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Cullman man struck, killed by vehicle Sunday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A pedestrian was struck and killed by a vehicle on Sunday, Dec. 1, around 6:20 p.m. in Cullman.

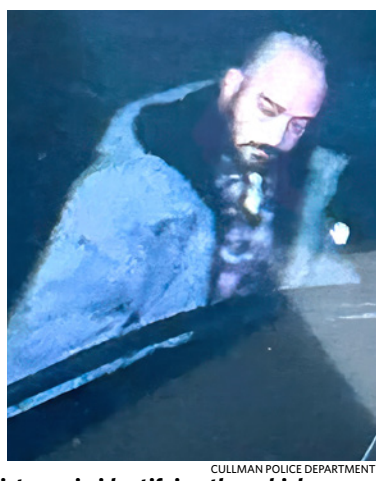
Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick declared Mark Alan Johns, 59, of Cullman, dead on the scene of the accident, which happened along Alabama Highway 69 near the Cullman Shooting Sports complex.

The vehicle involved left the scene of the accident.

The Cullman Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the vehicle and the subject in the photos it released.

If you think you may know the person pictured, please contact Cullman City Communications » PAGE 6





CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Cullman Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the vehicle and the subject in the photos it released. If you think you may know the person pictured, please contact Cullman City Communications at 256-734-1434 or cullmanpd@cullmanAL.gov. Traffic Homicide Investigator Jonathan England is in charge of the investigation.

Santa visits Colony



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Top: The Town of Colony hosted its third annual Tree Lighting Ceremony with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 1, at Colony Town Hall. Councilwoman and Park & Recreation head Jasmine Cole plans the yearly event and this year obtained a "Soul Santa" for the ceremony. Pictured are Soul Santa (Fred Carter) and Lennox Edwards. The Town will host its Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on Saturday, Dec. 21, from 7 p.m.-midnight at the Colony Educational Complex, with free admission, refreshments and a DJ. See Colony Park & Recreation on Facebook for more information. Right: Soul Santa pictured with an attendee.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 2

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 2, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 27
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; 3rd St. SE
- burglary; CR 931
- burglary; CR 924
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hoeppner Ln. NE
- burglary; CR 1242
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S

Nov. 28
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278E
- burglary; CR 1682
- domestic violence; CR 1084
- theft of property; Hwy. 69N
- shooting into occupied building; CR 76
- domestic violence; CR 481
- harassing communications; Commerce Ave. NW

Nov. 29
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- assault; CR 656
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1059
- harassment; CR 7001
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1855
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1291

Nov. 30
- domestic violence; CR 842
- possession of marijuana; CR 437
- reckless endangerment; criminal mischief; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 255
- reckless endangerment; CR 1224
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; Hwy. 157
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 831

Dec. 1
- reckless endangerment; CR 1716
- domestic violence; Harbison Dr.
- burglary; CR 717
- theft of property; CR 1071
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- violation of protection order; Stewart Rd.
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 397

ARRESTS

Nov. 27 – Dec. 1

Adams, Alyssa G.; 24
- possession of dangerous drugs

Coalburn, Michael S.; 51
- DUI (alcohol)

Cross, Tara L.; 30
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Cruce, Matthew R.; 42
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family (2 counts)

Crumbley, Auston S.; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Culver, Darren D.; 32
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Friday, Nicholas S.; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

High, Jermaine; 44
- public intoxication

Hilburn, Kevin L.; 39
- FTA – DUI (alcohol) (2 counts)

Hutto, Kristin R.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine

James, Carie R.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

James, Joseph M.; 42
- FTA – no seat belt

King, Emily R.; 35
- public intoxication

Knighten, Larry J.; 72
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Lackey, Dennis P.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lambert, Adam K.; 45
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Long Jr., Donald W.; 43
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or canceled

Marks, Jordan A.; 28
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $1500 (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Morales, Dana M.; 52
- GJ – receiving stole property

Moran, Kaitlin A.; 30
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Morton, Joshua A.; 46
- DUI (alcohol)

Powell, Daiquiri T.; 35
- FTA – failure to signal

Rogers, Andrew C.; 37
- possession of dangerous drugs

Sickler, Michael S.; 36
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 53
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Tucker, Daniel R.; 46
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Waldrop, Joshua N.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wasilewski, Seth C.; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

White, Jarett L.; 43
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Wilson, Nikolas L.; 45
- GJ – possession of dangerous drugs
- GJ – possession of drug paraphernalia
- GJ – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- GJ – certain person forbidden possession of pistol

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 25
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; miscellaneous; $10; 3rd St. SE

Nov. 27
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '08 Infiniti; $1,000; Vine Ave. SW
- burglary-1st degree; person; Co. Rd. 469

Nov. 28
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 3rd St. SE
- theft of property-4th degree; The Foundry; general merchandise; 2nd Ave. SW

Nov. 29
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; engine block; $680; Harrison St. NW

Nov. 30
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; ID theft; person; miscellaneous charges
- harassment; person

Dec. 1
- theft of property-4th degree; person; phone; $300; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 27 – Dec. 1

Baker, Jason S.; 47
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

James, Joseph M.; 42
- obstructing justice using a false ID
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Linley, Ramona Y.; 25
- FTA - driving without license
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 53
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - resisting arrest

Williams, Brianne M.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mahan, Deidre C.; 43
- theft of property-4th degree

Lombardi, Jessica M.; 38
- organized retail theft
- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Lombardi, Jacqueline M.; 45
- organized retail theft
- retail theft of property-2nd degree

Al-Dijaili, Keith T.; 29
- driving under the influence

Lawrence, Raymond D.; 35
- driving under the influence
- theft of property-4th degree

Gordon, Brett M.; 31
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Tarvin, Daniel J.; 22
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Marks, Jordan A.; 28
- FTA - false information to law enforcement
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Holcomb, Anita L.; 42
- theft of property-4th degree

Rivera, Francisco U.; 25
- driving under the influence

Myrick, Brandi M.; 47
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Christmas at the library: Letters to Santa, special events

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Have a little one who wants to send a letter to Santa? Bring the kids to the Cullman County Public Library downtown through Dec. 18. They can write letters and "mail" them to the North Pole, letting Santa know their wish lists just in time for Christmas.

Cullman County Public Library System Circulation Manager Laura Benton explained, "Join us for the magic of the season at the Cullman Public Library where we have a direct mailbox to Santa at the North Pole.

"We would love for guardians to come and fill out letters to Santa.

