocket State Park's campground along South Sauty Creek, which was funded from a grant from ADECA.

Rep. Wes Kitchens (Elected Official)
Kitchens has three parks in his district: Cathedral Caverns, Buck's Pocket and Lake Guntersville. He has been very supportive of recent efforts to build a new campground at Cathedral Caverns State Park through a grant from ADECA and the ARC, as well as the project to pave the roads leading to the beautiful lodge at Lake Guntersville State Park with a special recycled tire asphalt product funded under a grant from ADEM. Kitchens also worked with Sen. Livingston on the Buck's Pocket campground project.

Both legislators were tireless leaders in the recent passage of the constitutional amendment to secure $85 million to fund new improvement projects in state parks, and both serve on the Joint Legislative Committee for State Parks.

"Our slogan is 'Partners Pay the Way,' and we could not thrive without the contributions of the Eagle Award winners," said Greg Lein, director of the Alabama State Parks Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "They truly are partners in every way possible. Thanks to their efforts, our State Parks offer expanded programs and better amenities to our park guests. We're honored that they choose to work to make our parks better than ever."

About Alabama's State Parks System
The Alabama State Parks is a division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and maintains 21 state parks encompassing more than 50,000 acres of land and water in Alabama. The parks range from Gulf Coast beaches to Appalachian Mountains and provide opportunities and facilities from basic day-use activities to resort convention lodging, restaurants and golfing areas. These parks rely on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations. Learn more at www.alapark.com. Partners Pay the Way.

Alabama exports topped $25.5B in 2022

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama exports surged to over $25.5 billion in 2022, setting a new annual record, according to Gov. Kay Ivey's office.

Last year's export activity was driven by rising overseas shipments of Alabama-made vehicles, aerospace parts, chemicals, minerals, metals and paper products, according to data from the Alabama Department of Commerce.

The value of Alabama exports in 2022 jumped 22% compared to the prior year, which also saw a substantial increase. Alabama exports have soared almost 47% since 2020, when global trade tensions and the COVID-19 pandemic dragged down shipments.

The 2022 export total is 17.5% higher than the $21.7 billion registered in 2017, the state's previous annual record tally.

"Our record-breaking success when it comes to our exports is yet another example of the far reach of the 'Made in Alabama' brand and a direct result of our incredible companies and top-notch workforce," said Ivey. "Exporting is a fundamental economic pillar that supports growth in Alabama, contributing economic vitality and spurring job creation across the state."

Alabama exports spanned the globe during 2022, going to 196 countries. The Top 5 destinations were:



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- Germany: $4.3 billion, a 16% gain
- China: $3.8 billion, a 10% increase
- Canada: $3.2 billion, up 3%
- Mexico: $2.8 billion, a 11% rise
- Japan: $1 billion, a 42% jump

Other top destinations were South Korea, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Belgium and Australia.

"Setting a new annual export record is just another example of the economic success that Alabama is enjoying right now," said Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce.

"Despite turbulence on the national scene, Alabama's economy is really humming on all cylinders and can keep rolling as a bounty of growth projects bring in new jobs and investment."

Alabama's No. 1 export category — transportation equipment — helped power the state's record performance during 2022, climbing above $11.4 billion, a gain of 9%. The category includes motor vehicles and parts, aerospace products and parts and ships, among other things.

Exports of Alabama-made vehicles approached $8.9 billion last year, an increase of 13% as shipments to top markets such as Germany, China and Canada all rose. Overseas shipments of aerospace products and parts surged 21% to exceed $1.7 billion, according to Commerce data.

All of Alabama's top-ranking export categories posed major gains during 2022:

- Chemicals ($2.7 billion) — up 19.5%
- Minerals and ores ($2 billion) — up 178%
- Primary metals ($1.6 billion) — up 20%
- Paper ($1.6 billion) — up 35%

Christina Stimpson, director of Commerce's Office of International Trade, said broad-based gains for Alabama exports represents good news for companies back home because it generates increased production, additional investment and new jobs.

