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MORGAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Crane Hill man is facing multiple charges, including first-degree human trafficking.

Bud Winston Cunningham, 48, is charged with:

- 13a-6-152 first-degree human trafficking
- 13a-6-122 electronic solicitation of a child
- 13a-6-124 traveling to meet a child for an unlawful sex act
- 13a-12-260 unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia
- 13a-12-212 dangerous drugs - methamphetamine

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CITYSCAPE FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

City Play and City Play - Littles, part of CityScape Family Entertainment, will officially open their doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 13, at 9 a.m. Pricing and reservation information can be found at cityscapefamily.com.

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — City Play and City Play - Littles, part of CityScape Family Entertainment, will officially open their doors with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 13, at 9 a.m. Located in Cullman, these new indoor play centers are the latest addition to the vision of owners Steve and Angie Patrick, longtime residents who moved to Cullman in 2007 seeking a family focused community to raise their children.

City Play is designed for children aged 6-12 and features a massive play structure complete with tubes, slides and various climbing elements. The center also includes a small Ninja Course, arcade games and a soft play area for families with younger siblings. Parents can enjoy a seating area with free Wi-Fi and a big-screen TV, along with a snack bar and party rooms.

For younger children aged 6 and younger, City Play - Littles introduces a "tiny town" imagination concept, with themed areas such as a Doctor's Office, Pet Store, Diner, Boutique, Tool Shop, Market and Fire Station. The center also features a soft play area, a reading and activity section and a tiny town courtyard with a climbing structure. Additionally, parents have access to a complimentary coffee bar and free Wi-Fi while their children explore.

The Patricks' inspiration for Cityscape stems from a desire to fill a gap in local family entertainment options in the Cullman community they now call home, "We saw a huge need in Cullman for this as there is really nothing comparable, with the closest being in Huntsville," they explained.

With that realization, their vision took shape in 2021 with the opening of City Park Mini Golf, marking the end of Phase 1 of their plan. Phase 2 would follow with City Play and City Play-Littles.

With success in tow, the Patricks reflected on the most rewarding part of their journey, the joy in the community's response. "Seeing the wow and the excitement on the faces of the children when they walk into our facilities for the first time and the appreciation that we receive from the parents that finally, there is something like this nearby, so they do not have to drive to Huntsville," they shared.

For the Patricks, creating wholesome, family » PAGE 3

Hanceville Council votes to suspend police department



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The Hanceville City Council on Monday, March 10, 2025, voted to suspend operations of the Hanceville Police Department and immediately begin the search for a new police chief. Mayor Jimmy Sawyer will make a decision regarding the administrative leave of HPD employees who were not included in the indictment of the police chief and other officers on Feb. 14, 2025. (Read background at www.cullmantribune.com/2025/02/26/what-happened-to-the-hanceville-police-department)

Man charged with attempted murder in Good Hope shooting



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CHS hires legendary coach Tammy West as Lady Bearcats basketball coach



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported March 10

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

March 6

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1242
- theft of property; CR 1682
- possession of drug paraphernalia; domestic violence; CR 244
- harassment; CR 590
- domestic violence; Edward St. NE Hanceville

March 7

- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1668
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1298
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69N
- harassment; Commercial St. SE Hanceville

March 8

- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 686
- possession of marijuana; CR 1518
- theft of property; CR 703

March 9

- cruelty to animals; CR 1490
- domestic violence; CR 1670
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1490
- domestic violence; CR 573
- giving false name to law enforcement officer; CR 1490
- attempted murder; Doss Rd.
- theft of property; CR 222

ARRESTS

March 6-9

Anders, Jeremy K.; 32
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle

Boone, John T.; 40
- FTA – pedestrian soliciting rides or business or fishing
- FTA – public intoxication

Broome, Sarah E.; 37
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Campbell, Amanda C.; 57
- GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant

Cannady, Owen K.; 18
- possession of hallucinogen
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Chambers, Rodney A.; 44
- GJ – receiving stolen property
- GJ – possession of dangerous drugs
- GJ – possession of drug paraphernalia

Chandler, Steven I.; 35
- FTA – drug trafficking
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Cole, Christopher I.; 23
- possession of marijuana

Duke, Travis D.; 32
- giving false identification to law enforcement

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 49
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – resisting arrest

Hanners, Bobby L.; 36
- GJ – theft-grand jury arrest warrant

Jackson, Daniel L.; 39
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Jordan, Richard G.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

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

Meadows, George T.; 80
- assault-aggravated assault-A to M aggravated assault (attempted murder)

Morris, Jason K.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic violence-3rd degree - third or subsequent conviction

Overton, Celina J.; 30
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Peterson, Ashley S.; 42
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- family offense-NS non-support-child

Runyon, Jeremy A.; 37
- DIVERSION VIOLATION – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500
- DIVERSION VIOLATION – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card
- DIVERISON VIOLATION – unlawful distribution of controlled substances
- DIVERSION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