"We have premade letters that you can fill out or bring your own from home."

If you leave a return address, Santa will respond!

Also, don't miss the library's Christmas events. Special guests and Christmas stories and crafts will be featured at storytime Dec. 3, 10 and 17, at 10 a.m.

The library will also have a special Saturday event on Dec. 21, at 10 a.m., with a Christmas movie and hot cocoa bar.

"On Saturday we will be showing 'The Grinch' and serving hot chocolate," said Benton.

The event is free, and all ages are welcome.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem.

The downtown branch is located at 200 Clark St. NE.







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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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
- 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
- Through Dec. 6 - 6:30 p.m. Revival with Dr. Arvind D'Silva
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
- Friday, Dec. 6 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Saturday, Dec. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10 a.m. Community outreach at Foundry Farm
- Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
- Sunday, Dec. 8 - 5 p.m. Healing service - miracles, signs and wonders for those who believe
- Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck and game night

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

21st Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display
Through Dec. 29, 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW. Admission is a cash donation of $10 cash per vehicle. In addition to over one million lights, there will also be a Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and even a few visits from Santa himself.

Specific dates of operation:
- Dec. 4-8, 11-15, 18-22
- Drive-through only Dec. 26-29

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Depot Park, 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055
Through Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

6th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Through Dec. 28, 5-9 p.m. at the Ave Maria Grotto, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE. Christmas lights return to the Grotto! Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience to include a Christmas Tunnel at entry and also Santa's Workshop! We've also have added more dates! The weekend of Dec. 13-14 will feature even more to see and do, including musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides and horse-drawn wagon rides around St. Bernard's campus. Plus, Santa Claus will be here! Refreshments will be available every night.

Dates:
- Dec. 5-7
- Dec. 12
- Dec. 13-14 (food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides, Santa Claus)
- Dec. 19-23
- Dec. 26-28

Admission:
- Adults - $10
- Seniors - $8
- Military/Veterans/First responders - $7
- Teens (13-17) - $8
- Children (5-12) - $7
- Children 4 and younger - free
- Wagon rides on Dec. 13-14 - $5
- Kids' rides on Dec. 13,-14 - $3

Northbrook Baptist Church Holly Jolly Palooza
Wednesday, Dec. 4, starting at 6 p.m. This free event will include Christmas cookie decorating, carriage rides and a snow experience that guarantees a white Christmas no matter the weather. Funnel cakes, hot chocolate and apple cider will also be available for everyone to enjoy. New this year, the event will include an outdoor movie and bonfire space designed for youth. 3691 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman.

4th Annual Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancakes with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 7, 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Breakfast plates and meetings with Santa are for donation only; however, the department encourages the whole community to fellowship and enjoy this fun event, regardless of ability to contribute. The breakfast will also feature a drive-through and all proceeds will benefit the department's Christmas program, serving local children in their service area.

Jones Chapel Merry Market Vendor and Craft Show
Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. Old Jones Chapel School, 192 County Road 940. The Merry Market is a collective of Christmas goods and gifts, conveniently located in one space.

35th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at noon, starting at Wallace State and traveling down U.S. Highway 31 to the fire station west of Hanceville City Hall. Get more information at www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan.

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, sno-cones and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag, a fruit bag and a gift. Everyone welcome! Doors open at 5:30.

Cullman Ballet Theatre School Presents "The Nutcracker"
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hartselle High School, 1000 Bethel Road. Cullman Ballet Theatre School will present its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at Hartselle High School. Get tickets online at www.cullmanballettheatre.com.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Dec. 9, at The Golden Corral Restaurant. Our program will be our Christmas "dirty Santa" $10-$15 gift exchange. Dutch lunch prior to meeting, which begins at noon. Members and nonmembers welcome. This meeting will be our last meeting until April 2025. More info 256-708-5326.

South Vinemont Free Senior Citizen Christmas Fellowship Event
Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Local seniors are welcome to attend and enjoy lunch and activities. There will be a pie/cake competition, with the winner receiving a $25 Walmart gift card. 88 Ridgeway St.

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No. 13 Alabama pushes past Auburn 28-14 to win 5th straight Iron Bowl

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 13/13/13 Alabama football team won its fifth-consecutive Iron Bowl, capturing a 28-14 victory over the Auburn Tigers in front of a sold-out crowd inside Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium. The Crimson Tide and first-year head coach Kalen DeBoer conclude the regular season with a 9-3 overall record, including a perfect 7-0 mark at home.

Alabama racked up 457 yards of total offense on its way to the win, including 201 yards on the ground. Jalen Milroe led UA's offensive attack, throwing for 256 yards on 18-of-24 passing.

The redshirt junior also finished with 104 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 17 attempts. Jam Miller paced the Tide backfield with 28 carries, closing with 84 rushing yards. Justice Haynes managed 20 yards on seven attempts, adding a touchdown.

Germie Bernard led the Tide in receptions (7) and receiving yards (111) on his 10 targets.

On defense, Jihaad Campbell collected a team-high nine total tackles, with one for loss, to go with a pair of quarterback hurries. Domani Jackson totaled eight tackles - six solo - and two pass breakups, while Tim Keenan III recorded the Tide's lone sack on the night.

Malachi Moore was all over the field, finishing with four tackles along with three pass breakups. Bray Hubbard and Zabien Brown both notched interceptions as well.

Notes

- With the victory, Alabama increased its all-time series advantage over Auburn to 51-37-1, including five-straight wins over the in-state foe
- The Tide's five consecutive wins is the longest win streak over the Tigers since UA won nine-straight from 1973 to 1981
- In his first season in Tuscaloosa, Kalen DeBoer has produced an overall record of 9-3, which ties Frank Thomas' nine victories in 1931 for the most by a first-year head coach in program history
- The Crimson Tide extended its winning streak against unranked teams at Saban Field at Bryant-Denny Stadium to 84 consecutive games with the win, a streak that began in 2007
- With three rushing touchdowns against Auburn, Jalen Milroe now owns 33 rushing touchdowns, tying him for eighth-most in program history with Bobby Humphrey
- Additionally, Milroe's 20 rushing scores this season are the fourth-most by any player in a single season in program history
- Milroe is only the fourth signal-caller in Southeastern Conference history to record 20-plus rushing touchdowns, and is the first SEC QB to reach the plateau since Johnny Manziel (21, Texas A&M) in 2012
- Milroe was responsible for 104 rushing yards in the win, producing his third 100-plus yard rushing performance of 2024 and the fifth of his collegiate career
- The Crimson Tide is 7-0 this season when Milroe has rushed for at least two touchdowns, while improving to 11-0 during his career
- Malachi Moore is the first player in program history to win five consecutive Iron Bowls
- Moore finished with three pass breakups, a new career high. Moore surpassed his previous high of two PBUs that he has totaled twice in his career, most recently against Georgia on Sept. 28
- Germie Bernard's 111 receiving yards stands as a career high for the wideout, surpassing his previous best of 89 receiving yards against South Carolina on Oct. 12
- Bernard is the first Crimson Tide receiver since Ryan Williams (177 yards) against Georgia on Sept. 28 to eclipse 100-plus yards through the air
- Alabama produced 201 rushing yards marking the fourth game this season the Tide have surpassed 200-plus yards on the ground.
- Jam Miller's 28 carries become a new career high for the junior tailback
- Josh Cuevas' three receptions are the most in a single game in the tight end's Alabama career

