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'Welcome to Mayberry' coming to Hanceville Dec. 3

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Cullman's Senior Outreach Organization, founded by Jamie Brown Looney, is becoming known for its comical musical productions. The group put on its first show, "The Hee Haw Show," back in 2019. Its next production, "Welcome to Mayberry" will be this Saturday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. Admission is $10 at the door.

Looney volunteers with seniors and in 2018 decided to develop a new way to give back. She created the Senior Outreach Organization to bring meals to seniors on the weekends, as well as entertainment.

Looney said the seniors love the plays and skits they perform, and she wanted to put together a new play to keep the seniors and audience engaged. » PAGE 6



JAMIE LOONEY
The cast of "Welcome to Mayberry," directed by Jamie Looney

Col. John G. Cullmann descendant returns to Cullman

Lou Johnson gives Peoples Drug Co. items to Cullman County Museum



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Lou Johnson with the bust of his ancestor, Col. John G. Cullmann

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Making his way south from his home in North Carolina, Lou Johnson, a descendant of Cullman's founder Col. John G. Cullmann, visited the Cullman County Museum Friday ahead of the lighting of the Christmas pyramid. Johnson came bearing Peoples Drug Co. memorabilia for Museum Director Drew Green. The items were handed down from Johnson's uncle, Stanley Johnson, who spent many years as a leader in the Cullman community.

Peoples Drug Co. was a Cullman staple for decades and was located on the northeast corner of First Avenue Southeast and Fourth Street Southeast where Smith & Smith LLP is currently housed. Owners of the pharmacy over the years included Dr. B.M. Kinney, Dr. Hartung, Dr. O.W. Kinney and Dr. Albert Hoeppner. In 1916, Drs. Hartung and Kinney, with Dr. W. J. Cottingham, built the current building.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 28, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 21

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 392
- assault; Co. Rd. 695
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1098
- theft of property; Hwy 31
- harassment, violation of protection order; Co. Rd. 613
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1588
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 1718
- violation of protection order; Hwy 157
- robbery; Brooklyn Rd.
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1598
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1179

Nov. 22

- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1600
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 895
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1617
- burglary; Hwy 157
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1568
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1194
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 713
- burglary; Co. Rd. 62
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1855
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1269

Nov. 23

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 654
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Pearson St.
- harassment; Co. Rd. 109
- assault; Co. Rd. 718
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Megan Ln.
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1485
- harassment; Co. Rd. 43

Nov. 24

- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1343
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Calvert Rd.
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Co. Rd. 437
- trespassing; Co. Rd. 417
- theft of property; Hwy 69 S

Nov. 25

- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1043
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1169
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 437
- assault; Co. Rd. 1859
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 792

Nov. 26

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I 65 NB MM 299
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 747
- harassment; Co. Rd. 504
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1829
- menacing, harassment; Boundary Ave.

Nov. 27

- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1240
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1527
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1476
- burglary; Hwy 31 N
- reckless endangerment; Co. Rd. 1140
- domestic violence, resisting arrest; Co. Rd. 490

ARRESTS

Nov. 23

Brown, Rhonda S; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Clapper, Michael D; 31
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Dingler, Brandy M; 30
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Foreman, Makayla R; 26
- FTA-public intoxication

Lanier, Mikeal S; 27
- FTA-receiving stolen property
- FTA-driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA-exceeding reasonable road speed

McCaig, Alisha S; 35
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- forgery-counterfeiting (2 counts)
- forgery-forged instrument (2 counts)

Morton, Alexander S; 23
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Salter, Tyler R; 28
- larceny/theft

Smith, Rodney L; 33
- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- reckless driving

Vanalstyne, Audra A; 35
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Nov. 24

Allen, Mary Elizabeth; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Clanton, Richard L; 34
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

England, Gaberalle L; 29
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ferguson, Michael P; 47
- possession of methamphetamine

McDonald, Michael A; 24
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana

Phillips, Dalena L; 40
- FTA-larceny/theft

Stacks, Christopher M; 36
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Nov. 25

Bullard, Warren A; 25
- public intoxication

Coots, Steven R; 50
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-promoting prison contraband
- FTA-sale of stolen property

Dean, Michelle L; 45
- driving under the influence of other substance

Frost, Timothy D; 48
- FTA-driving while license suspended
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol
- FTA-failure/refusal to display insurance

Villa, Antonio; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Welch, Aaron F; 34
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Nov. 26

Cantrell, Jacob R; 30
- aggravated assault non-family-other weapon
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- robbery-residence-other weapon

Lyle, William B; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Nickens, Shannon D; 36
- forgery-counterfeiting

Parker, Bailey M; 23
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Renfroe, Bobby L; 40
- public intoxication

Rupe, Cynthia A; 60
- driving under the influence of other substances

Schofield, Alexis C; 19
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family

Smith, Robert H; 62
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nov. 27

Christian, Kyle B; 38
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Eady, Isaac H; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Flanigan, George L; 45
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Greer, Stephany L; 41
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Hankins, Tyler M; 27
- FTA-speeding

Shelton, Savannah R; 29
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Spencer, Brittany E; 37
- possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use

Stanko, Allen; 56
- GJ-larceny/theft-theft-grand jury arrest warrant
- tax/revenue-licenses required; exceptions; fees

Walker, Aaron G; 34
- FTA-driving while license suspended

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 23

- domestic violence-3rd degree/harassment; Main Ave. NE
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Larkwood Dr. NE
- theft of property-3rd degree; Marvin's; Hwy 157; miscellaneous; $700
- leaving the scene of accident; Hwy 157; damage to 2012 Ford F250; $650

