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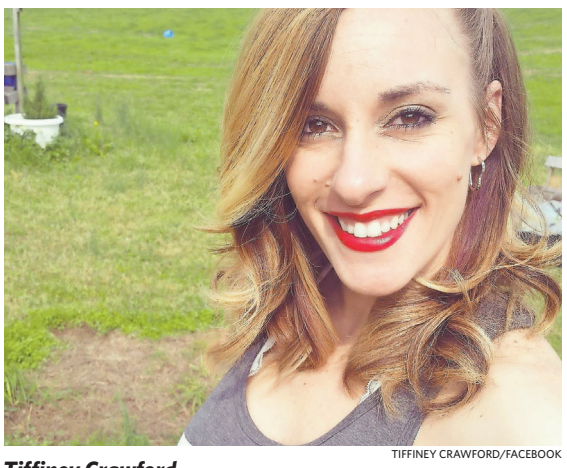


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Crawford trial: Preliminary jury selection as proceedings begin



TIFFINEY CRAWFORD/FACEBOOK

Tiffiney Crawford

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Jury selection in the trial of a Cullman man charged with the murder of his wife began Monday, Nov. 14, in the courtroom of Cullman County Circuit Judge Martha Williams, more than five years after Tiffiney Joy Crawford, 32, died and after more than 10 continuances since her husband Jason Crawford's indictment in her death.

Tiffiney Crawford was found dead from gunshot wounds at the family's home on May 2, 2017. The mother of two young children was the founder of the online MHM Mothers Helping Mothers group and was a friend and supporter to many mothers throughout the community.

After a yearlong investigation into her death, Jason Crawford was indicted on » PAGE 6

Holly Pond family raising funds for Diabetic Alert Dog



SARAI RASCO HOWARD

Cash Howard and Luna

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — A Holly Pond family is raising funds for a Diabetic Alert Dog. Cash Howard, 7, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes on Sept. 26, 2021. He has experienced many changes, but his mom Sarai Rasco Howard said he has been very brave throughout the last year.

She said the week her son was diagnosed, the family had been on vacation, and she noticed that he seemed more withdrawn and "zoned out" than normal. "He normally is the kid that loves to laugh, cut up and play jokes on people. I noticed on this trip he wasn't doing any of those things. I also noticed that he was drinking constantly and peeing a lot. Most people wouldn't think much of it but having two nieces with type 1, I knew these were signs of diabetes."

His symptoms continued to worsen on the trip home. The family got his » PAGE 6

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A vision becomes reality
Skate Depot opens in Cullman



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tennessee native and Santa Cruz sponsored skater Jake Wooten rode Skate Depot to spectators' delight on Saturday, Nov. 12. » PAGE 5

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Budweiser Clydesdales bring Christmas season to Cullman



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The majestic Budweiser Clydesdales are seen in Cullman on Sunday, Nov. 13. » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 14, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 10

- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 91
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1702
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 39

Nov. 11

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1656
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1194
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 62
- assault; Co. Rd. 1202
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 895
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. S.W.
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 N.

Nov. 12

- domestic violence, resisting arrest; Turkey Hop Rd.
- assault; Co. Rd. 792
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 436
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1087
- harassment; Co. Rd. 97
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1578
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 109
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 703
- burglary; Co. Rd. 831
- drug trafficking, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 S.

Nov. 13

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle, criminal mischief; Hwy 69 N.
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 437

ARRESTS

Nov. 9

Blackwood, Stacy M; 26
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Burney, Bradford S; 27
- probation violation-larceny/theft

Cammon, Michael E; 58
- violation of release order-possession of marijuana

Carroll, Scottie A; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of methamphetamine
- passing counterfeit object

Crosby, Brittney R; 35
- destruction of property by prisoner
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication

Dutcher, Stephanie L; 42
- FTA-auto theft

Golden, Brandie N; 44
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA-violation of domestic violence protection order

Hale, Draven K; 23
- Selling/distributing methamphetamine
- Counterfeiting

Lenz, John L; 51
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked and cancelled
- FTA-no seat belt
- FTA-no plainly visible tag
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Roach, Roy W; 41
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine (3 counts)
- FTA-selling/distributing methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA-larceny/theft-shoplifting
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Nov. 10

Castle, Kimberly M; 37
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Gatlin, Joshua A; 26
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Goodwin, Christopher R; 34
- larceny/theft-shoplifting

Ingram, Bridget N; 25
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- possession of methamphetamine

Kirby, Donald W; 34
- probation violation-burglary-residence-force

Maddux, William T; 32
- FTA-homicide-murder-family-gun domestic violence

Monk, Joel W; 40
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Neeley, Garry N; 39
- public intoxication

Newman, Heather M; 42
- FTA-elder abuse and neglect-3rd degree

Parker, Therron D; 54
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Willingham, Kayla L; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Nov. 11

Bryan, Kristian L; 34
- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Bryant, Tonya L; 40
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Clements, Rachel G; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Malcom, Rodney; 55
- FTA-criminal trespassing
- FTA-violation of domestic violence protection order (2 counts)

McClendon, Lisa M; 32
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Miller, Philip L; 48
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Swann, Terry W; 58
- criminal littering

Vankeuren, Austin C; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nov. 12

Bennett, Jason S; 51
- possession of marijuana
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Brown, Kevin P; 38
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Goggins, Kerry L; 45
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- carrying brass knuckle/sling shot

Goodwin, Amanda L; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Lawson, Christopher L; 41
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Martin, Geneva A; 55
- fraud-defrauding secured creditors

Milam, Randy D; 38
- sexual misconduct

Overton, Kerry L; 43
- FTA-contributing to the delinquency of minor

Russell, Angela N; 49
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Nov. 13

Greer, Stephany L; 41
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Hunkapiller, James D; 74
- public intoxication

James, Robert W; 43
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Raines, Joseph M; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest

Sterling, Christopher W; 44
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- probation violation-unlawful distribution of controlled substances

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 9
- leaving the scene of an accident; 3rd St. S.E; damage to 2012 Chevy Equinox
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $410

Nov. 11
- theft of lost property-4th degree; 3rd St. S.E; cash
- theft of property-2nd degree; Town Square S.W; purse with contents

Nov. 12
- theft of property-1st degree; Hwy 157; 2018 Nissan Altima
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $95

Nov. 13
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Oakhill Dr. N.W; damage to 2016 BMW Mini Copper; $100

ARRESTS

Nov. 10

Griffin, Jonathan B; 39
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA-violation of protection order

Linn, Rachel A; 38
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Loggins, Ashley N; 36
- theft of property-4th degree

McKenzie, Theresa A; 27
- FTA-public intoxication

Nov. 11

Calvey, Crystal D; 61
- theft of property-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-driving without a license
- FTA-failure to dim lights

Clements, Rachel G; 29
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Jackson, Jeremy N; 44
- criminal trepassing-3rd degree

Kennedy, Brian T; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances (2 counts)
- promoting prison contraband-2nd degree

Lopez, Diane F; 37
- FTA-insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA-expired tag

McDaniel, Thomas A; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances (2 counts)

Nov. 12

Gustafson, Jessica M; 32
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Russell, Angela N; 49
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-switched tag
- FTA-expired tag
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Nov. 13

McDuffee, Michael J; 42
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA-driving while license suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests over the last several days, including:

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

Deputies arrested Jesse Shane Black, 33, of Cullman, on a grand jury indictment warrant for sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old. The indictment stemmed from an incident that was reported earlier this year.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

Investigators conducted a traffic stop in the Battleground community.

