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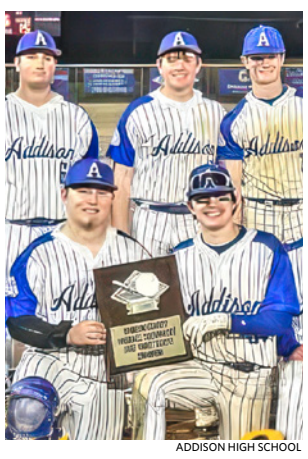
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McBrayer steps down as CHS girls' basketball coach

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jessica McBrayer, who has led the Cullman High School varsity girls basketball team for the past two seasons, has stepped down from her role as head coach.

"We appreciate everything Coach McBrayer has done for our school system and athletics," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said.

Cullman City Schools officials plan to post the position immediately and ramp up the search for the school's next varsity girls basketball coach ahead of next season.

McBrayer also serves as the interim Cullman High School varsity softball coach, and will complete her commitments to the softball team through the ongoing spring season.



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Jessica McBrayer

'It's a great day to be a Lion':

Wallace State cuts ribbon on new turf baseball field



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Wallace State Baseball Coach Randy Putman and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics are joined by fellow coaches and administrators to cut the ribbon on the new turf baseball field at James C. Bailey Stadium on Saturday.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Saturday was a special day at Wallace State's James C. Bailey Stadium. Coaches, players, former players, administrators and more gathered to celebrate the newest athletics upgrade on campus, a new turf playing surface for the baseball field. The field is part of nearly $5 million in investments in athletic facilities at the college this year, including more than $2 million in baseball and softball.

"It's a great day to be a Lion. We've always had a culture of winning here at Wallace State given our winningest head coach in the state of Alabama. With the competitiveness and quality of our baseball team, we're going to Grand Junction this year so go Lions!" Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics said. "Thank you everyone for being here today, this is a special day for us. We want only the best for our students and for our athletes."

Wallace State Head Baseball Coach Randy Putman is grateful for the newest addition to the Lions' baseball program.

"From my heart I want to thank Dr. Karolewics for this day at this at this stadium on this field. I don't have to cut grass anymore," Putman joked.

"It's a beautiful setting; it's a beautiful place and we'll take good care of it. We're just excited for everyone here to be involved. From our team to the administration, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Former Wallace State standout Chris Browning, who played on the 1997 World Series team threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Lions' doubleheader against Northeast Mississippi Community College.

Wallace State will host another ribbon-cutting on Saturday, March 8, at 11:30 a.m., for the new turf playing surface on the softball field. Everyone is invited to attend, with a special invitation to former Wallace State softball players.

There will be free admission and free popcorn for everyone. After the ribbon-cutting, the No. 11-ranked Lions will take on Gadsden State Community College in their first home game of the season.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported March 3, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Feb. 27

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 587
- burglary; Allred Rd.
- harassment; CR 1674
- stalking; Hwy. 278W
- harassment; CR 222
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 536
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 278W
- harassing communications; CR 1725
- theft of property; CR 656

Feb. 28

- theft of property; CR 1753
- domestic violence; CR 1859
- dog bite; CR 1455
- domestic violence; CR 38
- theft of property; CR 2001
- stalking; CR 1157
- unauthorized us of motor vehicle; Main St. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1555
- criminal mischief; trespassing; Chad Dr.
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 431
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1573

March 1

- theft of property; CR 1753
- assault; Beech Ave. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 1511
- domestic violence; CR 1511
- domestic violence; Main St. NE
- harassing communications; US. 231
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd St. SE Garden City
- domestic violence; CR 384
- criminal mischief; CR 1668
- harassing communications; CR 4
- assault; CR 7
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1607
- theft of property; Hwy. 69S

March 2

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Day Gap Rd.
- burglary; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; CR 940

ARRESTS

Feb. 28 – March 2

Baker, Adam D.; 37
- assault-harassment

Boone, Dustin L.; 36
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Bowman, Dalton W.; 26
- GJ – sex offense-sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old

Burney, Tonya M.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Clements, Rachel G.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Corbin, Christopher L.; 53
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- PROBATION VIOLATION – fail stop sign
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Jason W.; 31
- driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large
- FTA – failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies

Didier, Parra G.; 48
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dill, James A.; 39
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Doherty, Kyler E.; 30
- permitting dogs to run at large

Golds, Thomas A.; 57
- burglary-residence-force

Gooch, Jacob O.; 22
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Jackson, Jeremy N.; 46
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kerby, Heather N.; 30
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Kurtzman, Joshua A.; 45
- DUI (alcohol)

Lopez, Daniel K.; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

Lopez, Franklin; 21
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Mosley, Emily B.; 30
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – assault-child abuse-simple-family

Perry, Michael C.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Timothy S.; 43
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications

Thomas, Belinda S.; 51
- FTA – possessing forged instrument
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500

Trussell, Goldie R.; 44
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Whitworth, Troy L.; 32
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Feb. 28

- forgery-3rd degree; theft of property-3rd degree; Merchants Bank / person; forged check, cash

March 1

- identity theft; theft of property-4th degree; person; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-A-Million; books; 2nd Ave. NW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '22 Toyota Tacoma; $1,500; Cullman Shopping Center
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $92; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '22 GMC Yukon; St. Joseph Dr. NW

ARRESTS

Feb. 28 – March 2

Moore, Tina N.; 46
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Dutton, Daniel K.; 37
- DUI
- open container in vehicle
- attempt to elude
- speeding

Swafford, Christopher J.; 47
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)
- FTA - resisting arrest
- FTA - attempt to elude
- FTA - driving while revoked
- FTA - switched tag

Davis, Jason W.; 31
- GJ – theft of property-1st degree
- GJ – possession of a forged instrument

London, Dennis C., II; 38
- public intoxication

Goodman, Eric D.; 55
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - driving while revoked

Parson, Amanda K.; 46
- GJ – fraudulent use of credit/debit card

Jacobs, Larry C.; 50
- unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle (6 counts)
- theft of property-3rd degree
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Moore, Tammy R.; 38
- FTA – theft by deception
- FTA - insurance violation

Drake, William R., II; 55
- FTA - leaving the scene of an accident

Phillips, Rodney J., Jr.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - driving without a license

Gomez, Orlando E.; 23
- driving under the influence
- attempt to elude
- obstructing governmental operations

Stephens, Johnathan E.; 32
- driving under the influence

Hill, Cade D.; 25
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Spivey, Andrew L.; 48
- FTA - driving while revoked
- FTA - fail to register vehicle
- FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)

Loggins, Ashley N.; 38
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Fields, Ivan J.; 44
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Commission meeting notes: Feb. 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Feb. 24, held a special-called meeting.

Commissioners awarded bid No. 1484 for a new bucket truck for the Cullman County Road Department. The bid of $72,000 was awarded to Bunker Hill Motors.

