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Jacobs proclaims February 'Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month' in city

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — On Monday, Feb. 10, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs proclaimed the month of February 2025 "Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month" (TDVAM) in the city of Cullman. On-hand to accept the official proclamation from Victim Services of Cullman were Executive Director Jessica Atchley and Outreach Advocate Lacey Lemley.

"We are grateful for the folks at Victim Services for helping our young people learn how to avoid unhealthy or abusive relationships," said Jacobs.

"The information they receive about this issue will benefit them greatly throughout their lives."

Dating violence is very common, especially among teens and young adults.

Studies show that one in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse » PAGE 7



MARY BETH SELLERS

Pictured left to right are Jessica Atchley, Mayor Woody Jacobs and Lacey Lemley.

Bus driver Colby Adams hailed as hero



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Colby Adams

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Cullman County Schools bus driver Colby Adams is being hailed as a local hero after he prevented a student from Holly Pond Elementary School from exiting his bus when a reckless driver failed to stop while the bus was stopped with its stop sign extended and lights flashing.

On Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 5, a student was about to get off the bus and cross the street when Adams noticed a car approaching quickly. Realizing the car wasn't slowing down, he told the child to wait on the bus with him, which may have saved her life.

"I believe that it was an answer to prayer," Adams said. "Every single time before I start a route, I pray that God will help me drive the bus safely and be a godly influence on my students. I very easily could not have seen that car coming. And, by God's grace, I was able to see it coming far in advance, and that girl was able to be safe and not be put in harm's way."

Cullman County Schools released a statement about the incident on Feb. 6, saying: "Illegal passings happen daily in Cullman County, and we need this to STOP. Watch this video, as an elementary student at Holly Pond K-8 is about to get off the bus Wednesday afternoon and cross Highway 278. We commend bus driver Colby Adams for his professional handling of this situation, and are thankful this student was not hurt. Passing a stopped bus is illegal - and we are in contact with the sheriff's office about this case. There's no reason to run a STOP sign on our school buses. Our rear-facing camera was operational, but the vehicle was traveling too fast for us to get a clear license plate."

According to the Alabama School Bus Driver Handbook, "When a motorist encounters a school bus that has stopped to pick-up or drop off children on a highway, roadway, school property or private road, the driver must come to a complete stop. Whether meeting the bus head on or attempting to go around either side, if there is a visual signal as specified in Act # 2006-311, the motorist cannot proceed until the school bus resumes motion, the visual signals are no longer actuated, or until the motorist is signaled by the school bus driver to proceed.

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Man arrested in connection with body found in Good Hope



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Feb. 10

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Feb. 10, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 6
- harassment; Hwy. 69S
- reckless endangerment; CR 1718
- theft of property; CR 436
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 1367
- harassing communications; CR 565
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1669
- assault; CR 1367
- domestic violence; CR 1386
- harassing communications; Welcome Rd.
- assault; CR 1196

Feb. 7
- domestic violence; CR 248
- domestic violence – criminal mischief; CR 1674
- theft of property; CR 1763
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; CR 1212
- domestic violence; CR 1145
- assault; CR 520
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1570

Feb. 8
- domestic violence – menacing; US. 31N
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- menacing; CR 1129
- burglary; possession of drug paraphernalia; giving false name to LEO; CR 1621
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65NB 304MM
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1114
- obstructing criminal investigation; abuse of corpse; CR 437
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 565

Feb. 9
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1753
- burglary; CR 1269
- theft of property; CR 682
- domestic violence; Schwaiger Dr.

ARRESTS

Feb. 6-9

Abbott, Jessica M.; 57
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Atchley, Michael L.; 54
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Aycock, Gregory W.; 54
- abuse of a corpse
- obstructing criminal investigation

Baldwin, Adam N.; 38
- family offense-non support-child
- PROBATION VIOALATION – escape
- PROBATION VIOLATION – auto theft

Beasley, Anthony R.; 53
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – improper lights
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – switched tag

Berry. Parrish C.; 58
- counterfeiting
- forged instrument
- theft-from banking institution

Bowden, Crystal R.; 41
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Camp, Andrew H.; 43
- burglary-non-residence-no force
- obstructing justice using a false identity

Childers, Scotty R.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Clay, Cody L.; 36
- criminal trespass

Cornelius, John B.; 44
- financial exploitation of the elderly-2nd degree
- theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Denney, Jefferey A.; 36
- FTA – public intoxication

Dickson, Jeremy T.; 53
- public intoxication

Edmondson, James C.; 33
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – DUI (alcohol)

Foster, David R.; 66
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Frazier, Ashley B.; 35
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun

Harris, Onis S.; 33
- public intoxication
- exposure or lewd act in public

Jackson, Clark A.; 36
- FTA – assault-harassment

Jetton, Joseph E.; 44
- Burglary-non-residence-no force
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Melba S.; 56
- burglary-non-residence-no force

Myslinski, James M.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pace, Hunter L.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Perkins, Rusty L.; 47
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Pezzeca, Steven A.; 48
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Ratliff Jr., James A.; 52
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – criminal trespass-3rd degree

Reinhardt, William J.; 32
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Simmons, Jerod M.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Smith, Evelyn G.; 50
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – drug trafficking
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Kody R.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

South, Jason H.; 47
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOALTION – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Walker, Tracy W.; 53
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wallace, Ricky L.; 46
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Benjamin T.; 29
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-force
- PROBATION VIOLATION – domestic violence-3rd degree

Woods, Cara C.; 65
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Young, Jimmy L.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Rainer: WFF updating plan for imperiled and at-risk species

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources

Every 10 years, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) is required to update its State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) to be eligible for federal funding that is crucial to many endangered and threatened species in the state.

