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Winter Wonderland Senior Night returns to Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Aging and Doug Davenport with the Parks and Recreation department are partnering to present the Winter Wonderland Senior Night at Sportsman Lake Park. The event will be held Dec. 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and admission to the 19th Annual Winter Wonderland is free to seniors 60 and older and their families. Stephanie Lawson of the Commission on Aging said that as long as a senior is in the vehicle, everyone in the car will be able to attend the event free of charge.

The Senior Center was unable to have a Christmas party last year due to the pandemic, so the Commission on Aging held a » PAGE 2



FACEBOOK



– EDUCATION –

'Serving the Community and Discovering the Difference'

Cullman Christian Academy ends semester fundraiser with a bang by packing food boxes for families in Haiti



ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A bustling food box packing operation takes place in CCA's gym Tuesday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Tuesday, students at Cullman Christian Academy volunteered their time to pack 10,000 family meals to send to Haiti for the holidays.

"We do this in conjunction with our school fundraiser," explained Feed the Need's Day of Event Coordinator Candase Wilkins. "We tithe our first fruits from the fundraiser to purchase food and supplies for packing. We have been abundantly blessed this year and have exceeded our fundraising goal!"

Cullman Christian School Headmaster Dr. Josh Swindall said, "The school has always done two big fundraisers per year, a fall fundraiser and a spring fundraiser. In the past, we have done golf-a-thons, walk-a-thons, auctions, silent auctions and then four years ago, we were looking at different fundraising options and we came across this Feed the Need fundraiser through The Champion Group out of Birmingham.

"It is a school fundraiser similar to a golf-a-thon where people sponsor kids to participate. We raise money through our families and every child is part of that process, and today we are packing meals to send to Haiti and to send to the community."

The donation process was made simple by the dedicated faculty of Cullman Christian as Cullman Christian School Board President Tina Warner explained, "We have a homepage that has a little thermometer that shows you how much we raise each time, but each family sets up their own page and so each family raises. Friends and family can send a generated text message that will send them a link to their page. Then all of that will go to the overall fundraiser. Our goal was $100,000 and we are at over » PAGE 2

PREP FOOTBALL

Aggies ready for semifinal clash at No. 2 Pleasant Grove



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Tyler Simmons (24), Parker Martin (9) and Eli Frost (3)

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Commission calls special meeting to discuss insurance agreement



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The Cullman County Commission met Tuesday evening.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 23

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported November 23, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 22

• third-degree theft of lost property; person; Olive St. SW; cash
• identity theft; person
• third-degree forgery; first-degree theft of property; Kracklin LLC; forged checks
• third-degree theft of property; person; Lee Ave. SW; doors; $900
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Schneider Rd. SE; damage to '13 Ford Taurus; $1,500
• identity theft; person

ARRESTS

Nov. 22

Yager, Sierra B.; 21
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (3 counts)

Pena, Maria A.; 35
• fourth-degree theft of property

Haynes, Tracy L.; 48
• FTA- DUI

Boyd, Lacie M.; 35
• FTA- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Night (from Front)

Winter Wonderland event for three nights.

Director Stephanie Lawson said, "This year, we decided that since it was such a good time last year, we still wanted to do that, but we cut it back to just one night this year."

Lawson also has candy bag treats for the first 300 seniors to arrive at the display.

Difference (from Front)

$110,000 right now. It is just amazing."

Warner continued, "The kids get to do it and they love it. They decorate the boxes and send a big banner from the school. We have a young woman who goes to Haiti regularly, so she is doing a mission talk with them in the back to inform them more on the mission their working on. Each bag that they pack has six meals in it, and you just add water to it and heat it and there is a full meal that is enough for six people."

Dr. Swindell spoke on what he hopes the students will learn from the fundraising experience, saying, "People are donating to the children, for the school and so all proceeds come to us, and we partner with Feed the Need, and we tithe a portion of that back to them.

"We wanted a fundraiser to be bigger than just something to raise money, for our kids to be part of something meaningful and special and part of our slogan. Our mission statement is 'Serving the Community and Discovering the Difference' and so we wanted to give our kids a chance to do that."

Cullman Christian School also expressed its deepest gratitude to the gracious sponsors of this event.

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Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on December 16, 2019 by Kayla Joy Smith Goings, a married woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1899, Page 833 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 17, 2021:

Commence at the point of intersection of the East Right of Way of the Weiti to Center Hill Road and the South line of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, thence N-16°50'48"W a distance of 546.5 feet to a point on the East Right of Way of said road and the true point of beginning, thence N-43°58'03"W along said right of way a distance of 262.16 feet to a point; thence N-39°57'06"E a distance of 138.32 feet to a point; thence S-58°27'12"E a distance of 289.56 feet to a point; thence S-47°00'W a distance of 210.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said land lying and being in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and containing 1.1 acres, more or less.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
1997 Chandeler, VIN CH-1-AL-17199

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

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Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Tuesday, Nov. 23, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 4.4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,762
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 456,018 (+642 since Monday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,186
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 8,900 (+4 since Monday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 3.1%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,575
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 8,416 (+18 since Monday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 174 (+0 since Monday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 998
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 31
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 44,845
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 1,978
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 304

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,416,955 (No update available)
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,143,585 (No update available)
• Doses administered: 4,975,707
• Additional doses administered: 342,939
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,602,530
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,130,607
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,273,370 (No update available)