How it happened

First quarter

- 3:18 - UA | Jalen Milroe kept the football on a quarterback keeper, running down the right sideline for a 19-yard touchdown, capping off a five-play, 52-yard drive (7-0, Alabama).

Second quarter

- 8:27 - AU | Auburn found the scoreboard with a 37-yard field goal that ended a nine-play, 72-yard drive (7-3, Alabama).
- 2:44 - UA | Milroe picked up his second rushing score of the day, punching in a one-yard touchdown run to conclude a 12-play, 75-yard scoring drive (14-3, Alabama).
- 0:27 - AU | The Tigers took advantage of an Alabama turnover, connecting on a 25-yard field goal to cut into the Tide's lead just before halftime (14-6, Alabama).

Third quarter

- 11:13 - UA | Alabama opened the second half with a nine-play, 75-yard touchdown drive, capped off by a two-yard touchdown run by Justice Haynes (21-6, Alabama).
- 6:54 - UA | Milroe found the end zone for his third rushing score, scampering for a 17-yard touchdown that highlighted a six-play, 60-yard drive (28-6, Alabama).
- 2:31 - AU | Auburn's first touchdown of the game came on a 29-yard pass to close a 10-play, 87-yard drive. The Tigers later converted a successful two-point try (28-14, Alabama).

Up next

Alabama will await its postseason fate, which will be determined in the coming weeks.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Jalen Milroe (4) runs for a touchdown during the Crimson Tide's 28-14 win over Auburn Saturday night.



UA ATHLETICS

No. 13 Alabama defeated Auburn 28-14 on Saturday to win its fifth consecutive Iron Bowl.

No. 9 Alabama falls to Oregon, 83-81, in Players Era Festival Championship

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

LAS VEGAS – The No. 9/9 Alabama men's basketball fell in the final seconds to Oregon, 83-81, in Players Era Festival Championship game. The Crimson Tide led for more than 22 minutes in the contest, however, a put back dunk by the Ducks' Nate Bittle with four seconds remaining proved to be the difference

Alabama (6-2) responded with what appeared to be the game-tying bucket, but Grant Nelson's shot came just after the clock buzzer to result in the final score.

Labaron Philon led the five UA players in double figures with 15 points on 6-8 shooting and seven boards. Jarin Stevenson, Aden Holloway and Mark Sears each scored 11, while Latrell Wrightsell Jr. had 10 in the losing effort.

The Ducks (8-0) were led by Keeshawn Barthelemy's game high 22 points while Bittle finished with 19 points and nine boards.

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"Tough way to lose a game and our turnovers have been haunting us here in Vegas. Last game (Rutgers) and this game we have been giving up points off turnovers and it is hard to overcome that, so we have got to figure a way to take care of the basketball better. It is everybody that is turning the ball over and we still had issues guarding the post.

"We didn't shoot it particularly well in stretches tonight but you are going to have games like that and you have to overcome poor shooting nights. This was not what we were looking to do out here but that is a good team, we have to learn from it and we got to play better and get ourselves regrouped for Carolina on Wednesday."

Team stats

- The back-and-forth contest featured 10 ties and nine lead changes,
- The Tide connected on 12 three-pointers, going 12-38 (32 percent) from beyond the arc
- Alabama finished the night with 15 turnovers compared to just eight from Oregon, which resulted in the Ducks owning a 17-5 advantage in points off turnovers
- Grant Nelson finished the contest with seven points, seven boards and six assists, which tied the most he has recorded during his time at UA
- In addition to Nelson's six dimes, Mark Sears and Aden Holloway each had five helpers to combined for 16 of the Tide's 21 assists on the night (on 27 made baskets)
- Alabama held a 44-39 advantage on the boards

First half

- Labaron Philon led all scorers in the first half with 11 points while Mark Sears reached double-digits with 10
- Oregon outscored Alabama 22-16 inside the paint
- The Ducks' bench outscored the Crimson Tide's bench 15-5
- Both teams were efficient on offense to start the game, as Alabama shot 50 percent (6-12) and Oregon shot 46 percent (6-13) within the first seven minutes of the gamer
- Philon kickstarted Alabama's offense, scoring eight points within the first eight minutes of the game
- Grant Nelson recorded a season-high four assists all within the first 11 minutes of the game
- Alabama had a pair of 7-0 runs throughout the first half but the Ducks would convert a three-pointer eight seconds left to tie the game at 39-39 going into halftime

Second half



AU ATHLETICS

Alabama fell to Oregon 83-81 in the Players Era Festival Championship Game Saturday night.

- Oregon went on an 8-0 run early in the half to take a 49-43 lead
- The Ducks would take its first double-digit lead (56-46) of the game at the 12:25 mark
- Alabama got back into the game, hitting a pair of back-to-back threes from Aden Holloway and Jarin Stevenson, to help trim the lead to two points (60-58) with 9:22 left to play
- Stevenson, who scored all 11 of his points after intermission, continued his hot streak in the second half, converting a trio of makes from three-point range within the first 12 minutes of the half
- Alabama went on a 6-0 run to take a 67-62 lead with 6:05 left to play
- Oregon fought back and tied the game at 75-75 with just over two minutes left to play
- Alabama would make just one field goal in the final four minutes of the contest (Holloway three-pointer with 26 seconds remaining)

Up next

- Alabama will continue its road trip when it travels to square off at North Carolina for the SEC/ACC Challenge on Wednesday, Dec. 4
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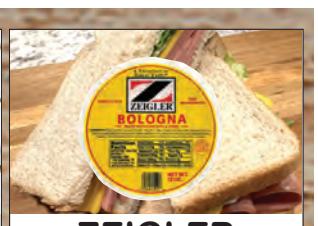
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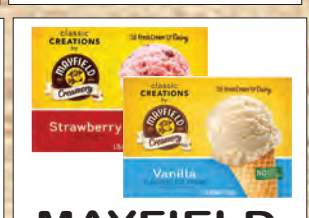
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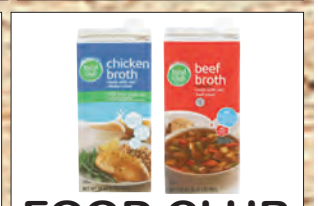
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Are you prepared for cold weather?

