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Raiders capture back to back county championships with 28-8 win over West Point

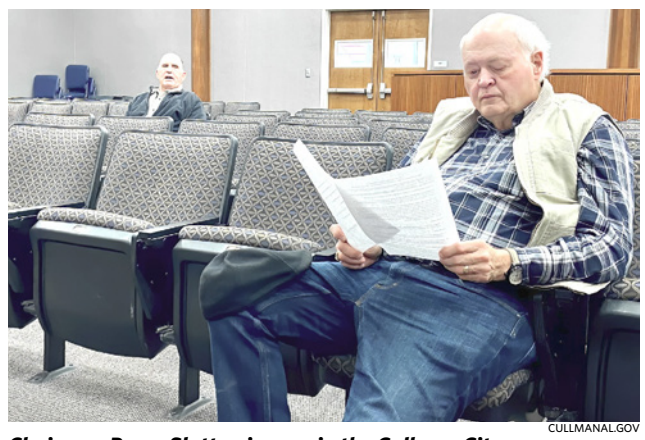
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Tree Commission talks prospective members, arboretum, 2023 Festival of the Trees, 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Tree Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 24, when Chairman Barry Slatton opened with a call for prospective members. Slatton said he envisions candidates who truly appreciate the hard work the commission is doing to preserve and enhance Cullman's natural assets.

"If you know of someone who may be a good candidate to be on the Tree Board, please notify Leanne (West), and she will notify me. We want somebody who is truly interested and wants to get involved with aspects of what we're doing » PAGE 8



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Chairman Barry Slatton is seen in the Cullman City Hall auditorium at a Tree Commission meeting.

CATA students build, donate storage building to Agriplex



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Left to right are Marcus Doering with the North Alabama Agriplex, Pat Snapp from Holly Pond High School, Jaiden Freeman from Good Hope High School, Beau Huddleston from Vinemont High School, Marco Rodriguez from Good Hope High School, J.T. Robledo from Good Hope High School, Kevin Esparza from Good Hope High School, Anthony Reyes from Holly Pond High School and Jenna Raymond from Holly Pond High School.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) carpentry and industrial maintenance students teamed up to flex their skills and present the North Alabama Agriplex with a new storage building, entirely built and wired by themselves. This isn't your typical storage shack - the building is 8′ x 10′ and boasts decorative siding and a metal roof. The building is also completely wired, including outlets, fixtures and a small breaker box.

Per CATA carpentry teacher Mike Burkett, his students are no strangers to using their skills to give back to our community, but especially the Agriplex.

"CATA construction has had a longstanding relationship with the North Alabama Agriplex for years," said Burkett. "We've built pedestrian bridges, storage buildings and furniture, as well as cutting out parts for the birdhouses they give out during Peinhardt Farm Days."

Burkett emphasized the importance of projects like these for both the community and CATA's students; the projects serve to benefit the community through the work of budding builders, and the students get a practical lesson in team management. By offering hands-on learning for real-world projects, students walk away with a sense of pride in the finished product while using their skills to bless others.

"Doing community service projects gives CATA students an excellent opportunity to develop their leadership and teamwork skills while working on a real-world project," Burkett said. "It also helps them work on their communication and interpersonal skills, and problem-solve in the field vs. a classroom/lab setting. They learn the importance of giving back to their communities!"

To stay up to date on CATA and future announcements, visit www.facebook.com/cataschool.

Nathan Winston Stephens convicted of murder of Herdon Self Jr.



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Caring for Cullman Concert: 'This is a huge event for us'



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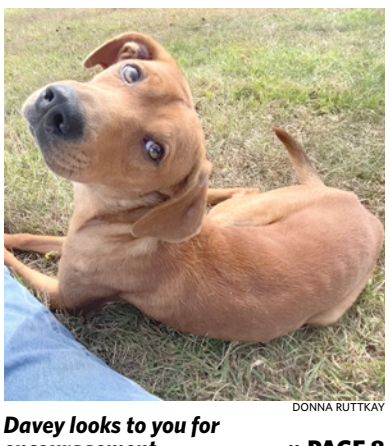
Members of the Triumphant Quartet sing with hands held high at the seventh annual Caring for Cullman Concert on Tuesday, Oct. 24. » PAGE 7

Cullman Farm-City Tour to explore local agritourism farms Nov. 1

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Davey looks to you for encouragement. » PAGE 8

