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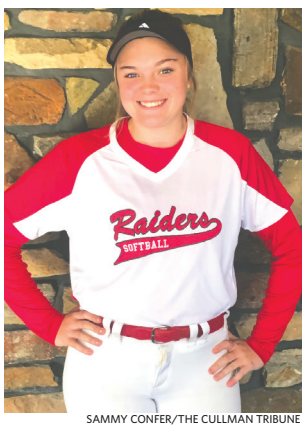
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West Elementary hosts Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System demo

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CULLMAN, Ala. — KT Security Solutions on Monday hosted a demonstration of its Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System at West Elementary School. The system is a functional whiteboard that can be customized to fit any classroom and expands into a fold-out room in under 10 seconds. It serves as a protective shield against ballistic threats and severe weather. Two have already been installed in classrooms at West Elementary.

In attendance were Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama; Alabama State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey; Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff; Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta; West Elementary Prin- » PAGE 8



TIFFANY MCKOY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
KT Security Solutions Owner Kevin Thomas with West Elementary School teacher Hali Marquette

Cold Springs High brings home state FCCLA award, multiple others



CONTRIBUTED
Pictured left to right are, (back row) Clayton Gary, Lacy Twilley and Lydia Twilley; (middle row) Sophia Slusser and Ellanora Slusser; (first row) Josiah Johnson, Rebecca Baggett and Savannah Bischoff.

Staff Reports
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BREMEN, Ala. — March 8-10, 2023, eight students and their adviser from Cold Springs High School competed at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Meeting in Montgomery. Over 1,000 FCCLA students from all over the state met and competed. Students listened to a guest speaker, attended breakout sessions and competed in the FCCLA STAR Events Competition.

The students and their advisor Stephanie Blair have been working on the FCCLA STAR Events Competition for several months.

This year Cold Springs FCCLA students returned with four first-place medals, one second-place medal, two third-place medals and one bronze medal.

Five students qualified to compete at nationals in Denver, Colorado, this summer.

The two highest scores from each category won a bid to compete in nationals.

The FCCLA students competed in individual and group projects.

• Ellanora Slusser placed first in the Fashion Design category, level 3 (11th and 12th grade) and received a $5,000 scholarship to the Fashion Institute of America.

• Savannah Bischoff placed second in the Fashion Design category, level 2 » PAGE 7

R.O.S.S. representative Shane Tidwell speaks at Good Hope City Council meeting

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Sportsman Lake gardeners applying for arboretum accreditation



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Master Gardeners and other nature enthusiasts gathered Monday morning, March 13, 2023, at Sportsman Lake's Wildflower Garden with the Alabama Forestry Commission's Mary Claire Smith.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 13

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 9
- assault; CR 1246
- domestic violence; CR 461
- harassment; CR 933
- dog bite; CR 1490
- theft of property; CR 1859
- domestic violence; CR 813
- using false identity to avoid arrest; CR 1598
- harassment; Day Gap Rd.
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 19
- domestic violence; CR 796
- possession of marijuana; High School Rd.
- theft of property; CR 703
- possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB at MM 297

March 10
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- attempt to elude police officer; CR 216
- domestic violence; CR 1210
- reckless endangerment; stalking; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 38

March 11
- domestic violence; CR 806
- harassment; CR 793
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 463
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; CR 431
- trespassing; CR 1225

March 12
- possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 69 S
- domestic violence; CR 1150
- domestic violence; CR 1059
- criminal mischief; trespassing; theft of property; Hwy. 31
- trespassing; Good Hope School Rd.
- menacing; criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 S.

ARRESTS

March 9 – 12

Chappell, Samantha E.; 24
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hunkeapillar, Hunter G.; 29
- Probation Revoked- forgery-counterfeiting (2 counts)
- Probation Revoked- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500

Lindsey, Joseph C.; 34
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Masters, Cassie S.; 24
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McLain, Evann C.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Moody, Brian K.; 31
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Whitlock, Trey M.; 34
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Williams, Willard S.; 44
- contributing to delinquency of minor

Williams, Willard S.; 44
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Borden Jr., Stanley R.; 49
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Bowles, Patrick; 25
- criminal trespass

Brown, David O.; 36
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Campbell, Terry D.; 58
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Davis, Michael C.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Freeman, Dustin L.; 29
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault
- Probation Violation- possession of burglary tools

Freeman, Sarah M.; 18
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Gibbs, Heather H.; 49
- DUI (alcohol)

Graveman, Amy M.; 45
- public intoxication

Hall, Zachary S.; 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Haynes, Jeremy A.; 35
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm

Link, Sommer A.; 42
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Linn, Rachel A.; 39
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs

Lucas, Richard A.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Moises Jr., Gallo; 40
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA- improper pass on right

Nash, Angela M.; 28
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Parker, Krystal Ann Slate E.; 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Quick, Jeffery D.; 45
- FTA- expired license

Reel, Lorrie L.; 35
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Richardson, Daniel; 42
- FTA- driving while suspended

Stallings, Alyssa M.; 25
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Strickland, Trey M.; 22
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs

Tedder, Howard; 45
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Walker, Joey V.; 25
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Whitlock, Trey M.; 34
- Probation Violation- obstructing police-rendering false alarm

Wise, Lisa D.; 51
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (4 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- receiving stolen property less than $500
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Yates, Donna J.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 10
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2019 Toyota Sienna; $500
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $327
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $381
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

March 11
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Boatright Apartments; Hickory Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; McNabb Dr. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash; $1,000
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Olive St. SW; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $80

March 12
- assault-3rd degree; harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 10th Ave. SE; cash
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; $100
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $763

ARRESTS

March 10 – 12

Golladay, Jacob W.; 20
- DUI
- attempt to elude

Hall, Zachary S.; 55
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McCormack, Ethan D.; 29
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Davis, Joshua L.; 34
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while revoked

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 42
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Nash, Angela M.; 28
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Whitaker, Jacob K.; 46
- chemical endangerment of child
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Quick, Jeffery D.; 45
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

Lucas, Richard A.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, David O.; 36
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Wise, Lisa D.; 51
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- harassment

Guthery, Kenneth S.; 46
- theft of property-3rd degree

Woods, Jamie L.; 44
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With the recent rash of catalytic converter thefts across Cullman County, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman Police Department want residents to know how to keep their vehicles safe.