Scottie Allen Carroll, 37, of Vinemont, was identified as the driver, and Draven Kayne Hale, 23, of Vinemont, was identified as the passenger.

A subsequent search of the vehicle and their persons allegedly yielded narcotics and paraphernalia, as well counterfeit bills.

Both subjects were arrested and transported to the Cullman County Detention Center.

Carroll was charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, forgery/passing counterfeit object, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, criminal mischief (warrant) and domestic violence (warrant).



CCSO
Jesse Shane Black



CCSO
Scottie Allen Carroll



CCSO
Draven Kayne Hale



CCSO
Roy Wesley Roach

Hale was charged with unlawful distribution of methamphetamine, forgery/counterfeiting, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and forgery/passing counterfeit object.

Deputies arrested Roy Wesley Roach, 47, of Cullman, on multiple failure to appear warrants, including unlawful possession of methamphetamine (three counts), unlawful distribution of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (three counts), traffic violation (two counts), illegal possession of prescription drugs, shoplifting (two counts), public intoxication and trespassing.

Scholar's bowl scoreboard: West Point teams continue dominance

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – West Point's high school and middle school teams once again sit atop county stat sheets in scholar's bowl matches at Wallace State. Both teams are currently undefeated in county competition: 8-0 for the high school and 7-0 for the middle school, and both teams' point totals top their charts. In high school matches, Hanceville has made a strong second-place showing at 7-1. St Bernard holds second among middle school teams at 6-1.

High School
- West Point 8-0 5,120 points
- Hanceville 7-1 2,390 points
- Cullman 4-3 2,000 points
- St. Bernard 4-3 2,150 points
- Vinemont 4-3 2,040 points
- Cold Springs 2-5 1,560 points
- Fairview 2-5 1,680 points
- Good Hope 2-6 1,950 points
- Holly Pond 0-7 930 points

Middle School
- West Point 7-0 2,070 points
- St. Bernard 6-1 1,730 points
- Good Hope 5-2 1,790 points
- Hanceville 4-1 1,610 points
- Vinemont 3-3 1,160 points
- Cullman 3-4 1,010 points
- Fairview 3-4 1,630 points
- Harmony 3-4 1,680 points
- Holly Pond 3-4 1,030 points
- Parkside 2-5 1,120 points
- East Elementary 2-5 880 points
- Cold Springs 0-7 270 points

Factory Connection (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Retail store Factory Connection was robbed early Monday evening. Cullman Police Department (CPD) Assistant Chief David Nassetta confirmed the incident.

The CPD released the following statement: "This evening at approximately 5:19 p.m. Cullman City Communications received a call about a robbery at Factory Connection.

The subject was wearing a camo jacket, blue jeans, a gray hat and was wearing an orange-colored mask. The subject was armed. This is believed to be an isolated incident and we do not believe there is any danger to the community. If anyone has any information about this incident please contact the Cullman Police Department's Investigation division."

Factory Connection is located in the Town Square Shopping Center on the city's south side.

For the latest details, visit www.CullmanTribune.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. 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.

• 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 registration through Nov. 15 online only! Go to https://forms.gle/QmTtTVBUiTxTPZdZ9 or the Kids Loving Kids Facebook page and click on the registration form. NO late registrations can be accepted.

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. 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.

• Wednesday, Nov. 16 - 7 p.m. Children, youth, and adult "RULES of ENGAGEMENT," Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.

• Thursday, Nov. 17 - 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc. Everyone welcome!

• Thursday, Nov. 17 - 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Spirit Life Church. Nursery provided.

• Saturday, Nov. 19 - 9-11 a.m. – Drive-through food bank - Please bring your ID.

• Sunday, Nov. 20 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance.

• Sunday, Nov. 20 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth, and adults 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings

The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link

• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055

• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

GriefShare Grief Support Group

• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., through Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW

• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Monthly Weight Loss Support Group

• WHAT: Cullman Regional's Bariatric Center of Excellence is now offering a monthly support group for individuals who have had or who are considering weight loss surgery.

• WHEN: Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.

• WHERE: Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157

• WHY: The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help facilitate a space where participants can share problems and solutions as well as encouragement to stay on the right path. For more information, call 256-735-5992.

Turkey Bazaar and Spaghetti Supper

The annual Turkey Bazaar and Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be on Friday, Nov. 18, in the Family Life Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the supper, with the 'Spinning Wheel' for prizes to begin at 6:45 p.m. Prizes include turkeys, chickens, hams, bacon and eggs, "special" prizes and more! Supper plate tickets are $12 or four plates for $40. Everyone is invited to attend this fun and fast-moving evening at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in downtown Cullman!

"The Nutcracker"

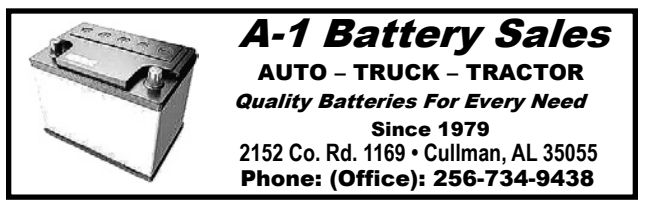
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 7 p.m., 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Presented by Ballet South, directed by Brooke Desnoes and Wallace State Community College present The Nutcracker. Mrs. Desnoes was the first artistic director to bring this Christmas tradition to Cullman. Her stunning choreography performed by her outstanding company dancers brings more magic to the stage every year. Children and adults will love it! Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and younger. Purchase online at https://tinyurl.com/NutcrackeratWSCC.

