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Keep your pets safe this winter

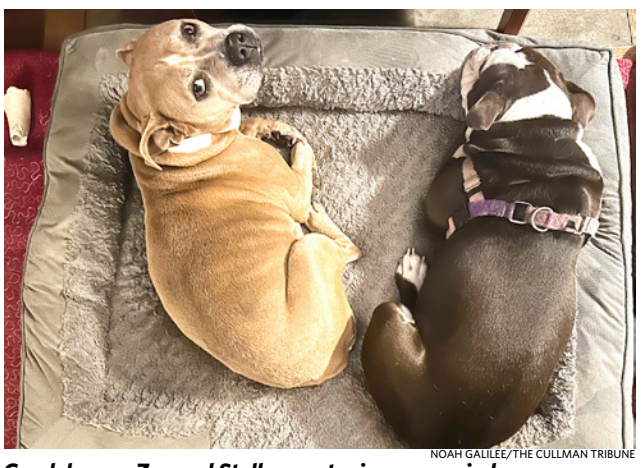
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Animal Control asks that pet owners be responsible and take care of their animals all year, but especially during the cold winter months.

Director Rodney Banister said that fortunately, winter in our area doesn't last too long, but it's important to protect our pets during the season.

"Remember, if it's too cold for us, it's probably too cold for them," he said. "The minimum requirement by State of Alabama is that you have proper cold weather care for pets. Some suggestions include creating a shelter. If your pets primarily live outdoors, bring them indoors during particularly cold temperatures.

"It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant to cold weather than people because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder » PAGE 2



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Good doggos Zoe and Stella are staying warms indoors.

St. Bernard announces dates for 41st annual Bloomin' Festival



ST. BERNARD

Fr. Joel Martin, president of St. Bernard Prep School, takes possession of the brand new 2025 Buick Encore GX, which will be given away as a grand prize at the 41st annual Bloomin' Festival in Cullman on Sunday, April 6, 2025. Paul Shaffer (left) and Aaron Coffey (right) of Bill Smith Buick GMC delivered the vehicle to the campus earlier this week.

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School this week announced the 41st annual Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair, scheduled for April 5-6, 2025. This beloved event, held on the beautiful campus of St. Bernard, promises two days of extraordinary arts, crafts, music and culinary experiences that will captivate guests of all ages.

Talented artisans from across the region will showcase their creations, offering a variety of treasures, including mesmerizing glass art, pottery, ceramics, stained glass and paintings. Guests can also find unique handcrafted items like brooms, wind chimes, woodwork, jewelry, clothing and delectable treats such as freshly ground cornmeal, grits, fresh lemonade, funnel cakes, barbecue sauce and the monks' famous cookies and breads.

Adding to the excitement, Ave Maria Grotto will welcome visitors during the festival at a reduced admission of just $5 per person.

On Sunday afternoon, April 6, attendees can look forward to the highly anticipated prize giveaways, featuring a brand new 2025 Buick Encore GX from Bill Smith Buick GMC in Cullman, along with other exciting prizes such as a portable projector, Apple AirPods, a mini foldable drone and a Fitbit Inspire Watch.

Ticket donations of $5 are requested or six tickets are $25.

All proceeds directly support the mission of St. Bernard Preparatory School, continuing its tradition of excellence in education and community service.

For event updates, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities, visit the official festival website at www.bloominfestival.com or follow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bloominfestival.

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Wallace State: Speeker establishes first endowed scholarship of 2025



WALLACE STATE

Donna Speeker, second from left, presents a check to Suzanne Harbin, vice president for advancement and innovation at Wallace State Community College, for the establishment of the Dr. James Speeker and Donna Speeker Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship will benefit students studying Diagnostic Imaging, with the first scholarship planned to be awarded in fall 2026. Also pictured are Carrie Jordan, left, annual giving and stewardship specialist, and Brett Messersmith, right, administrative assistant. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 17

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 17, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 13

- domestic violence; theft of property; CR 262
- theft of property; CR 1558
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Grove Rd.

Jan. 14

- theft of property; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 781

Jan. 15

- possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Ave. SE
- domestic violence; CR 773
- theft of property; CR 1718
- domestic violence; CR 21
- assault; CR 109
- criminal mischief; CR 1197
- reckless endangerment; CR 747
- robbery; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Jan. 13-15

Beckum, Bryant A.; 31
- auto theft

Bennefield, Nicolas J.; 25
- FTA – burglary-residence-no force
- FTA – causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Brown Jr., Michael W.; 53
- burglary-residence-no force

Bryan, Dennis D.; 57
- public intoxication

Burroughs, Christopher J.; 51
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Calvert, Shona N.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Carmack, Christopher D.; 31
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA – interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Coker, Michael J.; 50
- FTA – improper tag classification
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled (2 counts)
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Goforth, Allen C.; 44
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Kaiser, Christopher B.; 39
- interference with public safety communication

Kerns, Brianna M.; 33
- FTA – assault-harassment
- FTA – criminal trespass

Labrecque, Michelle L.; 54
- burglary-residence-no force

Mayer, Larry S.; 38
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

McCrary, Matthew C.; 38
- auto theft
- attempting to elude a police officer

Pate, Jeremy B.; 35
- theft-miscellaneous (2 counts)
- FTA – possessing stolen property
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Rainey, Kelsey A.; 33
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possessing forged instrument

Sandifer, Matthew J.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – organized retail theft

Steele, Jonathan E.; 35
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Steele Jr., Timothy G.; 28
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tanner, Rebecca L.; 56
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (5 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 12
- theft of property-4th degree;; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $89; Olive St. SW

Jan. 15
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; miscellaneous; $1,600; Goehler Rd. SE
- identity theft; person

Jan. 16
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $130; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 15-16

Jordan, Joshua J.; 42
- DUI

Rainey, Kelsey A.; 33
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Conn, Stanley D.; 61
- unlawful possession/receiving of a controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dennis, Montia E.; 60
- theft of property-4th degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

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Pets (from Front)

climates, are more tolerant of cold weather, but no pet should be left outside for long periods once temps reach freezing."