Simmons, Andrea M.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – criminal trespass

Speegle, Tony A.; 70
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sudduth, Dylan L.; 34
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – sex offense-electronic solicitation of a child
- FTA – obscenity-obscene material-distribute

Tidmore, Ricky L.; 69
- DUI (alcohol)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

March 7
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

March 8
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '17 Jeep; $750; Marktplatz Ctr. SW

ARRESTS

March 7-9

Arnold, Nancy R.; 62
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Turner, Nicholas S.; 34
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Overton, Celina J.; 30
- FTA – leaving the scene of an accident
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Huggart, Matthew D.; 31
- DUI

Thomas, Merlin E.; 42
- FTA – DUI
- FTA – run stop sign
- FTA – insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA – fail to register vehicle (4 counts)
- FTA – driving while revoked (3 counts)
- FTA – driving without license (3 counts)

Beam, Clayel D. 32
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Dingler, Charles H.; 47
- public intoxication

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 49
- 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.

Yearbook (from Front)

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Monday was a special day for Cullman High School's Southerner yearbook staff. They learned recently that the 2025 yearbook was chosen to be part of Walsworth Yearbook's Gallery of Excellence and a representative from Walsworth presented them with an award for their work on Monday. The award is given to yearbooks that consistently demonstrate superior quality.

CHS Yearbook Sponsor Denise Burroughs was excited to see the staff receive this recognition and is proud of the work they have put in to earn it.

"I'm extremely proud of this group of young women," Burroughs said. "They worked very hard, and they always do."

Walsworth President Don Walsworth stated in a letter to Burroughs,

"Please accept my congratulations on your 2025 Cullman High School yearbook being chosen to be part of the Walsworth Gallery of Excellence.

"The Gallery of Excellence yearbooks play a crucial role in the yearbook inspiration process for students and advisers nationwide. We highlight our Gallery of Excellence yearbooks at workshops and training events as well as in printed classroom resources and online galleries. These elite yearbooks provide countless staffs all over the country with inspiration and demonstrations of scholastic journalism at its finest. By showcasing the covers, spreads, photos and coverage ideas from exceptional publications like yours on our website and in our educational materials, Possibilities book, Yearbook Suite curriculum and Idea File magazine, student journalism as a whole is made stronger.

"Exceptional yearbooks don't happen by chance - they require unparalleled creativity and commitment to see the vision turn into a printed reality.

"Your yearbook represents the absolute best of yearbooks, encapsulating the moments that defined the school year with journalistic skill and aesthetic appeal. Not only that, but you taught your students valuable, lifelong lessons about the value of hard work and community. Those lessons will translate into many areas of their life beyond the classroom.

"The work ethic and talent exhibited by you and your students has earned your yearbook a coveted place in our Gallery of Excellence - a prestigious distinction which honors the highest caliber yearbooks we print. Only a small percentage of books we print achieve this recognition.

"We are incredibly honored to be your printing partner and offer our warmest congratulations on this well-deserved recognition."



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Cullman High School's Southerner yearbook staff was presented with an award from Walsworth Yearbooks on Monday, March 10, after the 2025 yearbook was inducted into Walsworth's Gallery of Excellence.

The Cullman High School Southerner yearbook staff includes:

Editors: Abbott Green and Harper Sparks

Staff members: Leah Claire Byrd, Lauren Cherry, Brooke Ellard, Ava Flores, Kambelle Gentry, LK Granger, AliceAnn Kontogeorge, Allie Krigbaum, Emery Peed, Janae' Randolph, Emma Ray, Katie Richter, Parker Sparks, Grace Thompson and Eliz Yormaz





CityScape (from Front)

friendly environments where children can play safely and parents can relax has always been the goal. "We honestly just want to serve families and be a blessing to the growing Cullman community," they added.

For more information , contact CityScape Family Entertainment at 256-841-5656, cityscapefamily@gmail.com or visit www.cityscapefamily.com.

City Play and City Play-Littles are located at 1635 Main Ave. SW, in Cullman.

West (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School has found its new Lady Bearcats basketball coach in Tammy West, a 2022 Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inductee who has won four state titles during her decades-long career.

West has amassed more than 750 wins during her career and is among the winningest coaches in AHSAA girls' basketball history. West has coached several teams to playoff runs, and her four state titles came in the 1999, 2008, 2009 and 2019 seasons.

"I'm incredibly excited and honored for the opportunity to be the next coach of the Cullman High School girls' basketball team," Coach West said. "I'm looking forward to building upon an already incredible foundation and leading this program into an exciting new era of girls basketball."

In a called board meeting on Monday afternoon, the Cullman City Board of Education officially approved the hiring of Coach Tammy West as the new head coach of the Lady Bearcat Basketball program. Her proven leadership and dedication to student-athletes make her a valuable addition to the Bearcat family.

"We are excited to add a legendary coach like Tammy West to the Cullman Bearcat family," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "I look forward to the impact she will have on our school and basketball program, but most importantly, our student-athletes."