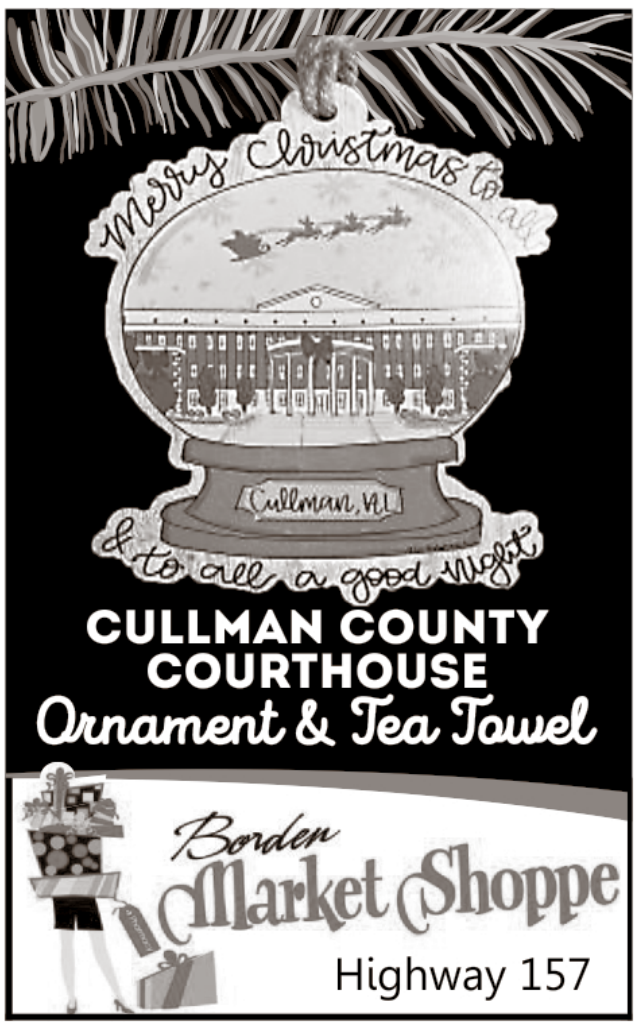
Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing

Sunday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. The Unity 4 Quartet from Iuka, Mississippi will be featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986. Everyone is invited.

Cullman Regional Foundation's Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Ceremony

Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at St. John's Christ Hall. This year's event is dedicated in honor of Dr. Peter Crisologo and in memory of Cullman Regional Hospice patients. Giving a gift of love for $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree atop Cullman Regional as a tribute to someone special. The program will also include special Christmas music by area artists. Donations may be contributed throughout the entire holiday season, and gifts received by Monday, Dec. 5 will be included in the special ceremony. Donate online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.





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PREP FOOTBALL

Arab pulls away to top Moody 42-20, advances to 3rd round for 1st time in school history

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ARAB, Ala. — The Arabian Knights cruised past East Limestone in round one to advance last week and they returned home Friday night looking to make history in a round two matchup against Moody. The Knights led the Blue Devils 21-14 at halftime and outscored Moody 21-6 in the second half to pull away with a 42-20 victory and advance to round three for the first time in school history. The 11th win is also the most in a single season for Arab.

The Knights were forced to punt the ball on their opening possession, but they were able to pin the Blue Devils deep in their own territory. Moody and Arab exchanged punts throughout most of the first quarter until a kick-catch interference penalty on a Knights punt gave the Blue Devils great field position later in the period.

Facing fourth down and long, Moody lined up in a punt formation but hit a pass down the field to move the chains and extend its drive. A few snaps later, a touchdown pass put the Blue Devils in front 7-0 with three minutes to play in the first.

However, the Knights responded on their next possession, converting a fourth down of their own with a big run from Drew Puccio and moving deep into Moody territory with a diving catch by Brody McCain. Drake Franklin capped off the scoring drive with an 11-yard touchdown run up the middle and Aiden Wooten knocked through the extra point to tie the game at 7 with 11 minutes on the clock in the second quarter. Moody answered in just two plays, connecting on a deep ball to score through the air and moving back out in front 14-7 with 10 minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Arab got the big play it needed from Hayden O'Reilly when he broke free for a big run down the sideline all the way down to the Blue Devils 22-yard line.

Just a couple plays later, Franklin punched it into the end zone from 11 yards out to tie the game at 14 with eight minutes to play in the opening half. Moody tried to answer the Arab touchdown but was forced to turn the ball over on downs, setting the Knights offense up near midfield with five minutes remaining in the second.

A run by quarterback Aidan Cox moved the chains on fourth down and a big pass from Cox to Spencer Strickland moved Arab inside the Moody 10-yard line. Just a couple snaps later, Franklin's third touchdown run of the night gave the Knights their first lead of the game with 33 seconds on the clock and Arab went into the locker room leading the Blue Devils 21-14 at the halftime break.

Moody received the ball to start the third quarter and the Blue Devils put together a long, methodical scoring drive to answer the Knights' touchdown at the end of the first half, but the extra point was no good and Arab held onto a 21-20 lead with seven minutes to play in the third. Cox was sacked on third and long and that appeared to cut the Knights' possession short, but Strickland's punt was muffed by the Blue Devils and recovered by Arab at the 7-yard line.

The Arabian Knights took advantage of the turnover three plays later when Cox hit McCain on a 4-yard touchdown pass and stretched the Knights lead to 28-20 with just under three minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Arab's defense stepped up and forced Moody to punt the ball away at the end of the third and the Knights' offense was able to step up as well.

Cox passes to McCain and Dakota Nesmith kept the chains moving for Arab and Franklin all but put the game away later in the drive when he broke free from the Moody defense and ran into the end zone for his fourth touchdown of the night. Wooten's extra point made it a 35-20 game with eight minutes to play.

Moody drove the ball deep down into Arab territory looking to cut into the lead, but the Knights' defense held the Blue Devils out of the end zone and gave the ball back to the offense midway through the fourth.

Arab worked its way out near midfield and Cox hit Strickland for a big gain down the near sideline to keep the chains moving. A couple plays later, Franklin took a handoff up the middle, burst through the line of scrimmage and took it 34 yards to the house to score his fifth touchdown of the night and secure the win for Arab. Moody was unable to get any more points on the board and the Knights went on to collect a massive, 42-20 win to extend their postseason run.

Arab will advance to play at Pleasant Grove in round three next Friday.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Arabian Knights defeated Moody 42-20 Friday night to advance to the third round of the 5A State Playoffs for the first time in school history.

Defense, rushing lead Auburn to 13-10 win vs. Texas A&M

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — Cadillac went crazy, and Auburn's defense went nuts.

Tank Bigsby and Jarquez Hunter both rushed for 121 yards, Auburn kept Texas A&M out of the end zone for 58 minutes, and freshman Alex McPherson kicked two field goals to lead the Tigers to a 13-10 victory Saturday at sold out Jordan-Hare Stadium, the first win for interim head coach Carnell Williams.

"If we can pull in the same direction, we can believe in each other, continue to fight, continue to serve, continue to be disciplined, continue to believe, the sky's the limit," said Williams, who received the game ball from Auburn's captains after being doused with ice water before his postgame interview.