Nov. 25

- domestic violence, criminal mischief-3rd degree; 2nd Ave SE; damage to 2016 GMC Sierra; $400
- unauthorized use of vehicle; 4th St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree/harassing communications
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle, fraudulent use of credit/debit card; miscellaneous charges

Nov. 26

- unlawful breaking and entering vehicle; Morningside Dr. SW; Macbook; $1,000
- harassing communications
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; miscellaneous

Nov. 27

- domestic violence-3rd degree/harassment
- theft of property-4th degree; Marvin's; Hwy 157; tools; $180
- theft of property-2nd degree; Brantley Ave NW; trailer; $2,000
- burglary-3rd degree; Cullman New Beginnings; 3rd St. NE; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $128

ARRESTS

Nov. 23

Morton, Alexander S; 23
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Nov. 24

England, Gaberalle L; 29
- FTA-insurance violation

Hamby, Debbie B; 49
- FTA-insurance violation (2 counts)

Hanna, Amiyah B; 19
- FTA-harassment

Jones, Hagen E; 28
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-criminal mischief-3rd degree
- driving without license

Nov. 25

Cantrell, Jacob R; 30
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Coots, Linda B; 71
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Parker, Bailey M; 23
- theft of property-4th degree

Rogers, Wendy S; 45
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree (2 counts)

Smith, Robert H; 62
- FTA-driving while suspended

Smith, Rodney L; 33
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Vinci, Sean J; 32
- driving under the influence
- resisting arrest (2 counts)

Wilbanks, Jeremy D; 37
- disorderly conduct

Nov. 27

Perez Sandoval, Lesli S; 19
- driving under the influence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Santa Claus visiting Dodge City Jack's Dec. 12

Staff Reports
Contributor

DODGE CITY, Ala. — Jack's in Dodge City will host Santa for a special evening of holiday cheer and hand-made Southern food. Families are invited to a free visit with Santa for pictures while enjoying Jack's Southern homestyle menu among festive decor and a warm fire.

The event will take place Monday, Dec. 12, from 5-7 p.m. The restaurant is located at 325 Alabama Highway 69 S, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. "We are happy to give customers in Dodge City an added way to celebrate the season and to create lasting memories surrounded by family, friends, timeless holiday tales, good Southern food and, of course, Old Saint Nick," said Jack's Family Restaurants CEO Todd Bartmess. "We encourage community members to come out and capture the spirit of the season with us, and we look forward to enjoying the spirit of this special time of year with Jack's family and friends."

Tour (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2022 Christmas Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, Dec. 4, from 1-5 p.m. Hosted by the Share Club of Cullman, the tour will feature four homes that have been decked out for the holidays. Homeowners Kurt and Megan Apel, Jimmy Drake, Jimmy and Jackie Walker and BJ and Savannah Woods will graciously open their homes to tour participants.

The philanthropic tour will see a portion of ticket sales donated to three local nonprofit organizations that support those in need throughout Cullman.

Curt's Closet, Good Samaritan Health Clinic and Hospice of Cullman County will all benefit from the 2022 Christmas Tour of Homes.

This year's tour is dedicated to the memory of one of Share Club of Cullman's founders, Bonnie Heatherly. The longtime Vinemont Elementary School teacher founded the Share Club in 1972 when she was barely out of her teen years.

Known for her singing and playing the piano, Heatherly was best known for her friendship.

Sadly, she passed away last year leaving an irreplaceable spot in the club.

Tickets for the 2022 Christmas Tour of Homes are available for $20 each and can be purchased at J. Drake Salon, Three Pears, Cullman Cabinet or from any Share Club member.

Online purchases can be made at www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-christmas-tour-of-homes-tickets-430987704827I.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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 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. 30 - 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, Dec. 1 - 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc.
• Thursday, Dec. 1 - 7 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 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Sunday, Dec. 4 - 8 a.m. Prayer - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation, for those who need healing, salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Dec. 4 - 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. 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.

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. 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.

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:
• 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 Community Band Christmas Concert
Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium. Free.

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.

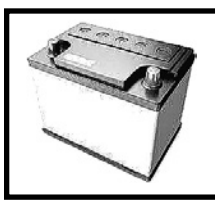
Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 10. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and ends at Good Hope Municipal Park for Christmas in the Park from 3-5 p.m. with food, activities and Santa.

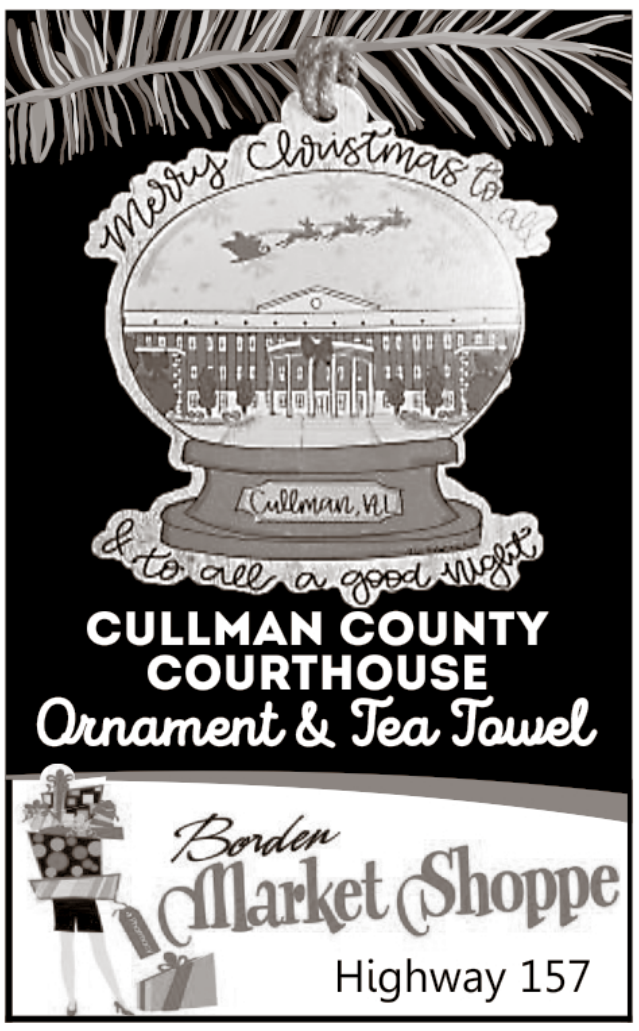
Inaugural Supper with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5-6:15 p.m. at Frio's Gourmet Pops. Enjoy pancakes, patty sausage and a picture with Santa. A Christmas donation will be made to Curt's Closet. Limited tickets. Email cullman@friospops.com to RVSP.