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

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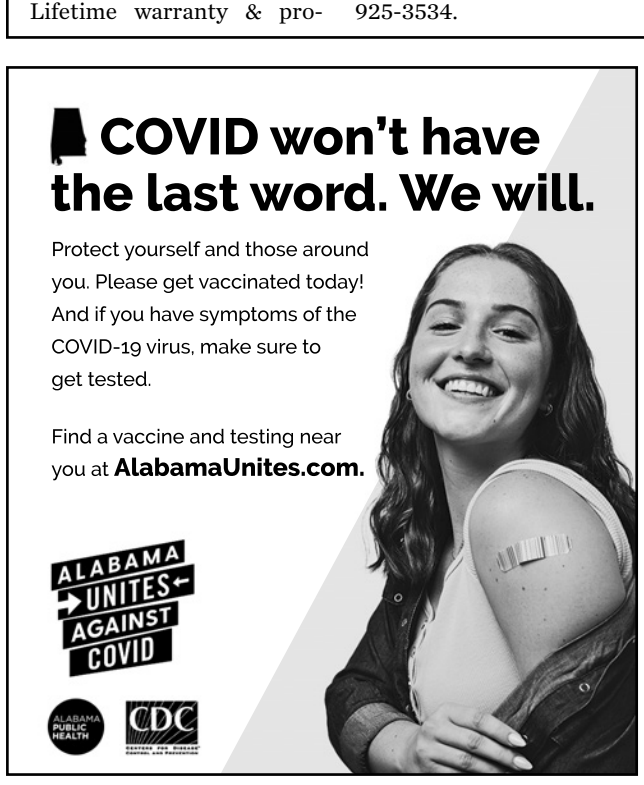
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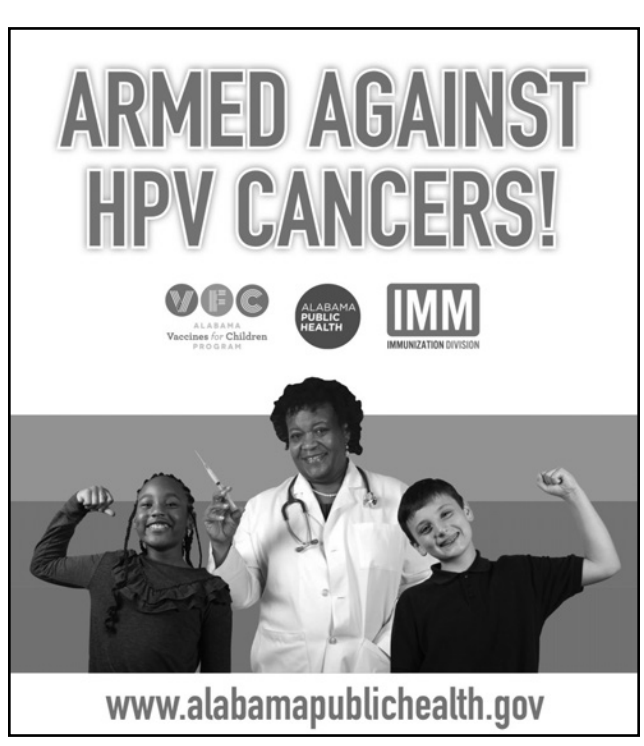
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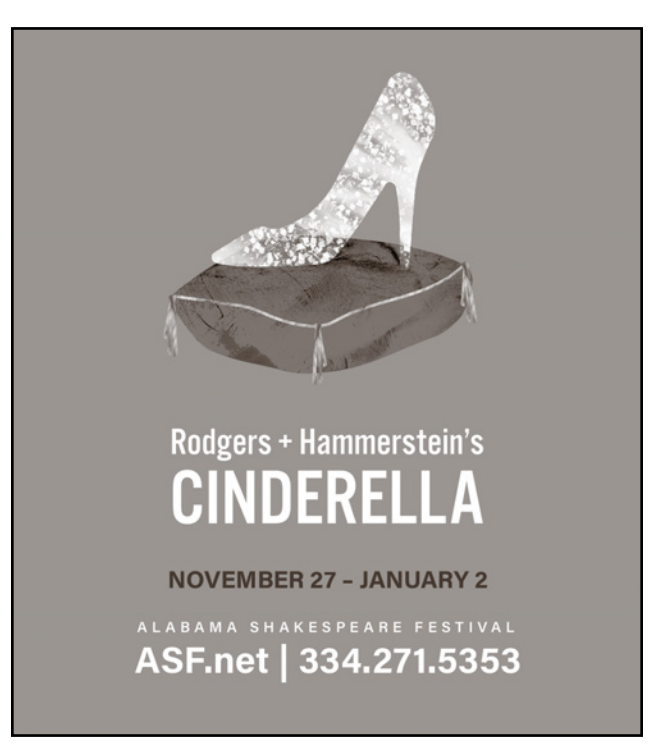
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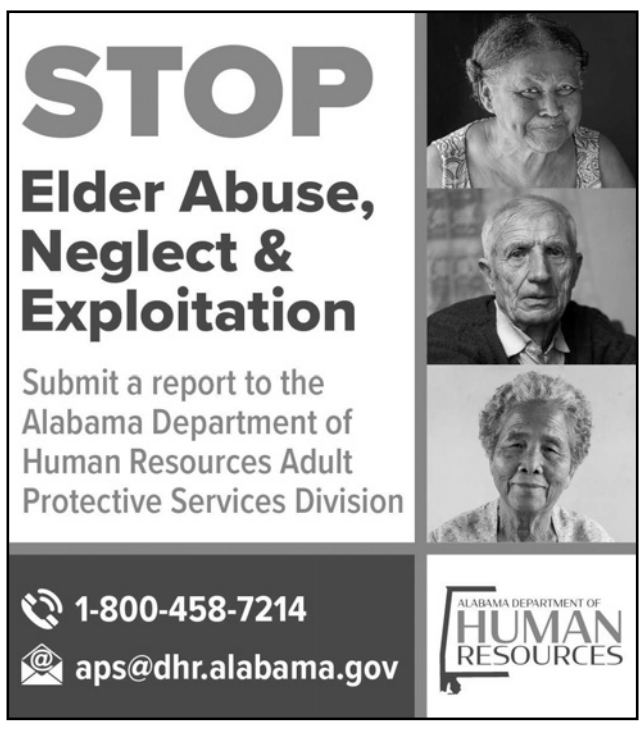














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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third Street SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third 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) Monday and Thursday nights from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 Street Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Message "EMPOWER ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach - CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
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Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

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.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

Christmas Spectacular
• Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
• Featuring: Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Night of Jazz
• Feb. 10, 7 p.m
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Faculty and Friends
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
• Featuring the Wallace State Jazz Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Agriplex Children's Fall Camp Programs
Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Adult programs
Thursdays, noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, no registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
Nov. 19 – Dec. 30: This annual Cullman event is returning this year, featuring thousands of lights, Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. A new addition is the Winter Wonderland Christmas Shop. Times are 5-9:30 p.m. For a more detailed schedule or for more information, call 256-734-3052.

Christmas in the Park
Nov. 26: The City of Arab is hosting Christmas in the Park nightly 5-9:30 p.m. from Nov. 26 – Dec. 31 at Arab City Park (844 Shoal Creek Trail Arab, AL). Over 2 million display lights to walk through! Lighting ceremony will be Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Admission is free! Santa will be in the park Nov 26 – Dec. 18, Fridays and Saturdays only, from 6-9 p.m. in Arab Historic Village, which will also feature food trucks, live music and more! Admission is $6, with ages 2 and under free. For more information, call 256-586-6793 or visit https://www.arabcity.org/

Christmas at the Grotto
• Nov. 26 – Dec. 31: Christmas at the Grotto will return this season at the Ava Maria Grotto. The Grotto will open for special evening hours to allow visitors to tour the Grotto grounds which will be decorated with thousands of lights. This year, there will also be barbecue, music and even horse-drawn carriage rides Dec. 17 and 18. Admission prices for adults - $6, students - $3, with children under 3 are free.
• For more information, visit http://www.avemariagrotto.com.

St. Andrews Church new guest sermon series
• Nov. 28 – Dec. 1: St. Andrews Church, corner of Seventh Street and Main Street SW, Cullman, welcomes Rev. Aaron Golden, vision pastor of Union Point Church, New Bern, NC for a series of gatherings examining the "Plumblines of a People – Foundations."
• Sunday Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
• Monday - Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1, 6 p.m.
• All are invited.

32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Dec. 4: The 32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at noon in downtown Hanceville, rain or shine. Entries are now being accepted. The theme is First Responders: God's gift to their community. For more information, contact Tonya Godbee at 256-531-8992 or Amy Moctezuma at 256-339-9900 or by email at hancevillecivitan@gmail.com.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department's Breakfast with Santa
• Saturday, Dec. 4
• 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278 E
• Plates are by donation, and a donation enters you into a drawing to win a 7-foot teddy bear.
• Drawing at noon. You do not have to be present to win.
• Donations go to Santa to provide area families in need with food and gifts for Christmas.