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Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 25

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 25, 2023. 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

Oct. 18
- harassment; person; 13th St. NE

Oct. 19
- assault-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE

Oct. 23
- forgery-3rd degree; Wheeler Machine & Parts; forged checks
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief-2nd degree; Ingram Farms; Main Ave. Ne; damage to 1998 Freightliner; $2,000
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Davidson Homes, LLC; Dawson Ln. NE; damaged wire; $600

Oct. 24
- identity theft; person
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief-3rd degree; Mitch Smith Chevrolet; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2020 Dodge Challenger
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $470

ARRESTS

Oct. 23 – 24

Whitney, Nathan S.; 20
- receiving stolen property-3rd degree
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Broussard, Taylor W.; 28
- reckless endangerment
- attempt to elude

Scott, Kristina A.; 38
- criminal trespass

Phelps, Crystal M.; 38
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- violation of protection order
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Abbott, Austin K.; 28
- criminal trespass-2nd degree
- resisting arrest

Fuller, Linda M.; 49
- DUI
- reckless endangerment

Parker, Anastasia F.; 20
- theft of property-4th degree

Hall, Zachary S.; 56
- DUI

Wilson, Robert D.; 59
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Tour (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Farm-City will host its annual Farm City Tour on Nov. 1, departing from the Cullman County Extension Office. Guests are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes, as they will be visiting a handful of Cullman's beautiful farms, witnessing and learning about the impact they have on the community of Cullman.

Alabama Farm-City's theme for 2023 is Agritourism: Connecting Alabama Farms and Communities; agritourism is essentially commercializing a farm and its happenings into an attraction for the public to visit and explore.

Local pumpkin patches, you-pick berry farms and sunflower fields open to the public all fall under agritourism in the Cullman community.

The tour will travel the countryside of the southeast corner of Cullman to peek inside the life of local agritourism farms such as Graveman Farm, 4D Farms, Hillcrest Farms and the Berlin Farmers Market.

Kira Sims of the Cullman County Extension Office said, "We are excited to be able to show Michael Graveman's farm, who was the Farm Family winner from 2021."

The tour will make another stop and let guests visit Ashley Wilson and Curt's Closet, winners of the 2022 Family City award.

Guests can register to attend the Farm-City Tour at Merchants Bank on Second Avenue through Friday, Oct. 27.

Lunch and transportation are included in the registration cost of $20, although guests can expect to take home more than $20 worth of knowledge about local farms employing agritourism and its effect on a farm's sustainability and impact on the community.

"The tour will depart at 9 a.m. from the Cullman County Extension Office on Nov. 1. Transportation and lunch is included in the $20 tour registration. We'll return to the office no later than 3:30 p.m.," Sims said.

"Anyone interested in participating can register at Merchants Bank on Second Avenue through Friday, Oct. 27. Space is limited, so sign up soon!"

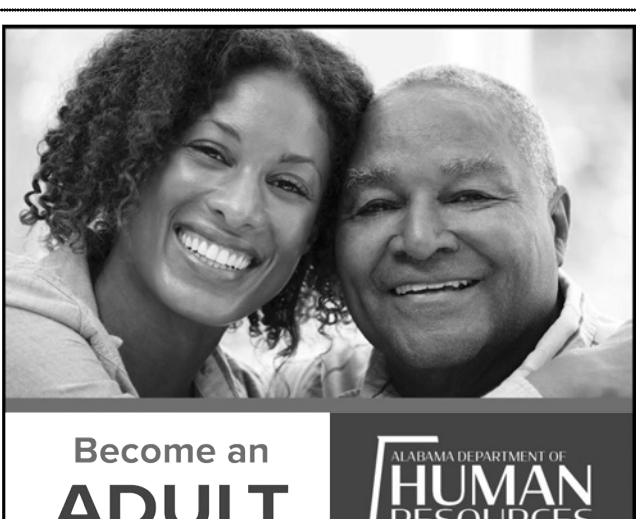
The Cullman Farm-City tour is expected to depart at 9 a.m. from the Cullman County Extension office located at 402 Arnold St. NE. Transportation to and from the highlighted farms is included in the registration fee, and lunch will be provided at no additional cost.