Santa a Jack's in Dodge City
Monday, Dec. 12, from 5-7 p.m. The restaurant is located at 325 Alabama Highway 69 S, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. Jack's will host Santa for a special evening of holiday cheer and handmade Southern food. Families are invited to a free visit with Santa for pictures while enjoying Jack's Southern homestyle menu among festive decor and a warm fire.

Free Christmas Meal for Seniors
Thursday, Dec. 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. There is no charge for the meal, but the City of Hanceville is limiting it to 250 people. So please RSVP at 256-352-9830 ext. 123.Senior Outreach will be providing entertainment, and we will have guest speakers and door prizes! The event starts at 10:30 and food will be served at 11:30. To donate money or door prizes, please contact the number above! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, donations, preparation of food and spreading the word about this lunch for seniors. We want to make sure nobody goes without a Christmas meal.

Weight Loss Support Group
Thursday, Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m. in the Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157. 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.


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No. 7 Alabama downs Auburn, 49-27, for 3rd straight Iron Bowl victory

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UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 7/8/7 Alabama football team claimed its third-consecutive Iron Bowl victory by a score 49-27 over instate rival Auburn Saturday inside Bryant-Denny Stadium. The contest was the regular-season finale for both squads.

Quarterback Bryce Young combined for 391 total yards and four touchdowns on the night, including 343 yards on 20-of-30 passing through the air, moving past John Parker Wilson (7,924 yards) into second on Alabama's career passing yards list with 8,035. Young now trails only AJ McCarron who finished with a record 9,019 career yards passing during his UA career.

Young's 20 completions were spread to nine different receivers on the night, six of which had at least two catches. Ja'Corey Brooks (4-76-1) and Isaiah Bond (4-36) topped the Tide with four receptions, while Jermaine Burton finished with a team-leading 87 yards on three catches.

In all, Alabama (10-2) had four rushing touchdowns, as Jahmyr Gibbs, Jase McClellan, Roydell Williams and Young all found paydirt to lead a balanced ground attack. Gibbs led the team with 76 yards on 17 rushes while Young rushed five times for 48 yards and McClellan went for 44 yards on 11 totes.

Defensively, Deontae Lawson had nine total tackles including seven solo stops to lead UA in both categories. Henry To'oTo'o and Brian Branch each recorded eight tackles, with Will Anderson Jr. finishing with five tackles including three for loss.

Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban said

"I'm really proud of our team, this whole season actually. To win 10 games, to go through a rough patch when Bryce was hurt. Now that he's healthy again, it makes us a different kind of team, I think. It's great to win the Iron Bowl for our players, it's great that they won 10 games. But I think one of the things that I'm most proud of is the fact that when everybody thought they were out of it - there were a lot of naysayers out there - this team didn't give up on themselves. They didn't give up on each other. They kept fighting and won some tough games to finish the season. So, I'm really proud of the fact that everybody hung in there, stayed together and continued to try to get better. We've had a lot of injuries, had a lot of guys miss some time, so that gave other people opportunities. I'm proud of the way that we think."

Notes

• The Crimson Tide has now won 10-games-or-more in a season 44 times, including last 15-consecutive seasons under Nick Saban

• Alabama secured its third-consecutive win in the series vs. Auburn with Saturday's 49-27 victory, and has now won 11 of the last 15 games over the Tigers

• Head coach Nick Saban improved to 11-5 in Iron Bowl games as Alabama's head coach

• Quarterback Bryce Young threw for 343 yards in the contest, moving past former standout John Parker Wilson (7,924 yards) into second on the school's all-time list with 8,035 passing yards in his career

• Young and AJ McCarron (9,019 yards) are the only two quarterbacks in program history to throw for 8,000-or-more yards in a career

• With the victory, Alabama finished the 2022 home slate with a 7-0 record inside Bryant-Denny Stadium

• The Crimson Tide owns a 103-8 (.928) in home contests under head coach Nick Saban, which includes a mark of 99-5 (.952)

• With his sack in the fourth quarter, Will Anderson Jr. has totaled 61.0 tackles for loss over his career which moves him past Wallace Gilberry into second all-time at Alabama, trailing only Derrick Thomas (68.0)

• The 35 points scored by the Crimson Tide in the first half were the most scored in a half since also posting 35 points in the first two quarters of the ULM contest on Sept. 3

• Alabama racked up 516 yards of total offense which stands as the 55th time in the last 111 games (dating to the start of the 2015 season) that the Tide has totaled 500-or-more yards of offense and it's the seventh time in 12 games UA has reached the mark this year

HOW IT HAPPENED

First quarter

• 08:31 – AU | Auburn found paydirt first when it took its second drive of the game 80 yards in six plays, closing with a 24-yard run by Robby Ashford to put the Tigers on the board

