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SENIORS

Senior Night at Winter Wonderland makes a grand return to Sportsman Lake Park

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After taking a year off, the Annual Senior Night at the Sportsman Lake Winter Wonderland resumed this year and saw a great turnout. All seniors 60 and over were admitted to the park free of charge. Stephanie Lawson, director of the Cullman County Commission on Aging, had 300 candy bags to give out to the first seniors who arrived, which she ran out of by 6 p.m. The Winter Wonderland featured hot chocolate, horse and carriage rides, train rides, and the thousands of Christmas lights twinkling on display. There are new light displays added every year.

There are about 12 new displays this year that cost about $10,000, according to Parks and Recreation Director Doug Daven- » PAGE 12



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right: Doug Davenport, Stephanie Lawson and Kerry Watson in attendance at Thursday evening's event

Dreher's plays host to Chamber event 'Burgers and Brews'



ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Participants enjoy some of the special menu items for the evening

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Chamber of Commerce held its Burgers and Brews event at local Dreher's Cocktail Bar & Restaurant Monday evening. While the $30 tickets were exclusive to Chamber members, this event was built around the idea of bringing people together for an evening of food, live music and networking. Live music was provided by Stephen McCullough and sponsored by Budget Blinds Serving Cullman. Richard Electric Co. Inc. was also a sponsor of the evening, alongside Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc.

With a custom slider, sides and cocktail menu, guests were completely provided for throughout the evening, with Dreher's Head Chef Eli Russel sharing a little on the menu: "For the Chamber, I wanted to use a little bit of inspiration from within the restaurant, so, one of the burgers we did was the Buffalo Blue Cheeseburger. I made a housemade Buffalo sauce, topped with fresh blue cheese crumbles and then torch them to add a little bit of color, and I made my own Buffalo ranch seasoning over the weekend to season the patties with. Another burger actually came from Bob's Burgers. It was called the 'Little Swiss Bunshine' and was topped with caramelized onions, confit mushrooms and a housemade truffle aioli."

"My personal favorite," Russel continued, "I took some inspiration from some west coast chefs, including my old mentor, I have always called it the 'Down South' when I cook it. I did a bourbon and bacon reduction jam as well as a fresh tomato jam. It was to the » PAGE 10

EDUCATION

It's a bird, it's a plane... it's a paper airplane

East Elementary School students learn about birds by building paper airplanes



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

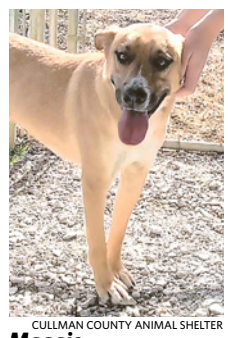
East Elementary School students create paper airplanes while learning about how birds fly. » PAGE 5

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– PET OF THE WEEK –

Take a joyride with Maggie Mae!



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Maggie Mae » PAGE 9

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 10, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 6

• unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
• domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
• attempt to elude police officer; CR 1652
• burglary; Cupp Rd.
• theft of property; CR 940
• harassment; CR 733
• theft of property; CR 437
• domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 68
• theft of property; Arkadelphia Rd. NE
• domestic violence; CR 1400

Dec. 7

• unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hulaco Rd.
• domestic violence; CR 21
• harassment; Governors Park
• unlawful possession of marijuana; Schwaiger Rd.

Dec. 8

• domestic violence; menacing; Handley Ln.
• domestic violence; CR 961
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 386
• permitting dogs to run at large; CR 386
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 627
• theft of property; CR 1272
• harassment; CR 1606
• theft of property; Catoma Ln. NE
• theft of property; CR 1431
• stalking; CR 1518
• domestic violence; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Dec. 6 – 8

Butler, Dustin O.; 31
• assault-domestic-reckless endangerment
• assault-harassment

Butler, Vivian L.; 49
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc., of wine or alcohol

Carlisle, Susan L.; 50
• FTA- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun
• FTA- buying/receiving stolen property less than $500

Carr, Casey R.; 31
• burglary-residence-no force

Fanning, Warren D.; 35
• FTA- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle-no theft (2 counts)
• FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft (5 counts)
• FTA- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 - $2,500
• FTA- possessing stolen property

Gillian, Gabriel R.; 34
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- resident license-freshwater fishing
• sex offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Hamby, Cory W.; 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Hernandez, Armondo C.; 55
• FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lambert, Adam K.; 42
• public intoxication

Motherway, Michael A.; 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Newman, Heather M.; 41
• assault- second-degree elder abuse and neglect

Putt, Kimberly A.; 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Seals, Sharon D.; 48
• possession of methamphetamine

Smith, Justen M.; 27
• FTA- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

Thompson, Destiney K.; 24
• FTA- burglary-residence-force
• FTA- possession of marijuana
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (5 counts)
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Twilley, Timmy G.; 53
• public intoxication

Vaughn, Malachi E.; 22
• using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Bibby, Michael H.; 47
• FTA- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Burnett, Cassidy H.; 18
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Carr, Casey R.; 31
• larceny/theft-theft of article from auto

Catchings, Gabrielle D.; 30
• criminal trespass

Clark, Andy G.; 47
• possession of methamphetamine
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Clark, Michael J.; 28
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Davis, Cortney S.; 27
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
• FTA- possession of methamphetamine
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hale, Joshua S.; 28
• insanitary sewage facilities menacing public health

Heflin, Cody A.; 33
• FTA- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
• FTA- resisting arrest

Neaveaguero, Antonio G.; 31
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Nixon, Emily B.; 19
• second-degree possession of marijuana

Puckett, Genesis L.; 18
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Reeves, Fallon R.; 38
• possessing stolen property less than $500

Yates Jr., Jimmy L.; 34
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Absher, Brandon K.; 36
• FTA- license revocation

Amerson, Mary L.; 48
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Brooks, Yvette M.; 54
• extortion-damage property
• larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Carr, Casey R.; 31
• larceny/theft-theft of article from auto

Click, Justice J.; 20
• assault-child abuse-aggravated-family (2 counts)

Cornelius, Virginia; 64
• FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Edwards, Tammy S.; 50
• FTA- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Lee, Brandon W.; 30
• FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
• FTA- driving while license suspended (4 counts)
• FTA- improper lights
• FTA- no seat belt (2 counts)
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
• FTA- traffic-speed above 70mph-interstate highway

Pitt Jr., Mark C.; 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Prichard, Justin M.; 32
• FTA- burglary-residence-force (2 counts)

Ratliff Jr., James A.; 48
• assault-harassment
• criminal trespass
• disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Richards, James H.; 34
• FTA- burglary-non residence-no force (2 counts)
• FTA- burglary-residence-no force
• FTA- receiving stolen vehicle

Scott, Kenneth R.; 49
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Weaver, Gregory S.; 45
• assault-domestic-harassment-family
• interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Wiley, Kevin L.; 35
• FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Williams, Jody L.; 28
• FTA- family offense-failure to make child attend school

Yates Jr., Jimmy L.; 34
• larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 5

• domestic violence; person; Denson Ave. SW

Dec. 8

• identity theft; person
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $132

Dec. 9

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; toy; $20
• theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise

ARRESTS

Dec. 8

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 37
• third-degree criminal trespass

Ingram, Heather L.; 30
• third-degree theft of property
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Kerstetter, Patricia N.; 33
• resisting arrest

Dec. 9

Farley, William S.; 45
• FTA- driving without license

Richards, James H.; 34
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driving while license suspended

Navarro, David M.; 42
• FTA- insurance violation

Thornton, Lacey N.; 27
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Dec. 10, 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: 5.4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,578
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 463, 659 (+1,194 since Wednesday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,185
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,058 (+41 since Wednesday)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 3.7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,570
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 8,696 (+63 since Wednesday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 179 (+1 since Wednesday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,198
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 44
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 39,308
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 2,128
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 333