Leading 10-3 in the fourth quarter, Morris Joseph Jr. recovered Colby Wooden's strip sack at Texas A&M's 32-yard line, leading to McPherson's 26-yard field goal and a 10-point Auburn lead with 3:02 to play.

"When they called the timeout, I told Coach, 'Watch this, I'm going to go get it," Wooden said. "I timed up the snap and went and got it."

"He [Wooden] won on the edge with a speed move," Joseph said. "It was a great play by him, and he got the ball out. He did his job, so it was my job to get the ball for our team. We needed it."

"That's a game-decider right there, when Colby strips the ball and Mo picks it up and it allows the offense to get some points on the board," McPherson said. "It was a big game changer."

Texas A&M drove 80 yards in seven plays and scored on a 17-yard touchdown pass to trim Auburn's lead to 13-10 with 1:33 remaining, but John Samuel Shenker recovered the Aggies' onside kick and the Tigers ran out the clock.

Auburn held Texas A&M to 215 yards and limited Aggies quarterback Conner Weigman to 14-of-36 passing, a 39-percent clip, while allowing only 94 rushing yards on 24 carries, fewer than 4 yards per carry.

After a Tiger Walk reminiscent of Iron Bowls, Auburn claimed momentum early.

Owen Pappoe's third-down sack forced a Texas A&M punt, then Auburn drove 62 yards on four plays with Tank Bigsby racing 39 yards on third-and-3 to the Aggies' 16.

"I felt like I had to make a play for my team," Bigsby said. "It set us up for perfect field position to get a quick touchdown."

From there, Robby Ashford passed to Ja'Varrius Johnson for a 16-yard touchdown to give Auburn a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter.

"Tank busted a big run and it was set up perfectly," Ashford said. "They didn't cover 'Var, he was open, and I knew I had to get it to him. If it's in the area, No. 6 is going to catch it. I never worry about that."

After shutting out the Aggies in the first half, Auburn's defense forced consecutive three-and-outs on Texas A&M's first five second-half possessions, allowing minus-2 yards in the third quarter.

After a short punt gave Auburn possession on Texas A&M's 27-yard line, Ashford connected with Hunter for 12 yards on third down to set up McPherson's 34-yard field goal that put the Tigers ahead 10-0 with 39 seconds left in the third quarter.

"Coming into this game we were pretty confident in our operation," said McPherson, making his first start after an injury to Anders Carlson.

"I think we went out there and executed as well as we could have."

Texas A&M intercepted a deflected pass early in the fourth quarter leading to a 48-yard field goal for the Aggies' first points.

Bigsby rushed for 121 yards on 23 carries while Hunter gained 121 on 13 rushes.

"I'm so lucky to have the opportunity to coach two high-character young men who have let me pour into their lives," Williams said of Auburn's running backs. "To see how Tank Bigsby grew from a freshman to now, that's everything. It's a joy to see those guys contribute."

Auburn (4-6, 2-5) plays its final home game next Saturday vs. Western Kentucky at 3 p.m. CT.

Postgame notes

- Captains: Derick Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Jonathan LeGrand
- Coin Toss: Auburn wins the toss and defers; Texas A&M will receive
- Interim head coach: Carnell Williams (1-1)
- Eagle flight: Independence from Section 46
- Attendance: 87,451 (capacity)

Team notes

- First-time starters for Auburn: Alex McPherson
- Auburn has scored in 127 consecutive games, the second-longest streak in school history.
- This was the first time Auburn held the opponent scoreless in the first half since the 2021 Alabama game.

Individual notes: Offense

- John Samuel Shenker has set an Auburn record for most career games played with 60, breaking the previous Auburn record set by T.D. Moultry (59 games from 2017-21).
- Ja'Varrius Johnson's 16-yard touchdown catch from Robby Ashford was Johnson's second score of the season and third of his career.
- Ashford has thrown 6 touchdown passes this season, tied for 4th with Jeff Klein (1999) and Jeremy Johnson (2013) for most touchdown passes thrown by an Auburn freshman.
- Jarquez Hunter posts his 3rd career 100-yard rushing game (121 yards). Hunter is the 50th Auburn player to pass the 1,000-yard career rushing mark; he now has 1,026 career rushing yards.
- Ashford ranks 3rd among all-time Auburn freshman passers with 1,429 passing yards; 2nd is Stan White (2,242 in 1990).
- Ashford is 3rd in freshman pass attempts (208), passing Gabe Gross (197 in 1998); next is Stan White (338 in 1990). Ashford is 3rd in pass completions (104); next is Stan White (180 in 1990).
- Ashford ranks 10th among Auburn freshman rushers with 552 yards, passing Onterio McCalebb (547 in 2009); next is Jarquez Hunter (593 in 2021).
- Tank Bigsby now has 2,735 career rushing yards, to rank 9th all-time at Auburn, passing Ronnie Brown (2,707 from 2000-04); next is Brent Fullwood (2,789 from 1983-86).
- Bigsby's 121 rushing yards were the 12th 100-yard rushing game of his career.
- It was Auburn's first game with two 100-yard rushers since Hunter and Bigsby vs. Alabama State in 2021.

Individual notes: Defense

- Owen Pappoe records his 2nd sack of the season and the 8th of his career.
- Colby Wooden now has 6.0 sacks and 11.0 TFL for the season and 15.0 sacks and 29.5 TFL in his career; he forced his third fumble of the season and his career.
- Morris Joseph Jr. recovered his first fumble at Auburn.
- Nehemiah Pritchett had his first career forced fumble.



TODD VAN EMST/AU ATHLETICS

The Auburn Tigers defeated Texas A&M 13-10 Saturday night to snap a five-game losing streak.

Individual notes: Special teams

- Oscar Chapman has 12 punts of 50 yards or longer this season.
- Alex McPherson's first made field goal at Auburn was from 34 yards.





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Skater Jake Wooten puts on a show for the crowd.



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Attendees registered for free board giveaways at Skate Depot's grand opening Saturday, Nov. 12.

Skate Depot (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The chilly breeze and brisk temperature did not thwart the droves of skaters of all ages who took to Skate Depot on Saturday, Nov. 12, to celebrate the park's grand opening. With community leaders mingling with spectators, the design team from Spohn Ranch Skateparks testing out their new construction, Tennessee native professional skateboarder Jake Wooten wowing the crowd and local skaters enjoying the new park, the day was a mighty success for Cullman and its residents.

"We've worked hard to generate excitement around the grand opening for our skater community as they now have a place to hone their skills," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "We couldn't be more excited to see this park be made available to the community."

As DJ Mykael V, a DJ from Atlanta who is well known for his faith and testimony, took charge of the music, Wooten took time to spend with his fans and admirers. He shared his love of skating and the sport's power in his life.

"I lost both my parents to addiction when I was younger," said 22-year-old Wooten. "Thankfully, I had family to raise me, but I needed something to deal with it all. Skating was it. Skating gave me a way to handle all the stuff that was going on around me. Really, it saved me."

