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Cullman County cold weather resources: Senior centers, warming shelters

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As cold weather approaches the area, several local entities are providing services to keep residents warm and safe.

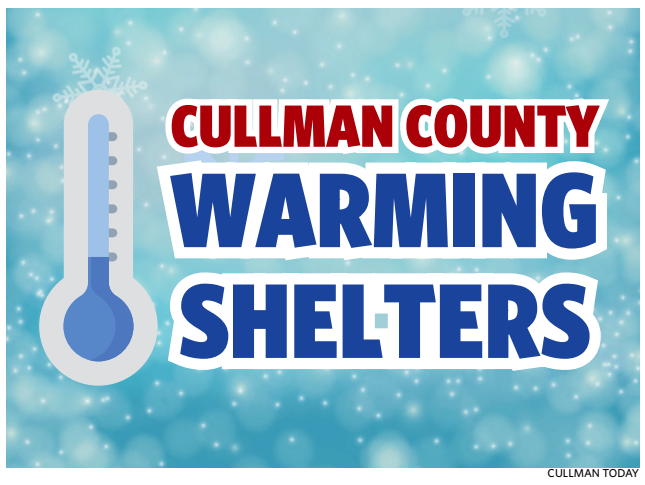
Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Stephanie Lawson said the commission has seven full-time senior centers throughout Cullman County.

"We invite you to come check us out anytime but especially during the upcoming bitterly cold days next week," Lawson said this weekend. "If you are 60 or older, come stay warm, socialize and have lunch. We will be there Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m."

Those senior centers are:

- Colony: 12980 Alabama Highway 91, Hanceville, 256-287-1491
- Crane Hill: 15140 County Road 222, Crane Hill, 256-747-6241

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CULLMAN TODAY

'It's essential to be prepared for winter weather conditions'

Advice from Allison Bright, CEO of the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman



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Cullman Power Board

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CULLMAN, Ala. — During winter weather, the possibility of power outages becomes a concern for many residents. Allison Bright, CEO of the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman, shares insights on how the utility handles these situations and offers valuable tips for Cullman Power Board customers to stay safe and prepared.

For homes relying on electric heat, being prepared for an outage is crucial. Bright advised residents to take several steps.

"It's essential to be prepared for winter weather conditions, especially if your home relies on electric heat," she said. "We recommend keeping extra blankets, sleeping bags and warm clothing on hand to maintain body heat during an outage. If you have a fireplace or wood-burning stove, ensure it's in working condition, and stock up on firewood."

She also suggested, "Battery-powered space heaters designed for emergencies can be useful, but always follow safety guidelines when using them. Additionally, having a fully stocked emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, flashlights, batteries and a battery-powered radio is critical for staying safe and informed."

For individuals using medical devices that require constant power, Bright emphasized the importance of proactive planning.

"For those with medical devices requiring power, planning ahead is crucial," Bright said. "If you or a loved one uses such a device, we recommend investing in a portable generator or battery backup system. Ensure it is fully charged and tested before a storm."

Bright continued, "Identify nearby shelters or facilities with backup power where you can relocate if needed. To stay up to date on local warming shelters, follow Cullman County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Cullman-CountyVOAD."

She added, "Keep a supply of portable charging devices for smaller equipment and ensure all batteries are charged prior to the event."

With predictions of snow and ice, Bright encouraged residents to take steps to better insulate their homes.

"Preparing your home for winter weather can make a big difference in keeping it warm and con-

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 6

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 6, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 2

- theft of property; CR 7001
- harassing communications; CR 1702
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1117
- harassment; CR 1564
- theft of property; CR 222
- burglary; CR 216
- burglary; CR 1635
- trespassing; CR 599
- sell-distribute drugs; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1866
- theft of property; CR 469
- theft of property; CR 1699
- theft of property; Mann Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1112

Jan. 3

- theft of property; CR 1442
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 730
- harassment; menacing; reckless endangerment; CR 672
- harassing communications; 4th Ave. SE
- domestic violence; CR 1373

Jan. 4

- theft of property; CR 1663
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1564
- possession of marijuana; possession of dangerous drugs; CR 222
- criminal mischief; CR 1087

Jan. 5

- burglary; CR 7001
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69N
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69S
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Jan. 2-5

Aldridge, Dena J.; 45
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Brant, Jared L.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Criscoe, James M.; 37
- FTA – no/improper tag light
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – open container – alcohol in a vehicle

Ehlman, Pamela L.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gatica-Nava, Celene; 32
- DUI (alcohol)

Griffin, Jessica L.; 39
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Hale, Joshua S.; 31
- FTA – open container – alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Heatherly, Raymond C.; 49
- public intoxication

Hubert III, Richard T.; 27
- resisting arrest

Keeton, Cayden S.; 19
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications
- assault-harassment

Keeton II, Charles L.; 41
- buying/receiving stolen property
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

King, John W.; 53
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Leonard, Nicolas A.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Maze, Christopher B.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force (2 counts)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- attempting to elude a police officer

Miller, William B.; 63
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Morin, Carol D.; 39
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – counterfeiting
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Owens, Jason M.; 43
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- burglary-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Perez, Paulina E.; 21
- GJ – theft
- Financial exploitation of the elderly-1st degree

Powell, Joseph D.; 27
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Putman, Anthony T.; 27
- possession of dangerous drugs

Ramos, Shawn E.; 48
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, less than $500

Watson, Braden H.; 27
- Assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Watson, Tyler B.; 28
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Woodruff, Todd A.; 30
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 3

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; 2nd Ave. NW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Jan. 4

- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '18 Honda CR-V; $2,000; Waddell Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '15 Ford Focus; $400; Hwy. 157

Jan. 5

- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Lessman Cir. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 3-5

James, Jimmy H.; 51
- theft of property-4th degree

James, Perry L.; 54
- criminal mischief-2nd degree

Jenkins, Tammy L.; 55
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Parsons, Christy L.; 47
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Blalock, Leslie N.; 55
- DUI
- attempt to elude
- resisting arrest

Walker, Teresa L.; 61
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shelton, Bradley S.; 32
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - criminal trespass-2nd degree

Sawyer, Thomas K., Jr.; 43
- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- attempt to elude

Youngdale, Benjamin T.; 38
- FTA - leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - texting while driving
- FTA - insurance violation

Hale, Joshua S.; 31
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Gay, Matthew E.; 40
- DUI

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 39
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Johnson, Amber N.; 31
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Owens, Jason M.; 43
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - driving without license

Brant, Jared L.; 45
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - insurance violation

Logan, Angela D.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Powell, Joseph D.; 27
- unlawful possession/receiving a controlled substance

Speakman, James R.; 29
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Business spotlight: Dani's Classroom Cleaning Services

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville native Danielle Haley recently started a new business venture: Dani's Classroom Cleaning Services. Right now, she is available in the Hanceville area.