"Seeing a new annual export record demonstrates the success of operating and producing in Alabama. Growth in production from exports means job creation for our communities," said Stimpson.

"Export Alabama is here to support Alabama businesses launching into export or expanding to new global markets."

Commerce's Office of International Trade offers resources to help Alabama companies enter profitable new overseas markets through frequent trade and business development missions, training, foreign-market information, and international contacts.

The office is a partner in Export Alabama, a seamless network of international trade agencies that share the fundamental objective of helping Alabama companies expand their business internationally.

COLUMN

The first kiss

Joe Hobby
Contributor

Since February is officially the month of love, I've decided to put this on paper. Just to be safe, I've covered my bases by having my wife sign a notarized document giving me permission to write this story. So, if I come up missing, or you drive by my house and see all of my stuff in a pile by the mailbox, you will know that she chose not to abide by our legal agreement.

I'm going to tell you about my first kiss. This wasn't a good-night kiss from mommy, or a peck on your cheek from your Aunt Eileen; I'm talking about a real face-to-face, lip-to-lip, kiss from a girl my own age. People may forget their spouse's birthday, anniversaries or the last four digits of their Social Security number, but they never forget their first kiss.

Some of the details of mine are a bit fuzzy; that's what time will do. However, many of the events of that day are still clear in my mind, so it obviously had a big impact on me.

For a 12-year-old boy, there's no better place for a first kiss than the woods. That's where it happened for me. There was a big rope swing in a forest not too far from my house where kids would gather regularly. On this particular day, Marcia was there - a cute, sweet girl in my sixth-grade class. Marcia was already 13, and had a couple of boyfriends, so she was several exits past me on the make-out highway.

I don't remember how or why we ended up alone in a clearing above the path. Maybe it was coincidence, maybe she planned it, but for whatever reason, Marcia decided it was time to administer a teachable moment to a naive student.

Once she pulled me toward her, I was:

a) surprised
b) scared to death
c) excited
d) all of the above

The correct answer of course, is d.

Initially, I had no idea this was going to happen. Marcia was cute, popular, and as I was about to learn, quite worldly. I thought she was out of my league. When I realized what was about to occur, a jolt of fear shot through me. "What if I do it wrong?" I thought. "What if I turn my head the wrong way? I haven't brushed my teeth!" From what I've heard from some of my friends (both male and female), this is a pretty common reaction.

I was stunned when the lesson actually began. Our lips met, and it felt like an electric shock went all the way to my toes.

Then whoa! She began doing something that was totally unexpected. I wasn't sure what she was doing, but it was nothing like anyone had ever done to me before. I hadn't even talked about this kind of thing with my buddies.

Not surprisingly, Marcia was cool and confident. I went along with her as best I could, not knowing whether to bite, cough or gag.

Within a couple of seconds, it was over. Maybe I pulled back because I was still scared. She gave me a warm smile as I stood there trying to process what happened. It was like Yoda had just taught young Skywalker a valuable life lesson. "Kiss you, I did," she could have said.

We returned to the swing, where for the next 30 minutes my heart pounded so hard that I thought my chest might burst. Marcia had forever changed my life.

I saw Marcia several years ago when she came to see me perform at The Comedy Club. It was a grand reunion. We hugged and laughed, especially when I said, "It's so good to see the first girl I ever kissed."

I don't think her husband minded.

I'll paraphrase Jay Leno, who, when asked how it felt to be on "The Tonight Show" for the first time, said, "It's like the first time you ever kissed someone. It happened fast, and you weren't very good at it, but you knew you wanted to do it again."

Perfect analogy, Jay. And you never forget it.

I've just had a terrible realization: my oldest granddaughter will be 12 next year. And just the thought of her first kiss makes my heart pound so hard it feels like my chest is gonna burst - again.