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

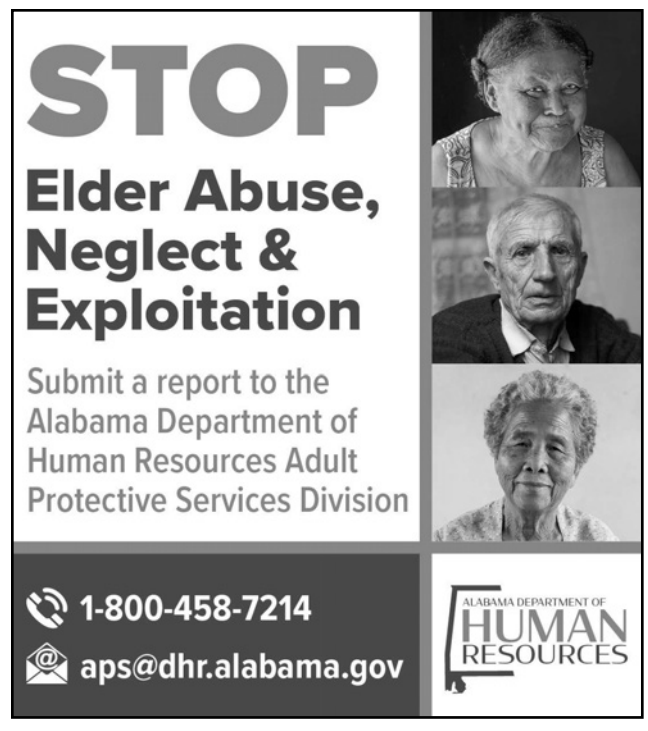
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,604,455 (No update available)
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 4,211,385 (No update available)
• Doses administered: 5,190,890
• Additional doses administered: 448,824
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,663,899
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,173,286
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,393,070 (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







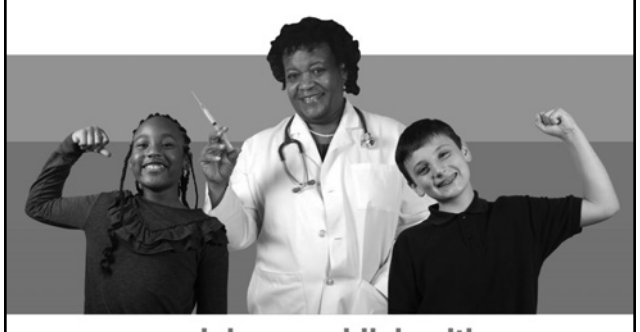
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

"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 Saint 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.
• December 19, 11 a.m.: Children's Christmas Play - "Where is Christ in Christmas?"
• 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 at 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/20343-5614640045. 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 @ 6:00 pm. 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

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

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 - Dec. 31: 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.

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade
Dec. 11: The Fairview Lions Club will have their annual parade on Dec. 11 at the Randall Shedd Park in Fairview. The parade will start lining up at 3:45-4 p.m. at the turn around by the school and start at 4:30 p.m. and will end at the park. Anyone is welcome to participate. We will have a lighting of the tree with carols being sung, the reading of the Christmas story, free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids cause Santa will be there! For more info, call Kita at 256-3111-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Warrior Way Christmas Market
Dec. 11: The Warrior Way Christmas Market is coming up on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the West Point High School. There will be vendors, free pictures with Santa, live performances and more. Even have your kiddos send a letter off to Santa. You don't want to miss this!

Wallace State Community College spring registration
Dec. 11 - Jan. 15: Registration for the spring 2022 semester is underway at Wallace State Community College. Classes will begin Jan. 10 with options for day and evening classes on campus, online and hybrid. Registration will continue through Jan. 15 for regular and Mini Term I classes. Mini Term II classes will begin March 8. Call 256-353-8000 for more information.

NARFE December Meeting
Dec. 13: The NARFE (National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees) will have the December meeting at 11 a.m., Dec. 13, at the Golden Corral restaurant in Cullman. Please bring a gift to play Dirty Santa. For more information, call 256-796-6072.

Holly Pond Homemakers Meeting
• Dec. 14: The Holly Pond Homemakers will have their December meeting at the new Holly Pond Event Center. This will be the Christmas meeting on Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish and a gift of food valued at $10 for the Dirty Santa take away game. New prospects are welcome. Lots of good food and lots of fun. For more information, call Gladys at 256-796-6782

Christkindlmarkt
Dec. 17-18: Join in on a newer Cullman holiday event, the Christkindlmarkt, on Friday, Dec. 17 - Saturday Dec. 18 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!

PREP BASKETBALL

5 local squads ranked in 1st ASWA poll

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This season's first Alabama Sports Writers Association poll is out, and five local teams earned a spot in the rankings. On the girls' side, the Good Hope Lady Raiders (7-2) are ranked second in Class 4A, The Fairview Lady Aggies (9-0) came in fourth in Class 5A, and the Cullman Lady Bearcats (9-2) came in ninth in Class 6A.

A pair of boys' teams earned rankings as well. The Hanceville Bulldogs (9-2) are ranked sixth in Class 4A and in Class 6A, the Cullman Bearcats (7-0) earned the ninth spot in this season's opening poll.

ASWA GIRLS BASKETBALL RANKINGS

CLASS 7A
1. Hoover (8-1)
2. Vestavia Hills (10-0)
3. Davidson (12-0)
4. Bob Jones (10-1)
5. Sparkman (6-3)
6. Hewitt-Trussville (9-2)
7. Foley (7-2)
8. Fairhope (6-1)
9. Auburn (7-1)
10. Theodore (9-3)

Others nominated: Daphne (9-3), Gadsden City (9-4).

CLASS 6A
1. Hazel Green (13-0)
2. Park Crossing (10-1)
3. Mortimer Jordan (7-2)
4. Hartselle (6-4)
5. Cullman (9-2)
6. Chelsea (7-3)
7. Gulf Shores (7-4)
8. Northridge (6-3)
9. Mountain Brook (6-3)
10. Oxford (7-1)

Others nominated: Carver-Montgomery (3-2), Chilton County (6-8), Eufaula (8-2), Homewood (8-4), Jasper (8-0), McAdory (5-6), McGill-Toolen (7-5), Muscle Shoals (6-2), Pelham (7-0), Stanhope Elmore (6-1).

CLASS 5A
1. Charles Henderson (4-0)
2. Central-Tuscaloosa (7-1)
3. Lee-Huntsville (9-3)
4. Fairview (9-0)
5. Fairfield (7-3)
6. Guntersville (8-3)
7. Pleasant Grove (6-1)
8. Brewbaker Tech (7-6)
9. Sardis (8-1)
10. Pike Road (4-2)

Others nominated: Carver-Birmingham (6-5), Holtville (4-1), Lawrence County (5-2), Parker (6-4), Ramsay (5-4), Wenonah (7-5).

CLASS 4A
1. Deshler (9-0)
2. Good Hope (7-2)
3. Priceville (7-1)
4. New Hope (9-2)
5. Rogers (7-3)
6. Jackson (8-1)
7. Williamson (6-2)
8. Fultondale (7-2)
9. Anniston (4-2)
10. St. James (8-2)

Others nominated: Cherokee County (5-1), Escambia County (8-0), Geneva (5-4), Hamilton (3-4), Handley (3-1).

CLASS 3A
1. Prattville Christian (12-0)
2. Lauderdale County (7-0)
3. Susan Moore (8-2)
4. Montgomery Academy (3-3)
5. Trinity (8-1)
6. Plainview (7-3)
7. Montgomery Catholic (7-1)
8. Collinsville (5-3)
9. T.R. Miller (2-2)
10. Clements (9-4)

Others nominated: Elkmont (8-5), Geraldine (7-2), Hillcrest-Evergreen (2-1), Sylvania (5-3).

CLASS 2A
1. Pisgah (7-2)
2. Spring Garden (6-1)
3. G.W. Long (5-0)
4. Sand Rock (9-0)
5. Midfield (7-1)
6. Winston County (10-0)
7. St. Luke's (3-2)
8. Ider (6-3)
9. Locust Fork (5-1)
10. Tanner (5-2)

Others nominated: Geneva County (9-5), Hatton (3-5), Highland Home (4-2), Westbrook Christian (6-1).

CLASS 1A
1. Skyline (8-3)
2. Marion County (6-2)
3. Loachapoka (6-4)
4. Talladega County Central (7-2)
5. J.F. Shields (5-0)
6. Florala (7-2)
7. R.A. Hubbard (3-1)
8. Decatur Heritage (6-4)
9. Red Level (6-1)
10. Georgiana (4-2)

Others nominated: Brantley (3-2), Pleasant Home (5-2), Vina (5-5).

AISA
1. Lee-Scott (8-0)
2. Fort Dale Academy (4-2)
3. Edgewood Academy (4-3)
4. Tuscaloosa Academy (5-1)
5. Clarke Prep (7-1)
6. Glenwood (5-0)
7. Pike Liberal Arts (NA)
8. Lowndes Academy (NA)
9. Lakeside (4-0)
10. Springwood (3-1)

Others nominated: Chambers Academy (2-3), Southern Academy (3-1), Sparta Academy (7-2).