Once nighttime temperatures dip below freezing, your outdoor pets should have shelter, Banister said.

"Provide them with a dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough to allow them to sit and lie down comfortably but small enough to conserve body heat," he said.

"Providing cold weather shelter doesn't have to be hard. You can use a pre-manufactured pet house, a wooden box, a foam cooler (for cats) or even a cardboard box.

"Insulate all sides of the shelter with foam board, old blankets or plastic, then line the bottom with an old sleeping bag, coats, fleece or even cedar shavings, straw or hay.

"Check the bedding daily; dirty and wet bedding can be fatal to a pet.

"Turn the shelter so it faces away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic."

Banister said to try and place the shelter in a garage or covered porch, or beneath a carport — all of which can provide a few additional degrees of much-needed warmth.

"Be sure to raise the refuge a few inches off the ground to keep the cold from leeching up through the shelter's bottom while giving your pets sense of security," Banister said.

"Now with pet care, make sure your pets have unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (by changing the water frequently or using a pet-safe, non-metal water bowl).

"Also, pets who spend a lot of time outside need more food to replace energy lost from trying to stay warm."

Scholarship (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Future Foundation recently announced its first endowed scholarship of the year with the creation of the Dr. James Speeker and Donna Speeker Endowed Scholarship. The scholarship will benefit students studying Diagnostic Imaging at Wallace State.

Donna Speeker, a former English and Spanish instructor at Wallace State, established the scholarship.

"I wanted to do something permanent in mine and my husband's memory," said Speeker, whose husband James passed away Feb. 22, 2017.

"He was a family physician here in Cullman and he started as an X-ray tech in the Air Force," Speeker said.

That skillset, she said, supported them as they both went to college and started their family.

"His being an X-ray tech kept us afloat for years," she said. "We moved quite a few times and everywhere we went he was able to work."

When she began thinking about establishing a scholarship, his experience as an X-ray technician and her history with the college influenced her decision.

"I felt like this scholarship to the Diagnostic Imaging program would be an homage to his past," she said.

The first scholarship is expected to be awarded in fall 2026. Speeker has noted a preference that the scholarship be provided to a single parent when possible.

"I hate to think of how many students graduate from any kind of program in debt and I was thinking this would be a help," she said.

As a former instructor, Speeker said she recalls students who struggled as they waited on funding or had to miss classes due to sick children or family commitments. "It hurt my heart to hear people struggle like that," she said.

Speeker said her husband was very supportive of her during their life together and she knows he would have supported her in this endeavor as well.

She said she's been blessed to be able to establish this scholarship and would encourage others to do the same.

"The establishment of the Dr. James Speeker and Donna Speeker Endowed Scholarship represents an incredible opportunity for our Diagnostic Imaging students. Many of our students face significant financial challenges while pursuing their education, and this scholarship will help alleviate some of that burden," said Dr. Jim Malone, program director and associate dean for health sciences.

"It not only provides vital support, but also reinforces the value of investing in the next generation of healthcare professionals.

"This kind of generosity inspires our students to excel academically and professionally, knowing their efforts are recognized and supported.

"We are deeply grateful for this meaningful contribution to our program and our students' futures."

The Diagnostic Imaging program offers associate degrees in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiation Therapy.

Applications for fall 2025 entry will be accepted from March 1 to June 1.

Visit www.wallacestate.edu/Diagnostic-Imaging, call 256-352-8334 or email mindie.sandlin@wallacestate.edu.

The Wallace State Future Foundation is the steward of more than 200 scholarships that are provided to Wallace State students.

During the 2024-2025 academic year, the Future Foundation awarded a record 251 scholarships totaling $465,000.

Scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 academic year are being accepted through March 15 at www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/scholarships.

For more information about scholarships, contact the Future Foundation at 256-352-7842 or carrie.jordan@wallacestate.edu.

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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

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Events (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Senior Center recently held a popular introduction to frame loom weaving class, and now the second one of the year is set. The class, aimed toward those 60 and older, will take place Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. at the center.

Cullman Senior Center Manager Kristie Young said the class is $42 per person, which includes all supplies. Seating is limited, so those interested are encouraged to sign up soon. The class will be taught by Emily Wallace with Handwoven Designs.

Sign up for the weaving class at https://square.link/u/XjtHP68k or by stopping by the center.

Another opportunity is the fused glass art class, which will take place Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the center. For $22 per person, participants can make a fused glass flowerpot magnet to take home. Seating for that class, taught by Kimberly Love, is also limited, so sign up soon. Sign up for the fused glass art class at https://square.link/u/mdLS2ZtL or by stopping by the center.

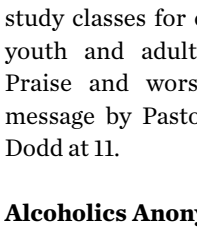
Young said the center offered a line dancing class for 18 months prior to taking a break over the holidays. "We will resume line dancing class on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 12:30 p.m.," she said. "The class is for beginners or intermediate dancers. The class is free and Patricia Quick is the instructor."