Christkindlmarkt
Dec. 10-11: Join in on a newer Cullman holiday event, the Christkindlmarkt, on Friday, Dec. 10 - Saturday Dec. 11 in Downtown Cullman. This event will sport many different vendors set up German style in small wooden tents. This will be the perfect way to finish out your Christmas shopping!

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Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's volleyball team had its fantastic season end over the weekend at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Championship in Hutchinson, Kan.

Wallace State finished the season with a 43-10 record, winning the program's 12th Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) tournament championship in 13 seasons. The Lions, coached by Randy Daniel, also earned their 14th straight ACCC regular-season title and made a 20th appearance at nationals.

The Lions dropped a pair of matches at nationals against Butler (Kan.) CC (18-25, 23-25, 13-25) and Northeastern (Colo.) Junior College (25-18, 15-25, 23-25, 20-25).

Sophomore Savannah Rutledge, a 2nd-team NJCAA All-American as a freshman and the 2021 ACCC Player of the Year, combined for 63 assists and 15 digs in the tournament, while libero Temperance Chatman finished with 44 digs.

Madeline Snow racked up 24 kills and 21 digs for the Lions, Haven Hall had 21 kills, Chloe Shadden finished with 13 digs and Madison Raybon added 11 kills combined.

Rutledge, Chatman and Hall each made history at Wallace State.

Rutledge, an Albertville native, is the program's all-time assists leader with 2,792 career assists, and she led the nation in assists this season.

Chatman, a Jasper native, led the NJCAA ranks with 855 digs this season, setting the single-season and career digs mark (1,449) for the program.

Hall, a Geraldine native, had a conference-best 528 kills – which is the 3rd-best single-season mark in school history.

As the ACCC Player of the Year, Rutledge was named to the All-ACCC First Team in addition to Chatman and Hall.

Hall was the ACCC Tournament MVP in October and Rutledge, and Chatman were All-Tournament selections in both the ACCC and Gulf Atlantic District Tournaments.

The team went 20-0 in ACCC play, extending their home conference winning streak to 114 matches – a stretch dating back to 2008.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State volleyball team members are, front row, from left, manager Ella Claire Beard, Megan Edmond, Tobi Trotter, Temperance Chatman, Chloe Shadden, Mallie Williams and Ashlyn Heatherly, back row, from left, Haven Hall, Madeline Snow, Abi Orton, Grace Allen, Madison Raybon, Lexi Shadix, Laci Reese, Daisy Manasco, Savannah Rutledge, Kade Milne and Teagan Hartman.

Remaining members of the 2021 team, not previously mentioned, are Daisy Manasco, Laci Reese, Megan Edmond, Tobi Trotter, Grace Allen, Lexi Shadix, Mallie Williams, Abi Orton, Teagan Hartman, Ashlyn Heatherly, Mallie Williams and Kada Milne.

Daniel has compiled a 552-113 record at Wallace State in 15 seasons.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.

Alabama coaches select 10 Players of the Week following win over Arkansas

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The Alabama coaching staff selected 10 players of the week following the Crimson Tide's 42-35 win over then-No. 21/21/22 Arkansas to close out the home schedule last Saturday at Bryant-Denny Stadium. John Metchie III, Evan Neal, Brian Robinson Jr., Jameson Williams and Bryce Young on offense; Will Anderson Jr., Phidarian Mathis and Henry To'oTo'o on defense; and Will Reichard and Demouy Kennedy on special teams were all recognized for their play in UA's final home matchup of the 2021 campaign.

OFFENSE

John Metchie III
- Led all wideouts in targets (14) and receptions (10) against the Razorbacks
- Totaled 173 yards and a touchdown from 20 yards out
- Converted six first downs to go with his score

Evan Neal
- Did not allow a sack or pressure on 40 pass attempts
- Tied his season-high total for knockdown blocks with six
- Helped the Tide rack up 559 yards passing and 671 total yards by day's end

Brian Robinson Jr.
- Posted his fourth 100-plus yard performance of the season with 122 yards on 27 carries
- Added three receptions for 18 yards

Jameson Williams
- Finished with a career-best 190 yards and three touchdowns across his eight receptions
- Found the end zone from 32, 40 and 79 yards away
- His 79-yard receiving score made Williams the first wideout in Alabama history to record four scores of 75-plus yards in the same season

Bryce Young
- Completed 31-of-40 passes for 559 yards and a career-high tying five touchdowns
- Broke the Alabama school record for passing yards in a game with his impressive performance
- Recorded 13 passes of 20 yards or more, including touchdowns from 20, 79, 32 and 40 yards away

DEFENSE

Will Anderson Jr.
- Contributed 11 tackles to tie for second on the UA defense
- Notched 3.5 tackles for loss (-17 yards) and one sack (-7 yards) to add to his NCAA-leading totals in each category
- Has totaled at least 3.0 tackles for loss and one sack in each of his last three contests

Phidarian Mathis
- Made an impact along Alabama's defensive front in his final game at Bryant-Denny Stadium
- Finished with five tackles, including one for loss (-1 yard) as part of the Tide's 10.0 TFLs on the day
- Also added one quarterback hurry to his stat line

Henry To'oTo'o
- Led the Crimson Tide in tackles, matching his career-best of 13, including eight solo stops
- Posted an Alabama career-high three tackles for loss (-17 yards) to go with his two sacks (-16 yards)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Demouy Kennedy
- Continued his consistent play on special teams
- Played a key role on the Tide's special teams units that did not allow a Razorback return on the afternoon

Will Reichard
- Contributed 10 points on the afternoon thanks to four made PATs and two field goals
- Hit from 48 and 30 yards out on his three-point tries
- Added eight kickoffs for 507 yards and five touchbacks

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on Twitter and Facebook and AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on Twitter and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.

Aggies (from Front)

Nick Griffin
nick@cullmantribune.com

FAIRVIEW, Ala. – For the first time in school history, the Fairview Aggies are in the final four of the Class 5A State Playoffs and now only one game stands between them and a spot in this year's AHSAA 5A State Championship Game. Fairview has eliminated Fairfield, Russellville and Parker on its way to the semifinals and this week the Aggies will travel to Pleasant Grove for a matchup with the second-ranked Spartans. This will be the first ever meeting between Fairview and Pleasant Grove.

Fairview (12-1) at Pleasant Grove (11-1)

The Spartans have blown past Douglas, Leeds and Center Point in the first three rounds by a combined score of 139-21 so the Aggies aren't the only team riding some momentum coming into this game.

Pleasant Grove has been putting up over 44 points per game this season and Fairview Head Coach George Redding knows the Spartans can present a lot of problems on the defensive side of the ball as well.

"Really what we've seen from that whole region over there is just dynamic players, lots of team speed and the ability to create explosive plays offensively and they're a team that's willing to bring some pressure defensively," Redding said. "Overall, they're a physical defensive team."

Pleasant Grove will have a lot of speed on the field for the Aggies to deal with and Redding wants his defensive guys to focus on limiting the Spartans' explosive plays and running to the football.

"Matching up is always an issue when you're playing teams that are faster than you like that, and their team speed is probably a little better than ours, so we have try to eliminate some of the explosive plays," Redding said.