As a result, Wooten has a distinct appreciation for areas around the country that support skateboarding and recognize its positive impact on youth.

"I am a huge fan of cities that value their community of skaters and what the activity can do to inspire young people," Wooten said. "It's truly an honor to be a part of this event."

Using the input of skaters for whom the park was intended, the planning team from Spohn Ranch Skateparks designed Skate Depot specific to the needs and wants of the local skate community.

With great intention, the park was built with specific areas for various levels of expertise and has features for both street and ramp skaters.

More than $120,000 in private donations was used for landscaping, public restrooms and benches in the park.

Rob Whitesell and his family donated $50,000 contingent on a 100% match. The match was met and exceeded with Cullman Rotary Club pitching in $40,000 and the CPRST Foundation donating $30,000.

"We had the goal of making the park usable and attractive to both spectators and skaters," Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs said. "Thanks to several community partners, we were able to accomplish this goal."

Skate Depot is part of the larger, envisioned municipal park space which will, in time, connect the Warehouse District to Cullman Middle School. The space will include Festhalle, Depot Park and Skate Depot and will increase the layout of annual community events such as the Strawberry Festival and Oktoberfest.

Skate Depot is open from sunrise to 10 p.m. every day and is located at 601 Second Ave. NE, between the Cullman Police Department and Depot Park.

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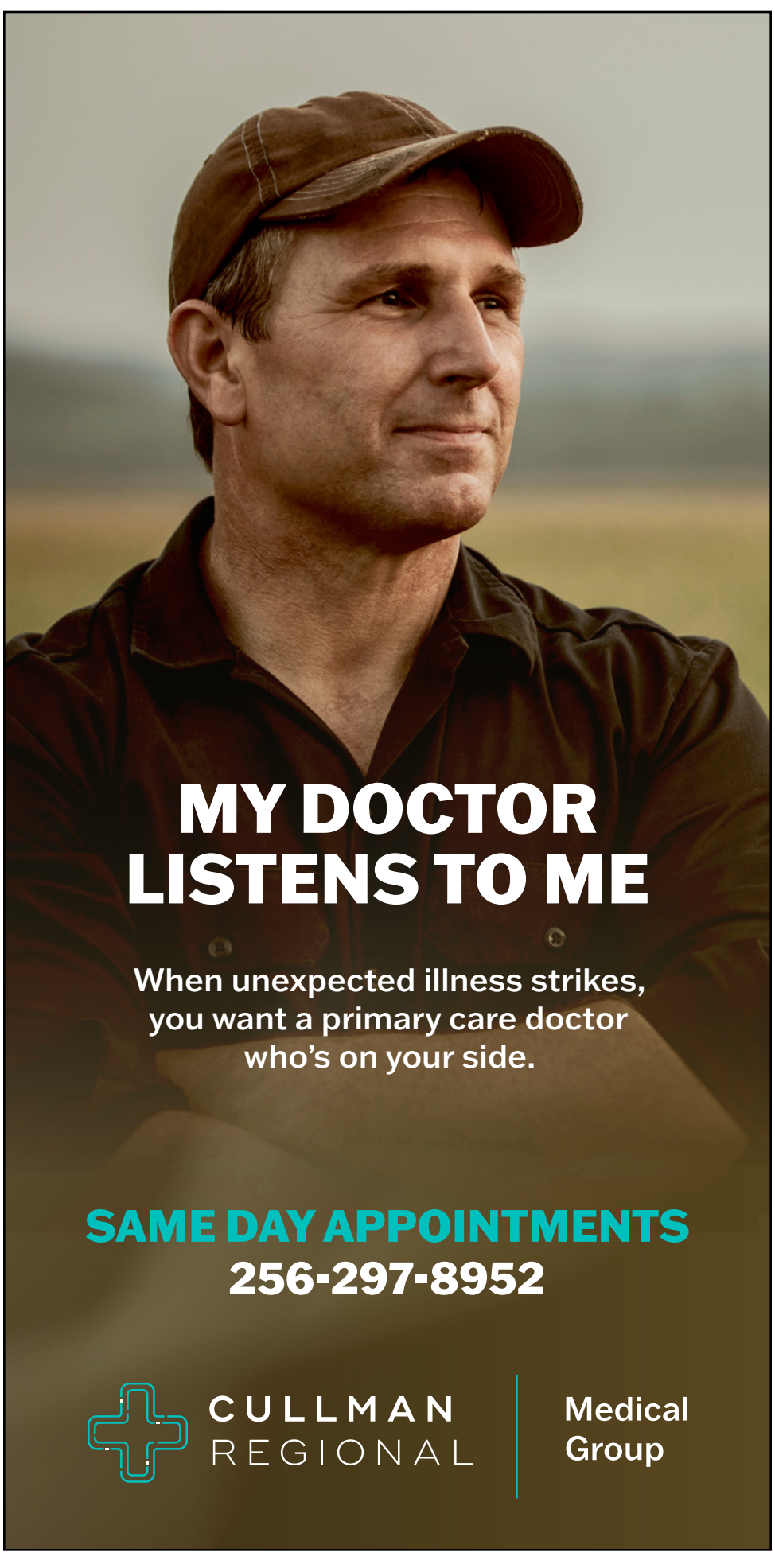
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Trial (from Front)

one count of murder on May 17, 2018, and arrested days later on May 21. A $100,000 property bond was set, and he has been out on bond since that time. Because Jason Crawford's mother is employed by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency handled the investigation.

Since his indictment, Crawford has been allowed to travel out of the state of Alabama with the court's approval in June 2021. In a different instance, he received a misdemeanor traffic citation for failure to yield in 2020 which was dismissed after fees were paid.

Crawford is being represented by Tuten Law Offices in Huntsville. While not in court on Monday, the representing attorneys from Tuten Law are expected to be at the courthouse Tuesday as the jury pool is reviewed.

No members of the press are allowed in the courtroom until the jury is seated, which is expected to be Tuesday, Nov. 14 in the afternoon at the earliest.

Dog (from Front)

sugar checked at a neighboring first responder's house, and it was so high, the meter would not read the glucose level.

Howard took her son straight to Children's of Alabama, where they learned his sugar was an extremely high 614. The condition was caught early, and thankfully he had not reached diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA), which can be life threatening.

Said Howard, "It's now been a little over a year and Cash has handled it all so well. He was thrown a curve ball in his life, but I couldn't have asked for a better response from him. He handles it like a champ every day.

"He is a true superhero, and he inspires me every day. He has countless finger sticks a day and anywhere from 5-8 shots a day so of course he gets tired of all the sugar checks, shots and just the extra time that's involved with it all, but he doesn't ever give a hard time about it all."