• 06:25 – UA | The Crimson Tide responded on its very next drive when Bryce Young rushed is in from five yards away to close out a five play, 62-yard drive that took 2:01 off the clock

• 01:37 – UA | Alabama scored for the second time in the opening quarter when Jase McClellan was on the receiving end of a 10-yard pass from Young to finish off an eight-play, 65-yard drive that lasted 2:52

Second quarter

• 14:56 – UA | The Tide scored on its third-consecutive drive after taking advantage of an Auburn turnover, moving 48 yards on four plays in a minute, with Roydell Williams going five yards for the rushing touchdown

• 09:34 – AU | The Tigers responded by marching 75 yards down the field on 10 plays in 5:22 when Ashford found Ja'Varrius Johnson in the back corner for a 20-yard touchdown catch

• 05:39 – UA | Ja'Corey Brooks was on the receiving end of a 32-yard TD pass from Young to finish a 92-yard drive that took eight plays and 3:48

• 00:54 – UA | The Tide went up three touchdowns at the half as Traeshon Holden caught a short pass from Young and took it 27 yards to the house to close out a four-play, 37-yard drive

Third quarter

• 09:57 – UA | McClellan scored his second touchdown of the game when he plunged in from two yards out to end a nine-play, 72-yard drive that took 4:54 off the clock

• 06:38 – AU | Auburn immediately answered with a seven play, 75-yard drive of their own that took 3:19 and was capped with Ashford's second rushing touchdown, this one coming from 14 yards out

Fourth quarter

• 12:18 – AU | Alex McPherson converted a 32-yard field goal to conclude a 15-play drive that went 64 yards with 2:42 coming off the clock

• 02:08 – AU | McPherson kicked a 39-yard field goal through the uprights to finish a 10-play, 60-yard drive

• 01:48 – UA | After Auburn turned it over on downs to give the Tide a short field, Jahmyr Gibbs finished off the scoring when he took the first play and scampered 23 yards to paydirt

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



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Bryce Young (9) finished with 391 total yards and four touchdowns in the Crimson Tide's 49-27 win over Auburn Saturday.

'Our team is also our family': Good Hope' Charly Johnson excited for junior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to Good Hope basketball player Charly Johnson. Johnson has now been a part of back-to-back Elite Eight appearances with the Lady Raiders and she feels blessed to be a part of that journey with this team.

"The experience was good, and we had a lot of laughs with the team. I was happy we made it back last season, but I believe that we could've made it further. That's in the past and this season, we will make it even further," she said. "I learned that if you don't come ready to play and want it, it's going to come down to the wire. You have to have a good mindset through it all and be ready to battle because the other teams are not just going to give it to you. You are going to have to earn it no matter what."

Johnson learned a lot from last year's seniors and that will definitely help out this year's team.

"Those seniors were a great group of girls. They were happy, uplifting, and just so much fun to play with and just to talk to. They just always had your back if you needed anything and that was just a great year with great leaders. I learned a lot from them, and they showed me that even if you're playing or not, you can be a leader in many ways than just one. They just taught us how to become leaders and I feel like because of them, we are going to have some great leaders this upcoming season."

Almost everyone will be back from last season and Johnson believes that this team can have a special year and make that trip to Birmingham. She has soaked up so much from head coach Justin Aby and assistant coach Natasha Holder.

"This team is so talented, and I feel like we just have to be ready for anything and everything. We are such a great team together and I feel like making it to Birmingham will be tough, but we can do it. We just need to have the right mindset and stay together as a team and keep putting in the work in that we need to get better," she said. "Coach Aby and coach Holder have been very good coaches. They are always there for you, and they want you to do your best. They have taught me that you have to be wanting to take one for the team because our team is also our family. Being there for each other is what we need to do to keep that growth of girls growing for the upcoming season."

Johnson has been teaching the younger players a lot and worked on a lot in the summer. She also talked about the summer play-day games and how they went.

"I feel like I have been teaching them how to be yourself and just play your role on the court. If everyone plays their roles, it will all come together. I'm hoping that I have been showing them how to be a leader and that when someone gets down or does something wrong, I'm showing them how to uplift each other and how to stay positive through it all," she said. "I worked a lot on post moves and how I could get the ball moving down low."

She added,

"I feel like this summer went very good. We won a lot of games against some very good teams. I feel like our chemistry with the team over the summer was very good while playing and I feel like this is going to be a great season. I learned that we are very good at running the floor this year and we are going to be a very fast team like last year. Also, I feel like our team chemistry was great towards each other and we are just a good team and family. I feel like that will help us grow."

Johnson has set some goals for herself, and the team and she feels like this season will be very special for the Lady Raiders.

"My goals are to win state and that is also a very big team that we have had the past couple of years now, but I feel like it's bigger this year than ever. I also want to win area and county this year and I feel like we have the potential to do so," she said. "What will make this team so special to watch this season is the chemistry we have with each other and just the way we play, sharing the basketball and just getting everyone involved and also our quickness. It's just so fun and uplifting. I just think that's what everyone loves to watch."



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Charly Johnson



MADISON BUTTS

Holly Pond's Madison Butts

PREP BASKETBALL

'Come out with a good mindset': Holly Pond 8th grader Madison Butts ready for 1st year on varsity

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Eighth grader Madison Butts will be on this year's Holly Pond varsity squad and after playing on the middle school team for a couple of years, she's excited for the opportunity to show what she can do on the varsity level. Playing in middle school and playing for Coach Lydia Burgess really helped her get prepared for varsity.