All classes at the center are open to those 60 and older. Young said there are some exceptions — like a senior over 60 with an adult child who wants to attend.

The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Get more info by calling 256-734-0145 or visiting Cullman Senior Center and Travel on Facebook.

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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
• Saturday, Jan. 18 - 11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Jan. 19 - 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.

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.

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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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville collects 61-56 win over Oak Grove, Lady Bulldogs dominate 2nd half to earn 64-27 win

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs were back home at Lane Horton Gymnasium for a pair of varsity matchups against Oak Grove Thursday night and both Bulldog teams picked up wins over the Tigers. The Lady Bulldogs led 22-21 at halftime but outscored Oak Grove 42-6 in the second half to pull away with a 64-27 win and in the boys' game, Hanceville led by 18 at one point in the second half but had to fend off a late push from the Tigers to hold onto a 61-56 win.

Hanceville 64 – Oak Grove 27 (Varsity Girls)

Kerrigon Moore scored inside, and Piper Butts knocked down a three to give Hanceville an early, 5-4 lead. Josi Jones split a pair of free throws to tie the game at 6 midway through the period but a 9-0 scoring run from Oak Grove put the Lady Bulldogs behind 15-6 later in the first quarter. Mattie Keith drilled a three to stop the run and cut the lead to 15-9 and Kynzlee Farr split a pair of free throws in the final seconds of the first to make it a 15-10 game at the start of the second.

The Lady Tigers continued to pull ahead early in the second quarter, but Farr laid one in and Moore scored back to back baskets to trim the lead to 19-16 midway through the period. Alex Twitty then scored five straight points to claim a 21-19 lead for Hanceville in the final two minutes of the half. McKenzie Aaron split a pair of free throws with 30 seconds on the clock to secure a 22-21 halftime lead for the Lady Bulldogs.

Keith knocked down a three and Aaron scored inside to give Hanceville a 27-21 lead early in the third quarter.

Alex Twitty's big night continued as she scored the next eight Bulldog points to put Hanceville in front 35-23. Aaliyah Twitty followed with five straight points of her own to make it a 41-26 game and Butts buried a three at the buzzer to give the Lady Bulldogs a 44-27 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Keith drained another three and Aaliyah Twitty drove to the basket and scored to make it 49-27 early in the fourth. Keith's fourth three-pointer of the night added to the Hanceville lead and she turned a steal into an easy basket just moments later to give the Lady Bulldogs a commanding, 54-27 lead with six minutes remaining. After Alex Twitty split a pair of free throws, Keith kept the momentum rolling with another three, stretching the lead to 58-27. Another Aaliyah Twitch basket made it a 60-27 game and three free throws from Farr, followed by another from Madeline Watwood put the finishing touches on a 64-27 win for the Lady Bulldogs.

Keith led Hanceville with 17 points in the win, followed by Alex Twitty with 14 and Aaliyah Twitty with nine.

Hanceville 61 – Oak Grove 56 (Varsity Boys)

Peyton Twilley came out firing, draining three shots from beyond the arc to give the Bulldogs an early, 9-8 lead over Oak Grove. After the Tigers pulled ahead 12-9, Drake Bentley split a pair of free throws to make it a 2-point game with less than two minutes remaining in the opening period. Samuel Abney drove to the rim and scored on Hanceville's final two possessions of the first quarter to put the Bulldogs in front 14-13 at the start of the second.

Kingsley Brown and Brodie Brenner buried a pair of threes to make it 20-13 at the start of the second quarter. Twilley hit a pair of free throws before knocking down his fourth three-pointer of the night to extend the lead to 25-16.

Baskets by Jacob Keith and Ashton Hurst made it a 29-21 game and after drawing a foul on a three-point attempt, Gabe Ognilla sank all three free throws to make it 32-21 with just over two minutes to play in the first half. Baskets by Dalton Pirkle and Abney stretched the Bulldog lead to 37-22 going into the halftime break.

Twilley split a couple free throws and Jaylon Flanigan laid one in to keep Hanceville ahead 40-22 early in the third quarter.

A basket from Hurst made it a 42-25 game midway through the period and Drake Bentley laid one in to keep the Bulldogs in front 44-29. Twilley's fifth three-pointer of the night gave Hanceville a 47-29 lead later in the third. Baskets from Pirkle and Bentley helped extend the Bulldog lead to 52-37 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Abney scored inside, Bentley hit a pair of pair of free throws and Twilley laid one in to make it a 58-41 game. Twilley split a pair of free throws to make it 59-43 and Hanceville held off a late push from the Tigers to collect a 61-56 win.

Twilley led the way with 22 points in the win. Abney added 10 and Bentley finished with seven.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Peyton Twilley (2) led Hanceville with 22 points in its 61-56 win over Oak Grove Thursday night.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's Mattie Keith (24) led the Lady Bulldogs with 17 points in their 64-27 win over Oak Grove Thursday night.

Nick Saban selected for induction to the NFF College Football Hall of Fame

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Former Alabama head coach Nick Saban was selected as part of the 2025 College Football Hall of Fame class, the National Football Foundation announced Friday.

A seven-time national championship coach, Saban is the first of the 2025 class to be announced. He was informed during Friday evening's ESPN College GameDay broadcast leading up to the College Football Playoff Semifinal contest in the Cotton Bowl between Texas and Ohio State.

Saban is the fifth Alabama coach to be elected to the College Football Hall of Fame and the 27th inductee in program history. He completed his Hall-of-Fame career at the conclusion of the 2023 season, winning six national championships with Alabama and seven overall with his first title coming at LSU in 2003.