ASWA BOYS BASKETBALL RANKINGS

CLASS 7A
1. Grissom (10-1)
2. Sparkman (10-1)
3. Vestavia Hills (8-0)
4. Hoover (9-1)
5. Spain Park (7-2)
6. James Clemens (7-4)
7. Baker (8-2)
8. Enterprise (7-1)
9. Jeff Davis (9-2)
10. Oak Mountain (8-2)

Others nominated: Austin (6-4), Dothan (5-7), Florence (6-1), Huntsville (6-6), Thompson (6-5).

CLASS 6A
1. Mountain Brook (9-1)
2. Northridge (9-2)
3. McGill-Toolen (10-2)
4. Eufaula (8-1)
5. Huffman (11-3)
6. Pinson Valley (7-1)
7. Spanish Fort (7-3)
8. Hueytown (6-2)
9. Cullman (7-0)
10. McAdory (6-2)

Others nominated: Blount (8-2), Briarwood (5-3), Buckhorn (3-4), Hartselle (4-4), Homewood (6-4), Lee-Montgomery (2-1), Muscle Shoals (6-2), Park Crossing (9-3), Pelham (7-2), Robertsdale (10-2), Scottsboro (7-3), Stanhope Elmore (5-0), Wetumpka (5-4).

CLASS 5A
1. Lee-Huntsville (6-1)
2. Wenonah (7-4)
3. Pleasant Grove (1-0)
4. Sylacauga (5-1)
5. Charles Henderson (5-3)
6. Ramsay (6-4)
7. Leeds (4-1)
8. John Carroll (5-2)
9. Carroll-Ozark (5-3)
10. Douglas (6-1)

Others nominated: Andalusia (4-2), Elmore Co. (5-3), Guntersville (6-3), Holtville (6-1), Jemison-Huntsville (6-5), Pike Road (5-1), Sardis (6-2), Tallassee (2-2).

CLASS 4A
1. Williamson (6-2)
2. Sumter Central (6-0)
3. Escambia Co. (6-2)
4. Fultondale (6-3)
5. Brooks (4-1)
6. Hanceville (9-2)
7. Haleyville (6-2)
8. Westminster-Huntsville (5-5)
9. Priceville (6-2)
10. Cherokee Co. (4-2)



MADDIE MCKENNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Bailey Tetro (53).

Others nominated: St. James (3-1), Straughn (4-2), West Morgan (5-5).

CLASS 3A
1. Cottage Hill (11-3)
2. Plainview (6-3)
3. Catholic-Montgomery (3-1)
4. Hokes Bluff (7-1)
5. Lauderdale Co. (7-0)
6. Danville (7-1)
7. Clements (12-0)
8. Geraldine (5-2)
9. Collinsville (3-4)
10. Excel (5-2)

Others nominated: Hillcrest-Evergreen (2-1), Opp (1-1).

CLASS 2A
1. Midfield (7-3)
2. Section (8-0)
3. North Sand Mountain (7-1)
4. St. Luke's (4-2)
5. Geneva Co. (7-2)
6. Red Bay (6-3)
7. Zion Chapel (8-3)
8. Falkville (8-3)
9. Elba (2-0)
010. Sand Rock (6-4)

Others nominated: Spring Garden (1-0).

CLASS 1A
1. Decatur Heritage (4-1)
2. Georgiana (5-0)
3. Autaugaville (7-2)
4. Skyline (7-2)
5. Belgreen (6-1)
6. Covenant Christian (6-2)
7. J.F. Shields (4-3)
8. Red Level (6-0)
9. Athens Bible (4-3)
10. Pickens Co. (NR)

Others nominated: None.

AISA
1. Pike Liberal Arts (5-0)
2. Macon-East (6-2)
3. Autauga Academy (4-0)
4. Southern Academy (3-1)
5. Tuscaloosa Academy (NR)
6. Glenwood (NR)
7. Lee-Scott (NR)
8. Heritage Christian (NR)
9. North River Christian (NR)
10. Bessemer Academy (NR)

'I've put in the work': Auburn's Jabari Smith makes instant impact

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — With the height of a center and the skills of a guard, Jabari Smith considered multiple pathways to professional basketball.

He chose Auburn.

"I wanted to experience the college life," said Smith, a 6-10 freshman power forward on Auburn's men's basketball team who picked the Tigers over other colleges and the NBA's official minor league organization. "You don't really get that college life going to the G League and different routes."

The opportunity to attend SEC football games, interact with fellow students, and begin his college education appealed to Smith. A recruiting pitch from Auburn coach Bruce Pearl, who showed Jabari how other Atlanta metro players at his position such as Chuma Okeke and Isaac Okoro thrived in Auburn's system before getting picked in the first round of the NBA Draft, sealed the deal.

"The words he said really stood out," Smith said. "Watching their role and how much the ball is in their hands and how much freedom he lets his fours play with.

"It came down to the family atmosphere, the coaching staff, how much they invest in their players. That played a big part in me choosing Auburn."

Smith wasted no time adjusting to college basketball, giving fans "a taste of everything" – as Pearl put it – in his debut: points, rebounds, steals, assists, blocked shots.

In his second game, the freshman phenom impressed again, recording his first double-double: 23 points and 10 rebounds.



JACOB TAYLOR/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn Forward Jabari Smith (10).

"Jabari has a very advanced skillset," Pearl said. "He's a great jump shooter."

Through No. 18 Auburn's first eight games, Smith leads the Tigers in scoring (16.9) and rebounding (7.1) while shooting 43.9 percent on 3-pointers.

A founding member of what teammates call "The Breakfast Club," Smith arrived at Auburn Arena at 6:30 a.m. each day before the season to perfect his craft.

"We feel like going early makes you get up and push through," Smith said. "It shows that you really want it."

For every shot Smith shoots in a game, he's made thousands from the same spots during practice.

"I put that confidence in me," he said. "I've put in the work over the years with my teammates, my trainers and my dad."

At Sandy Creek High School in Fayetteville, Georgia, Smith developed into a top five national player in his class, becoming the highest-rated signee in Auburn history.

"My junior year was my first year of being the best player on my team," he said. "Having to lead a team. I feel like I've come a long way as being a leader.

"Being more aggressive, trying to give your team a spark."

After graduating from high school, Smith moved to Auburn and added 20 pounds of muscle over the summer thanks to what could be called "fueling and grueling": nutritious meals at Auburn's Wellness Kitchen, and intense workouts with strength and conditioning coach Damon Davis.

"It's making a great difference, taking bumps, being able to play with the physicality of the SEC," said Smith, who's listed at 220 pounds.

"Feeling stronger on your shot, extending your range, and how you look. It makes you feel a little better about yourself, too."

He may be months away from becoming an NBA lottery pick, but for one season, Jabari Smith is enjoying college life on the Plains and a chance to be part of a team before basketball becomes his profession.

"We love to see each other succeed," he said. "Play the game the right way and it'll give back to you. I'm trying to prove to everybody that I am what they think I am."





Winners (from Front)

Ashlyn Grey
ashlyn@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Across Cullman County, annual spelling bee competitions have been taking place within schools. As the winners have been announced, all students have beamed with pride across each and every photo displaying their proof of hard work to the community.

At Cullman Middle School, the winners of the Spelling Bee were Madison Carroll in 1st and Parker Powell in 2nd.

Emily Trahan for St. Paul's Lutheran School shared the winners of their annual Spelling Bee were Preslie Basch in 1st and Melia McNatt in 2nd.

At Hanceville Elementary, they offered congratulations to their winners for 2021, 1st place winner Aaron Nichols and 2nd place winner Zane Kretzschmar.

West Point Intermediate announced their winners as Mylee Echols in 1st and Lane Shedd in 2nd.

Sacred Heart Elementary's Spelling Bee was won by Nehemiah Williams, with Zayden Smith taking 2nd place.

While many schools are still holding competitions, as the winners are all announced, the announcement of the official County Spelling Bee is sure to come shortly after.



ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL

St. Paul's spelling bee participants, left to right: Jet Bryan, Boone Howse, Magnus Mann, Preslie Basch (winner), Melia McNatt (runner-up), Libbey James, Amelia Morin, and Jase Holderfield.

Airplane (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — What better way to learn about birds than by exploring how they take flight? That was the focus of a recent East Elementary School project, as fourth grade teacher Jada Mitchell tasked her students with creating paper airplanes to spread their wings in thinking about flight from a new perspective.

"We have been learning about the structures and functions of living things. Students' objective was to create a paper airplane that would take flight much like a bird," Mitchell explained. "The airplane was representing the wingspan of a bird. Our paper airplane lesson was so much fun."

Students used paper, straws, tape and scissors to craft their airplane designs.

