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Vinemont serves hundreds at 1st Community Thanksgiving Meal

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Town of Vinemont, with the help of several local organizations, held its first free Community Thanksgiving Meal on Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Vinemont Schools lunchroom. The food was supplied by the Town and prepared by Vinemont Schools Child Nutrition Program (CNP) staff.

Members of the Vinemont Town Council, Vinemont First Baptist Church, Destiny Church and Anon Baptist Church served plates of ham, turkey, dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, cranberry sauce and rolls. Guests had the choice of pumpkin pie, pecan pie, carrot cake or apple pie for dessert. Jack's restaurant supplied tea, and Pepsi provided Pepsi products and cups.

The unsung heroes of the event who stayed » PAGE 6



KAYECEA SASSER

Vinemont Schools Child Nutrition Program staff Melanie Lee, Michelle Campbell and Candace Knowles pose for a photo at the Town of Vinemont's Community Thanksgiving Meal Saturday, Nov. 19.

Wallace State hosts holiday tradition 'The Nutcracker'



VINCENT DESNOES

Sidonie Desnoes performs as the Shepherdess in "The Nutcracker" Saturday, Nov. 19, at Wallace State Community College.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre hosted three performances of "The Nutcracker" over the weekend. The performances were co-produced by Wallace State's Allegro Dance Theatre, Ballet South and Cullman Community Theatre under the direction of Brook Desnoes, WSCC dance instructor and founder of Ballet South. An average of 600 tickets were sold for each performance. This is the fourth year the ballet has been performed at Wallace State, but the first time the three organizations have collaborated. The performers readily combined their talents to put on a dazzling show.Desnoes said » PAGE 5

CCSO seeks armed robbery suspect



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This photo shows the man suspected of armed robbery in Holly Pond on Monday, Nov. 21. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 21

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 21, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 17
- assault; Co. Rd. 129
- theft of property; Hwy 69 S
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1551
- theft of property; School House Rd.

Nov. 18
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1518
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 463
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB MM 291
- assault; Welcome Rd.

Nov. 19
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1101
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; I-65 NB MM 304
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 222
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 831
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1617

Nov. 20
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 747
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1702
- burglary; Co. Rd. 411
- burglary; Co. Rd. 424
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1570
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1616
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 747
- domestic violence; Hwy 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 S

ARRESTS

Nov. 17

Akins, Wendy H; 51
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Elliott, Sonya M; 38
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Llovera, Rafael; 52
- FTA-leaving the scene of an accident

Miller, Holli D; 29
- public intoxication

Neal, Hunter Dakota; 20
- FTA-driving while suspended

Oden, Christle P; 33
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree

Overton, Joseph R; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stewart, Justin D; 35
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Nov. 18

Anders, Jeremy Keith; 30
- criminal mischief
- larceny/theft

Crawford, Jason D; 43
- Judge's order-homicide-murder-family-gun domestic violence

Hand, Dustin C; 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jordan, Charles G; 42
- reckless endangerment
- FTA-operating vehicle with expired tag

May, Shawna S; 29
- criminal mischief
- larceny/theft

Ramey, Shelton W; 47
- FTA-reckless driving

Widner, Joey R; 49
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Nov. 19

Hall, Rhyan R; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-non-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-receiving stolen vehicle
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Johns, Taylor N; 24
- promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- public intoxication

McDonald, Rachael L; 38
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- Probation revoked-possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation revoked-sale of stolen property

Pate, Cody W; 36
- Probation revoked-unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA-public intoxication
- Probation revoked-illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
- Probation revoked-receiving stolen vehicle

Wilbanks, Jeremy D; 37
- FTA-assault-domestic-menacing-knife
- FTA-kidnapping-exposure to possible physical injury

Wolford, Ayla E; 29
- FTA-larceny/theft
- FTA-operating vehicle with expired tag

Nov. 20

Box, Michael W; 24
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine

Cupps, Michael S; 57
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Fields, Natalie R; 62
- public intoxication

Gardner, Michael J; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hyde, Amber M; 27
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Kratz, Jesse P; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Meyer, Christopher A; 29
- driving under the influence of alcohol
- improper lane usage

Perkins, Deziree S; 18
- FTA-disorderly conduct

Worthy, Jenneffor R; 55
- FTA-possession of marijuana

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 15
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Arnold St. N.W; cash; $680
- theft of property-4th degree; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; general merchandise; $150

Nov. 18
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $118
- theft of lost property-4th degree; Olive St. S.W; wallet with contents

Nov. 19
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; Marketplatz Center
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $54
- theft of property-3rd degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; cash; $1,400
- burglary-3rd degree, criminal mischief-3rd degree, violation of domestic violence protection order; Main Ave. N.E; damage to door
- theft of property-4th degree; Margaronas; 2nd Ave. N.W; food; $58

Nov. 20
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; 11th St. N.W; damage to Goodyear tire; $40

ARRESTS

Nov. 18

Anders, Jeremy K; 30
- FTA-insurance violation

Evans, Terry L; 50
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Evans, Udonna M; 46
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Nov. 19

Brasher, Ronald A; 39
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA-driving under the influence-1st degree

Nov. 20

Diaz, Daniel H; 23
- public intoxication

Ramirez, Teofilo D; 25
- public intoxication

Tepetate, Brayan I; 21
- driving under the influence of combined substances
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Fire (from Front)

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. – A Cullman County man died in an early morning house fire Saturday, Nov. 19. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the man as Rodney Ray Persall, 68.

The incident happened at Persall's home along County Road 940 near Jones Chapel.

Volunteer fire departments from Jones Chapel, Crane Hill, Logan and Sardis responded to the fire, in addition to personnel from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Alabama Fire Marshal's Office.

No further information is available.

Suspect (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is searching for an armed man who allegedly robbed a Holly Pond business, Holly Pond Nutrition, on Monday, Nov. 21, at approximately 1:45 p.m. Surveillance video was obtained from S&S Foods. The subject was armed, demanded money from the store clerk, took the money and exited the store. At the time of the incident, the suspect was wearing a camouflage mask and hat. The suspect has a tattoo on the right side of his neck. The man appeared to leave the store on foot.