A nine-time National Coach of the Year, Saban coached collegiate football for 28 seasons, producing a 297-71-1 (.806) record, including a 206-29 (.877) mark in Tuscaloosa. His teams at Alabama won nine SEC Championships while he captured 11 SEC titles in his career (2001 and 2003 at LSU).

Saban put his players into the NFL at a staggering rate, coaching 52 first-round draft picks in his career – the most by any coach in college football history – including 47 at Alabama.

During his time in Tuscaloosa, 133 of Saban's players were drafted into the National Football League with an astonishing 91 going in the first three rounds of the draft.

In 2021, Bryce Young became Saban's fourth Heisman Trophy winner, tying for the most of any coach in college football history with Notre Dame's Frank Leahy. He is the only coach to ever coach Heisman Trophy winners at three different positions (RB, WR, QB).

The Alabama program had just six individual national award winners when Saban arrived on campus, but Crimson Tide players secured 60 national awards during his time in Tuscaloosa.

His players at Alabama won 66 All-America honors by 58 different individuals.

The 2025 class will be officially inducted during the 67th NFF Annual Awards Dinner on December 9, 2025, at the Bellagio Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The inductees will also be recognized at their respective collegiate institutions with NFF Hall of Fame On-Campus Salutes during the fall. Their accomplishments will forever be immortalized at the Chick-fil-A College Football Hall of Fame in Atlanta.



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Wallace State signs MOU with Samford University

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College announced it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Samford University providing Wallace State students with a smoother transition from WSCC to Samford University to pursue a bachelor's degree.

"We are honored to formalize this agreement with Samford University and give our students a seamless transfer to Samford as they continue their education after attending Wallace State," said Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

"Wallace State students have done well at Samford and we have enjoyed having them," said Samford University President Beck Taylor.

"I hope this partnership opens up new pathways and opportunities for even more students to come to Samford."

As part of the agreement, Wallace State students may choose between several transfer pathways offered through Samford Online Undergraduate Programs, including a Completer Pathway for students who have earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or an Associate in Science (AS) from WSCC; a Full Degree pathway for those who have not earned an AA or AS; and the Traditional Undergraduate Programs for students who have completed an AA or AS degree or any credits at Wallace State.

A reverse transfer option is also available to award Wallace State students credit toward an associate degree for qualified coursework completed at Samford.

Transfer students from Wallace State may also qualify for scholarships from Samford University as well as scholarships for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students.

STEM scholarships are also available for students who have completed two years of coursework in a science or math-related field.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State Community College signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Samford University, providing Wallace State students a smoother transition to the university. On-hand for the signing are, from left, seated, WSCC Vice President of Academic Affairs and Applied Technologies Beth Bownes-Johnson, WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Samford President Beck Taylor and Samford Senior Associate Provost Dr. Marci Johns; standing, WSCC Associate Dean of Health Sciences Jim Malone, WSCC Director of Oneonta Institutional Site and Dual Enrollment Lauren Wilson, WSCC Vice President of Administrative Services Alyce Flanigan, WSCC Vice President for Learning and Dean of Health Sciences Lisa German, Dean of Applied Technologies Jerry Murcks, Samford Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. David Cimbora and Samford Director of Student Success Cameron Barnes.

Wolfpack Martial Arts to host Parents' Night Out Movie Night on Valentine's Day

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Wolfpack Martial Arts is hosting a Parents' Night Out Movie Night on Friday, Feb. 14. The event will offer a fun evening of movies for the kids while giving parents an opportunity to enjoy their own Valentine's Day plans. The event will run from 5:30-9 p.m. and will feature a double-feature screening of "Kung Fu Panda 4" and "Despicable Me 4" at Wolfpack Martial Arts.

The cost is $20 for the first child, $15 for the second and $10 for each additional child per household.

Pizza and Capri-Sun drinks will be provided and children are welcome to wear pajamas and bring blankets and pillows or sleeping bags. Parents are welcome to stay if they choose.

Wolfpack Martial Arts Owner Jeff Hale explained the inspiration behind the event, saying, "We decided to have movie night as a way for kids to have fun and socialize outside of Taekwondo classes and meet other kids and provide an opportunity for parents to have their own date night."

Wolfpack Martial Arts is a family owned studio dedicated to sharing its passion for Taekwondo with the Cullman community.

Owners Jeff and Jessica Hale, along with their three children, are all actively involved in martial arts, holding belt rankings ranging from green to various degrees of black.

"We all love Taekwondo and want to share our passion with Cullman," shared Jeff Hale.

"Being homeschooling parents, we also wanted to provide classes that allow the homeschooled kids and parents that work at night the opportunity to attend classes that they would be otherwise unable to."

Wolfpack Martial Arts offers classes for all ages, including Wolfpups (ages 3-5), Juniors (6-12) and Teens/Adults (13 and older).

Additionally, it offers family discounts and discounts for active military, veterans and first responders. The first class is always free for newcomers.

For more information about the Parents' Night Out Movie Night or the programs offered at Wolfpack Martial Arts, call 256-531-6943 or email wolfpackmartialarts2024@gmail.com. Wolfpack Martial Arts is located at 1430 Fourth St. SW in Cullman.