"Once they flew their planes, they had the opportunity to critique their work and make changes for a more successful flight," she said. "We have previously learned about the internal structures and functions of the human body so it was fascinating to see the connections that were being made with background knowledge and new learning."

One of the biggest discoveries, which also helped bring the bird lesson to life, was that adding a straw to the middle of an airplane proved a "game-changer" for student designs.

"Students discovered that the straw is hollow much like a bird's bones," Mitchell explained.

"Therefore, they were able to conclude the reason for the speed and height of a bird's flight. I love sitting back and watching students discover through their own learning."



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OUTDOORS

Eagle Awareness Weekends in Guntersville planned for January and February

Lake Guntersville State Park

GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — Lake Guntersville State Park will host its popular Eagle Awareness Weekends starting in January 2022, through February 2022.

The events will feature live bird demonstrations, programs delivered by notable speakers and guided field trips to view eagles in their natural habitat.

The Eagle Awareness Weekends began in 1985 to coincide with a bald eagle restoration program in Alabama. A loss of habitat, pesticide use and poaching had pushed eagle populations to the brink of extinction nationwide. Alabama's restoration project began in 1984 by the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries' Nongame Wildlife Program.

From 1985-91, 91 bald eagles were released throughout the state. Today, bald eagles are a more common sight in Alabama.

This year, four Eagle Awareness Weekends will be available in early 2022:

- Jan. 21-23
- Jan. 28-30
- Feb. 4-6
- Feb. 11-13

Each weekend will start on Friday evening with a social and wine tasting event followed by an educational session on eagles in Alabama and a presentation by an Alabama State Park Naturalist. The Saturday agenda includes more sessions by noted conservation experts, guided field trips to look for eagles, raptors and waterfowl in the wild and ends with a dinner buffet in the Pinecrest Dining Room. Sunday ends the weekend with more guided field trips, an educational program, and a photo opportunity with live birds.

Packages for the Eagle Awareness Weekends are available that include overnight accommodations, breakfast buffet, group dinner on Saturday night and a wine tasting by Jules J. Berta Vineyards. Attendance is limited to package holders and tickets will be sold for Saturday (programs only) as space allows.

For more information about the event schedules, Eagle Awareness packages or to make reservations, visit https://www.alapark.com/parks/lake-guntersville-state-park or call 256-571-5440.



ALAPARK.COM

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2002 Buick Le Sabre, Vin. #1G4HR54K92U220956
2021 Nissan Versa, Vin. #3N1CN8DV7ML858452

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

PB MIN BK 202 PG 618 - 12/09/2021 11:20 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RALPH ALLEN HAWKINS,) CASE NO PC2021-076
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: GARY WAYNE HAWKINS
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement filed by G. Rhys Battels, Attorney for Treasa Charlene Hawkins, Administrator of the Estate of Ralph Allen Hawkins, is set for hearing on the **11th day of January, 2021, at 10:30 A.M.** Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 9th day of December, 2021.

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

G. Rhys Battles
Attorney for Administrator
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

PB ADT BK 60 PG 5 - 11/23/2021 01:55 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
SAMANTHA LYNN STOUT CASE NO AD 2021-071
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

S.L.B., A MINOR.
D.O.B. 6-2-2017

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO
KIRSTEN SHAREE PAIGE BIRMINGHAM STOUT

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Samantha Lynn Stout, 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 petitioners, 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 23rd DAY OF November, 2021.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

PB ADT BK 60 PG 3 - 11/23/2021 01:49 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF I.A.M.O
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2021-070
D.O.B. 01/14/2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, I.A.M.O. BORN TO
BRITTNEY ANN OWEN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Virginia Lynn Owen and Robert Allen Owen, Petitioners. 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 23rd DAY OF November, 2021.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Petitioners
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

PB MIN BK 202 PG 606 - 12/09/2021 08:35 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HALLEY EUGENE PEAK, DECEASED CASE NO.: PC 2021-364

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HALLEY EUGENE PEAK, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Rickey A. Peak on the 8th day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Rickey A. Peak, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HALEY MONTGOMERY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2021-000377.00**

CHRISTIAN MONTGOMERY,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Christian Montgomery, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Haley Montgomery's complaint for divorce by January 24th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2021-000377.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 10th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
Haley Montgomery
2379 Union Hill Rd
Union Grove, AL 35175

PB WIL BK 106 PG 362 - 12/02/2021 04:05 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
DAVID L. BURGIN, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-122**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to BRUCE BURGIN as Personal Representative of the Estate of DAVID L. BURGIN, deceased, on the 2nd day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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 will be barred.

Bruce Burgin
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-3342

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

PB WIL BK 106 PG 460 - 12/09/2021 11:14 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RUTHIE MAE KANADAY,) CASE NO PC 2020-046
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND
AMENDED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: BETHLEHEM EAST BAPTIST CHURCH
LOUISE KANADAY
SARA MAE SMITH
FRANCES FOUST
GARY KANADAY
JOHNNY BAKER
JUDY HOOPER
STEVE KANADAY
KEITH KANADAY
JEFF KANADAY
BETTY STEWART
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement and filed by Reba Michelfelder, Personal Representative of the Estate of Ruthie Mae Kanaday, deceased, by and through Attorney, Beverly Paschal Poston, and Amended Petition for Final Settlement filed by Beverly Paschal Poston, is set for hearing on the **2nd day of February, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 9th day of December, 2021.

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

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher: **The Cullman Tribune**

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

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PB WIL BK 106 PG 295 - 12/02/2021 11:05 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-358

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET KAY DENNEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Anthony Isaac Powell on the 2nd day of December, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Anthony Isaac Powell
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

PB WIL BK 106 PG 251 - 12/01/2021 04:13 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
* CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
ERNEST FRED LAURENCE, JR., *
* CASE NO: PC-2021-439
DECEASED. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE
PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of December, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present same within time required by law or same will be barred.

JOHN LAURENCE
Executor

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35056
(256) 734-6330

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) consecutive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate



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GUEST EDITORIAL

Finding inspiration in Cullman's music scene

Lorna Fischer
Guest Contributor

Whether on warm summer evenings or brisk winter nights, people head into local venues to shake off the workweek and hear some music. Cullman has a variety of spots to relax, like Moe's, Grumpy's or The Tavern and is adding new places like the Stash House. Familiar faces and familiar songs make the night go by with the warmth of laughter and singing.

Long before people head in, one man has arrived and is lugging in equipment and hooking up cables. Jason Willingham can always be counted on to give all of himself in every performance. He can country up boot scoot boogie and take listeners back to the old days. He sits down with his guitar and flings his shoes to the side, if he's wearing any and asks how everyone is. Usually in black and always amazing, he performs songs the audience knows and loves as well as originals.

As a photographer that grew interested in photographing musicians, I remember three years ago working up my nerve to approach him at a Second Friday show.

I made my way onstage during a break. Not quite sure what I expected, but it was not the soft-spoken humble man I met.

He was very friendly and receptive to getting his picture made by someone long a photographer but new to having music as the subject. Over the next few years, I followed him to various spots to catch his shows and we became good friends, he never acted like I was in the way, creeping ever closer with my camera.

I lived in fear of stepping on a chord and injuring eardrums, but got caught up in the beauty of the sound and trying to capture the man making it. Since then, he has used so many of my photographs for fliers and promotions.

On a windy fall day, I sit down with him to ask him a few questions.

He tells me he began taking guitar lessons from his uncle Tony Willingham at 8 years old and resumed lessons again at 12.

His first performances were recitals at Tony's Music School and when he was 15, he arranged shows of his own in the back room there and shortly after, shows at the civic center.

I ask Jason if he has a dream guitar he would like to own and he says he's happy with what he has. When he was younger, he had so many low-quality instruments he learned to do his best with what was available.

He explains so many people are chasing a sound but when you play what you have and make it sound good, you are in the honesty of the moment, change yourself a little and make it work.