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

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 9-10

Hoyt Noel Slatton, 74, Mr. Hoyt Noel Slatton was born Dec. 26, 1948, to Lester and Elaine Slatton. He passed away Wednesday Feb. 8, 2023, peacefully at his daughter's home. Hoyt was a devoted father, Paw Paw, brother, uncle, and friend to many. Being a retired mechanic he was wired with the ability to fix anything, and determined to find a way to make things work. Hoyt was very strong-willed with the ability to endure through situations most would quit in. With a smile on his face he would push through whatever came his way. In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, watching Nascar, and raising ducks. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Elaine Slatton; brothers, Larry Slatton, Loyd Slatton, Roger Slatton, Travis Slatton, Ronny Slatton; nephews, Phillip McGee, Deral Slatton and Little Ronny Slatton. He is survived by his son, Scott (Dana) Slatton; daughter, Modestie (Kenny) Bush; sisters, Jewel Wood, Joyce Rickles, Doris Roberson, Breatha Slatton, and Lora (Jimmy) McGee; grandchildren, Jessie Robison, Grey Slatton, Hayden Slatton, James Bush, Emily Bush, Austin Bush, Bethany Bush, Emma (Bradley) Walter; great-grandchildren, Clayton Cook, Eli Bush and Daylen Blair; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. As of this time there will be no services for Mr. Slatton. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Slatton family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Slatton family.

Lonnie Joe Overton, 79 Funeral service for Lonnie Joe Overton, 79, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Friendship Methodist Cemetery. Pastors Jerry Lawson, Ory Hampton, Ben Murray will officiate. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 13, prior to the service Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Overton passed away Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023, at his residence. He was born July 26, 1943, to Lonnie and Verda Brown Overton. He was a truck driver for many years. Joe was a member of Daystar Church. He loved his family and especially his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a great-grandchild, Walt Overton. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Mary Mayo Overton; sons, Ronnie (Kim) Overton, Brandon Overton; daughters, Kristi (Stephen) Millwood, Caitlin (Lance) Saint, Melanie Overton; sister, Joann Warren; grandchildren, Cody (Sara) Overton, Baylee (Kyle) Hasting, Nick Overton, Jake Overton, Judson Millwood, Colton Millwood, Austin Millwood, Brooklynn Saint, Gracelynn Saint, Gabby Saint, Preslee Overton; great-grandchildren, Charlie Overton, Collin Overton, Evelyn Hasting; and, a host of family and friends. Pallbearers will be Tyler Smith, Stephen Millwood, Lance Saint, Wayne Overton, Don Brown, Pat Williams. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tommy Charles Bartlett, 84 Tom was born Oct. 23, 1938, to parents J.J. and Estelle Frazier Bartlett and privileged to grow up in a loving family with four siblings who all worked in the family business. They remained close all their lives and their greatest joy was gathering and re-telling tales of their younger days. Some of the tales were even true. He graduated from Winston County High School and enrolled at Florence State College, now the University of North Alabama. After graduating from UNA with a BS, he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force, where he served with the 408th Fighter Group (Air Defense Command). Upon release from active duty, he went to Memphis, Tennessee where the love of his life, Loretta Jean Steele, was teaching high school. After they were married, Tom enrolled in graduate studies at the University of Memphis. He earned an MA and taught Literature at Athens State University and from there he went into private industry in Hope, Arkansas. Tom and Loretta returned to Alabama and Tom returned to the field of education until he retired. He never lost his love for books, old cars and singing old gospel songs at the Frazier Family Reunion. He was the author of three books, two on the history of obscure modes of transportation, and one on the history of the 100th Bomb Group (8th Air Force) during WW2. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Jim, and his son Christopher Wesley Bartlett. He leaves his remaining siblings, Jerry Bartlett (Jill Bartlett, deceased), Ann Preuitt (Ken Preuitt, deceased), and Amelia Jane Dodd (Don Dodd, deceased), his sister-in-law Anita Bartlett, forever daughter-in-law Danielle Tuberville and a host of nephews and nieces to cherish his memory. Tom's close friends are organizing a Tom Bartlett Scholarship Fund to the WCHS Vocational/Technical School where he taught. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Fund or any local charitable organization. Due to Covid-19, a memorial service will be announced at a later time.