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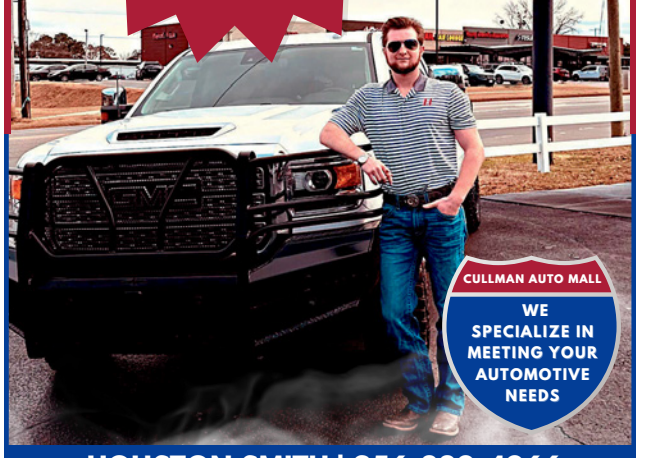
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Local students named to Mississippi College President's, Dean's Lists

Anna Porter Hall
Mississippi College

CLINTON, Miss. — The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the President's List after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system. The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Local students include:

- Ella Murphree of Cullman
- Joshua Plunkett of Arab

The Mississippi College Office of Academic Affairs releases the Dean's List after the close of fall and spring semesters each academic year.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, based on a 4.0 system.

The student must take a full course load of at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate credit with all academic courses impacting their grade point average.

Local students include:

- Bailey Keef of Cullman

Mississippi College, affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a private, co-educational, Christian university of liberal arts and sciences serving more than 4,100 students from approximately 35 states and more than three dozen countries.

Founded in 1826, MC is the oldest institution of higher learning in Mississippi, one of the largest private universities in the state, and America's second-oldest Baptist college.

MC offers 84 areas of undergraduate study, 45 degree programs in graduate studies, more than 10 certificate programs, two educational doctoral degrees, a doctor of jurisprudence, and a doctor of professional counseling. MC seeks to be a university recognized for academic excellence and commitment to the cause of Christ.

JOB OPENING

The Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District

has a job opening for an

Assistant District Administrative Coordinator/Assistant Education Coordinator.

Full time with salary to be negotiable based on experience.

Job requirements:

*Must have excellent oral and written communication skills, with the ability to create and deliver presentations.

*Must have experience in computers and programs: Microsoft Word, Excel, QuickBooks, Access, PowerPoint, Canva, and others.

*Must have a valid driver's license and high school diploma or GED. College degrees and Agriculture experience are highly valuable.

*Send resume to: Kathy Holmes, kholmes@cullmanswcd.com

Deadline for applications is February 15, 2025

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 16-17

George Lee Suggs, Jr., 69
Memorial service for George Lee Suggs, Jr., is incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Suggs passed away Jan. 15, 2025, at Brookwood Hospital. He was born Aug. 14, 1955, to George Lee Suggs Sr. and Della Jewel Ayers Suggs. George was a song writer. He loved to make people laugh. He once came in third in a Hank Williams Jr. look alike contest. He loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Jewel Suggs; sister, Brenda Stripling; brother, Roger Suggs. Survivors include his wife, Patsy Suggs; son, Cody Suggs; two daughters, Christina (Daniel) Pearson, Jessica (Charles) Holt; two brothers, Barry (Amy) Suggs, Larry Stripling; sister, Eura (Austin) Brewer; seven grandchildren, Johnna Ball, Madison (Kyle) Manord, Analeiah Pearson, Riley Pearson, Allen Holt, Kenlee West, Riley Kay Nabors; great-grandchild, Stetson Manord; and, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Bruce David Laney, 75
Funeral service for Bruce David Laney, 75, of the Blair Community will be at 12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in the Blair Congregational Methodist Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers and Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Bruce passed away Jan. 15, 2025, at his residence. He was born May 30, 1949, to James Leslie and Margarett Cone Laney. He loved farming, gardening, horses, rodeoing, going to the mountains with his family, visiting the Amish, and all outside activities. He was barn supervisor at Cullman Stockyard and worked there for over 36 years. He will be missed. Bruce was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Elizabeth Pigg Laney; children, Tina and Brian; brother-in-law, Ed Holcombe. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Joyce Laney; daughters, Darlene (Jeff) Nuss, Desti (Duston) Neighbors; brothers, Gary (Wanda) Laney, Tim (Donna) Laney, Chris Laney; sisters, Dianne (Charles) Wilbanks, Connie Holcombe; grandchildren, Kaeleigh (Cory) Hall, Nick (Reagan) Nuss, Lyssi Nuss, Jordan Tanner, Isabella Neighbors, Ellie Grace Neighbors; three great-grandchildren, Isaac Hall, Zoey Nuss, Saige Hall and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Josh Wilbanks, Adam Wilbanks, Barry Laney, Patrick Laney, Paul Quattlebaum, Larry Davis Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Terri Michelle Hooper, 60
Terri Michelle Hooper, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away on Jan. 14, 2025, at the age of 60. Mrs. Hooper was born in Pennsylvania, on April 9, 1964. Michelle was a kindhearted and loving person. She always thought of others before herself. She was full of life and enjoyed traveling when she was able. Her favorite places to visit were the Bahamas and the Grand Cayman Islands. Michelle loved her family, and her grandchildren brought her immense joy. Michelle leaves behind a legacy of love and compassion for others, and she will be missed greatly. Mrs. Hooper is survived by her parents, Robert and Suzanne Brown Carl; beloved husband, Joey Hooper; children, Jennifer Gilbert, and Hannah Brasher (Brandon); sisters, Stacey Carl Migash (Robert), Wendy Carl Haney (Jamie); grandchildren, Seth Gilbert, Summer Gilbert, Skyler Gilbert, Taylor Brasher, Lucas Brasher; several nieces and nephews; and a host of dear friends. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hooper family at this time.