NWS Huntsville
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Are you prepared for the cold? As temperatures drop, remember to protect the four P's: people, pets, pipes and plants. (weather.gov/safety/cold)

Extremely cold air comes every winter into at least part of the country and affects millions of people across the United States. The arctic air can be dangerous. Combined with brisk winds, dangerously cold wind chill values can result.

People exposed to extreme cold are susceptible to frostbite and can succumb to hypothermia in a matter of minutes.

Areas most prone to frostbite are uncovered skin and the extremities, such as hands and feet. Hypothermia occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it.

Cold weather can also affect crops. In late spring or early fall, cold air outbreaks can damage or kill produce for farmers, as well as residential plants and flowers.

A freeze occurs when the temperature drops below 32°F.

Freezes and their effects are significant during the growing season.

Frost develops on clear, calm nights and can occur when the air temperature is in the mid-30s.

Each plant species has a different tolerance to cold temperatures.

The way to avoid frostbite and hypothermia is to plan for extreme cold before it arrives. Don't get caught unprepared.

• Check the forecast at weather.gov or your favorite weather app, station, etc.: Make checking the forecast part of your regular routine so you'll know when to expect cold weather.

• Adjust your schedule: If possible, avoid being outside during the coldest part of the day, typically the early morning. Try to find a warm spot for your children while waiting for the school bus outside.

• Protect your pets, livestock and other property: If you have pets or farm animals, make sure they are not overly exposed to extreme cold and have plenty of food and water that has not frozen. Take precautions to ensure your water pipes do not freeze. Know the temperature thresholds of your plants and crops.

• Fill up the tank: Make sure your car or vehicle has at least a half a tank of gas during extreme cold so that you can stay warm if you become stranded.

• Dress for the outdoors even if you don't think you'll be out much.

• Update your winter car survival kit: Make sure your car survival kit has the following:

• Jumper cables: flares or reflective triangle are great extras
• Flashlights: Replace the batteries before the winter season starts and pack extras
• First aid kit: Carry essential medications with you in a purse or bag
• Baby gear: Diapers and any special formula or food
• Medical supplies: Materials for any special medical needs.
• Food: Nonperishable food such as canned food and a can opener, dry cereal and protein rich foods like nuts and energy bars
• Water: At least 1 gallon of water per person a day for at least 3 days
• Basic toolkit: Pliers, wrench, screwdriver
• Pet supplies: Food and water
• Radio: Battery or hand cranked
• Cat litter or sand: For better tire traction
• Shovel: To dig out snow
• Ice scraper: Have one in the car even if you usually park in a garage
• Clothes: Dress for the weather in warm clothes, gloves, hat, sturdy boots, jacket and an extra change cold weather of clothes
• Warmers: For body, hands and feet
• Blankets or sleeping bags: If you get stranded you'll be glad to have it.
• Charged cell phone: And keep a spare charger in your car

Festive feast

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Trying to channel your inner chef this holiday season? Consider diving into some traditional German and Bavarian dishes to make the holiday season extra special!

Main course:
Beef Rouladen
Source: www.allrecipes.com/recipe/244200/chef-johns-beef-rouladen

German Beef Rouladen is a delicious and hearty dish made with thinly sliced beef that's rolled around a tasty combination of bacon, mustard, pickles and vegetables and braised in a rich brown gravy until tender. It's great for special occasions, Oktoberfest celebrations or whenever you're craving comfort food!

Ingredients
• 2 (6-oz.) (1/4 inch thick) slices of beef round
• 2 tsp. kosher salt
• 1 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
• 2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
• 4 strips bacon
• Paprika, or to taste
• 1/2 onion, sliced into half-rings and separated
• 6 dill pickle spears
• 1 tbsp. vegetable oil

For gravy
• 2 tbsp. butter
• 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
• 3 cups beef broth
• Salt to taste

Directions
1. Place slices of beef on a work surface, Season both sides with kosher salt and pepper. Spread one side with mustard. Place bacon strips on the mustard and sprinkle with paprika. Arrange onion slices cross-wise on the beef. Then evenly space 3 pickle slices across each slice of beef. Keep about an inch of the narrowest end of the beef slice free of toppings to facilitate rolling it up.

2. Roll each slice of meat, beginning from the wider of the two short ends, working to keep all ingredients inside the roll. Rolls should be nice and tight. Secure the rolls (seam side down) with 3 loops of butcher's twine, one in the middle and one at each end. Trim excess string.

3. Heat vegetable oil over medium-high heat in a large saucepan. Cook beef, turning and browning well on all sides, about 8 minutes. Remove meat from pan. Reduce heat to medium-low. Melt butter in the pan; whisk in the flour, cooking for about 1 minute. Pour in cold beef broth and whisk vigorously to combine. Raise heat to medium-high and simmer until sauce begins to thicken, about 1 minute.

4. Transfer beef rolls to pan along with accumulated juices. Reduce heat to very low. Simmer gently, covered, turning rolls every 20 minutes or so, until beef is tender, about 1 1/2 hours. When the tip of a sharp knife can easily be inserted into the beef roll, the meat is done.

5. Transfer meat to dish to allow it to rest. Raise heat to high and bring cooking liquid to a simmer to thicken slightly to make a gravy, about 1 minute. Serve Rouladen with gravy.



ALLRECIPES.COM

Beef Rouladen

Side:
Braised Red Cabbage
Source: www.allrecipes.com/recipe/234360/chef-johns-braised-red-cabbage

Braised red cabbage is a very beautiful, super easy side dish. All ingredients in this recipe are totally to taste. It's a little bit sweet and a little bit tangy, with a tiny hint of caraway to interest you.