"It feels pretty good being able to play higher-level competition. It's going to be a little bit tougher than it was in middle school because the competition is going to be better, but I've got to practice and prepare. You've got to go at it, and I've got to try my hardest," Butts said. "I worked more on dribbling and that kind of stuff. I learned more about the smaller details and the basics, so when I get to play on the higher level, that stuff is more simple and easy for me. What I learned from her is how to step up and sometimes, I may have to put more effort in and try harder sometimes. She was a really good coach. She helped me learn a lot and she pushed us a lot to be the best that we can be."

Butts has some nerves when she started practicing with the Lady Bronco varsity team, but that quickly went away, and her confidence kept growing more and more each day. She has taken away so much from her teammates so far. She's learned a few things from new head coach Mary Lauren Hartline so far and she also took away some things from the team's play-day games.

"I was a little nervous, but right when I started playing, I had the mindset that I could do it because coach Hartline believed that I was able to do it. I just had that confidence mindset that I could do it and I just tried my hardest," Butts said. "The girls have helped me a lot and have been very welcoming; they've helped me keep my head up and be more confident. Whenever I missed a few shots, they would pick me up and they were really supportive: they've been really good role models. There are two players that have really inspired me a lot and took me in like a little sister: Maddi Ham and Kamryn Tankersley. They have both become a very important part of my life.

She added, "No matter who the team is, come out with a good mindset, be confident, don't let yourself get out and I've got to push myself. She's a really good coach for me. I feel like she's going to help me be the best that I could be right now, so I feel like she's going to help me push myself and to get better.

"What I learned from playing in the play-day games was that sometimes, I'm going to have to do what I have to do to score, maybe play good defense, or rebound. I also have to be a leader, step up and talk, so that everybody is on the same page. I think it's going to help everybody notice that you're going to have to step up at some point. It doesn't matter what grade you are in, you are going to have to step up no matter what."

Butts has been working on some things during the summer and has some individual and team goals for this season. She talked about what will make this team special to watch this season and she has been really happy to see her game continue to improve over the years.

"I worked on stepping up and being a leader over the summer. I worked on communicating with the girls and talking. I've been working on everything," she said. "My individual goals are shooting the ball more consistently and help my teammates stay up and being more positive no matter what the outcome is. Just look at the good and help everybody stay up. Some team goals are to communicate on defense, and everybody needs to box out and rebound. Also, we need to know what we're doing on offense and defense and just help each other."

She added, "What will make us special to watch this season is the communication, our teamwork, keeping everybody up and everybody being positive. It makes me really happy to see my game continue to improve and I will look to keep doing that. I will bring ball-handling, passing, and I'm going to bring a lot of energy, helping everybody communicate and just being positive."









Mayberry (from Front)

She created a production inspired by "The Andy Griffith Show."

"Welcome to Mayberry" features well-known characters Andy Taylor, Opie, Aunt Bee and Barney Fife.

The seniors began practicing five months ago soon after the last showing of "The Hee Haw Show."

The play will also center around characters Ernest T. Bass, Otis Campbell the Mayberry town drunk and the Darlings. Other characters from favorite TV sitcoms will make appearances in Mayberry, including those from "I Love Lucy," "All in the Family" and "The Golden Girls."

Featured musical interludes include songs "Salty Dog Blues," "You Are My Sunshine," "Hey Good Lookin'" and more.

"I thought, they do really good with Hee Haw, but let's see what they can do with an actual play.

"Let's see if I can test their memory and their minds to remember all these skits," said Looney.

In all, 16 seniors will participate in the two-hour show.

"Our Andy Griffith, he's 81 years old, and he has memorized a whole book pretty much, and Barney has, too. That's a lot of memorizing for them," said Looney.

"I think it's really good for them to be able to test their brains and to be able to do the same things they did when they were younger.

"A lot of them are doing things they've never done. It's tested them and pushed them."

Looney said she wants to give the seniors something to talk about for the rest of their lives.

"If I've got 10 more years to live, I could probably talk about this for the next 10 years."

She added, "Not only have they pushed their brains to the limit, they had fun doing it. It has been a good time every practice. We get more laughing in than practice."

The Senior Outreach Organization meets at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center in Cullman every Monday at 1 p.m.

Descendant (from Front)

sented Green with a wooden drawer that held the pharmacy labels for various medications and prescriptions, many of which were still in the drawers. A weight scale from Peoples Drug Co. was also given to the museum.

In keeping with his family's long tradition of service to the community, Johnson is a retired law enforcement officer who lives just north of Charlotte, North Carolina. He fondly recalls visiting his beloved Uncle Stanley in Cullman in his youth and had already introduced his wife to the Busy Bee Café on Friday before their visit to the museum.

As Johnson toured the Cullman County Museum, he reflected on various items he remembered from childhood visits to relatives' homes like the mantle clock and rocking chair in the Colonel's replicated bedroom, which holds many of the founder's authentic household furnishings.

"My sister has the matching chair to this rocking chair," Johnson said. "I have the Colonel's rocking chair, which is rumored to have been seen rocking on its own over the years. Some might say it's haunted. My wife said that if she ever witnesses it rocking in our house with no one in it, the rocker will be out of there," he laughed.

Johnson's Uncle Stanley was the grandson of Julia Cullman Hartung, one of the Colonel's nieces. Stanley Johnson was an integral part of the fabric of Cullman, playing a pivotal role in the origins of the Cullman County Historical Society and Friends of Frankweiler. He was principal of Cullman Middle School many years ago.

Yearning for political democracy while under the authoritarian rule of Otto Von Bismarck in Prussia, John G. Cullmann entered the United States and founded the town of Cullman in 1873. Cullmann sought to offer the freedom associated with democracy to other German families and recruited many to join him in Alabama. More than 20 years after the town's establishment, Cullmann died of pneumonia on Dec. 3, 1895.

