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'He helped lay the groundwork for where the city is today'

Remembering Fire Chief David Munger

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Former Cullman Fire Rescue Acting Chief David Munger passed away Dec. 14 at the age of 64, his legacy leaving an impact on the community.

Munger's brother, James Munger, recently spoke with The Tribune about the love his brother had for his city, career and family.

"David was not only my brother, but a peer in the field of fire protection," James Munger said. "He began his career with Cullman Fire Rescue in 1978 about a year after I joined the » PAGE 7



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Left to right are Tom Munger, James Munger and David Munger. (Not pictured: Billy Munger and Christy Munger)

Cullman's 'Mrs. Claus' tells all



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Tonja Grace, aka Mrs. Claus, has been spreading joy around the Cullman area for many years.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Did you know the Cullman area has its very own Mrs. Claus? Tonja Grace has been bringing good cheer for half a decade.

"I got started doing this about five years ago," Grace said. "My boys are grown, and Christmas is my favorite time of the year. I wanted a way I could give back to the community. I initially started visiting homebound patients and hospice patients. It eventually went to riding in parades, and simply walking the streets giving out candy canes and toys to the smaller children."

Grace said one of her favorite things to do is buying toys and giving them to children.

"I would do meet and greets out in public and attend many local events and just dress up to try and spread the Christmas cheer," Grace said. "My grandfather always loved Christmas, » PAGE 5

County to supply extra garbage receptacles for holiday



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 20-21

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 20-21, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 19

• theft of property-4th degree; Lessman Circle SW; cash

Dec. 20

• burglary-3rd degree; Swafford Rd; miscellaneous items; $420

ARRESTS

Dec. 19

Fitzgerald II, Alan R; 42

• assault with bodily fluid

Hooper, Steven D; 41

• FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Ragsdale, Whitney N; 31

• criminal trespassing-3rd degree

• theft of property-4th degree

Dec. 20

Mann, Jacob C; 26

• resisting arrest

• obstructing governmental operations

Smith, Christian X; 31

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Walker, Joey V; 25

• FTA-insurance violation

• FTA-failure to register vehicle

• FTA-speeding

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

ALEA: Be ready, be safe during wintry weather

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Forecasts are calling for extremely cold weather, which could potentially produce a wintry mix in certain areas across the state leading up to and through the Christmas holidays.

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) encourages motorists who absolutely must drive during severe cold-weather events to use extreme caution and to expect roadways and bridges/overpasses to be icy. ALEA's Troopers and Special Agents will be on standby to assist before, during and after any significant weather events.

"At any moment, weather conditions can change drastically," ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said.

"As weather forecasters continue to predict frigid temperatures ahead of the upcoming holidays. Our Agency is already preparing, with all divisions and units developing and implementing wintry-weather operation plans. These efforts will ensure that both ALEA Troopers and Special Agents are fully prepared to aid and assist motorists traveling across the state in the coming days.

However, we strongly encourage and recommend that both citizens and visitors prepare now for the incoming weather. In the event conditions worsen, we urge motorists to adjust travel plans and avoid driving in severe weather."

In addition, ALEA offers the following traffic safety tips for preparing for the wintry weather, as well as for traveling in hazardous conditions:

• Do not utilize your vehicle's cruise control, which creates issues and could cause you to lose control of your vehicle, especially when crossing frozen or iced-over bridges.

• Monitor local news for information on weather conditions and travel advisories, and check road conditions at https://algotraffic.com/.

• Report traffic crashes or other emergencies by calling 911.

• Remain alert for emergency vehicles and obey Alabama's "move over" law.

• Keep vehicles in good operating condition. Check antifreeze levels, use windshield washer solution suitable for freezing weather conditions, and keep gas tanks at least half full.

• Remember weather and roadway conditions can deteriorate quickly. Adapt speeds to existing roadway conditions and be alerted to changing weather and the possibility of icy and slippery roads. Unlike tornadoes or thunderstorms that can pop up in a matter of minutes, winter storms usually provide us with days to prepare. Advisories, watches, and warnings are issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the NWS. We encourage everyone to stay connected with their local news stations, as well as ALEA's social media pages, for updates on weather and road conditions.

• During inclement weather, turn on headlights and windshield wipers, and maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and other vehicles.

• Pay attention to bridges and overpasses, which tend to develop hazardous "black ice."

• Keep a blanket, first-aid kit, charged cell phone and other emergency supplies in your vehicle.

Before the storm tips

• Create a family plan for winter emergencies and discuss how to stay safe in all conditions.

• Stay aware by monitoring the local forecast via radio, TV, internet, and/or smartphone alerts.

• Check both your home and your car's emergency supply kits to ensure everything is in working order.

• Update your smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors to versions that have a battery backup.

During the storm tips

• Avoid being on roadways.

• Bring in pets who usually stay outside.

• Stay indoors as much as possible. If you absolutely must go outside, keep the duration of your trips short.

• Remember the most effective way to stay warm is by wearing multiple layers of clothing.

• Keep an emergency supply kit in your car if you cannot avoid driving. Be extra careful driving and remain aware of your surroundings.