"We have to do a really good job of running to the football and having everyone helping out and doing their job.

"That's going to be important for us."

Fairview will be coming to town with an explosive offense of its own and the Aggies seem to be improving each week regardless of who they face.

Redding credits his team's success to their mentality and preparation, focusing more on what they can they do to improve themselves than what opponents might do against them.

"I think this team has done a really good job of focusing on ourselves each and every week. We make it about us and its important each week that we continue to take steps and improve in the things that we do," Redding said.

"I think this team has really grasped that and done a really good with that. "I don't care what sport you're playing or what you're doing in life, every day you have to put your two feet on the floor and go to work and these guys have been willing to do that every day."

This football season has been one to remember at Fairview High School, but the Aggies aren't ready to wrap it up just yet.

If this offense can remain red hot and the defense can build on its stellar performance in the second half against Parker, Fairview will have a chance to slide past Pleasant Grove and into the 5A State Championship Game.





'I always did love Auburn': Walker Kessler finds joy in coming home

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Walker Kessler likes going to class. He enjoys hanging out with his teammates away from the court, whether that's grabbing a bite to eat or going to the football games. He simply loves the college experience and being part of the Auburn community. Sometimes he'll get in his car and just drive around and see people.

It might sound odd, but Kessler has learned not to take any of it for granted. Not after last year, his freshman year at North Carolina, where he couldn't get out and be himself.

It had nothing to do with North Carolina and how Kessler was treated there – he loved his coaches and his teammates. It had everything to do with COVID. He was essentially forced to stay in his dorm room with the exception of practice and games. His classes were all on Zoom. He played most of the season without fans.

It was that way for every student-athlete across the country, but it took a toll on Kessler.

"The hardest part was the isolation," he said. "Just being cooped up in a room by yourself. Obviously, you grow really close with your teammates and your coaching staff, but just being by yourself in the room, not being able to go out and see people or go get food or anything like that. It was a tough year for everyone."

Going through last year and all the obstacles that came with it, it made Kessler realize he needed his inner circle closer to him. It made him want to come home ... to Auburn.

Technically, Kessler isn't from Auburn. He grew up an hour northeast on I-85 in Newnan, Georgia, and his family also has a place on Lake Martin, an hour west of Auburn. He's close enough now to where he can go home and have a home-cooked meal – his mom's "Million Dollar Spaghetti Pie" is his favorite – and he can easily get to the lake, too.

But proximity aside, Kessler has always loved Auburn. Even after he initially committed to North Carolina and ultimately signed there, Auburn still held a special place in his heart. So, it was Auburn who won out ahead of Gonzaga and North Carolina after he opted to enter the transfer portal. He signed with the Tigers in April.

"I always did love Auburn," Kessler said. "It wasn't like, 'Oh, well this school is close. I'm going to go there.' It was like I already know Auburn, I loved Auburn, this is clearly the best choice.

"Coach (Bruce) Pearl is such an unbelievable coach and what he's done with this program is just so unbelievable in the fact that he's such a player's coach and really believes in his players. That was the initial thing that drew me. And then obviously, being close to home. And then the people – the players, the coaching staff – it's just been special to me."

"I think Walker's decision to come back to Auburn had as much to do with him recognizing what this university is all about and what being an Auburn man is all about and the kind of people he wanted to surround himself with," added his head coach, Bruce Pearl. "And he just wanted to come home."

"Being able to go see my family or get a home-cooked meal, it's been great for my mental health and just well-being in general."

It's been six months since Kessler first arrived on campus, and he's had no regrets. Auburn has not only lived up to expectations. It's exceeded them. And that was said before Kessler ever played his first game for the Tigers.

The former five-star center has also found a home on the court as well. He's started all three games this season. He leads the team in blocks (11) and is second in rebounds (17), and while his offense has been slow out of the gate – he's averaging just 4.3 points per game – he doesn't mind as long as the team is winning.

"I want to do the best I can and help my team the best way," Kessler said. "If that's grabbing 20 rebounds a game and scoring nothing, I just want to win."

That unselfish attitude and Kessler's infectious personality has rubbed off on his teammates.

"Walker is the kindest teammate I think I've ever had," junior Jaylin Williams said back in September. "He's a good kid. He wants to make his teammates better. He's not like – this team isn't focused on themselves – they want to be great as a whole team."

At 7-foot-1, it's easy to think "basketball player" when you see Walker Kessler around campus. And you'd be right. But what you might not know is that he's a self-described nerd who loves Lord of the Rings. He plays the guitar. And he's got a pretty mean ping pong game.

"I always say if Ping Pong was more mainstream, I think I would ditch basketball and focus all my effort on ping pong," he said.

More than anything, though, Kessler wants to be known as a good person.

"Who is Walker Kessler? It's a good question," he said. "I've never really thought about that. I think I'm just a good guy. I think I'm my mother and father's son. It sounds naive, but they raised me to be a good person. I think that's really the biggest thing.

"I want to be a good man, good husband, good father."



MATTHEW SHANNON/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Forward Walker Kessler (13)

This week, Kessler will miss Thanksgiving at home. He'll be in the Bahamas, helping Auburn try to win three games in three days and bring back the Battle 4 Atlantis championship. But when he gets back, he's already planning to make the short drive home Saturday after the Iron Bowl and eat plenty of leftovers – a luxury he didn't have a year ago.

"It's so different," Kessler said. "Being able to go see my family or get a home-cooked meal, it's been great for my mental health and just well-being in general."

"I still hope and pray that the people in North Carolina – who he loved – and the coaching staff at North Carolina – that he loved and was committed to – will forgive him and understand that he just wanted to come home," Pearl said. "I know they can understand that because I'd love for them to root for him some day."



Troy announces change in football program leadership

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. — Troy Director of Athletics Brent Jones announced Sunday that the University is making a change in leadership for the football program and parting ways with head coach Chip Lindsey.

Lindsey had an overall record of 15-19 during his three seasons at Troy. Defensive coordinator Brandon Hall will serve as interim head coach for the remainder of the season.

"I appreciate Coach Lindsey's hard work over these last three years," Jones said. "However, after significant review, a change in leadership is needed.

"I met with Coach Lindsey this afternoon and informed him that we would be making a change effective immediately. Our expectation for our football program is to compete for championships, and that resolve has not waivered. A full national search will begin immediately for the next head coach of our storied program."

"Ultimately, we fell short of our goal of producing a championship-winning team," Lindsey said.

"I am grateful to the administration at Troy for giving me this opportunity to serve as head coach.

"Thank you to our players for giving their all, day in and day out. I am proud to have been your coach, and I am grateful for the relationships we forged that will last a lifetime.

"Finally, I would like to thank my family for their unwavering love and support."

Troy's first media availability will come Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. at its regularly scheduled press conference. Troy travels to Georgia State on Saturday in search of its sixth win and bowl eligibility for the first time since 2018.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy has parted ways with Head Football Coach Chip Lindsey.