Anyone who has information as to the subject's identity or whereabouts is asked to contact the CCSO. Lt. Jared Aaron can be reached at 256-735-2752. To reach the office after hours or on weekends, call 256-734-0342. A video that shows the suspect can be seen on the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cullman.sheriff.

Crawford (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman man Jason Crawford was found guilty of murder Friday, Nov. 18, in the death of his wife Tiffiney Joy Crawford. The verdict came Friday evening after four days of testimony. The victim was shot twice in the head the night of May 2, 2017.

The defendant was indicted over a year later after the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation took over the case the day following the murder.

The jury began deliberations at 3:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18.

At approximately 5:20 p.m. the jury requested access to the body cam video presented as evidence earlier in the week.

The request was granted by Cullman County Circuit Judge Martha Williams.

At 8:05 p.m. the jury returned with a guilty verdict with all members of the jury asked individually if they agreed with the verdict.

They each did. Jason Crawford was remanded to custody immediately, handcuffed and taken from the courtroom.

Jason Crawford's sentencing date has not been scheduled according to the Cullman County Circuit Clerk's Office.

It will most likely not be set until next week after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Executions (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – After the third failed execution attempt since 2018 and second in the past two months, Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday, Nov. 21, issued a temporary halt on executions until a thorough "top-to-bottom" review of the Alabama Department of Correction's protocol is performed.

Ivey asked that the pending motions to schedule new execution dates for Alan Eugene Miller and James Edward Barber be withdrawn by Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall. Miller and Barber are the only two cases before the Alabama Supreme Court awaiting rescheduled execution dates.

The governor also requested that Marshall hold execution dates for other death row inmates until after the review has been completed.

Marshall is expected to release a statement in the coming days.

"For the sake of the victims and their families, we've got to get this right. I don't buy for a second the narrative being pushed by activists that these issues are the fault of the folks at Corrections or anyone in law enforcement, for that matter.

"I believe that legal tactics and criminals hijacking the system are at play here," Ivey said.

Ivey did not elaborate on how the legal system or criminals impacted the failure of prison officials to locate veins and start IV lines in the three failed executions.

In 2018 the execution of Doyle Hamm was halted due to the inability to connect the IV line. Hamm's veins were damaged due to past drug use, lymphoma and hepatitis. He died in prison of natural causes in 2021.

The execution of Alan Miller on Sept. 22, 2022, was called off due to the inability of prison officials to access his veins.

On Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, the execution of Kenneth Eugene Smith was halted for the same reason.

Commissioner of Alabama State Department of Corrections John Hamm stated, "I agree with Governor Ivey that we have to get this right for the victims' sake. Everything is on the table – from our legal strategy in dealing with last-minute appeals, to how we train and prepare, to the order and timing of events on execution day, to the personnel and equipment involved.

"The Alabama Department of Corrections is fully committed to this effort and confident that we can get this done right."

Gudger (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) honored Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, with its Guardian of Small Business award Friday, Nov. 18, at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's November Community Luncheon. The Alabama Leadership Council of the NFIB selected Gudger based on his history of "outstanding leadership on small business issues" according to an NFIB press release.

Gudger, who represents District 4, has earned a 100% NFIB voting record during his time in the Senate and played an important role in passing House Bill 82, legislation providing a maximum of $40,000 in tangible business personal property from state ad valorem tax beginning on Oct. 1, 2023. The measure will eliminate filings on a state level for about 75% of small business owners, resulting in a projected savings of $4.37 million a year.

"Sen. Gudger truly understands the challenges facing Alabama's small businesses, and he has shown us that he will do everything he can to create an environment where small businesses can succeed," said NFIB State Director Rosemary Elebash.

Gudger is the second-generation small business owner of Southern Accents Architectural Antiques, founded in 1969 by his father, Dr. Garlan Gudger Sr. The younger Gudger worked alongside his father from a young age, and after college, returned to Cullman to continue working in the family's small business. After serving as the Cullman City Council president, Gudger was elected to the Alabama State Senate in 2018 and 2022.



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Pictured are Cullman City Council President Dr. Jenny Folsom; Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Keith Varden; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; NFIB State Director Rosemary Elebash; and local NFIB members Don Jones and Don Morgan.

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.
• Sunday, Nov. 27 - 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. 27 - 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: 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.

20th Annual Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display
Now through Dec. 30. Guests can drive through the magical display from 5-9 p.m. on open dates: Nov. 18-20, 25-27, 30 and Dec. 1-4, 7-11, 14-23, 26-30. Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Returning this year will also be the Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. Senior Night is Dec. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Seniors 60 and older will be admitted free. A bag of candy will be given to the first 300 seniors. The last day for train rides is Dec. 23. The park will be closed Christmas Eve and Day. Dec. 26-30 will be drive-through only. Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Find out more at www.facebook.com/SportsmanLakePark.

Good Hope Free Community Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, Nov. 23, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or until food runs out. Dine in or carry out at Good Hope High School lunchroom. Maximum of five plates per vehicle.

Fairview Lions Club Thanksgiving Day Turkey Shoot
Thursday, Nov. 24, at 7 a.m. at Clinton Barbee Park (old pool field) on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Shots are $5 a shot, turkeys, hams and bacon. We will also be drawing for a Savage AIX II 270 rifle with a 22" barrel and case to be given away that day. Tickets will be available at the shoot. Tickets six for $5 or $1 each. Bring your favorite gun; shells will be provided. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Colony Tree Lighting Ceremony
Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5 p.m. at Colony Town Hall. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served.

4th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience throughout the grounds and have added several dates, including more horse carriage rides! On Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 we will expand the event to include live musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides around St. Bernard's campus and horse-drawn wagon rides along a beautiful, decorated path in the woods! Refreshments will be available every night. Make your plans to visit now!

Dates:
• Nov. 25,26 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 1,2,3 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 9,10 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 11, 15 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 16,17 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 19,20,21,22 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec 23. – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec 26. – 5-9 p.m.

Admission:
• Adults – $10
• Seniors – $8
• Military/Veterans/First responders – $7
• Teens (13-17) – $8
• Children (5-12) – $7
• Children younger than 4 – free
• Wagon rides on Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $10
• Kids' rides on Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $5

The Ave Maria Grotto is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. in Cullman.