"I am embarking on a new journey," Haley said. "Over the past two years, I've had the pleasure of helping my cousin transform her room into a cozy and organized space. Through this experience, I've discovered a true passion for cleaning and decorating. I'm thrilled to announce that I'm taking this enthusiasm a step further."

Haley is reaching out to educators in her area who might need a hand maintaining a clean and inviting classroom environment.

"From organizing supplies to creating aesthetically pleasing spaces, I'm here to lend a helping hand," she said. "I'm genuinely excited about this new venture and wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of my teacher friends who have shown their support and encouragement. Together, let's make our classrooms shine."

Contact Haley at 256-595-5062 or www.facebook.com/danielle.haley.148.

Resources (from Front)

- Cullman: 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman, 256-734-0145

- Fairview: 660 Welcome Road, Cullman, 256-796-6714

- Hanceville: 209 Michelle St. NW, Hanceville, 256-352-4733

- Holly Pond: 221 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond, 256-796-2131

- West Point: 3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont, 256-734-0282

United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Stephanie Childers said that as temperatures drop this week, local warming shelters are opening their doors to ensure no one in the community is left out in the cold.

"These shelters are operating in conjunction with the Cullman County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), which serves as an essential arm of United Way of Cullman County (UWCC)," Childers said. "VOAD works under the direction of Cullman County EMA Director Tim Sartin to coordinate disaster response and relief efforts. Dawn Beard currently serves as the VOAD chair, leading efforts alongside the dedicated VOAD board to provide critical support to those in need during emergencies."

As of press time, warming shelters include:

- **Hanceville shelter**
Trinity Pentecostal Church of Hanceville, open from 6 p.m.-8 a.m. "It will remain available as long as there is a need during this cold spell." 307 Whaley Ave. NE, Hanceville

- **Fairview shelter**
Etha Baptist Church "will provide shelter during the cold night hours, starting Monday and continuing through next week for those in need." 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

- **Dodge City shelter**
Dodge City Town Hall basement "will be open throughout the weather event. We kindly ask all visitors to treat the space with respect and keep it clean and orderly." 130 Howard Circle, Hanceville

- **Cullman shelter**
Donald E. Green Active Adult Center
  - Through Friday, Jan. 10
  - 7 p.m. until 30 minutes prior to the center opening. (If no one is checked in by 9 p.m., the center will close)
  - Prohibited items: No pets/animals, firearms/weapons, cigarettes, tobacco, vapes, e-cigarettes or alcohol allowed. Police presence will be on-site.
  - If center is closed and you need assistance, please call Dispatch at 256-775-7145.
  - 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman

- **Unsheltered International**
Possibly. "We will provide updates if additional days become available." 30 County Road 1184, Cullman

- **The Gathering Place (Link of Cullman County)**
"The Gathering Place may be made available if necessary. We will update you on its status if it opens." 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman

If cots are required at any of these locations, the Cullman County EMA will supply them. Participants are encouraged to bring their own personal bedding.

Childers said the warming shelters are a testament to the compassion and unity of the community.

"Volunteers and organizations have come together to offer safe, warm spaces for those who need them most," Childers said.

"We are incredibly thankful for the generosity and caring hearts of our neighbors who continue to support these efforts.

"Together, we can make a difference and keep our community safe and warm this winter. Thank you for standing with us and supporting your neighbors during this time of need."

If you are interested in volunteering to assist at the warming shelters or in other VOAD activities, contact Stephanie Childers at Schilders@uwaycc.org or Taylor Johnson at Tjohnson@uwaycc.org.

For additional information about warming shelter locations and hours of operation, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyVOAD.

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CASA looking for volunteers

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is in need of volunteers.

What is a CASA volunteer?
According to the CASA website:

"As a C.A.S.A. Volunteer, you speak for the best interest of a child in court. C.A.S.A. volunteers are appointed by a judge to recommend the best possible outcome for an abused or neglected child's future. Whether this means helping to make a connection with adoptive parents or safely reuniting the child with parents or relatives, the ultimate goal of the C.A.S.A. volunteer is to help ensure that every one of these kids can live in a safe, permanent home.

"C.A.S.A. volunteers review records, research information and talk to everyone involved—social workers, attorneys, judges, parents, teachers, family members and, of course, the children themselves."

Program Manager Candace Lingo said CASA is always in need of volunteers.

"We have a link for our application, and we can always use volunteers," she said.

"What we do is try and pour into the children we serve. As a volunteer, most of the work you do is done at home, unless you need/want to come to the office. After training, when a case is assigned to a volunteer, it takes an average of 12 hours a month to work a case. We have awesome staff that are here to help in any way. In 2024, we served 188 kids. Every year, that number goes up."

Lingo shared that judges will assign CASA volunteers to cases of children who are currently in out-of-home care, or at risk being in out-of-home care, due to abuse and neglect.

"We attend meetings at DHR, see the children, contact the family and make sure that all the needs are being met," she said. "The most important part of what we do is make sure that the child's wishes are heard by the court."

To submit an application or get more information email cullmancountycasa@msn.com or call 256-739-1111.

Volunteer requirements include:

- Be at least 21 years old
- Pass a criminal and DHR background check
- Have reliable transportation
- Complete a 30-hour training program
- Be sworn in by the judge

Lingo's office is located in the Cullman Caring for Kids building space at 402 Arnold St. NE, Suite W-1, in Cullman.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

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 (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
•• Wednesday, Jan. 8 - 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, Jan. 10 - 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.
• Sunday, Jan. 12 - 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, Jan. 12 - 5 p.m. Healing service

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at 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.

The 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.

A Patriot at the Pentagon on 9/11: A Hero's Story
• Join us for the Men's Breakfast at Seventh Street Baptist Church on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 a.m. at 708 Seventh St. in Cullman. Our guest speaker will be Retired Lieutenant Colonel Adrian Erckenbrack, recipient of the Soldier's Medal for heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the Pentagon. Erckenbrack will share his powerful testimony of that day and how God used him in extraordinary ways.
• In addition to his heroic service, Erckenbrack leads Food For Faith, a ministry at Oakley Baptist Church in New Market, dedicated to feeding the homeless and needy.
• As part of this event, we are collecting donations to support the homeless, seniors and those in need. Please consider bringing one or more of the following items: Cases of SPAM, Beanie Weenies, coffee (ground or instant, not k-cups), clothes detergent (small containers), canned breast of chicken and canned tuna.
• For more information and to register email Pastor John Crocker at pastorjohn7thstreet@gmail.com or call the church office at 256-739-8724.