"The key to safety starts with simply locking your doors and making your vehicle seem less desirable to criminals," Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said.

"If they want in your vehicle bad enough, they can break the window. Make them. Do not make it easy for them. There is a good chance they will move on and find another target. Also make sure to leave nothing visible. Keep everything out of sight when you get out of the vehicle. Do not leave valuables out where anyone can walk by and see them.

"This should include chargers/cords to your valuables. If those items are visible, criminals will assume the valuable items are hidden inside."

Gentry also said to be aware that people can be watching as you exit your vehicle.

"Conceal items prior to parking your vehicle; potential thieves may be watching in the parking lot as you move all your valuables to the trunk," he said.

"Also, park safely, not conveniently. Park where it is well lit, highly visible, well traveled and free from obvious obstructions. This will make it difficult for criminals to act without being seen – this includes those wanting to crawl underneath the vehicle to remove the catalytic convertor."

According to Cullman Police Department Public Relations Officer Adam Clark, catalytic converter replacements are more than $1,500 in most cases.

"Thieves are looking for an easy grab and won't want to deal with breaking and entering or getting into a confined space," Clark said.

"If the garage isn't an option at the home, parking in the driveway close to the home makes it more intimidating for thieves to approach, knowing that there's a real possibility that they'll appear on a security or doorbell camera at the home or homes nearby. Lighting is also critical.

"Darkness and shadows invite thieves to come closer without danger of detection, while light makes the home inhospitable to criminals, so providing ample lighting overnight can make a home safer overall."

Another option, according to Clark, is purchasing and installing a catalytic converter anti-theft device to make it harder to steal.

"Catalytic converter theft is a quick process, so anything owners can do to make it take longer or be a bigger hassle is likely to send the thieves elsewhere," Clark said.

"Having the converter welded into place or welding the bolts so they cannot be turned makes it far more difficult to pull off. Drivers can also consider adding a catalytic converter shield or catalytic converter anti-theft device.

"Several companies have responded to the increase in thefts by producing after-market devices that can secure and protect a catalytic converter, making it difficult or impossible to remove.

"Some of these devices resemble a cage that surrounds the converter and a part of the vehicle's frame, while others look more like a panel that has to be removed with different tools than the thief has likely brought with them."

If you see suspicious activity or have items stolen from your property, report it to the Cullman Police Department at 256-734-1434, Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342 or Hanceville Police Department at 256-352-9811.

Program (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Nursing students at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville have been taking advantage of a new apprenticeship opportunity that allows them to earn a salary while training for a career in health care. The college launched the program this year with the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship and six employee partners.

The six employer partners currently are Barfield Healthcare/Rehab Select, Huntsville Hospital, Marshall Medical Centers, Marshall Manor Nursing and Rehab, Riverview Regional Medical Center and South Hampton Nursing and Rehab.

Around a dozen Wallace State Nursing students are taking part in the apprenticeship program. Students are eligible for the program after completing their first semester of nursing classes. The apprenticeship adds no time to the student's program requirements and allows them to be paid while completing their clinical rotations.

"The Department of Nursing Education is excited to offer another option to support nursing students in fulfilling their dreams of a nursing career," said Department Chair Deborah "Pepper" Hoover. "The apprentices have an opportunity to become acquainted with one employer in a unique relationship. This is the first time that students have been financially compensated while doing clinical hours."

"The opportunity to have a nurse apprentice permit... this is the first in the nation," said Megan Smith of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship. "We're the only state in the nation who has that piece. And that permit allows you to continue what you've learned in school and clinicals while you're at work. You can get paid for your clinical hours and for your work hours."

"If employers didn't buy in on this we wouldn't be here," said Michael Bridier of the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship. "Every time that you see an apprenticeship program in the nation, it's led by the employers, so a big thanks to you."

"We are excited to launch the nursing apprenticeship program," said Jessica McClendon of Marshall Medical Centers. "We're happy to partner with Wallace on this. We will pay for anything a student's scholarships and grants don't pay for, so all their expenses will be covered while they're in nursing school."

Wallace State Nursing offers multiple pathways for students seeking a career in nursing. Its traditional pathway offers a practical nursing certificate at the completion of the first three semesters and an associate degree in nursing at the completion of the final two semesters. The program also offers a joint enrollment program with UAB School of Nursing that allows students to concurrently pursue both an associate degree from WSCC and a bachelor's degree from UAB. Mobility options are available in both the traditional and joint enrollment pathways for certain credentialed health care professionals who wish to become a nurse.

Applications for the Fall 2023 semester will be accepted from March 15 through May 15. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/nursing for more information.

Wallace State Nursing has twice been designated as Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing.

For more information about the Nursing Apprenticeship program and others at Wallace State, contact Christina Holmes at 256-352-8120 or christina.holmes@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/careerdevelopment/students.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, March 15 - 7 p.m. Children, youth, and adult "RULES of ENGAGEMENT," Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, March 17 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink @ 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Saturday, March 18 - Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, March 19 - 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 at 8 a.m. and also join Teresa Pritchard at 9 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation, and for those who need Salvation and deliverance
• Sunday, March 19 - 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. AL. Adult & Teen Challenge. Community Lunch following church service. All welcome!

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Meeting
Tuesday, March 14, at 1 p.m. at the Event Center. Hostesses will be Brenda Scott and Deanie Walker. Program will be on senior travel opportunities.

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 glovet@aces.edu or by calling 205-568-0005.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our program will be to remember and honor Cullman educators who passed during 2022, followed by lunch and fellowship. We invite educators and family members of the honorees to join us. Questions? Email mjcjcera@gmail.com.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
Friday, March 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. The 60th anniversary class reunion will be June 16, 2023, at the Golden Corral. We will meet at 1 p.m. For more information call Joyce Marie Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

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 non-profit 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.

HUGE Book Sale
Saturday, March 18, at 9 a.m. at the Hanceville Public Library. All books are 25 cents or 50 cents.

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

Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper
Friday, March 18, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Singing
Sunday, March 20 at 5 p.m. The Williamsons from Wetumpka, Oklahoma, 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.

Pastor Appreciation Meal
Thursday, March 23, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church

United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil
Friday, March 24, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. Tickets are on sale now at www.uwaycc.org/crawfish-boil or at the United Way office at 304 First Ave. The deadline to purchase tickets is Monday, March 20, at midnight. For more information, visit www.uwaycc.org or call 256-739-2948.

Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, March 31, from 4-7 p.m. at the Simcoe Lodge, 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road), Cullman. Plates are $14. For more information call C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Tractor and Motorcycle Show: Food Vendors Wanted
Saturday, April 1 at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We are currently seeking food vendors to come be with us. If anyone is interested, please call Kita at 256-385-8805 before March 25. Booth rent will be $50.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Revival
Monday, April 3-Friday, April 8. Services will begin at 7 p.m. Prayer Band will be at 6:45. The evangelist will be Brother Jack Thomason. 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.

Senior Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. For ages 55-plus. Food, fun and fellowship. Ory Hampton of Daystar Church in Good Hope will be speaking.

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.

Links for Literacy Golf Tournament
Monday, April 10, beginning at 8 a.m. at Terri Pines Country Club. Tournament sponsorships and team fees benefit The Link of Cullman County's education initiatives. For more information, call The Link of Cullman County at 256-775-0028.

2023 Family Expo
Saturday, April 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. Benefits the Cullman County Child Development Center.

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.

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PREP BASEBALL

West Point pulls away from Hanceville on the road 10-0

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The West Point Warriors were back on the road Friday night for a county matchup at Hanceville and after three scoreless innings, West Point put three runs on the board in the fourth, two more in the fifth and another five runs in the sixth to pull away and collect a 10-0 win over the Bulldogs. Kanaan Sutter got the start on the mound and tossed six shutout innings for the Warriors, allowing just two hits and striking out nine.

Sutter went back and forth with Hanceville's Dalton Johnson and Gabe Ognilla through three scoreless innings but West Point was able to push some runs across the plate in the top half of the fourth.

Colton McCoy reached first on a dropped third strike, Bryson Phillips drew a walk and Sylar Philyaw singled into left field to load the bases. Brody Freeman drove in a run with a ground ball to third base and two pitches later, Jay Lamar knocked in two more runs with an RBI single up the middle to make it a 3-0 game.

The Warriors added to their lead in the fifth with a two-run double from Philyaw that made it 5-0 and they put things away in the top of the sixth.

Lamar was hit by a pitch and J.D. Cochran and Andrew Putman both singled to load up the bases.

A pair of walks stretched the West Point lead to 7-0 and Phillips drove an RBI single into right field to make it 8-0. Boston Freeman scored on a wild pitch to make it 9-0 and Phillips successfully stole home a few pitches later to put the Warriors in front 10-0 going into the bottom of the sixth.

Sutter struck out three of the next four batters he faced to wrap up a 10-0 road win for West Point.

Putman and Philyaw (two RBIs) each finished with three hits in the win. Cochran added a pair of hits and Lamar (one hit) posted a pair of RBIs.

The Warriors and Bulldogs will both be back home Tuesday night to play Lawrence County and Oneonta, respectively.



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West Point's Kanaan Sutter pitched six shutout innings in the Warriors' 10-0 win at Hanceville Friday night.

PREP SOFTBALL

'Always be there for my teammates': Good Hope's Haley Lay set for sophomore season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Lady Raiders posted a record of 12-21 last season and finished as the area runner-up, which earned them a spot in the Regional tournament in Florence. Sophomore Haley Lay talked about that season, what all she learned and what all she is bringing with her into this next season.

"I learned a lot from last season. I played somewhere I never played before. I started out as a catcher. It was pretty good," Lay said.

"We started out pretty rough, but we got better towards the end and this year will definitely be better. I learned that team effort is better than your effort and having confidence.

"Confidence is major. It was pretty cool getting to play with this group of girls last year. I made some new friends, and I learned a lot from them. I learned to be a better team player and to cheer them on."

Lay has learned so much from head coach Tim Tucker and assistant coaches Phillip Keef and Skylar Tucker so far in her softball career.

"At first, they were really scary. I was really nervous of them because they were intimating, but towards the end, they're really good coaches and they help a lot. I think this year is going to be a lot of fun," Lay said.

"I learned to be tough and to just flush everything. If I make a mistake, just get rid of it."

There will be only one senior on this year's team: Bailey Keef. Lay talked about what she's like as a teammate and what all she taken away from her so far.

"She's a really good teammate. She's always there for the team when we need her. She's a great ball player and she's just a really good teammate. She's really nice," she said.

"I learned how to be a great teammate and to just pick everyone up when they're down. Always be there for my teammates."

Lay worked on some things in the off-season to help get ready for the season. She talked about some goals that she has set for this season.

"In the off-season, I worked more at shortstop. I usually work on catching, but I work more on fielding and throwing. I've done some workouts just to get better. I played travel ball. I worked on hitting, and it went pretty good," she said.

"My individual goals are to be a better shortstop than I was last year, to have confidence in myself, and to hit good off the simulator. The team goals are to win area, make it to state, win state, and get better team bonding."

Lay has been blessed to play with a great group of girls so far in her softball career and talked about what will make this really special to watch this year, plus the growth of this team from last year until now.

"They're really fun to be around and they have a good team bond. When I'm down, they pick me up. They pick you up when you fall. They're always there and they're really good teammates," she said. "What will make us really special to watch this year is our effort. We have really good effort and our attitude in the game is pretty good. We have grown a lot from last season. Our attitude from last year until now has changed tremendously. It's awesome."

Lay talked about her role models and the best advice that she's been given.

"My dad is my biggest role model. In seventh grade, it was Tim and Skylar. They're my biggest role models in softball because they have helped me a lot. Bailey's my role model too," she said. "The best advice that I was ever given is to flush it. Get it out of your head and just keep going."



HALEY LAY

Good Hope's Haley Lay

PREP BASEBALL

Fairview downs Vinemont at home 12-2, Good Hope, Cold Springs drop Saturday matchups

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Aggies were back home at Mark Moore Field Saturday to host Vinemont and they put runs on the board early and often to collect a 12-2 win over the Eagles.

Crimson Wright got the start for Fairview, and he retired Vinemont in order on just eight pitches to start out the game. The Aggies got on the scoreboard in their half. Wright drew a leadoff walk, then Connor Scott got hit by the pitch. On a double steal attempt, Wright got thrown out at third, but Scott ended up stealing second. A passed ball allowed him to move up to third, and Lucas West brought him in on an RBI groundout to give the Aggies the 1-0 lead.