Coach West's arrival marks an exciting new chapter for Cullman High School's girls' basketball program, bringing championship-level experience and a commitment to excellence both on and off the court, the school system said. Cullman City Schools welcomes Coach Tammy West and looks forward to the leadership, passion and success she will bring to the Lady Bearcat Basketball program.

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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, March 11 - 6 p.m. Adult dinner and game night
• Wednesday, March 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, March 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, March 15 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, March 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, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. in Cullman.

St. Bernard Prep Open House
St. Bernard Preparatory School invites prospective students and families to attend its Open House on Friday, March 14, 2025. Tours will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment. Come experience the St. Bernard difference! Visit classes, meet dedicated faculty and explore the welcoming campus that fosters academic excellence, faith, and community. Interested in a personal shadow day? Contact the Admissions Office at 256-739-6682 to schedule a visit.

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.

41st Annual Bloomin' Festival
April 5-6, held adjacent to the beautiful Ave Maria Grotto. Over 150 arts and crafts vendors, delicious specialty foods and a welcoming community atmosphere. Gate donation: $10 per person (Children 12 and younger – FREE!) Grand Prize Giveaway: 2025 Buick Encore GX – Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. (You do not have to be present to win!) NO PETS ALLOWED. All proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. For more information, visit www.bloominfestival.com.

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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PREP BASEBALL

Bearcats split doubleheader with Hoover

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The Bearcats celebrate following Tyler Brock's (18) 3-run home run against Hoover on Friday.

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Bearcats returned home to Bill Shelton Field for a pair of varsity matchups against Hoover on Friday night. The 'Cats dominated game one, earning a 10-0 win in six innings thanks to a dominant performance on the mound from Cooper Loftin and a 13-hit showing at the plate. The Bucs bounced back in game two, defeating the Bearcats 7-3 to leave Bill Shelton Field with a split.

Cullman 10 – Hoover 0 (Game One)

The Bearcats got off to a fast start. Brooks Heatherly led off the bottom of the first with a single and Jonah Inman was hit by a pitch to put a pair of runners on the bases. Carson Stancil lined a single back up the middle to bring Heatherly home and give Cullman a 1-0 lead. Two pitches later, Tyler Brock launched a 3-run homer over the center field wall to extend the lead to 4-0 going into the second inning.

With a pair of Bucs on base and just one out, Loftin worked his way out of a jam to keep Hoover off the board. Caleb Heis reached base on an error in the bottom of the second and Heatherly brought him around to score with a double to center field, putting the 'Cats in front 5-0 going into the third.

Stancil and Brock led off the bottom of the third with back to back singles to create another scoring opportunity for Cullman.

After Brock stole second during the next at bat, Andrew Au shot a 2-run single into center field to make it a 7-0 game after three.

Hoover was able to get two more runners on base in the top of the fourth, but Inman picked off the runner at first to end the inning and keep the Bucs off the board.

In the bottom half of the inning, Loftin punched an RBI single into right field to plate Knox Mauldin and stretch the lead to 8-0. Just a few pitches later, Brock scored on an error to put the Bearcats ahead 9-0 headed to the fifth.

After a scoreless fifth inning, Loftin took just four pitches to collect three outs in the top of the sixth and Cullman wrapped things up in the home half of the inning.

Stancil led things off with a single to right field and after a passed ball put him in scoring position, Brock lined a double into center field to plate Stancil and finish off a 10-0 win over Hoover.

Loftin pitched six shutout innings on the mound, allowing just four hits and striking out four to keep the Bucs off the scoreboard.

Brock finished the game 3-for-3 at the plate with four RBIs. Stancil (one RBI) added three hits as well and Heatherly (one RBI) and Colter Bowen each posted a pair of hits in the win. Au (one hit) added a pair of RBIs.

Hoover 7 - Cullman 3 (Game Two)

Hoover plated one run in the top of the first to take an early lead and added another run in the second to make it a 2-0 game. A solo home run put the Bucs in front 3-0 in the top of the third, but Brooks Heatherly scored on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the third to trim the lead to 3-1.

After a scoreless fourth inning, Hoover stretched its lead to 4-1 in the top of the fifth.

An RBI single from Tyler Brock drove Knox Mauldin in to score and cut the lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth but the Bucs responded with three more runs in the top of the seventh to take a 7-2 lead into the final frame.

Cale Graves and Heatherly each drew walks and Bennett Johnson singled to right field to load the bases. Carson Stancil ripped another single to right to score Graves and trim the lead to 4 but the Bearcats couldn't chip away any more than that and Hoover took the second matchup of the doubleheader 7-3.

Johnson (one RBI) and Heatherly each posted a pair of hits in the loss. Stancil and Brock both added a hit and an RBI as well.