Lynn Ellen Haynes, 76
Lynn Ellen Haynes, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2025. Lynn is survived by her brother Robert E Okeley II (Heather); her sons James Patrick Haynes and Robert Clayton Haynes (Heather) and her grandchildren Nathan Haynes (Mary), Kaitlyn Owens (Micah), Olivia Kicker (Jake) & Tristan Williams. Also survived by six Great Grandchildren. Lynn was preceded in death by her husband James Haynes; her parents Robert E Okeley I & Joann Okeley and her step father Edwin G Krueger; her great granddaughter Macie Lynn Owens. A celebration of life visitation for Lynn will be held Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. Lynn will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055-4812.

Christine Rachel Kreps, 84
Christine Rachel Kreps, age 84, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025. Christine is preceded in death by her husband Rayfield Kreps, parents Leacelle Griffin and Alma Jane Foust Griffin, son Timothy Ray Kreps, brothers Glen Griffin, Cecil Griffin, and Dwight Griffin. Christine is survived by her daughters Karen (Michael) Denise Pannell and Melinda (Tim) Jane Sutton, son Steven (Sylvia) B. Kreps, sisters Mary Jo Butts, Clara Jean Curry, eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. A visitation for Christine will be held Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 until the funeral service at 2 p.m. An interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville, AL 35077. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Richard Campbell, Sr., 86
Memorial service is incomplete at this time for James Richard Campbell, Sr., 86, of Vinemont. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Campbell passed away Jan. 16, 2025, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Aug. 15, 1938, to Paul Campbell and Mary Lottie Campbell. He was an electrician. He loved his family and always provided for them. He loved fishing and hunting. He will be missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a grandson, Christopher Peak. Survivors include his son, James Richard Campbell, II; daughters, Debra (Bruce) Peak, Linda Terry, Holly Sutton; nine grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and one great -great grandchild on the way; and, a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn Daphne Jacobs, 69
Funeral services for Carolyn Jacobs, 69, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, at Living Faith Baptist Church with interment in Simcoe Baptist Cemetery, Bro. Larry Brown officiating. Mrs. Jacobs will lie in state at the church from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Carolyn passed away Jan. 17, 2025, at her residence. She was born March 21, 1955, to Ruble and Shirley McFadden. She loved God and her family and was a member of Living Faith Baptist Church. She was an excellent seamstress, wonderful cook, loving wife, mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed. Mrs. Jacobs was preceded in death by her father and a grandson, Kevin Earl Woods. Survivors include her mother; husband of almost 50 years, Carlton Jacobs; daughters, Michelle (Johnny) Gali and Carrie Weaver; sister, Jeannie Watson; grandchildren, Miranda (Andy) Ralph, Brittney (Cody) Widner, Dylan (Madison) Wood, Hannah (Dylan) Parker; 13 great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Lou Calvert, 84
Virginia Lou Calvert, passed away peacefully on Jan. 16, 2025, at the age of 84. Virginia was born in Cullman County on Jan. 20, 1940.Virginia married the love of her life, Eldon Calvert at a very young age and they were married for almost 60 years. Virginia will have a funeral service on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill. The family will accept friends for visitation from 11 a.m. until the Service begins at 1 p.m. Virginia will be laid to rest in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Virginia was a devout member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill. She loved the Lord and she loved her church family. Virginia loved reading the Bible and was a devoted Christian, and it was always shown by the way she lived her life. To her family Virginia was always know as "Ninn" because at a very young age her nieces were unable to pronounce Virginia, She was loved dearly by her family. Virginia loved to cook and she was very good at it! She always had a delicious table of food prepared for every occasion. Many holidays and celebrations were held at Virginia and Eldon's beautiful country home on the hill. Virginia started her career at King Edward Cigar Plant in Cullman and worked until the plant closed in 1982. She then attended Wallace State and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1984. She loved nursing and especially everyone she worked with on 3 East at CRMC in Cullman. After retirement, Virginia and Eldon would spend a lot of time running the roads and just seeing what they could get into. She always enjoyed helping Eldon with his vegetable gardens and for several years in the summer they would run a vegetable stand together. This was a fun time for them as they enjoyed talking and fellowshipping with everyone that came through. Virginia is survived by her sister-in-law Joan Calvert; her brother-in-law Ellard Calvert; her nieces Beth Calvert, Wendy Knight, Pam Graves, and Karen Calvert; her nephews Allen Calvert and Barry Calvert; and a host of great nieces and nephews. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Virginia's caregiver Rebecca Reeves and the staff at Enhabit Hospice. They were all a tremendous blessing and helped the family through this difficult time. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jane Frances Imbusch, 89
Jane Frances Imbusch, age 89, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024. Jane was born in Cullman, Alabama on Aug. 31, 1935, to John Frederick and Hilda Mary Von Hagel Imbusch. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother: Charles Edward Imbusch, sisters: Mildred Imbusch Lincoln, Virginia Imbusch Misegades, Rosalia Imbusch Wachter and a good friend: Mary Joan Duffey. She is survived by a host of nieces and nephews an a good friend: Edith Smith. Visitation will be on Thursday Jan. 16, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. A Memorial Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Patrick Egan O.S.B. officiating, Interment will follow services in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I was as excited as a child on the night before Christmas. I fully expected to wake up the next morning to find my yard covered with beautiful, fluffy, white powder. I dreamt about all the big snows I had experienced in my life...all three of them! Well, actually there have a been a few more. I not only live in the South, but I also live in the southern part of the South, or at least the southern part of Alabama. I have never lived above the Tennessee state line, so I've never lived where we received much snowfall. Having said that, I have lived where we had more than we have where I have lived for the past 18 years.