Fairview would add to their lead in the bottom of the second. Carson Jones drew a one-out walk, then one out later, Devin Hostetler got hit by the pitch. Nic Gregory lined a two-run double to center field to bring home both runners as the Aggies padded their lead to 3-0. Fairview put up two more runs in the third inning. West hit a leadoff triple, then Barrett York hit an RBI groundout to make it 4-0. Caden Jennings would then hit a one-out double to left field and would later score on an RBI single by Caden Barrett to make it 5-0.

After held out without a hit for the first four innings, Vinemont would finally get something going offensively in the fifth. Rylan McRae lined a single to center field for the Eagles' first hit of the game, then Jaxon Holcomb drew a walk. Rush Sandlin reached on a fielder's choice to put runners on first and second with one out. After a strikeout, Joshua Rhodes hit a two-run double to left field to bring home both Holcomb and Sandlin to cut it to 5-2.

Fairview promptly ended things in their half. York got hit by the pitch, then Jennings hit a double to center field. Kolt Redding then lined a two-run double to center field to make it 7-2.

Later on, with two outs, Gregory hit an RBI single, Wright hit an RBI double, and Scott followed that up with an RBI single of his own to push the Aggie lead to 10-2. After a single by West, back-to-back RBI singles by York and Jennings would end up giving Fairview the 12-2 win after five innings.

Gregory finished with a pair of hits and three RBIs for Fairview (3-7). York and Redding each added a hit and a pair of RBIs. Jennings ended up with three hits and an RBI. Wright and West each collected a pair of hits and an RBI in the game. Barrett added a hit and an RBI, while Scott chipped in with a hit of his own. Wright went the distance for the Aggies as he allowed just two hits and two runs, walked three and struck out four. For Vinemont (6-6), Rhodes finished with a hit and a pair of RBIs, while McRae added a hit of his own.

Fairview will host St. Clair County and Vinemont will go to Locust Fork Tuesday.

Dora 13 - Cold Springs 3 (Baseball)

Dora got things started with one out as a single was then followed by an RBI single to make it 1-0. Later on, a passed ball and another RBI single allowed the Bulldogs to plate two more runs to give them an early 3-0 lead. Dora added an RBI single in the second inning to push their lead to 4-0, then a Cold Springs error in the fourth inning allowed the Bulldogs to score a run to make it 5-0.

The Eagles would get on the scoreboard in the bottom of the fourth inning on a solo home run by Brodee Bartlett as that cut it to 5-1.

Dora, though, would answer right back in the top of the fifth inning as a sacrifice fly, later followed by an RBI double, gave them a 7-1 lead. A two-run double, then an RBI double, pushed the Bulldog lead to 10-1. Dora added two more runs in the sixth on an RBI double and an RBI groundout, but Cold Springs would counter in their half as they loaded the bases with two outs. Ethan Nabors lined a two-run single to center field to bring home Cody Smith and Tucker Philbeck to make it a 12-3 game. The Bulldogs added one final run in the top of the seventh on an RBI single and Cold Springs couldn't mount a rally in their final at-bats as they ended up dropping their game to Dora, 13-3.

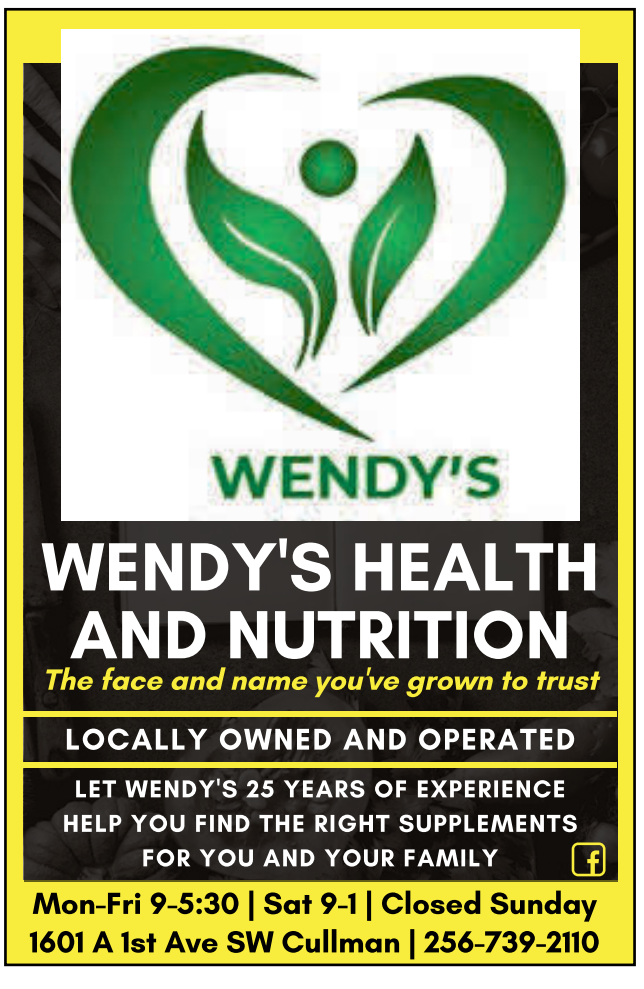
Nabors led the way for Cold Springs (3-6) with a hit and two RBIs. Bartlett added a home run in the game. Philbeck ended up with a pair of hits, while Cole Bales chipped in with a hit of his own. The Eagles will host Winston County Monday.

