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Susan Eller discusses new developments, challenges in Cullman business scene

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman is experiencing a surge in business growth, and Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) Retail & Workforce Development Manager Susan Eller shared updates on the city's business landscape, highlighting new projects, closures and challenges facing local businesses.

There are several projects either underway or about to break ground, including:

- Redstone Federal Credit Union on U.S. Highway 31 North, which will include additional leasable space
- Outback Steakhouse in the Cullman Shopping Center
- Academy Sports + Outdoors along King Edward Street
- Dunkin' Donuts near KFC in south Cullman
- 7 Brew in the Lowe's parking lot
- Wing Stop near Walmart on Cherokee Avenue
- City Play Indoor Play Area, now in its second phase, with plans for a third phase
- Honey Baked Ham, expected in 2026
- Quick Trip Truck Stop, Jubilee Coffee &

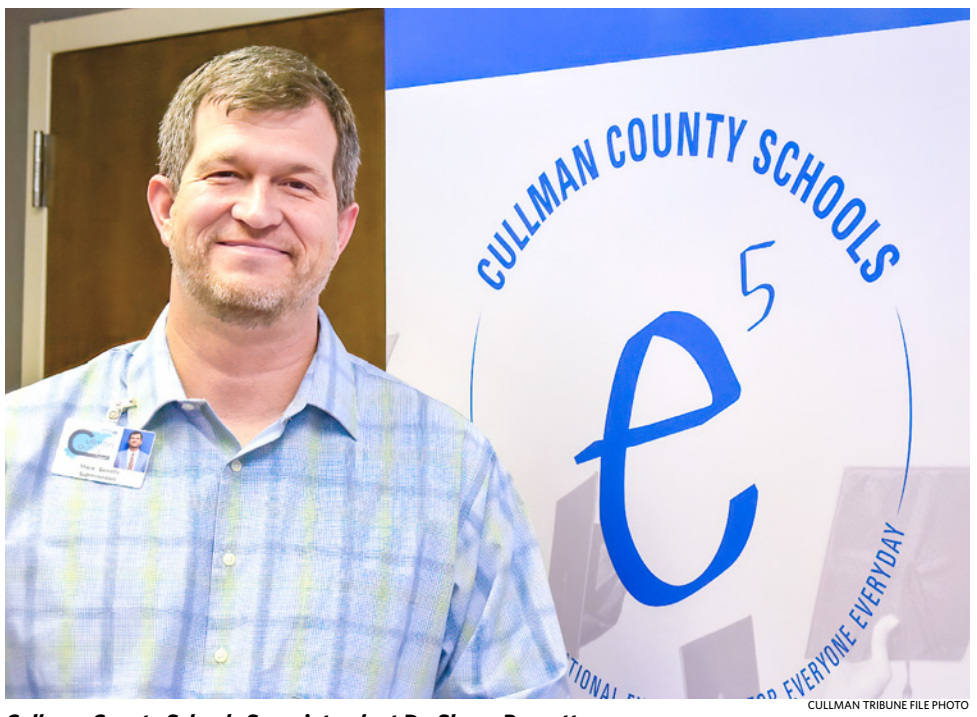
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CULLMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Barnette: Weather-related decisions prioritize safety of students, faculty, staff



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As the winter season brings the potential for severe weather to Cullman County, school leaders are taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff. Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette recently shared insights into how weather-related decisions are made and the importance of prioritizing safety in the face of cold temperatures and hazardous conditions.

When severe weather leads to school closures or the shift to virtual learning, Barnette emphasized, decisions are always made in the best interests of everyone involved.

"We can always make up an instructional day," he said. "Even though cancellations cause inconveniences for guardians, we will always make decisions that are in the best interests of keeping our students, faculty and staff as safe as possible."

Earlier this week, looking ahead to a mixture of snow and ice in the forecast, Barnette discussed the preparations underway to ensure safe travel to and from school. While he acknowledged the excellent work done by the county road department, he also highlighted the limitations in resources for clearing roads during extreme conditions.

"We do not have the equipment or resources readily available to clear roads and guarantee safety in such conditions," he said. "The best thing that we can do is get the best information possible to make the decision to go or cancel."

In cases where roads appear unsafe, Barnette was clear, the safety of drivers and students is the top priority.

"If there are roads that appear to be unsafe, we will not put our drivers or students in unsafe situations," he added.

In situations similar to last year, where snow and ice caused significant disruptions, Barnette explained the steps involved in canceling or delaying school.

"Typically, myself and our transportation director monitor the incoming weather for days leading up to a potential bad weather event," he said. "This preparation involves constant communication with the local emergency management agency (EMA), road department and the sheriff's office to gather critical information about road conditions and po-

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Local woman promotes Little Free Libraries



STEPHANIE SPROUSE

This Little Free Library is located at Shorty Ryan Park in Eva, Alabama.

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State Public Fishing Lakes update for 2025



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 9

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 8, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 6

- domestic violence; CR 762
- theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 703

Jan. 7

- domestic violence; CR 1714
- public intoxication; CR 1319
- harassing communications; Hwy. 69N

Jan. 8

- domestic violence; Countryside Acres Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1338

ARRESTS

Jan. 6-8

Baker, Chelce L.; 31
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Booker, Charles R.; 59
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft-miscellaneous

Cantellano Jr., Israel; 26
- harassing communications

Cook, Michael S.; 48
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Criscoe, James M.; 37
- theft-miscellaneous
- unlawful distribution of controlled substances
- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- attempting to elude a police officer
- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- certain person forbidden possession of a pistol

Ford, David L.; 46
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Graham, Philip R.; 38
- PROBATION VIOLATION – forgery-counterfeiting

Griffin, Dustin R.; 41
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Holmes, William T.; 48
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Hunter, Jonathan P.; 46
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – ignition interlock misdemeanor (2 counts)
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident – death or personal injury
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled (2 counts)
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – open container – alcohol in a vehicle