Shortly after her son was diagnosed, Howard came across Diabetic Alert Dogs (DADS), but said, "When I looked more into it and saw the cost of getting one trained it scared me away."

Cash Howard wears a continuous glucose monitor that is supposed to alert when a wearer's blood glucose gets too high or too low, but his mom learned it doesn't always give accurate alerts.

"It's set to go off once he drops to 80, but one night it didn't. It was around midnight; Cash was asleep, and his alarm went off. I checked and it was showing 40. My first thought was there's no way this can be right and I thought maybe it was a compression low," she said.

"I got out his blood meter testing kit and checked his blood and it said 38. My heart dropped and I started to panic. This is the lowest he had ever been."

She said she was able to raise her son's blood sugar but was shaken by the event and decided she wanted to take every possible precaution. "I started thinking what if his alarm never went off or what if I didn't hear it. Of course, the tears came as I laid beside him and watched him while he was still asleep, and he had no idea as to what all just happened, and that is the moment I said to myself I don't care what it takes, I am going to pursue getting Cash a Diabetic Alert Dog."

The Howards are working with Kim Johnson, a trainer from Chattanooga, Tennessee, who paired their son with black labradoodle Luna in August.

"She paired Cash with a pup named Luna and the two had an instant bond. It made my momma heart so happy when I saw the look on Cash's face when Luna came running around the corner to Cash."

Luna is still being scent-trained to detect Cash Howard's sugar levels, his mom said.

"Your body produces a chemical when your sugar drops low and produces a chemical when your sugar is rising high. Luna will be able to smell the chemical changes and alert Cash 30 minutes before it's actually about to happen and can pick up the smell up to a mile away! These alert dogs are incredible."

Luna will be a member of the family's diabetic team and will also be able to join Cash Howard when he plays outside.

"He is a 7-year-old active boy, and he stays outside riding his bike, climbing trees, building forts, walking trails in the woods and anything else you can imagine that would be fun to a little boy.

"In order for his monitor to work, he has to carry around a receiver that has to be within a few feet of him at all times, otherwise the alarm won't pick him up, but most of the time he will leave it at home while he goes on adventures outside," his mom said.

Luna has been assigned to go to the Howards when she finishes training in the spring, but the family is still raising money for her. Fundraising efforts began in September and the family has been overwhelmed with support.

"We are blessed to live in a community where small local business were willing to donate gift cards, passes to their entertainment parks, local Lions Club members doing fundraisers, churches donating and my brother for donating one-quarter beef for a raffle from Rasco Cattle Co. I also had people to reach out to me and wanted to help sell tickets; my mom was a huge help in getting those tickets sold. We are very close to our goal. We are about $1,600 away from our $18,000 goal!"

Howard has a few raffles left that will be announced on the Cash and Luna Facebook page (www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086108192713).

A GoFundMe page for Cash and Luna can be found at www.gofundme.com/f/cash-and-his-diabetic-alert-dog-luna.

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Good Hope (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope City Council held its first November meeting at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and got the things started by presenting grants to several representatives of Good Hope's schools who plan to use the funds to improve their classrooms and programs.

2022-2023 SCHOOL PROJECT GRANTS

Good Hope Primary School
- Haleigh Harbison - $1,600 (Flexible Seating)
- Catie Flynt - $2,940.00 (Special Ed iPads)
- Becky McDonald - $550.00 (Art Supplies)

Good Hope Elementary School
- Miranda Self - $700 (Science Lab Table)

Ashley Johnston - $400 (Reading Intervention)

Good Hope Middle School
- Stephanie Hood - $2,500 (Library Outdoor Seating)
- Kellie Hyatt - $3,000 (Career Prep & STEAM)
- Paige Thurman - $800 (Scholars Bowl Buzzers)

Good Hope High School
- Anita Whitlock - $559 (Flexible Seating)
- Brandy Lowe - $2,070 (Cheer Equipment & Paint Supplies)

Following the presentation of the school grants, the council also approved Resolution No. 027-2022 to award a sewer line expansion contract to Apel Machine & Supply Co., Inc.

Resolution No. 027-2022

"Whereas, the City of Good Hope received bids on October 20, 2022 for the Fisher Area Sewer Expansion Project that will assist multiple businesses and help create jobs in our area and therefore, in accordance with bid regulations, the City of Good Hope has solicited and received bids from qualified companies to complete the improvements in accordance with the approved plans and specifications and now, therefore, be it resolved that the City of Good Hope has evaluated the bids received and has determined that Apel Machine & Supply Co., Inc., is the low bidder and that, the City of Good Hope has authorized Mayor Jerry Bartlett to enter into a contract with Apel Machine & Supply Co., Inc. in the amount of $2,094,398.00 to complete all construction activates associated with the above referenced project."

Good Hope's Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held at Good Hope High School Wednesday, Oct. 23 starting at 11 a.m. There will be a drive-thru available and guests will be limited to five plates per vehicle.

Good Hope's City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday. Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Nutcracker (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Allegro Dance Theatre, Cullman Community Theatre and Ballet South will present "The Nutcracker" with more than 60 dancers at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Nov. 18-20. Performances will be at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Ballet South Founder and Artistic Director Brooke Desnoes, who also instructs the Allegro Dance Theatre, choreographed the production. Desnoes was born in Cullman and lived and taught in Paris, France, for many years, founding the Academie Americaine de Danse de Paris before returning to her hometown.

She has choreographed "The Nutcracker" many times in her career and even has an authentic German Nutcracker in the show. She shared some of the history of the star prop.

"When I lived in Europe, we always spent our winter vacation in Austria in a little Tyrolian village named Berwang.

"Berwang being quite small we sometimes liked to drive to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, a German town famous for its challenging World Cup ski run and also for its very authentic Nutcracker shop.

"The shop was out of a movie, a real treat for our children who were very young at the time. Of course, we could not leave the shop without a real German Nutcracker," she said.

"This Nutcracker has been on stage many times in Paris and when we moved to Cullman, he was packed in my younger daughter Sidonie's suitcase.

"There was no way we could have left him behind. Our Nutcracker was born for the stage and despite a fall during one of our last rehearsals, thanks to Jeff from Mary Carter, he still has a long dancing career in front of him."

This production has been staged at Wallace for the last three years.

Desnoes spoke about the benefits of having actors from the Cullman Community Theatre joining the team.

"We are very grateful to be teaming up with Cullman Community Theatre this year, and our collaboration has given me an opportunity to elaborate on the opening scene which is mostly mimed," she said.

"Some of our performers in the party scene had actually never danced before, but actors offer a great presence on stage and bring a silent movie quality to this particular scene.

"Actors and dancers have more in common than we imagine. Moving gracefully and meaningfully on stage is a craft and a form of dance too."

The elaborate production is achieved with the help of many others.