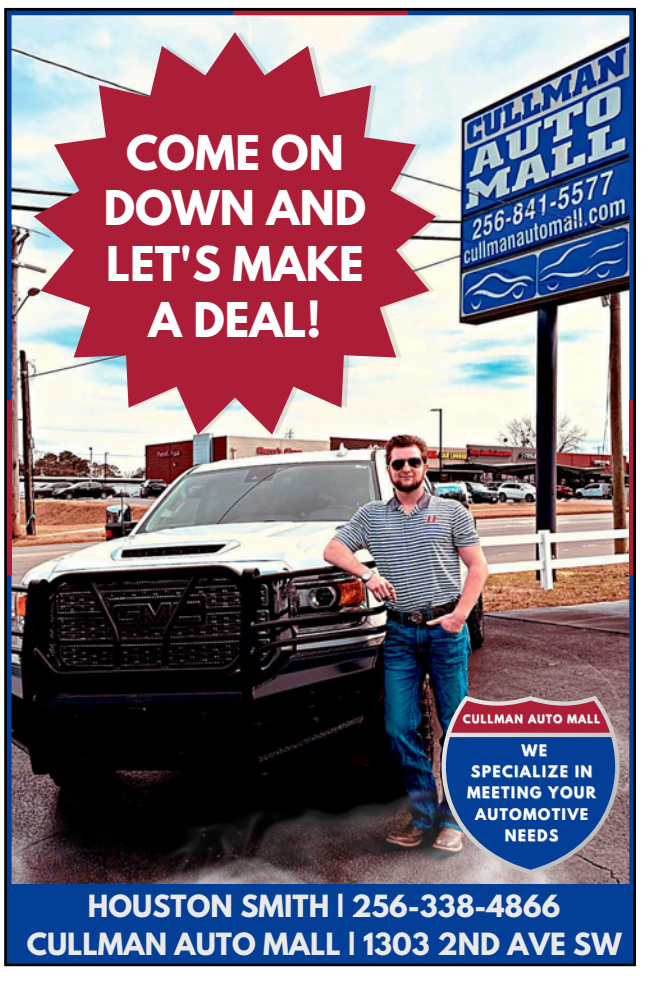
Danville 1 - Good Hope 0 (Baseball)

Saturday's game between Danville and Good Hope turned into a pitching clinic between both starters. Through the first five innings, both teams were only able to get a combined one hit. The Hawks, though, was the first team to crack the run column first. They got a two-out rally started in the sixth as a walk and a single would then lead to an RBI single to give them a 1-0 lead. The Raiders looked to counter in their half as Brady Stripling hit a one-out single, then with two outs, Colten Whatley lined a single to right field. A strikeout, though, would end the inning for Good Hope. The Raiders couldn't get anything going in their final at-bats as they ended up losing a heartbreaker to the Hawks, 1-0.

Whatley, Case Naramore, and Stripling got the only hits of the game for Good Hope (3-5). Naramore went the distance for the Raiders as he allowed just four hits and one earned run, walked one, and struck out five.

Good Hope will stay at home Tuesday to take on Holly Pond.





SEC Tournament Champions! Alabama defeats Texas A&M 82-63 to win 2nd SEC Tournament Title in 3 years

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama defeated Texas A&M 82-63 Sunday to claim this year's SEC Tournament Championship.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The No. 4/5 Alabama men's basketball team claimed the 2023 SEC Tournament championship Sunday afternoon, defeating No. 18/18 Texas A&M, 82-63, in the title game inside Bridgestone Arena.

With the win, the Crimson Tide has swept both the league's regular season and tournament title for the second time in the past three years.

It marks the eighths SEC Tournament championship in school history and the program's 17th SEC title (nine regular season titles).

The top-seeded Tide (29-5) led the second-seeded Aggies (25-9) wire-to-wire en route to the 19-point win.

Alabama extended its program-record setting win total to 29 and surpassed the all-time record for points scored in a season that was set just over 20 years ago in the 2000-01 season (2,794 points in 34 games).

Brandon Miller, who finished with 23 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three steals Sunday, was named the tournament's most outstanding player.

Both Jahvon Quinerly, the 2021 SEC Tournament MVP, and Charles Bediako were also named to the all-tournament team.

Quinerly finished with 22 points, while Bediako added 12 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks in the win.

The Crimson Tide began the game on fire on both ends of the floor, opening up a 16-8 lead while shooting 67 percent (6-of-9) from the field in the first five minutes, extending the lead to 31-15 on the strength of a 19-8 run.

Alabama's defense prevented the Aggies from making a shot from the field for 10:34 of game time, holding the A&M offense to just 21 percent (6-of-29) in the half to establish a 34-25 lead at the break.

Texas A&M had three players in double figures, led by Dexter Dennis with 14 points.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"It was a hard-fought contest. Hard to open the thing up. I mean, they're a tough, great team. We just lost to them eight days ago. We challenged our guards, we had to do better.

"Last time we played them, their starting backcourt with (Wade) Taylor, (Tyrece) Radford and (Dexter) Dennis were all in double figures. "So, we really challenged our guards, we had to do better. I thought we did a great job on some of the opposing team's best players in this tournament. Couldn't be happier for the guys. Our bus ride home from Nashville will be a lot more fun now that we got a win."

Team stats

- Brandon Miller (23) and Jahvon Quinerly (22) combined to score 45 of the Crimson Tide's 82 points on the night
- Miller earned his ninth double-double of the year – and second of the tournament – while Bediako collected his second double-double this season
- Miller averaged 19.0 points, 10.5 rebounds and 3.0 assists across the Tide's three tournament games, while shooting 46 percent from beyond the arc
- The Tide has now won the SEC regular season and tournament titles in two of the last three seasons marking the first time in program history that has occurred (2021 and 2023)
- Nate Oats owns a 6-1 record in the SEC tournament in his three appearance at the event (2020 tournament was cancelled)
- The win marked Oats' first victory over Texas A&M and he now owns a win over every team in the conference
- Alabama has won six consecutive games inside Bridgestone Arena, and seven of the last eight dating back to 2018
- Charles Bediako earned his second-career double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, scoring in double figures for the third consecutive game and the seventh time this season
- Bediako also recorded five blocks in the title game, contributing to 11 total blocks throughout the course of the tournament
- Bediako and Miller's double-doubles mark the first time since Nov. 7, 2022, vs. Longwood that Alabama has had two players achieve the feat in the same game (Miller and Mark Sears)
- Alabama now has seven wins over top-25 opponents this season
- This is Alabama's first victory over Texas A&M since March 8, 2018, in the SEC Tournament