Fairview Lions Club Bean Supper
Saturday, Jan. 11, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 North. Beans, cornbread onions and drink for $6. With a dessert, $7. Eat in or carry out. All proceeds go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more info, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

At the Foot of the Cross Church Revival
Jan. 12-15. Sunday at 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7 p.m. 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157, on Eva Road. Evangelist Ryan Wilburn.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman.

Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Two names will be drawn from the participants who take the plunge! One winner will receive a one-year family membership CWAC and one winner will receive a four-pack of 2025 season passes to WildWater! You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we are accepting optional donations for our partner, Special Olympics! Register at www.waiverfile.com/b/CullmanCityParksRecreation/Waiver.aspx.

Youth Rally
Sunday, Feb. 23, at 6 p.m. At the Foot of the Cross Church, 2.25 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road. Tyler Williams and Ryan Wilburn preaching. Please join us for a great time in the Lord.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

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

2015 Jeep Patriot, green, VIN# 1C4NJPBAXFD185838

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

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2014 TOYOTA TUNDRA VIN#5TFUW5F12EX414960

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on February 28, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CHARLES F. HENSLEY, * CASE NO: PC2022-243
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: GINA E. HENSLEY HALL, JULIE D. HENSLEY, ANGELIA HENSLEY, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF CHARLES F. HENSLEY, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge received and made court record the 1st day of October, 2024, by Charles S. Hensley and Jason F. Hensley, Co-Personal Representatives, by and through Attorney Pamela E. Nail. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled the **27th day of February, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, 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 3rd day of January 2025.

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

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders split varsity matchups with Arab

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Coming off a pair of wins over Dora to start out 2025, the Good Hope Raiders returned home on Friday night to take on the Arabian Knights. In the girls' game, the Lady Raiders built a big lead in the fourth quarter and held off a rally by the Lady Knights to win the game 52-46 but in the boys' game, Arab was able to pull away in the fourth quarter to defeat Good Hope 66-59.

Good Hope 52 - Arab 46 (Varsity Girls)

Ava McSwain got the scoring started for Good Hope with a three from the right corner and a rebound and putback by Jolee McHan gave them an early 5-0 lead. A layup by Sophie Konrad made it 7-4, but Arab scored five straight points to grab a 9-7 lead. McSwain put in a reverse layup to tie the game up at nine, but a pair of Lady Knights free throws gave them an 11-9 lead going into the second.

Lexi Marshall drained a three from the left wing, and McSwain dropped in a floater to give the Lady Raiders the lead right back at 14-11.

Another rebound and putback by McHan made it a 16-15 game, but the Lady Knights went on a 7-1 run to grab a 22-17 lead late in the first half. McSwain nailed a short jumper, and Konrad put in a pair from the line to cut it to 22-21 going into the break.

Arab quickly pushed their lead to 26-21 early in the third. That's when McSwain got red-hot from the field, as she drilled a pair of treys and added a steal and a layup to give Good Hope a 29-28 lead. Lucie Adams banked in a three from the left wing, and McSwain hit one of her own from the right wing to give them a 35-34 lead late in the quarter. Marshall added a late layup to make it a three-point game going into the final period.

The Lady Raiders carried that momentum over into the fourth quarter. McSwain dropped in a floater, then Adams and Marshall each added baskets down low to stretch their lead to 43-36. Marshall buried a trey, then McSwain got fouled while shooting a three and ended up hitting all three free throws to push Good Hope's lead to double digits at 49-38. The Lady Knights were far from finished, though, as they scored the next seven points to cut it to 49-45.

A pair of free throws by McSwain and one by Konrad helped seal the 52-46 win for the Lady Raiders.

McSwain finished with a game-high 28 points for Good Hope (15-4), and Marshall posted 10 points.

Arab 66 - Good Hope 59 (Varsity Boys)

It was tied at 5-5 early on in the opening period, but Arab went on a 9-3 run to take a 14-8 lead late in the first. Tyler Cone drilled a late three to cut it to 14-11 going into the second period.

Cone split his free throws to cut it to 14-12, then Tucker Malin's rebound and putback tied the game up at 14. That's when Arab got red-hot from the three-point line, as their four treys helped them build a 28-16 lead.

Good Hope, though, responded with a big run of their own. Gavin Pace got things started with a pair of threes, then a basket down low by Tucker Screws cut it to 28-24. Malin scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it a one-point game, then Pace's fourth trey of the first half gave the Raiders a 30-28 lead. Pace later added a free throw to make it a 31-28 game going into the locker room.

Cone put in a pair of floaters to give Good Hope a 35-31 lead early in the third quarter. Malin knocked down a three from the right wing, then he later dropped in a floater to make it a 40-34 lead for the Raiders. A 6-2 run by Arab, though, cut it to 42-40. Malin put in a reverse layup, then he later buried a trey to stretch the Raider lead to 47-40. Another rebound and putback by Malin made it a 49-43 game going into the final quarter.

The Knights started the fourth quarter strong, as they went on an 8-0 run, to grab a 51-49 lead. A floater by Cone tied the game up at 51, then a free throw by Tyler Byrd gave Good Hope a 52-51 lead.

Arab scored the next seven points to get the lead right back at 58-52. Screws put in a reverse layup to cut it to 58-54 with a little over two minutes to go in the contest, but a pair of rebounds and putbacks by the Knights helped increase their lead to 63-54.

Haynes drained a three to make it a 63-57 game, but another rebound and putback, plus a technical free throw, helped Arab get past Good Hope, 66-59.

Malin led the way for the Raiders (15-4) with 20 points. Pace finished with 15 points, and Cone added 10 points.



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Good Hope's Ava McSwain led the Lady Raiders with 28 points in their 52-46 win over Arab Friday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Tucker Malin led the Raiders with 20 points in their 66-59 loss to Arab Friday night.

Sears surpasses 1,500 career points in No. 5 Alabama's 107-79 win over No. 10 Oklahoma

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 5/6 Alabama Men's Basketball team picked up its first win of the conference schedule with a 107-79 win over the No. 12/10 Oklahoma Sooners, Saturday night inside of a sold out Coleman Coliseum.

Mark Sears led the team in points (22) and assists (10), achieving a pair of milestones in the performance. Sears surpassed the 1500-point mark, becoming the 18th player in Crimson Tide history to do so, and reached the 300-assist mark as well.

Alabama (12-2, 1-0 SEC) had five other players in double-figures as well including Labaron Philon's 16 points, Grant Nelson (12), Derrion Reid (11), along with Aden Holloway and Clifford Omoruyi matching with 10 apiece.

Saturday's win marked the largest margin of victory over a ranked opponent under head coach Nate Oats and the largest since the 2004-05 season.