The Cullman County Museum is located at 211 Second Ave. NE and is open to visitors Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Museum Director Drew Green accepts historical items from Peoples Drug Co. from Lou Johnson, descendant of Col. John G. Cullmann.

Weather (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Weather forecast models from the National Weather Service in Huntsville are calling for the possibility of severe weather in Cullman and much of Alabama on Tuesday, Nov. 29, and Wednesday, Nov. 30. The NWS said the storm system has the potential to produce tornadoes, damaging winds, large hail and flooding.

While both the city and county school systems are taking a "wait and see" approach when it comes to early dismissal on Tuesday, there are steps you can take to prepare for the worst while we hope for the best of outcomes.

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin said Cullman Alert is a fast and free way for the community to receive text, voice and/or email notifications of local severe weather, road hazards and closures, missing persons and more. Once signed up, a person will receive weather alerts such as thunderstorm or tornado warnings in the manner of their choosing.

Signing up is easy and can be done in four ways:

- Visit the Cullman EMA website at www.co.cullman.al.us/ema and click on the top banner that reads "Notification System" on the homepage. Enter your information and follow the instructions.
- Download the Cullman EMA app on your smartphone and follow the instructions.
- Text "CULLMANALERT" to 69310.
- Scan the QR code below and follow the instructions.

"We really would like everyone to sign up and download the app," Sartin said. "In today's world just about everyone has a cell phone. With that in mind, you can get alerts as soon as they get posted. This could be something that could save your or your family's life in a bad situation. Make sure to keep your cell phones charged in times of bad weather."

A list of local storm shelters is also available on the Cullman EMA website under "Local Storm Shelter List." A link to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Preparedness site is found under the "Prepare" tab with useful information. Another website with relevant information is www.ready.gov.

Sartin shared the following to help the residents of Cullman County:

Here is a list of things to do to prepare for a tornado:

1. Know your area's tornado risk.
2. Know the signs of a tornado.
3. Sign up for your community's warning system and charge your cell phone ahead of time.
4. Pay attention to weather reports.
5. Identify and practice going to a safe shelter.
6. Prepare for a long-term stay at home or to shelter in place.
7. Don't forget your medications.
8. Think about your pets and sheltering them ahead of time.
9. Know where your local shelters are.

Here are some ways to stay safe during a tornado:

1. Immediately go to a safe location that you have identified.
2. Pay attention to EAS, NOAA weather radios or local alert systems.
3. Protect yourself.
4. Do not try to outrun a tornado in a vehicle.
5. Do rely only on the tornado siren; they are not made to be heard inside a home.

Here are some ways to stay safe after a tornado:

1. Pay attention to EAS, NOAA weather radios and local authorities.
2. Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines.
3. Contact 911 if you or a family member is hurt or in need of immediate medical attention.
4. Wear appropriate gear during cleanup.
5. Know your family emergency plan.

Cullman Electric Cooperative Manager of Communications and External Affairs Brian Lacy talked about the readiness steps his team is taking.

"Cullman Electric Cooperative is monitoring the weather forecast for Tuesday night and will have linemen ready to respond," he said. "If the weather does cause power outages, you can keep up with real-time outage information through the outage map on the co-op website, and Cullman Electric's social media team will provide updates on Facebook as information is available."

Lacy reminded the public of the dangers of downed power lines saying, "Anytime a power line is on the ground you should assume it is still energized. It doesn't matter if there is a broken pole or a wire has been pulled off the pole by a falling tree, there is no way to tell just by looking if there is electricity running across the wire. Stay away and call the co-op."

The Cullman Power Board noted that the type of weather system forecasted for Alabama can lead to tree branches and limbs, debris and entire trees falling and bringing down power lines.

"We work hard to maintain a resilient distribution system, but it is difficult to prevent outages due to severe weather," said Cullman Power Board CEO Allison Bright. "Our crews are prepared and will be standing by to respond to outages once it is safe to do so."

Co-op customers can report outages at www.cullmanec.com/report-outages and view a live map of outages at https://outages.cullmanec.com.

The Cullman Power Board said customers can be prepared for the possibility of power outages by having an emergency kit that includes:

- Cooler to preserve food
- Ice to keep food cold
- Water – one gallon per person, per day
- Food – nonperishable, easy-to-prepare
- Flashlights
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Medications (seven-day supply) and medical items
- Multipurpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Cell phone with charger
- Family and emergency contacts
- Weather-appropriate gear (e.g., rain jackets, rain boots)

Downed power lines in the city should be avoided completely and reported immediately by calling 911 and the power board at 256-734-2343. The board reminds residents to never run generators inside the home or even the garage as they may produce deadly carbon monoxide fumes.

Cullman Power Board customers can report outages and get updates by calling 256-734-2343, emailing customers@cullmanpowerboard.com or visiting www.facebook.com/cullmanpowerboard. The power board encouraged customers to remember that in the event of a widespread outage, its phone lines can become overwhelmed and may give an error message.

Dusty Miller (from Front)

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

He's not crusty or rusty, he's Dusty! Dusty Miller is his name and wanting to be your new best friend is his game. Dusty is an Aussie/Cattle Dog/Blue Tick mix who looks like an Oreo cookie, and he's as sweet as one!

This true blue loyal boy is approximately 1.5-2 years old and wants to stay close to you.

If you aren't in his line of sight, Dusty Miller will seek you out to make sure you're OK.

The athletic pup likes playing with his toys and going for hikes. Dusty Miller has low to medium energy requirements so he enjoys curling up and binge watching television with his bestie.