First half

- Alabama came out of the gate hot offensively, making four from beyond the arc and shooting 67 percent (6-of-9) from the field in the opening five minutes to establish a 16-7 lead at the first media timeout
- The Tide went on a 19-8 run to open up a commanding 31-15 lead with 4:36 remaining in the half
- The Aggies closed out the opening period on an 8-3 run to cut UA's lead to 34-23 at the intermission
- UA's defense prevented the Aggies from making a shot from the field for over ten consecutive minutes of the first half, holding them to just 21 percent (6-of-29) in the opening stanza
- After only scoring one point in Saturday's semifinal matchup, Jahvon Quinerly led all scorers at the break with 13 first-half points, beginning the game 3-of-3 from beyond the arc
- Charles Bediako pulled down eight rebounds, with Brandon Miller also contributing six boards
- Texas A&M made 83 percent (10-of-12) from the charity strike, with 10 of the Aggies' 23 first-half points coming from free throws
- The Tide recorded 10 points in the paint compared to just four from A&M
- Alabama shot 41 percent (11-of-27) from the field, compared to just 21 percent (6-of-29) for Texas A&M

Second half

- The Aggies went on a 6-0 run to cut the Alabama lead to nine, 47-38, with 13:14 left to play
- Noah Clowney and Brandon Miller hit back-to-back threes within 30 seconds to extend the Tide lead to 64-48 with 6:46 remaining, forcing an Aggie timeout
- Alabama went on an 17-2 run over 4:57 to establish its largest lead of the game at 25, 75-50, with 4:07 to play
- Miller contributed 15 points in the second stanza

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

Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council hosted its first March meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and at the top of the agenda was a guest speaker. Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.) representative Shane Tidwell took a few minutes to share some information with the council about the organization and the services they offer.

"All of our services are free so what that means is we can get somebody that doesn't have money or anything and we can get them an assessment.

"We can get them into a certified treatment bed at no cost and if they don't have a way to get there, Ms. (Tamra) Pierce can come to their house and pick them up and take them," Tidwell said.

"It's a free life-saving resource and the reason I wanted to address you guys is because you're the hub of the community."

Tidwell is proud of the way R.O.S.S. has grown in the last few years and is even more proud of the help they've been able to provide in that time.

"We started about five years with about six people and now we've grown to over 100 people.

"We just continue to grow and continue to expand services.

"We've got people in jails, we've got people in work releases, and we've got people working in hospital programs," Tidwell said.

"One of the unique things about us, our motto is 'We are the people we serve'. You can't be certified to work with us unless you've been through it and we're all people in long term recovery that have walked that road.

"Who better to help someone walk down that road than someone who has already been down it."

The City of Good Hope is hosting its annual Senior Fish Fry at Good Hope City Hall Tuesday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. and anyone who wishes to participate is invited.

The Good Hope City Council will host its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, March 27 at 6:30 p.m.





State unemployment rate steady at 2.6%; Cullman County's rate 3rd lowest in state at 2.1%

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted January unemployment rate is 2.6%, unchanged from December 2022's revised rate, and also unchanged from January 2022's rate, according to an announcement for Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday. January's rate represents 58,411 unemployed persons compared to 59,986 in December and 60,270 in January 2022.

Cullman County's rate is tied for the third lowest in the state at 2.1%

"I'm proud to kick off 2023 with a continuation of Alabama's unemployment rate holding steady," said Ivey.

"We have been enjoying a period of low unemployment, high wages, and high jobs count for some time now, and I believe that more is yet to come.

"We will not back down on our commitment to continue to bring quality, high-paying jobs to Alabama."

Over the year, wage and salary employment increased 54,100, with gains in the manufacturing sector (+10,400), the professional and business services sector (+8,700) and the private education and health services sector (+7,500), among others.

"Additionally, we're continuing to see positive increases in our wages, meaning more money in Alabamians' pockets," said Alabama Department of Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington.

"This month, we reached one of our highest average weekly wages in history."

Total private wages increased by $30.12/weekly over the year to $1,008.61 in January, marking the third highest weekly wages in history.

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are Shelby County at 1.8%, Morgan County at 2.0% and Marshall, Madison, Limestone and Cullman counties at 2.1%. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are Wilcox County at 8.8%, Clarke County at 5.9% and Dallas County at 5.4%.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are Homewood at 1.6%, Madison at 1.7% and Alabaster, Trussville and Vestavia Hills at 1.8%.

Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are Selma at 6.4%, Prichard at 5.2% and Bessemer at 4.2%.

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Accreditation (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Master Gardeners and other nature enthusiasts gathered Monday morning at Sportsman Lake's Wildflower Garden to shadow Mary Claire Smith in identifying 25 unique species of trees and woody growth in an effort to have the garden accredited as an arboretum. An arboretum is a botanical collection composed exclusively of trees and woody growth, generally used for educational purposes.

With an area so rich in growth, Smith, a forester with Alabama Forestry Commission, was able to quickly identify 32 species of trees and woody growth.

This list is key in kicking off the accreditation process through the Arboretum Accreditation Program.

Retired Cullman County Extension Coordinator Tony Glover described the endeavor as a potential tourism draw, an opportunity for more conservation grants and a major education tool specifically for local 4-H and high school forestry teams to practice identification.

See the final list of tree and woody growth species below.

SPORTSMANS LAKE ARBORETUM SPECIES

1. **Sweetgum** – Liquidambar styraciflua
2. **Red bud** - Cercis canadensis
3. **Beautyberry** – Callicarpa americana
4. **Flowering Dogwood** – Cornus florida
5. **Silver bell** – Halesia tetraptera
6. **Eastern Hemlock** – Tsuga canadensis
7. **Florida Anise** – Illicium floridanum
8. **Azalea**
9. **Bottlebrush**
10. **Eastern Redcedar** – Juniperus virginiana
11. **American Beech** – Fagus grandifolia
12. **Mahonia**
13. **Gingko** – Ginkgo biloba
14. **Sweet bay magnolia** – Magnolia virginiana
15. **Sourwood** – Oxydendrum arboreum
16. **American hornbeam (Musclewood)** – Carpinus caroliniana
17. **Southern bayberry (Wax myrtle)** – Myrica caroliniensis
18. **Loblolly pine** – Pinus taeda
19. **Black oak** – Quercus velutina
20. **Red maple** – Acer rubrum
21. **Red oak** – Quercus rubra
22. **Yellow poplar** – Liriodendron tulipfera
23. **Blueberry** – Vaccinium sect. Cyanococcus
24. **American Holly** – Ilex opaca
25. **Shagbark Hickory** – Carya ovata
26. **Common Persimmon** – Diospyros virginiana
27. **Chalk Maple** – Acer leucoderme
28. **Black Cherry** – Prunus serotina
29. **Shortleaf pine** – Pinus echinata
30. **Virginia pine** – Pinus virginiana
31. **Witch-hazel** – Hamamelis virginiana
32. **Red Buckeye** – Aesculus pavia

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Mary Frances Smith Little, as the Administrator of the Estate of James Milton Little, deceased, on the 24th day of February, 2023 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

For Mary Frances Smith Little
Mary Frances Smith Little
Administrator of the Estate of
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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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.