Hyde, Logan B.; 24
- contempt of/interrupting court proceeding

Johnson, Donald D.; 70
- GJ – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle
- GJ – theft-theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Love, Jennifer K.; 53
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Matanane, Robert A.; 41
- sexual abuse-2nd degree - more than 15 years older than the victim

McKLeroy, Justin W.; 36
- drug trafficking

Oliver, Michael A.; 47
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Ramirez, Abraham L.; 48
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance

Sims, Jasmine R.; 23
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Speegle, Marty H.; 27
- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm

Spitzer Jr., John R.; 47
- sex offense – sexual misconduct

Stockman, Chasady L.; 20
- assault-aggravated assault family-knife

Walker, Laklee S.; 31
- public intoxication

Westbrook, Leah D.; 33
- theft-miscellaneous, less than $500
- forgery-counterfeiting (2 counts)
- theft-miscellaneous

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Jan. 8

Richards, James H.; 38
- GJ – burglary-3rd degree
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – driving while suspended

Cruz, Oscar G.; 43
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dr. Harris: Improve your health by becoming more physically active in 2025

Dr. Scott Harris
ADPH

As 2025 begins and many Alabamians resolve to lead a healthier life, a new "For Every Body" campaign of the Alabama Wellness Alliance is a resource which encourages healthy lifestyle behaviors and access to resources for all Alabamians, regardless of age, race, size, or ability level. Realizing that everyone can take small steps towards better health, the campaign encourages participation in healthy lifestyle behaviors that include being physically active in ways you enjoy.

Physical activity improves health by increasing energy, relieving stress, building strength, and reducing the risk of heart disease, cancer and other chronic conditions. You are encouraged to utilize the "For Every Body" campaign materials which provide information and graphics in both English and Spanish.

Before beginning a program to increase physical activity, check with your healthcare provider if you are not accustomed to being active.

Some practical suggestions for increasing your physical activity include:

- Find where physical activity fits into your daily routine and make time for it.
- Take small steps towards increasing activity.
- Start slowly. Change one habit at a time.
- Get up and move every hour.
- Find a partner and work with your partner to motivate and cheer each other on.
- Find an activity that you want to do, not have to do. Choose an activity that's fun!

Experts recommend that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity physical activity per week. This time can be broken up into smaller amounts.

Walking more is an easily accessible way for many people to add physical activity to their day.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the following tips to increase walking.

- Instead of sitting and waiting while your child is at sports practice, walk around the field.
- Walk your dog a little farther than you normally do.
- Find a convenient path near your home or work. Set specific times to walk there and walk to routine destinations.
- Host a virtual walking meeting. Walk and talk over work problems with your co-workers for the first 20 minutes.
- Make a walking date with a friend or family member. Skip the flavored coffee and do a loop around a park or the neighborhood instead.
- Take a walking lunch break. Keep walking shoes and socks in your car or filing cabinet.
- If you normally walk outside but the weather is bad, head to the local mall for a climate-controlled walk.
- Stop circling parking lots looking for a close spot. Park further away and walk briskly to your destination. You could get a few more minutes of physical activity by walking around the entire parking lot before going inside.
- At airports, walk to your concourse instead of taking a shuttle or tram.

While January is typically the coldest month of the year in Alabama, it is still a good time to increase your physical activity levels. If going outdoors, the chilly air and lower humidity can be invigorating, but be sure to dress properly by wearing layers.

Regardless of the season, any amount of physical activity is good for your health because it can help improve sleep and reduce anxiety by releasing endorphins which promote feelings of happiness and well-being.

The CDC lists additional benefits of regular physical activity as helping with balance, type 2 diabetes, many kinds of cancer, bone and muscle strength, lowering blood pressure and keeping your mind sharp. So get moving! More information is available at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/npa/physical-activity.html.



ADPH

Alabama Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris

CPD (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department started hosting Coffee with a Cop events over a decade ago — a way to bridge the gap between law enforcement officers and residents with conversation and community.

The department will host its next event on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene.

CPD Community Relations Officer Adam Clark said Coffee with a Cop is a community-building initiative aimed at fostering positive interactions between law enforcement officers and the people they serve.

"It was originally launched in Hawthorne, California, in 2011, and has since expanded nationwide across all 50 states and internationally," Clark said. "The program's goal is to create an opportunity for informal, open conversations. It helps to build relationships that may not occur during routine policing, especially in crisis situations. The concept is simple: there's no agenda — just coffee and conversation."

Clark said this allows officers and residents to connect in a relaxed environment where they can discuss local issues, share concerns and get to know one another on a personal level.

"The absence of formal topics encourages an open and welcoming atmosphere," he said.

"Our first Coffee with a Cop was approximately 11 years ago at the Main Avenue Jack's location.

"Since then, we have had them at several restaurants and coffee shops, but our most successful one was at Cullman Cosmetic and Family Dentistry. It seemed as if the whole neighborhood attended."

Pastor Joe McNulty from Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene invited Clark and Police Chief Joey Duncan to speak at the event.

"While the official start time for Coffee with a Cop is at 4:30 p.m., we will have the opportunity to address the congregation about upcoming events and the future of the Cullman Police Department," Clark said.

"This is a great opportunity to engage with community members, answer questions and highlight the department's vision for the future, all while enjoying a casual cup of coffee together."

Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene is located at 321 Third St. SE in Cullman.

For more information about the event, contact the Cullman Police Department.



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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: NOLAN A SCHOENEBECK, A Minor Child. * CASE NO. JU-2020-000430.06

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

MARILYN SAUCEDO, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Steven and Rita Schoenebeck and/or other relief by February 3, 2025, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against her in regard to case number JU-2020-000430.06, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

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CULLMAN COUNTY

Done this the 23rd day of December, 2024.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

JERRY L. KILGO
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413 FIRST AVENUE SW
CULLMAN, AL. 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANDREA PONDER, Deceased. Case Number: PC2024-417

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Andrea Ponder, Deceased

Letters Of Administration, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Erin Heaton
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Decisions (from Front)

tential hazards."

In making the final decision, he said, "If the safety of our adults or students is in doubt, we will cancel and not take the risk."