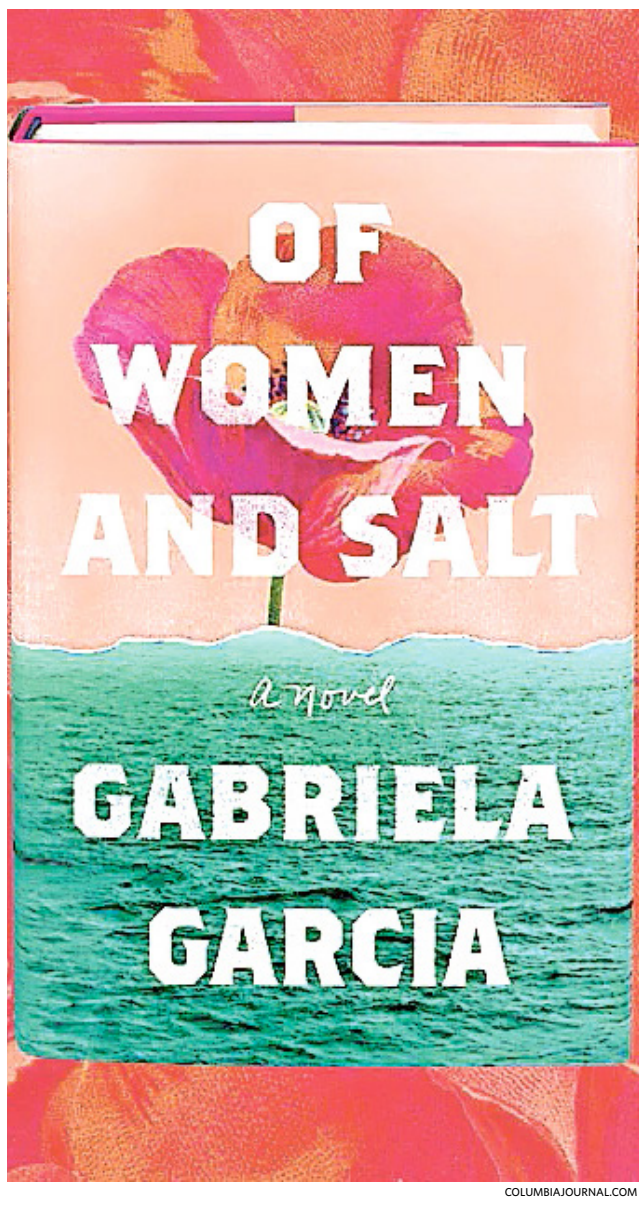
He tells me about Muddy Waters stretching strings on nails to a post coming down from a ceiling in his cabin, making the whole structure a guitar. He says an artist needs no specific equipment to be creative.

Jason loves to play the songs he writes himself and is so thankful every day to do what he loves the most. I asked him, if he could play anywhere, where would it be? He says he would love to organize his own event resembling Woodstock; making it a benefit event. I wrap up my interview by asking what his future plans are and he simply smiles and says "watch and see."

BOOK REVIEW

She Reads: 'Of Women and Salt' by Gabriela Garcia

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"Of Women and Salt" by Gabriela Garcia, follows Jeanette, a young woman who is battling addiction and in search of the deeply hidden truths about her family's history. Her desperate quest for answers takes her from Florida to Cuba, Cuba to Mexico, and even further into South America. This story seeks to reveal broad truths about the things we truly understand about ourselves and the things we merely choose to believe.

Jeanette's mother Carmen, a Cuban immigrant, tries avidly to be there in every possible way for her daughter but still battles her own demons while processing her difficult relationship with her mother, Jeanette's grandmother.

This novel is a story of the impacts of generational trauma throughout many families, and the freedom and healing that unravelling said trauma provides.

"You cried for your old life every day.

"You begged to go back to Florida and how could I explain it to you?

"You, so small and full of hope still? That the place you called home had never considered you her's, had always held you at arm's length like an ugly reflection?" Gloria says to her daughter Ana as they flee violence in El Salvador.

A recent overview from Goodreads says, "A haunting meditation on the choices of mothers, the legacy of the memories they carry, and the tenacity of women who choose to tell their stories despite those who wish to silence them, this is more than a diaspora story; it is a story of America's most tangled, honest, human roots."

Though this was a difficult book to read, it was most definitely eye opening.

This is an author who has a lot to say about immigration, ICE, deportation, motherhood and various other hard-hitting topics.

I will warn that with those hard-hitting topics comes a heartfelt warning as some moments may be hard to read.

Garcia's writing style is nothing short of brutally honest, with an element of generational nostalgia in this story that I believe will be relatable to many.

The language that "Of Women and Salt" is written in proves powerfully woven with geographic metaphors. Garcia's consistent use of astounding imagery within just a few words is no accident, as there is a running theme throughout this novel of truly loving something – be it a person, or a country – that does not reciprocate.

"That there are no real rules that govern why some are born in turmoil and others never know a single day in which the next seems an ill-considered bet. It's all lottery, Ana, all chance. It's the flick of a coin, and we are born." – "Of Women and Salt"

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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Starry Starry Night Birthday Party

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UNSPLASH



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"Starry Starry Night" by Vincent van Gogh, one of the most joy-giving paintings in the history of art, is a major crowd-pleaser at MOMA (Museum of Modern Art, NYC). Hold on, mama, MOMA is our destination for "The Starry Starry Night Birthday Party."

Mr. van Gogh, pardon me, Meneer van Gogh is correct for this Dutchman working in the South of France, painted "Starry Starry Night" in June, 1889.

I digress to mention Vincent van Gogh worked really, REALLY fast. On his more manic days, he would often paint one painting in the morning and then another that afternoon.

Though he only sold one painting during his lifetime, many of his works now sell for more than $100 million each. Not too shabby for a few hours labor in the beautiful French countryside.

"Starry Starry Night" was the dazzling landscape view from Vincent's room in the Saint-Paul asylum (Remy, France), where he was in rehabilitation following a stultifying period of depression.

Dear joy-seeking reader, if you are fighting the winter holiday blues, please indulge yourself with a mug of hot cocoa and pull up Meneer van Gogh's "Starry Starry Night" on your computer screen. You will feel your spirits joyously lifted immediately.

Vincent was allowed to paint, read and withdraw from the anxieties of his world to the comfort of his asylum room. The energized, magical way he paints the star-strewn heavens make art historians wonder whether the former Christian missionary might have developed an interest in astronomy.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy as we enter the MOMA gallery and see the deep, heavenly blues and bright star yellows on the table-setting of "The Starry Starry Night Birthday Party." Frank Sinatra is crooning, "Would you like to swing on a star? Carry moonbeams home in a jar? You could be better than you are. You could be swinging on a star."

One of America's most important astronomers, Annie Jump Cannon, is showing Taylor Swift and the other guests how to scan the joyful, starlit skies with a telescope she used as a star professor at Harvard University.

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

Dec. 11—ANNIE JUMP CANNON was an American astronomer instrumental in the development of contemporary stellar classification during the early part of the 20th century. Miss Cannon chose not to marry or have children. Her joyful, confident personality was described as "ebullient." For more than 40 years she worked in astronomy, ultimately becoming the chief astronomer of Harvard University. As a legacy, she created the Annie J. Cannon Prize given to "the woman of any country, whose contributions to the science of astronomy are the most distinguished."

Since we are enjoying another holiday season with our hopes soaring to the star-blessed skies, here are some quotes about stars:

"For my part, I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."—Vincent van Gogh

"I have loved the stars too fondly to be fearful of the night."—Sarah Williams

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but in ourselves."—William Shakespeare

"Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars and see yourself running with them."—Marcus Aurelius

"There wouldn't be a sky full of stars if we were all meant to wish on the same one."—Frances Clark

"My thoughts are stars I can't fathom into constellations."—John Green

"Maybe that's what life is...a wink of the eye and winking stars."—Jack Kerouac

"Look up at the stars, not down at your feet."—Stephen Hawking

"When it is dark enough, you can see the stars."—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dec. 12—FRANK SINATRA (born Francis Albert Sinatra in Hoboken, New Jersey) was a singer and actor, generally regarded as one of the greatest musical artists of the last century. Having sold 150 million records worldwide, he is one of the bestselling recording stars of all time. Sinatra, who was very influenced by the easy-listening style of Bing Crosby and who never learned to read music became a star as a solo artist after fronting bands of the "swing era." He won 11 Grammys. "Ol' Blue Eyes" as he was nicknamed because of his bright blue eyes, became a movie star in films such as "Guys and Dolls," "On the Town," "High Society" and "The Manchurian Candidate." He won an acting Oscar for "From Here to Eternity" and a Golden Globe acting award for "Pal Joey." Sinatra was given a Congressional Gold Medal, the Presidential Medal of Freedom and Kennedy Center Honors. He remains an iconic, entertainment star.

Dec. 13—TAYLOR SWIFT (born Taylor Alison Swift in West Reading, Pennsylvania) is one of the bestselling singer-songwriting stars of the 21st century, having sold more than 200 million records. Her narrative songs are often inspired by the joys and challenges of her personal life. Swift began her career in country pop, but has explored other genres including rock and electronic music, and even urban rap. Her accolades include 11 Grammys, 12 Country Music Association Awards, 25 Billboard Music Awards, 34 American Music Awards, an Emmy and 52 Guinness World Records. This blazing star uses her celebrity as an advocate for artists' rights and female empowerment.