Amended to correct the D.O.B. of the minor child.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF February, 2023.

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

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

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2004 Kia Spectra, Vin.# KNAFE121545056769.

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
DRVG, * **CASE NO.: JU 21-196.02**
a minor, DOB: 03-14-2021. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

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Done this the 14th day of February, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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Award (from Front)

(Ninth and 10th grade).

• Lacy and Lydia Twilley placed first in the Chapter Project Display category, level 3.

• Sophia Slusser placed first in the Chapter Project Display category, level 2.

• Clayton Gary placed third in the Career Investigation category, level 3.

• Rebecca Baggett placed third in the Career Investigation category, level 2.

• Josiah Johnson won a bronze medal in the Repurpose and Redesign category, level 2.

These students put in a lot of hard work and determination, and they were able to bring home medals but so much more. They also brought home leadership, teamwork, critical thinking skills, networking, public speaking skills and more.

The Cold Springs chapter was recognized with the Golden STAR Award. This is recognition for chapters that develop and implement well-rounded programs of work.

Chapters with well-rounded programs of work supporting Alabama and National FCCLA strategic plans have programming membership, chapter activities and operations, community services, state and national activities, leadership development and promotion/public relations.

Blair was awarded the 2022-2023 Adviser Mentor Award. The Adviser Mentor Award recognizes advisers who have successfully achieved Master Adviser Recognition, devoting two years to new adviser assistance, assuming adult leadership roles in FCCLA, attending training workshops and using national and state FCCLA resources.

Lydia Twilley sang the national anthem at the grand opening of the conference. The students participated in the FCCLA Banner Parade, representing the CSHS FCCLA chapter. They also donated items to the Big Oak Ranch.


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Obituary Announcements: March 11-13

Louise McGriff, 88
Louise McGriff, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Friday evening, March 10, 2023, at the age of 88. Louise was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Sept. 26, 1934, to Odes Oliver and Georgia E. Lewis Taylor. Ms. McGriff worked for King Edward as well as for Cullman Products before retiring. She enjoyed attending church at New Hope #2 Baptist Church and was active in New Hope's FAN Club. Louise was a good cook and her Red Velvet Cake and Banana Pudding were family favorites. Ms. McGriff was a loving wife and adoring mother to her two boys, and she also enjoyed being a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and many friends. Ms. McGriff is preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Milton T. McGriff; and her brothers, Hubert Taylor and Ernie Taylor. She is survived by her sons, Mike McGriff (Lisa), David McGriff (Brenda); grandchildren, Lee McGriff (Ashley), Matt McGriff (Heather), Amanda Kelly (Justin), David Segers (Sonya), Brian Segers (Nicole); great-grandchildren, Alliyah Yeager (Hunter), Leighton McGriff, Liam McGriff, Taylor Bonnett (Justin), Dawson Segers (Caidyn), Haylie Segers, Chloe Reid (Will), Avery Barnett, Carter Tankersley, Jack Kelly, Colt Kelly, Audrey Kelly; great-great-grandchildren, Brynlee Bonnett, Jettson Bonnett; and several nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit with the family Tuesday, March 14, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from noon until 2 p.m. Immediately following visitation, family and friends will gather at Holly Pond Cemetery where a graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., with Bro. Layne Howard officiating. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the McGriff family.

Gloria Jean Jacks, 75
Gloria Jean Jacks, age 75, of Double Springs, Alabama, passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023, at Princeton Hospital. She was born July 27, 1947, in Haleyville, Alabama. Gloria was a Proverbs 31 woman and very well-rounded. She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. She was known as a woman of many talents, and a very hard working poultry farmer. Gloria was all about the kids and grandkids. She was very optimistic, a great listener, a great cook, and was always ready to help. Gloria was the most loving person. A visitation was held Monday, March 13, 2023, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Double Springs, where the service was held at 4 p.m. Burial followed in adjoining Cemetery. Brother Benny Knight officiated. Gloria is survived by her husband, Danny Joe Jacks; children, Myra Jean Vickery, Jason Andrew Jacks and Sidney Jo Jacks; grandchildren, Britney Leann Jacks, Austin Lamar Williams, Andrea Renae Jacks, Jasmine Marie Webb, Anna Faith Loveless and Jalissa Grace Jacks; brothers, O'Neal Sutherland and Tony Dale Sutherland; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wallace and Gloria Martin Sutherland; and brothers, Terry Lee Sutherland and Johnny Mac Sutherland.

Glenda Smith, 79, of Cullman
Funeral service for Glenda Smith, age 79, of Cullman, was at 1 p.m. Monday, March 13, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial was at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Smith passed away Thursday, March 9, 2023, at her residence. She was born Monday, Aug. 21, 1943, in Alabama to Marieda (ML) and Sudie Harris. She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers. Survivors include her husband, Ronald Smith; sons, Dennis (Ann) Wright and Terry Smith; grandchildren, Zac (Crystal) Wright, Kristen (Cody) Cryer, Katie (Drew) Welch and Sarah (Davis Joyner) Wright; great-grandchildren, Kinlee Cryer, Tori Cryer, Zane Wright and Paisley Wright; six brothers and sisters.

Patsy June Whitten, 67
Patsy June Whitten, age 67, of Bear Creek, Alabama, passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at her residence Patsy was born April 3, 1955, in Haleyville, Alabama. A graveside service was held Sunday, March 12, 2023,, at 2 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Chris Sherrill officiated. Patsy is survived by her son, Shane Whitten; siblings, Renae Dorrah, Jonathan (Lisa) McGuire, Kenneth (Linda) McGuire; grandchildren, Blake Whitten and Hunter (Rachel) Whitten; stepson, Stephen (Misty) Whitten; step-grandchildren, Trevor (Amy) Whitten and Trenton Whitten; and step-great grandchildren, Jackson Mize. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carlos Whitten; father, Lloyd (Dave) McGuire; mother, Inez McGuire; and sister, Joyce Simms.