• DO NOT use a stove to supply heat for your home. Likewise, do not use outdoor grills or gas/propane heaters.

• Do not use generators indoors. Plug appliances directly into your generator. DO NOT plug your generator into your household's electrical wiring.

After the storm tips

• Make sure roadways are safe before driving. While precipitation may have stopped, roads can remain dangerous to drive on for days afterward.

• Dress appropriately for the temperature. Continue dressing in layers and avoid extended exposure.

• Stay away from downed lines, and DO NOT pull tree limbs off downed power lines or make repairs to Alabama Power equipment. Call 1-800-888-2726 and wait for help.

County Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its meeting Dec. 20 recognized the reappraisal department's Karen Campbell for her retirement after 24 years and the maintenance department's Ricky Weissend for his retirement after 25 years. A proclamation was issued to Ashley Dover of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force recognizing Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Day on Jan. 11, 2023.

The commission voted to ratify the yearly Volunteer Fire Workers' Compensation insurance premium, which covers all volunteer fire departments for $12,938.

The purchase of a static UH-1 helicopter was approved in the amount of $35,000. The helicopter, which will be displayed at Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake, will be bought from the Friends of Army Aviation, with a $17,500 down payment.

The purchase is part of a joint project between the Cullman County Tourism Bureau, the City of Cullman and the Veterans Memorial Advisory Board, and the commission's purchase will be reimbursed.

The commission appointed three new members to the Veterans Memorial Advisory Board: Dr. Michael Schendel (who will replace Ken Brown), Col. Don Fallin and Chris Denney.

In other business, the following agenda items were approved:

• Renew Association of County Commissions of Alabama Liability Fund for the contract period ending Dec. 31, 2023, in the amount of $473,293.94

• Change speed limit to 35 mph on County Road 1545 from County Road 1474 to Alabama Highway 69, which is approximately 1.8 miles

• Authorize Commissioner Kelly Duke to replace Commissioner Kerry Watson on the NARCOG Board

• Consider Commissioner Duke's nominee, Waid Harbison, for appointment to the Industrial Development Board for a term to expire Jan. 19, 2029, to replace Lisa Baggett

• Consider Commissioner Garry Marchman's nominee, Jason Grimmett, for reappointment to the Industrial Development Board for a term to expire Jan. 19, 2029

• Consider agreement with ADECA to participate in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program through Community Action Partnership

• Repair of the Cullman County Courthouse security area roof by Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of $13,390

• Correction of the clerical error for the Oct. 17, 2023, meeting date. The meeting day should be changed from Thursday to Tuesday.

• Move the January commission meeting from Jan. 19, 2023, to Jan. 10, 2023, due to a scheduling conflict

• Consider putting Dumpsters at various locations throughout the county for Christmas

• Surplus of a 2000 GMC Sierra pick-up (Vin # 1GTEC14V1YE321603) from the courthouse to be auctioned on GovDeals

• Consider the surplus of the following items from the water department to be auctioned on GovDeals:

• 2014 Ford F-450 (Vin # 1FD0W4HT9EEA26624)

• 2013 International 4400 (Vin # 3HAMKAAR2DL236426)

• 2007 Chevrolet 3500 (Vin # 1GBJK34D37E104092)

• 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (Vin # 1GCRKPE72CZ253871)

• 2016 Ford F-150 (Vin # 1FTFX1EF3GFA72973)

• 2012 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 (Vin # 3GCPKSE71CG 167199)

• McElroy TracStar 28 (Vin # T800105)

• Honda generator 3500

• Briggs and Stratton tiler 4.0

• Surplus of a front loader attachment for skid steer from the water department to be sold to the Town of Garden City in the amount of $2,000

• Award Bid 1421 to APEIRO Solutions LLC in the amount of $34,284 for one or more industrial stand-up fogger(s) and backpack fogger with an extra battery at the Cullman County Detention Center

• Award Bid 1422 to LINEV Systems in the amount of $146,000 for the purchase and installation of one or more full-body scanners with thermal sensor at the Cullman County Detention Center

• Award Bid 1423 to Infrared Cameras Inc (ICI) in the amount of $305,650 for one or more LWTR Fixed Mount Skin Temperature Measurement System(s) at the Cullman County Detention Center

• Award Bid 1424 to Temperature Pro in the amount of $9,373 for a 3-ton single packaged heat pump to be installed at the Clarkson Bridge Cabin

A measure to surplus a 2018 Jeep Compass from the reappraisal department to be transferred to Cullman Regional Airport was not approved.



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Commission meeting schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10
- Thursday, Feb. 23
- Tuesday, March 21
- Tuesday, April 18
- Tuesday, May 16
- Thursday, June 22
- Tuesday, July 18
- Tuesday, Aug. 15
- Tuesday, Sept. 19
- Tuesday, Oct. 17
- Tuesday, Nov. 14
- Tuesday, Dec. 12

Meetings are held in the Commission Meeting Room at Cullman County Courthouse.

The work sessions begin at 4 p.m. and regular meetings at 6.

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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 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! Pickup 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.