Cullman will travel to Hartselle on Tuesday to take on the Tigers.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Lions repeat as ACCC Tournament champions

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Wallace State



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Wallace State Lions defeated Southern Union 98-90 on Saturday to win their second straight ACCC Tournament title.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The top-seeded Wallace State men's basketball team won the 2025 Alabama Community College Conference Championship by defeating Southern Union 98-90 on Saturday night at Spragins Hall on the campus of Alabama-Huntsville. The championship is their second consecutive tournament championship and their fifth overall.

The Lions are the first team to punch their ticket to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, KS later this month.

"What we accomplished tonight means a lot for myself and the program," coach Faron Key said. "Winning a championship is special, but it means so much more because of the guys on the floor and the bench."

The win was Wallace's 26th win of the season. The Lions trailed 46-44 at halftime. They outscored the Bison 54-44 in the second half to secure the victory.

In the first half, Southern Union used a 13-0 run to go from trailing 13-12 to leading 25-13. The Lions found themselves in a hole for the remainder of the half until TJ Cochran hit a long three to cut the lead to two heading into halftime.

The Lions' struggles continued early in the second half as Southern Union attempted to pull away. But Wallace would not give up, and midway through the half, they began chipping away at the Bison's lead.

Cochran gave the Lions the lead at 78-76 with two free throws at the 5:15 mark of the second half. Wallace State didn't look back as they closed the game on a 20-14 run. The Lions hit 8-of-10 free throws down the stretch to help seal the victory.

AJ Johnson scored 12 in the first half to lead the Lions and 16 in the second half to finish with a team-high 28 points. He also dished out six assists.

"I must give credit to my teammates because without them I couldn't have done what I did," Johnson said. "I may have led the team in scoring, but they are the true heroes of the game."

Christian Thompson again showed why he is arguably the best big man in the conference. He finished with 22 points, 19 rebounds and five blocks and finished the tournament with 31 points, 31 rebounds and 15 blocks.

Cochran added 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while KJ Anderson had 17 points.

Johnson, Thompson, and Anderson represented Wallace State on the All-Tournament team, and Johnson was named the Tournament MVP.

Wallace State will now wait to see who their opponent will be in the opening round of the NJCAA National Tournament.

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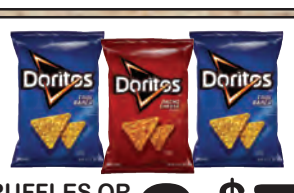


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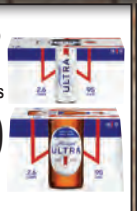
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Cold Springs FCCLA wins at FCCLA State Conference, headed to Nationals

Staff Reports
Contributor

BREMEN, Ala. — On March 6-7, 11 Cold Springs High School students and their advisor Stephanie Blair attended the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference in Montgomery. Over 2,000 FCCLA students from the state of Alabama participated. The students heard guest speakers, attended breakout sessions and competed in the FCCLA STAR Events Competition.

The students and Blair have been working on the FCCLA STAR Events Competition since October. Cold Springs FCCLA students returned with five gold and four silver medals this year. Five students qualified to compete at the FCCLA National Conference in Orlando this summer. The top two highest scores from each category won a bid to attend Nationals.

The FCCLA students competed in individual and group projects. They had to prepare a portfolio or display board and create a 10- to 15-minute speech.

- Rebecca Baggett placed first in the Personal Finance, Level 3 Category
- Savannah Bischoff placed first in the Fashion Design, Level 3 Category
- Baylee Dye and Coco Fox placed first and overall gold in the Chapter Project Display, Level 2 Category
- Natalie Golden placed second in the Repurpose and Redesign, Level 2 Category
- Josiah Johnson placed third in the Fashion Construction, Level 3 Category
- Izzy Howell placed third in the Career Investigation, Level 2 Category
- Kayleigh Szedon placed third in the Leadership, Level 2 Category
- Maddie Davis placed Gold in the Repurpose and Redesign, Level 3 Category
- Lainey Gerstman judged the Food Invasions Category
- Mimzy Mavers was a runner for the Career Investigation, Level 3 Category

"These students put in a lot of hard work and determination, and they were able to bring home medals but so much more.

"They also brought home leadership, teamwork, critical thinking skills, networking, public speaking skills and more," said a release from the school.

The Cold Springs FCCLA Chapter was recognized with the Golden STAR Award. Only eight other chapters were recognized as being a STAR Chapter. The club received a banner to be placed in the Family and Consumer Sciences classroom. This is recognition for chapters that develop and implement well-rounded programs of work. Chapters with well-rounded programs of work supporting Alabama and National FCCLA Strategic plans have programming membership, chapter activities and operations, community services, state and national activities, leadership development and promotion/public relations.

First- and second-place winners can now attend Nationals in Orlando from July 4-10, to compete with other FCCLA members from across the United States. The trip will cost about $1,500 for each person. Anyone who would like to contribute to FCCLA should contact Stephanie Blair at Cold Springs High School. All donations are tax deductible.