There will be new special effects and costumes this year. Many of the costumes are professionally made by a costume company in Moldavia Desnoes has used for two decades.

Wes Clabo is in charge of light and sound. Desnoes said, "He is a seasoned technician, and it is great to work with someone who understands what you need before you even have to ask.

"I always teach my dancers to appreciate the work of the technicians.

"No matter how good a dancer he or she is, if the lighting is wrong, all prowess on stage is wasted."

Desnoes is excited for another chance to choreograph the classic ballet, saying, "Tchaikovsky's music is a real treat for the dancers, who feel energized by the timeless brilliance offered by the score.

"I have been staging 'The Nutcracker' every Christmas season for many years, and every time the performance is a novelty to all of us. Every year we all get into 'The Nutcracker' rehearsals with a different spirit, and the dancers always offer something different and renewed.

'The Nutcracker' is a true celebration of the imagination. It is a great tradition, and the dancers always feel happy performing it."

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and younger and can be purchased in advance at www.balletsouth.booktix.com or at the door.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

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This vehicle will be sold on December 15, 2022, at 8:00 a.m., unless all towing, storage and repair fees are paid before sale date. The sale will take place at Ponder's Wrecker Service, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CARRIE COLEMAN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-000328.00**

KEN COLEMAN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ken Coleman, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Coleman's Complaint for Divorce by January 3rd, 2023, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000328.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 31st day of October, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2022-084

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF BYRON BROWN and LEISA M. BROWN TO ADOPT J.C.L.F., a minor child born on August 26, 2022.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TYLER JORDAN GADDIS AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF J.C.L.F. WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of J.C.L.F., a minor child (born on August 26, 2022, to Shayla Marie Ford), was filed on the 23rd day of September, 2022, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Byron Brown and Leisa M. Brown. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 4th day of November, 2022.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 12-14

Nadine Johnson, 72
Nadine Johnson, age 72, of Cullman, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022. She was preceded in death by her parents Oather C. and Opal Reese Wood; brother, Ronnie Wood; and her grandparents, William and Lona Reese and Pickney and Lucy Wood. Mrs. Johnson is survived by her husband, Gaylon D. Johnson; daughter, Melanie D. Haynes; son, William D. Johnson; sisters, Paula Baggett, Ilene Gutherie; Karen Hancock and Jackie Burks; brother, Mirian Wood; grandchildren, Kyle Haynes (Johana), Rachel Haynes and Ivy Johnson and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. The family received friends Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of Mrs. Johnson's life was Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at 9 a.m. at Beech Grove Baptist Church with burial following in Valley Springs Cemetery. Rev. Ray Ponder officiated.

Lela Ruth Whaley, 96
Lela Ruth Whaley, 96, of Cullman passed away Nov. 11, 2022, at her residence. She was born Aug. 30, 1926, in Blount County. She is survived by her daughters, Pam Hagan and Claudean (Steve) Vinson; grandchildren, T.J. Hagan and Claire Vinson; great grandchildren, Ford Hagan, Cora Hagan and Hattie Hagan. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Annie Davis; her husbands, Clifford Greathouse and Claude Whaley; two infant sons, Larry and Gary Whaley; son, Dwight Whaley; brothers, Junior Davis and Harden Davis and sisters, Pearl Rucks and Myrle Armstrong. Funeral services will be Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; burial will follow in Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends Tuesday from 1-2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home.

Frances Tidwell Williamson, 89
Frances Tidwell Williamson, 89, passed peacefully from this life Nov. 12, 2022, in her home in Cullman, surrounded by loving family and friends. She was born May 7, 1933, in Cullman, Alabama to Noel and Goldie Tidwell, who preceded her in death, along with her brother Dale Tidwell. She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, Donald B. Williamson; her children Laurie (Brad) Moore of Leeds, Alabama; Tim (Wendy) Williamson of Dunwoody, Georgia; her beloved granddaughters Elizabeth (Philip) Akins of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Madeleine Williamson of Knoxville, Tennessee; and Catherine (Devin) Wilson of Leeds, Alabama; her brothers Robert (Rudeen) Tidwell of Cullman, Alabama; Jim (Suzanne) Tidwell of Cullman, Alabama; and a host of nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. Frances was an active member of First Baptist Church, serving in many areas throughout her life, including the church nursery, Training Union, Girls in Action, WMU and as the church librarian. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Entre Amies ladies club for many years. She worked as the secretary at East Elementary School, and later served as the accountant for Hospital Discount Pharmacy. The family wishes to express gratitude to the dear ladies who made it possible for Frances to spend her final days in the comfort of her own home: Jewel Hester, Judy West, Kim Tidwell, and to the CRMC Hospice nurses who cared for our beloved wife and mother with compassion and dignity. The family will receive friends beginning at 10 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home, with the funeral service to follow at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday Nov. 12, 2022. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to First Baptist Church of Cullman.

Ruth Duke, 104
Mrs. Ruth Duke, age 104, of the Welti Community, passed away Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Dec. 12, 1917, in Cullman, Alabama to Vesta Harris and Alpha Goodson Harris. She is survived by her children, James (Joyce) Duke, Nelda (Sherman) Bailey, Janice Jarrells and Wendell (Barbara) Duke; 10 grandchildren; 27 greatgrandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Welti with Reverend Randy Sellers and Reverend Josh Sellers officiating. Burial will follow in the Welti Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home and at the church Tuesday from 1 p.m. until the time of the service.

Lisa Louise Griffin, 57
Funeral service for Lisa Louise Griffin, 57, of the Blair community will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at Blair Congregational Methodist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Tim Holder and Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church Saturday one hour prior to the service. Visitation will be Friday evening at Cullman Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Griffin family. Lisa passed away Nov. 12, 2022, at UAB Hospital. She was born Feb. 23, 1965, to James Franklin Carroll, Jr. and Fonda Hawks Carroll. She was employed at Princeton Cardiology, P.C. in Birmingham. She loved her family and was Grammie to seven grandchildren. She was a Jeep lover and was a city girl with a country heart. She was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her mother; her husband, Bobby "Skip" Griffin, Jr.; sons, Lloyd (Megan) Puente, Jr., Gabriel Puente, Jake Griffin, Jeb Griffin; daughter, Lynn Marie (Chris) Truckenmiller; brothers, Douglas (Debbie) Carroll, James F. Carroll, III; sisters, Shaun White, Regina (Jeff) Cottrell; sisters-in-law, Sharon Fox, Karon McKelvy; grandchildren, Natalie, Brody, Breanne, Case, Kyle, Piper, Willow, Jace Griffin; her "mini me" nephew, Jim; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Debra Faye Shedd, 63
Debra Faye Shedd, 63, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest Nov. 12, 2022, at Lakeland Community Hospital in Haleyville. Debra was born June 29, 1959, in Haleyville, Alabama. She was a people person and loved everybody. She loved Elvis, gospel music especially old gospel, McDonalds and diet drinks and her friends from ARC. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held Nov. 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. Brother Sherman Kimbrough will officiate. Burial will follow in Lynn City Cemetery in Lynn, Alabama. Debra is survived by her mother, Maxine Shedd; sister, Cynthia Shedd Downs; brother, Jimmy Shedd; the staff at Avalon Group Home; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Elbert Shedd; grandparents Pete and Annie Elkins; and Phillip and Nora Jane Shedd.