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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DOROTHY P. TRAMMELL,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2018-123

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of November, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DANNIE TRAMMELL

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
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To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge, Cullman County

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
THOMAS E. DRAKE,) CASE NO.: PC2017-036
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO COMPEL DISTRIBUTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO COMPEL DISTRIBUTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT
MOTION
RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION
MOTION TO RESET AND SHOW CAUSE

TO: MARY FRANCIS PATE
CHRISTY LOWE
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition to Compel Distribution and Final Settlement filed the 5th day of May, 2021, made court record the 6th day of May, 2021, by Thomas E. Drake, II, heir to the Estate of Thomas E. Drake, *Response in Opposition to Petition to Compel Distribution and Final Settlement* filed and made court record the 24th day of May, 2021, by G. Whit Drake, Personal Representative and Executor for the Estate of Thomas E. Drake, *Motion* filed the 7th day of July, 2021, made court record the 8th day of July, 2021, by Thomas E. Drake, II, *Response in Opposition to Motion*, filed the 10th day of August, 2021, made court record the 11th day of August, 2021, by G. Whit Drake and *Motion to Reset and Show Cause* filed the 26th day of October, 2021, made court record the 27th day of October, 2021, by Thomas E. Drake, II, has been set for hearing on the 2nd day of February, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 16th day of November, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 27, 2016 by Brent Miles Sellers, spouse of Julie Hayes Sellers and Julie Hayes Sellers, spouse of Brent Miles Sellers, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1789, Page 203 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 8, 2021:

A parcel of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 10 South, Range 5 West, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the South line of said forty with the West right of way of the Jones Chapel and Crane Hill public road; thence West along the South line of said forty to the Southwest corner of said forty; thence North 215 feet, more or less; thence East 900 feet, more or less, to the West right of way of said road; thence South along the right of way of said road 215 feet, more or less to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate: 1989 Redmon

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-November 18, 25, December 2, 2021

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF A.B.S.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 09/13/2004
CASE NO.: AD2021-051

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.B.S., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO ERIN ELYSE DAVIS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Taylor Joe Davis, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 9th DAY OF November, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Michael R. Burleson
Attorney for Petitioner
200 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

DOCUMENT 18

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STACY DESHA USELTON, *
PLAINTIFF, *
VS. * CASE NO. DR-2021-900303
ADAM LEE USLETON, *
DEFENDANT. *

NOTICE

Adam Lee Uselton, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stacy Desha Uselton's Complaint for Divorce on or before the 27th day of December, 2021, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in case number DR-2021-900303 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 28th day of October, 2021.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER – The Cullman Tribune: Please publish once a week for four (4) successive weeks beginning November 4th, 2021.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES KNIGHT DIAL * CASE NO.: PC 2021-425
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed on the 12th day November, 2021, by Susan Elizabeth Dial, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney, J. Bradley Wilson 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.

Susan Elizabeth Dial
Petitioner

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street, SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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 23rd day of November, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
JERRY ADAMS, CASE NO. PC 2021 - 381
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Doug Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Jerry Adams, deceased, on the 9th day of November, 2021, 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.

Jerry Adams, Jr., Petitioner

Shay Persall
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108 3rd Street SE
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 734-3452

Attorney for Petitioner Jerry Adams, Jr.

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.

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF E.E.S.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 10/06/2009
CASE NO.: AD2021-050

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CAMERON STEPHEN SANDERS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF E.E.S., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO ERIN ELYSE DAVIS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Taylor Joe Davis, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 9th DAY OF November, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Michael R. Burleson
Attorney for Petitioner
200 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
BURL WAYNE BOHANNON,) CASE NO PC 2021-197
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

TO: KASSIE STEWART
KENDAL BOHANNON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Mary Bohannon to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Burl Wayne Bohannon, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 2nd day of February, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 16th day of November, 2021.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 20, 2013 by Joseph L. Aaron, a married man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1719, Page 721 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 17, 2021:

Lot Number Fifty-Six (56) of Block Number Three (3) of Aganhall Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Map Book 5, Page 85 (Slide A277) and Map Book 6, Page 79 (Slide A328) in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
1999 Riverchase, VIN AL1973R992800

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-November 25, December 2, 9, 2021

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CHRISTOPHER ALAN REECE, * CASE NO.: PC2021-423
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to BEVERLY PASCHAL POSTON as Administratrix of the Estate of CHRISTOPHER ALAN REECE, deceased, on the 16th day of November, 2021, 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.

Beverly Paschal Poston
Administratrix

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate of
Christopher Alan Reece, deceased,
200 1st Avenue SE
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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 23

Pamela Diana Edge Marks, 59, of Florence, Alabama, formerly of Cullman
Pamela Diana Edge Marks of Florence Alabama, formerly of Cullman passed away Nov. 19, at the age of 59. She was born in Cullman on May 27, 1962, to Charles and Rebecca Wright Edge. She is preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services are Friday Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ory Hampton officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are daughter: Deana (John) Smith; brother: Ray Edge and grandchildren: Mackinzey and Jase Smith. Visitation is Friday, Nov. 26, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Ellen 'Doodle' Bates, 56, of Cullman
Funeral service for Mary Ellen "Doodle" Bates, 56, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 26, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Rev. Delbert Freeman will officiate. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home from noon – 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Bates passed away Monday, Nov. 22. She was born March 10, 1965, to Sam and Mary Nell Johns. She was employed at Cullman Regional Hospital. Mary was a loving wife, daughter and sister. She was preceded in death by her grandparents: Herman and Lillian Keese and H.M. and Icie Johns. Survivors include her parents; her husband: Terry Bates; son: Nicholas (Lori) Bates; sister: Lola (Greg) Ponder; nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Wendell Leon Overton, 81, of Cullman (Updated)
Funeral service for Wendell Leon Overton, 81, of Cullman, will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 24, in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Nov. 23, from 5:30-8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Brother Paul Campbell will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Etha Baptist Church Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Overton family. Mr. Overton passed from this life Nov. 21, at his residence. He was born Aug., 26, 1940, to Bernice Harmless and Rachel Eugene Kimbril Overton. He was preceded in death by his wife: Shelby Jean Overton; special companion: Beverly Warnke; parents: Bernice and Rachel Kimbril Overton; brothers: Elbert Overton and Wilford Overton and sister: Imogene Brummett. Mr. Overton is survived by his sister: Mary (Lester) Loyd; sons: Jerry and Renee Overton, and Perry and Kim Overton; grandchildren: Wesley Overton, Samantha and Brandon Dawson, Nick and Mackenzie Overton and Morgan Overton; five great-grandchildren: Julianna Overton, Hannah, Kaeden, Adalyn and Brynlie Dawson and a host of family and friends.

Linda Lee Carr, 76, of Newman, Georgia
Linda Lee Carr, age 76, of Newman, Georgia, passed away Monday, Nov. 22, at her current residence. She was born July 8, 1945, to Emmit G. and Wilma Driver. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers: Garfield Driver and Virgil "Bubba" Driver; sisters: Lisa Marie Driver and Judy Screws and son: David Screws. Survivors include her daughter: Pamela Cone; sons: Ray (Teresa) Screws, Roy (Hortence) Screws, Troy (Shelia) Screws and Wesley Screws; daughter-in-law: Dorothy Screws; sister: Patricia Sue (Gary) Austin and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Crystal Dawn Johnston, 42, of Cullman
Funeral service for Crystal Dawn Johnston, age 42, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 28, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dr. David Chambers officiating, and interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Johnston passed away Monday, Nov. 22, at Grandview Medical Center. She was born Sept. 16, 1979, to Mack and Virginia Teague. She was preceded in death by her father: Mack Teague. Survivors include her husband: Dave Johnston; sons: Jeremiah Johnston and Robin Johnston; mother: Virginia Teague; sisters: Sharman (Craig) Buckelew and Chanda (Danny) Sterling; mother-in-law: Brenda (Kenneth) Graveman; father-in-law: David Johnston; sister-in-law: Mary (Denny) Allums; nephews: Colby Buckelew, Brandon (Ashley) Buckelew, Jake (Aytrie) Sterling and Nicholas Sterling; nieces: Haley (Dallyn) Barksdale, Tessa Buckelew and Emma Briscoe and a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, family and friends.