A proposal to sign an agreement for property records services was postponed due to the absence of a contract.

At no cost to the County, the commission approved the Cullman County EMA director to sign an agreement with VEOCI for incident management software in the amount of $18,000, paid for by a three-year grant (2024-FIL-8).

The EMA director was also authorized to sign an agreement with TSA for emergency equipment totaling $22,394.64 from a previous $60,000 grant (2024-4LOC-EOC-128).

Finally, the EMA director was authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding between the Cullman County EMA and Cullman EMS, allowing emergency responders to use the former Cullman County Rescue Squad channel as a back-up radio frequency.

The next meeting of the Cullman County Commission will take place Monday, March 18, at 6 p.m. in the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse. A work session will precede the meeting at 4.

Stony Lonesome adds obstacle course, will host RFC Spring Edition

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cullman County's Stony Lonesome OHV Park is unveiling a recently built obstacle course.

Park Manager Tyler Lindsey said the idea for the course came to fruition following a discussion about Ride for a Cure.

"We were approached by a gentleman named Jeremy Reeves with the idea of a spring event called Ride for a Cure," he said. "He's the owner/operator of The Elyse Reeves Foundation, which raises money to help families in need when their children are diagnosed with cancer. He went through similar circumstances himself."

Lindsey said they've had several volunteers help.

"The volunteers have provided equipment, fuel, supplies and their time," Lindsey said. "We've used cross ties, concrete slabs and loader tires to build the course. It will have a whoop section, a loader tire obstacle, a cross-tie ramp and some other dirt obstacles."

Lindsey said they are operating with zero extra dollars for the project, relying solely on volunteers and sponsors.

The RFC (Ride for a Cure) Spring Edition will take place March 6-8, at Stony Lonesome.

"This is a fundraising event so the fee is $70 for three days of riding events," Lindsey said. "There is lots of prize money and giveaways. We're also having several food vendors join us. This will be a great day of fun and fellowship!"

Events will include a poker run, guided night rides, Barbie jeep race, barrel racing, the new obstacle course and more.

For more information, call 256-287-1133 or visit www.facebook.com/stony-lonesomeohv. Stony Lonesome is located at 10075 Alabama Highway 69 South in Bremen.

Club (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System will host an interest meeting for its new Library After Hours Book Club Friday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m.

CCPLS Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said if you're looking for a book club that fits your work schedule, the library is here to help.

"Join us Friday for an interest meeting for our new book club where we will choose a book to discuss at our first official meeting and start a group chat for communication purposes," Creekmore said. "The program is meant to target patrons who are looking for a book club that meets outside of normal work hours. We will meet monthly and discuss a different book each month. Anyone who wishes to join may attend the meeting and together, we will select a book for our first official meeting."

If you cannot attend the interest meeting but would like to join the new book club, email cullmanpubliclibrary@gmail.com for more information.

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





Get active this spring: Move Alabama happening through April 30

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman residents are invited to get moving this March and April with Move Alabama, a statewide community activity challenge designed to encourage physical activity in fun and simple ways. Organized by the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in collaboration with SNAP-Ed and EFNEP at Auburn University, the initiative aims to promote a healthier lifestyle through movement with family, friends and neighbors.

Participants can pick up a free challenge flyer at the Cullman County Extension Office, Cullman County library locations or online at the Move Alabama Facebook page.

The flyer provides easy and accessible ways to incorporate more movement into daily routines, making participation simple for all ages and fitness levels.

In addition to the main challenge, local Pop-Up Challenges will be available, highlighting areas in the community where increased physical activity is both beneficial and easily attainable.

These special events will serve to connect residents with movement opportunities in their local environment while encouraging friendly competition and community engagement.

To stay motivated and engage with others participating across the state, individuals can follow the Move Alabama Facebook page, where they can download the challenge flyer and share their progress with a broader network of participants.

For more information about Move Alabama or to learn about local Pop-Up Challenges, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386.

The Cullman County Extension Office is located at 402 Arnold St. in Cullman.

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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
• Wednesday, March 5 - 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, March 7 - 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, March 8 - 8:30 a.m.-noon. Women's spring conference
• Sunday, March 9 - 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.

Cullman Rotary Club 52nd Annual Auction
Thursday, March 6, at Loft 212 beginning at 4:30 p.m. All proceeds go back to the club's local community service projects and local nonprofits.

RESCHEDULED: Cullman County Relay For Life Kickoff
Thursday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church in Cullman.

Fairview Lions Club Soup and Chili Supper
Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at Fairview Town Hall, 7525 Alabama Highway 69 N. Your choice of several kinds of soup or chili, cornbread or crackers and a drink for $8. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Holly Pond Lions Club Annual Beans and Greens Dinner
Saturday, March 8, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holly Pond Lions Club. Donations only. Proceeds will benefit our community service projects. We hope to see you there. Thank you in advance for your support. We will accept donated canned and non-perishable food items to benefit the food pantry located between Holly Pond Town Hall and the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department. Drop them off at the food pantry or when you join us at the Beans and Greens Dinner on March 8.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, March 16, at 5 p.m. with The Taylor Family. Everyone is welcome. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Spring Revival
Sunday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, April 7-9, at 7 p.m. The evangelist will be Bro. Jared Dixon. The Dixons" will be singing Sunday. Everyone is invited. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501.

Ladies' Conference
Saturday, June 7, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., with lunch at noon. At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435 in Vinemont. Guest speaker Kristy Garrison Harris: Trusting God through every season. There will be games and door prizes. Please join us.