I grew up on a mountain in northeast Alabama – on Sand Mountain, to be exact. We had snow. The first one I can remember was somewhere around 1961. It was a big one. That one wasn't much fun, because, according to Mama, it was too cold and too deep to play outside. I think it began with ice, followed by snow. I don't remember what month that was, but I think it stayed on the ground until my birthday in July! Most of our snows were not as big as that one, but it seems to me that we had one of two nice ones every year.

When I was in college at Samford University, back in the mid-70s, we had several nice snowfalls there. I remember playing football in the snow with classmates. It was hard to run without slipping down, or catch the football without it slipping through our hands and smacking us in the face, but boy was it fun!

One year we went sledding. Seibert Field was our football stadium. It looked like a bowl, with high grassy banks around the sides of the field. They were perfect for sliding down, but none of us had sleds.

The cafeteria had plastic trays that worked pretty well, at least until we got caught! Using a couple of them, we could put our backside on one and our feet on the other, but they didn't always stay together. The cafeteria folks didn't always appreciate it either!

Then there was the big one, the blizzard of '93. Jean and I were young parents by then and living in Rainbow City. That was the most snow I had ever seen, and perhaps may still be to this day. There was so much snow it broke all the power lines and we were without electricity for several days and nights. Thank God we had a fireplace!

This time, it didn't come, at least not as far south as Opelika. New Orleans is the only place I've ever lived that was further south than Opelika. I only remember it snowing once during the three years we lived In New Orleans.

We had 38 that time. No, not 38 inches; 38 snowflakes! We had floods down there, not snowstorms. We've had a few small snows since we've lived in Opelika, but not many. We must be below the snow line. In the northern end of the state, up in Fort Payne and certainly in Rainsville, high atop Sand Mountain, they had a nice little snow. They had enough to build snowmen, slide down a hill on a sled, cardboard box and a cafeteria food tray. They had a respectable amount of the white stuff as far down as Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Atlanta. I hear that frozen stuff is in the forecast again, for next week. If it comes to Opelika, I'm going to build a snowman...6 inches tall!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Jan. 18, 1945

From the files of Jan. 18, 1945

North Vinemont News
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Drake visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blackmon, Sunday afternoon.

Pauline and Louise Norris of Enon visited their sister, Mrs. Verlon Drake, and Imogene Drake and Wilda Moon, Sunday afternoon.

Hollis Wilhite and Verlon Drake left Saturday night for Knoxville, Tenn.

Joe Harris of Bowling Green, Ky., spent last week end with John Wilhite.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordie Norris and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Atla Drake and Mrs. Clara Lindsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice Lindsay of Cullman spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Atla Drake.

Hanceville to Play Cullman and Hartselle
The Hanceville Bulldogs have had a successful season so far in basketball. They have lost only two games and will try to keep that record as they face the Cullman quintet Friday night, January 19, and the following night, the Bulldogs play Hartselle. Both games will be home games with each team playing A and B teams. The B team game starts at 7:30.

Hanceville will open with Joe Davis and Johnnie Mann at forwards, Capt. Maurice Webb at center and Wallace Whitaker and Earl Webb at guards according to the coach, V. C. Lambert.

Ration Calendar
SUGAR—Stamp No. 34 good for 5 pounds of sugar.

FOOD—Blue X5, Y5, Z5, and A2 through G2 in Book 4 valid, at 10 points each.

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The People Say:

Somewhere in the Philippines
January 6, 1945

Cullman Tribune
Cullman, Alabama

Dear Mr. Arnold:
Have just finished reading every line of the Tribune issue of October 26. Although the papers are a little old when they get out here to us, they are very much appreciated. I have been getting the paper quite regular for some time and there is no way of telling how much I enjoy reading it. Thanks to my dad, W. R. Daniel, and you for sending it. I have been overseas almost two years and the paper helps a lot to keep me informed about people I use to know.

I am enclosing a copy of our Battalion paper. It might be of some interest since we have several Cullman County boys with us.

Sincerely,
D. L. Daniel

To and Fro
By EAGLE EYE
A fox fur, a dozen bottles of perfume, silverware, bracelets, ear rings and the book, "On the Road to Rome" are some of the gifts recently received by Mrs. Annie Searcy of Route 1, Cullman, from her son, S/Sgt. Clarence E. Harrison. He has been with the Infantry in Italy for almost a year.

Recently when the tank destroyer battalion to which Sgt. Fred D. Robinson of Route 1, Cullman, and Pvt. James E. Hendrix of Route 1, Logan, belong was fighting in France they captured dozens of tanks. In one of them was a Nazi major, who was dead. On his body was found a map showing where the big German attack. These T. D. men had nipped it in the bud, stopping the Germans at the first of three towns they expected to take.

Five Cullman County soldiers recently assisted in taking 3,000-foot Mount Pratone in the Gothic Line in Italy. They dug the German soldiers out of elaborate concrete pill boxes and earthworks on these forested slopes. Included in this Infantry Regiment were Pvt. Richard J. Schnur an ammo bearer; Pvt. Cecil R. Malchow, a rifleman; Pfc. Hoyett D. Walker, an ammo bearer; Pfc. John J. Evans, a rifleman; and Sgt. Henry J. Smith, squad leader.