Anthony Allen King, Sr., 59, of Vinemont
Anthony Allen King, Sr., 59, of Vinemont, passed away Nov. 22, at his residence. He was born July 6, 1962. Anthony is survived by his daughters: Jessica (Phillip) Brown and Alisha King; son: Tony King; sisters: Cinthia Davis and Brittany King; grandchildren: Dakota Brown, Kurtis Brown, Makaela McCaig, Alissa McCaig and Brennen King and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife: Diane King; parents: Clarence Allen and Barbara Ann King; brother: Brian King and a granddaughter: Destiny Cheyenne. Private services were held.

Paul Alton Dockery, 72, of Haleyville
Paul Alton Dockery, 72, of Haleyville, entered into rest on Monday, Nov. 22, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Paul was born Feb. 14, 1949, in Winfield, Alabama. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them. He was a wonderful husband, father and PawPaw. Paul loved playing pool. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Winfield, Alabama. Pastor Greg Webb will officiate. Paul is survived by his wife of 22 years: Patricia Dockery; children: Dana Gilbert and her husband BJ, Shirley Robbins and her husband Neal, Sharon Ford and her husband Mark Sr., Jaybrina Martinez and her husband Ruben and Scott Salter and his wife Debbie; brothers: Ray Dockery and his wife Debbie, and JR Dockery; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father: Joe Dockery; mother: Irene O'Mary Shirey; stepfather: Raymond Shirey and brother: Billy Dockery.

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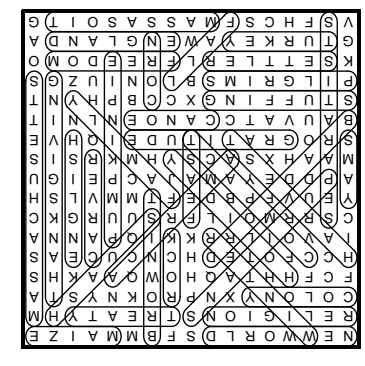
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Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission called a special meeting Tuesday to discuss their Property and Casualty Insurance agreement. In an earlier November meeting, the Commission considered changing their insurance provider to Byars Wright and more time was requested to review the agreement.

Cullman County Administrator John Bullard stated, "Given the limited time frame that we have, we have to have insurance in place by Dec. 1 and the fact that there are still some unknowns, uncertainties on the time frame and being able to get everything changed over, I'm going to recommend that we go back with our current provider and then reevaluate for the upcoming year."

Bullard recommended staying with Smith-Gray Insurance for the present time.

He said, "The premium amount was $739,907. That was not the lowest, but that's something we know what the coverage is, and everyone feels comfortable with what is paid out in the past and we know how it works."

The Cullman insurance brokers with Byars Wright, Trae Norrell and Lawson Schaffer, gave their proposal. Norrell said, "We began this process March 22 of sitting down, walking through policies and we laid out a timeline of everything that we walked through.

"Our recommendation is different than what is set in place.

"It's different from a company standpoint. It's different from a premium standpoint.

"For us, what we try to do with the best information provided was line up an apples-to-apples comparison to what you three gentlemen would make the decision of. So, the question at hand that I hear from John as well is making sure we get everything in place by Dec. 1.

"I'm here to assure you of that. If you were willing to make a change...Really the workload from now until Dec. 1 will be on our shoulders.

"Yes, it'll be getting the information, but also carrying this thing to the finish line which at the end of the day will provide a partnership for risk management and property that I think will benefit the County Commission."

Schaffer added, "The actual savings you will have this following year will be around $154,000 by going with Byars Wright.

"If you look at it from a numbers and business standpoint, I don't see how it could be a wrong decision."

Kerry Watson voted to go back with Smith-Gray Insurance.

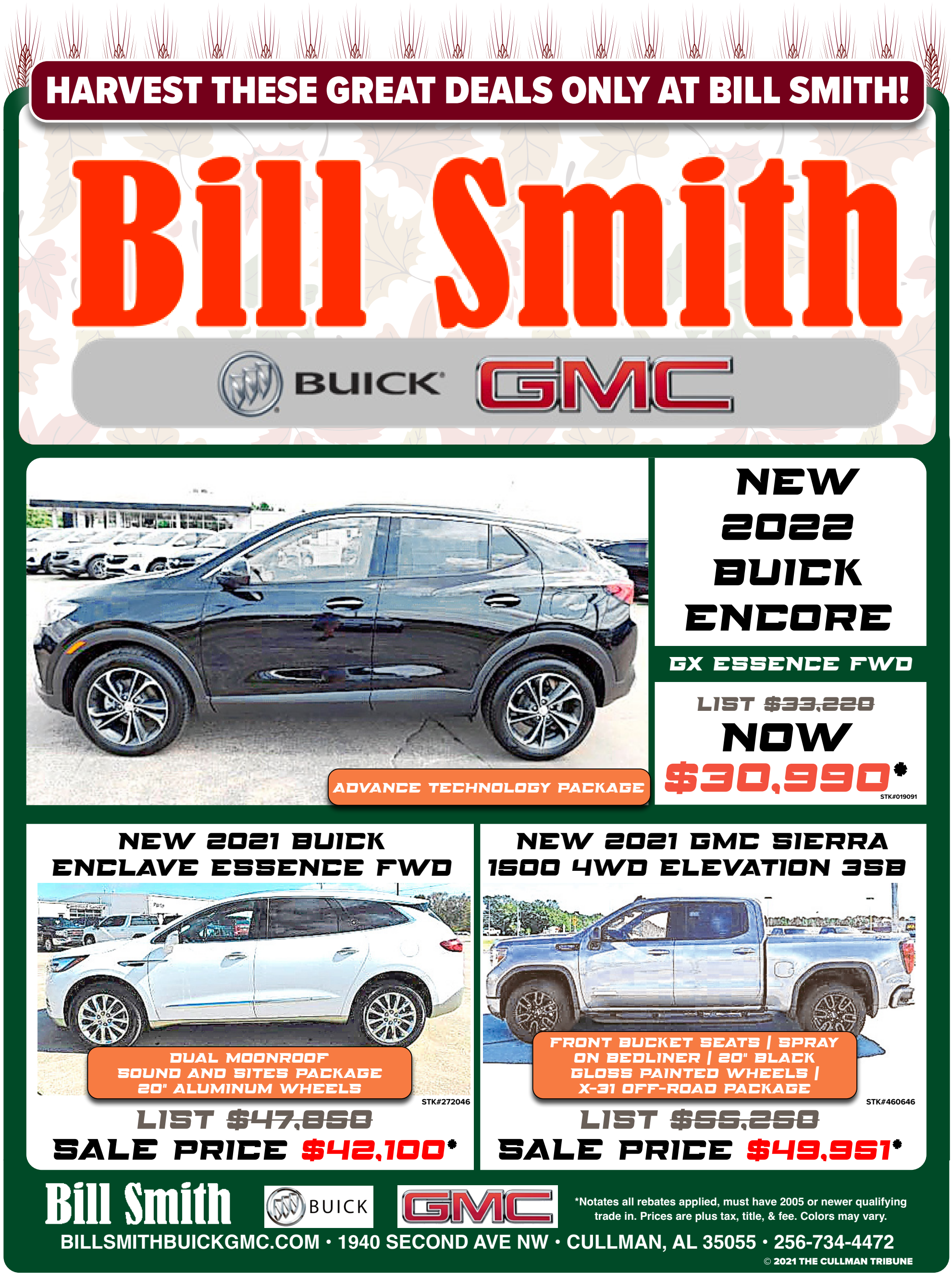
Garry Marchman stated, "I don't have enough experience or knowledge in the insurance business to make a good solid recommendation for either argument, but I also know that many times we have to go off of what our department heads recommend because they are supposed to be the subject matter's experts.