Ingredients
• 2 tbsp. butter
• 1 small head red cabbage, cored and thinly sliced
• Salt to taste
• 1/3 cup water
• 1/4 cup red wine
• 2 tbsp. red wine vinegar, or to taste
• 2 tbsp. white sugar
• 1 pinch caraway seeds

Directions
1. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat; cook cabbage in the hot butter until it begins to soften, 1 to 2 minutes. Season with salt to taste. Pour in water, red wine, and red wine vinegar; stir to combine. Mix in sugar and caraway seeds.

2. Continue to cook and stir until liquid has evaporated and cabbage is tender, about 5 minutes. If cabbage isn't quite tender, add a splash of water and continue cooking a few more minutes.

Dessert:
Traditional Springerle
Source: www.allrecipes.com/recipe/150123/traditional-springerle

Springerle is a type of German cookie that is usually served during the Christmas season. The anise-spiked cookies, which are typically square and feature embossed designs, date back to at least the 14th century.

Ingredients
• Cooking spray
• 1 1/2 tbsp. crushed anise seeds
• 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
• 1 tsp. baking powder
• 2 cups sugar
• 4 eggs
• 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
• 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Directions
1. Spray 4 cookie sheets with cooking spray; sprinkle with anise seeds and set aside until needed.

2. Mix flour and baking powder together in a large bowl until well blended. Place sugar, eggs, and vanilla in a separate large bowl; beat with an electric mixer until light and frothy, 5 to 8 minutes. Gradually stir flour mixture into egg mixture to form a thick dough.

3. Working with handfuls of dough at a time, roll out onto a lightly floured surface until 1/4 inch thick. Lightly sift confectioners' sugar over dough. Place springerle molds onto dough; press down hard and evenly until the mold's design registers in dough. Remove the mold. Use a small knife to cut around each cookie, and place them 2 inches apart on the prepared cookie sheets. Repeat, until all dough has been used. Cover cookies with a lightweight cotton cloth, and allow to dry for 8 hours, or overnight. The designs will remain embossed in the cookies.

4. When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 250F.

5. Bake cookies in preheated oven until tops are pale brown and cookies are set, 25 to 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store in an airtight container.







OP-ED

Should transparency be the price of our donations?

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When residents of Cullman County open their wallets to donate or when city and county entities contribute significant funds to local organizations, there's an expectation: that these funds will be used responsibly, and that donors will be informed about where their money goes. Many organizations in our community proudly announce how much they've raised and detail the impact of those funds. However, one notable exception is the Cullman Lions Club.

For decades, the Lions Club has served Cullman County, raising money primarily through the annual Cullman County Fair. According to their mission, these funds support community projects and provide vital eye care assistance. Yet, when it comes to revealing the total amount raised from their largest fundraiser, the Lions Club remains tight-lipped.

A meeting scheduled for Dec. 2, at the Cullman County Commission on Aging was meant to discuss the organization's finances. However, upon notifying County Treasurer Barry Willingham of my intent to attend, I was informed the meeting would be closed to the public. In an email last Friday, Willingham explained, "I'm an open book, I really don't care and I don't know why it's always been a closed meeting but members have always been told to keep the finances within the club."

This raises several questions. First, if finances are meant to stay "within the club," how does the organization ensure transparency with donors, especially the wider community supporting them? Second, how is the club fostering full participation when financial discussions are reportedly off-limits to some of their own members, like the Cullman Lions Branch Club? Without inclusive discussion and transparency, it's unclear whether all stakeholders are equally informed or engaged.

For a nonprofit, trust is everything. Donors contribute in good faith, believing their money will make a meaningful impact. Organizations that refuse to disclose how much they've raised—and how those funds are used—risk undermining this trust. Some may argue that releasing fundraising totals could deter future donations, particularly if the amounts seem significant. But the opposite is often true: transparency builds confidence, encouraging even greater community support.

This issue isn't just about the Lions Club; it's a broader question of accountability in community organizations. Donors have every right to ask: Where does the money go? How is it being used? And most importantly, why is this information not being shared?

Until the Lions Club can provide clear and open answers, I—and perhaps many others—will have reservations about supporting their efforts. Transparency isn't just a good practice; it's a responsibility. And for those asking us to trust them with our hard-earned money, it's the least they can offer in return.

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Traffic Homicide Investigator Jonathan England is in charge of the investigation.

In a statement, the City of Cullman said, "The Cullman Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of our community and bringing those responsible to justice.

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Drive (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hele Bowls is hosting a canned food drive now through Dec. 16, to benefit The Link of Cullman County.

Owner Sarah Morrow said customers who bring in 10 nonperishable food items will receive 20% off their Hele Bowl's order.

"Our goal is to fill at least one donation box to support this important cause," Morrow said.

"Additionally, we'll be opening our doors on Christmas evening to serve a free Christmas dinner for those in need. While the exact hours are still being finalized, we're committed to spreading holiday cheer and ensuring everyone has a warm meal to enjoy."

Hele Bowls is a nutritional and diet inclusive restaurant featuring fresh ingredients, organic and 100% gluten-free and dairy-free, with vegan options. Meals are ready-to-eat for pickup or delivery.

Hele Bowls is located at 410 Second Ave. SE in Cullman and can be contacted at 256-841-1276.

Troutman (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

AUBURN, Ala. — Luke Troutman, a 2022 graduate of Cullman High School, has been selected to participate in Auburn University's Forest, Environment and Wildlife Leadership (FEWL) Academy beginning in January 2025.

Acceptance to the FEWL Academy is very competitive with approximately 12 students or fewer selected annually.

This program gives students firsthand experience in governmental affairs and leadership. In addition to classroom lectures, students will travel to Washington, D.C. and Montgomery to engage with private industry executives, policy makers, organizations and agencies.

The FEWL Academy was established in 2019 with the goal of preparing and developing undergraduate students for future careers in problem solving and policymaking as it relates to the stewardship and use of natural resources. The program, which has proven to be of tremendous value to students, is led by Emmett F. Thompson Dean Janaki R.R. Alavalapati and Alabama Extension Specialist and Harry E. Murphy Associate Professor Adam Maggard.

"The academy provides students with experiential learning opportunities to enhance their personal development and leadership abilities. During visits to Montgomery and Washington, D.C., each cohort interfaces with government officials, CEOs and policymakers to observe diverse perspectives and leadership styles, and to become more aware of the complexity and wide range of issues impacting natural resources and how we manage them," said Maggard.