WALTER ROYALTY – Jimmie Fant, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fant, and Nelda Fae Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Baker, were recently crowned king and queen of Walter School. The popularity contest, which they won was sponsored by the Walter P. T. A.

POET'S CORNER

Forever Five | By: Randy C. Hale

Dennis the Menace
is forever five,
I sometimes wish to be.
To forever play and
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the ticker tape parade.

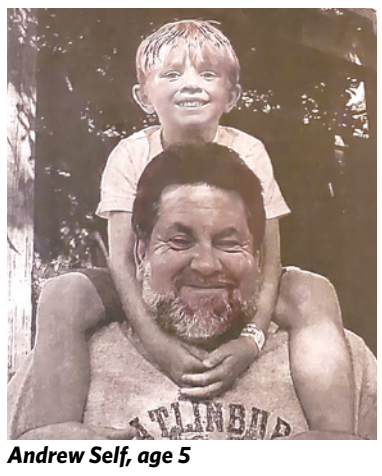
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Then lay down at night
and fall asleep
thinking of the adventures
of little old me and what
tomorrow just might bring.

Dennis the menace
is forever five-
and that is nice to be.



Andrew Self, age 5

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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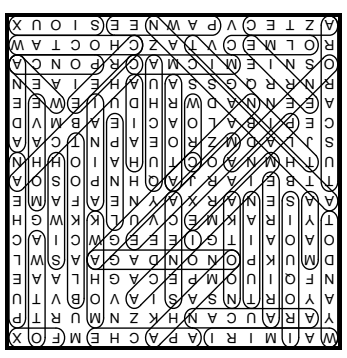
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CULLMAN TRIBUNE SUDOKU

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WALTER BAPTIST CHURCH

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Walter Baptist hosting women's event Feb. 2

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WALTER, Ala. — Walter Baptist Church will host a "Covered with Love" Women's Day conference on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 2-4 p.m.

Church member Nina Ellard said she was inspired by God to celebrate as women what God has done in our past through our heritage.

"What He is calling us to do now is our present," Ellard said.

"What He will do is our future. We will have inspirational speakers for our Women's Day event also.

"We know God is the one who ultimately covered us with His love, and we want to share that."

Ellard said women are asked to bring their favorite quilt, blanket or afghan that is special to them.

Light refreshments will be served and there is no cost for the event.

Walter Baptist Church is located at 152 County Road 649 in Hanceville. For more information, call 256-352-6328.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Winter weather warnings prompt yard and garden preparations

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — This year is rolling in on the wings of bitterly cold winter weather that is atypical for Alabama. Temperatures in most parts of the state will remain at freezing levels this week, raising concerns for outdoor plants and infrastructure. As another cold spell hits the state, Alabama Cooperative Extension System Home Horticulture regional agents encourage residents to take the proper precautions.

Long-term, below-freezing temperatures can be severely stressful for outdoor plants. Gardening and horticulture enthusiasts should prepare for prolonged freezes to mitigate plant damage or loss of plants.

"During the winter, we will inevitably have frosts and freezes coming our way," said Brian Brown, an Alabama Extension regional agent. "Unlike the early, hard freeze we had a couple of years ago, this year, plants should have had enough time to acclimate to the cold weather."

Preparation

When a cold front creeps across the state, not every plant will incur damage. However, there are preventative measures to help protect the plants that may see damage. Brown said ensuring proper soil moisture is the first step.

"Be sure to water your plants as needed because soil moisture will help absorb heat," Brown said. "A drought-affected plant will be impacted more than a well-watered one will. Mulching will also help retain soil moisture and prevent heat loss."

Covering plants will also provide insulation for heat emitted from the ground. Lightweight cloth material — such as a bed sheet or floating row covers found at most farm supply or garden centers — will do the trick. This method traps warm air to mitigate freezing. Use sticks or posts to keep the cover off the plants. It is also important to weigh down the material edges to keep the wind from blowing it away. Plastic is not recommended because it can damage the plant. Be sure to remove all covers when temperatures reach above freezing.

If you have plants in containers, be sure to either move them inside a garage or next to a structure to keep cold, harsh winds from damaging the roots. You can also place burlap or sheets around the containers to help reduce heat loss.

Species to watch

Cool-season crops are hardy vegetables and can survive temperatures below freezing for short periods of time. Cool-season crops include collard greens, cabbages, onions and broccoli. Evidence of lightly burned foliage is completely normal for these crops after enduring a hard frost. However, Dani Carroll, an Alabama Extension regional agent, said certain crops may require some extra frost care. Harvest semihardy vegetables like lettuce before the freeze.

"Root crops, such as carrots, radishes and turnips, will need to be heavily mulched to prevent damage," Carroll said. "Gardeners can use something like an empty milk jug with the top cut out to cover their vegetables."

Carroll said plants that were recently placed in the ground may not be hardy enough to withstand long periods of freezing temperatures.

Ornamental shrubs and small trees may not immediately exhibit damage from the freezing weather. These plants should be left alone until spring when new growth emerges.

The scope of damage will be much easier to determine several weeks after prolonged freeze events.

"Typically pruning dead and diseased wood can be performed anytime, but this is one time that pruning dead or damaged wood is not recommended," Carroll said. "Be patient and wait until spring growth begins to determine the extent of freeze damage and prune accordingly."

More information

For more information about gardening throughout the year, listen to Alabama Extension's From the Ground Up! Podcast or search "gardening" in the search bar of www.aces.edu.