While Barnette acknowledges that weather-related decisions may inconvenience some, he reminded the public of the priority placed on safety.

"A school day can be made up, but our kiddos cannot be replaced," he said. "We will always lean toward keeping our students, faculty and staff as safe as possible."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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
• 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.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m. with Sonlife Quartet from Chattanooga. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1862 or 256-590-1501.

Southern Miss Wonderland Pageant
Sunday, Jan. 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Benefits the Vinemont High School color guard; 25% of registration fees will go to the team. Register at https://tinyurl.com/vinemont.

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.

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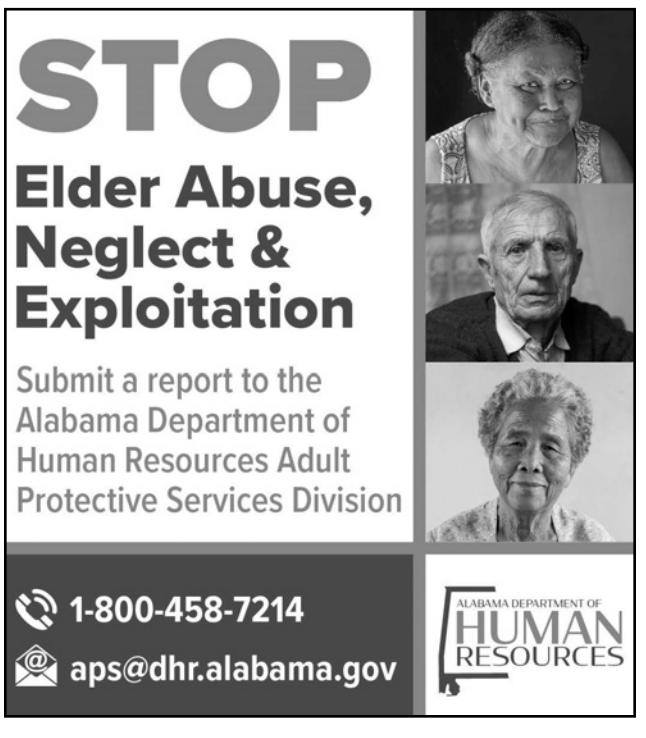
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JANUARY 11, 2025

No. 5 Alabama Rolls Past South Carolina, 88-68

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The No. 5/5 Alabama men's basketball team picked up its first road win in Southeastern Conference play, defeating South Carolina, 88-68, Wednesday night at Colonial Life Arena. It was the Crimson Tide's seventh consecutive win overall, and fourth straight by 20 or more points.

Alabama (13-2, 2-0 SEC) had three players score double figures led by Mark Sears who finished with game highs of 22 points and six assists. Aden Holloway added 13 points and three assists while Clifford Omoruyi finished with 10 points and five boards in the victory.

The Gamecocks (10-5, 0-2) were led by Jacobi Wright with 16 points in addition to three rebounds and one assist.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"First road game for us in the SEC and I thought our guys answered the bell pretty well. We came out of the gate good and Mark (Sears) was really good early and looked like a player of the year candidate. I thought our defense was significantly better for the whole 40 minutes than it had been.

"I didn't like the start of our start in the second half and we have been having bad starts in the second half, especially when we have a big leads so we made a little bit of a change and I thought the intensity picked up and we were able to keep the lead.

"I thought Mouhamed Dioubate's defense against Collin Murray-Boyles was one of the big points of the game and I was happy with his effort. A lot of good efforts from a lot of people so this was a good road win for us."

Team stats

- Alabama's 20-point win is the fourth largest road win against an SEC opponent under head coach Nate Oats
- Mark Sears became the second player in program history with 1,500 points, 200 three-pointers and 300 assists in their Alabama careers, joining Brian Williams
- Sears recorded his 59th game of his career scoring 20-points or more, ending the game with 22 points
- The Crimson Tide's bench outscored South Carolina's reserves 39-4 on the night led by Aden Holloway's 13 points, while Derrion Reid added nine and both Aiden Sherrell and Mouhamed Dioubate finished with seven
- For the sixth straight game, the Crimson Tide grabbed double-digit offensive rebounds with 11 against the Gamecocks
- Nine players grabbed multiple rebounds for Alabama led by Grant Nelson's seven rebounds, to help give the Tide a 36-33 edge on the glass
- The Tide shot 55 percent (35-64) from the floor, finishing with 21 assists on 35 made baskets, 42 percent (8-19) from beyond the arc and 50 percent (10-20) from the foul line

First half

- Alabama went on an 8-0 run for a span of just over two minutes to take a 13-9 lead early in the contest
- Alabama held the Gamecocks scoreless for just over four minutes midway through the opening stanza, helping lead to a 6-0 run to take the 22-14 lead
- Sears scored or assisted on 17 of Alabama's first 25 points of the game
- The Crimson Tide recorded 13 assists off 18 field goal makes
- Alabama went into the break with a 45-28 lead

Second half

- Aden Holloway got hot in the second half, scoring seven points within the first five minutes of the half
- Alabama's bench made an immediate impact, scoring 12 of the Tide's first 18 points in the half
- It all helped the Tide take commend of the game, building a lead to as much as 21 points (79-58) late in the contest
- The Tide's bench finished the half with 29 points and outscored South Carolina's reserves 29-4 over the final 20 minutes
- Holloway led all scorers in the second half with 11 points



UA ATHLETICS

The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated South Carolina on the road 88-68 Wednesday night.

Up Next

- Alabama will wrap up its first SEC road trip of the season on Saturday, Jan. 11 at No. 10 Texas A&M
- Tipoff is set for 7 p.m. and will be televised on ESPN

Pearl sets program wins record, No. 2 Auburn defeats Texas

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUSTIN, Texas — During his introductory press conference, Bruce Pearl outlined his objective at Auburn.

"I want to build my legacy here," Pearl said on his 54th birthday on March 18, 2014. "I'd like to try to be the winningest coach in the history of Auburn basketball."

Mission accomplished.

Fewer than 11 years later, Pearl earned win No. 214 Tuesday when No. 2 Auburn defeated Texas 87-82 at Moody Center to pass Joel Eaves (1949-63) for the most wins in program history.