The Sooners (13-1, 0-1 SEC) were led by Jalon Moore's 20 points off 9-of-14 shooting to go with seven rebounds in 29 minutes

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"I thought our guys were pretty locked in tonight. I thought the start was good in the first half. I thought to start the game, we were really locked in on the defensive end. Jeremiah Fears, I think, only had one point at the half; he's been their leading scorer, so I thought our guys were ready to go on him. Defensively, we were much better, then fell off a little bit in the second half when we got a lead.

"It's one thing we have to work on is playing with an edge when we get a lead.

Offensively, getting the offensive rebounds, getting 22 out of the 40 available rebounds on our offensive end is pretty solid.

"I thought we took advantage of some of their smaller guards on the offensive boards. I thought our guards got in there and mixed it up pretty good. Offensively, we didn't turn it over much, we had nine.

"Mark had a double-double with 10 assists, I thought he really had the ball moving. You could really see his energy when his teammates were scoring, which is great. We need that out of him.

"He was more excited about getting 10 assists. I think you saw when he hit Holloway for the one three, that was his ninth and he was fired up.

"I was happy to see that because we talk about 'Mudita,' vicarious joy through others success. Mark was really happy for his teammates scoring particularly off his passes tonight."

"A lot of stuff to clean up, but a lot of positives on our first game.

"I think our non-conference schedule prepared us for these games and now we have to go on the road where we've been a little inconsistent. Really good first game though."

Team stats

- Mark Sears finished his night with 22 points and 10 assists, giving him over 1,500 points and 300 assists during his career at Alabama
- Sears became the 18th player in program history to surpass the 1,500-point mark
- The Crimson Tide dominated the glass all night long, grabbing 51 rebounds compared to Oklahoma's 26
- Alabama reached a new season-high for offensive rebounds as well, grabbing 22 of them
- Grant Nelson earned his fourth double-double of the season (12 points, 11 rebounds)
- Saturday marked the first time this season that two Alabama players posted double-doubles in the same game
- Alabama surpassed 100 points for the fourth time this season and 25th time in Oats' tenure
- The Crimson Tide shot 38-for-76 (50 percent) from the field, 9-for-29 (31 percent) from three and 22-for-30 (73 percent) from the free throw line
- Nate Oats' squad dominated the paint on the offensive end, scoring 56 points down low

First half

- Oklahoma opened the matchup with a quick layup, but the Crimson Tide responded with a 7-0 run to take an early lead
- After both squads traded baskets for the next eight minutes, Alabama went on another 7-0 run to push the lead to double-digits (30-16)
- 20 of the Crimson Tide's first 30 points came from inside the paint, with eight of them coming from Clifford Omoruyi
- Following a scoreless 2:38 from the Sooners, a three from Chris Youngblood and a dunk by Derrion Reid ballooned the lead to an 18-point margin with five minutes to play in the half (37-19)
- Alabama closed the half hitting four free throws in a row and holding onto its large lead (48-29)
- Nate Oats' squad assisted 12 of the 18 baskets made in the first half, with six of them coming from Sears
- The Crimson Tide dominated the glass in the first period as well with 28 total rebounds, compared to Oklahoma's 17
- Labaron Philon led Alabama scorers with 10 points at the break, featuring a pair of three-pointers
- The Crimson Tide had just four turnovers in the half, with none of them coming from the starting lineup
- As a team, Alabama shot 18-for-40 (45 percent) from the field, 5-for-15 (33 percent) from three and went 7-for-10 (70 percent) from the charity stripe in the first half

Second half

- Alabama started the half shooting just 3-for-11, but converted four of its first five attempts from the line
- Reid sparked the Crimson Tide offense after a tip-in layup kicked off an 11-2 run to push Alabama's lead to 28 points (68-40)
- However, Oklahoma responded with an 11-4 run of its own to make it a 21-point game with just under 10 minutes left
- After trading baskets for the next five minutes, the Crimson Tide went on a quick 8-1 run to push the lead back to 27 points at the final media timeout (93-66)
- Alabama passed the century mark with 2:40 remaining in the half after a three-pointer by Holloway
- The Crimson Tide closed out the game with eight of its final 14 points coming from inside the paint to secure the victory (107-79)
- Sears led the way for Alabama in the second half, scoring 15 of his 22 points
- The Crimson Tide dominated the glass once again in the second period, grabbing 12 offensive boards
- Nate Oats' squad shot 20-for-36 (56 percent) from the field, 4-for-14 from three (29 percent) and 15-for-20 (75 percent) from the charity stripe in the half

Up next

- Alabama will begin its first road trip of the conference schedule against South Carolina on Wednesday, Jan. 8.
- The matchup between the Crimson Tide and the Gamecocks will tip off at 6 p.m. and will air on SEC Network



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Mark Sears led the Crimson Tide with 22 points and 10 assists in their 107-79 win over Oklahoma on Saturday.

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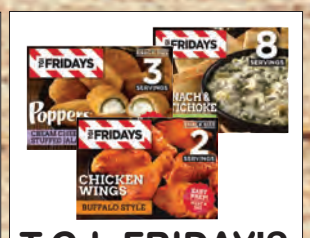
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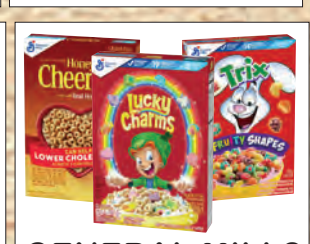
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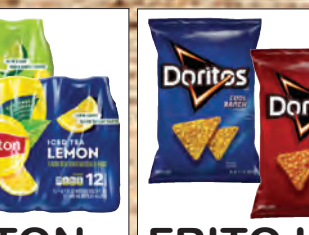
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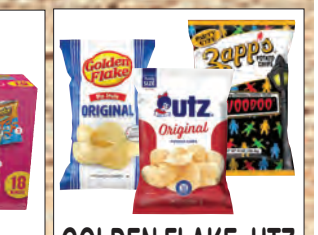
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CCCDC hosting 2nd annual Miss Extraordinary Pageant Jan. 18

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Child Development Center (CDC) will host the second annual Miss Extraordinary Pageant on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m.

Principal Trett Hardman said the idea was pitched to him last year by CDC paraprofessional Michelle Johnson.

"She is tied to the pageant world and she wanted to find a way to display our students' true beauty, so we came up with the Miss Extraordinary Pageant," Hardman said. "Michelle is the guru behind this great event, and I am glad to have her on our team."

Hardman said the CDC checks a lot of boxes for the Cullman County Schools system.

"We serve students in grades K-12 with special needs," Hardman said.

"We strive daily to create a culture of acceptance while working tirelessly to meet the individual needs of our students.

"We serve students of multiple types of disabilities with a goal of one day being contributors to our community, and/or having the skills to live independently.

"All of our staff members work in unison for the betterment of each student who walks through our doors, and I cannot be more thankful for the team of teachers, paraprofessionals and other staff members that serve our kids!