Dec. 14—SPIKE JONES (Lindley Armstrong Jones) was a crackerjack musician and bandleader specializing in joyful "spoof" arrangements of popular songs and classical music. Hyper-sincere ballads were hijacked by Jones and punctuated with whistles, hiccups, burps and outlandish comedic vocals. He recorded and toured a talented band known as Spike Jones and His City Slickers. The star's hits included: "Der Fuehrer's Face," "Cocktails for Two," "Hawaiian War Chant," "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "All I Want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" and "Clink, Clink, Another Drink!"

Dec. 15—TIM CONWAY was a comedian, actor, writer and director. He was known as a star who added joy to scripts with his witty ad libs and spontaneous gestures which often caused such hilarity in his co-stars they couldn't control bursting out of character and into spasms of laughter. Conway portrayed the inept Ensign Parker in the 1960s sitcom, "McHale's Navy." He won four Primetime Emmy awards for his work on "The Carol Burnett Show," including one for his comedy writing. Conway was also the voice of Barnacle Boy for the animated series, "SpongeBob SquarePants."

Dec. 16—BILL HICKS was who many humorists believe to have been "America's Greatest Social Satirist." The Valdosta, Georgia, native was a stand-up comedian and talented musician-songwriter. He began at age 16, still in high school, performing stand-up at comedy clubs. Hicks toured popularly in the U.S. throughout the 1980s but it was in the U.K. that he amassed a huge fan base. He died of pancreatic cancer at age 32. Posthumously, his star has risen as a new generation has discovered his comic genius and formed a devoted cult following. "Rolling Stone" magazine ranked Bill Hicks at No. 13 of "Best Stand-Up Comics of All Time."

Dec. 16—JOHN KENNEDY TOOLE was a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist, teacher and hot tamale cart vendor. The New Orleans, Louisana, native and cultural icon became a stage performer at age 10 doing comic impressions and acting. He received an academic scholarship to Tulane University and after graduating, studied creative writing at Columbia University while teaching simultaneously at Hunter College. Toole is known as a "one hit novelist wonder" for the posthumously published "A Confederacy of Dunces." This picaresque novel features the misadventures of protagonist, Ignatius J. Reilly, a lazy, obese, misanthropic, self-styled scholar. The title of the bestselling novel and modern literary classic refers to this epigram by Jonathan Swift—"When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, the dunces are all in a confederacy against him."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE STARRY STARRY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"The best revenge is massive success."—Frank Sinatra

"People have not always been there for me, but music has."—Taylor Swift

"When the audience knows you know better it's satire, but when they think you can't do any better, it's corn."—Spike Jones

"I've never really taken anything seriously. I enjoy life because I enjoy making other people enjoy it."—Tim Conway

"I'm tired of this back-slapping 'Isn't humanity neat' bullsh*t. We're a virus with shoes."—Bill Hicks

"I am at the moment writing a lengthy indictment against our century. When my brain begins to reel from my literary labors, I make an occasional cheese dip."—John Kennedy Toole

"Alcohol may be man's worst enemy, but the bible says to love your enemy."—Frank Sinatra

"Words can break someone into a million pieces, but they can also put them back together."—Taylor Swift

"When der Fuehrer says we is de master race, we heil, heil right in der Fuehrer's face."—Spike Jones

"I spend a lot of time thinking of the Hereafter—each time I enter a room I wonder what I'm here after."—Tim Conway

"If you are living for tomorrow, you will always be one day behind."—Bill Hicks

"You can always tell employees of the government by the total vacancy which occupies the space where most other people have faces."—John Kennedy Toole

"Baby, you may be a puzzle, but I like the way the pieces fit."—Frank Sinatra

"Just be yourself, there is no one better."—Taylor Swift

"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, then I could wish you 'Merry Christmas.'"—Spike Jones

"My parents were very funny even though they didn't know it. They were actually sharing an IQ."—Tim Conway

"Any organization created out of fear must create fear to survive."—Bill Hicks

"You could tell by the way he talked though, that he had gone to school a long time. That was probably what was wrong with him."—John Kennedy Toole

"The best is yet to come and won't that be fine."—Frank Sinatra

"The rest of the world was in black and white and we were in screaming color."—Taylor Swift

"Now, Little Bo Peep has lost her Jeep, oh my why must her joy end? Now her little Jeep is layin' in a heap and the guardhouse has her boyfriend."—Spike Jones

"I resent my barber when he charges the full cost after he cuts my hair, but he says he's charging me for finding it."—Tim Conway

"I am a misanthropic humanist...Do I like people? They're great, IN THEORY."—Bill Hicks

"I mingle with my peers or no one, and since I have no peers, I mingle with no one."—John Kenney Toole

"We should love not fall in love because everything that falls gets broken."—Taylor Swift

"I feel sorry for people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."—Frank Sinatra

"Clink, clink, another drink; plenty in the cellar when it's gone. Drink, drink, the glasses clink, making music 'til the dawn."—Spike Jones

"Making people laugh is a much better way to solve a problem than by using your fists."—Tim Conway

"I ascribe to Mark Twain's theory that the last person in the U.S. who should be President is the one who wants it the most. The one who should be picked is the one who would have to be dragged kicking and screaming into the White House."—Bill Hicks

"The heart is important at any age, I'm afraid."—John Kennedy Toole

THE MENU FOR "THE STARRY STARRY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—John Kennedy Toole New Orleans Cheese Dip (tastykitchen.com)

SOUP/SALAD—Taylor Swift Red Pepper Soup (tasteofhome.com)

ENTRÉE—Bill Hicks Georgia Peach Pork Ribs (tasteofhome.com)

SIDE DISH—Tim Conway "McHale Navy" Beans with Ham (yummly.com)

BREAD—Annie Jump Cannon Christmas Star Bread (kingarthurbaking.com)

BEVERAGE—Spike Jones Spiked Christmas Punch (see below)

DESSERT—Frank Sinatra Ol' Blue Eyes Topless Blueberry Pie (allrecipes.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—John Kennedy Toole's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, "The Confederacy of Dunces," is a chunky doorstop with joy and imagination giving heft to every page. Check local bookstores or look for a deal online with free shipping.

Conversation at this star-studded event ran a glittering gamut from the scientific observations on stars by astronomer, Annie Jump Cannon, to Bill Hicks, John Kennedy Toole and Tim Conway enlightening all about their favorite, joy-giving comedy stars. Spike Jones added to the fun by playing the birthday tune on all the Champagne flutes and silver serving pieces.

"The Starry Starry Night Birthday Party" ended with the lights at MOMA dimmed and the candles on a cake illuminating the most-recognized painting in Western civilization.

"Starry starry night" are the first words of the song, "Vincent," written by American singer-songwriter, Don McLean. He had been teaching in a public school and planned to share a biography of Vincent van Gogh with his students. One morning at home having a cup of coffee before leaving to teach, he opened the book to a print of Vincent's "Starry Starry Night" and wrote the lyrics on a brown paper bag.

Ol' Blue Eyes was joined by Taylor Swift to sing these shimmering words:

"Starry starry night
Paint your palette
blue and gray,
Look out on a summer's day
With eyes that know the
darkness in my soul.

Starry starry night,
Flaming flowers that
brightly blaze,
Swirling clouds in violet haze
Reflect in Vincent's
eyes of China blue.

Now I understand
What you tried to say to me,
And how you suffered
for your sanity,
And how you tried
to set them free.

They would not listen;
they did not know how.
Perhaps they'll listen now."

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO THE STARS AND BACK, JOY-GIVERS!

SPIKE JONES SPIKED CHRISTMAS PUNCH

(Eggnog is a tasty tradition but after a cup of creamy Christmas cheer, this is my "go to" holiday cocktail.)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ¼ ounce bourbon
- 1 ¼ ounce Grand Marnier
- 1 ¼ ounce Sweet Vermouth
- ¼ ounce fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- Thin slice of lemon for garnish

INSTRUCTIONS

Serve on the rocks in a tumbler with a quick squeeze of lemon at the finish and a thin slice of lemon as a garnish. CLINK! CLINK! ANOTHER DRINK! JOY TO YOUR WORLD! HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

Maggie Mae (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Maggie Mae is a 2.75-3-year-old Shepherd/terrier mix. She is medium energy, a joyful gal who succeeds in the company of her people. She demonstrates good manners as she stays focused on you and comes when called. She also boasts an understanding of leash etiquette. One of her favorite activities is riding in the car, which her agreeable nature compliments.