ADCNR staff members are currently in the process of updating the SWAP, which will be submitted by September 2025. The Congressional State Wildlife Grant (SWG) assists state fish and wildlife agencies in the conservation of species of greatest conservation need (SGCN).

"This will be our third SWAP that our agency has done," said Traci Wood, WFF's Habitat and Species Conservation Coordinator. "This is required by Congress to receive the grants, which are important for the recovery and restoration of the Alabama species that are imperiled or at risk. The SWAP is a roadmap to guide us and our conservation partners in Alabama when identifying priorities for species recovery efforts. Recovery efforts can include research and surveys to better understand population status of our imperiled species, habitat restoration or land acquisition, which is the most effective way to ensure permanent protection for imperiled species and their habitats. That is all imbedded in the SWAP for all species in greatest conservation need."

Examples of identified species in current or previous SWAPs are the Eastern Indigo snake, gopher tortoise, red-cockaded woodpeckers, the Alabama Pearlshell and other endangered mussels, and crayfish, just to name a few. SWAP-related funding is also used to operate the Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center, where numerous species of aquatic mollusks are studied and recovered. WFF's Fisheries Section also has a Rivers and Streams Program to monitor and collect data on imperiled fishes in Alabama.

"The Eastern Indigo was identified in previous SWAPS, and that reintroduction program has been underway for the past 12 years," Wood said. "This has been the main funding mechanism for the reintroduction of the Eastern Indigo snake in the Conecuh National Forest for the entire project's life.

"The mussel recovery at the Biodiversity Center includes the Alabama Pearlshell, the Southern Combshell, Finelined Pocketbook, Alabama Lampmussell, Orangenacre Mucket and Coosa Moccassinshell."

Alabama's largest crayfish species, the Tennessee Bottlebrush Crayfish, has been petitioned for federal listing as endangered. It lives in the Shoal Creek drainage of the Tennessee River.

"It's important to remember the history with crayfish because so many people are surprised by the fact we have crayfish research going on," Wood said. "We have 100 recognized crayfish species in Alabama, but most people think we have a few. We added crayfish in our second SWAP revision in 2015, which enabled us to expand the research needs for crayfish."

The taxa groups (biological classifications) included in the SWAP are birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, gastropods, mussels, snails and crayfish. WFF is adding imperiled plants to the plan for first time.

Wood said the conservation groups participating in the SWAP have to rank affected species according to conservation priorities. If the species is of conservation concern, they are ranked Priority 1 through 3.

"We've gone through the rankings for all of those taxa groups, and 200 of those plants species have been identified as Priority 1 in Alabama," she said. "We reviewed more than 6,000 plants in that taxa group.

"We focus on Priority 1 and Priority 2. Priority 3s are of moderate conservation concern. The P3s are species we think are going to be okay, but we may not have the data to support that.

"That is just field observation and hasn't had any research performed. We assign a priority rank in each species, identify the threat and identify conservation actions needed to protect that species."

In addition to conservation groups, the public is encouraged to participate in the review process. The public can submit reviews online on the SWAP website listed below or at public meetings that will be announced at www.outdooralabama.com.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will perform a review process and determine final approval.

Wood said in the past five years, those grants and matching funds have resulted in a $1.2 million expenditure annually for the plan.



ADCNR

The Tennessee Bottlebrush Crayfish is the largest crayfish species in Alabama.

Wood praised the efforts of Ashley Peters, ADCNR State Lands Division GIS (Geographic Information System) specialist, and Katie Lawson, assistant professor of Environmental Sciences at Auburn University, in helping to make the SWAP revision process more efficient.

The duo used the ArcGIS suite of products to develop a program to help the experts across the nine taxa groups in submitting surveys prior to in-person meetings.

This information was used to determine the SGCN rankings. Almost 5,000 surveys were submitted by the experts across all nine taxa groups. These data were then analyzed, and a dashboard was used to display summarized data during meetings, which greatly facilitated and expedited the process of reaching consensus on SGCN rankings.

"Gathering information on the approximately 2,000 species considered by the taxa teams and reaching consensus on SGCN status has been difficult and time-consuming during previous revisions," Wood said.

"We sought to streamline this process. We wanted to standardize the approach in revising the SWAP. Now everybody is on the same page. A regional project was developed to guide state fish and wildlife agencies to do that. We took part of that regional project and applied it to what we needed in Alabama.

"What Ashley and Katie did was take my thoughts to develop a database and dashboard so all of the reviewers, the experts so to speak, could fill out the database and answer the same questions to come to a conclusion of what the SGCN rank should be.

"It not only standardized the approach and made sure the experts reviewed taxa groups in the same way, but it also cut down on the number of in-person meetings. It is very time-consuming to review taxa groups. This had a lot of the work done prior to our in-person meetings. It took a day to go through each taxa group instead of five, six or seven days."