"If I said that's what I wanted to do, I meant it," Pearl said. "I want to reward Auburn for giving me the opportunity. I go to work every day trying to reward Auburn for giving me the chance to be their basketball coach and be a part of this Auburn family. I mean it from the bottom of my heart.

"Joel Eaves, Sonny Smith, Coach Ellis. Bruce Pearl. I'll roll with that crowd all day every day. The kids were excited about it.

"I have confidence in them and over a period of time, their confidence builds in us. I don't think we panicked late. We've got a lot to learn from. The kids were happy for me."

Johni Broome registered his 10th double-double of the season, leading Auburn with 20 points, 12 rebounds, five assists, three blocked shots and two steals.

Miles Kelly scored 18 points, Chad Baker-Mazara scored 16, and Denver Jones and Tahaad Pettiford each added 10 points.

"It was a gritty win," said Kelly, who was 4-for-6 on 3-pointers. "We made it interesting at the end. It's all about maturity. We have 10 seniors so we have some guys who have been through some adversity."

Leading by 12 points at the half, Auburn quickly pushed its advantage to 18 on Baker-Mazara's 3-pointer, extending the lead to 21 on Jahki Howard's offensive rebound and jumper with 12:57 to play.

The Longhorns rallied over the next five minutes, trimming the Tigers' lead to single digits before Baker-Mazara's layup and Kelly's second-chance 3-pointer put Auburn ahead 69-55 with 6:53 remaining.

Baker-Mazara hit a pair of free throws to put Auburn ahead by 17 points with 4:44 to play before the Longhorns furiously rallied, pulling within five points on Arthur Kaluma's 3-pointer with 50 seconds remaining. Kaluma led all scorers with 34 points.

Baker-Mazara scored all 16 of his points in the second half and made his first seven free throws to extend his program record to 51 consecutive makes before missing his final attempt with 1:59 to play.

The Longhorns twice got within three points in the final minute but Jones and Pettiford each hit a pair of free throws to secure the victory for Auburn.

"It got to be a one-possession game. It's a 40-minute game. Texas didn't go anywhere," Pearl said. "We had to make some plays. Chad Baker made some big plays down the stretch offensively."

Kelly made 3 of 3 3-pointers and scored 13 first-half points to help the Tigers take a 39-27 halftime lead.

Auburn took advantage of four early Longhorn turnovers and used a 9-0 run to take a nine-point lead. Pettiford's 3-pointer extended Auburn's lead to 10 points.

Broome's dunk on an assist from Kelly in the closing seconds of the half helped Auburn match its biggest lead of 12 points.

With top-ranked Tennessee falling at Florida Tuesday, Auburn (14-1, 2-0) has a path to the No. 1 ranking if the Tigers can earn another SEC road win Saturday at South Carolina at noon CT.

"Look around the league," Pearl said. "It's tough to win on the road. I'm ready to go on to South Carolina. Let's go."