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: Dec. 22-23, 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. 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. 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. 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 Dec. 23 – $10

• Kids' rides Dec. 23 – $5

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

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

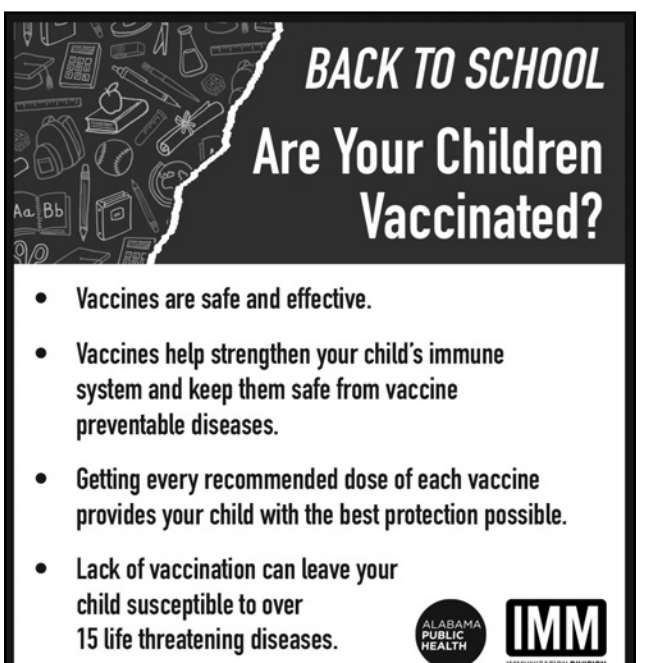
Thursday, Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m. in the Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157. The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help 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.

Midnight Mass and Mass of Christmas Day at St. Bernard Abbey

The monks of St. Bernard Abbey will celebrate the birth of Christ with Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at midnight, Dec. 24/25 (Saturday/Sunday), 2022. in the Abbey Church. The public is cordially invited. In addition, the Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022. www.stbernardabbey.com, www.facebook.com/stbernardabbey.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Warriors, Lady Warriors earn wins at Vinemont

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VINEMONT, Ala. — West Point made the short trip over to Vinemont High School Monday night to battle the Eagles in a pair of varsity matchups and both the Warriors and Lady Warriors returned home with wins. The Lady Warriors pulled away in the final frame to top Vinemont 55-44 and the Kolten Perry and Jay Lamar poured in 48 combined points to lead the Warriors past the Eagles 60-52.

West Point 55 - Vinemont 44 (Varsity Girls)

Whitney Quick drilled a three to put Vinemont on the scoreboard, but West Point's Laklin Shadix hit a shot down low to put them on the scoreboard. A pair of Liberty Shadix free throws made it 5-4 with 4:18 remaining in the first quarter, but the Lady Eagles got a three each from Raylee and Whitney Quick as they pushed their lead to 11-4. The Lady Warriors trimmed the deficit to just four at 11-7 on a Caitlee Simmons trey and later in the period, a Laklin Shadix three made it a 13-10 game going into the second period.

The Lady Eagles quickly added to their lead to start the second quarter as a pair of Caroline Miller threes made it 20-10 with 5:22 left to go in the quarter.

Hailee Wheeler drilled one from long range to make it a 20-14 game and later on, Laklin Shadix and Ella Minck each hit a basket in the paint to cut it to 22-18. Maggie Burks knocked down a shot and Carley Stephens completed her and-one opportunity to push the Vinemont lead to 27-18, but Jaylen Faulkner and Liberty Shadix each hit a shot from long range to cut it to 27-24 at the half.

Liberty Shadix hit back-to-back shots down low to start the third quarter and that gave West Point a 28-27 lead. Raylee Quick banked in a three to give Vinemont a 30-29 lead almost halfway through the third period. A Stephens made basket saw the Lady Eagles hold onto a slim 32-31 lead, but a Wheeler trey gave the Lady Warriors the lead right back at 34-32. Four quick points by Whitney Quick gave Vinemont a 36-34 lead late in the third period. Jaylen Faulkner knocked down a floater to tie the game, then Wheeler broke the tie with her third trey of the night as the Lady Warriors took a 39-36 lead into the final period.

Back-to-back baskets by Reagan Robinson gave Vinemont the lead right back at 40-39 to start out the final quarter, but West Point responded quickly and got the lead back. Liberty and Laklin Shadix each knocked down a three to give the Lady Warriors a 45-40 lead. Minck added one from long range as well and Laklin Shadix hit another three to push the Lady Warrior lead to 51-40. Robinson hit a pair of baskets down low as the Lady Eagles looked to make a comeback late in the game, but they couldn't get any closer after that as West Point ended up taking the game, 55-44.

Liberty Shadix finished the game with 14 points, 10 rebounds, five blocks and two steals for West Point (5-5). Laklin Shadix added 13 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks and two steals. Wheeler ended up with 12 points.

Minck added nine points, six rebounds, and three steals, while Faulkner ended up with seven points. For Vinemont (9-6), Whitney Quick finished with 12 points and six rebounds. Robinson added nine points, five rebounds, and six steals. Stephens added seven points, six rebounds, and three blocks, while Miller and Raylee Quick each finished with six points.