Christmas in Cullman Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting
Friday, Dec. 2, from 6-10 p.m. The parade will begin in front of the Busy Bee Café and work its way north down First Avenue to Depot Park, where there will be entertainment and the tree will be lit.

33rd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 3, at noon. Begins at Wallace State Community College and ends at Hanceville Fire and Rescue, Station 1. This year's theme is "God's Gift of Salvation. ...Jesus!"

Cullman Women Sing Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cullman. The concert is free. We will be presenting Christmas music.

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.

Senior Movie Day- "Miracle on 34th Street"
Friday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Free popcorn, drinks, coffee and cookies. For seniors ages 55 and older.

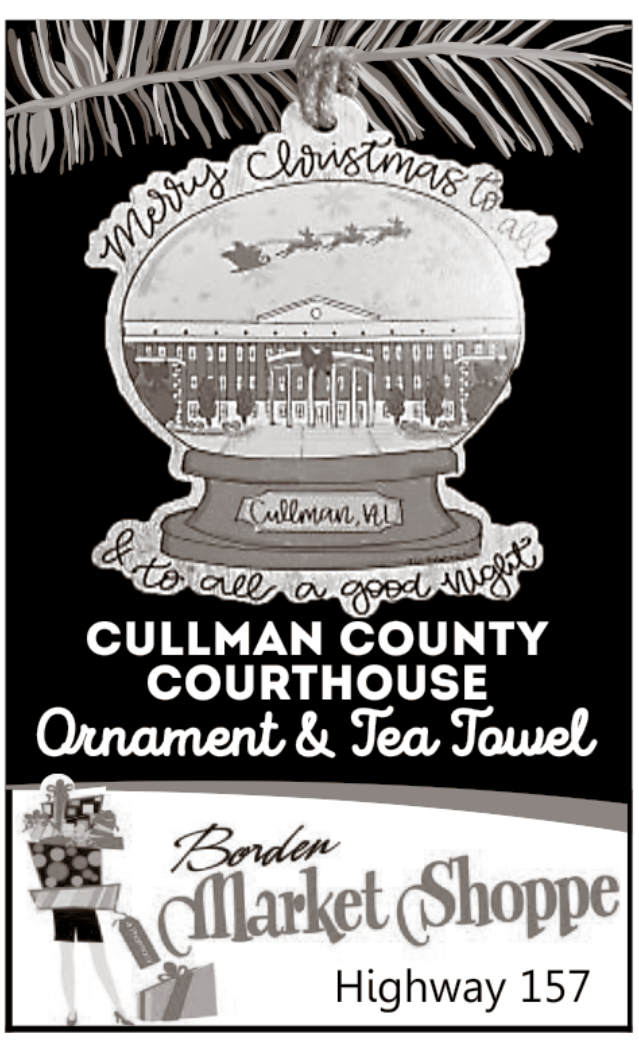
Cullman Christkindlmarkt
• This German Christmas tradition will be one for the whole family to enjoy year after year. You will find hand-made gifts, activities for the kids, food and drink, and of course SANTA! Don't miss all the feels of Christmas at this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt at the Festhalle downtown.
• Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.
• Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-5 p.m.

Huge, Gigantic, Very Big Book Sale
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. All items 50 cents each.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 10. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and ends at Good Hope Municipal Park for Christmas in the Park from 3-5 p.m. with food, activities and Santa.

Inaugural Supper with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5-6:15 p.m. at Frio's Gourmet Pops. Enjoy pancakes, patty sausage and a picture with Santa. A Christmas donation will be made to Curt's Closet. Limited tickets. Email cullman@friospops.com to RVSP.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 7 Arab falls in 2OT thriller at No. 3 Pleasant Grove 41-38

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PLEASANT GROVE, Ala. — The Arabian Knights were on the road Friday night to face Pleasant Grove in the third round of the Class 5A State Playoffs and four quarters were not enough for these two teams to settle things. After trailing 28-14 at halftime, the Knights outscored the Spartans 14-0 in the second half to force overtime. However, after falling behind Arab 38-35 in double overtime, Pleasant Grove scored on its possession to claim a nail-biting, 41-38 win over the Knights.

The Spartans received the game's opening kickoff and quickly moved the ball down into Arab territory with big gains on the ground. After converting on fourth-and-two to extend the drive, a 5-yard touchdown pass put Pleasant Grove in front 7-0 with seven minutes to play in the first quarter. The Knights looked to answer the score on their ensuing possession but after passes from Aiden Cox to Spencer Strickland, Drew Puccio and Brody McCain moved the chains, an interception cut the drive short at the Spartans' 30-yard line.

Pleasant Grove added to its lead with another methodical scoring drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown run and made it a 14-0 game with just 11 seconds remaining in the opening period. However, the Knights reached into their bag of tricks when they got the ball back and connected on a perfectly executed hook and ladder play. Cox hit Strickland over the middle, and he tossed it back to Hayden O'Reilly who took it 66 yards all the way down to the 15-yard line. After a throw back pass from Puccio to Cox moved the ball down inside the 2-yard line, Drake Franklin punched it into the end zone on the next play to get the Knights on the board. Aiden Wooten's extra point made it a 14-7 game with 11 minutes on the clock in the second quarter.

The Spartans answered the Arab score on their ensuing possession, picking up big gains on the ground and eventually running another one into the end zone with around eight minutes remaining in the half. The extra point was wide left, and the Knights fell behind 20-7. Arab's next drive was another good one. Cox kept the chains moving with completions to Strickland and Puccio and a penalty in the secondary on fourth down kept the drive going as well. Facing fourth-and-one from the 4-yard line, Franklin spun his way into the end zone to put six more points on the board for Arab. Wooten's extra point trimmed the lead to 20-14 with just over three minutes to play in the first half.

The Knights tried to steal a possession with an onside kick, but it was recovered by the Spartans near midfield. Arab's defense forced Pleasant Grove into a third-and-long situation, but the Spartans connected on a 53-yard touchdown pass to score once again.

They made up for the missed extra point with a two-point conversion and pulled ahead 28-14 with three minutes remaining in the second quarter. The Knights were unable to get any points on the board in the final minutes of the first half and went into the locker room trailing by two touchdowns at the break.