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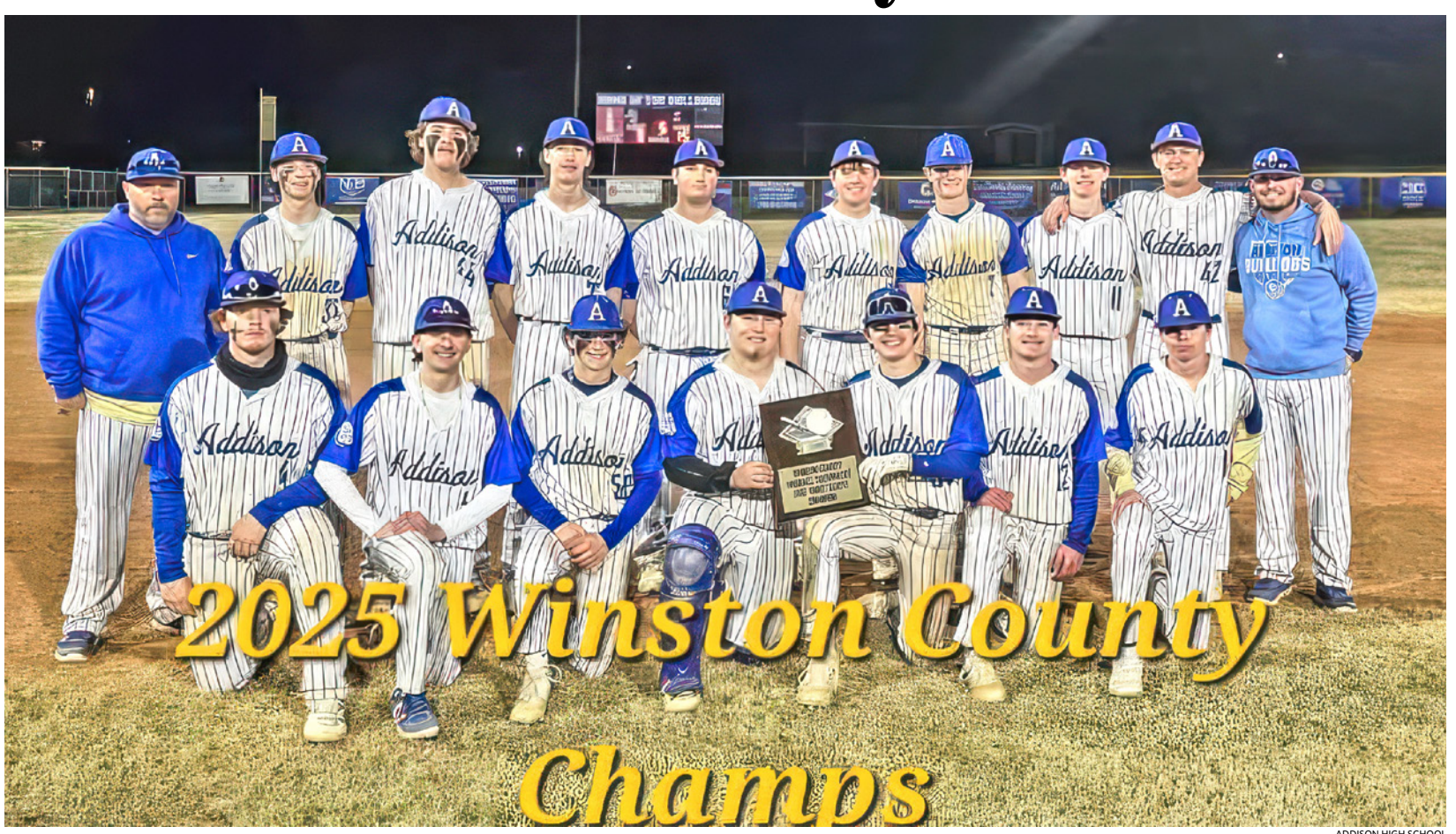
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PREP BASEBALL

Addison wins Winston County Tournament

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ADDISON HIGH SCHOOL

The Addison Bulldogs defeated Winston County and Lynn Saturday night to win this year's Winston County Tournament.

ADDISON, Ala. -- Addison hosted this year's Winston County Baseball Tournament Saturday night, and it went quite well for the hometown Bulldogs. Addison dominated in both of its games, handling Winston County 15-5 in game one and downing Lynn in the title game 15-3.

Addison 15 – Winston County 5 (Game One)

After Bulldog pitcher Kiah Lake got the Jackets out in the first inning, Addison's offense put up four runs to go up 4-0 after one inning. Addison scored four runs on just one hit. They took advantage of a couple walks, a hit batter and an error. It was a precursor to what would come.

The Bulldogs hung eight runs on the Jackets in the second to take a 12-0 lead. Addison stole five bases in the inning and had doubles by Lane Stewart, Kiah Lake, Carter Pratt and Tucker Thompson.

The Jackets didn't give up as they came back in the top of the third inning with three runs of their own. Addison put another run on the board in the bottom of the third as they scored on a wild pitch. So, after three innings, Addison had a commanding 13-3 lead.

The fourth and fifth innings had WCHS plating two runs while Addison scored one. With Addison leading 14-5 going into the bottom of the sixth inning and needing one run to end the game, Kaden Dyson came up to bat. Dyson walked and then stole his fourth and fifth base of the game. With Dyson on third and two outs, the Jacket pitcher had a wild pitch which scored Dyson for the 10-run rule win, 15-5.

Carter Pratt got the win in relief, pitching the final 3.2 innings, giving up one earned run. Offensively the Bulldogs were led by Dyson going 1-3 with 2 walks, 4 runs scored and 5 stolen bases. Tucker Thompson went 2-4 with a double, 2 runs scored, 2 RBIs and 2 stolen bases. Jaxson Williams was hit by a pitch his first three times at bat and scored all three times he was hit. Addison stole 17 bases in the game.

Lynn 12 - Meek 2 (Game Two)

The Bears jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the top of the first. With the bases loaded and one out, a wild pitch scored the first run. Connor Tittle then singled in a run. Jon Jordan then doubled in two.

The score stayed 4-0 until the bottom of the fourth inning. Meek's Connor Lane walked and then stole second and third. Aidan Benson then hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Lane. Dawson Beasley walked and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Luke Rector slashed a single which scored Beasley to cut the Bear lead to 4-2.

The Bears put the Tigers away for all intents and purposes in the top of the 5th. The first two Bears walked then David Uptain singled home a run. Hunter Ellis then doubled home another run for a 6-2 lead. After getting an out, Austin Dodd brought in a run with another hit. The final two runs of the inning were scored on a fielder's choice and a single. At the end of the inning, the Bears had made a close game not so close at 11-2.

The Bears closed it out in the top of the sixth, as Uptain reached on an error then stole two bases. Ellis brought him home with a single and that gave the Bears the 12-2 ten run lead. Meek couldn't answer in the bottom of the sixth and the Bears took the victory.

Lynn's Dodd went 1-3 with 2 walks, 2 stolen bases and 2 runs scored. Dylan Dunagan went 4 innings on the mound to get the victory. He also went 2-3 with 2 runs scored and 2 stolen bases. Tittle went 2-3, 1 walk, 3 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Ellis went 2-3 with 3 RBIs, a double, a run scored, a stolen base and a walk. Meek's Ethan Miles went 1-3. Lane went 0-2 with a run scored and 2 steals. Beasley went 0-1 with 2 walks and a run scored. Rector went 1-3 with a RBI.

Addison 15 - Lynn 3 (Championship Game)

What promised to be a close game turned out to be over after the second inning. Lynn took the early lead after Jordan reached on a Bulldog error; two singles later plated him for the Bears to take the 1-0 lead. That was pretty much all the good that Lynn would take from this game. The first two Addison batters were hit by the ball. A wild pitch later advanced the runners and then a Lane Stewart groundout scored the first Bulldog run. Another walk and then a Kiah Lake single scored another run. One wild pitch later scored another run, and Carter Pratt scored another run with a single.