Dusty Miller's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

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

Last week's featured Pet of the Week, Trixie Darling, has been adopted and is already looking forward to her visit from Santa in her new home!

LEGALS

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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 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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Freeze (from Front)

Auburn Athletics
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AUBURN, Ala. — Hugh Freeze has been named the 31st head football coach in Auburn's 129-year history, Athletics Director John Cohen announced Monday. An experienced head coach at the collegiate level for 12 years, Freeze has quickly elevated each program he's led, including Ole Miss and most recently, Liberty.

The head coach at Liberty from 2019-22, Freeze led the Flames to four bowl games and a 34-15 record.

During his tenure at Liberty, he took former Auburn quarterback Malik Willis and developed him into one of the nation's top quarterbacks in 2021.

"After a thoughtful, thorough, and well-vetted search, we ended where we started, with Hugh Freeze," Cohen said.

"Of all the candidates we considered, Hugh was the best fit. Fit has several meanings, but the most important factors were student-athlete development, football strategy, recruiting and SEC experience."

Freeze has experienced similar success at each of his head coaching stops prior to Liberty that include Lambuth University (2008-09), Arkansas State (2011) and Ole Miss (2012-16).

The Oxford, Mississippi, native lead each school to double digit win seasons, while helping Ole Miss to a top 10 national finish in 2015. His on-field coaching record in 12 years is 103-47.

Freeze has nearly three decades of continued coaching success, including head coaching experience that has led to conference titles, nationally ranked recruiting classes and bowl appearances at multiple stops during his highly decorated career.

"First, I want to acknowledge Cadillac Williams for the incredible job he did as interim head coach.

"The impact he made is immeasurable and cannot be overstated," Freeze said.

"Secondly, Auburn is one of the preeminent programs in college football and I'm very appreciative of President Roberts and John Cohen for this opportunity at Auburn.

"I've been fortunate to witness first-hand how special Auburn is during my time as a head coach in the SEC and while visiting my daughter Jordan who attended Auburn and currently lives in the community.

"I can't wait to work with our student-athletes and the Auburn family to bring championships back to the Plains."

This season, Liberty finished the regular season 8-4 with a win at Arkansas and home versus BYU, while three of their four losses came by a combined five points.

Liberty was just one of five FBS teams in the country to win a bowl game each of the last three seasons, joining Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Louisiana.

It also is the second team in NCAA history to win a bowl game during its first three full seasons at the FBS level, all coming under Freeze's leadership.

"I'm pleased that our Athletics Director John Cohen conducted a detailed and thorough national search process, and I look forward to welcoming Hugh and Jill Freeze to the Plains," President Christopher B. Roberts said.

"I am impressed with Coach Freeze's focus on player development and his on-the-field success at multiple universities and at multiple levels."



AUBURN ATHLETICS

Hugh Freeze

Scholarship (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Pam DeBerardinis, along with the rest of the family of the late Kellie DeBerardinis Caples, is working to raise funds for the Kellie DeBerardinis Caples Nursing Memorial Scholarship, created last year by Caples' family with the help of the Wallace State Community College (WSCC) Future Foundation.

Caples passed away in October 2018. The scholarship in her name was created with her love for nursing in mind. She attended Wallace State and then continued her education at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), earning a bachelor's degree in nursing. She was a tech in the ER at Cullman Regional, where she worked for nine years, eventually becoming a charge nurse. She also worked at Children's of Alabama, where she taught diabetic education to parents and children, before moving on to the Child Health Research Unit at UAB as a clinical research nurse.

Caples' mother, DeBerardinis, shared, "We believed this would be a great tribute to Kellie and allow others to follow their dream of becoming a nurse."

DeBerardinis said that last year, the family raised funds in various ways including accepting donations and hosting yard sales. Funds were also raised at the WSCC Future Foundation Student Investment Luncheon and Auction held earlier this month.

This year the family is hosting a sale at the Kelley Community Center located at 1270 County Road 1435 in Vinemont Dec. 1-3 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Items for sale will include Christmas goods, glassware, vintage items, clothing, toys, etc. Many of the pieces were donated by community members. Any purchases will go toward the scholarship fund.

In April, the WSCC Future Foundation awarded the Kellie DeBerardinis Caples Nursing Memorial Scholarship to nursing student Sydney Holder, who received $1,000 for the fall and $1,000 for the spring.

"Kellie was raised to go after what you want, do your best and love what you do. That's what we look for in a scholarship recipient. Sydney met all of these requirements. She attended nursing classes and worked and babysat and showed a strong desire to follow her dreams," said DeBerardinis. "We are very excited for her and the path she has chosen. She was chosen out of several people that applied with four others, then we narrowed it down after all family members had a chance to look over her application. It was unanimous. We don't want to limit anyone because of their grades; however, we do want to see a desire to be the best they can be as Kellie strived for in her grades and career."

The scholarship is awarded to third- or fourth-semester students who wish to pursue nursing education. Students must write a letter describing why they desire the scholarship and have a need for it. DeBerardinis said that the no. 1 requirement is a demonstrated dedication to their career choice.

The family hopes to raise enough funds within five years so that the scholarship can be endowed. Endowed scholarships help students for several years. The WSCC Future Foundation invests a portion of donations so that investment returns fund the scholarship. Endowed scholarships are established with a minimum donation of $25,000 or a series of donations over a specified period of time. According to WSCC Vice President for Advancement and Innovation Suzanne Harbin, the U.S. Department of Education will provide a matching grant for half of the minimum endowment level required, so the family will only need to raise $12,500 over the next five years.

Said DeBerardinis, "We would like this to become an endowed scholarship that will last forever in her name. Also, something that her son, Carter, can participate in after we are gone."