For their efforts to improve the SWAP process, Peters and Lawson were awarded the Excellence in GIS Award from the Alabama Geographic Information Office at the 2024 GIS of Alabama Conference held at Gulf State Park in November 2024.

"With their background and GIS experience, Ashley and Katie were able to create a database online for participants to use," Wood said. "It was such a great product that they were recognized for its excellence."

Visit www.outdooralabama.com/2025-swap-update for more information about the species of animals and plants in the SWAP revision as well as the process involved.

Free File (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama taxpayers with a qualifying 2024 adjusted gross income can prepare their 2024 state and federal income tax returns online using free tax preparation and e-filing software now available at www.revenue.alabama.gov/individual-corporate/alabama-free-file or www.irs.gov/filing/irs-free-file-do-your-taxes-for-free.

"Free File is now available in Alabama to help eligible taxpayers take the guesswork out of completing state and federal tax returns," said Gov. Kay Ivey.

"With step-by-step help to get tax returns done quickly, safely and for free, this is a great way to meet income tax filing obligations and help move Alabama forward."

Powered by The Free File Alliance (a coalition of tax software companies and the IRS) and the Alabama Department of Revenue (ALDOR), the Free File program gives eligible taxpayers access to innovative and secure tax software so they can easily prepare and e-file their federal and state tax returns for free.

Besides desktop and laptop computers, taxpayers can also use their smart phones or tablets to electronically prepare and file their federal and state tax returns through the Free File program.

Using such mobile devices, taxpayers may access the products in two ways: (1) Use the IRS2Go app, which has a link to the Free File Software Lookup Tool or (2) use the device's browser to go to www.IRS.gov/freefile.

The IRS2Go app is available for Android and iOS devices.

ALDOR and the Free File Alliance continue to make the protection of taxpayers' personal information a priority.

The Alliance and its members, along with the IRS, state tax agencies like ALDOR, and others in the tax industry are active participants in the IRS Security Summit to provide additional identity theft safeguards for tax filing.

To learn more about the Security Awareness campaign and how you can help, visit www.irs.gov/individuals/taxes-security-together.

Man (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – A Cullman man has been arrested in connection with the body that was found at a Good Hope park Saturday, Feb. 8.

The deceased was identified as Anthony Mark Sturgeon, 29, of Cullman. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick.

Also on Saturday, deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office arrested Gregory Wayne Aycock, 54.

According to Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Aycock was charged with obstructing police/obstructing a criminal investigation and morals/decency crime - abuse of a corpse.

"These charges stem from the discovery of a deceased body in the Good Hope area on Saturday morning," Gentry said. "Preliminary indications are believed to be a drug overdose. It is believed that Aycock moved the body in question."

CCSO investigators allegedly obtained sufficient evidence to execute the arrest.

Aycock is currently being held at the Cullman County Detention Center without bond.

This continues to be an active investigation, and further information will be provided as it becomes available.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Music Every Thursday Night in February at the Bethel Community Center
4-8 p.m. at the center, just off U.S. Highway 278, west of Cullman on County Road 1117. Bluegrass, gospel and country music. Musicians are welcome with acoustic instruments only. Covered dish supper and everyone is invited. Please join us! No entry fee, but donations are appreciated for building upkeep.

Grief Support Group
Every Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 615 Third Ave. SE. Contact Reverend Warren Ruland at 256-962 2521.

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

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.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Tuesday, Feb. 11 - 6 p.m. Adult dinner and game night
• Wednesday, Feb. 12 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Feb. 14 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Saturday, Feb. 15 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Feb. 16 - 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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

29th Annual Cullman High School Jazz Band Big Band Dance
Friday, Feb. 14, from 7-9 p.m. at Loft 212, 212 Fourth St. SW. Admission is $10. All ages welcome. Not a chaperoned event. Supervision recommended for ages 14 and younger.

20th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner
Monday, Feb. 17, from 4-6:30 p.m. in Hearin Hall at First United Methodist Church. The price includes an evening of Southern gospel music, performances by Brian Westbrook & The Misfits and Enell Baker, a keepsake pottery bowl, chili and a grilled cheese sandwich. Tickets are $15 and are available at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church. Carry outs will also be available. For more information, please call Cullman Caring for Kids at 739-1111 or First United Methodist Church at 734-6690.

Frame Loom Weaving Class
Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. $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 at https://square.link/u/XjtHP68k or by stopping by the center. 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.

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.

At the Foot of the Cross Church 4th Annual Homecoming
Saturday, March 1, at 2 p.m. at the church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Joyful Hearts, Short Creek Gospel Trio and Family Tradition will be bringing music! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided! Come join us for a wonderful day in the Lord!

United Way of Cullman County Crawfish Boil 2025
Friday, March 14, from 5-7 p.m. at Goat Island Brewing. $50 all you can eat. Join us for an evening of fun, food and giving back! The bayou-bred team from Hank's Sports Bar will be boiling up fresh crawfish and veggies right on-site! Goat Island Brewing will be serving the perfect drafts to pair with your meal. Featuring the Rally Stripe Band! Get tickets at https://tinyurl.com/crawfishtix.