"Because of them, our students get to experience things and grow in ways that some may never expect! I watch in awe daily of all the great things that happen daily on our campus and the adults who serve our students so well."

The pageant will be held at Fairview High School in the Keith E. Pattillo Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 8 a.m.

"We are thankful for the support from Fairview to allow us to use their great facility," Hardman said.

"We have a form to complete, and more details can be shared.

"This pageant has different age divisions for young ladies to compete to celebrate beauty, confidence and empowerment, and for those of all abilities to shine.

"There is a Miss Extraordinary Division for students with different abilities to be able to showcase their beauty and grace on stage as well, which was a crowd favorite last year."

Hardman said all proceeds from the event go right back into the CDC to provide great educational experiences for students.

"We strive to provide them the best with classroom technology, instructional tools and facility upgrades so that our students can become the best version that they can be," he said.

For more information or to get involved as a participant, contact the school at 256-739-0486 or email Hardman at thardman@ccboe.org. Get more details at https://tinyurl.com/CCCDCMEP.

ACES: Fun ways to slim down this year

Marilyn Agee-Carroll
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The beginning of a new year often inspires us to set goals for self-improvement. Weight loss is a common resolution. Losing weight offers significant health benefits. It lowers the risk of chronic diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers while improving blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar control. Additionally, weight loss can enhance mobility, increase energy and improve overall quality of life. Quality of life improvements include better sleep, reduced joint pain and increased self-esteem, which can help decrease the risk of depression and anxiety.

However, turning this goal into reality requires a thoughtful, sustainable approach. The key to success lies in setting realistic and achievable goals. Instead of aiming for rapid weight loss — which can be difficult to maintain and potentially harmful — focus on gradual progress, such as losing 1 to 2 pounds per week. This approach allows your body to adjust naturally, making it easier to sustain your new habits long-term.

Set realistic, achievable goals

Nutrition plays a vital role in weight loss, so it's important to maintain a diet rich in whole, unprocessed foods. To create balanced and nutritious meals, aim to incorporate a variety of fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, low-fat dairy products and whole grains into your meals. These foods will help you feel full and satisfied without overeating. Avoid fad diets that promise quick results because they can be difficult to sustain and may also deprive your body of essential nutrients.

Physical activity is another vital component of weight loss. Aim for at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise weekly, but don't feel limited to the gym. Find activities you enjoy, like walking, dancing, cycling, or swimming, to make exercise a fun and regular part of your daily routine. Consistency is key, so choose activities that fit your lifestyle and that you enjoy.

Tracking your progress can also boost motivation. Use a journal or a digital app to track your food intake, exercise, and weight changes. Celebrating small changes along the way can boost your commitment and make the journey more rewarding.

Finally, don't underestimate the power of support. Sharing your goals with friends, family or a weight loss group can provide encouragement, accountability, and helpful advice.

Remember, weight loss is a journey, and with patience, persistence and self-compassion, you can achieve your New Year's resolution and create a happier, healthier you.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

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serving energy," she advised. "Use weather stripping or draft guards to seal gaps around windows and doors to prevent cold air from entering. Hang heavy curtains or blankets over windows to provide extra insulation."

Bright also recommended, "Place rolled towels or rugs at the base of doors to block drafts, and close off unused rooms to concentrate heat in the living areas. Use area rugs on floors for additional insulation. These small steps can help maintain a warmer environment even if the power is out."

When a major outage occurs, Bright said, Cullman Utilities has a plan to ensure power is restored efficiently and safely.

"When a major outage happens, our team is fully mobilized to restore power as quickly and safely as conditions allow," she explained. "Restoration efforts typically begin with assessing the situation. We follow established plans designed to get the most customers back online as efficiently as possible, while always keeping safety at the forefront."

She added, "Customers can assist by reporting outages by calling us at 256-734-2343 and texting us at 877-92-POWER (877-927-6937). Staying informed through our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cullmanpowerboard for updates and safety information is also very helpful."

Project (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, on Monday announced that the U.S. Department of Transportation has awarded a $20,390,010 grant to the City of Cullman for the St. Bernard Bridge Replacement Project. The grant, part of the FY25-26 Rural MPDG Program, will facilitate the replacement and relocation of the existing two-lane St. Bernard Bridge on U.S. Highway 278 East that crosses Eight Mile Creek.

In addition to the grant, according to the congressman's office, Aderholt has secured $11 million in the FY2025 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies appropriations bill to "further support replacement costs and ensure the project's timely completion."

"I was proud to write a letter of support for the City of Cullman in securing this vital infrastructure investment," said Aderholt.

"Replacing and widening the St. Bernard Bridge is crucial for enhancing transportation safety and efficiency in our region.

"This project will not only improve traffic flow along U.S Highway 278 but will also support economic growth and ensure our infrastructure can meet future demands."

The project will widen U.S. Highway 278 from Fourth Avenue to just beyond St. Bernard Drive, aligning the adjoining roadway and approaches with the new bridge.

"This enhancement will alleviate congestion and improve overall roadway connectivity for Cullman residents and businesses.

"I will continue to work to secure the necessary resources for our district's infrastructure needs, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact this project will have on Cullman and the surrounding communities," Aderholt added.

The grant will be disbursed by the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

Tips (from Front)

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As winter weather approaches, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges all residents to prioritize their safety on the roads by taking essential steps to winterize their vehicles and practice safe driving techniques during adverse weather conditions.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Without notice, weather conditions can change dramatically.

"Our Agency has prepared for the incoming winter weather, with all divisions and units developing and implementing winter-weather operation plans.

"These efforts will ensure that both ALEA Troopers and Special Agents are fully prepared to aid and assist motorists traveling throughout the state.

"If you have not already taken precautions, we strongly encourage everyone to prepare for the incoming weather and we recommend winterizing your vehicle, practicing safe driving behaviors, as well as staying weather aware. In the event conditions worsen, we urge motorists to adjust travel plans and avoid driving in severe weather."

Winterizing your vehicle

Before the cold weather arrives, it is crucial to ensure that your vehicle is adequately prepared. Below are some tips to winterize your vehicle:

• Check your battery: Cold temperatures can affect battery performance. Have your battery tested to ensure it's in good condition.

• Inspect tires: Ensure your tires have proper tread depth and are inflated correctly for improved traction.

• Fluid levels: Check and top off all fluids, including antifreeze, oil and windshield washer fluid, to withstand freezing temperatures.

• Wipers and lights: Replace worn wiper blades and test all headlights and taillights for optimal visibility during winter storms.

• Emergency kit: Prepare an emergency kit to keep in your vehicle containing items such as blankets, non-perishable snacks, water, a flashlight, jumper cables, a first aid kit and essential tools. This kit can be a lifesaver in case of a breakdown or being stranded until help arrives.