Troutman is currently a junior at Auburn University majoring in Geospatial and Environmental Informatics (GSEI). He serves on the Student Government Association as senator for the College of Forestry, Wildlife and Environment and is president of the College Republicans.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KATHRYN ELIZABETH HOLLAND, * CASE NO PC 2024-381
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND CODICIL

TO: ROBERT HOLLAND, MICHELLE G. SMITH, ANDREW RAYMOND GREEN AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS OF KATHRYN ELIZABETH HOLLAND, DECEASED

Petition for Probate of Will and Codicil filed by Cynthia Holland, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith, has been filed with the Court. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the 19th day of December, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 22nd day of November, 2024.

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

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Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by **Robert Eric Trahan and Emily Sara Hayes Trahan,** as husband and wife, to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated July 14, 2023, and recorded on July 18, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2056 Page 697 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; as modified by that Modification of Mortgage executed by **Robert Eric Trahan and Emily Sara Hayes Trahan** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Modification of Mortgage dated July19, 2024, and recorded on July 26, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2091 Page 573 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on **December 30, 2024,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot #19 of Chelsea Estates, Phase II, as recorded in Plat Book 2020 page 12 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman Co, Alabama.
Conveyed subject to the following exceptions:
Ad valorem property taxes due October 1 of each year and delinquent January 1 of each year.
Any and all mineral or mining rights reserved or conveyed, building/zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, rights of ways, municipal assessments, ordinances, improvements, taxes, assessments or subdivision regulations, and other matters, recorded or unrecorded which may affect subject property.
Restrictions set out in Misc Bk 305 page 21.
15' easement along all interior lot lines, building location lines and all other easements or matters set out on the plat of Chelsea Estates Phase II in Plat Book 2020 page 12 or the Restrictions in Misc Bk 305 page 21.
Less and except all easements or rights of ways for roadways.
Easement to South Central Bell in Deed BK 294 page 881.

Property address: 70 County Rd 1586, Vinemont, AL 35179

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:

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If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is 31-Dec-2024 at 8:00 a.m. Call JONATHAN'S AUTO SALES at 2 5 6 – 9 6 2 – 7 4 6 7 M-F 9A-5P.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
KAREN FAYE GILBREATH, * CASE NO. PC2024-389
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP and AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: KATHERINE BARTEE, MARSHALL LOUIS BARTEE, IV, AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship in the matter of Karen Faye Gilbreath, an incapacitated person, by Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, Petitioner, by and through Attorney J. Bradley Wilson, *Amended Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* by J. Bradley Wilson, Attorney for Petitioner, Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, has been scheduled for the **19th day of December, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 22nd day of November, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
BETTY JUNE BUTTS,) Case No.: PC-2024- 362
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Karen Louise Smith as the Administrator of the Estate of Betty June Butts, deceased, on the 18th day of November, 2024, 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.

Karen Louise Smith
Karen Louise Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
Betty June Butts, deceased

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

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

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 30 - Dec. 2

Shirley Fay Story, 76
Shirley Fay Story, age 76 of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Shirley was born Dec. 12, 1947, to William Dewey Story and Rosella McCord Story. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lewayne Story, Dewayne Story, Elaine Story, and twin brother, Jimmy Story; sisters, Lavine Almond, Marlon Reed, Dolena Story, and Marcy Anderson. She is survived by two brothers, Connis Story (Eva), and Verlon Story (Sandra); one sister, Ann Story; a host of friends and family. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Patricia Fowler Hyatt, 76
Patricia Fowler Hyatt, age 76 of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, Nov. 28, 2024. Patricia is survived by her daughter Jennifer "JOY' Mckie Foshee; her beloved fur child Cami Hyatt, her grandchildren Lacey Kilpatrick(Hayden), Tabatha Slatton(Joseph), Zachary Foshee & Andrew Foshee(Ashlyn) and her great grandchildren Layla Harris, James Kilpatrick, Willow Kilpatrick, Evelin Kilpatrick, Ava Perry, Harper Slatton & Nolan Slatton. Patricia was preceded in death by her son Johnny Mckie Jr.; her mother Sarah Fowler Bufford and her father Tom Fowler Sr.; her brother Tom Fowler Jr.; her great granddaughter Brealyn Slatton. To leave condolences for the Hyatt family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Elizabeth Ann Hayes, 61
A graveside service for Elizabeth Ann Hayes, 61, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Mountain Grove Congregational Christian Church Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Tuesday, Dec. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Born on Nov. 30, 1963, in Cullman, to Wanda Butler and Freddie Nickens; Elizabeth was a devoted wife to Larry Hayes, a loving mother to Bridget Kent, dedicated grandmother to Chloe Barbee and Callie Glasscock, and beloved first-born daughter to Wanda Butler. She had a remarkable 30-year career at USA Healthcare, culminating in her appointment as administrator, a testament to her dedication and leadership. Elizabeth's selfless nature and tireless dedication to caregiving inspired countless lives, leaving a legacy of compassion and kindness. She passed away peacefully on Nov. 30, 2024, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. For Elizabeth, cruises and vacations were more than just get-away's; they were opportunities to strengthen bonds with her family and create lasting life-long memories. Elizabeth Ann Hayes is survived by her husband, Larry Hayes; mother, Wanda Butler, daughter, Bridget (Amber) Kent; sisters, Amber Butler and Hannah Knight; brother, Jerry (Wendy) Nickens; granddaughters, Chloe Barbee and Callie (Jase) Glasscock; niece, Miranda Nickens; great-niece, Lana Pigg; and great-nephew, Hayden Pigg. She was preceded in death by her father, Freddie Nickens; and sisters, Regina Lynn and Sheila Denise. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hayes Family.