West Point 60 - Vinemont 52 (Varsity Boys)

Jay Lamar hit a shot down low to put West Point on the scoreboard first, but Vinemont's Chayce Sandlin knocked down a jumper to tie it up at two early in the game. A Lamar trey gave the Warriors a 5-2 lead, but a pair of Isiah Jones free throws was later followed by back-to-back baskets by Isaac Moody and that gave the Eagles an 8-5 lead with less than three minutes to go in the first period. Seven straight points by Lamar gave West Point a 12-8 lead, but a Moody three cut it to 12-11. A pair of Kolten Perry free throws made it a 14-12 game, but Jordan Eller drilled a deep three just before the buzzer sounded to give the Eagles a 15-14 lead going into the second period.

Perry got a steal and got the basket to go to give the Warriors a 16-15 lead early in the second quarter. A Ryan Stewart three gave the Eagles the lead right back at 18-16, but Lamar got fouled while shooting a three and ended up hitting all three as West Point grabbed a 19-18 lead. Kanaan Sutter and Perry followed that up with a trey each to push the Warrior lead to 25-18. Perry scored five straight points as West Point increased their lead to 30-20, but a three each by Stewart and Moody trimmed the deficit to just five at 32-27. Perry finished out a huge second quarter strong as he hit another basket down low as the Warriors took a 34-27 lead into the locker room.

Stewart and Connor Gibbs each hit a trey to make it a 37-33 game early in the third quarter, but another Perry basket made it 39-33. Sandlin and Moddy each hit a free throw to cut it to 39-35, but Perry hit a pair of free throws and another basket down low to push the Warrior lead to 43-35. Dawson Wilhite drilled a long-range shot to make it a 43-38 game. A Lamar three increased the Warrior lead to 49-40, but a Dalton Ray made basket made it a 49-42 game going into the final period.

Both teams traded baskets for most of the fourth quarter. A Lamar trey for West Point was then followed by a Stewart trey for Vinemont and that kept the deficit at seven at 56-49. Huge baskets late by J.D. Cochran and Sutter made it a 60-49 game and the Warriors would go on to defeat the Eagles, 60-52.

Lamar finished with 25 points for West Point (4-9). Perry added 23 points, nine rebounds, three steals, and two blocks. Rodgers (four steals) and Sutter (13 rebounds and four blocks) each ended up with five points. For Vinemont (4-8), Moody led the way with 14 points and seven rebounds. Stewart added 12 points, while Sandlin ended up with eight points.

West Point will head home to take on Arab Tuesday night and the Eagles will get ready to participate in the St. Bernard Christmas Tournament Thursday. They will take on Athens Bible at 2:15 p.m.



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West Point's Kolten Perry posted 23 points in the Warriors' 60-52 win at Vinemont Monday night.



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West Point's Ella Minck finished with nine points in the Lady Warriors' 55-44 win over Vinemont Monday night.

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders and Lady Raiders returned home to D.E. Ryan Gymnasium Tuesday night to host the Aggies of Fairview and both Good Hope squads were able to collect wins on their home court. The top-ranked Lady Raiders cruised past the Lady Aggies 63-22 to improve to 12-0 and in the boys' game, Good Hope topped Fairview 77-62 to remain unbeaten in county play.

Good Hope 63 - Fairview 22 (Varsity Girls)

Ivey Maddox drilled a three to get the scoring started for Good Hope, then Rudi Derrick added a basket down low to make it 5-0. Ava Thomas knocked down a shot to put Fairview on the scoreboard, but baskets by Charly Johnson and Maddox quickly made it 9-2. Heather Tetro and Maddox each hit a three to push the Lady Raider lead to 17-2 going into the second quarter.

Emma Garcia hit a layup to make it a 17-4 game, but Bailey and Heather Tetro each hit a shot, along with Jolee McHan, to increase Good Hope's lead to 23-6. Jayla Gorham hit a basket and Thomas hit a pair of shots as well to cut it to 25-12. Heather Tetro knocked down a three and Bailey Tetro added a shot down low to make it 30-12. Gorham hit another shot down low to cut it to 31-14, but Maddox hit a shot down low as the Lady Raiders took a 34-12 lead into the locker room.

The third quarter saw Good Hope continue to add on to their lead as Maddox and Bailey Tetro combined to score 16 of their 18 points in the period and Johnson added a basket as well and the Lady Raiders took a 52-14 lead into the final period, which was run under a hot clock. Good Hope remained unbeaten as they easily defeated the Lady Aggies, 63-22.

Bailey Tetro finished with 22 points for Good Hope (12-0). Maddox added 15 points. Heather Tetro ended up with 10 points, while Johnson added seven points. For Fairview (5-9), Gorham finished with 11 points. Thomas added six points. Lexi Golden ended up with three points and Garcia chipped in with two points.

Good Hope 77 - Fairview 62 (Varsity Boys)

Weston Hancock hit a tough shot down low to put Good Hope on the scoreboard first, but baskets down low by Cade Yeager and Cylas Yarbrough gave Fairview a 4-2 lead. Antonio Gambrill banked in a three to give the Aggies a 7-4 lead. Both teams traded baskets for most of the first quarter. A Yarbrough layup saw Fairview hold onto a slim 11-8 lead, but a basket down low by Bell and a trey by Hancock gave the Raiders a 13-11 lead. A driving layup by Kobe Payne saw Fairview take a 15-14 lead into the second period.