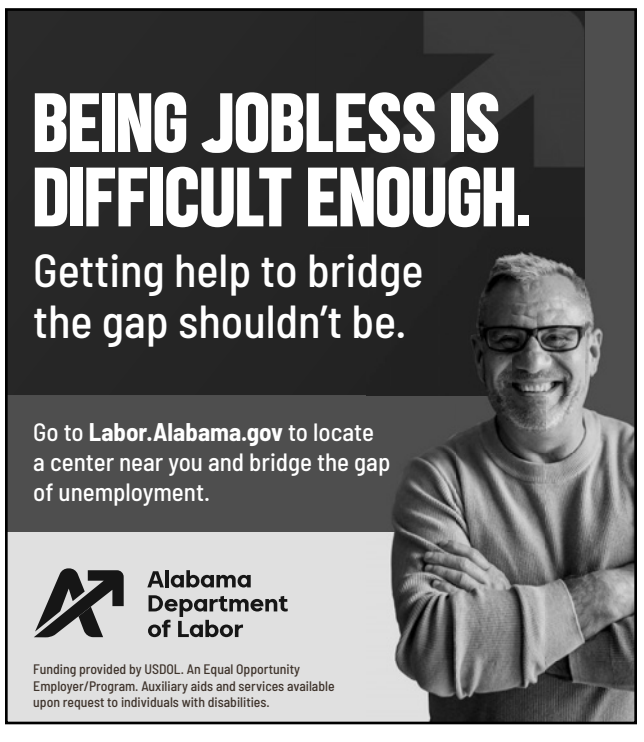
Each farm visited is allotted 30-60 minutes to tour, and participants will return and disembark the tour at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Cullman County Extension Office.

For any questions regarding the Cullman Farm-City tour, call the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386.

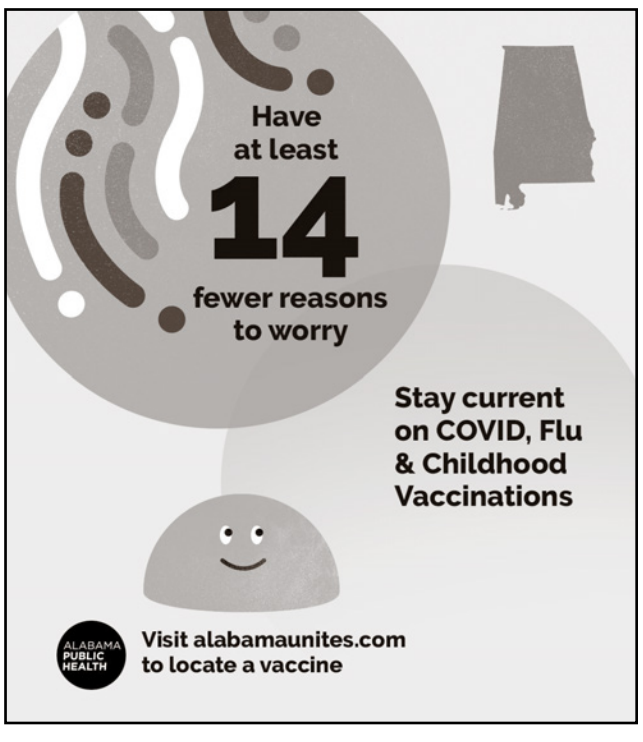
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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.
• Friday, Oct. 27 - 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! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, Oct. 29 - Prayer - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Oct. 29 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & worship and testimony by Mark Walker at 11.
• Sunday, Oct. 29 - A call to prayer at 2:30 p.m.

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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

St. Bernard Prep Open House
Friday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Connect with current students who will serve as ambassadors and tour guides. For families unable to attend the Open House, the Admissions Office extends an invitation to participate in a "Shadow Day" experience. This initiative allows students to spend a day at St. Bernard, becoming a "student for a day" to become better acquainted with the school. To arrange a Shadow Day visit, interested parties should contact Meg Glover at 256-739-6682. www.stbernardprep.com.

Mt. Zion Church Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church (U.S. Highway 31 North next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont). Free event for community with hot dogs, inflatables, hayride, cake walk, games and face painting. Come and enjoy the evening.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.

Mt. Zion Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Mt. Zion Church (located on U.S. Highway 31 North, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont). Baked goods for sale and lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry-outs are available. Call 205-908-8271 or 256-338-1959 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Zion UMW (Women's Group).