With two outs now, Cole Thompson knocked in the final Bulldog run with a single of his own. Addison sent ten men to the plate and scored five runs to take a 5-1 lead after one.

Holding Lynn scoreless in the top of the second allowed the Addison bats to remain hot. Again, the first two Bulldogs walked and after a strikeout, Lake singled again bringing in a run.

Kaden Dyson doubled to bring home a run to give Addison the 8-1 lead. A wild pitch plated another run. Carter Pratt singled again, scoring the last Bulldog run of the second. At the end of two, Addison had a commanding 9-1 lead.

Addison's Lake was dominant on the mound as he cruised through the third.

The Bulldogs buried the Bears with a six run third. Addison's leadoff man struck out but advanced to second on a dropped third strike and an error on the catcher.

After a walk put Bulldogs on first and third, another walk loaded the bases. The Bear pitcher got a strikeout but then his defense let him down. Lake crushed a ball to deep center and the outfielder dropped the ball allowing two Bulldogs to score.

Dyson followed the error up with a line drive single to left to score two more Bulldogs. Carter Pratt brought home the last Bulldog with another single and Addison led 15-2 after three innings.

Addison's Lake was obviously tiring as this was his second start of the night. Lake went 2.2 innings in the opener, and he worked a solid four in the second game. Lake gave up a run in the fourth and gave the Bulldogs a solid effort on the evening.

With Addison leading 15-3, going into the top of the fifth, Lynn had to score at least three runs, but Tucker Thompson came on in relief and shut down the Bears to preserve the victory, allowing only one hit.

Addison's Stone Talley went 1-2 with 3 runs scored and 2 stolen bases. Lane Stewart went 0-2 with 2 walks, an RBI and 2 runs scored with a stolen base. Lake went 3-4 with 3 runs scored and 4 RBIs. Dyson went 2-3 with 3 runs scored, 3 RBIs and a walk. Carter Pratt went 3-3 with a run scored, 3 RBIs and 2 stolen bases. Casen Hill scored 3 runs.

Addison Head Coach Lee Williams,

"This is how good this team can play and how we should play every night. Lynn is a good quality team, and we took care of business tonight. We have battled through injuries this year and some of the kids are playing hurt. I am proud of my guys because they have met adversity and still competed and came out on top.

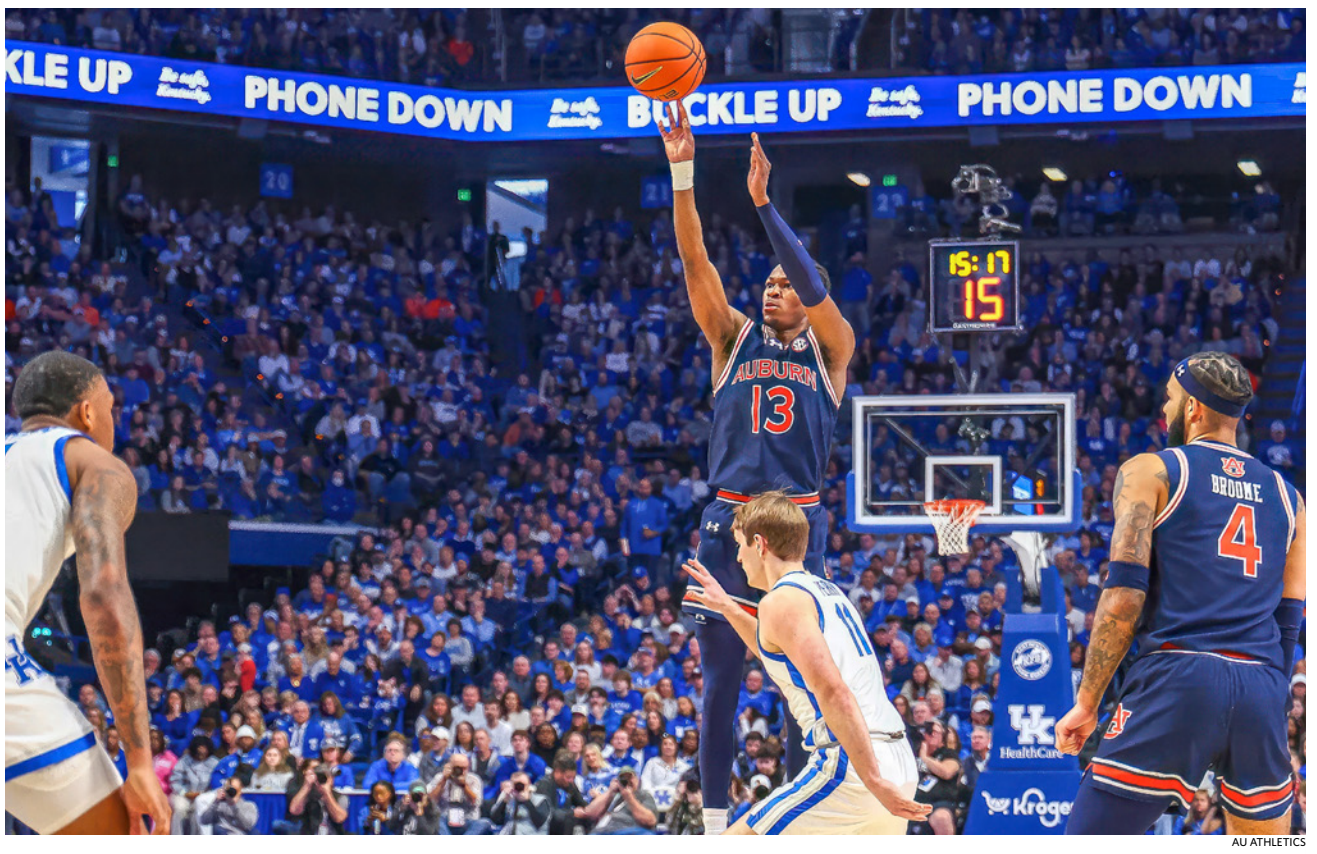
It feels good to be county champs especially since how we played last year. We made it to the championship game last year and didn't show up. I think we learned from that experience."

All county selections

- MVP: Kiah Lake (Addison)
- Addison: Kaden Dyson, Carter Pratt, Stone Talley and Tucker Thompson
- Lynn: Hunter Ellis, Dylan Dunnagan, Austin Dodd and David Uptain
- Meek: Dawson Beasley, Connor Lane and Aiden Benson

SEC CHAMPS! No. 1 Auburn wins at No. 17 Kentucky

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics



AU ATHLETICS

Miles Kelly (13) put up 30 points in Auburn's 94-78 win at Kentucky on Saturday.

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Marching toward a championship, No. 1 Auburn erased decades of big blue disappointment, defeating No. 17 Kentucky 94-78 Saturday, the Tigers' first win at Rupp Arena since 1988.