STEPHANIE BLAIR

Pictured left to right are Savannah Bischoff, Natalie Golden, Maddie Davis, Rebecca Baggett, Josiah Johnson, Coco Fox, Izzy Howell, Kayleigh Szedon and Baylee Dye.

St. Bernard Prep AP Biology students explore cancer genetics at HudsonAlpha

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Under the guidance of instructor Connie Briehn, Advanced Placement (AP) Biology students from St. Bernard Preparatory School recently participated in an immersive, lab-based experience at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology in Huntsville — investigating the genetics of cancer.

During the visit, students explored the genetic roots of cancer, distinguishing between hereditary and non-hereditary forms of the disease. Using the Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC) kit, students traced a cancer-related mutation through a family, analyzed medical histories to create pedigrees and selected likely candidates for genetic testing. Employing gel electrophoresis, they identified family members carrying the cancer-linked mutation.

Beyond hands-on laboratory work, students engaged in thought-provoking discussions on the ethical challenges surrounding genetic testing and its implications.

The visit also included a guided tour of HudsonAlpha's state-of-the-art campus, providing students with insight into the cutting-edge research and innovations taking place within the field of biotechnology.

HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, a nonprofit organization established in 2008, is dedicated to advancing genomic technology and research to address biological and medical challenges. Located in Huntsville's Cummings Research Park — the second-largest research park in the nation — HudsonAlpha fosters collaboration among scientists, educators and entrepreneurs to drive breakthroughs in genetics, individualized medicine and sustainable energy solutions.

Students left the experience with a deeper understanding of the role genetics plays in human health and the evolving field of biotechnology.



ST. BERNARD

Pictured, front row, left to right, are Anna Catherine Douglas, Connie Briehn and Willa Smith. Middle row, left to right, are Rowan Hines, Jade Nguyen and Marissa Hazard. Back row, left to right, are Madi Kerber, Logan Bello, Cash Daly and Nathan Gaspar.

Snead's Farmhouse shifts focus

Anabelle Howze
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VINEMONT, Ala. — When Judy Snead and her husband moved to Cullman County, she never imagined owning a farm — that one chicken would become a thriving farm. However, as her collection of animals grew, so did her social media following.

"I had no friends, so when people started asking if they could see my animals, I said, 'Sure!'" she laughed. "And then it just kept growing. Before I knew it, I was booking tours all day long."

Soon, her small hobby farm grew into a beloved community attraction. Eventually, Cullman County Schools began requesting field trips, which turned her farm into an exciting educational experience for children to learn and have fun. But with the rise in popularity also came challenges. Unfortunately, new USDA regulations forced Snead to make a difficult decision.

Faced with the choice of either closing the farm's public tours or making costly changes, Snead didn't give up. "At first, I was devastated. But then I realized — maybe this was happening for a reason."

With a substantial social media following, she realized her presence was reaching far beyond Cullman County. She shifted her focus to mental health advocacy, drawing from her own experiences.

Now, her focus is on giving back. Snead hosts people with disabilities at her farm's education center, providing them a safe space to connect, learn and have fun.

"They come here every Wednesday," she said. "They clean, they help with the animals, but more than anything, we just enjoy each other. We sing karaoke, we laugh, we celebrate their accomplishments."

Snead travels to schools and libraries across the state, using her farm's story to teach children about kindness, inclusion and strength. "I want kids to know that differences don't define us," she said. "Whether it's a duck with one leg or a friend who looks or talks differently, we're all valuable."

Even though her farm tours have closed, her heart and message remain wide open. "I don't know what's next," she said, "but I know I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be."

Find Snead's Farmhouse on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sneadsfarmhouse.



CONTRIBUTED

Judy Snead, owner of Snead's Farmhouse, poses for a photo with one of her beloved animals.





Shooting (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — On Sunday, March 9, Cullman County Sheriff's Office investigators arrested George Thomas Meadows, 80, of Cullman, in connection with the shooting incident that occurred earlier Sunday on Doss Road in Good Hope.

The shooting was allegedly a result of an altercation between Meadows and the victim.

Meadows has been charged with aggravated assault/attempted murder.

He is currently confined in the Cullman County Detention Center with no bond.

According to the CCSO, the victim is still in the hospital and remains in critical condition.

Solicitation (from Front)

ficking operation in Hartselle March 6-7, 2025.

According to the MCSO, "During the operation, six individuals - including a Crane Hill resident - targeted and solicited who they believed to be a child, 15 or younger, but were undercover law enforcement officers.

"When they traveled to meet the child, they were met by undercover investigators, and taken into custody."

The release continued, "These predators found our undercover investigators through online platforms, social media, and other online portals. Parents, it is important that you to get involved in your child's digital life.

"The devices you permit them to have provide them with direct access to the world, and the world gains direct access to them.

"Don't let them be victims by being exposed to extreme evil at such a young and influential age.

"These offenders agreed to pay to engage in sexual acts with children and then traveled to designated locations in Morgan County to commit these sex crimes."