Maggie Mae is sure to make someone a remarkable therapy, companion or hiking dog!

Maggie Mae's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax). Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
Ruttkay shared with us that recent POTW Jasmine was adopted by the most perfect family! Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.
























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Hunter Graham

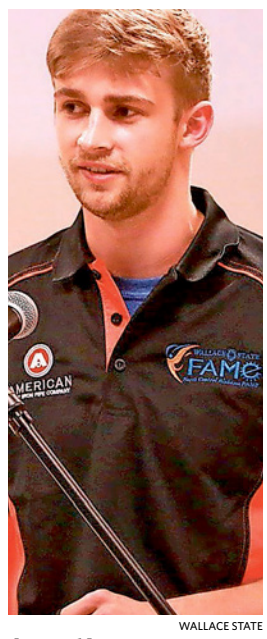

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EDUCATION

Seven Wallace State Community College students named recipients of Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association scholarship

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College has seven students who have earned the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Associations scholarship through a partnership with the Alabama Community College System.

The scholarships are awarded to students pursuing a technical education certificate or associate degree in the automotive manufacturing industry.

Wallace State's recipients are enrolled in either the college's Mechatronics or Welding programs.

The seven recipients are:

- Hunter Graham, Mechatronics
- Alex Munoz, Mechatronics
- Roger Rives, Mechatronics
- James Young, Mechatronics
- Jaclyn Haga, Welding
- Nicholas Marcum, Welding
- Annah Reese, Welding

The scholarship covers up to $3,600 ($1,800 for two semesters) of tuition, fees and books associated with their respective program's studies.

For more information about the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association, visit https://aama.memberclicks.net.

Event (from Front)

point and simple, no lettuce, no tomato, just those two jams and it lights up and really highlights a lot of the local produce in this town."

Dreher's part–owner and bar manager Christine Chamblee also shared, "We have always enjoyed doing events for the Cullman community and surrounding areas. They [Cullman Chamber of Commerce] approached us asking if we would host their first After-Hours event and we were thrilled to be able to do it! We partnered with Sullivan Creek Ranch who was excited to supply the beef for sliders we did, and they were absolutely incredible!"

Willoughby Roofing and Sheet Metal announced their enthusiasm online just before the event in a post saying, "We are very excited to sponsor the Cullman Chamber of Commerce's Burgers and Brews! The event is Dec. 6 at Dreher's. See you there!"

Dreher's part-owner Kolby Lawrence shared with The Tribune on the event, "Ultimately for us, the partnership with the Chamber is to get people locally that are invested in Cullman, which are local business and obviously, it is good to get people here and bring them in.

"We had six or eight people out of 50 that came tonight that had never heard of or been to Dreher's, so it is kind of a win for local and downtown."

Cullman Chamber of Commerce's Director of Event Operations Keith Varden said, "We are just trying to build things that when you are in the room, you are in the right room. So, the business walks away - and everybody is busy, you can find something to do every night - so we can find things that you want to give up three hours, but you walk away, and it benefits your business.

"The Chamber is not here to build the Chamber, it is here to build the local businesses. So, we have this event and Dreher's wins, Willoughby's wins, and everybody wins then we have done our job."

He added, "We were sold out so we will try to do more events that have a cap. And so, when you sell out your first one no doubt, we are pretty excited. There are four or five local businesses that are in this room tonight that all made this possible."

When asked of future partnering possibilities, Chamblee excitedly agreed, "Absolutely! We love being able to partner with them to bring exciting events to our community!"

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 9-10

Ray Douglas Parrott, 85
Ray Douglas Parrott passed away Dec. 10. He was born Jan. 3, 1936, to Robert and Delma Parrott. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Parrott family. He is survived by his wife: Deane Parrott, of Cullman, Alabama, son: Michael Parrott (Cindy) of West Point, Alabama; daughters: Brenda Rener (Gregory), of Falkville, Alabama and Debra Parrott of Cullman, Alabama; grandchildren: Zachary Parrott (Scarlett) of Brentwood, Tennessee, Sgt Gavin Parrott U.S. Army, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Juliane Phillips (Josh) of Foley, Alabama, Nicholas Parrott and Haley Parrott of West Point, Alabama; great-grandson: Mason Parrott, Brentwood, Tennessee; sister: Aline Herron of Cookeville, Tennessee and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents: Robert and Delma Parrott and siblings: Robert Parrott, Jr., Pauline Parrott, Blanche West, Ruth White, Roy Parrott, Lucille Lofty and John Parrott. He was born in Putnam County, Tennessee and attended Central High School in Cookeville, Tennessee, where he met and married his high school sweetheart. He enjoyed a long career in the garment industry as a plant manager. He was fun-loving and loved to talk to people. He will be greatly missed by friends and family. Interment is at Jones Family Cemetery in Falkville, Alabama.

Gail Rains Thompson, 85, of Vinemont
Memorial service for Gail Rains Thompson, age 85, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 12, at Faith Baptist Church with Bobby Stancil officiating. Mrs. Thompson went home to Jesus on Tuesday morning, Dec. 7. She was born Feb. 15, 1936. She was known around Cullman to sing, dance, play the piano and entertain at Cullman senior centers. Gail enjoyed participating in the Red Hats and the Rap and Tap Hillbilly Kitchen Band. Preceding her in death was husband: Cranford Thompson; daughter: Robin Bagwell Turner; parents: Luther and Marie Rains and sisters: Janice Seales Pierce and Linda Stancil. Survivors include son: Tracy (Meredith) Thompson; grandchildren: Drew (Shannon) Bagwell, Brooke Bagwell and Madison Thompson; sister: Myra Carter and special friend: Lloyd Goodwin.

Willie Eugene Riley, 55, of Baileyton
Willie Eugene Riley, 55, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away Dec. 10. He was born Nov. 29, 1966, to Clarence Willie and Eva Mae Riley. Eugene was a roofer by trade. He enjoyed fishing and he loved to spend time with his friends. Mr. Riley is preceded in death by his parents and a brother: Ladon Riley. He is survived by his sister-in-law: Christy Boyd; nieces: Heaven and Josh Kritner, Lacie Boyd and Caitlyn Link; great-nieces and nephews: Kayleigh, Jaxton, Harleigh, Addisyn, Tucker, Ameree and Rylee and his best friend: Finis Randolph. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Riley family.

Dorothy Faye Arndt, 89, of Falkville
Dorothy Faye Arndt, age 89, of Falkville, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 8. Dorothy was born Aug. 13, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama to Cleveland and Evie Gowen Blair. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband: Joseph W. Arndt and son: Mark Arndt. Funeral services are Friday, Dec. 10, at 9 a.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church with Father Patrick OSB officiating. Interment will follow services in the Catholic Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the church Friday morning. Survivors are daughter: Dotti Branham; grandchildren: Dennis Branham, Stefanie Branham and Jamie Norris and five great-grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

David Paul Duval, 77, of Double Springs
David Paul Duval, 77, of Double Springs, entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Hendrix Health and Rehab in Double Springs, Alabama. David was born Oct. 31, 1944, in Boston, Massachusetts. Visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Double Springs, where funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. David is survived by his daughter: Christina (James) Gillentine; son: Christopher (Shelby) Duval; son: David Duval Jr.; daughter: Michelle Duval and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by the parents: Paul Duval and Dorothy Booth.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I'm retiring, but it's more like etreading

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



One of my earliest careers was as a worm farmer. I raised night crawlers on the banks of Ivy Creek and sold them to Mr. Casey for his Curb Market. That was so long ago that I can't remember now if I got two-cents per worm, or two-worms per cent. I used any extras to catch bream. I never imagined back then that I might do something to earn money other than sell squiggly, crawling creatures. I also never imagined that I might one day retire, but next week I will do that very thing.

In my senior year of high school, I sensed a calling to ministry, rather a career as a worm farmer. Actually, I had left that trade years earlier. In my junior-year of college at Samford University, I became the pastor of Half Acre Baptist Church, in Linden, Alabama. Except for a brief period after I moved to New Orleans to attend the seminary there, I served as a pastor for the next 31 years. During the first two churches, I also went to school full time, and worked part-time jobs. I served in Linden, Butler, Fort Payne, and Rainbow City, Alabama, plus Marietta, Georgia, and Southaven, Mississippi. Since 2007, I have served as the Director of Tuskegee Lee Baptist Association, in Opelika, Alabama. I have worked with over 40 Southern Baptist Churches in Lee, Macon, Tallapoosa, and Chambers Counties.