Arab received the ball to start the third quarter and the Knights' first drive of the second half went about as well as it could have. A 10-play drive that took nearly six minutes off the clock was capped off by a 1-yard Franklin touchdown run and made it a 28-21 game midway through the third. Pleasant Grove drove the ball back down into Arab territory but for the first time in the game, the Knights defense got a massive stop and forced the Spartans to turn the ball over on downs with a little over two minutes remaining in the third.

Arab's offense kept the chains moving with passes to Strickland and Dakota Nesmith on their ensuing possession. Cox hit McCain on a slant to get the Knights inside the 10-yard line and just a couple plays later, Cox found McCain in the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass. Wooten's extra point tied things up at 28 with 8:26 to play in regulation. The Spartans ripped off a big gain on the ground to move inside the Arab 20-yard line, but the Knights defense stepped up once again and Logan Silva deflected a pass on fourth down to give the ball back to the Arab offense.

A pass to Nesmith and a nice run from Franklin gained first downs for the Knights as they tried to run as much clock as possible, but Cox was sacked on a third down play near midfield and Arab was forced to punt the ball back to the Spartans with 1:50 remaining. A completion over the middle and a facemask penalty got Pleasant Grove down to the 33-yard line with 42 seconds to play and a big gain on a screen pass moved the ball to 18. The Spartans tossed a few attempts into the end zone, but the Knights held them out and forced a 37-yard field goal attempt with two seconds on the clock. The kick fell short of the uprights and the game went into overtime.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Arab's Brody McCain (9) dives to make a catch during the Knights' 41-38 loss at Pleasant Grove Friday night.

It took Pleasant Grove just two plays to score in the first overtime and take a 35-28 lead, but Arab was ready to answer. A 4-yard touchdown pass from Cox to Puccio made it a 35-34 game and the Knights chose to go for two points and the win but a pass interference penalty in the back of the end zone gave Arab another chance from the 1-yard line. However, the Knights opted to kick the extra point after the penalty and sent the game into a second overtime tied at 35. Arab got the ball first to start the next overtime period and wasn't able to get back in the end zone, but Will Caneer knocked a 21-yard field goal through the uprights to put the Knights on top 38-35. Unfortunately for the Arab faithful, the Spartans were able score from 4 yards out on their next possession and take an overtime thriller over the Knights 41-38.

Arab finishes the season with a school-record 11 wins and in the 5A State Quarterfinals for the first time in school history. With over 20 seniors set to graduate in May, there will be plenty of new faces on the field for the Arabian Knights next season hungry to make another playoff run.

PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders take home openers over Decatur Heritage

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The Good Hope Raiders and Lady Raiders hosted their home openers against Decatur Heritage Friday night, and both collected home wins over the Eagles. In the girls' game, Good Hope jumped out to a huge lead and never gave it up on the way to a 55-20 win. In the boys' matchup, the Raiders held a double-digit lead in the third quarter and had to hold off a furious comeback from Decatur Heritage to win the game 84-78.

Good Hope 55 - Decatur Heritage 20 (Varsity Girls)

A quick layup by Rudi Derrick put Good Hope on the scoreboard first, then Lexi Collins added one of her own to make it 4-0. Decatur Heritage got on the board on a pair of free throws, but Ivey Maddox converted an and-one opportunity to make it 8-2.

Charly Johnson hit a pair of free throws, then Derrick and Bailey Tetro each hit a trey to push their lead to 16-2 and the Lady Raiders would take an 18-4 lead into the second period.

The second period was more of the same as Good Hope continued to add onto their lead.

A basket by Derrick, a three by Bailey Tetro and a Jolee McHan layup made it 26-4.

Consecutive threes by Maddox pushed their lead to 32-4 and the Lady Raiders held the Lady Eagles to just one basket in the first half as they took a commanding 34-4 lead into the half.

The second half saw more of the same from Good Hope on both sides of the ball as all but one player ended up finding the scoring column and their suffocating defense gave the Lady Eagles fits all game.

The Lady Raiders went on to defeat Decatur Heritage 55-20 to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

Maddox finished with 13 points for Good Hope. Derrick and Bailey Tetro each added 11 points. Heather Tetro and McHan each ended up with six.

Good Hope 84 - Decatur Heritage 78 (Varsity Boys)

An offensive rebound and putback by Tyler Cone saw Good Hope get on the scoreboard first, then later on, Colton Lindsey got a shot to fall down low to give the Raiders an early 4-3 lead.

K'mal Bell and Lindsey each added a shot down low to push Good Hope's lead to 9-3, then a Bell three with 4:01 left to play in the opening period made it 12-5.

A Weston Hancock trey increased their lead to 15-7, but Decatur Heritage finished the quarter strong as they scored the final seven points to cut it to 15-14 going into the second period.

The Eagles scored five of the first seven points in the second quarter to take a 19-17 lead.

A basket down low by Hancock gave the Raiders the lead right back at 20-19, then later on, back-to-back baskets by Jacob Haynes made it 24-21.

Haynes and Cone each knocked down a long-range shot with a little over two minutes to go in the first half as that pushed their lead to 31-26.

A three by the Eagles cut it to 34-33, but a Bell basket made it 36-33 and Good Hope would take a slim 36-34 lead into the locker room.

The Raiders came out red-hot shooting the ball to start out the second half. Hancock scored down low, and Bell knocked down a trey to increase their lead to 41-34.

Hancock added another basket down low and hit a three to push their lead to 46-39. Hancock continued his hot shooting as he put in another shot to make it 48-41, then a Haynes trey made it 51-42.

The Eagles made a quick run to cut the deficit to 53-48, but it was Bell's turn to get red-hot as he hit a pair of threes and added a layup to make it a 61-49 game going into the final period.

Haynes put in a floater to make it 63-50 early in the fourth quarter. Cone hit another three and Dakota Overton put in a shot down low to increase the Raider lead to 68-52.

Decatur Heritage, though, countered with a huge run of their own as a 12-3 spurt by the Eagles cut the Good Hope lead to 71-64. Haynes and Bell each hit a pair of free throws to make it 75-64, but the Eagles scored the next five points to swivel the deficit to just six at 75-69 with 2:32 left to go in the game.