Fused Glass Art Class
Tuesday, March 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Cullman Senior Center. 60 and older. For $22 per person, participants can make a fused glass flowerpot magnet to take home. Seating for the class, taught by Kimberly Love, is limited, so sign up soon. Sign up at https://square.link/u/mdLS2ZtL or by stopping by the center. 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.



Fused Glass Art Class
with Kimberly Love
March 18th @ 12:30 pm
Come make a lovely Flower Pot Magnet that you will cherish forever!
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PREP BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders advance to Sweet 16 with 71-41 win over Wilson

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The defending 4A state champion Lady Raiders were back home to continue their postseason run with a Sub-Regional matchup against Wilson Friday night and Good Hope dominated from start to finish to punch its ticket to next week's Northwest Regional at Wallace State.

Baskets by Jolee McHan and Sophie Konrad gave the Lady Raiders a 4-0 start and Ella Gossett knocked down a three to keep Good Hope in front 7-3 later in the first quarter. Gossett but a pair of free throws to make it 9-3 and Konrad drained another three to extend the lead to 12-3. Ava McSwain followed with a three of her own to make it 15-3 and Konrad's second three-pointer of the opening period gave Good Hope an 18-8 lead with three minutes remaining in the first. Lucie Adams drilled a three to make it a 21-8 game and Konrad split a pair of free throws in the final moments of the first quarter to keep the Lady Raiders ahead 22-14 at the start of the second.

A pair of Gossett free throws and basket from McSwain put Good Hope ahead 26-14 early in the second quarter.

Konrad laid one in to make it 28-14 and Gossett and McSwain each split a pair of free throws to maintain a 30-16 lead with three minutes remaining in the period. Free throws from Gossett, Konrad and Lexi Collins helped build a 39-17 with less than a minute to play in the first half and Gossett buried a three at the buzzer to give the Lady Raiders a commanding, 42-17 lead at the break.

Konrad scored the first five points of the third quarter to extend Good Hope's lead to 47-17.

McSwain drained a three to make it 50-19 later in the period and free throws from Lexi Marshall and McHan kept the Lady Raiders in front 53-21. Six more points from Konrad and a three-pointer by Adams stretched the lead to 62-28 with just over a minute remaining in the quarter and after McSwain knocked down another three, Adams sank a free throw in the final seconds of the third to make it a 66-30 game going into the fourth.

Marshall and Collins each scored inside to give Good Hope a 40-point lead early in the fourth quarter and with the clock running, the Lady Raiders cruised into the Sweet 16 with a 71-41 win over Wilson.

Konrad led Good Hope with 26 points in the win. Gossett posted 14 and McSwain added 12.

The Lady Raiders will be back on the court at Wallace State Wednesday at 3 p.m. to play Dora or in the Northwest Regional.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Sophie Konrad led Good Hope with 26 points in its 71-41 Sub-Regional win over Wilson Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond downs Colbert County 54-39 to advance to NW Regional

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — After knocking off Vinemont to win the Class 3A, Area 11 championship, the Holly Pond Lady Broncos were back home Friday night to host a Sub-Regional game against Colbert County. Holly Pond jumped out to an early lead and kept the Lady Indians at a safe distance the rest of the way to earn a 54-39 win and advance to next week's Northwest Regional at Wallace State.

The Lady Broncos didn't waste any time getting out to a big lead. Millie McBee and Ava Thomas each hit a basket down low, then Maggie Nail knocked down a pair from the line to give them a 6-0 lead. Thomas nailed a trey from the left corner, then McBee scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw, and Thomas added a floater to extend their lead to 14-0. After Colbert County got on the scoreboard, Sadie Nail split from the free throw line, then McBee scored again in the paint to make it a 17-2 game late in the first quarter. The Lady Indians hit a pair of late threes, including one from well beyond half court, to cut it to 18-8 going into the second.

A rebound and putback by McBee kept it at a 10-point game at 20-10. Madison Butts split from the free throw line, then off the missed free throw, Holly Pond grabbed the rebound, and Maggie Nail found Alana Phillips down low for a basket to give them a 23-12 lead.

A trey by Colbert County made it a 23-15 game, but a basket by McBee extended Holly Pond's lead to 25-15. Maggie Nail hit four free throws late in the first half to put the Lady Broncos ahead, 29-19, at the half.

Sadie Nail buried a trey from the right corner, then another rebound and putback by McBee gave Holly Pond a 34-21 lead. The Lady Indians knocked down a three to trim the deficit to 10 at 36-26, but Holly Pond went on a three-point barrage of their own. Butts knocked down one from the top of the key, then Phillips added one of her own from the left corner to stretch their lead to 42-29. Butts added one more with less than two minutes to go in the quarter, as Holly Pond took a 45-31 lead into the final quarter.

McBee scored the first four points of the fourth quarter for the Lady Broncos, as that extended their lead to 49-31. A late run by the Lady Indians cut it to 50-39, but a late layup by Butts, and two more free throws by Maggie Nail, helped seal the 54-39 win for Holly Pond.

McBee led the way for the Lady Broncos with 18 points. Butts and Maggie Nail each added nine points and Thomas put in seven points.