Winter driving tips

When the roads become icy and hazardous, practicing safe driving habits is imperative. Here are essential tips for driving in winter weather:

• Avoid cruise control: Steering sensitivity can change on icy roads, leading to loss of vehicle control. It's important to stay attentive and in control, especially on bridges and overpasses.

• Slow down: Reduced speeds help you maintain better control of your vehicle in slippery conditions.

• Increase following distance: Give yourself extra space between your vehicle and the one ahead, allowing more time to react if you need to stop.

• Be cautious on bridges and overpasses: These areas freeze more quickly than regular roadways. Approach them with caution.

• Watch for black ice: This thin, nearly invisible layer of ice can form on roadways, especially in shaded areas. If you encounter black ice, remain calm, gently ease off the accelerator, and steer in the direction you want to go.

• Stay informed: Monitor local weather conditions and alerts. Plan your route and avoid unnecessary travel during severe weather. Monitor local news for information on weather conditions and travel advisories, and check road conditions at https://algotraffic.com.

ALEA is committed to public safety and encourages everyone to take these precautions seriously. By winterizing your vehicle and following safe driving practices, you can help prevent crashes and ensure your well-being this winter season.

Follow ALEA on social media @ALEAProtects for more information on vehicle safety and winter preparation tips.



LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-035

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.M.W., a minor child.

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Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.M.W., a minor child (born March 8, 2018), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioners
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HORACE COLLINS BROWN, * **CASE NO: PC2024-406**
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: SHERRI CHISM, SCOTT A. BROWN, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF HORACE COLLINS BROWN, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship filed by Martha Brown, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **22nd day of January, 2025 at 10:00 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 20th day of December, 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.

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
PO Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s)

PATSY BARBER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-252

Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT VANCE as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY BARBER, deceased, on the 12th day of December, 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.

Robert Vance
Personal Representative

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

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF

TRAVIS DEWAYNE POWE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-267

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Damion Ethan Kane Powe, as Administrator of the Estate of Travis Dewayne Powe, deceased, on the 19th day of December 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 forever barred.

Annette Irons-Parker
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Attorney for Administrator
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-037

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF CHARLOTTE SVENSON SWINDALL AND DANIEL SWINDOLL TO ADOPT C.M.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: CASEY BURTON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER and RUSSELL ALFRED AUSTIN CHAMBERS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* of C.M.C. a minor child (born on May 26, 2023, to Casey Burton) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Charlotte Svenson Swindoll and Daniel Swindoll, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF December, 2024.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioners
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-033

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.A.W., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.A.W., a minor child (born August 19, 2015), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of

GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO. PC2023-374

Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, DECEASED.

Verified Petition for Probate of Will filed by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, through Attorney David Lee Jones. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **27th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 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 3rd day of January, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

Petitioner's Attorney:
David Lee Jones (JON038)
Law Office of David Lee Jones, LLC
PO Box 940
Guntersville, AL 35976

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: **Monday, Jan 13 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: **Premier Bank of the South**
vs.
Christopher Boyd
18405 Hwy. 91
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Christopher Boyd, property, described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 – SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West. Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 – SE1/4 of Section 23, said point being a 5/8 " capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE 1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West along said northern right-of-way, a distance of 154.63 feet to the center line of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning: Thence continue South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of-way a distance of 541.97 feet; thence North 11 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 505.44 feet; thence North 87 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 222.71 feet to the centerline of a dirt road; thence along said centerline the following: South 14 degrees 07 minutes 59 second West a distance of 32.30 feet; thence South 19 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 34.41 feet; thence South 14 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 23.21 feet; thence South 02 degrees 51 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 25.65 feet; thence South 16 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 33.48 feet; thence South 28 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 30.14 feet; thence South 35 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 33.08 feet; thence South 25 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 30.06 feet; thence South 15 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 16.99 feet;

thence South 04 degrees 25 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 37.16 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 81.44 feet; thence South 18 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 33.18 feet; thence South 47 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 29.09 feet; thence South 76 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 23.09 feet ; thence North 81 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 26.95 feet; thence North 76 degrees 28 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 98.22 feet; thence North 70 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 42.95 feet; thence North 63 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 34.32 feet; thence North 61 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 59.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 31.59 feet; thence South 77 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 23.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

ALSO: A 20 feet wide access easement located in the SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West Cullman County, Alabama, being 10 feet on each side of the centerline more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northeast comer of said SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23. said point being a 5/8" capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of- way a distance of 154.63 feel to the centerline of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning:

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided by Plaintiff's attorney.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Christopher Boyd, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 10th day of December, 2024.

BY: Sheriff Matt Gentry

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Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

BY: Sheriff Matt Gentry

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness to Alabama Credit Union, secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Keith Sexton and wife, Linda Sexton, on December 18, 2017, said Mortgage being filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, on December 28, 2015, in Mortgage Book 1837, Page 722. Alabama Credit Union, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that Alabama Credit Union, under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, in Cullman, Alabama, on January 23, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real property, located in Cullman County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half of Lot #18 in Max Buettner's Subdivision of Block Number 6 in South Park Addition of Cullman, Alabama, as shown and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Plat Book Number 1, Page Number 60, Cullman County, Alabama. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. Title to the above described property shall be conveyed by Mortgage Foreclosure Deed, subject to any ad valorem taxes due, rights of way, restrictions, easements, matters of survey, and existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale is to be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, all in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage as heretofore set out.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Alabama Credit Union, Mortgagee
By: Mark C. Nelson, Attorney for Mortgagee
2216 14th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 349-3449

LEGALS

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

201 2nd Avenue NE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

256.775.7203
www.CullmanAl.gov

City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 1718 Meadowbrook Drive SE – variance request for garage

For further information, contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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Obituary Announcements: Jan. 4-6

Mark Lovelady, 72
Graveside Service for Charles Mark Lovelady, age 72 of Cullman, will be Wednesday Jan. 8 at 3 p.m. at Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel with Jack Holbrook, officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lovelady passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, at his residence. He was born, Nov. 25, 1952, John Lovelady and Addie Gorham Lovelady Evans. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his sisters, Lydia (Darrel) Haynes and Lynne (Philip) Hardee; brother, John David (Linda) Lovelady; nephews, Ben (Whitney) Haynes and Bart Haynes; nieces, Garrett (Edward) O'Neal and Caroleene (Bobby) Dobson; great nieces and nephews, Jack, Lola, Charlie, Caroline, Pruett and Rueben Haynes and Philippa and Lydia Dobson; a host of family and friends.