A basket down low by Lindsey and a pair of Overton free throws made it 81-69, but a pair of Eagle treys cut it to 81-75.

A free throw by Bell and a layup by Hancock helped seal the deal for the Raiders as they ended up taking the game in an offensive shootout over Decatur Heritage, 84-78.

Bell finished the contest with a game-high 25 points and five steals. for Good Hope (2-0).

Hancock added 16 points and 10 rebounds. Haynes ended up with 15 points and five rebounds. Cone ended up with nine points and six rebounds, while Lindsey added nine points and eight rebounds.

The Lady Raiders will go to Hartselle to participate in the Thanksgiving Tournament on the 22nd and 23rd.

The Raiders will go to Spain Park to take part in their Thanksgiving Tournament on the 21st-23rd.

Good Hope's next regular season game will be on Nov. 29 at home against Vinemont.



MADDIE MCKENNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Rudi Derrick finished with 11 points in the Lady Raiders' 55-20 win over Decatur Heritage Friday night.



CCSO K-9 team recognized as NNDDA 'Top tracking team'

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry is honored to recognize the efforts of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) K-9 Program, according to a post the department made on social media:

"The CCSO tracking team attended the 2022 NNDDA (National Narcotics Detector Dog Association) certifying conference in Perry, Georgia. 109 dog team from all across the country attend the training.

"The CCSO was recognized with the title of NNDDA 'Top tracking team.' This accompanied individual awards, with deputies from Cullman County finishing in 2nd and 3rd place.

"Director of K9 Operations, Matthew Bales, who is over the K9 program, was also certified and recognized as an explosive detection certifying official."

"I am so proud of all the men and women here at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office for their continued hard work and dedication.

"The effort of our K9s and their handlers were evident in the awards they received this past week.

"They do an amazing job and they are something that Cullman County can take pride in," said Gentry.



CULLMAN SHERIFF/FACEBOOK

Tradition (from Front)

the community actors added to the presence on stage, especially during the mimed opening scene.

Viewers were captivated by the dancers' and actors' rendition of the enduring ballet, which featured 20 pre-professional company dancers, eight actors and more than 25 community cast members.

This year's performances also included new special effects and costumes making for the biggest production of "The Nutcracker" the school has hosted.


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Freezing foods and leftovers: The safe way

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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Freezing foods is one of the best and safest ways to preserve foods throughout the year. This technique is especially true when considering the scale of the holiday season's bounties. An Alabama Cooperative Extension System expert has the answers about how to properly freeze foods.

Why freeze food?

Janice Hall, Macon County Extension coordinator, said freezing is one of the safest and easiest preservation practices in long term storage.

"When foods are frozen, it stops any bacteria from growing and possibly spoiling foods," Hall said. "For example, ground beef stored in the refrigerator can last for about two to three days before it begins to show signs of spoilage. If you freeze the same ground beef, it will last in the freezer for up to three months."

The danger zone

Improperly refrigerating or freezing foods allows harmful bacteria to grow. When any food's temperature measures between 41 and 135 F, it is in the 'danger zone' for food.

Like the classic rock anthem of the 80s says, there is a highway to the danger zone–especially when it comes to food safety. To help guide consumers, the temperature danger zone should always be referenced when serving or storing foods.

This danger occurs most during holidays and tailgating season when foods are in non-refrigerated environments for longer periods of time.

"Do not put hot food in the refrigerator to cool," Hall said. "Bacteria can grow on warm foods kept in the danger zone for more than two hours. Also, putting hot foods in the refrigerator can warm the inside temperatures, exposing other food to dangerous danger zone temperature levels."

Practicing proper freezing

There are options to choose from when freezing foods and leftovers. Hall says the best choice is to use freezer-approved bags or containers combined with a labeling system.

"Labeling helps give the food handler an idea of what the food is, how long it has been in the freezer, and whether it is time to discard," Hall said.

The freezer label should include the name of the food as well as the date that it was packaged and placed in the freezer.

By referring to the label, there is no question of when it was initially frozen and how much time is left before it should be consumed for quality purposes.

A useful method to remember is first in, first out or FIFO. By utilizing the FIFO process, the oldest products in the freezer will be consumed first.

Performing this technique will better ensure that foods will not be stored beyond their recommended quality date.

Freezer burn

One of the most common effects of prolonged freezing is freezer burn. Food with freezer burn appears grey in color with a dry texture covered in tiny ice crystals. When air reaches improperly wrapped and stored foods, freezer burn will occur, making even the best steak appear unpleasant.

"Foods stored beyond the quality dates are still safe to eat; however, they may have off flavors and colors," Hall said.

Holiday leftovers

After any large meal, especially during the holidays, there are bound to be leftovers. Once the feast is over, the clock begins ticking to decide what to do with them.

"Consume all holiday leftovers within three to four days of preparation," Hall said.

"Any leftovers that may not be used, can be frozen before this timeframe and consumed within six months for quality purposes."

The meat from the classic Thanksgiving or Christmas turkey or ham should be removed from the bone and divided into smaller portions. Ensure that the meat has cooled properly before freezing the portions.

To expedite the cooling process, the turkey or other proteins can cool in a container (stainless steel works best) placed into an ice slurry. Occasionally mix the colder pieces in with the warmer pieces to evenly distribute the temperature.

Staying safe for the holidays

Although food safety and freezing are associated the most with the holidays, food safety should be practiced year-round. Use these tips during every month of the year to make sure the family doesn't become sick or have food waste.

Also, share these tips with neighbors and others about using the best freezing methods available.

Materials published by the Alabama Extension Food Safety and Quality team are based on research-based, lab-tested recipes. Always refer to the National Center for Home Food Preservation, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and U.S. Department of Agriculture for the most current and safest preservation practices.

More information

To learn more about food safety during the holidays, check out some of the food safety materials at www.aces.edu.

Chamber announces annual Holiday Storefront Contest

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — This holiday season, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is encouraging member businesses to decorate their storefronts to bring holiday cheer to the downtown area.

Visit our local businesses to check out their beautifully decorated storefronts, or simply look at the official Facebook album, and vote on your favorite display. Participating chamber member businesses will compete to win a great prize!