Bryson Fletcher knocked down a three from the left wing to push the Aggie lead to 18-14 early in the second quarter, but baskets by Eli Clements and Bell tied the game up at 18.

A pair of Landon Smith free throws broke the tie and that gave Fairview a 20-18 lead, but later on, Bell scored five straight points to give the Raiders the lead right back at 24-20. Haynes added a basket and a pair of free throws, and Hancock knocked down a shot as well to push Good Hope's lead to 30-20 late in the second period.

A pair of Payne free throws and another basket by Yarbrough cut it to 30-24, but Haynes banked in a floater to put Good Hope on top, 32-24, at halftime.

Cone quickly drilled a three to make it a 35-24 game, but Payne hit one of his own and added a pair from the line to cut it to 35-29. Bell drilled one from long range to make it 38-29, but a free throw by Payne cut it to 40-32. Hancock hit a floater and Cone hit one of his own to push the Raider lead to 44-32 late in the third period. Gambrill hit another three to make it a 46-35 game. Yarbrough knocked down a free throw, then added a basket to cut it to 48-38. Each team traded a pair of free throws and Good Hope took a 50-40 lead into the final period.

Colten Whatley hit a layup to make it 52-40, then Colton Lindsey and Cone each added a basket down low to push Good Hope's lead to 56-42. Back-to-back baskets by Gambrill made it a 56-46 game. A pair of Hancock free throws and another Haynes floater made it a 62-48 game, but a Yarbrough three cut it to 62-51 with a little over four minutes to go in the game. Good Hope didn't allow Fairview to get any closer after that as baskets by Cone and Bell increased Good Hope's lead to 69-54 and the Raiders would go on to defeat the Aggies, 77-62.

Bell led the way for Good Hope (10-3) with 26 points. Cone added 20 points. Hancock ended up with 15 points and Haynes added nine points. For Fairview (6-7), Yarbrough finished with 21 points. Payne added 15 points and Gambrill ended up with 10 points.

Good Hope will travel to take on West Point Thursday night. Fairview's varsity girls will participate in a tournament in Athens on Dec. 28 and the varsity boys will travel to Tennessee to take part in the King of the Smokies tournament from Dec. 27-29.



Claus (from Front)



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and my mom taught us to love it just as much. We baked cookies with foster children and it just brought joy to my heart to be able to give back."

She said she recently attended an event at Snead's Farmhouse in Vinemont, where she had pictures taken with many farm animals and children.

"It was so much fun. I also attended the Christmas (events at the) Marktplatz in Cullman, and being able to see the joy on the faces of the young and old made it all worthwhile. I have also, with the help of friends, delivered Christmas toys to children via a fire truck."

Grace shared some of her favorite memories so far.

"One of my favorite memories of doing this is giving a hospice patient a baby doll and clothes," Grace said. "She loved it as if it were her own and cried because she was so happy. So many little things we take for granted are so very important to many others."

She said some people think she is silly for doing this – since most of what she does is volunteer work.

"I visit nursing homes and homes for the developmentally challenged," Grace said. "Anywhere I can make someone smile, I have done my job. I enjoy each and every photo op, the smiles on the faces of the young and old. It truly is a blessing to me. When I put on the Mrs. Claus wardrobe I tend to forget all my worries and transform into something that feels so magical. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and don't forget the real reason for the season!"

Grace said for the remainder of the year she will be popping up all over town in random places to spread Christmas cheer.

"Some nights, I just go to Depot Park and walk around and enjoy the blessings God has given me," Grace said. "If anyone needs me to make an appearance, all they have to do is ask!"



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COLUMN

‘The Polar Express’: I heard the bells!

Joe Hobby
Contributor

Being a grandparent, I’ve learned that the time between 2-3 years old is a wonderful age for grandchildren. They talk pretty well, they’re just about potty trained and they’re still unencumbered when it comes to social graces. Come to think of it, that’s the same way my wife describes me.

It’s also a time for questions. “What is this? What’s that for? Why are you doing this?” They are little sponges absorbing everything they can as the world unfolds before them.

This combination of cuteness and curiosity, coupled with a sense of wonder, makes Christmas especially wonderful for little children. The fear of Santa is over. The concept of gifting is basically understood. And the old, classic Christmas movies are new and fresh to them.

And so, a few days ago, we got to introduce Addy, one of my granddaughters, to a classic holiday flick, “The Polar Express.”

It didn’t come about easily. That’s because there’s another trait of children this age I haven’t mentioned: upon finding a cartoon, movie or TV show they like, a small child will want to watch it over and over again.

This drives me out of my mind. If I was kidnapped by the Taliban, they could make me confess to anything by forcing me to watch fewer episodes of “Paw Patrol” than my granddaughter does each day.

And if have to see “Luca” one more time, I might puka. So, predictably, when we tried to put “The Polar Express” in the viewing rotation, we were met with all the resistance she could muster.

There was pouting, crying, whimpering, tantrum throwing - and that was just from my wife.