"I'm so happy for the kids. We played like champions," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said. "The guys have been so locked in. The league is so good. Our guards were incredible. To win the SEC in Rupp Arena is historic, it's significant."

Miles Kelly made nine 3-pointers and led Auburn with 30 points, helping the Tigers clinch a share of the Southeastern Conference title while improving to 8-0 in SEC road games.

Hours later, when No. 5 Tennessee defeated No. 6 Alabama, the Tigers claimed the crown outright will two games still to play.

"These are the moments why I came to Auburn," said Kelly, who was 9 of 14 from 3-point range. "I'm super grateful. We give all glory to God."

Tahaad Pettiford scored 21 points and had four assists with zero turnovers, playing a career-high 33 minutes with Denver Jones playing only eight minutes after a first-half ankle injury.

"Playing like the best freshman guard in the country," Pearl said.

"He doesn't have a turnover against (Lamont) Butler, who's one of the better defenders in the league."

"It's amazing, being a freshman, I've never experienced it. That's why I came here, to win," Pettiford said.

"We're a really special team. When the time came, I was ready.

"We're all happy but we know we have business to handle when we get back to the Plains. Enjoy our time today but get back in the gym tomorrow."

Auburn forced 18 turnovers and held the Wildcats to four 3-pointers on 17 attempts.

The Tigers made 12 3-pointers in 26 attempts and trailed for only 19 seconds.

"Run them off the line," Pettiford said of Auburn's defensive gameplan. "Make them play at a halfcourt game that we want them to play."

Kelly hit his first 3-pointer 12 seconds into the game, making four in the first half, including two banked 3s, to give Auburn a double-digit lead after five and half minutes.

"At shootaround, I fell in love with the rims," Kelly said.

"Everything I was putting up at shootaround was going in. I knew I would get some looks early and I knocked them down.

"My teammates did a great job of finding me."

Chad Baker-Mazara, who scored 16 of his 22 points in the first half, accounted for Auburn's last seven points to give the Tigers a 49-34 halftime lead.

Auburn claimed its largest lead – 22 points – on Chris Moore's 3-pointer early in the second half and led by at least 14 points over the final 10 minutes to snap a 20-game losing streak at Rupp Arena.

"That was a driving force, on top of that we could be regular season champs," Kelly said of the opportunity to earn Auburn's third win in Lexington in 54 tries.

"We knew we had to stick to the scouting report and that's what we did."

Seeking their seventh consecutive victory, the top-ranked Tigers (27-2, 15-1) remain on the road, playing at Texas A&M Tuesday at 8 p.m. CT on ESPN and the Auburn Sports Network.

"Five different teams in the past eight years have been champions," said Pearl, noting Auburn's regular season titles in 2018, 2022 and 2025, and the Tigers' SEC Tournament championships in 2019 and 2024.

"This should put some wind in our sails. We've got to continue to find ways to get better.

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Sweet! Students shine in FCCLA All-County Chocolate Cook-off

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) students from various city and county high schools met at Cotton Creek Venue in Cullman on Feb. 24, for the Cullman County FCCLA Chocolate Cook-off. Students could enter one of three categories: chocolate desserts, chocolate cakes or chocolate pies.

In the dessert category, Aubrey Murphy from Cullman placed first, Macie Garmon from the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) placed second, Rebecca Baggett from Cold Springs placed third and Lilley Warren Holly Pond placed fourth.

In the cakes category, Alissa McCaig from Vinemont placed first, Reese Guthrie from West Point placed second, Emma Elliott from Good Hope placed third and Lily Powell from Vinemont placed fourth.

In the pie category, Bentley Childers from Hanceville placed first, Baylee Mckendree from Cold Springs placed second, Abigail Greer from West Point placed third and Izzy Howell from Cold Springs placed fourth.

Participating advisers and schools were Stephanie Blair from Cold Springs High School, Amie Veal from CATA, Carin Rains from Cullman High School, Amanda Williams from Good Hope High School, Amy Chambers from Hanceville High School, Amelia Burke from Holly Pond High School, Renee Lee from West Point High School and Madison Sapp from Vinemont High School.

Roy Drinkard Properties, Flavors Bakery and Duchess Bakery sponsored prizes for the students.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

2025 Chocolate Pies: Bentley Childers, Baylee Mckendree, Abigail Greer, Izzy Howell



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2025 Chocolate Cakes: Alissa McCaig, Reese Guthrie, Emma Elliott, Lily Powell



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2025 Chocolate Desserts: Aubrey Murphy, Macie Garmon, Rebecca Baggett, Lilley Warren

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Alabama Cooperative Extension System

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More information

For more information on the Get Outside with Alabama Smart Yards webinar series, contact Dani Carroll at carrodl@aces.edu.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM



Hartselle Theatre presents 'Grease: School Version' March 11-15

Gauge Day
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HARTSELLE, Ala. — Hartselle Theatre is set to bring the beloved musical "Grease" to life with a family friendly, school edition adaptation at Hartselle High School auditorium from March 11-15. This production features a cast of 57 students from Hartselle Junior High and High School, supported by a dedicated team of over 50 crew members working behind the scenes.

This school edition of "Grease" maintains its nostalgic charm and high-energy musical numbers that audiences know and love while adapting the content for younger performers and viewers. Additionally, this adaptation features a shorter runtime for families who want to enjoy a night at the theatre while still getting home at a reasonable hour on school nights.

Director Lisa King shared her excitement about bringing this show to the community, "I want to create a nostalgic experience for those who grew up with the songs and story while also introducing this classic to a new generation."

For the students involved in the production, pride doesn't even begin to cover it. Alida Stinson, student marketing assistant for Hartselle Drama, shared why this show holds such significance for her and her fellow cast members. "As a student deeply involved in this production, I am so proud of the creativity we've brought to this classic musical. The themes of self-discovery, friendship, young love and the ups and downs of high school life at Rydell High really just hit home for us," Stinson shared. "Grease is more than just a fun show; it's an important way for us to explore important lessons and present the passions we have for the performing arts. Our cast and crew have been giving their all to make this show as memorable as it can be, and we can't wait for everyone to see it."

Performances will take place on March 11 at 7 p.m. for a Friends and Family Preview Night with discounted tickets, followed by shows March 13-15 at 7 p.m., and a matinee performance on March 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available for $25 for reserved seating, $15 for general admission (adults) and $12 for students and seniors.

Tickets are available for purchase at https://tinyurl.com/HTGrease. A QR code has also been provided on the show flyer.

For more information, contact Lisa King at 256-612-1208 or lisa.king@hartselletigers.org. Hartselle High School is located at 1000 Bethel Road NE, Hartselle, AL 35640.



Wallace State CDL program hosting meet and greet sessions

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is hosting two informative events in Hanceville and Oneonta, offering prospective students the opportunity to meet with faculty and learn more about the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) program.