Holly Pond will be back on the court Wednesday morning to play Phil Campbell at 9 a.m. in the Northwest Regional.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Millie McBee led Holly Pond with 18 points in its 54-39 win over Colbert County Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman falls to Clay-Chalkville in Sub-Regional, 50-49

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After defeating Jasper to win the area title earlier this week, Cullman was back home at Bearcat Arena Saturday night for a sub-regional battle with Clay-Chalkville. The Bearcats fell behind at halftime but climbed back to take the lead late in the third quarter. Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Cougars hit a go-ahead three-pointer late in the final frame to take a 50-49 lead and Cullman was unable to answer on the other end, bringing another strong season for the Bearcats to an end.

Brooks Loftin laid one in to give Cullman a 2-0 start and after Clay-Chalkville hit a three on the other end, Evan Wilson split a pair of free throws to keep the game tied at 3. Wilson scored two more baskets to give the Bearcats a 7-4 lead later in the period.

The Cougars were able to the things up at 7 but Sam Dorough drilled a deep three from just over the halfcourt line to put the 'Cats in front 10-7 going into the second quarter.

Loftin scored inside to give Cullman a 12-7 lead early in the second quarter and Wilson laid one in to make it a 14-10 game later in the period.

However, Clay-Chalkville outscored the Bearcats 11-1 in the final three minutes of the half to take a 21-15 lead into the locker room at the break.

Jake Dorough scored the first eight points of the third for Cullman to trim the lead to 26-23.

Baskets by Loftin and Wilson held the lead to 32-27 but later in the period, Jake Dorough and Preston Gay buried a pair of three-pointers to put the Bearcats back in front 35-34.

Loftin added another basket in the final moments of the third to give Cullman a 37-34 lead at the start of the fourth.

Loftin scored through a foul and tacked on the free throw to keep the 'Cats in front 40-39 early in the fourth quarter.

Wilson scored inside and Dorough drained another three to maintain a 45-42 Cullman lead with five minutes to play and another bucket by Loftin made it 47-42.

Gay hit a pair of free throws to make it a 49-45 game with 1:19 on the clock but that's when the Cougars began to claw their way back.

They cut the lead to 2 with less than a minute to play and knocked down a three with just 15 seconds remaining to take a 50-49 lead.

The Bearcats were able to get off one more shot attempt as the final seconds ticked away but the ball bounced off the back iron and Clay-Chalkville was able to escape with a 50-49 win.

Dorough and Wilson both posted 14 points in the loss and Loftin added 13.

Cullman finishes its season 26-5, with a new school record for regular season wins. This year's senior class will also graduate with a school record 104 career wins.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Bearcats fell to Clay-Chalkville in the Sub-Regional round 50-49 Saturday night to finish the season 26-5.

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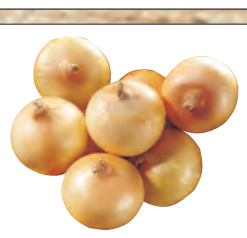
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Jones Chapel VFD receives new(er) vehicle

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. — The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department received Cullman County Legislative Delegation Fund Grant monies totaling $20,000, which went toward the purchase of a 2018 F150 4x4 for the department.

Chief Clint Thrasher thanked Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, and Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, for the help.

"This truck will replace one of the current EMS vehicles (1998 Expedition), and after the sale of the expedition, those funds will be utilized to add a fire suppression skid to the truck which will be utilized as a second brush attack unit," Thrasher said. "This will also be an additional truck to pull our special operations trailer and fire prevention safety house."

Thrasher said with the grant, the VFD purchased the truck with $1,000 of its own budgeted funds.

"I want to thank Senator Gudger and Representative Harbison for being willing to secure us the grant funding for the project," Thrasher said.

"The grant idea started during the fall. We discovered that over the last year or so, we had a large increase in grass fires and that we really needed a second brush truck. We started working on a plan, and then we discovered that a local fire equipment vendor had a truck that was already equipped with lights and sirens, etc. that was in the budget we were wanting to work within.

"I reached out to Rep. Harbison and asked if he would be willing to grant us some money out of the Cullman County Delegation Fund and he said yes. Around the same time, Sen. Gudger had asked several of our members on multiple occasions to let him know if we ever needed anything from him. So I reached out to him as well, and together, they split the grant and made it happen for us."



CLINT THRASHER

The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department recently got a 2018 F150 4x4 thanks to a grant.

Thrasher said all volunteer fire departments are in need of members, and he encouraged anyone interested to reach out to their local department. There is no experience necessary.

Hines (from Front)

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard Prep

Rowan Hines, a senior at St. Bernard Preparatory School, is a student with her sights set on greatness. Currently ranked in the top three of her class, Hines has spent the last four years at St. Bernard excelling academically and athletically, embodying the school's motto of balancing faith, learning and service.

Hines began her academic journey at Sacred Heart and Cullman Middle School before transferring to St. Bernard as a freshman.

Her parents sought a more rigorous academic challenge for their daughter, and Hines has certainly risen to the occasion.

She balances a demanding course load, including Advanced Placement classes in Biology, Literature, Government and Calculus, while also completing college-level English coursework.

Athletically, Hines shines as the only senior starter on the St. Bernard girls' basketball team, leading her team as a guard and a versatile player.

"I can play everything but point guard," she said with a laugh, adding, "I don't like to dribble."