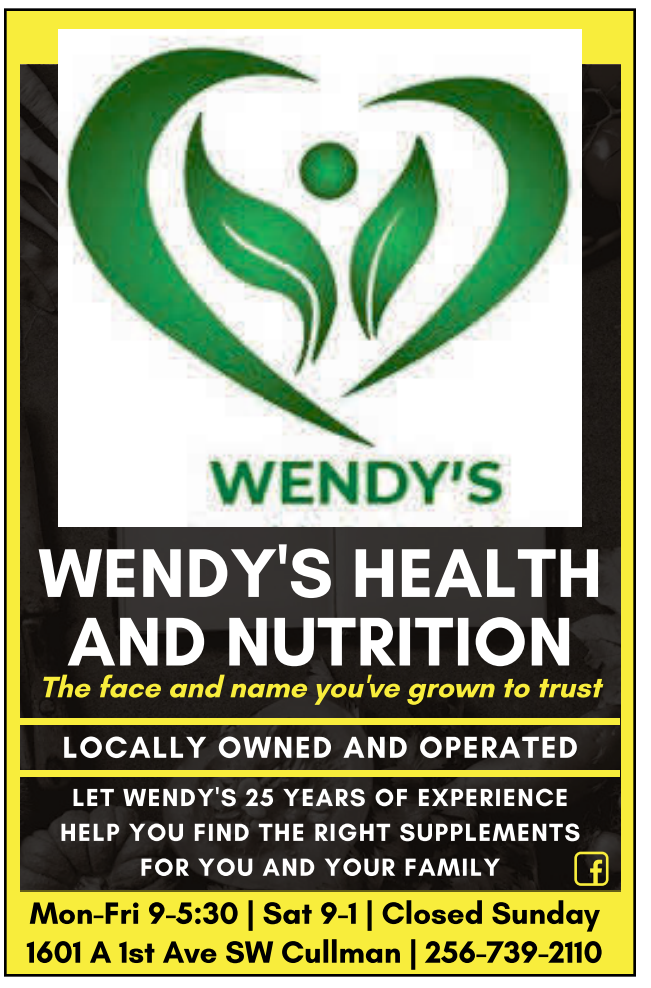
Postgame notes

- Auburn leads Texas 2-1 all-time after the Tigers won the first meeting between the two teams as SEC foes and the first game at Texas in series history on Tuesday night.
- The win is Bruce Pearl's 214th victory in his 11 seasons as Auburn head coach, passing Joel Eaves, who won 213 games leading the Tigers for 14 seasons from 1949-50 through 1962-63, for the most wins in program history.
- Pearl is 3-1 against Texas in his head coaching career with the three previous meetings coming while he was at Tennessee. Tuesday night's game was the first meeting between Pearl and third-year Longhorn head coach Rodney Terry.
- Auburn has opened the season 14-1 or better for the eighth time in program history and the fourth time over the last eight seasons.
- Auburn has started SEC play 2-0 for the 26th time in program history and the fifth time in the last eight seasons, including 10-0 in 2022, 5-0 in 2024, 4-0 in 2018 and 3-0 in 2020.
- Auburn improved to 2-0 in the state of Texas this season after the Tigers defeated No. 4 Houston 74-69 in the Toyota Center in Houston on Nov. 9.
- Auburn has won seven straight games for the second time this season after the Tigers won their first seven games of the season.
- The win is Auburn's seventh win away from home this season and the Tigers' first true road win of the year.
- Auburn went 21-of-25 from the foul line, including 20-of-24 in the second half. The Tigers' 21 made free throws tied a season high from the Georgia State and Monmouth games.
- Auburn blocked 10 shots, which is the second-most blocked shots for the Tigers this season, only behind the 13 blocks they had against Ohio State.
- Johni Broome led five players in double figures for Auburn with his 70th career double-double, scoring 20 points and grabbing 12 rebounds to go with five assists, three blocks and two steals. It is Broome's 10th 20-point game of the season, including both SEC games, and his fourth game of at least 20 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.
- Miles Kelly scored 18 points on 4-of-6 shooting from long range, including 13 points on 3-of-3 shooting from deep in the first half. He added three rebounds and one assist in the win. It is Kelly's fourth game with at least four 3-pointers and his seventh game in double figures this season.
- Chad Baker-Mazara scored all 16 of his points in the second half. Baker-Mazara finished 4-of-6 from the floor, 1-of-2 from 3-point range and 7-of-8 from the foul line. His school record streak of consecutive free throws ended at 51.
- Denver Jones and Tahaad Pettiford each scored 10 points on the night. It is Jones' 12th game in double figures this season, including six of the last seven games. He has scored 10 points in the first two SEC games and has 11 assists and three turnovers in the first two league games after recording four assists and only one turnover at Texas. He also had two rebounds and two blocks against the Longhorns.
- Pettiford also scored 10 points for the second straight SEC game after he went 3-of-7 from the floor, including 1-of-2 from long range, and 3-of-3 from the foul line, and he added three rebounds and a steal at Texas. The freshman has scored in double figures in eight of his first 15 career games, including all five games against ranked opponents and both SEC games.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Head Coach Bruce Pearl became the all-time winningest coach in program history with the Tigers' 87-82 win at Texas Tuesday night.



State Public Fishing Lakes update for 2025

Ala. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Most of Alabama's 23 State-owned Public Fishing Lakes return to regular operational hours on Saturday, Feb.1, 2025. Located throughout the state, these lakes are noted for their quality fishing for bream, largemouth bass, channel catfish and crappie (in most lakes). Because these smaller lakes warm more quickly than larger bodies of water, early spring fishing can be excellent.

"Many state lakes have been renovated in recent years and some lakes are closed for repairs and restocking," said Jonathan Brown, State Lakes Supervisor for the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "Improvements will continue throughout our public fishing lake system in 2025. We encourage all Alabamians to visit one of these lakes this year and share that experience with family and friends."

Changes coming to ADCNR's State Public Fishing Lakes for 2025 include an operational change during the summer months and a price change for daily fishing permits and boat rentals.

To allow the lake managers more time to perform grounds maintenance and restock concessions, ADCNR has approved an additional closed day for the lakes from July 1 through Oct. 31. All State Public Fishing Lakes will remain open Thursday through Sunday each week. The extra closed day is at the discretion of the lake manager but will take place between Monday and Wednesday. Anglers should call their district fisheries office or the individual lakes for the operational schedule when planning their fishing trip.

Also new for 2025, the price of fishing permits for the lakes will increase from $3 to $5, and the price of boat rentals will increase from $5 to $10. There is no longer a fee for launching angler-owned fishing boats. Fishing licenses and permits are available from license agents located throughout the state, online at www.outdooralabama.com, through the Outdoor AL mobile app, at local county probate offices or by phone at 888-848-6887. Processing and convenience fees may apply.

Barbour, Coffee, Crenshaw, Escambia, Marion and Washington county lakes are currently closed for renovations. Bibb County Lake is expected to reopen sometime during the spring of 2025 under the operation of a new lake manager. Chambers County Lake was recently renovated and will reopen on Feb. 1, 2025.

The WFF Fisheries Section carefully stocks and manages the lakes for optimum fishing. The lakes are also fertilized to maximize fish production and fishing piers allow anglers easy access to deeper water. In addition to traditional freshwater game species such as largemouth bass and crappie, WFF also stocks rainbow trout in select lakes.

In addition to fishing, some state fishing lakes offer additional outdoor recreational opportunities. Pike County Lake in Troy, Dale County Lake in Ozark and Walker County Lake in Jasper feature community archery parks and walking trails that are open to the public year-round. Walker County Lake also features a birdwatching tower.

For more information, contact your local WFF Fisheries Section District Office: District 1 in Tanner, 256-353-2634; District 2 in Eastaboga, 256-831-6860; District 3 in Northport, 205-339-5716; District 4 in Enterprise, 334-347-9467; District 5 in Spanish Fort, 251-626-5153. A complete list of Alabama's state lakes can be found in the fishing section of the ADCNR website at www.outdooralabama.com.



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Cullman City Schools reports cybersecurity incident

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City School Schools was notified on Jan. 7, 2025, of a recent cybersecurity incident involving PowerSchool, a widely used education software provider that provides the district's student information system.

According to a media release from Cullman City Schools:

"On Dec. 28, 2024, PowerSchool identified unauthorized access to certain customer information through its PowerSource portal. The company has assured us that the incident is contained, and there is no evidence of ongoing unauthorized activity or operational disruptions.

"Affected data may include sensitive personal information such as names, addresses, and email addresses. Social security numbers were not impacted, as the Cullman City School system does not collect this information.

"PowerSchool has implemented enhanced security measures, deactivated the compromised credentials, and is offering credit monitoring and identity protection services for certain impacted individuals. The Cullman City School system is working closely with PowerSchool to communicate with families, educators, and stakeholders. Additional information will be provided to families and stakeholders of the Cullman City School system per the guidance of PowerSchool and the Alabama State Department of Education."

Barnette shares winter preparedness tips for Cullman County students

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Couty Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette has outlined important winter preparedness advice for students and families this season.