Merle Carlisle Shelton, 85
Merle Carlisle Shelton, age 85 of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Friday, Nov. 29, 2024. She was born on Oct. 18, 1939, in Cullman Alabama to Lawrence Willard and Ruth Anderson Carlisle. Merle is preceded in death by her husband: Okley Shelton, son: Lawrence Shelton, sisters: Dean Carlisle, Mary Ruth Miller and her parents. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be on Tuesday Dec. 3, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel at 2 p.m. with Rev. Richard Bailey and Ray Ponder Officiating. Interment will be in Shelton Grove Cemetery. Survivors are: daughters: Darlene (Lenn) Trimble, Ginger Shelton, Cheryl Heaton, brother: Larry (Theresa) Carlisle, four grandchildren, three great grandchildren. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until service time at 2 p.m. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Charlotte Pauline Bates, 70
Funeral service for Charlotte Pauline Bates, age 70 of Cullman, will be Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Pastor Steven Sutter. Visitation will be held at the chapel Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. and on Wednesday prior to the service from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Bates was born on Sept. 30, 1954, to Isaac Verbon Hamby and Martha Louise Heaton Hamby. She passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Isaac Donald Hamby, Milford Lee Hamby, and Danny Wayne Hamby; sister, Martha Gail Bates; grandparents, Johnny Edward Heaton and Lilly Pearl Laney-Heaton; grandparents, William Anthony Hamby and Cassie Ophelia Pitts-Hamby. She is survived by her loving husband of fifty-one years, Reuben S. Bates; two sons, Kevin Tracy Bates (Jenna), and Chad Alan Bates; one brother, Lamar "Bud" Hamby; four grandchildren, Lucy, Oliver, Elliott, and Andrew; two loving Yorkies, Misa and Sissy. There are not enough words to say all the things that should be said about Charlotte. She loved people, many times committing selfless acts of kindness for people whom she didn't know, simply because she said it was the right thing to do. She was a military wife and had a special affection for veterans. Her smile and sense of humor could turn your bad day into a great day. Charlotte was one of a kind...selfless, kind, and loving toward everyone. She leaves behind many family and friends who will be lost without her, and who will have a void that will never be filled. She will be dearly missed. The family requests if anyone would like to donate in lieu of flowers, please do so to the American Cancer Society or the Breast Cancer Research Foundation in Charlotte's honor. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Sister Kathleen Christa Murphy, O.S.B., 83
Sister Kathleen Christa Murphy, O.S.B., a Benedictine Sister of Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman, Alabama, died peacefully on Dec. 1, 2024, at the age of 83. Reception of the Body with Vespers of the Dead will be held at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, followed by visitation until 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 6, at Sacred Heart Monastery Chapel, with burial in the monastery cemetery to follow. Born in 1941 in Northampton, Massachusetts, to Raymond L. and Kathleen M. Murphy, Sister Kathleen Christa was baptized Kathleen Bridget Murphy at Annunciation Catholic Church in Florence, Massachusetts. She was blessed with a close family with many extended family members living nearby. Sister Kathleen Christa was raised steeped in the Catholic faith and active in the local parish. After attending local Catholic elementary and high schools, Sister Kathleen Christa attended College of Our Lady of the Elms in Chicopee, Massachusetts, graduating with a B.A. degree. Following college, Sister Kathleen Christa used her artistic gifts in a successful career in retail advertising. Success in this field led to promotions to greater levels of responsibility; however, she eventually tired of the values of retail advertising. Leaving the business world behind, she embraced a new way of life through a Catholic volunteer program, serving the poor in Colorado and in Brooklyn, NY. That path awakened in her a desire for religious life. She eventually became acquainted with the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman while attending a program for volunteers in Alabama. Sensing God's call, Sister Kathleen Christa applied for entry. She entered the community as a Postulant on August 15, 1991, and made her Perpetual Monastic Profession on November 29, 1997. From her entrance into the monastic community until her death, Sister Kathleen Christa blessed the community with her deep life of prayer, her openness to the work of the Holy Spirit in her life, her artistic talent and creative mind. Some of her artwork is framed and hangs on monastery walls. Some were intentionally temporary, simple drawings often marked by humor to brighten someone's day. A special artistic interest of hers was the creation of Ukrainian Easter eggs. Sister Kathleen Christa had an innate sense of hospitality, and her years in active ministry within the community were spent in the Retreat Center. She assisted in administrative work, but her true gift was in the reception of guests and her listening ear. Countless retreat guests benefited from her caring manner and attentive listening. She also loved including guests in the community's liturgical prayer. In her years of ministry, she could often be found outside the chapel before the community's times of prayer, providing an orientation to guests so that they could participate more fully. She truly embodied St. Benedict's instruction to receive the guest as Christ. Long-standing health challenges were a burden that Sister Kathleen Christa bore with deep trust in the ways of God. The lives of saints and spiritual writers inspired her, and Sacred Scripture and spiritual literature were particular sources of strength. The Psalms provided both inspiration and consolation for her. Sister Kathleen Christa stayed close to God through prayer, keeping herself always aware of God's presence with her. Even in her final days, she was a witness to the presence of God with us. Fittingly, she who always longed for God's presence, died on the First Sunday of Advent. Sister Kathleen Christa was preceded in death by her parents and by her brother, Richard J. Murphy. Survivors include her sister, Mary M. Murphy; beloved nieces, nephews and their families; and her Benedictine Sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama, 916 Convent Road, NE, Cullman, AL, 35055, or at shmon.org/support-us.

Phillip Dale Watson, 68
A celebration of life visitation for Phillip Watson, 68, of Hayden will be Sunday Dec. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Watson was born Sept. 30, 1956, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away Dec. 2, 2024, in Hayden, Alabama. Mr. Watson is survived by his children, Kirby Watson, Dakota Watson, Heath Watson, James Watson, Kathleen Watson; grandchildren, Trinity Watson, Ethan Watson, Lexie Watson, Nyla Watson, Austin Watson; great grandchildren, Paisley Watson; siblings, David Watson, Randy Watson, Donna Watson, Cathy Davis, Joyce Bradford, and Teresa Watson. Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jenny Watson.