Bobby Joe Patterson, 85
Bobby Joe Patterson, age 85, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Thursday, Jan. 2, 2025. Bobby is survived by his daughter Sondra D. Borella; his sons Samuel Dewayne Patterson and Billy Stuba; 12 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Bobby is preceded in death by sisters, Ellie Eidson, Elsie Belle Leonard, Bertha Patterson, Alice Eddy, Faye Parr, Ruby Patterson, and Clarissa Weigart; brothers, Otis Patterson, Windford Patterson, Albert Patterson, Charlie Patterson, and Leonard Patterson. Bobby is also preceded in death by his parents Charlie and Emma Patterson. A visitation for Bobby was held Monday, Jan. 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 11 a.m. Bobby was laid to rest in Dripping Springs Cemetery, 860 County Road 1107, 860 County Road 1107, Vinemont, Alabama 35179. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Maureen Elizabeth Rhodes, 100
Maureen Elizabeth Rhodes, 100, of Cullman, passed away on Jan. 2, 2025. Visitation will be on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will begin at 2 p.m., in the chapel with Mike Tidwell officiating. She will be laid to rest at Bethsadia Cemetery. Maureen is survived by her sister Kitty McNally, brother Shawn Slade, daughter in law LouAnn Rhodes, and a host of nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Charles and Elizabeth Slade, her husband Euel Rhodes, son James "Jimmy" Rhodes, brother Charlie Slade, sisters, Doris Cretton, Shelia Bircher, and Pat Knox. Maureen was born on Nov. 23, 1924, in Armagh, Northern Ireland on a Naval base to Charles and Elizabeth Slade. She was raised in Gloucester, England as the eldest of seven children. Maureen met Euel Quentin Rhodes while he was serving in the Army during World War II, and they were married on September 29, 1943. They had their first and only child, James Nell Rhodes(Jimmy) on June 15, 1944 in Gloucester England. While Euel remained in England, Maureen and Jimmy traveled to America to live in Logan, Alabama until Euel was honorably discharged from the army in August 1945. Maureen lived in Florida(where Maureen received her American Citizenship), California, Oregon, and made their final home in Cullman, Alabama. Maureen held many jobs including farmer and homemaker, but would tell you that her favorite was being a childcare giver to some of her great nieces and nephew. Maureen will forever be missed, especially for her positive outlook on life and her beautiful smile that she shared with her family and friends for over 100 years. Pallbearers will be Jeff Seal, Jody Maddox, Noah Eisner, Nathan Calvert, Riley Eisner, and Drew Maddox.

Edna Taylor Schmale, 79
Edna Taylor Schmale, beloved mother, grandmother and aunt, of Cullman passed away at the age of 79 on Jan. 1, 2025, at Brookwood Baptist Medical Center after a long but unexpected illness. Edna was a 1963 graduate of Cullman High School. After working at Cullman Products for many years, she was primarily a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Edna always had an impeccable sense of style. She was never boastful, always kind, and had the most beautiful blue eyes. Her kindness always extended to those around her as she always put others before herself. Her love for her children and granddaughter was unconditional and selfless. She is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, Billie Joe (B.J.) Schmale; parents, Henry Jackson and Vesta Overton Taylor; and sister, Doris Battles. Survivors include son, Brett Schmale of Cullman; daughter, Lea (Josh) Hall of Bloomington, Indiana; granddaughter, Emma Taylor Hall; nephews Gordon Battles of Cullman and Miles Stutts of Florence; and many cousins and friends. A visitation with family and friends will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 10, from 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. followed by a private graveside service at Cullman City Cemetery, officiated by Miles Stutts. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. Obituary lovingly written by family. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Lesia Renea Young, 59
Lesia Renea, age 59, of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Arrangements have not been completed at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Lesia was born on July 20, 1965, to James and Billie Barnett. She is preceded in death by her parents; her infant son. She is survived by her son, one son, Herbert Tingle; one daughter, Maria Sudduth (Alex); one brother, Donual Barnett (Connie); four grandchildren, Summar Sudduth, Khloe Sudduth, Tristan Sudduth, and Madelyn Sudduth; first cousin, Diane Ergle Lolley; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and family and friends. Family remembers Lesia as a good Christian woman who loved her kids and grandkids. She loved to collect cross and angel figurines. She will be very missed. In lieu of flowers, family is humbly asking loved ones and friends to help with funeral expenses. Donations can be made by calling Cullman Funeral Home directly at 256-734-3144. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sandra Kay Natt, 53
Funeral services for Sandra Kay Natt, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Clay Tankersley will be officiating services. Visitation for the public will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Hanceville Funeral Home. The burial will take place at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, with the committal service beginning at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 13th. Heaven gained a beautiful angel when Sandra Natt, a devoted wife, loving mother, and cherished Nana, passed away after an inspiring 5 1/2-year battle with stage 4 ovarian cancer on Jan. 5, 2025. She was born on Feb. 22, 1971. Her strength, kindness, and sweetness touched everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. Sandra was the beloved wife of over 33 years to her husband Leo, who adored her endlessly. Together, they built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. Sandra was a devoted mother who guided her family with wisdom and warmth, and as a Nana, she showered her grandchildren with unconditional love and joy. Sandra's strength and resilience in the face of her illness were a testament to her tough yet compassionate spirit. She approached life with grace and courage, inspiring those around her to find strength in their own challenges. Her absence leaves a hole in the hearts of those who loved her, but her memory will live on in the stories shared, the lessons she taught, and the love she gave. Sandra will be deeply missed and never forgotten. Survivors include her husband, Leo Natt Jr; children, Zachary (Jennifer) Natt, Kyle (Kayla) Natt, Kaylee (Milli Bennett) Natt and Augustine Benitez; grandchildren, Nero Natt, Xander Natt, Zayden Natt, Jama Benitez, Silas Benitez and Lucas Benitez; granddaughter on the way, Aurora Kay; mother, Debra Yonts; sisters, Janice (John Riley) Tulock, Pamela Williford and Sara Jones; brother, Ronnie Goodwin Jr.; a host of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; sister-in-law, Linda Wildedoor; brother-in-law, Dale (Patty Evans) Natt; and mother and father-in-law, Leo Sr. and Karen Natt Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Natt Family.