2023 Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. Free admission and free parking. Huey rides, Chinook ground tours, sky dive demo, ground tours, Model-A car show, free lunch for veterans and music from the Armed Forces Radio Vietnam.

90th Annual Welti Elementary PTO Chicken Supper
Saturday, Nov. 4, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Drive-through only. $10 per plate for chicken and dressing, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, potato salad and cookies. 8545 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35057.

Chambers Family Reunion
The Chambers (David Lon, Dock, Gene, Will) Family's annual reunion will be held Sunday, Nov 5, at the Berlin Community Center (usual location) on U.S. Highway 278 East starting at 11 a.m. Dinner will be at noon. Family members and friends, plan on attending. Bring favorite food dishes, family histories, stories, photos, etc. to share. For information, contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235.

Cullman Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. $1 donation enters you to win door prizes. $1 donation benefits local charities.

The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 13, at the Golden Coral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. Meeting begins at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting. Our guest speaker, Cris Alexander, who is a federal Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, will share needed new information regarding a change in plans. All members, as well as nonmembers, are urged to attend.

Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show
Monday, Nov. 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Peinhardt Conference Center. General admission is $10; students get in for $8. Purchase tickets at the door. All proceeds go to those in need for Thanksgiving meals through The Link of Cullman County.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Raiders capture back to back county championships with 28-8 win over West Point

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — After defeating Fairview and Vinemont in last week's semifinals respectively, the Good Hope Raiders and West Point Warriors clashed in the county title game for the second straight season at James W. Shabel Stadium Tuesday night. The Raiders held a slim, 6-0 lead at halftime but fell behind West Point early in the third quarter. However, Good Hope outscored the Warriors 22-0 the rest of the way and the Raiders captured their second consecutive county championship with a 28-8 win.

Good Hope struck first on its opening possession when quarterback Web Buchanan connected with Tucker Screws over the middle and Screws took it into the end zone for a 20-yard touchdown, giving the Raiders a 6-0 lead with just over four minutes remaining in the first quarter.

On the first play of the ensuing West Point possession, a Warriors fumble was recovered by Screws, giving the ball back to Good Hope but the Raiders turned it over on downs just a few plays later.

Another West Point fumble was recovered by Good Hope's Chase Boles early in the second quarter, but the Raiders were unable to take advantage of the short field and turned the ball over on downs once again.

Neither team was able to find the end zone in the final five minutes of the second and Good Hope went into the halftime break with a 6-0 lead.

The Warriors came out firing to start the second half and were able to take the lead after quarterback Carter McAfee hit Breylee Woodard in stride deep down the middle of the field for a 47-yard touchdown.

Koltan Franks punched in the two-point conversion and with just one minute gone in the third quarter, West Point led 8-6.

Good Hope answered quickly on its next possession, keeping the chains moving on the ground with an up-tempo attack.

Once the Raiders moved down inside the Warriors 20-yard line, Buchanan pulled up and hit Cooper Johnson running down the seam for a 16-yard touchdown and put Good Hope back in front 12-8 with 3:39 to play in the third.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders defeated West Point 28-8 Tuesday night to win back to back county championships.

West Point's next possession ended with a turnover on downs and the Raiders took advantage of the short field, extending their lead to 18-8 with a 17-yard touchdown run by Screws.

Screws ran in the two-point conversion moments later and gave Good Hope a 20-8 lead with less than a minute remaining in the third quarter. The Warriors were unable to convert on fourth down at the start of the fourth quarter and just a couple of plays later, Screws stretched the lead to 26-8 with his second touchdown run of the night.

Eli Drake carried it into the end zone for the two-point conversion to put the Raiders in front 28-8 and all but seal the win for Good Hope. The Raiders finished the game in victory formation and celebrated their second consecutive county title after defeating West Point 28-8.

Buchanan completed seven of his 10 pass attempts for 84 yards and a pair of touchdowns and added 50 more yards on the ground. Screws posted 33 yards and two touchdowns on two carries and caught four passes for 64 yards and another score. Johnson caught three passes for 38 yards and a touchdown. Ryker Hancock finished with 46 yards on nine carries and Johnson added 32 yards on six carries.

McAfee completed three of his five passes for 58 yards and a touchdown. Woodard caught a 47-yard touchdown and Westen Tolbert hauled in another catch for 11 yards. Rush Lamar led the way on the ground with 75 yards on 19 carries.