Follow these simple steps to help spread holiday cheer:

1. Starting Nov. 22, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanareachamber
2. Go to Facebook album link
3. Click "like" on your favorite holiday display photo

Do not forget to "like" your favorite photo by Monday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m., as this is the last day of voting. The winner will be announced on Tuesday, Dec. 13.

Here is a list of the participating Chamber member businesses:

- 412 Public House
- Align Alabama
- Ashley Mercantile
- Byars Wright
- Cullman Furniture Market
- Cullman Power Board
- Cullman Regional Medical Center
- First Federal Mortgage
- Goat Island Brewing
- Karma's Coffee House
- Lake League Real Estate
- Monograms Plus
- TheraPlay
- White Willow

Meal (from Front)

out of view preparing food in the kitchen were CNP staff Michelle Campbell, Rebecca Bice, Candace Knowles, Melanie Lee and Amanda Moody, who came in on a day off and began cooking at 8 a.m.

Campbell said, "The food was delicious that they ordered. It was easy for us to get it ready."

Anon Baptist Church Pete Grund spoke about the community's reaction to the event, saying that everyone had been grateful.

"There were three people that came up here and had two more bedridden at home, and they were just floored you could come up here and get a meal.

"They were even more floored when I went and got them two meals to carry home. It's not necessarily winning the lottery, but every little bit helps," he said.

"As a pastor, I get to serve and talk to people. You never know what someone is going through, especially this time of year. This time of year can be very, very lonely."

The Town was prepared to serve 750 meals. Nearly 400 plates were served in the first hour. Mayor Radginal Dodson said that they did not serve as many as expected, but he hopes it will grow in the coming years.

"This is the first year. It's really a trial. It may grow," he said.

"From what we understand from other municipalities in Cullman County is that each year they've had it, it continues to grow."

Hours (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thousands of local shoppers will choose to participate in Black Friday shopping on Friday, Nov. 25. In years past several retailers opted to open on Thanksgiving night, but most appear to be holding off until the early hours of Friday morning this year. Below is a list of businesses that will be open on Thanksgiving Day and the opening hours for businesses on Friday.

Thanksgiving Day

- Big Lots
- CVS
- Dollar General
- Walgreen's

Black Friday

- Belk - 7 a.m.
- Big Lots - 6 a.m.
- Dick's Sporting Goods - 5 a.m.
- Five Below - 8 a.m.
- Harbor Freight - 7 a.m.
- Hobby Lobby - 8 a.m.
- Lowe's Home Improvement - 6 a.m.
- PetSmart - 7 a.m.
- Tractor Supply - 6 a.m.
- Ulta Beauty - 6 a.m.
- Wal-Mart - 5 a.m.

Wanting Someone To Hang Christmas Lights
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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

2003 Yamaha XVS1100, Maroon, Vin.#JYAVP11E03A042793.

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.

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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*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CLAUDIE WAYNE JETTON * CASE NO.: PC 2022-392
Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* filed the 14th day of November, 2022, made court record the 15th day of November, 2022, by Robin Eileen Johnson, Petitioner; and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Robin Eileen Johnson
Petitioner

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

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

DONE this the 18th day of November, 2022.

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

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

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, December 5, 2022, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – Bolte Road SE & 3rd Avenue SE – create two lots
2. Rezoning request at Bolte Road SE & 3rd Avenue SE – M-2 to B-2

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Wonderland Under Warrior returns to Rickwood Caverns

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Rickwood Caverns will again transform into a unique, winter wonderland for the holiday season.

Known as "Wonderland Under Warrior," the magical experience features festive light displays, decorations and a number of characters who are available for photos. It all accentuates the cave's natural formations.

"It's clear Wonderland Under Warrior has become one of the top attractions at the park every year, and families seem to come back each holiday season to enjoy it," Rickwood Caverns State Park Superintendent Chris Bentley said.

"We are so proud to keep this holiday tradition going for all of our guests, many of whom tell us how much they look forward to it annually."

Wonderland Under Warrior is open now and runs through Jan. 8, 2023, operating from 2-8 p.m.

The last tickets will be sold daily at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended and can be made online www.reservealapark.com.

The attraction will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, which is Nov. 24; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24-25; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31; and most Mondays and Tuesdays through Jan. 8.

A complete schedule can be found at www.alapark.com/parks/rickwood-caverns-state-park/wonderland-under-warrior.

All regular cave tours are suspended for the duration of Wonderland Under Warrior and will resume in 2023.

The cave temperature remains at 62 degrees year-round, which makes it the perfect place to visit on a cold day.

The park's gift shop will be decorated for the holidays and offer gifts, ornaments, snacks and hot cocoa for purchase.

For first-time visitors, please note Wonderland Under Warrior features an out-and-back self-guided tour, so the 110-step ascent at the end of the normal cave tour is not required.

This makes the walk easier for guests with mobility issues or small children. The entire walk is about a mile inside the cave.

"The staff at Rickwood Caverns State Park has truly made Wonderland Under Warrior one of the state's very best holiday attractions," said Greg Lein, director of the Alabama State Parks System.

"We know many of our guests look forward to it each year.

"We are committed to providing one-of-a-kind experiences that people can't get anywhere else, and this is a perfect example.



ALABAMA STATE PARKS

"We hope to see new visitors and old friends visit Rickwood Caverns during the upcoming holiday season."

Rickwood Caverns State Park is located just off Interstate 65 in Warrior, about 30 miles north of downtown Birmingham and about 75 miles south of Huntsville.