According to MCSO, all subjects arrested in this case are being held without bond in the Morgan County Jail.

It said each will have an Aniah's Law hearing to determine if bond will be denied.

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Wallace State to present 'Chaos to Connection' concert March 14-15

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Fine and Performing Arts Department will host "Chaos to Connection" on Friday and Saturday, March 14-15, at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre in the Gudger Student Center.

The concert will feature Wallace State's vocal ensembles, the Wallace State Singers and the Concert Choir, who will use the power of song to weave together a story for every person, every experience and every heart who has ever need to find peace, love and joy, said Tiffany Richter, director of the vocal ensembles.

"The world is filled with chaos, confusion, division, fear, isolation and loneliness," Richter said.

"We hope this concert provides a respite from that chaos and allows us to come together to connect in hope, love and harmony."

The concert will include songs from all genres – soul, pop, country and gospel.

One of the songs to be performed by the Concert Choir is "Even When He is Silent," which is based on a piece of poetry found on a concentration camp wall.

Covers of contemporary artists like Coldplay and Paramore will be mixed with classic from the Beatles and Marvin Gaye.

"We are using pieces of music from all different styles to create the running theme of finding hope in the hopeless," Richter said.

Interspersed among the musical performances will readings from literature and even social media.

"The readings are to illuminate how we speak to each other and how it adds to the chaos of our culture," Richter said. "Social media has made it very easy to seemingly say things that don't have consequences attached."

Richter will lead the groups on a tour to perform the show in Washington, D.C. the March 21-26.

Proceeds from the March 14-15 concerts will go toward that trip.

Other upcoming shows offered by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs include:

- March 20: Spring Showcase, Burrow Center Recital Hall
- April 3: Solo & Chamber Ensemble Recital, Burrow Center Recital Hall
- April 11-13: "Little Women," Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
- April 18: Big Band Dance, Burrow Center
- April 24: Spring Under the Stars, Burrow Center

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, March 31 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: Redstone Federal Credit Union
vs.
David Aaron Morton
109 Auston Drive
Cullman, Alabama 35057

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

The South one-half (1/2) of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 11, Range 3 West, Containing 20 acres, more or less. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Writ of Execution issued on or about 28 January 2025 in case CV-2022-900232 in the Small Claims Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Dated this the 3 day of March, 2025.

BY: Matt Gentry Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
REGISTRATION AND VOTING AIDS

State of Alabama
Cullman County
Probate Office Elections

TO: ALL CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Pursuant to 21-4-23 (b), of the Code of Alabama (1975), notice is hereby given of the following requirements for and the availability of this registration and voting aids.

(b) The appropriate election officials of each county shall issue public notice in each voting precinct of the requirement for and the availability of these registration and voting aids, which notice shall be notification for all handicapped and elderly individuals. This notice shall be issued as early as practicable, but in any case, not later than 60 days before any state election or the registration deadline for such election.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF
CHRISTIAN ANTHONY WOODARD
An alleged incapacitated person.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-064

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AND FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP and
AMENDED PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AND FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: CHRISTIAN WOODARD and
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Appointment of Guardianship and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship* has been filed by Annette Blakely, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston, and *Amended Petition for Appointment of Guardian and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship*, filed by Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston. A hearing on said *Petition Appointment of Guardianship and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship and Amended Petition for Appointment of Guardian and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship* has been **scheduled for the 17th day of April, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 7th day of March, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioner
201 Second Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Administrator

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SHEA NATHANIEL BUTTS,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2024-338

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary of Distribution* received the 9th day of September, 2024, made court record the 11th day of September, 2024, by Lisa Marie Butts, Petitioner, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Lisa Marie Butts
Petitioner

Pro Se

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 7th day of march, 2025.

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

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

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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.

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.

Jennifer Walker Manning
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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

Obituary Announcements: March 8-10

Thelma Middlebrooks Busenlehner, 93
Funeral Service for Thelma Middlebrooks Busenlehner, age 93. of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Sacred Heart Church; burial at Duck River Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2025, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Busenlehner passed away on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Her Cullman Regional. She was born June 3, 1931, to Roy and Adell Middlebrooks. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald P. Busenlehner, parents; and sisters, Faye Seale and Linda Middlebrooks. Survivors include her daughters, Susan (Raymond) Crain, Deborah Reid and Kathryn Busenlehner; grandchildren, James Storie, Brian (Brittany) Crain, and Grant Crain; and great grandchildren, Chandler Crain, Parker Crain, and Annie Crain.