Auburn Made: Week 7 NFL rundown

Maya Patrosz
AU Athletics

It was a reunion of sorts for Auburn rookies Derick Hall and Owen Pappoe who played against each other for the first time Sunday in Seattle.

That and more in this week's Auburn Made NFL rundown.

BEST OF WEEK 7

Montravius Adams, DT, Pittsburgh Steelers

A starter in every game this season, Adams has become a mainstay on the Pittsburgh defensive line. On Sunday, he started once again and matched his season high with four tackles to aid the Steelers in a 24-17 win. It was just the third time in the last four seasons that Adams has registered four or more tackles in a game with two coming this year.

Angelo Blackson, DL, Jacksonville Jaguars

Though Blackson didn't recover a fumble this week – he had three recoveries in the team's first six games – he played maybe his best game of the season Thursday night to help the Jaguars knock off the New Orleans Saints 31-24. The eighth-year veteran set a new career high with six tackles, including five solo, and had two tackles for loss.

Jamel Dean, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

On the same week Blackson set a new career high in tackles, Dean did the same with an impressive 10 tackles against the Atlanta Falcons on Sunday. Now in his fifth season with the Buccaneers, his previous career high was 9 against Dallas in 2021. Dean also recovered a fumble Sunday, the first fumble recovery of his career, to keep the Falcons from scoring before halftime. With his performance, he earned a PFF grade of 81.2.

Rudy Ford, S, Green Bay Packers

Ford continued to make his presence known for Green Bay's defense with another strong game against the Denver Broncos on Sunday. He racked up seven tackles, four of which were solo, and finished with a PFF grade of 69.7. Ford now has seven or more tackles in each of the last five games and ranks second on the team with 42 tackles on the season.

Other Tigers in the NFL

- Tank Bigsby, RB, Jacksonville Jaguars
- K.J. Britt, LB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Derrick Brown, DT, Carolina Panthers
- Anders Carlson, K, Green Bay Packers
- Daniel Carlson, K, Las Vegas Raiders
- Carlton Davis, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jack Driscoll, OL, Philadelphia Eagles
- Derick Hall, LB, Seattle Seahawks
- Josh Harris, LS, Los Angeles Chargers
- Noah Igbinoghene, CB, Dallas Cowboys
- Jonathan Jones, CB, New England Patriots
- Carl Lawson, DE, New York Jets
- Roger McCreary, CB, Tennessee Titans
- Owen Pappoe, LB, Arizona Cardinals
- Jamien Sherwood, LB, New York Jets
- Darius Slayton, WR, New York Giants
- Braden Smith, OT, Indianapolis Colts
- Jarrett Stidham, QB, Denver Broncs
- Daniel Thomas, S, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Prince Tega Wanogho, OT, Kansas City Chiefs
- C.J. Uzomah, TE, New York Jets
- Colby Wooden, DL, Green Bay Packers
- Chandler Wooten, LB, Carolina Panthers