Watch a TikTok video showcasing Wonderland Under Warrior at https://tinyurl.com/RCWUW.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 19-21

Marie Ann Arsenault, 80
Marie Ann Arsenault, age 80, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2022. Marie was born in Montreal, Quebec, and was a longtime resident of Burlington Ontario Canada. Marie was preceded in death by her parents Reńe and Lyola St-Georges. Marie is survived by her husband, John Arsenault; her son, Michael Arsenault of Victoria BC; her daughters, Karen (Michael) Kinaham of London ON and Maureen (Bruno) Bellavia of Hamilton ON; her brothers, Paul (Isobel) St-Georges of Victoria BC and Bernard (Michèle) St-Georges of Gatineau QC and five grandchildren, Matthew, Danielle and Allison Kinaham and Jacob and Joshua Bellavia. A visitation for Marie will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 217 Second St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055. A rosary service will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Bobby Gerald White, 86
Bobby Gerald White, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away Nov. 18, 2022, at the age of 86. Mr. White was born in Oxford, Alabama, on March 28, 1936, to Lewis Marion and Laverne Watts White. Bob served his country honorably in the United States Marines and was a member of the American Legion. As a member and brother in Christ, Mr. White enjoyed worshipping his Savior at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church alongside his church family. Bob loved to work, and he enjoyed the outdoors. Mr. White was also a devoted and loving family man and he found great joy in his time with his family. Bob and Charlotte were married 43 years and loved doting over their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. White will be missed greatly by his many loved ones. Mr. White is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Debbie Sproles; brothers, Thomas White and Lewis White; and sisters, Nell Morris and Gail Chadwell. Bob is survived by his wife, Charlotte Warren White; sister, Muriel Browning; grandchildren, Robert Michael Sproles (Jamie), Thomas Arreola, Michael Arreola (Mareike); great-grandchildren, Ruby Arreola, Leah Arreola, Liam Arreola, Ian Sproles; and a host of special nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. White were 11 a.m., Monday, Nov. 21, 2022, at Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church, pastor Earl Harper officiated. Visitation began at 10 a.m., at the church, and concluded as services began. Burial will follow church services in Holly Pond Cemetery where Thomas Arreola, Michael Arreola, Michael Sproles, Jackie White, Jacob Roll, Christopher Roll, Mark Browning, and Adam Nesmith will serve as pallbearers.

Ginny Mae Patterson, 54
Ginny Mae Patterson, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Nov. 18, 2022, at the age of 54. Ginny was born in Michigan on Aug. 17, 1968. Ms. Patterson had a generous heart and often gave of herself for the benefit of others. She was a member of the Elks Lodge and loved to volunteer with the Toys for Tots program each year. Ginny was very social, and she enjoyed time spent with her many friends, but her heart truly belonged to her family. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister, and friend and she leaves behind a legacy not soon forgotten by those who knew and loved her She is survived by her mother, Belinda Mathis Rice (Dwight); sons, Dawson Ty Patterson and Christopher Blake Patterson; sisters, Barbara Robinson (Scott) and Stacy Rzeszut; sister at heart, Marsena Stewart (Jimmy Snead); nieces and nephews, Krystal Baker, Kole Robinson, Kaleb Rzeszut; adopted nieces and nephews, Dustin Gray (Alex), Tyler Stewart, Melody Stewart, Morgan Stewart, Mason Gray, Dusty Gray, Fletcher Stewart; and a host of friends. The family will host a Celebration of Life at 1 p.m., on Dec. 17, 2022, at the Cullman Elks Lodge.

Patricia Lou Weter Cutright Kerns, 93
Patricia Lou Weter Cutright Kerns passed away Nov. 19, 2022, in the comfort of home in Cullman, Alabama due to cancer. She was born at home in Richmond Dale, Ohio on Dec. 17, 1928. She married her high school sweetheart Bob Cutright on Aug. 17, 1928, and worked many years at the Veterans Administration hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio. After 19 years of marriage, in 1967 she endured the unexpected death of her husband in whom she loved dearly leaving her to raise their two high school age children. Her surviving family include her children, Mike (Brenda) Cutright of Statesboro, Georgia and Becky (Steve) Miller of Cullman, Alabama; stepson Jerry (Linda) Kerns; grandchildren Todd (Christina) Cutright of Chillicothe, Ohio, Courtney (David) Cutright Strackbein of Fredricksburg, Texas, Devin (Daniel) Cutright Forsythe of Maysville, Kentucky, Dr. Chad (Ashley) Miller of Atlanta, Georgia; seven great grandchildren; and nephew Roger Weter of Richmond Dale, Ohio. Her close cherished friendships are Carolyn Underwood of Cullman, Alabama and Kathy Taylor of Chillicothe, Ohio. She is preceded in death by her husbands, Robert Cutright and Whitey Kerns; parents, George T. and Marguetite Dickson Weter; brother, Howard T. Weter. Special thanks to Amedisys Hospice of Decatur. Her care team nurse Tina, aid Kelsi, social worker Chris and pastor Eric were so compassionate and caring making her feel as she was their only patient. Tina Thigpen was the perfect match for Miss Pat! Who taught who? Pat's Legacy: Pat was a strong-willed, courageous, extremely independent woman who withstood adversities in her life but never complained. She never considered herself special but those who knew who, knew otherwise. In her 70s and 80s she traveled in her motorhome often to get from Point A to Point B so she would have her own bed, own kitchen own food. Pat was a very unique individual who grew up during the depression creating a lifetime of frugality. She was a saver reusing any items that could prevent another purchase. No waste! She preached importance of saving and investing. She who had so little for many years managed to save and invest by "watching the little money" as she always pointed out. She was a master gardener saving seed year to year, canning and freezing what she grew. No commercial canned items in her pantry! Vegetable and fruit discards went to the compost. No waste! Her passion for natural wellness using vitamins, herbs and nutritional foods was preached to all. Preference for homeopathic medicine versus mainstream medicine caused many a heated discussion with her grandson who saves lives in the ICU as a critical care/pulmonary physician with "medicine through modern chemistry." In conclusion, her legacy is this: If everyone followed her lead, we could all live long healthy lives on "little money" and ha a fruitful life! A celebration of life service was held Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Becky Miller. The family will have a graveside service on Monday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. at Little Mound Cemetery in Richmond Dale, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Amedisys Hospice 725 Beltline Road SW Suite D, Decatur, AL 35601 or Addington Chapel United Methodist Church, 185 County Road 59, Bremen, AL 35033.