Garland Ergle, 70
Garland Ergle, 70 of Double Springs, entered into rest on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022, at North Alabama Medical Center. Garland was born on July 26, 1952, in Winston County to Aurther Franklin and Nellie Alphia Motes Ergle. No services are planned at this time. Garland is survived by his son, Jason Ergle; daughter, Jeannie Swann; four grandchildren, Brooke Swann, Madison Swann, Zan Ergle and Lilli Ergle; and four siblings, Bill Ergle, Mack (Janice) Ergle, Janice Flowers and Kay (Arnie) Stewart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Nellie Ergle; brothers, Bennie Ergle and Parkey Ergle; sisters, Geneva Steele and Helen Clark.

Franklin David Wilkins, 82
Franklin David Wilkins, age 82, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Sunday, Nov. 13, 2022. Franklin was born in Addison, Alabama on July 30, 1940, to Joel and Cloa Williams Wilkins. He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Kathaleen McNabb. A visitation for Franklin will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A funeral service will occur Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery, 2866 County Road 216, Hanceville, AL 35077. Survivors include his wife, Gail McDonald Wilkins; daughter, Ann (Steve) Lemmond; stepdaughters, Angela (Rob) Kleinschmidt, Gina (Jeff) Bishop; son, Chris Wilkins; stepson, Timothy (Lorie) Turney; sister, Mary Brown; six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Kenneth Haden Shew, 70
Kenneth Haden Shew, 70, of Vinemont passed away Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at his residence. He was born April 2, 1952. He is survived by his sons, Jacob (Misty) Brown and Tyler (Kara Shook) Shew; brothers, Jimmy Shew and Lonnie McHutchon; seven grandchildren, Dixie Moye, Kaydance Brown, Hayden Brown, Ethan Brown, Daisy Brown, Emma Anderson and Manny Shook and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gertrude and Murry Clements. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at 6p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pamela Nannette Jones, 61
A graveside service for Pamela Nannette Jones of Cullman, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16 at Bethany Baptist Cemetery in Crane Hill. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Jones was born Oct. 18, 1961, in Cullman. She died at the age of 61 at her residence in Cullman on Nov. 13, 2022. Survivors include her children, Dustin (Maria) Jones and Clint Jones; grandchildren, Karson Hollis and Brayden Jones; mother, Margaret A. (Smith) Kilgo; sister, Rhonda Hogeland; brother, Keith Kilgo; best friends, Lois Panter and Judy Dinkle; and a host of many nieces and nephews. Mrs. Jones was preceded in death by her husband, Richard M. Jones; father, John H. Kilgo; and sister, Cynthia Calvert.

Lisa Ann NeSmith Handley, 60
Lisa Ann NeSmith Handley, age 60 of Blountsville, passed away the Nov. 12, 2022, at Marshall Medical Center. Lisa was born March 3, 1962, in Arab, Alabama, the third daughter of Rev. Clatus and Margret Holaway NeSmith. In 1980, she graduated from JB Pennington High School and married Rod Handley on Dec. 12. Lisa enjoyed home schooling her children and working in her yards and all things "granny vintage." Lisa was preceded in death by parents, Rev. Clatus and Margret NeSmith; sister Judy Gail Stricklin; grandchildren Handley and Lillie Jayde. Lisa leaves behind her loving husband, James Rodney Handley; son, Jonathan (Kelly) Handley; daughter Meaghan (Darrell) Avans; grandchildren, Lydia Rose Avans, Gabriel Christian Handley, Garrett Crew Handley, Silas Cade Avans, Mary Caroline Avans and Abigail Faith Avans; sister, Joyce NeSmith (Ronald) Ingram; and a host of nieces and nephews and other family and friends. We are so blessed to have known her as our wife, mother, sister and friend. She was a sainted mother who unselfishly cared for others. Her life story is one of service to countless people. She loved everyone. Her children and grandchildren were her greatest source of joy and pride. She was so grateful to God for saving "an ole sinner like me." His blood is the only thing she would claim as being good about herself. Lisa's love of music was exemplified by the songs of praise she constantly sang and hummed as she went about life day by day. Music was one of the many avenues of worship to our Lord and Savior. She loved playing the piano and singing with her children and grandchildren. Church was a great part of Lisa's life. Lisa got saved when she was a seven-year-old little girl at Ketona Baptist Church in Tarrant, Alabama where her daddy was the pastor. She was a charter member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and a faithful member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. For many years, Lisa has taught little children in Sunday school, sharing Bible lessons from God's Holy Word, and making the lessons memorable with songs and activities. Lisa found beauty in the smallest things. She loved anything and everything in God's creation. All flowers were beautiful to Lisa, yet her favorite was by far pink roses. Giving is one word that describes Lisa perfectly. She would go out of her way to find the best gift to give others, always wanting to share her bountiful blessings from the Lord and gave freely to everyone she met. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday Nov. 16, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 70621 Main St. Blountsville, AL 35031. Bro. Stanley Jones, Bro. Eric Stone, Bro. Joel Sims and Bro. Earl Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Liberty Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be at the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church on Tuesday Nov. 15, from 6-8 p.m. and she will lie in state Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. Serving as Pallbearers will be Bro. Will Fallin, Bro. Mac McHan, Bro. Blake McHan, Bro. Jonathan Johnson, Bro. Mike Quick and Bro. Jared Samples. Blountsville Funeral Home is directing.

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Clydesdales (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thousands packed into Cullman's Warehouse District and surrounding area to get a glimpse of something special Sunday. The three-day Christmas in the Warehouse District event culminated along First and Second Avenues, which were lined many people deep as the Budweiser Clydesdales bestowed their colossal and graceful presence along the historic streets of Cullman. The famous horses were in Alabama from Nov. 10-13, with stops in Birmingham, Hoover and Cullman.

Merchants along the route held their holiday open houses, highlighting Christmas décor and displaying gift selections.

Warehouse District shop owners reported a huge turnout for the early shopping season.

Some, like Kernel Kullman, even found it necessary to close on Monday to replenish supplies.

Christmas in the Warehouse District was sponsored by Byars Wright Insurance, First Federal Mortgage, R.E. Garrison Trucking, Platform, Monograms Plus and Nomadic Threads and is just the first of many holiday events coming to Cullman.

Look for our holiday edition of Community Matters magazine for a list of upcoming holiday events.



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