Ida Louisa Kugler, 82 Funeral Service for Ida Louisa Kugler, age 82, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Kerry Cleghorn officiating; interment in Missionary Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Kugler passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Dec. 3, 1940, in Texas to William Henry Heideman and Avey Heideman. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth M. Kugler and parents. Survivors include her sons, Kenneth (Bobbie) Kugler and Christopher (Lisa) Kugler; grandchildren, April (Justin) Morgan, Dale Kugler and Crystal (Joey) Schutt; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A special day to show our love

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Valentine's Day is not a Christian holiday, but it is a good time to express our love to the one we love. My earliest memories of Valentine's Day, takes me back to my school days at Plainview Elementary. I wasn't married then! I might have had a girlfriend, but I'm telling her name! Each year, my classmates and I exchanged Valentine cards. They weren't the expensive cards like you might buy at a drug store. They were the cheap kind that we bought at the 5 & 10. Back then, we could buy an entire package of little valentines, complete with envelopes, for about the price of one big one now. Wow, that takes us back a few years! There are no 5 & 10 stores anymore. The 5 & 10 stores evolved into Dollar Stores. Even Dollar Tree, which boasted of everything costing one dollar, now charges $1.25. Ironically, they still call themselves Dollar Tree. Now we even have a store called, "5 and Below." BTW, the 5 is not a nickel! Eventually, we'll probably have $100 & $200 stores. I'm sorry, excuse the rabbit chasing.

Anyway, back to elementary school, we each hung our own personalized, handmade, Valentine bags on the classroom wall. We made them from brown-paper bags. I think one year we got fancy and even had white bags.

We wrote our names on the bags with crayons and drew red hearts, or whatever else we wanted, on them. Mine were such masterpieces that the Smithsonian wanted them for the art museum.

Well, not quite, but Mama always said they were beautiful. We stuffed them with cards before Valentine's Day, then on the day itself we took them down and pulled out the cards and read them. Some classmates put other things, like candy conversation hearts, in our bags. One year, one of the girls put Creepy Crawlers in them. Mattel sold something called a "Thing-maker." The Thing-maker included a metal mold on a hot plate and "Plastigoop" that you poured in it to cook up rubber bugs, worms, and other such necessities.

My "girlfriend" made a rubber bat and put it in my bag, along with her Valentine that said she loved me. Since Batman was my favorite show on television, I asked her to marry me. Honestly, I can't remember if she said yes, but I'm fairly certain that Mama said no...no way! Since we were only 10, and Mama was not in favor, the wedding never happened. Besides, I later found out she gave those to everybody.

Ten years later, I asked Jean Willis to marry me. She said yes. She had not even given me a rubber bat, but I loved her just the same and still do!

We've never hung paper bags on the wall to put cheap cards in, but we have shared many valentines. In recent years, I (usually as Bro Billy Bob) have often been the program at a banquet on Valentine's evenings. Jean has been understanding and gracious enough to allow our valentine's date night to be either before or after the actual date. This year I turned down any invitation for Valentine's day, so I could take her to a nice new restaurant in Opelika on "the day." When I called to make a reservation, guess what? Yeah, so we'll go there on Thursday after Valentine's!

The greatest love of all is the love of God. According to I John 4:19, we love Him, because He first loved us. He loves us so much, that He didn't give flowers or candy, He gave His only begotten Son.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the files of 1900

Married at Vinemont on November 21 were W.H. Fowler and Mrs. Nancy C. Petts of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by John Moffat, Esquire.

Commissioner Abe Ryan was in the city yesterday.