Hines' leadership helped her team secure hosting the area tournament for the first time since the late 1990s or early 2000s — a milestone she celebrates. Despite the grueling schedule of late-night games and early morning homework sessions, Hines cherishes the bond she shares with her teammates, whom she considers her extended family.

Beyond academics and sports, Hines dedicates time to serving her community. A volunteer at Hope Horses, a local therapeutic riding center, she finds joy in supporting its mission. "I love horses, and I love what they do," she said. "It's a blessing to be able to volunteer there."

The oldest of seven children, Hines draws inspiration from personal loss. The tragic passing of her younger sibling due to a rare heart condition has driven her to aspire to a career in pediatric cardiothoracic surgery. While she is still finalizing her plans, Hines is 90% certain she will attend the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) to pursue her medical dreams.

Reflecting on her journey, Hines credits her experiences at St. Bernard with shaping her resilience and character. "Overcoming adversity has taught me a lot about life," she said. "Believe me, I've had my share of challenges."

Rowan Hines exemplifies the best of St. Bernard Preparatory School, demonstrating the power of determination, service and heart. As she prepares to graduate and begin the next chapter of her life, she leaves behind a legacy of leadership and excellence.







ALEA reminder: Get your STAR ID

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) this week announced its participation in the "Be Your REAL ID Self" campaign, a nationwide initiative aimed at educating residents about the Secure, Trusted, and Reliable Identification (STAR ID), Alabama's equivalent of the REAL ID. As the May 7, 2025, federal enforcement period quickly approaches, ALEA said, it is committed to reminding residents of the importance of obtaining their STAR ID.

Starting May 7, 2025, Alabama residents will need a STAR ID or an acceptable federal identification to fly domestically and enter certain federal facilities, including military installations. The STAR ID also serves as a secure identification option under federal guidelines, ensuring that travelers and visitors can navigate air travel and enter federal buildings seamlessly.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "The STAR ID represents Alabama's commitment to ensuring safe and secure identification for our citizens. It meets federal requirements under the REAL ID Act, providing enhanced security measures that align with national standards. Taking the extra step to obtain a STAR ID will guarantee a smoother travel experience and provide greater peace of mind as we move closer to the May 2025 enforcement deadline."

Passed by Congress in 2005 following a 9/11 Commission recommendation, the REAL ID Act establishes minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies, like the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), from accepting licenses and identification cards for official purposes from states that do not meet these standards.

"If you plan to get on a flight in the United States and use your driver's license to verify your identity to board the plane, it must be Real ID compliant. Meaning, if you are a resident of Alabama, it must be a STAR ID," explained ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer. "As part of the 'Be Your REAL ID Self' campaign, we encourage all Alabamians to go ahead and obtain a STAR ID if you plan to fly domestically or enter certain federal facilities. The STAR ID offers enhanced security and ensures compliance with federal regulations."

ALEA encourages all residents to visit www.alea.gov, to locate their nearest Driver License Examining Office, as not all Driver License Offices across the state are able to issue a STAR ID. Due to the federal requirements, STAR ID cannot be issued through online services.



Director of ALEA's Driver License Division, Holley Cook, said, "STAR IDs are exclusively available at ALEA Driver License Examining offices, so citizens are urged to locate their nearest office and plan their visit accordingly. To avoid long wait times, it's recommended to make an appointment and to come prepared with the required documentation, which includes proof of identity, residency and legal presence."

The Agency offers an online guide designed to assist with the STAR ID application process, as well as to determine eligibility. The online guide includes a checklist for requirements, a list of necessary documents and a list of ALEA Driver License Examining Office locations across the state. Access the guide at https://al.accessgov.com/star-id/Forms/Page/star-id/star-id.

For detailed information on obtaining a STAR ID and frequently asked questions, visit www.alea.gov/dps/driver-license/star-id.

Adams (from Front)

least two lanes of traffic to travel in opposite directions, motorists do not have to stop when meeting a school bus that is loading or unloading in the opposing roadway. Nor does a motorist have to stop if the school bus is stopped in a loading zone which is a part of or adjacent to a highway where pedestrians are not permitted to cross the roadway.

"A divided highway is defined as a highway where the lanes are separated by an object intended to impede traffic from crossing."

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is investigating the incident. See a video of the incident at www.facebook.com/share/v/19yKtijXyv.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The Cullman County Commission has completed the CDBG County Road 1490 Road Improvement Project (CY-CM-PF-23-002) which constructed improvements to a 2.6-mile section of County Road 1490 which connects in two locations with County Road 1545 in the Gold Ridge Community. Wiregrass Construction Company, Incorporated and J.C. Cheek Contractors gives Notice of Completion of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the Cullman County Engineering Department, 2883 Highway 69 North, Cullman, Alabama 35058 or by phone at 256-796-2266 within the next thirty days.

CLOSE-OUT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Cullman County Commission will hold a public meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE., Cullman, AL to discuss closing-out their FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant Project (CY-CM-PF-23-002) known as Cullman County – County Road 1490 CDBG Road Improvement Project which constructed improvements to a 2.6 mile section of County Road 1490 which connects in two locations with County Road 1545 in the Gold Ridge Community. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input or objections to the county proceeding with the close-out of this project. All citizens who would like to attend the public hearing but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator, Cullman County Economic Development at (256) 736-2434 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Jeff Clemons
Chairman
Cullman County Commission

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NORMA FAYE ELLARD, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-023

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Bruce Ellard as Personal Representative of the Estate of Norma Faye Ellard, deceased, on the 3rd day of February, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County.