Students returned to classrooms on Tuesday, Jan. 7, ready to begin the new year.

The Tribune talked to Barnette mid-week, and he emphasized the importance of dressing warmly, particularly for students who ride buses or have a long commute.

"Students need to wear heavy coats, gloves and something to cover their head or ears, especially if they are waiting to catch a school bus," he said.

"When possible, the time they wait outside should be limited as much as possible."

For families who may not have access to adequate winter clothing, Barnette encouraged parents or students to reach out to school faculty and staff.

"We have great partnerships with churches and other organizations that provide clothing and other basic necessities when needed," he said.

"All a family or student needs to do is let their teacher, counselor or administrator know there is a need."

Even inside school buildings, temperatures can vary, and students may need to be prepared for movement between buildings.

"Students should wear layers so they can adjust to stay comfortable," Barnette recommended.

By following these tips, students can stay safe and comfortable as they return to school during the cold winter months.

Libraries (from Front)

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EVA, Ala. — The number of Little Free Library locations continues to expand around the area, thanks in part to the efforts of a local woman.

Fairview resident Stephanie Sprouse said she's dreamed of having multiple Little Free Libraries in rural areas to share high-quality literature with children.

"Just as Cheryl (Kahlstorf), the owner of Branch Books, continues to branch out and open new bookstore locations, I have dreamed of doing the same," she said. "A Little Free Library is a free book-sharing box where anyone may take a book or share a book. They function on the honor system. You do not need to share a book in order to take one. If you take a book or two from a little library, try to bring some to share to that same library, or another in your area, when you can."

Sprouse said she has had several thrift stores in the area call and offer free books to fill the libraries.

"I'm thankful for donations and community support," Sprouse said.

"Logging into the library app when you visit the Little Free Library is encouraging to the steward. You can request book titles you would like to see or notify the steward of needed repairs. My unique handmade bookmarks are available at both Branch Books locations, in Hartselle and Cullman.

"All proceeds from bookmark sales go towards purchasing new books to fill the Little Free Library boxes, in Fairview and Eva. The bookmarks are made from repurposed leather and discarded books. The leather bookmarks are $7 and the children's bookmarks are $3."

She currently stewards two Little Free Libraries.

"They are located at the Fairview Park (by the veterans pavilion) and the Eva Shorty Ryan Park (by the park mailbox)," Sprouse said. "The Eva Little Free Library was installed and officially opened to the public on Dec. 23, 2024."

The Fairview and Eva Little Free Libraries were made possible by local church and school donations and literacy grants.

"I love being a good steward of the books that pass through my hands," Sprouse said.

"I work at a used bookstore in Cullman and share some books with the community through these boxes. My husband and I have installed a total of three boxes in our local communities over the last six years. My background is in elementary education and I love children's literature. My hope is that children coming to these parks will leave with a good book to read. Please log into the Little Free Library app, go on a book scavenger hunt and contact the steward when you visit their box. If there are repairs needed or concerns with boxes, let them know. Happy reading."

Sprouse also said to tune into The Cullman Tribune's Bedtime Stories series on Facebook or YouTube to hear her read some of her favorite children's books.

If you have books you would like to donate, you can drop by a Little Free Library or contact Stephanie Sprouse at sproushouse777@gmail.com or 205-601-7323 for pickup.

Eller (from Front)

Wine Bar and Seven Daughters Scoops (second location)

Notable developments in the Good Hope area include Ethos Craft Brewing, Bloom Winery and Love's Travel Stop.

"These new projects demonstrate the vitality and growth potential of our region," Eller said.

While growth is evident, some businesses are closing their doors. Recent closures include:

- Badcock Furniture, due to its parent company's bankruptcy
- CVS Pharmacy
- Vintage West
- The Sport Center, though this location was sold and reopened on Alabama Highway 69 near Dodge City

Eller identified several challenges businesses face in maintaining operations, including workforce shortages and high costs of lease space, construction and land.

"The City has provided infrastructure support such as red lights, turn lanes, sidewalks and utility relocations to assist businesses," she said.

Eller highlighted how changes in ownership have revitalized several local establishments, such as:

- Rumors Deli expanded hours, added dinner and brunch options, and introduced entertainment.
- Pasquale's underwent a full renovation and expansion.
- Werner's improved its interior and expanded product lines.
- All Steak made significant renovations under new ownership.

When asked about the potential for a tiny business district to support startups, Eller said, "While there are obvious benefits to helping entrepreneurs, more research is needed to determine feasibility."

She mentioned existing resources like the Small Business Development Center, North Alabama Regional Council of Governments and Wallace State Community College, which offer support ranging from business planning to small grants.

Eller pointed out successes like Rita Dean's three-store expansion in the Warehouse District and Ashley Mercantile's second location in Muscle Shoals. "These are examples of how local entrepreneurs are thriving," she said.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 9

Sarah Holmes, 41
Sarah Holmes, age 41 of Holly Pond, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Clifford (Shirley) Millwood and her special aunt, Sandra Downing. Survivors include her parents; daughter, Sydney Jones; son, Brodie Jones; mother, Rhonda Neal and stepfather, Mike Neal; father, Elmer Cornelius; sister, Lauren (Josh) Neal-Pendley; brother, John Cornelius; nieces, Molly Neal and Kylie Cornelius; nephews, Jonathan (Lynsey) Cornelius, Peyton Cornelius, Hunter Bradford and a Host of family and friends. No services are planned at this time.

Eleanor Veigl Boike, 92
Funeral Mass for Eleanor Veigl Boike, age 92 of Cullman, will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Jan. 14, 2025, at 10 a.m., Visitation will be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13, 2025 ,and Rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Boike passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025, at Hospice Family Care Inc. She was born Sept. 24,1932, to George Veigl and Minnie Veigl. She was preceded in death by her father, George Veigl; mother, Minnie Veigl; husband, Thomas Boike; brother, William (Hazel) Veigl, sister, Hilda Wesley; great grandchild, Caedmon Plunkett. Survivors include her daughters, Rose (David) Smith and Frances Boike, grandchild, Ann (Heath) Plunkett, great grandchildren, Micah Plunkett and Norah Plunkett; sister, Mary Ann Boike and a host of nieces and nephews. In Lieu of flowers make donations to St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank.