Claud Copeland is behind the counters at F. Beyer and Sons.

Thad Quattlebaum and Oster McMinn went to Hartselle on Monday.

Professor Lovie Burks, of Decatur, was in Cullman a few days ago.

Cullman's Mayor, John Beyer, was in Birmingham on Tuesday.

Miss Gussie Steindorff spent Sunday in Decatur.

At last, Cullman can boast of a cotton oil mill in successful operation.

William Tucker, a prosperous merchant of Crane Hill, was in the city yesterday.

John McNabb injured his foot, in an accident, a few days ago.

Hats off to the City Council, for the improved condition of the streets.

Uncle Tom Ingram, of Simcoe, left yesterday for an extended trip through Georgia.

Mrs. D. Reinschmidt has returned from an extended visit to Northern relatives.

Mrs. W.S. Leeth, mother of G.S. Leeth, died at her home, near Garrison Point, on Monday.

Congressman John L. Burnett has tendered to Dwight Fuller the position of private secretary and he has accepted.

The Teacher's Institute will be held at Trimble. C.A. Roberts is chairman of the program committee.

From the files of 1950

Two Cullman people were seriously injured and several others received lesser injury in a highway crash on Saturday morning.

Mrs. James F. Ratliff remains in a Birmingham hospital, with a broken hip and a broken ankle. Mr. Ratliff is in the Cullman Hospital suffering with four broken ribs and serious bruises.

Others with the Ratliffs at the time of the accident were their daughters, Margo and Sandra, who were not injured and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson.

Amanda Johnson, 16, received throat lacerations and was treated at the Cullman Hospital. She was able to be removed home, at the first of the week. Barbara Johnson was slightly injured.

Never before had Emil Buettner been so excited or had such a lovely birthday gift as on his birthday on Monday, November 20. On that day he became a grandfather. Born in Miami, Florida was a little daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Buettner.

Also excited is Mrs. Buettner who as always wanted a daughter, but has decided a granddaughter is even better.

POET'S CORNER

A Token Of Love | By: Randy C. Hale

In his Bible, marked with hi- lites
and pen, was scripture he read over again.
Stories of others who trusted in
God.
Abraham's journey, Moses' plod.

The words of Jesus printed in red.
The young boy's dinner, which five
thousand fed.
Paul to the gentiles, so thankful
he came.
The story of salvation, in heaven
our names.

But in the back his Bible was a small-written note.
Inside, a card that a child's
hand wrote.

It said, "Dear Daddy, please always
be mine."
A simple love message on a heart
valentine.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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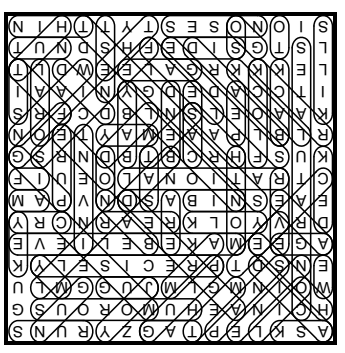
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Event (from Front)

the coming days, but the word was already out that Cullman had a record breaking year.

"The numbers that the State will release later for capital investment in Cullman is a new record," Cullman Economic Development Director Dale Greer said. "It's $287 million plus. I think 25 companies or so are involved in that expansion. Most of them were expanding companies, and we have small new companies."

The capital investment shows industries are investing more money into their local businesses, creating and/or upgrading employment opportunities and, in turn, creating more prosperous employees. It's also indicative of the bigger picture statewide.

"The State is on a roll like I have never seen and I think that is driven by industrial development," Greer continued. "I think the companies come in initially and they create the jobs and then you have goods and services that follow them.



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"Then you get the professional projects, the doctors, the lawyers, the engineers and architects, that follow them. I think the way you get a community to grow is through retail development, activities and events and then you attract more people altogether. I think that industry deserves a lot of credit for where we are in Cullman with that."

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