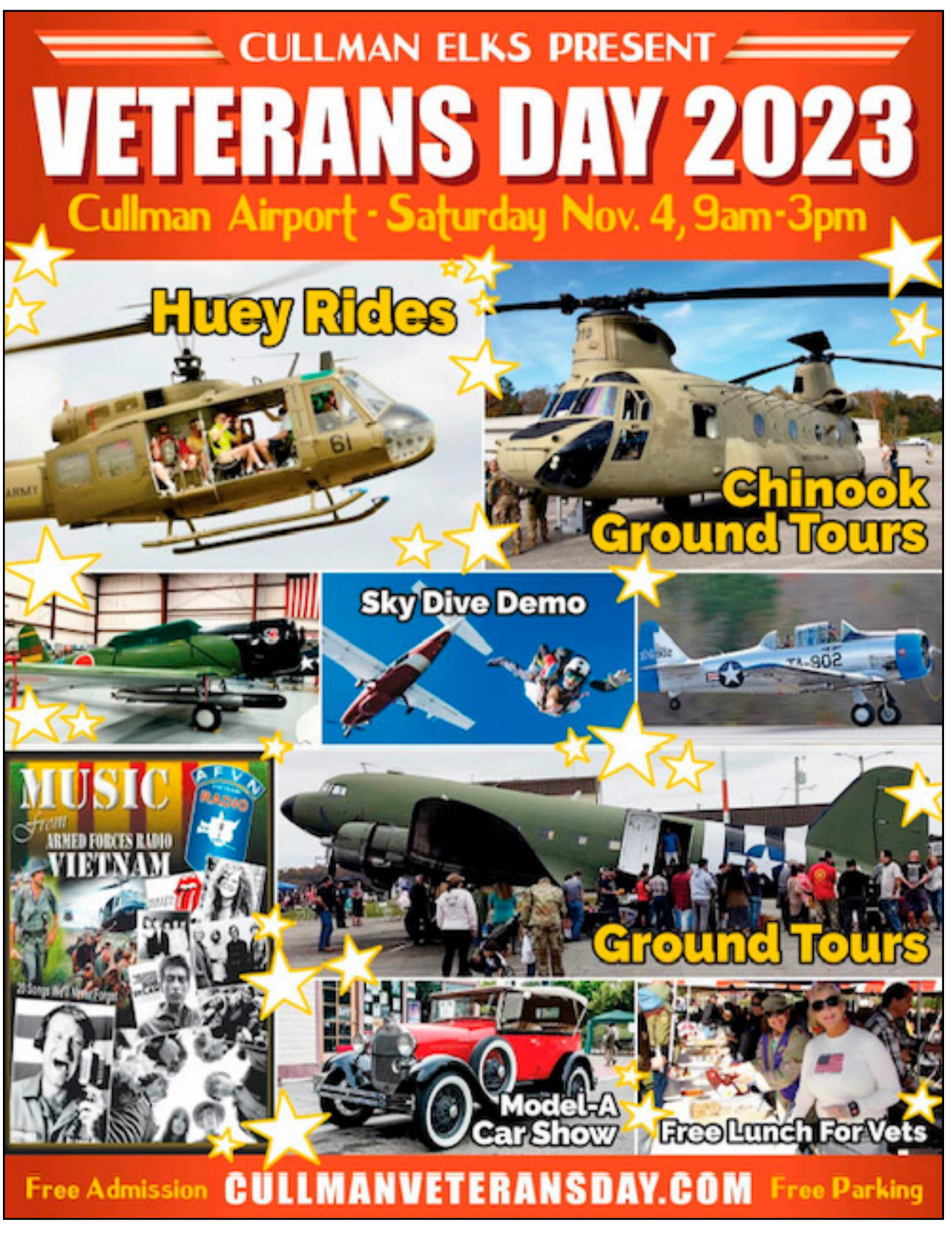
DNP (Reserve/Injured)

- Anthony Schwartz, WR, Cleveland Browns
- Kilian Zierer, OT, Houston Texans (IR)

Practice Squad

- Marlon Davidson, DL, San Francisco 49ers
- Shedrick Jackson, WR, Cincinnati Bengals
- Eku Leota, LB, Carolina Panthers
- John Samuel Shenker, TE, Las Vegas Raiders
- Seth Williams, WR, Jacksonville Jaguars





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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Sixth-grade students at West Elementary School prep candy bags for Halloween as part of a larger lesson about the assembly line and business.

Halloween learning: Students create candy assembly line at WES

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — What better way to learn about Henry Ford's assembly line than by putting those skills to good use getting things ready for Halloween at West Elementary School?

Sixth-grade students at West Elementary turned their lesson about Big Business during the Gilded Age, and the founding of the Ford automobile company, into a fun experience to see the concept in action just in time for trick-or-treating.

"I wanted my students to experience working in an assembly line to have a better understanding of this revolutionary process in mass production," West Elementary School sixth-grade teacher Sharyn Hollingsworth said. "The West Elementary PTA is amazing and always provides treats for our students at Halloween. Two years ago, I went to PTA President, Jessica Svarney, and offered free labor to assemble the treat bags for them and she welcomed the assistance in this gigantic effort. Generous parents provide the candy, PTA provides the treat bags and sixth graders provide the labor."

So for one day in October, Hollingsworth turns her classroom into a makeshift candy assembly line nicknamed the Sixth Grade Treat Factory. Students are randomly assigned jobs, from Product Initiator, Product Line Candy Filler, Conveyor Belt Product Carrier, Quality Control, Packaging, etc., and job descriptions are given before the assembly line begins. Student Supervisors also help keep the production line moving smoothly. Each class is tasked with a goal of producing 100 treat bags.

Hollingsworth said students had a lot of fun preparing for Halloween, and even learned some efficiency from the process and recommended their own changes to keep things running smoothly.