Gerald Franklin Bailey, 92
Gerald F. Bailey, longtime resident of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2025. Gerald was born in Winston County, Alabama, on Dec. 29, 1932, to Tom and Eunice Bailey. He was one of four children, the only boy among three sisters, and grew up in Walker County, Alabama, graduating from Walker County High School. Gerald proudly served his country during the Korean War. After his military service, he attended Auburn University on the GI Bill. On June 30, 1956, he married the love of his life, Loretta Jones Bailey. They were married for 63 years until Loretta's passing in 2019. They had two children, Greg and Cheryl. Gerald's life was consistently one of service and leadership. As an active member of First United Methodist Church in Cullman, Gerald served as an usher and was active in his Sunday school class. He was instrumental in fundraising that led to the expansion of the church property, buildings and ministry. Gerald began his career in the poultry industry in 1964, starting with the Pillsbury Company's poultry operation, which was acquired by Gold Kist in 1971. Gerald continued working for Gold Kist as Field Operations Manager until his retirement in 2002. Gerald has a long and distinguished history supporting and championing the poultry industry in the state of Alabama. He served as President of the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association from 1978 – 1979 and served on the Board of Directors of that association until his retirement. In 1986, Gerald was inducted into the Alabama Poultry and Egg Association Hall of Fame. Gerald served as the Chairman of Auburn University's Research Council and was a member of Auburn University President's Advisory Committee. Gerald worked to secure funding for Auburn's poultry research farm and led the coalition to build the university's new state-of-the-art Poultry Science Building, which opened in 2005. In addition, Gerald was inducted into the Alabama Agriculture Hall of Honor in 2005. Gerald and Loretta loved Auburn University, and they loved their Auburn Tigers. As season ticket holders, they attended all of Auburn's home football games, as well as many away and bowl games, for decades. Gerald will be remembered for his integrity, strong work ethic and dedication to his family. He lived his life with true Christian values: compassion, kindness, generosity of spirit and love for God and people. He will be greatly missed and forever cherished. Gerald was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta Jones Bailey; his parents, Tom and Eunice Bailey; his sisters, Emily Hudson and Nelda Hendon; his nephew, Barry Hudson; and his brothers-in-law, LaNue Jones, Thomas Jones and Larry Williams. Gerald is survived by his children, Greg (Melissa) Bailey and Cheryl Dilworth; grandsons, Ryan Bailey, Kevin Bailey and Nicholas Dilworth; sister, Betty Law; sisters-in-law Glenda Williams, Sue Jones and Jeanette Jones; and several nieces and nephews whom he loved dearly. Visitation and funeral service will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home, Cullman, Alabama, on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2025. Visitation starts at 10 a.m. and the funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Walker Memory Gardens Cemetery in Jasper, Alabama. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in memory of Gerald to the Alabama Poultry Foundation Auburn University Poultry Science Scholarship c/o APEA P.O. Box 240, Montgomery, AL 36101. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Edward John Graveman, 99
Edward John Graveman, age 99, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025. Edward was born in Birmingham, Alabama on July 25, 1925, to John H. Graveman Sr. and Margaret Veigl Graveman. He is preceded in death by his wife: Lucille Graveman, his parents, sisters: Josephine Schaefers, Katherine Handley, brothers: Emil Graveman, Johnny Graveman Jr., and Tony Graveman. He is survived by: sons: Timothy Edward Graveman, Maurice Jerome (Lynn) Graveman, grandchildren: Tyler Pope, Kasandra Millard, Kaylin Fowler, Alex Millard, Stephanie Graveman and Jacob Graveman and six great grandchildren. Visitation will be on Tuesday Jan. 7, 2025 beginning at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday Jan. 8, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Patrick Egan OSB officiating. Interment will follow services in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Please share memories and condolences with the family at www.mossservicefh.com.

Leland Sandlin, 92
Leland Sandlin, age 92, of Trussville, Alabama passed away on Friday, Jan. 3, 2025. He was born in Bremen, Alabama, on May 5, 1932, to Blan and Pearl Sandlin. He passed away on Jan. 3, 2025, with family by his side. His funeral services will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, at 11 a.m. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Leland served in the Army, and was also in the Korean War. He worked for over 40 years at Stockham Valve and Fitting before retiring. He married the love of his life, Barbara Parker Sandlin. They were married for 67 years. They were both former members of St. John's United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Parker Sandlin; daughter, Belinda Sandlin Garner (Rodger); siblings, Marilyn S. Wiggins, and Bennie Sandlin; grandchildren, Craig Garner, Jason Garner (Faithe), and Heather Garner; Great Grandchildren, Henry Garner, William Garner, and Jake Garner. He was preceded in death by his father, Blan Sandlin; mother, Pearl Huffman Sandlin; and his sister, Ellen S. McDowell. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Den of Iniquity' by J. A. Jance

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Contributor

"Den of Iniquity" is J.A. Jance's 26th novel in the J.P. Beaumont series. I have read all the books in this series and enjoyed them all. One might think that after 26 novels, Jance would run out of plots involving an aging detective. But Jance delivers another gripping novel. Even though there are 25 previous books in the series, "Den of Iniquity" can be read as a stand-alone novel. Jance has excellent character development and maintains a suspenseful storyline.

J.P. Beaumont (known by most as Beau) is a former Seattle Police Department homicide detective. After retirement, Beau joins the Special Homicide Investigative Team, which has an unfortunate acronym. He spends several years working with this team solving difficult cases. After the team is disbanded he works for The Last Chance which is similar to The Innocence Project. Now, after several years of retirement, he is working as a private investigator.

"Den of Iniquity" is about two cases that involve a teddy bear and covert collection of DNA. One case involves an old case of Beau's. Ben Weston was 5 years old when his family was killed during a home invasion.

When Beau arrives at the scene, he gives Ben a teddy bear he had in his trunk as part of a program to provide teddy bears to children in crisis. Years later, Ben is a homicide detective in his own right.

Ben's former Sunday school teacher is convinced her grandson Darius did not die of an overdose but was murdered. Ben feels the case needs further investigation but he cannot investigate because police officers cannot investigate once a case is closed. He seeks out Beau. Beau agrees to help Ben with this closed case. After a little investigation it looks like a serial killer might be involved.

The second case involves Beau's teenage grandson, Kyle. After a nine-hour drive, Kyle shows up at the home of Beau and his wife, Mel. Kyle needs help sorting out his parents' marital problems. His mother, Beau's daughter, has moved out of the family home and taken their daughter with her.

She left Kyle with his father and his pregnant girlfriend. Kyle is miserable and lonely. Kyle has concerns about his father's girlfriend's character. He is very uncomfortable living in the situation. But his mother will not let him move in with her. As a last resort, Kyle heads to a safe haven: his grandfather's house.

After discussing his home life, Beau encourages Kyle to have a friend go through the garbage at Kyle's father's house to find DNA evidence from the girlfriend.

After getting her DNA results, they realize she is not who she says she is. After much discussion, Beau and Kyle come up with a plan to learn more about her.

"Den of Iniquity" is full of suspense and danger. During some parts of the novel, I could not read fast enough to find out what would happen next. Obviously, I am a big fan of J.A. Jance's work. I highly recommend every novel she has written. Her first novel, "Until Proven Guilty," was published in 1985. She has had a long career and does not seem to be slowing down.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

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