Eloise McClendon Hannah, 79
Funeral services for Eloise McClendon Hannah, 79, of Bremen will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Cold Springs Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from noon until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Hannah was born Feb. 28, 1945, to the late Luther and Myrtle McClendon. She passed away Jan. 8, 2025. Mrs. Hannah is survived by her husband, Charles D. Hannah Sr; children, Charles D. Hannah Jr. (Sherrie), Cheryl Odom (Brian), Jennifer Still (James), Amy VanVlack (Travis); grandchildren, Jessica Robertson (Colby), Andrew Hannah (Brittany), Nathan Hannah (Brianna), Kyle Wright, Sara Williams (Jarrett), Kaitlyn Wright, Nicholas Odom, Abigail Wright, John Still, Caleb VanVlack; great grandchildren, Camden Robertson, Cohen Robertson, Olivia Hannah, Hudson Hannah, Henry Underwood. Mrs. Hannah was preceded in death by her parents, Luther & Myrtle McClendon; siblings, Ival White, Ather Lee McClendon, Marvin McClendon, Ruth Glenn, Irene Black, Ernie McClendon, John McClendon, and Kenneth McClendon. Hanceville Funeral Home is proud to serve the Hannah family.

Gayree Waldrep, 79
Funeral service for Gayree Waldrep, 79, of the Blair community will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bethel Baptist Cemetery, Revs. Tommy Blackwood and Randall Waldrep officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday at the funeral home from 11-2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Waldrep passed away Jan. 9, 2025, at her residence. She was born Jan. 11, 1945, to Lewis F. and Velma Daisy Godfrey Johnson. She was a dedicated and devoted member of Bethel Baptist Church for many years. She loved her family and she loved to garden. She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Damita Jones; sisters and brothers. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Donald Theo Waldrep; daughters, Anita Waldrep, Beverly Waldrep; grandchildren, Chris (Jennifer) Jones, Heath (Jessica) Diveley, Summer Diveley, Kelly (Joey) Bolton; great-grandchildren, Cody Jones, Jaylee Jones, Kylie Bawner, Makayva Bawner, Rya Diveley, Mackenzie Diveley, Landan Diveley; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com,

Blake Rice Evans, 62
Blake Rice Evans, 62 years old from Hanceville, Alabama, died on Jan. 7, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will take place on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at Hanceville Funeral Home in Hanceville, Alabama at 2 p.m., with Reverend Danny Freeman officiating. The family will welcome friends from 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Burial will take place at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Blake was curious, strong willed, stubborn and loyal. He never met a stranger and was always seeking knowledge. He loved drag racing and fishing. He will be missed by all who knew him. He was survived by his wife of 31 years, Shelia Miller Evans; mother, Sue Rice Evans, brothers Brant Evans and Drew (Leann) Evans; sister Brooke (Brent) Freeman; nephews Jesse Evans, Garrett Evans, Lauren Grace Evans, Landon Evans and Luke Freeman. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, father Daniel Evans (2021) and nephew Colton Evans (2011). Pallbearers will be Brant Evans, Drew Evans, Brent Freeman, Jesse Evans, Garrett Evans and Landon Evans.

James Kenneth Bryson, 76
A graveside service for James Kenneth Bryson, 76, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Welti Cemetery. A visitation will be held Tuesday January 14th from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Bryson was born July 26,1948, in Bessemer, Alabama to the late Hobart Bryson and Eula Vanzandt. He passed away Jan. 7, 2025, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Bryson proudly served in the US Navy for 22 years, honorably discharged as a chief. Survivors include his daughters, Jamie Corey (Justin), Donna Pierce (Billy); grandchildren, Mark Bryron-Pierce, Chynna Pierce, Samantha Bryson-Edwards, Haily Corey, Ryan Corey; three great grandchildren; nieces and nephews, Greg and Karen Camp, April White, Rebecca Holman, and others; sister, Shela Meskimen; and the mother of his children, Arnida Bryson. Mr. Bryson was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Betty and Geraldine; and his brother Buddy. Hanceville Funeral Home is proud to serve the Bryson family.

June Cathryn Brannan, 92
June Cathryn Brannan, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025. A visitation for June will be held Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A funeral service will occur Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at 2 p.m. June will be laid to rest in Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8817 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35055.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Aunt Ginnie

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



The first time I went to their home was for a family Thanksgiving dinner. Actually, it was the midday meal, but down here we used to call that one dinner. Besides, that's too much food, and much too scrumptious to simply be called "lunch." I can't remember if that was the first time I met them, but I believe it was the first of my many visits in their home. I can't remember too much about that day, since it was so long ago, but it was a Thursday. Okay, so Thanksgiving is always on Thursday. I assume we had turkey and dressing and probably sweet potato something. I do know that we had cherry cream cheese pie. You know, the kind with a fluffy cream cheese filling on a graham cracker crust and topped with cherry pie filling. That's when I knew that Aunt Ginnie was a wonderful cook, just like most everyone else in her family. I would quickly realize that she was just as sweet as her cream cheese pies.

Jean's Aunt Ginnie and her husband, Bobby, lived in Chattanooga, not far from where Jean spent her childhood years. That was before Jean and her family moved to Alabama...so she could meet me! When she invited me to go with her family to her Aunt Ginnie's house that Thanksgiving, I saw it as a positive sign of good things to come. I soon came to love all of them, especially Jean. Less than two years later, Jean was my wife, and they were my aunt and uncle. I can't begin to tell you how many times after that we visited their home, ate at their table, and they at ours.