Sharon Faye Hamm, 71
Funeral Services for Sharon Faye Hamm, 71, formerly of Hanceville, Alabama will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Tuesday, March 11, at Hanceville Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sharon Hamm, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend to many was born on Jan. 16, 1954, to J M and Marie Roberson-Phillips in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away surrounded by her loving family on March 6, 2025, at her residence in Greenville, Georgia. Sharon's warmth, kindness, and love touched the lives of all who knew her. She was a mother to everyone, always ready with open arms, a listening ear, and a heart full of love. Sharon found joy in the simple pleasures of life—sipping on a warm cup of coffee, listening to her favorite gospel music, and spending time in the kitchen, where she poured her love into every meal she made. Cooking was her way of bringing people together, filling not just stomachs but hearts as well. More than anything, Sharon adored her grandbabies. They were the light of her life, and she cherished every moment she spent with them. No matter the time or situation, she was someone you could always call on—offering comfort, wisdom, and unconditional love. Sharon's legacy of love, faith, and generosity will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind- her husband, Jerry Hamm; children, Twana Roberson, Jeremy Waters, Sherry Carty, Gary Phillips and Bethany Pugh; 13 grandchildren; four brothers; two sisters, and a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. Though she is no longer with us, her spirit remains in the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten. She was preceded in death by sons; Coot Waters and Noah Waters; her mother and father; three brothers; and one sister. Rest in peace, Sharon. Your love will forever guide us. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hamm Family.

Mary Elizabeth 'Libby' Lane, 85
Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Lane age 85 of Cullman, died Friday March 7, 2025. Libby was born June 16, 1939, to Paul S. and Louse Barlow Britton in Rose Hill Mississippi. She was a member of Cullman's 1st United Methodist Church and Women of the Moose. Mrs. Lane was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon R. Lane; and a brother, Paul Eugene Britton. Libby is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Mark) Calvert; son, David (Karen) Lane; 4 grandchildren: Misty (Richard) Fisher, Marki Calvert, Abigail (Austin) Marshall, and Nicole Lane; sister, Becky (Jonne) Thornton; seven great grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, from noon until the celebration of Mary Elizabeth Lane's life which will begin at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home chapel. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Gladys Grimmett-Parker, 82
Funeral services for Gladys Grimmett-Parker, 82, of Hanceville, Alabama will be noon Tuesday, March 11, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Mountain Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Scott Guthery will be officiating services. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Tuesday at Hanceville Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to noon. Mrs. Parker was born on Oct. 5, 1932, to the late Fred and Ida Yates-Parker in Cullman County, Alabama. She passed away on March 7, 2025, at Hanceville Nursing Home. Survivors include her children, Janice (Daryl) Allred, Paulette (Jeff) McCormick, Deborah Widner, and Michelle (Jimmy) Thomas; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; brother, Leldon (Nelda) Grimmett; sister, Sondra (Bill) Lee; and a host of many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Parker was preceded in death by her husband, Hobert Parker; son, Steve Parker; siblings, Pauline Blalock and Marie Dunn, Marie Dunn, Fred Grimmett Jr., Clellan Earl Grimmett, and Inez Kelley; and grandsons, Bobby Allred and Chuck Allred. Mrs. Parker's grandsons will have the honor of serving as her pallbearers. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Parker Family.