As for Addy, she just sat in her Mimi’s lap, whining, “Nooo! Wanna watch Wuka again! Wanna watch my Wuka again!”

I remained patiently optimistic. I knew if we could just get her to focus on “The Polar Express,” she would be hooked.

So, we started the movie, and as I expected, things began to quiet down. The hook was set. She was watching it! Seizing on an opportunity, I stepped out of the room to get my car keys. This would be an excellent time for me to run a few errands.

However, as I walked back through the den on my way to the garage, I stopped in mid stride.

Because right in front of me was my granddaughter, smitten by the movie I love so much. It was innocent. It was beautiful. It was perfect. I found myself smack dab in the middle of a real-life Hallmark moment.

As I welled up with emotion, Addy took her gaze away from the screen, looked at me and said sweetly, “Day-yea, you watch it, too.”

(Sidebar: ”Day-yea” is the name she gave me. It comes from her early attempts to say “granddaddy.” I think it’s stuck, and that’s ok. I actually kind of like it.)

That did it. Only Scrooge could run errands after a request like that. I put down the car keys and sat down in my red lounge chair. The plans had changed.

There’s only one time in my life to experience this with Addy, and I was not going to miss it. So, for the next hour and a half, I watched as she soaked up the Christmas magic of “The Polar Express” for the very first time.

She would occasionally glance up at me and smile, happy I was sharing this time with her. Tears began welling up in my eyes. It was hard not to get emotional watching this scene unfold before me.

Honestly, I must admit that during a lot of holiday seasons, I behave like the adults in “The Polar Express.” I don’t hear the Christmas bells ringing. I get too caught up getting ready for Christmas that I don’t let myself experience Christmas. That wasn’t the case today.

Today, I heard the clean, pure peal of Santa’s bells just like the child in the movie. It was a special moment between grandparent and grandchild that I will always cherish. And when she gets older, I will share the whole story with her - including what she said the minute the movie ended.

“Day-yea. I wanna see it again.”

Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you hear the bells.

Joe Hobby is a comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe’s stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

Receptacles (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sanitation Department will be setting up extra Dumpsters throughout the county on Thursday, Dec. 22, for the excess garbage that comes with holiday gift giving and packaging. Surplus Christmas trash and boxes are welcomed. These Dumpsters are not to be used for furniture and large household items. The Dumpsters will be hauled away on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

The locations for the Dumpsters will be:

- Cold Springs School
8999 County Road 109
Bremen, AL 35033

- Crane Hill Sheriff’s Office Annex
15095 County Road 222
Crane Hill, AL 35053

- East Side Road Department
2883 AL Highway 69
Cullman, AL 35058

- Good Hope Sheriff’s Office Annex
531 Good Hope School Road
Good Hope, AL 35057

- Hanceville Civic Center
902 Commercial St.
Hanceville, AL 35077

- Holly Pond -Old Shaw’s Restaurant
11495 U.S. Highway 278
Holly Pond, AL 35083

- Joppa- Old hangar
8681 Alabama Highway 67
Joppa, AL 35087

- Vinemont Providence Fire Station 1
535 County Road 1355

Vinemont, Alabama, 35179

- West Point Town Hall
3990 County Road 1141
Cullman, AL 35057

Revenue (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham announced that the county’s satellite revenue offices will no longer accept cash, nor will they have cash on-hand, effective March 1, 2023. The locations in Baileyton, Dodge City and Hanceville will be able to process debit/credit card payments and checks only after March 1. The main office at the Cullman County Courthouse will continue to accept cash, debit/credit cards and checks.

“One of the main reasons is security,” Willingham explained at the Cullman County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

“Our satellite offices are sometimes manned by only one person at these locations and it’s a safety hazard. We can sometimes just have a little bit of cash and then it can be surprising at how much cash we can have in these locations without any security.

“We do have magnetic doors at the offices in Baileyton and Dodge City.

“We did that mainly for people coming in and out during COVID, but we’ve still had some issues at Dodge City recently. We talked to the deputy, and he advised us to.”



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham announces changes to satellite revenue offices at Cullman County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Effective March 1, the following locations will no longer handle cash payments:

- Cullman County Revenue Office
12080 AL Highway 69, Baileyton, AL 35019

- Dodge City Town Hall
130 Howard Circle, Hanceville, AL 35077

- City of Hanceville
112 Main St. SE, Hanceville, AL 35077

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LEGALS

In accordance with Section 10A-2A-14.07 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that Cullman Urology, P.C. was dissolved on December 20, 2022. Any persons with claims against the corporation should send written notice to Cullman Urology, P.C., Attention: Rodney C. Sanders, M.D., 1848 Parkland Drive NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Such claim should set forth the name of the claimant, the address and telephone number of the claimant, the nature of the claim, including but not limited to, all facts supporting your claim and the date such claim arose. Any claim against the Corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within two years after the publication of this notice.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARGARET ANN WILSON *
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to **Cynthia Wilson Self,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Margaret Ann Wilson ,** deceased, on the 16th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cynthia Wilson Self
Personal Representative

Rhonda Chambers
MARSH, RICKARD, & BRYAN, PC
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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*
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CAROL B. PAYNE, as Administratrix of the Estate of RONNIE LANE ARNDT, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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Carol B. Payne
Administratrix