"CDL training is one of our most in-demand workforce programs, and we receive a high volume of inquiries," said Anna Beard, Skills for Success Coordinator at Wallace State. "With so many different training and funding options available, we want to ensure our community knows about the opportunities that can help them start a successful career in trucking."

The Wallace State CDL program offers classes in both Hanceville, Oneonta and Winston County, with opportunities for veterans, low-income residents and wheelchair users seeking training.

Classes are offered day and night and on the weekends. The classes take three to four weeks to complete. Scholarships are available.

The first CDL Meet and Greet will be held on Thursday, March 20, from 5:30-7 p.m., at the Oneonta Technical Center located at 728 Second Ave. SE.

The next CDL Meet and Greet will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Workforce Training Center located at 1130 24th St. SW in Cullman.

For more information about the CDL program, visit www.wallacestate.edu/ccwd, call 256-352-7452 or email cdl@wallacestate.edu.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by **Jared Seth Johnson and wife, Heidi Lynee Johnson** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said mortgage dated October 12, 2021, and recorded on October 13, 2021, in Mortgage Book 1985 Page 20 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **19th day of March, 2025,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot 2 of the Lake Alaqua Subdivision as shown and known on the plat recorded in Plat B357A in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman Co, Alabama.

Property address: 164 County Road 479, Hanceville, AL 35077

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES LEON MOTTE, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2025-047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Carla Dooley Motte as Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles Leon Motte, deceased, on the 14th day of February, 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.

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF SUSAN MARIE FOULKS, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Annalee G. Peterson and Lucy Green on the 14th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that 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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES KEENER WALKER, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2024-459

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TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JENNIFER WALKER MANNING as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES KEENER WALKER, deceased, on the 28th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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IN RE: The Estate of NATHANIEL EUGENE FENLEY, Deceased. CASE NO.: PC 2025 - 068

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Randal Scott Fenley, as Administrator of the Estate of Nathaniel Eugene Fenley, deceased, on the 26th day of February, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that 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.

Randal Scott Fenley

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RONALD LAVERNE WHITE, Deceased. Case Number: PC2025-041

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Ronald Laverne White, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of February 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Wanda White
Personal Representative

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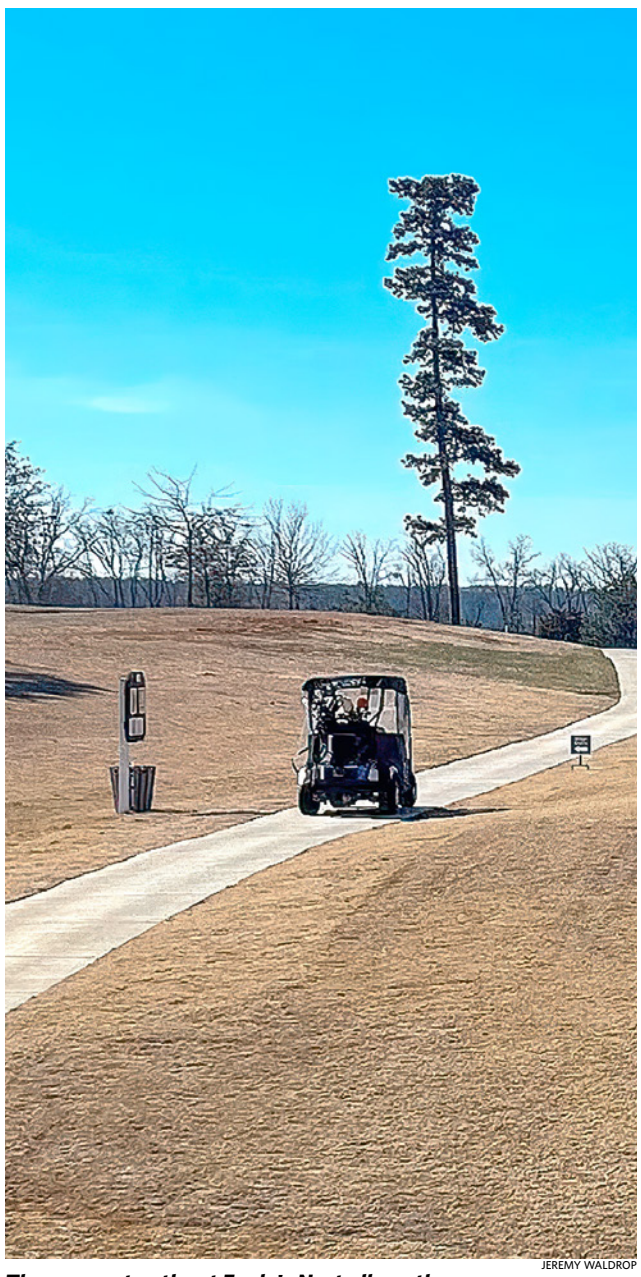
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Rainer: Alabama State Parks upgrades golf courses

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Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Nat. Resources



JEREMY WALDROP

The new cart paths at Eagle's Nest allows the course to be open more days during the winter.



BILLY POPE

Alabama State Parks' 18-hole golf courses are located at Lake Guntersville, Joe Wheeler and Oak Mountain State Parks.

Most people are aware of the stunning natural beauty, the hiking and biking trails and upgraded accommodations at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Alabama State Parks, but some Alabamians and visitors may not be aware of one of the recreational opportunities at three of the system's parks.

Golf Courses at Oak Mountain State Park, Joe Wheeler State Park and Lake Guntersville State Park offer a day on the links at a reasonable price, and those courses have also been upgraded with new golf carts and facilities.

The Eagle's Nest Golf Course at Lake Guntersville State Park recently completed a $2 million-plus project to build concrete cart paths throughout the course, which is great news for those days with a rain-soaked course.

"Now that we have the cart paths over the whole course, instead of having to close the golf course because of rain or wet conditions, we're going to have more days of golf, which will ultimately allow us to bring in more guests and more users to play," said State Parks Director Matthew Capps. "But for our guests, compared to a private course, our State Parks golf courses offer an incredible value in terms of cost to play 18 holes, with or without a cart."

Eagle's Nest is an 18-hole championship course, renovated in 2009 by former University of Alabama and PGA player Jerry Pate. It's located on top of Taylor Mountain, where magnificent lake views combine with frequent wildlife sightings, including eagles. The mountain course offers rolling hills and elevation changes throughout with TifDwarf Bermuda greens and full-service practice facilities.

"Eagle's Nest has incredible views, but it's a challenging course," Capps said. "I find myself bringing some extra golf balls when I play since my golf game is not in top shape, but I sure enjoy getting out on the course and trying my best.

"We certainly know we need to renovate the pro shop. However, right now our priority is on upgrades to the irrigation system because it's crucial to the condition of the course. We are excited for these renovations to get underway in the near future."