Richard Lloyd Burks, 72
Funeral service for Richard Lloyd Burks, 72, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with interment in Holly Pond Cemetery, Revs. David Chambers and Earl Harper officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 11, from 5:30-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Burks was born on Jan. 12,1953, to Vester Eugene and Noreen Thelma Denton Burks. He was a faithful Christian, a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time outside, fishing, signing gospel songs and spending time with friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and a sister. Survivors include his wife Sarah Camp Burks; son, Richard Lloyd 'J.R.' Burks, Jr.; daughters, Judy (Dewayne) Brooks and Lynn Malcom; granddaughter, Elizabeth Brooks; and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Gilliland Bates, 80
Funeral services for Ruth Gilliland Bates, 80 , of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Friday March 14, 2025 at Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Revs. Paul Campbell and Greg Aldredge officiating with interment in adjoining cemetery. The body will lie in state from noon – 2 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Bates entered into her Heavenly home on the afternoon of March 9, 2025. Ruth was born in Athens, Alabama to Jesse and Flossie Gilliland on Aug. 20, 1944. Ruth married Aubrey Bates on March 14, 1964. They were married for sixty years and had two children, Teresa Bates Mauldin and Terry Bates. She had four granddaughters, Katie Parker, Anna Mauldin, and Sarah Graves, and Teryn Bates. She had one great granddaughter, Ava Jane Parker. Ruth had four siblings which include her twin sister, Ruby Gilliland Overton, and the late Gene Gilliland, Kenneth Gilliland and Margerian Gilliland. Ruth was a loving mother, wife, mawmaw, and friend. She worked hard to provide for her family and cared about helping others. She was a faithful member of Mt. Hope Baptist Church and was a dedicated member of the church choir. She loved singing hymns and praises to her Lord! She enjoyed being involved during Vacation Bible School and keeping the nursery at Mt. Hope Church. Ruth loved keeping children. She kept many kids throughout the Crane Hill Community. If anyone needed a babysitter, everyone knew to call Ruth Bates. Ruth and Aubrey had a large garden for many years and they enjoyed working alongside one another gathering their harvest and putting produce up for the winter. Ruth enjoyed taking a walk in her yard with someone and admiring all the beautiful flowers and things she had blooming. Her animals were often by her side. Ruth loved being with her family and spending time with them. She loved listening to her granddaughters play and sing bluegrass gospel music and would often sing along with them. Ruth was a caring, compassionate, loving lady who blessed many lives in her eighty years. Ruth will be dearly missed by her family and friends, but they know she is rejoicing with her Lord and singing on the streets of gold in Heaven. She is surrounded by her loved ones who have gone on before her and she has now been reunited with her loving husband once again. Survivors include her daughter, Teresa (Tom) Mauldin; son Terry Bates; granddaughters Katie Parker (Caleb), Anna Mauldin, Sarah Graves (William), and Teryn Bates; great granddaughter, Ava Jane Parker; twin sister, Ruby Overton (Horace); brother-in-law, Kenneth Bates (Joyce); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. She was proceeded in death by her husband, Aubrey Bates; her parents, Jesse and Flossie Gilliland; her brothers Gene and Kenneth Gilliland; and her sister Margerian Gilliland. Pallbearers will be Billy Overton, Danny Overton, Dakota Overton, Andy Gilliland, Nathan Bates, Toby Bates, Marty Bates and Wes Sweatman. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Banner Church or Gideon International. Both organizations proudly serve our Lord. Here are the links for these groups: (https://www.bannerchurchjax.com/give/) (https://www.gideons.org/) Direct addresses for these organizations can be given to you upon request. Obituary lovingly written by Mrs. Bates's family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Carol Sue Wren, 86
Funeral services for Carol Sue Wren, 86, of Hanceville will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 14, at Hopewell Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday, March 13, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Wren was born Nov. 12, 1938, in Cullman, Alabama to the late John Cole and Roselle Allgood-Cole. She passed away March 8, 2025, in Cullman, Alabama. A woman of unwavering faith, she was a devoted member of Hopewell Baptist Church, where she found great joy in worship, singing, and fellowship. Born the daughter of a preacher, Carol's faith was the foundation of her life. She had a heart full of love for everyone she met, always offering kindness, encouragement, and a listening ear. She found great joy in reading and had a deep appreciation for music, often lifting her voice in song during church services. Her presence in the pews was a constant, as attending church was not just a habit but a cherished part of her life. Carol's warmth, generosity, and steadfast faith touched many lives, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Though she has left this earthly home, her legacy of love and devotion will live on in the hearts of those who loved her. Mrs. Wren is survived by her daughter, Donna Wren Marlow Nuss; grandchildren, Jamie Wren, Christopher Nuss, Stacey Baker, Aaron Marlow, Cory Wren; siblings, Melba Lindley, Weldon Cole (Delores); and her daughter-in-law, Revonna Wren. Mrs. Wren was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Wren; parents, John Cole and Roselle Allgood-Cole; son, Randy Wren; and her brother-in-law, Fred Lindley. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wren Family.

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Downtown library to host Author Talk event March 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The downtown branch of the Cullman County Public Library System (CCPLS) will host author Dr. Rebekah Lloyd for an Author Talk event on Wednesday, March 19, from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

CCPLS Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said, "We are very excited to have Dr. Lloyd speak at the library. We love to promote local authors and look forward to hearing about her new book."

Lloyd said community means everything to her.

"Having grown up here, served in the Army and experienced life in different cultures, I can say with confidence — there's truly no place like home," Lloyd said.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to pour my knowledge and experience back into the community that shaped me. Whether through leadership development, advocacy or storytelling, I hope to encourage others to use their own stories for good — because our stories have the power to inspire, heal and transform."

Lloyd said she will be speaking about something close to her heart — the power of telling our stories.

"Our experiences shape us, and when we share them, we not only heal ourselves, but inspire and impact others," she said.

"In this talk, I'll dive into how my books came to be — from the research and personal experiences that led to my leadership book, to the faith-filled journey that shaped my devotionals and the everyday moments with my children that became the heart of my children's books."

In her work as a leadership and organizational consultant, Lloyd partners with businesses across industries to develop strong, effective leadership and strategic planning solutions.

"I own Lloyd Consulting Firm and also provide executive coaching, working one-on-one with driven individuals who want to sharpen their leadership abilities and make a greater impact," Lloyd said. "Beyond my business, I stay deeply involved in my community. I serve on the Advisory Committee for CATA, the Executive Board for Curt's Closet and as a Chamber Ambassador.

"My advocacy work is rooted in my passion for the military and veteran communities and the foster and adoptive communities, both of which hold a special place in my life."

Also, Lloyd said she will have some exciting news to share.

"I'll be announcing a brand-new children's book series — one that I am incredibly passionate about," Lloyd said. "Plus, my latest book, 'My Story: A Personal Journey with a Personal God,' will be available for pre-order that night! I can't wait to share this journey with you."

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