The last time we visited them in their home we took lunch to them. Although Jean did inherit that gift of being a great cook, that day we picked up Zaxby's chicken. We enjoyed a quiet peaceful visit in the bonus room they had added to the back of their house a few years prior. Their house was built into a hill, so on the second floor, the tops of the trees behind the house were about eye level. Aunt Ginnie loved red cardinals and we watched with delight as several landed in the trees. When we went to visit them three weeks ago, they were no longer living in their house and Aunt Ginnie could not see her backyard cardinals. So, on that final visit, Jean took her a beautiful ceramic cardinal. Some say a cardinal sighting is like seeing a departed loved one. I'll probably never see another one without thinking about Aunt Ginnie.

Aunt Ginnie was a senior in high school when she and Uncle Bobby married. She went home for the night with her senior prom date, but before you go there, her prom date was also her husband. Two days after their 71st wedding anniversary, Uncle Bobby was gone. When he passed away week before last, for the first time since high school, she wasn't by his side. Without him by her side, I knew she wouldn't stay here long. Twelve days later, she was gone, too.

Wise Solomon said in the book of Ecclesiastes, "Two are better than one." He went on to say, "For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up." Uncle Bobby and Aunt Ginnie had been together, side by side, holding hands, helping each other up and along the way for most of their lives. They were a great example of commitment and love.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Jan. 10, 1963

From the files of Jan. 10, 1963

Newlyweds Are Invited To See Show Free

The Ritz Theatre is inviting all 1963 newlyweds to be guests of the theatre when the Tennessee Williams comedy, "Period of Adjustment" is shown in Cullman Jan. 13-15. All couples are invited to bring their 1963 wedding certificates for free admittance.

The comedy depicts the hilarious story of a wedding trip that began in a hearse and ended in the county jail for a bridegroom with the shakes and a bride with the shivers.

Sacred Heart Club Adopts Burmese Orphan

A four-year-old Burmese tribal orphan has been adopted by the International Relations Club at Sacred Heart College. Now living in an orphanage at Kentung, Burma, Francis (no last name) will have his financial needs taken care of until his education is terminated or as long as he is dependent upon other people. There is hope he can be brought to the United States for his higher education. Francis is a member of the Thaunthu tribe and comes from the jungle area near Chawrawn which is sometimes referred to as the opium capital of the world. Eighty percent of the population are addicts and it is not uncommon for parents to go insane from drug addiction or die of starvation.

Often they sell everything, including children, to purchase the drug.

In the orphanage the boys are given education equivalent to an American high school. Girls are educated through the eighth grade. The home is directed by PIME

Missionaries of Sts. Peter and Paul and the children are cared for by Sisters of Charity.

No longer completely alone and without family, Francis will be cared for and educated through funds provided by the International Relations Club of Sacred Heart College.

President of the local club is Miss Margaret Moorer.

Cullman High News

Congratulations go to Wayne Chappell and Carol Pinkston for being elected good citizenship boy and girl of the Senior class at Cullman High. Three boys and three girls were nominated by the Senior class, and the faculty made the final decision. Carol will go to Montgomery to a D. A. R. meeting with other good citizenship girls from the state of Alabama.

Virginia Ingram was chosen artist of the month by the Art Club.

The Miss Southerner Pageant will be held Friday, January 11, at the new Cullman High School auditorium. There are about forty girls competing for the title of Miss Southerner.

Semester tests are scheduled for January 17 and 18 at Cullman High.

The girls' physical education classes are now learning new feats in tumbling. The boys' classes are now in basketball practice.

Berlin News

John Bishop of Birmingham, carried the John Thrashers to Floyd Dukes to a family reunion recently in Cullman.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Duke of Cullman and daughter of Birmingham, visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White of Auburn, spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Sr.

Mrs. Jack Parrish and Mrs. Ozwell Parrish have been sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whaley of Cullman, attended church here Sunday.



POET'S CORNER

On My Daughter's 40th Birthday | By: Randy C. Hale (For Erica)

I remember the first time I saw you,
the stirring from within.
My daughter, so little, so frail,
your eyes wide open in a new world.

I felt so overwhelmed, I even fainted,
the relief, the awe of it all.
The responsibility, the love, where
did this all come?

It wasn't long before you were sleeping
right up next to me, wrapped in a
blanket, snug and tight. And this would
continue for many years, and nights.

I watched you grow up, a sprightly
darling girl.
Watched your hair grow down your
back as the years seem to twirl.

I took you to ballet and tap, tied those
tiny shoes and watched you go through
school, play basketball, make friends,
time, and time again.

And then you moved away from
home, started a family of your own.
My child became a mother,
had two boys, now half grown.

So, your turning forty today,
and I'm now sixty-two.
I still see you from the cradle on —
from my arms, how time has flown.

A babe, a child, a lady,
a wife, a mother, and a career.
And I can't help but see it all and
shed a love filled tear.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

JAN. 11

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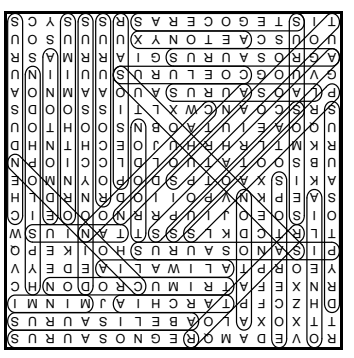
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

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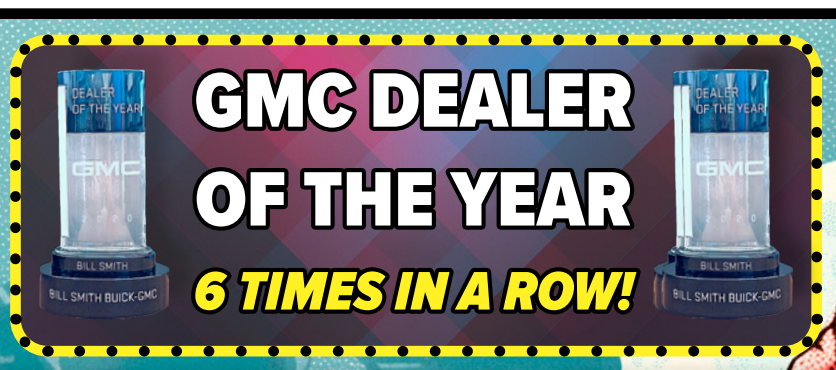


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