Eagle's Nest Golf Course Superintendent Jeremy Waldrop said the concrete cart paths are significant upgrades from the previous configuration.

"We upgraded from only having asphalt cart paths around the tees and greens to concrete cart paths from tee to green," Waldrop said. "You never have to leave the cart path on wet days. We'll be able to open the golf course more often in the winter months and on days when we have a lot of rain. We have 4½ miles of cart path now from the pro shop all the way to No. 18 and back to the pro shop."

Waldrop provided a history lesson on the golf course, built in 1974. In 1947, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) transferred 4,000 acres on Lake Guntersville to the state in support of the parks system. It was originally known at Little Mountain State Park and later became Lake Guntersville State Park.

"The course has a USGA (United States Golf Association) slope rating of 118 from the blue tees," he said of the course difficulty, which is more difficult than the USGA average of 113.

"This course fits the average golfer well. We don't have any water features. We have native areas to the left and right of the fairways. Our greens are a good average speed, which is good for most golfers.

"We can be busy anytime of the year, but our peak season is from spring through Thanksgiving. We have a lot of visitors during the summer."

The General Golf Course at Joe Wheeler had its cart paths upgraded recently as well. Instead of concrete, the paths were covered in rubberized asphalt, which was also used in parking lots and park roads in a project in conjunction with ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management).

"As we were resurfacing all the roads and parking lots, we decided to resurface the cart path within the golf course, which is a significant improvement," Capps said.

The 18-hole championship golf course at Joe Wheeler was designed by Earl Stone, who built golf courses all over the South. The course features rolling hills along the Tennessee River and provides a great outing for golfers of all skill levels. As with all State Parks golf courses, wildlife is abundant, with white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, small game and a variety of birds to watch while you're traversing the course. The pro shop is fully stocked with golf equipment and also has a grill for sandwiches and other food items.

The Oaks Golf Course at Oak Mountain State Park is the most widely used course in the State Parks System with more than 38,000 rounds of golf played in 2024. It has been ranked in the top 75 public golf courses in the United States by Golf Digest.

"One thing that I'm excited about at Oak Mountain is we've partnered with the Lakeshore Foundation, and we have golf carts accessible for people with disabilities," Capps said. "If people need that accessible golf cart, it can be made available.

"We also installed lighting for the driving range so people can get off work and head to the range to hit a bucket of balls. It's also especially attractive during the heat of summer to be able to go when the temperatures have gone down. That added access has been very popular."

The Oaks features a fully stocked pro shop and is home to The Grille.

Visit www.alapark.com/golfing and go to the links for each golf course for details. Each golf course page has a link to book tee times at the specific course. If you prefer to call to book a tee time, call 256-571-5458 for the Eagle's Nest at Lake Guntersville, 205-620-2522 for The Oaks at Oak Mountain or 205-247-9308 for The General at Joe Wheeler.

"Golf has remained consistently popular at our State Parks," Capps said. "We're witnessing a significant upward trend in golf participation, which is why we're committing to reinvest in our courses to ensure they meet the highest quality standards possible."

Obituary Announcements: March 1-3

Jonathan Daryl Mosher, 54
Funeral service for Jonathan Daryl Mosher, 54, will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Jones Chapel Cemetery, Pastor Michael Jones officiating. Visitation will be Sunday evening at the funeral home from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Mosher passed away Feb. 27, 2025, at Gadsden Regional Hospital. He was born March 22, 1970, to Daryl Gardner Mosher and Wanda Williams Smith. He was a member of West Point Baptist Church. Jonathan was a manager at Wal Mart Distribution for 35 years. His interests included fishing, hunting, wood working, grilling and golf. He always loved and supported his boys in their sports teams when they were growing up. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Susan Bridie Davis, Cecil Watson Williams, Francis Charles Mosher, Jewel Ann Mosher. Survivors include his mother, Wanda (Jim) Smith; father, Daryl (Retha) Mosher; sons, Jacob Mosher, Justin Mosher; mother of his children, Jennifer Tilley Mosher; sister, Sherry (Kenny) Robinson; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Jonathan Adams, Corey Robinson, Noah Gammon, Lane Talley, Kenny Robinson, Steven Quinn.

Gail Arleen Harris, 60
Funeral service for Gail Arleen Harris, age 60, of Cullman, will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home at 2 p.m., officiated by Frankie Stewart. Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be held at New Hope #2 Cemetery in Holly Pond. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Harris was born Jan. 28, 1965, to Calvin and Geleen Sears. She passed away on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at her residence. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Gloria Miller; brother, Gregory Sears. She is survived by her husband, Dewey "Wayne" Harris; daughter, Bethaney Betterton (Marty Sengstacke); son, Bradley Harris; granddaughter, Lexi Goodwin; grandson, Zander Hester; brother-in-law, Dickie Miller; sister-in-law, June Sears; daughter in love, Holly (Brandon) Rucker; a host of nieces and nephews.

Roland Franklin McLeroy, 92
Funeral service for Roland Franklin McLeroy, 92, of Foley, Alabama, formerly of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Prospect Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 12-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Full obit to follow.

Patricia Ann Wolter, 77
Patricia Ann Wolter, 77, of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, March 2, 2025. The family will be holding a private memorial service in her honor at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Wolter was born March 14, 1947, to Kenneth John and Matilda Marie Schmitt. She was an excellent mother and grandmother. She lived for many years in Palm Desert, California where she was the office manager of a successful business for 30 years. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas Wolter; sister, Judy Johnston; and brother, Mike Schmitt. Survivors include her sons, Bryan (Renee) Wolter, Jason (Kimberly) Wolter and Erik Wolter; sister, Debra Jean Lyon; grandchild, Sydney Wolter; and a host of family and friends.

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Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, seated at left, and University of West Alabama President Dr. Todd Fritch, formalized a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions to facilitate collaborative and seamless transfer process for students pursuing degrees in Early Childhood Education. Also on hand for the event are, standing from left, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette; Wallace State representatives Dr. Beth Bownes-Johnson, Jerry Murcks, Dr. Jim Malone, Kristen Holmes, Dr. Marcie Robinson and Lisa German; UWA representatives Dr. Reenay Rogers, Dr. Jan Miller and Steve Fair; and Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff.

Wallace State, UWA formalize partnership benefiting Early Childhood Education students

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College and the University of West Alabama today announced a partnership to facilitate a collaborative and seamless transfer process for students pursuing degrees in Early Childhood Education. This agreement aims to enhance educational opportunities and streamline the transition for WSCC students into UWA's bachelor's degree program in early childhood education and provides them with opportunities to take part in apprenticeships while attending college. It is also geared to meet the workforce demand for pre-K teachers as Alabama expands access to high quality pre-K throughout the state.

Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics and UWA President Dr. Todd G. Fritch met recently to announce a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), formalizing the partnership between the two institutions.