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

BRUCE ELLARD
Personal Representative

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Personal Representative
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

TO: **The Publisher of 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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of MARY SUE BANISTER, Deceased. * CASE NO. PC2024-322

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: DEBORAH SHASTEEN LONG, HUNTER SHASTEEN, J.J. SHASTEEN a/k/a JAMES S. SHASTEEN, III, LARRY SEMEVOLOS, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARY SUE BANISTER, DECEASED.

Petition to Probate Will and for Letters Testamentary filed by William Thomas Blankenship, Petitioner, through Attorney Clint L. Maze. A hearing has been rescheduled on this matter for the **8th day of April, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 23rd day of January, 2025.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioner
Wilmer and Lee, P.A.
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

HE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MARK ALAN JOHNS, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2024-444

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CODY JOHN AND TAYLOR JOHNS as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARK ALAN JOHNS, deceased, on the 3rd day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

CODY JOHNS AND TAYLOR JOHNS
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056-0517

TO: **The Publisher of 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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LEE PARRISH, Deceased * **Case No. PC 2024-449**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration for Patricia Lee Parrish, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 23rd day of January, 2025 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Callahan Parrish
Personal Representative

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To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of Richard J. Lindsey, Deceased) Case No. PC 2024-443

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Patricia L. Lindsey as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard J. Lindsey, deceased, on the 24th day of January, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Patricia L. Lindsey
Personal Representative
Patricia L. Lindsey

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
Please publish the above notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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HE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JENNIFER DAWN HEARLD Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2024-454

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to BRITTIANY N. ROMERO as Personal Representative of the Estate of JENNIFER DAWN HEARLD, deceased, on the 3rd day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

BRITTIANY N. ROMERO
Personal Representative

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TO: **The Publisher of 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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of BOBBIE M. DUKE, Deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2025 - 012

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jonathan Wayne Duke as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bobbie M. Duke, deceased, on the 24th day of January, 2025, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jonathan Wayne Duke
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Personal Representative

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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Chamber hosting 'Keeping Your Body Healthy at Work' Lunch & Learn Feb. 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Lunch & Learn workshop, titled Keeping Your Body Healthy at Work, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Walmart Room at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. Sponsored by Wallace State Community College, this free event will provide practical tips on maintaining good posture, incorporating healthy habits into daily routines and managing stress to stay energized and focused throughout the workday.

"This is a great opportunity to start the new year with some new healthy habits and techniques to help your overall health and boost your quality of life," said Katie Walker, director of communication & events for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

The session will be led by Roger Gurley, founder of Tradition Physical Therapy, who brings expertise in functional exercises, manual therapy techniques, dry needling, blood flow restriction and other therapeutic approaches to help individuals achieve optimal function in their daily lives.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch to enjoy during the hour-long session. Although the event is free, registration is required.

To register, visit www.business.cullmanchamber.org/events.

For more information, contact the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce at 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org.

The Chamber is located at 301 Second Ave. SW in Cullman.

Month (from Front)

from someone they're in a relationship with before they become adults, and nearly half of college women report experiencing violent or abusive dating behaviors.

The month of February is set aside across the country as a time to raise awareness about the issue of teen dating violence through TDVAM.

The focus of TDVAM is on advocacy and education to stop dating abuse before it starts. The theme for TDVAM 2025 is "Respect That."

"Respect That" is a powerful concept that can transform relationships.

This theme highlights the importance of treating partners with dignity, listening to their viewpoints, respecting their boundaries and valuing their autonomy by focusing on "respect."

The Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services, an office of the Administration for Children & Families (ACF), has a Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Action Guide.

That action guide, which can be downloaded at www.acf.hhs.gov/ofvps, contains helpful information and guidance on personal boundaries, self-care and self-love, consent, trust and honesty, conflict resolution, open communication and more.

The website www.loveisrespect.org is an inclusive space where young people can access information and get support in an environment designed specifically for teens and young adults. Loveisrespect.org also shares the following tips on how to tell if a relationship is healthy, unhealthy or abusive.

A healthy relationship means both you and your partner are:

- Communicating
- Respectful
- Trusting
- Honest
- Equal
- Enjoying personal time away from each other
- Making mutual choices
- Economic/financial partners

You may be in an unhealthy relationship if your partner is:

- Not communicating
- Disrespectful
- Not trusting
- Dishonest
- Trying to take control
- Only spending time together
- Pressured into activities
- Unequal economically

Abuse is occurring in a relationship when one partner is:

- Communicating in a hurtful or threatening way
- Mistreating
- Accusing the other of cheating when it's untrue
- Denying their actions are abusive
- Controlling
- Isolating their partner from others

Teens who find themselves in unhealthy or abusive dating relationships have a place to turn to for help. The Teen Dating Abuse Hotline is 866-331-9474.

They can also go to the website loveisrespect.org to text, call, or chat with someone who can help. The site also has many resources regarding dating, healthy relationships, personal safety, and more.

To find out more about Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., visit www.victimservices.online or call 256-775-2600.