To donate online, go to www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/kelliecaples.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 26-28

Jo Fenske, 90
Funeral Service for Jo Fenske, age 90, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Wendell Peterson officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Fenske passed away Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born, Sept. 23, 1932, to John Kimbrough and Macie Denton. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Fenske; son, Ronnie Denton; daughter, Sandy Fenske; grandchildren, Matt Denney and Tabitha Denton and brother, Bobby Denton. Survivors include her daughter, Linda Denney; son, Charles Denton; daughter-in-law, Gloria Wise; son, John Robert Fenske; grandchildren, Cyndi Wimbs and Chuck Denton; great grandchildren, Meagan Foster, Haleigh Denton and Austin Denton; great great grandchild little Nugget; and a host of family and friends.

Tommy Henry Amaro, 35
Tommy Henry Amaro, age 35 of Hanceville, passed away Friday, Nov. 25, 2022. Tommy was born in California on July 28, 1987, to Darrell and Marie Chase Amaro. He loved to go to the river, to work and tinker on Go-Karts, and was an avid collector of knives. Tommy was baptized at Bangor Baptist Church many years ago. He is preceded in by his father, Darrell Amaro; brother, Matthew Amaro; grandparents, Betty and Frank Amaro. He is survived by his mother, Marie Wallace; brothers, Antony and Jacob Amaro; grandmother, Ethel Chrisman; aunt, Cindy Sharp; uncles, James (Janet) Gadsden and Billy Smith; special niece and nephews, Heidi Amaro, Chase Amaro, Joseph Amaro and Alex Amaro; a host of cousins and other nieces and nephews. The family will have a Celebration of Life for Tommy at a later date and time.

Bonnie Louise Maze, 75
The Funeral Service for Bonnie Louise Maze, 75, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022, from 5-8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Reverend John McKoy will officiate the service. The interment will be in the Jones Chapel Cemetery. Mrs. Maze was born April 23, 1947, to Cleo & Velma Skinner. She passed from this life Nov. 27, 2022, at Tanner Medical Center in Carrollton, Georgia. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a wonderful mentor. She was preceded in death by her parents, Cleo and Velma Skinner; brother, Billie Skinner; and a grandson, Kevin Maze. Mrs. Maze is survived by her sons, Keith (Patricia) Maze, Terry (Mellonie) Maze; daughter, Tina (David) Clark; brothers, Chester Skinner and Donald (Linda) Skinner; grandchildren, John Brannon, Leighanne (Jeremy) Marks, Jamie Maze, Shena (Randy) Murphree, Brian (Holly) Maze, Adam (Deborah) Clark, Chris (Rachel) Clark, Derrick (Lisa) Dees; great-grandchildren, Blain Marks, Kylee Marks, Landon O'Rear, Ethan O'Rear, Dawson Murphree, Owen Story, Paisley Story, Gabriel (Taylor) Clark, Cayden Clark, Pierson Clark, Preslee Clark, Lottie Beth Dees, Alyssa Murphree, Peyton Murphree and Levi Murphree. Pallbearers will be John Brannon, Brian Maze, Aiden Tankersley, Alex Tankersley, Ethan O'Rear, Landon O'Rear, Scott Skinner and Anthony Tankersley.

Randy Dale Jones, 54
Funeral service for Randy Dale Jones, 54, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 2022, at White Oak Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Adam Edmondson and Rev. Randall Edmondson will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church from 1-2 p.m. on Thursday. Visitation will be Wednesday evening at the funeral home from 5-9 p.m. Randy was born Jan. 16, 1968 and passed away Nov. 27, 2022. Randy taught school for 32 ½ years in Cullman County, starting at Jones Chapel Junior High School, then moving on to West Point High School for 26 ½ years. He coached basketball, football, and softball. He loved his family and his job and would tell anyone who asked him that he did. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Elbert and Estelle Jones, Marvin Moore and Ola Moore Carden. Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Regina Bagwell Jones; sons, Ryder & Ryland Jones; daughter, Ryleigh Jones; parents, Randall and Frances Jones; sister, Tamisha (Faron) Key; father and mother-in-law, Coy & Brenda Bagwell; brothers-in-law, Rodney (Sondra) Bagwell, Robin (Rhonda) Bagwell, Roger (Alicia) Bagwell; nieces and nephews, Kelsey Bagwell, Kenlee (Eric) Bagwell-Flanigan, Caiden (Lexi) Bagwell, Sarah Bagwell, Kayla (Blake) Harbin, Jake Bagwell, Karmyn (Tyler) Cartee, Kiah Key, Kohl Key; and a host of friends and former students.

Butch Oliver, 75
Butch Oliver, age 75 of Cullman, passed away Friday, Nov. 25, 2022, at his residence. Butch was born on Oct. 29, 1947, in Russellville, Alabama. Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2022, from 11 a.m. until noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at noon. Burial will follow at Winston Memorial Cemetery. Brother Gary Wakefield will officiate. Butch is survived by his children, Eric C. Oliver, Lance A. Oliver, Marcus P. Oliver and Regina James; significant other, Abbie Schwab; chosen stepdaughters, Cindy Morrow and Shelia Messenger; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Oliver.

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CHRISTMAS AT THE GROTTO

The Ave Maria Grotto is officially decked out for Christmas. Dates for this year's event are Dec. 1-3, 9-11, 15-17, 19-23 and 26, from 5-9 p.m. each day. Special dates (Dec. 9, 10, 16, 17 and 23) will feature horse-drawn wagon rides for $10, kids' Christmas train rides for $5 and live music. Christmas at the Grotto admission is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, $7 for military/veterans/first responders, $8 for teens (14-17), $7 for children (5-12) and free for children younger than 4.

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