"So, I'm going to, at this time, second the motion to go with what our administrator recommended."

The Chairman passed the motion and adjourned the meeting.

The next Commission meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room.







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BLACK FRIDAY | HISTORY

The Genesis

In the American lexicon, any day that is preceded with "black" generally portends bad things. "Black" any day is not Wall Street's best moment. Black Tuesday foreshadowed the full and complete economic collapse of the Great Depression. Not a good thing.

But "Black Friday" — what's the story? Well, sort of similar.



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WHAT IT'S NOT

First time anybody ever heard of the term "Black Friday" was in 1869 and it was related to the market. Jay Gould and Jim Fisk, the president and vice president of the Erie Railroad and reputed to be Wall Street's had a reputation as two of Wall Street's most ruthless investors hatched a plot to drive up the price of gold, buying up huge reserves.

President Ulysses S. Grant smelled it out and flooded the market with gold. The counter measure precipitated a stock market crash.

"Black Friday" was felt by the U.S. economy for years, starting with the thousands of speculators who were left financially ruined.

Farmers were hardest hit. Many witnessed the value of their wheat and corn harvests dip by 50%.

The journal Factory Management and Maintenance in 1951 was said to have used the term to describe people calling in sick the day after Thanksgiving so they could have an extra day off work.

Or perhaps too much pumpkin pie.

WHAT IT IS

Santa's elves are huffing and puffing on Black Friday, make no mistake, but the day was also rough on the Philadelphia police. That's Black Friday as we know it, the day-after-Thanksgiving shopping mayhem.

"The Philadelphia Police Department used the term to describe the traffic jams and intense crowding of the downtown retail stores," said David Zyla, author of "How to Win at Shopping," to the Huffington Post.

He noted one of the first uses of the term appeared in an ad in a 1966 issue of The American Philatelist. However, a story in the Philadelphia Inquirer in 1994 told the story of one of its reporters using the term.

Said that reporter, Joseph P. Barrett: "In the early 1960s, [Nathan] Kleger [another reporter] and I put together a front-page story for Thanksgiving and we appropriated the police term 'Black Friday' to describe the terrible traffic conditions."

BLACK FRIDAY | IN YOUR COMMUNITY



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Remember to Shop Local

The little guys of small business have struggled during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The holiday season offers a great opportunity to help them get back on their feet as the pandemic subsides and the economy rebounds with trillions of dollars poured in from our generous Uncle Sam. And there are many other good reasons to shop them.

YOUR MONEY STAYS LOCAL

That's another way to love your neighbor during the holiday season. Each dollar you spend locally allows three times that amount to enter the local economy, according to a study conducted by the American Independent Business Alliance. Online shopping is the same.

Locally owned businesses generally buy supplies from other locally owned business, the staff eats out in the community and grabs a beer or coffee at the local pub or café. In short, multiple businesses benefit from your dollar spent.

Local business also invests in the community and, most importantly, non-profit organizations. The National Technical Reports Library has produced data that shows local non-profits receive 350% more money from its local small business neighbors than from out-of-town and larger corporate retailers.

Among those are community shelters, fundraisers and other community partners.

Local business is also hiring its neighbors.

SHOPPING LOCAL IS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

When you buy local, your carbon footprint is decreased because your purchase doesn't have to be transported by air or ground. The locally owned business is also probably expending fewer resources.

A BUSINESS BUILT ON SERVICE

The local small business also offers better customer service. Why? Because they have to work twice as hard to keep you coming back and referring others. The local business is the best way to receive individual, customized attention and products. The prices will be more competitive, too.

Small businesses selecting products based not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

BLACK FRIDAY | THE DEALS

What Are the Best Deals?

Black Friday 2021 is on Nov. 26. Based on data from a year ago published by Techradar.com, the best deals will be found in the tastiness of the MacIntosh Apple, among other tech toys.



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DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Follow your mother's advice from childhood and study hard. It's more than helpful for the big day. For example, some retailers will increase prices from August through to October to offer what appears to be amazing markdowns on Big Friday. Know the true market value.

Those markups are prevalent in expensive consumer electronics, such as TVs or laptops.

Also, be flexible: If it's a Samsung UHD TV you long for, it's best to think about the features you want rather than a specific model number. One model might not be discounted on Black Friday, but an almost identical set with the specification you want probably will be.

Research if poking and prying with a purpose.

BEST DEALS FROM 2020

Per Techradar.com:

1. Toshiba 32-inch 720p smart Fire TV: $119.99 at Amazon, a savings of $60. This 32-inch Fire TV doesn't have 4K resolution (it's not big enough), but this is still a fantastic price for a smart TV that comes with a massive range of apps. And an even better option if you're looking for a smaller display for a bedroom or kitchen.

2. TCL 50-inch 4K Smart TV: $229.99 at Best Buy, a savings of $120.

Save $120. The TCL 50-inch 4K TV is compatible with the Google Assistant, and features a handy voice remote.

3. Insignia 70-inch 4K UHD smart TV: $549.99 at Best Buy, a $100 savings. The smart TV comes equipped with Fire TV and Amazon Alexa fully built in - not bad value at all if you're looking for a one-stop inexpensive TV that's useful right out of the box.

4. LG CX 55-inch OLED 4K TV: $1,399.99 at Best Buy, a savings of $300. This is quite literally one of the best TVs you can buy right now - and, one of our personally top-ranked displays for 2020.

5. Samsung 75-inch QLED Q70T Series TV: $1,497.99 at Amazon, a savings of $700. The Q70T Series TV delivers a premium picture experience thanks to Quantum Dot technology, and includes Amazon Alexa for voice control.

BLACK FRIDAY | SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Companies Giving Back

For some retailers, Black Friday is not all about the point-of-sale systems working overtime spitting out receipts.



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These companies, featured by Spectrum News, are leaders among those businesses encouraging shoppers to give back, in addition to checking off gift lists.