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 28, 2008 and Amendement to Mortgage dated June 13, 2008 by John D. Owen, an unmarried man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1566, Page 869, and Amendment to Mortgage recorded in MTG 1568, Page 843 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 5, 2023:

A tract or parcel of land being situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter all in Section 18,, Township 11 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:
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Included herewith is a 30 foot wide road easement along the North line of Subject Property. For clarification the 30 foot wide road easement was reserved by Builders and Traders, the original owners of Parcel Numbers 21-04-18-0-000-005.005; 004.001; and 005.013, as a 30 food wide road easement along the North line of all property bearing these parcel numbers to be fused by all these parcels to reach County Road 362.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together: 1990 Gateway, VIN GWAL2792

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

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
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The Cullman Tribune-December 15, 22, 29, 2022

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Katherine L Beck And Eddie R Beck Wife And Husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Cullman Savings Bank, its successors and assigns dated August 23, 2019; said mortgage being recorded on August 28, 2019, in Book 1887, Page 830 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Ameris Bank by assignment recorded in Deed Book 381, Page 607 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Ameris Bank, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 9th day of February, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Lot Number Thirty-Four (34) of Skyview Estates Subdivision, according to the map of said subdivision as recorded in Map Book 5, Page 203, in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 1405 Hanceville Rd SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.
Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.
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Munger (from Front)

department. I left the department in 1980 to join the Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office, but David remained with the department rising through the ranks, serving as the division chief for training and finishing his career serving as the acting chief of the department."

Munger said his brother truly believed in education and was one of the first firefighters to earn an Associate Degree in Fire Science at Wallace State Community College.

"He continued his education by attending numerous classes at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, including classes in the Executive Fire Officer Program," Munger said.

"During his tenure as the division chief for training he was instrumental in the department obtaining its first rescue engine and expanding the department's response capabilities. He oversaw improvements in the fire department training programs, and as acting fire chief worked to have the first money budgeted for EMT/Fire Responder training."

Munger said his brother faced significant challenges both inside the department and in city government from those who opposed changes to the "status quo."

"After his 'retirement,' I was honored to have him join me in our fire protection consulting firm," he said.

"He continued his professional career by providing expert work in all aspects of fire protection, including investigation, building inspections and plan review. He provided expert testimony in numerous fire protection cases. He also became an active member of the local Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department and was instrumental in the construction of a new headquarters station for the department."

Munger said his brother was more than a leader – he was a light.

"He made a positive and lasting impact in fire protection both at the departments and later in the private sector," he said.

"He remained an active member of Johnson's Crossing and worked until health issues forced his retirement. His commitment and contributions to the fire and emergencies services was reflected in that (retired) Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman Fire (Rescue) Chief Brian Bradberry attended his memorial service."

Munger said he wanted to personally thank the two men for honoring his brother and peer for his service.

Bradberry said he would love to have known Chief David Munger, but unfortunately Bradberry began his career at Cullman Fire Rescue after Chief Munger's tenure.

"I can say we stand on the shoulders of those that come before us, and we appreciate his dedicated service and leadership in our fire department and the community," Bradberry said. "We are praying for peace and comfort for the Munger family and friends."

Culpepper said Chief Munger was a progressive voice in public safety and a visionary.

"He helped lay the groundwork for where the city is today," Culpepper said. "It was a privilege to have worked with him."

James Munger said his brother's greatest joy came from his role as grandfather.

"Before becoming a member of the fire service, he took on hobbies that turned into businesses," he said. "He became involved with photography and later opened his own camera shop. He loved cooking, working in his garden, woodworking – but his greatest joy came from his three grandkids. He was most proud of his grandson Mac and his two granddaughters Eleanor and Matilda."



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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 20-21

Wanda Jean Calvert, 80
Funeral Service for Wanda Jean Calvert, age 80, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Mike Waters officiating, interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Calvert passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at her residence. She was born Dec. 20, 1941, to Edward and Lottie Baggett. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Verley Calvert Sr. Survivors include her children, Linda (Tommy) Murphree, Verley Gene (Crystal) Calvert Jr. and Martha Wilbanks; grandchildren, Brent (Amanda) Daniel, Amy (Robbie) Feenker, Kayla (Ed) Bailey, Lindsey Murphree, Madalyn (Tate) Brown, Karsen Wilbanks, and Levi Calvert; five great-grandchildren; brother, Thomas (Deborah) Baggett; and a host of nieces and nephews.