To find out more about TDVAM, visit www.loveisrespect.org or call the administrative line at 737-225-3150.

Are you a teen in an unhealthy or abusive dating relationship who needs help now?

Call 1-866-331-9474 or text LOVEIS to 22522 or visit www.loveisrespect.org to chat with someone now.

Obituary Announcements: Feb. 8-10

Alan Monoval Miner, 65
Visitation for Alan Monoval Miner, age 65, of Cullman, will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Miner passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at his residence. He was born July 6, 1959, to Norval and Vernell Miner. He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Teri Chambers Miner. Survivors include his wife, Gerri Miner; son, Jared (Chantelle) Miner; son, Casey (Erin) Miner, son Geremy (Taylor) Hooks; daughter, Jordan (Clayton) Nicholson; daughter, Madison (David) Townsend; grandchildren, Jackson, Aubrey, Grayson, Deacon, Micah, Josie, Hadley, and Landry Miner; sister; Pam (Mark) Farmer; sister, Sheila (Robert) Johnson; and sister, Trisha (Gary) Livingston. The Family would like to thank Hospice of North Alabama for the care they provided. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of North Alabama or to Fairview Volunteer Fire Department.

Tony Prince, 72
Mr. Tony Clark Prince, 72, of Falkville passed away Friday, Feb. 7, 2025, at Cullman Regional Hospital. A visitation will be held Tuesday evening at Cullman Funeral Home from 4-6 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Prince was born Aug. 26, 1952, to Lelan Howard Prince and Edith Chambers Prince. He was a truck driver. He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Prince; parents; infant son, Jason Todd Prince; brothers, Howard Prince, Rayburn Prince, Joe Prince, Harold Prince; sister, Carolyn Prince Rodgers; nephew, Timmy Rodgers. Survivors include a brother, Freddy Prince; sister, Kathryn Prince Wilkins; sons, William Prince, Jeff Prince; daughters, Pamela Stricklin, Kimberly Prince, Jennifer Prince, Brandy Benavidez, Stephanie Prince, Harli Prince;19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; family and friends.

Everette Moody Stairs, 93
Graveside Service for Everette Moody Stairs, age 93 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 10, 2025, at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Stairs passed away on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2025. He was born April 24, 1931, to Everette Moody Stairs. He was preceded in death by his father, Everette Stairs Survivors include his daughters, Denise (Anthony) Weis and Karen (Lewis) Blair; grandson, Richard (Jennifer) Weis; granddaughter, Jessica (Justin) Blair Gobble and five great grandchildren and a host of family and friends.

Kyle O'Neal Mitchell, 33
Kyle O'Neal Mitchell, age 33, of Cullman, passed away Friday, Jan. 3, 2025, at Grandview Hospital. Kyle was born on May 17, 1991, to Mitzi Marrs and Keith Mitchell. Kyle is survived by his Mother, Mitzi Marrs; Father, Keith Mitchell; Son, Kaden Mitchell; Brother, Chris (Danielle, Brayden) Briscoe; Sister, Ashley (Eric) Woodall; Nieces, Payton and Makenna Briscoe; Cousins, Kahley and Keaton Kahler; Grandmother Colleen (Quinn) Jackson; Aunt Kim (Kris) Kahler Kyle served his country through the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne Division as a Paratrooper. He could never stay in one place too long as he enjoyed exploring new places and experiences. He loved to spend time with family and friends, who meant the world to him. He loved to cook, play disc golf, and have seafood boils by the water. He was the kindest soul, always willing to help anyone, especially strangers in need. He had the most infectious laugh, always trying to bring a smile to everyone. We will miss you greatly until we see you again. A celebration of life memorial service for Kyle will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Melba Moody Byrum, 79
Ms. Melba Eloise Moody Byrum, age 79, of Vinemont, Alabama, entered into rest on Feb. 7, 2025, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Ms. Melba was born on Aug. 27,1945, to D.L. Moody and Etta S. Moody of Crane Hill. Melba was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Jeanette Higginbotham and Kathryn Moody. After a long and rewarding career with AT&T in Nashville, Tennessee, she returned to her roots in Cullman to reconnect with her extended and church families. She will be laid to rest alongside her parents and sisters in Lake City, Florida. She will be missed by a host of nieces and nephew, many cousins and friends from Beulah Church of the Nazarene. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Vinemont seniors gathered to indulge in a delicious taco bar and play competitive games of bingo on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.

Lunch (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Community Center will be the place to be for seniors on Monday, Feb. 17. That's when the Town of Vinemont will host its free monthly senior citizen lunch.

Town of Vinemont Assistant Clerk Madison Stewart said she enjoys these monthly events because not all seniors are able to get out and socialize, so this makes it special.

"The seniors get together to socialize, play bingo and eat lunch," she said. "The mayor and council put this event together..."

The monthly senior citizen lunches have been happening since January 2022, Stewart said.

"Some months are themed, but not all of them are," she continued.

"One of my favorite things would have to be that they get out to socialize with other people.

"Our senior citizens get together every third Monday of each month."

The February luncheon will take place Monday, Feb. 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center, located at 88 Ridgeway St. All seniors are welcome.

For more information, contact Vinemont Town Hall at 256-737-5411.



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