Mark Edward Richter, 52
A Memorial Service for Mark Edward Richter, 52, of Cullman will be 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church in Cullman. Rev. Dr. John Richter will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Richter family. Mr. Richter was born June 19, 1970, to David Leldon and Wand Kay England Richter. He passed away on Nov. 20, 2022. He enjoyed being outdoors and gardening. Mark loved to sing. He was a loving son, father, brother, and uncle. He was preceded in death by his father, David Richter; grandfather, Hubert Richter; grandparents, William and Maebelle England. Mr. Richter is survived by his mother, Wanda (Shirley) Witcher; grandmother, Hazel Richter; daughter, Emmaline Richter; mother of Emmaline, Andria Sims; brothers, Andrew (Christy) Richter, Alex Richter; sisters, Jennifer Richter, Abby (Scotty) Estes; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Millie Josephine Flanigan, 77
Millie Josephine Flanigan, age 77 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at Russellville Hospital. Millie was born Jan. 8, 1945, in Houston, Alabama to Columbus Miller and Lilly Bell Finley Miller. She enjoyed playing cards and watching Wheel of Fortune and Family Feud. She also liked to watch murder mysteries. But most of all, she loved her family. She loved playing with her grandkids and could be counted on to call and check on her family every day. A visitation will be held Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Bro. Dewayne Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Hill Church #1 Cemetery. Millie is survived by her son, Anthony Flanigan and wife Tammy; daughter, Tammy Frost and husband Joseph; grandchildren, Felisha Martin and husband Ryan, Amanda Christian and husband Daniel, Chris Flanigan, Justin Flanigan, Rachel Flanigan, Stephanie Frost and Beth Frost; and great grandchildren, LeLand Harrison, Dalton Frost, Tanner Frost, Brent Frost, Sofia Salas, Jaxson Adams, Landen Adams, Malcolm Martin, Samuel Flanigan and Chase Frost. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Flanigan; parents, Columbus Miller and Lilly Bell Finley Miller; sister, Wilodean Smith; and brothers, R.C. Miller, Johnny Miller, Oliver Miller, Henry Miller, Eugene Miller and Windell Miller.

Harold Wayne Widener, 84
Funeral Service for Harold Wayne Widener, age 84, of Mount Olive, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Roberts and Rev. Tommy Blackwood officiating; interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon -2 p.m. prior to the service.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Widener passed away on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his family. He was born Nov. 30, 1937, to James Coffer Widener and Vera Mae Widener. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Sam (Francis) Widener, Jerald (Francis) Widener, and Hobert Morris Widener; and sister, Willidean (Emil) Laux. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Brenda Faye Widener; son, David (Christi) Widener; daughter, Anita Widener (Donald) Cato; grandsons, Stephen (Melissa) Widener, Nicholas (Kelsie) Widener and Reid Cato; granddaughter, Rae Cato; and great-granddaughters, Laini Widener and Raelyn Widener.

Wanda Gale Smith, 71
Wanda Gale Smith, 71 of Arley, passed away Nov. 20, 2022, at her residence. She was born March 10, 1951, in Miami, Florida. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Wanda is survived by her daughters, Kim and Misty Smith; grandchildren, McKeyon Espinosa, Tana Lopez, Zac, Hayden and Garrett Hooper; great grandchildren, Jonah, Liam, Averi and Zaidyn Lopez. and brother, Thomas Smith and his wife Brenda. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Christine Smith; brothers, Roger and Ronald Smith; sisters, Gwenda Robertson and Kathy Smith.

Dennis Worren Haynes, 64
Dennis Worren Haynes, 64, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Nov. 19, 2022. Mr. Haynes was born Oct. 17, 1958, in Marshall County, Alabama, to Harvey Worren Haynes and Virginia Montayne Hale. Dennis was a man of many talents. Among his many skills, Dennis was a gifted mechanic and he drove a truck. Mr. Haynes loved horses and his dogs were of great enjoyment to him. He was of the Baptist faith and known by many as a good man, always willing to lend a hand to help someone. Mr. Haynes is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Jeff Haynes. Those surviving Dennis include his sisters, Debbie Blackwood, Theresa Byars (John), Tanya Campbell, and a large loving family of many nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Haynes will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation an hour prior to service time, beginning at 10 a.m. Immediately following services, burial will take place in Holly Pond Cemetery.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The sixth annual Hanceville Civitan Club Tinsel Trail and Tree Lighting Ceremony took place Saturday at Veterans Park. Nearly 50 Christmas displays made by local businesses and individuals now line the park walkway around the pond. The displays and tree will remain until Jan. 1.

Guests enjoyed the trail, along with carriage rides and free hot chocolate before gathering at the park pavilion to prepare for the tree lighting.

Before lighting the tree, Tyler Calvert and daughter Kallista were welcomed to sing renditions of "Silent Night" and "The First Noel."

Pastor James Fields greeted visitors and thanked the Hanceville Town Council and Civitan Club for their participation.

"This was a dream of Ms. Patty Dean. As you look around the lake at all the stations that are so beautiful, I want to encourage you to take part in it.

Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail also welcomed those who attended the tree lighting and encouraged residents to support those who made displays.

"I want you to be invested in your community.

"I want you to take part in your community...You've got the Civitans, you've got the Lions Club, a lot of different service organizations around. Take part in your community."

Hanceville Councilwoman and Civitan Club member Patty Dean added, "I just want to say how much I appreciate each and every one of you guys that participated.

"Without you, we couldn't do this. This opens doors to bring people into our town."

Dean has been part of the Civitans and in charge of the Tinsel Trail for three years.

"When I came in, I told them that I would like to work it," she said. "It gave me an opportunity to go around - I was running for council at the time - it gave me an opportunity to meet the merchants here in town and meet people."

She continued, "Each year I tried to do something a little bit different. The first year that I took it, we added 'in memory of' for people that have lost loved ones.

"Last year, I added a sponsorship. A lot of businesses don't have time to decorate. My hope is that eventually we can light it going down toward the stage and circle around."

The Civitan Club sells Tinsel Trail spots for $25 and furnishes the signs, so when they have repeat decorators, they can make more profit by reusing signs.

The proceeds go toward the Hanceville Civitan Club Scholarship Fund.

Dean said, "For the past two years we have given four $1,000 scholarships, and we give them to our Hanceville students, and it can go to their choice of college."

Community service and participation in school activities are a big part of the requirements for the scholarships, said Dean.

Tinsel Trail displays will be up until Jan. 1 to give the community the chance to enjoy them through the holiday season.



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