IN FASHION WITH BLACK FRIDAY CHARITY DEAL

Angela Roi last year launched its second Black Friday charity initiative last year. The luxury vegan fashion brand offered 20% discounts to customers who could show through an online photo confirmation that they donated at least $1 to a charity.

It's their way of getting into the spirit of the season.

AT DECIEM, BEAUTY IN THE EYE OF THE GIVER

Canadian-owned beauty company Deciem last year continued its tradition of "KNOWvember," an initiative that encourages customers to shop "based on education over impulse." In addition to a month-long 23% discount throughout November, Deciem hosts daily educational seminars on various aspects of physical health.

A SWEDE DEAL

IKEA tried something different in 2020 with its Buy Back Friday initiative, offering to buy back used furniture from would-be customers.

"Do something Green on Black Friday," IKEA's Chief Sustainability Officer Pia Heidenmark Cook tweeted of the program. "If we can't resell it, we will recycle or donate it to community projects to help those most affected by Covid-19."

Not everyone shared in the company spirit. Stores in the U.S. didn't participate.

"We feel it's important to release the program in the United States when we can deliver the best possible experience for both our stores and customers," the company said.

REI OUTTA HERE

Outdoors retailer REI closed all 167 of its stores on Black Friday a year ago for a sixth consecutive year, instead paying its some 13,000 employees to spend the day outdoors.

That's putting your money where your mouth is.

The company said it was particularly important to do it last year in light of the contentious election and civil unrest.

"In the middle of everything, we have watched as people all over the world —, some of them for the first time — looked to time outside to reflect, restore and connect to one another," REI CEO Eric Artz wrote in an open letter. "In this year of unprecedented challenges staying true to our purpose, living our values and caring for our people and communities is more important than ever."

BLACK FRIDAY | THE DEALS

Shop Smart on Black Friday

Black Friday deals can be so big that it's easy to not only finish off your holiday shopping in less than 24 hours but also have money left to pay the electric bill.



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That's an accomplishment. However, though retailers offer some of the best values of the entire year, particularly on electronics, appliances, sneakers, designer handbags and time specific travel, not all products have slashed prices. The Real Deal found a few things you should buy at different times of the year.

JUST SIT ON FURNITURE

Indoor furniture is at its lowest in January and July through August, while the best discounts on patio furniture happen between August and September. Knowledge is power.

SWITCH OFF LATEST-GEN GAMING CONSOLES

Typically, the best deals on a next-gen console or gaming PC, such as Nintendo Switch Lite, will happen the final week before Christmas as a last-minute push. There's a noted British poet from yesteryear who made "patience is a virtue" into a colloquialism. Live it.

SPRING AIRFARE NOT THE BEST FOR THE GREEN

Buying airline tickets far in advance does not always yield the best airfare. And this goes for booking spring travel on Black Friday. Wait until after January to book tickets for spring travel. The optimum window to lock in airfare for this time of year is about six to eight weeks out.

DON'T TOY WITH BLACK FRIDAY

The best deals on toys are generally found about two weeks before Christmas, at 20% to 25% off. However, if on the prowl for the season's hottest toys, the buying experts recommend purchasing them as soon as possible, particularly this year with shortages on seemingly everything and money to spend. It might sell out.

A WILD CARD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

There's nothing wrong with giving a gift card at the holiday party, but you want to wait to buy it in the weeks after Black Friday. For example, iTunes has offered $100 gift cards for $70 to $80, and bulk retailers like Costco and Sam's Club also sell them for less than face value.

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BLACK FRIDAY | FOR THE BUSINESS OWNER

Tips for Small Businesses

Black Friday is so named because it is said to play a big part in helping retailers meet their profit goals for the year.



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Small businesses can capitalize on the unofficial Black Friday shopping holiday by being in top form for the big day.

LOOK YOUR BEST

It's important to get your store into the holiday spirit and make it attractive to customers on the big shopping day. VendHQ.com recommends making sure your window displays and fixtures are in top shape and bringing out new merchandise.

GrooveCommerce.com recommends extending that holiday theme to your website, in order to inspire holiday warm fuzzies and drive sales.

Quickbooks encourages small business owners to offer shoppers a respite from the Black Friday hustle and bustle. Set out free cookies, hot cocoa and chairs for shoppers to sit and relax. You could even offer live (relaxing) music, such as a pianist.

DEALS, DEALS, DEALS

Black Friday is all about the deals, so you will want to plan your sales strategy far in advance and bring your A game.

VendHQ recommends focusing on impulse buys, upsells and suggestive selling, as well as running specials, if needed. Keep in touch with your customers by e-mail and social media ahead of the big day. If you don't already have a text messaging program, consider starting one in the months leading up to Black Friday. Tease the deals and promotions you'll be offering.

Small businesses don't necessarily have to compete with big box store deals. Highlight what makes your business unique and the advantages you offer. Quickbooks reminds proprietors: "Small businesses have the advantage of being able to offer personal attention. People like low prices, but they also like to feel valued."

Do you offer curbside pickup so customers can get their purchases sooner, without having to wait for parcel delivery? Do you offer a service guarantee? Free setup or installation? Play up your strengths in your pre-Black Friday marketing.

PREPARE YOUR STAFF

Black Friday is well known to be a stressful day for employees. Do whatever you can to lessen that stress on your staff. Be sure they are ready for the big day by letting them know what to expect, and being sure they have the training and information they need to best help your customers. What happens if you sell out of an item? Will you offer a rain check? Are your policies clearly posted and communicated to customers? Think through these potential issues before the big day arrives and your staff will be prepared to do their best work for you.

BLACK FRIDAY | HISTORY

First Post-Thanksgiving Sale

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has for almost 100 years ushered in the holiday shopping season. The first one, in 1924, played a key role in what would one day become known as "Black Friday."

THE 'KING OF KIDDIES'

Santa Claus chose Thanksgiving Day to come to town, The New York Times reported. "With a retinue of clowns, freaks, animals and floats, the bewhiskered man in red, in sight of thousands of persons, arrived at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and three hours later was crowned 'King of the Kiddies' on the marquee above the entrance to Macy's new store in 34th Street near Seventh Avenue," the report continued.

When Santa seated himself on the throne he sounded his trumpet, the signal for the unveiling of the store's Christmas window, showing "The Fairy Frolics of Wondertown," designed and executed by Tony Sarg.

"The police lines gave way and with a rush the enormous crowd flocked to the windows to see Mother Goose characters as marionettes."

The float he rode in on was in the form of a sled driven by reindeer over a mountain of ice. Preceding him were men dressed like the knights of old, their spears shining in the sunlight.

THE SURPRISE WAS TO COME

The Times reported that a crowd of almost 10,000 gathered on 34th Street, between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, to see Santa's approach and coronation.

"Children were in the majority, but a large part of the throng was made up of grown-up men and women."

The majority of participants were employees of the stores. There were, however, many professional entertainers who kept the spectators amused as they passed by, the Times reported.

There were three floats in all, four bands and animals from the Central Park Zoo, including camels, donkeys, elephants and goats.

On one of those floats was an announcement of a discount at Macy's the next day.

History tells us that Macy's was the first department store post-Thanksgiving Day sale in history.