A.J. "Jack" Stewart, 87
Funeral Service for A.J. "Jack" Stewart, age 87, of Crane Hill, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with David Duff officiating; burial at Livingston Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Stewart passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born June 9, 1935, in Alabama to Andrew Jackson Stewart and Lucy Ann Stewart. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Annie Carrol; daughter, Sherry Stewart Brown; son, Michael Stewart; grandchildren, Jeramy (Ericka) Brown, Jason Brown, Andrew Gaige Brown, Gabriella Brown, Jackson Alexander Brown, Daniel Stewart and Brittany Stewart; sister, Vetra Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Rick Jennings Jr., 69
A Celebration of Life Service for Rick Jennings Jr., 69, of Cullman, will be Friday, March 17, 2023, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Butch White will officiate the service. He was born Dec. 5, 1953, to Frederick Glenn and Ardina Christina Simpson Jennings. He passed away March 9, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. In Lieu of flowers the family request that a donation be made to your favorite charity in memory of Rick. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jennings family. Mr. Jennings was preceded in death by his parents, Frederick Glenn and Ardina Christina Simpson Jennings; father-in-law, Bobby G. Goodwin. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lynn Jennings; daughter, Corey Jennings; brothers, Wayne (Teresa) Jennings, Danny (Teresa) Jennings; sister, Kay (David) Martin; sisters-in-law, Teresa Nichols and Lisa (Kenny) Overton; grandson, Henry Daniels; and a host of family and friends Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Jennings family.

Grace Marlene Franklin, 79
Grace Marlene Franklin, age 79, of Phil Campbell, Alabama entered into rest March 12, 2023, at her residence. Grace was born July 24, 1943, in Bear Creek, Alabama. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Mountain Home Cemetery in Bear Creek. Grace is survived by her husband, John Franklin. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Melony Anne Phillips; and parents, J.V. and Grace Louemma Tidwell.

Tommy Charles Bartlett, 84 (updated)
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. A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Brother Phillip Twilley will officiate. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time at the funeral home.

William Earl "Bub" Childers, 70
William Earl "Bub" Childers, 70, of Blountsville, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at Shelby Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Childers was born Jan. 7, 1953, in Blountsville the son of Willie Earl Childers and Robia Kate Copeland Childers. He was a 1971 graduate of J.B. Pennington High School and graduated from St. Bernard with a degree in Accounting and Bookkeeping. He was retired from the state of Alabama after 33 years working as an accountant. He is survived by his wife: Ruth Childers; sons: Nathan (Britni) Childers and Joseph (Amy) Childers; mother: Kate Childers; brother: Eddie (Wyvon) Childers; grandchildren: Kaci, Jodie and Isabella Childers; He was preceded in death by his father: Willie Earl Childers. Funeral Service was 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Blountsville Funeral Home with Brother Wayne Barnette and Brother Harlin Haynes officiating. Burial was in Mt. Tabor Cemetery, Blountsville Funeral Home directed.

Rufus C. Graves, 76
Rufus C. Graves was born Nov. 26, 1946, in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Odell and Mary Elizabeth Harris Graves. He was the second of four children. He departed this life Friday, March 10, 2023, at the age of 76. He graduated from North Jefferson High School in Warrior, Alabama. He accepted Christ at an early age and joined St. James United Methodist Church under the pastorage of Rev. Luke Bolling. He was retired from US Steel after 30 years of service. Rufus met and married Dorothy Haley and later joined Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Colony, Alabama. They were blessed with two children, Jonathan and Monique. As a hobby, Rufus enjoyed playing baseball and was a left handed pitcher for the Warrior team. He also enjoyed playing dominoes at the Senior Citizen Building in Colony. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his stepmother, Ellouise Robinson Graves; brothers, Odell, Jr. and Reginal Graves; one sister and his mother-in-law Sylvia Haley. He leaves to cherish his memories a devoted wife of 48 years, Dorothy H. Graves; one son Jonathan (Jamie) Graves of Hanceville; one daughter, Monique Graves of Colony, Alabama; one sister Mary Chiles of Birmingham, Alabama.; seven grandchildren; one nephew, Caesar (Syreeta) Chiles, Jr. of Augusta, Georgia; three nieces, LaTonya Chiles of Birmingham, Alabama, Marion Graves of Indianapolis, Indiana and Mariyah Graves of California; three great-nieces and one great-nephew; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be noon Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Colony Cemetery in Colony, Alabama. Visitation for the public will be from 10 a.m. until noon at the funeral home on Saturday.

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Demo (from Front)

cipal Dr. Jay Page; and KT Security Solutions Owner Kevin Thomas.

Thomas explained that after the May 2022 school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, he thought it was time to take action to protect our children.

"I can't control policies, I don't control gun control, I don't control mental illness, I don't control them. I'm not a policy maker; I'm just a contractor who lives out in the woods in Jones Chapel," he said. " But what we do have control over is the ability to make things that are innovative, in the meantime."

"The answer is not simply just to take away all guns. I think we have a real mental health crisis in this country." Aderholt stated. "With KT Solutions, they very well have a great answer in making sure that we protect our most valuable resources in our country, and that's our students and our young people."



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Aderholt said he hopes the Rapid-Deploy Safe Room System will not only be implemented in schools in Alabama, but also nationwide.

According to Kallhoff and Thomas, this innovation is the first of its kind.

When asked about the cost of this new security system, Thomas said, "We don't really have a markup in this very much; it's going to be volume driven from a costing standpoint. This is probably somewhere in the $50,000-$60,000 range. That is delivered and installed."

KT Security Solutions also plans to keep manufacturing in Jones Chapel for now and is currently building a new manufacturing facility there.



East, West Elementary students host art show

Tiffany McKoy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students from East and West Elementary Schools showcased their artistic talents in the "All Creatures Great and Small Art Show" Saturday. Students were able to see their artwork displayed and share it with their families and loved ones. Artwork centered on animals and their habitats.

Judith McBrayer, who is the art teacher for both schools, was excited to see her students show off their talents.

McBrayer said she tried to ensure every single student had a piece of artwork on display.

She said she hopes to have more events like this one in the future.



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A student points to a work of art at the "All Creatures Great and Small Art Show."



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A colorful display of jellyfish display paintings