It has been my joy and privilege to serve each of those churches and one great association. Next Tuesday, I will meet with the ministers one last time for our annual Christmas brunch. I must give a heart felt thank you to each of those who allowed me the opportunity to serve and minister. I probably should apologize to those first couple of churches for all those poorly delivered sermons. Well, I possibly should apologize to a few of the others too! Thank you to each one for their patience and for what they taught me.

Now, what's next for me? No, not the recliner. I don't idle well, so I'll still stay busy. First, I'll continue writing for newspapers and Mature Living magazine. I might even crank out another book or two. For almost 20 years, I have done humor for churches and groups through stories and songs as Bro Billy Bob. Billy Bob is not retiring and will continue to be available for appearances. The more serious side of me will still be available to do music. After the New year, I will be available to serve churches as interim pastor or Sunday fill ins. I also have a new woodshop in my backyard. There I make all kinds of things that I will sell at my soon-to-be-opened booth in Opelika, as well as online.

Now in case my retreading sounds like all work and no play, you would be mistaken. Jean and I do plan to squeeze in some travel. Next Spring, we plan to visit Ireland and Scotland for a couple of weeks. I've already set foot in 46 states and we plan to see the other 4 before long, as well as revisit others. Drew and I will continue to drown a few worms, if we can find a young worm farmer! He and I have become pickleball players, so we'll do some more of that, and I continue my 35-year long addiction to playing racquetball. I might even learn to play a new instrument. I do have a fiddle, and a cello, that have been waiting for me the retire. I might even squeeze in a cup of coffee or two with you, if you have the time.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1950

From the Files of 1950

Lionel Bennefield, of Joppa, had been improving in a Birmingham hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desser Bennefield could not be reached on Friday night, when his condition worsened. The undertaker delivered his body to the Joppa home and it was the first news the family had of his death. Funeral services were held at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon at New Home Church.

John T. Cargo, age 41, died at his Hanceville residence, on Tuesday, from shotgun wounds.

The Johnson chicken house and 6,000 chickens were destroyed by fire at Fairview on November 24.

Joe O. Shelton, age 53, died early Sunday morning, when his home was destroyed by fire. Mr. Shelton operated the Spot Café. Mr. Shelton awoke his wife, Ruth about one a.m., when he discovered the fire. She jumped out the bedroom window, but he was apparently too burned to jump. Pallbearers were Henry Howle, Theo Burrow, L.L. McClendon, C.H. King, Al Gasser and Loring Trimble.

Mrs. Cal Leeth, age 36, died on Saturday. She was the former Wynelle Taylor. Services were at First Baptist. Pallbearers were Edgar Ziegler, Ralph Jenkins, Bill Norton, G.F. Anderson, Ben Le Duke and Oscar Dunlap.

The Felix Foust family had a Thanksgiving reunion, on November 23, at Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Combs, Carol and Tommy, were the Thanksgiving Day guests of Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Ashwander, in Birmingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Sinyard are the proud grandparents of a grandson, born to Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Calvert.

Doris Thrift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Grubbs was crowned queen of the White City Junior High Harvest Carnival. Bobby McCormick was crowned king. Bobby is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McCormick.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hancock were the Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester McSwain at Brushy Pond.

Officers of the Trimble Girls 4-H Club are Sue Neal-President, Gayree Speegle-Vice-President, Daphna Calvert-Secretary, Saleta Jordan-Reporter, Song Leaders are Myra Gutherie and Myra Ann Speegle.

The J.L. Denny potato house and 800 bushels of corn were burned, on Monday.

POET'S CORNER

Pig Pen the Snowman | By: Randy C. Hale

Pig Pen the Snowman
was a sight for you to see
He was dirty yes,
never looked his best
but was kind as he could be

All the kids loved him,
he was good to everyone,
He was all about helping folks,
and having lots of fun

People came from everywhere
just to watch this
snowman prance,
and birds in the air would sing
while Pig Pen would dance
Yes, Pig Pen the Snowman
was a friend to us with glee,
had a heart of gold,
in the inside glowed,
such a character was he.

He would go right to
the poorest one,
to make them laugh and smile
and the greatest goal
in Pig Pen's heart
was that laughter last awhile

Pig Pen the Snowman
such a life for us to see,
to always put others first,
such a gift to us was he.

But when the spring came
pig pen would have to go,
but we never had to worry,
he would come back with
the snow.

(Inspired by "Frosty the Snowman" by Walter "Jack" Rollins and Steve Nelson, 1950 and by Charles M. Schulz fictional character Pig-Pen in the comic strip Peanuts, 1954.)



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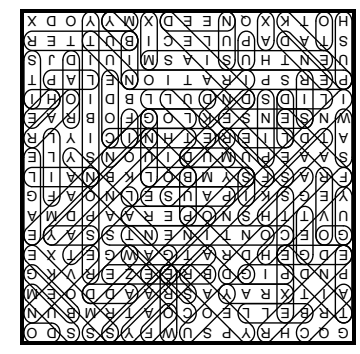
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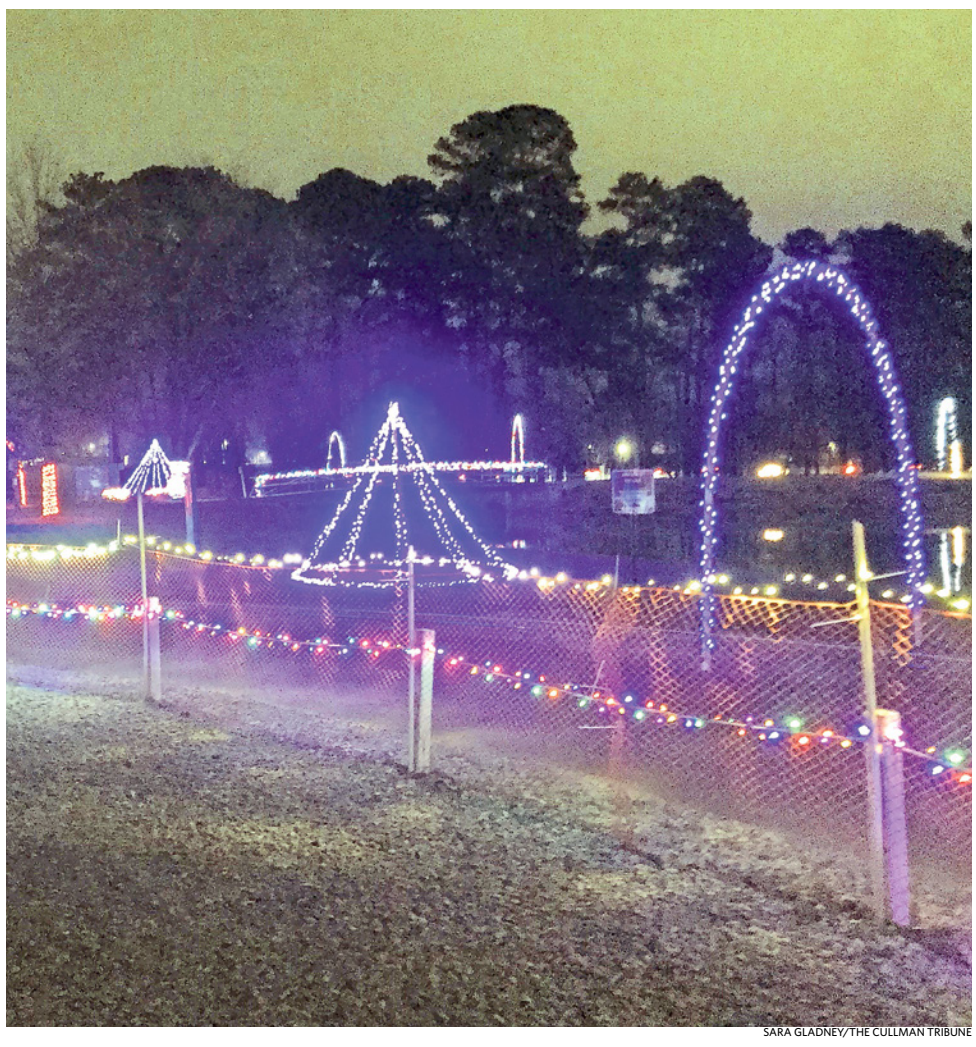


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Return (from Front)

port.

Though Chairman Clemons and Commissioner Gary Marchman were disappointed to be unable to make it this year, County Attorney Emily Niezer Johnston, County Administrator John Bullard and Commissioner Kerry Watson were all in attendance as volunteers.



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