"This will benefit not only our current college students who transfer, but all of our students who are in that dual enrollment pathway," said Karolewics.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with such a high-quality institution," said UWA President Dr. Fritch, congratulating the college on being named a finalist for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. "We are excited about this opportunity and our commitment to continue to work with members of the community college system in Alabama to ensure that we are developing the workforce not just for today, but for tomorrow. I think it is great that we have embraced this opportunity and are providing educational opportunities for students all across Alabama."

The agreement allows Wallace State students to seamlessly transfer to bachelor's degree programs in Early Childhood Education at UWA after completing their studies at Wallace State. UWA will waive application fees for WSCC students participating in the program.

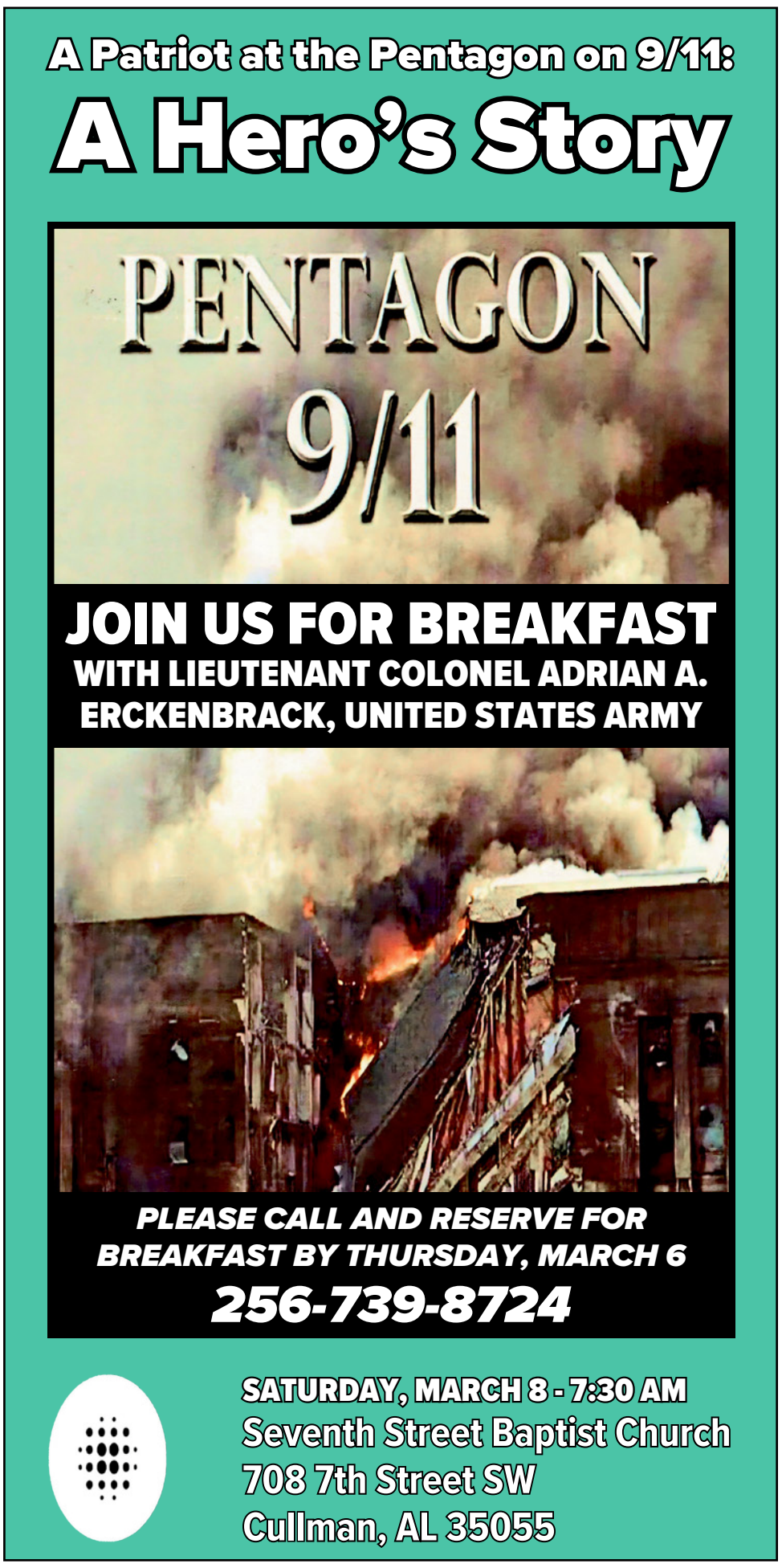
Additionally, employers participating in our state's registered apprenticeship in early childhood programs will be able to choose existing employees or hire new apprentices and allow them to receive work experience and job-related education while earning a wage, something Dr. Marcie Robinson, director of the WSCC Child Development Program is especially excited about.

"That is a key point within this partnership," Robinson said. "With employers, Alabama's Office of Apprenticeship and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood working together, students will be able to work within their field of study, getting on-the-job experience and incurring no out-of-pocket expenses as they complete their education."

"We are excited that Wallace State students are very familiar with online learning, because we have so many online learning opportunities at the University," said Dr. Jan Miller, Director of Competency-Based Education and Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Program at UWA. "We work primarily with rural schools, and this is a chance for paraprofessionals or high school students to major in early childhood or earn dual certification in elementary and early childhood education, continuing in the workforce while doing online learning."

Also in attendance were Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, both expressing interest in the opportunities the partnership can provide for their students and the impact it can have on providing the systems with trained educators.







ADPH seeking input on maternal and child health care needs

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is asking for the help of Alabamians to assess the health needs of women of childbearing age, infants, children, and youth in the state. One way the public can assist is by participating in an anonymous online survey that is to be completed by families, youth and health care providers.

Other ways ADPH is collecting information are through focus groups, key informant interviews, and listening sessions hosted around the state by the UAB School of Public Health. The purpose of collecting this data is to ensure that public funds are being used wisely and to meet the requirements of the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant Program.

Allison Hatchett, Alabama Title V MCH director, said, "Conducting a comprehensive, statewide MCH needs assessment provides a wealth of valuable information that is used to guide efforts aimed at improving the health and well-being of women and children in Alabama. We need women of childbearing age; individuals who are raising infants, children and youth; teenagers and adolescents; and health care providers caring for these populations to complete the MCH needs assessment survey." The anonymous survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete and can be accessed online at https://tinyurl.com/adphsurvey2025. Survey findings will be used to identify priority health issues, assist with strategic planning and outline the allocation of resources as these areas relate to the health and well-being of the maternal and child health population. A needs assessment is conducted every five years.

For more information, please go to ADPH's Maternal and Child Health website or contact the Office of Maternal and Child Health toll-free at 1-800-654-1385 or by email at mch@adph.state.al.us.



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