Emily Annette Balcomb, 70
Emily Annette Balcomb, of Baileyton, Alabama, entered the presence of our Lord on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at the age of 70. Mrs. Balcomb was born in Jefferson County, Alabama, on Nov. 2, 1954, to the late Byron Wyatt McNair and Rose Minelle Thomason McNair. Mrs. Emily was child of God and she and her husband attended Welcome Baptist Church where they worshipped alongside their friends and neighbors. Both Emily and Billy served on the restoration committee at Welcome where they helped to restore and update the church to the beautiful house of worship that it is now. Emily enjoyed traveling and camping. Some of her favorite travel memories included a trip to Spain. Mrs. Balcomb loved the culture of the country, and she often reminisced about the beauty of Spain and its people. Mrs. Balcomb enjoyed gardening. She loved flowers and birds. She also enjoyed nature and animals and loved the beauty of God's handiwork. Emily was a highly organized person, and she made many to-do lists. Her lists enabled her to accomplish many things. She had a list for everything - including the dreams of things she hoped to accomplish. Mrs. Emily enjoyed the holidays, especially Christmas, and she enjoyed organizing the family gatherings, making certain everything ran smoothly and that nothing was forgotten. Mrs. Balcomb was a very generous person. She gave to as many charities as she could with the hopes of helping to make life better for those in need. She always thought of others and never of herself. She was a loving wife of almost fifty-two years to her husband, Billy, and was a devoted and loving Mom and Mimi. Emily will be missed greatly. Mrs. Balcomb is preceded in death by her father, Byron Wyatt McNair. Those left to cherish Mrs. Balcomb's memory includes her husband, Billy Ray Balcomb; mother, Rose Minelle McNair; children, William Eric Balcomb, Stuart McNair Balcomb, Jennifer Marie Balcomb Hudson (Cory); grandson, Iain McNair Hudson; and sisters, Ginny, and Gail. Friends are invited to join the Balcomb family for a time of visitation on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024, from 1 p.m. until services begin at 2 p.m. All services will be held at Welcome Baptist Church with Brother Seth Hesterly officiating. Burial will follow services in the adjoining cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Balcomb family. Psalm 91 1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." 3 Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. 4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart. 5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, 6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. 8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. 9 If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, 10 no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; 12 they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. 13 You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent. 14 "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

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State health officer: Avoid potentially hazardous toys this holiday season

Dr. Scott Harris
ADPH

Each December during Safe Toys and Gifts Month, parents are cautioned about potential risks associated with toys. Most toys are safe, but they can become dangerous if misused or if they are not appropriate for the child's age. Caution in selecting toys is needed not only for parents but for anyone caring for a child. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), in 2023 an estimated 154,700 children ages 12 years or younger were treated in emergency rooms due to toy-related injuries, and 10 children died in toy-related incidents.

Most toy-related deaths have been linked to choking on small balls or crayons, drownings associated with flotation toys and entrapment inside toy chests. Non-motorized scooters accounted for more than 20% of toy-related injuries, with 53,000 injuries reported across all age groups. Ingestion of water beads is a newer concern for young children.

According to the CPSC, water beads look almost like candy and can be the size of a pinhead, making them nearly undetectable if dropped on the floor or spilled in a playroom.

They are often sold as toys, in crafts kits, as sensory tools for children with developmental disabilities or for agricultural use. The beads can grow 100 times their original size when exposed to water, and can lead to choking, internal injuries and even death if left undetected. Remove these products from any environment child can access.

Unsafe products can enter the marketplace from other countries. Caution is needed when shopping online as well as in person because counterfeit or substandard products can be marketed. CPSC, in collaboration with U.S. Customs and Border Protection, seized nearly 1.6 million dangerous or illegal toys in fiscal year 2024. Of those, nearly 101,900 toy seizures were related to lead content. Lead exposure can cause a variety of health problems, including development delays, learning difficulties and behavioral problems.

The CPSC has summarized its toy safety recommendations as follows: Play safe, keep safe, put away safe.

Listed below are some tips to prevent toy-related injuries:

• Before shopping for toys, consider the child's age, interests and skill level. Read instructions and warning labels and follow the age and safety information provided.

• Carefully read and follow instructions for the assembly and use of toys.

• Make sure the toy is sturdy and that no small parts (such as eyes, noses, buttons or other parts) can break off the toy.

• Keep toys with small parts away from children under age 3 to prevent choking. Small, rounded and oval objects (such as balls and marbles) can easily fit into a child's mouth. Government regulations specify that toys for children under age 3 cannot have parts less than 1.25 inches in diameter and 2.25 inches long. Choking and aspiration of toy parts are leading causes of toy-related fatalities.

• Always remove and discard all packaging before giving a present to a baby or small child.

• Separate and store toys by age levels. Teach children to put toys away after playing. Safe storage prevents falls and other injuries.

• If a toy box has a hinged lid, be sure it has lid support that holds the lid open at any angle to which the lid is opened. Make sure bins or other toy storage containers have no hinges that could catch little fingers. Toy boxes should have rounded or padded edges.

• Do not leave products with accessible batteries within reach of children. A child can swallow a button battery and suffer dangerous chemical burns in as little as 2 hours.

• Be aware that high-powered magnets are a safety risk to children. Injuries are serious if magnets are swallowed.

• Check old and new toys regularly for damages such as sharp edges or small parts.

• Make repairs immediately or throw away damaged toys.

• For all children under 8, avoid toys that have sharp edges and points.

• Keep un-inflated balloons and broken balloon pieces away from children.

Toy manufacturers must design and manufacture their products to meet regulations to prevent hazardous products from being sold. If a product causes a safety risk to children, however, a recall can be issued.

Check the CPSC website for the latest information about toy recalls and please call the hotline number toll free at 800-638-CPSC (800-638-2772) to report a toy you believe is unsafe.

Visit the CPSC to search the recall list and for more information.

Be sure to take a close look at any toy before you purchase it to make sure it is safe.

If you are in doubt, do not allow your child to play with a potentially hazardous toy. By prioritizing safety, I hope you and your family will enjoy a healthy and worry-free holiday season.

Wallace State Diagnostic Imaging earns reaccreditation

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College announces the successful reaccreditation of its Diagnostic Imaging program by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The continuing accreditation was granted for eight years, the maximum period for which accreditation is allowed by JRCERT.

"The reaccreditation of our Diagnostic Imaging program by JRCERT reaffirms the high standards of excellence and commitment to student success that Wallace State strives to maintain," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics. "This achievement underscores the dedication of our faculty and staff to providing exceptional education in the radiologic sciences, preparing our graduates to excel in their careers."

"We are proud to receive the maximum eight-year reaccreditation from JRCERT, which reflects the quality and rigor of our program," said Jim Malone, director of the Diagnostic Imaging program and Assistant Dean of Health Sciences.

"This recognition ensures that our students continue to benefit from a curriculum designed to meet the highest industry standards, equipping them with the skills needed to thrive in a competitive healthcare field."

The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences.

The Diagnostic Imaging program at Wallace State offers two pathways offering degrees in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiation Therapy. The Diagnostic Imaging degree can be completed in four semesters and the Radiation Therapy degree in three semesters. Both options require completion of two semesters of prerequisite courses before beginning the program-specific courses. Both programs accept new students each fall, with applications accepted from March 1 to June 1 each year. Visit www.wallacestate.edu for more information, call 256-352-8334 or email mindie.sandlin@wallacestate.edu.

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