George "Pokey" Ronald Pattillo, 80
George Ronald Pattillo, "Pokey" age 80 of Cullman died Monday, Dec. 19, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents: Howard E. and Marcille Goodlett Pattillo; his brother, Keith E. Pattillo; and his son Clark Pattillo. Ronnie is survived by his wife, Virginia Self Pattillo; son, Patrick Pattillo, grandson, Justin Clark Pattillo; daughter-in-law, Daphne Byram Pattillo; and sister-in-law, Debra Dobbs Pattillo. The family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, from noon until the Celebration of Mr. Pattillo's life that will begin at 2 p.m. in Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. John Richter officiating. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Judy Ann Garcia, 73
Judy Ann Garcia, 73 of Double Springs, entered into rest Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent's East, in Birmingham. Judy was born Aug. 21, 1949, in Double Springs, Alabama. Judy enjoyed photography, traveling, ancestry, music, but most of all she enjoyed serving her heavenly father and church and being with family and friends. Visitation will be held Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be at 2p.m. Burial will follow at Fairview cemetery. Judy is survived by her son, John (Tammy) Garcia; daughter, Tammy (Joey) Garrison; grandchildren, John Robert Garcia, Nena Garrison, Tanner Garcia and Sophia Garcia; brothers, John Elmer (Debbie) Winkles, R.J. (Julie) Winkles; nephew, Cody (Alivia) Winkles; great nephews, Brennan Miller and Archer Winkles; and great niece, Layla Winkles. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Garcia and parents, Elmer Eugene and Dollis Marie Garrison Winkles.

James Van Hughes, 87
James Van Hughes, age 87, of Welti, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. Van retired from Americold after working there for 40 years. He was a devoted husband and loving father. He cared for his precious daughter Shelia until her death, and he was always proud of and thankful for his son Bruce and his two granddaughters. Van enjoyed the last years of his life with Bruce and daughter-in-law Angie. Van is survived by his son, Bruce Van Hughes (Angela); his sister, Mary Frances Hughes Brock (Dudley); his brother, Elliott Hughes (Bonnie); and his granddaughters, Sarah Lindsey Hughes and Sydney Lauren Hughes. Van was preceded in death by his wife, Shelba Jean Brannan Hughes; his daughter, Shelia Marie Hughes; his parents, Samuel Tennis Hughes and Bernice Ollie Moses Hughes and his sisters, Virginia Carolyn Hughes Shelton (Zelmar) and Ruth Faye Hughe s Boatright (Johnny).A celebration of life graveside service for Van will be held Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 8817 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35055.

Elizabeth Bates Clem, 42
Elizabeth Bates Clem, 42, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Dec. 18, 2022. Liz was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on Feb. 16, 1980. Ms. Clem was a talent hairdresser and enjoyed working in the industry as long as her health allowed her to do so. She was a good-hearted woman and her beautiful spirit was a blessing to all those who knew her. Elizabeth was an overcomer, and she did not allow hard situations in her past keep her from being a kind and loving person. She loved her children deeply and her family and friends were very important to her. She was loved greatly, and she will be missed. Liz is preceded in death by her son, Christian Clem. She is survived by her fiancé', Jason Nail and her daughter, Paris Clem. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to care for Ms. Clem.

Jimmy Day, 79
Funeral Service for Jimmy Day, age 79, of Bremen, will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 2022, at Cold Springs Missionary Baptist Church with Harce Swann officiating, interment in Cold Springs Missionary Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Day passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, at his residence. He was born July 13, 1943, to Luther Basil Day and Oma Ozzlaer Day. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Delmar Day, Billy Day and Basil Day Jr.; and sister, Faye Potter. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Day; sons, Brian (Lynn) Day, Keith (Andrea) Day and Matthew Day; grandchildren, Kayla (Jeremy) Hale, Breanna (Cody) Weaver, Collin (Kelsey) Day, Ethan Day and Jaxon Day; great-grandchildren, Chloe Hale, Anberlyn Hale, Sawyer Hale, Sloane Weaver and Fletcher Weaver; sister, Dorothy Vincent; goddaughters, Amanda Hathcock and Lauren Campbell; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Martha King Capps, 85
Funeral Service for Martha King Capps, age 85, of Jasper, will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Capps passed away Tuesday, Dec.20, 2022, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. She was born March 11, 1937, to Carl and Olga King. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Capps; parents; and eight brothers and sisters. Survivors include her children, Tommy (Robbie) Woolsteen, Tami (Mark) Moore, Valerie (LaBron) Carroll and Jason (Melody) Smith; grandchildren, Ashlyn Gardner, Rob Woolsteen, Presley Jane Moore, Rachel Carroll, Gracen Smith, Elijah Carroll and Henderson Smith; and sisters, Jane Smith, Linda Coker and Judy Walker.

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Meals (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Representatives from Cullman Lowe's Home Improvement #313 provided complete Christmas meals to local families in need through their partnership with the Good Samaritan Health Clinic and their community partners on Wednesday, Dec. 21. The boxes included holiday hams, sides, all the fixings and desserts for 10 families.

"This just means so much to us and to our patients at this time of year," shared Good Samaritan Health Clinic Executive Director Jolanda Hutson. "Y'all just really do bring a lot of happiness to our patients. When we called the families to let them know about the donations, several were emotional because it means so much to them."

Brian Roberts, Jana Winfrey and Zach Lee, all longtime Lowe's managers, took a break from the holiday retail frenzy of their store to deliver the Christmas dinners to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic where they were also met by Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) and Victim Services staff members. After the partnering agencies had their food boxes loaded in their vehicles, they were set to deliver the gracious gifts to their clients.

"This is what the holidays are about. It's not about commercialism," Lee explained. "It's about taking care of each other and giving back to our community however we can."

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