"Following each shift, students are asked to reflect on their experience and give feedback on how the assembly line might be more productive and/or efficient. This year the students suggested using better quality bags and moving more man-power to the finishing department," she explained. "Conversations following our simulation activity were priceless; students had a much better understanding of how an assembly line works and its advantages when mass producing an item. Students also felt a sense of pride in surpassing their goal and producing 600-plus treat bags to help out our WES PTA."

Thanks to the hard work of the WES sixth graders, every student at West Elementary will receive a Halloween treat.



Wallace State Theatre making Shakespeare sing

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Theatre Department is putting a musical spin on Shakespeare with their upcoming performance of "Shakespeare Sings: The Tempest" Nov. 3-5 in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at the Garlan Gudger, Sr. Student Center.

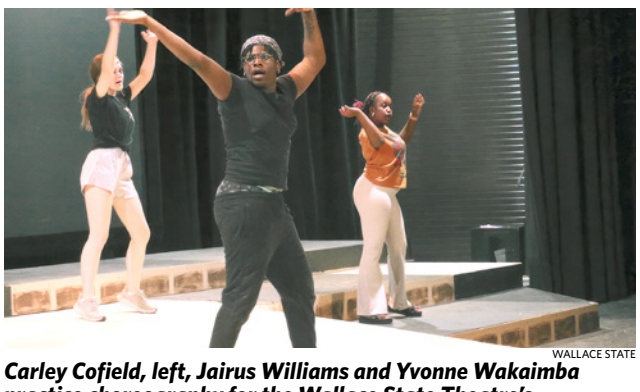
"Shakespeare Sings: The Tempest," is a reimagined version of the classic play, conceived and directed by Angela Green. "This is a new version of The Tempest created specifically for Wallace State's Theatre program," Green said.

"I wanted to give the students who are performing an opportunity to work on and act in a Shakespeare play while making it a fresh approach for contemporary audiences. This newly crafted musical contains pop hits by current artists Billie Eilish, Katie Perry, Pharrell Williams and others."

The musical follows the story of Prospero who commands the spirit Ariel to wreck a passing ship. Washed ashore, the ship's passengers – and the island's inhabitants – are soon caught up in a magical plot of love, revenge and forgiveness. The production blends Shakespeare's language with contemporary music as it follows Prospero's journey through betrayal and revenge, to forgiveness and harmony.

Alex Bragwell of Albertville is cast as Prospero with Elise Martin of Blountsville as Miranda. Brody Hemphill of Ara is Ferdinand; Peyton Rouse of Dora as Antonia; Avery Drake of Cullman as Ariel; Jairus Williams of Decatur as Caliban; James Knear of Arab as Stefano; Em Sharp of Bremen as Trinculo; Paul Minda of Cullman as Alonso; Kaylie Ellis of Hanceville as Sabina; Makenzie Johnson of Pinson as Gonzalo; and Carley Cofield of Springville as Francisca.

The tech crew includes Yvonne Wakaimba, Lillian Simmons, Marcos Zapien, Cannon Carmichael, Jacob Dorning, Elysa Giattina and Nicol Webster.



WALLACE STATE

Carley Cofield, left, Jairus Williams and Yvonne Wakaimba practice choreography for the Wallace State Theatre's upcoming production of "Shakespeare Sings: The Tempest," which combines modern music with classic literature. "Shakespeare Sings: The Tempest" will be shown Nov. 3-5 in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at the Garlan Gudger, Sr. Student Center. Admission is a $10 donation.

Admission is a $10 donation for adults and a $5 donation for students and children younger than 12. The next performance on tap for the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs is the annual Veterans Day concert. The "Salute to United States Veterans" will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Other upcoming productions through the end of the year include the Allegro Dance Theatre's production of "The Nutcracker" with Ballet South Nov. 17-19 – at 7 p.m. Nov. 17-18 and 2 p.m. on Nov. 19 – and the annual Christmas Spectacular on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Both performances will be held in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre.

Stephens (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County jury on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, convicted Nathan Winston Stephens of murder for the Sept. 12, 2020, murder of Herndon Self Jr.

The two-day trial began Monday with Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker and Assistant District Attorney Tina Burgett prosecuting the case for the State.

"I would first like to thank the jury for their service, the Cullman Police Department who did a great job on this case during the investigation and the other law enforcement agencies who helped capture Mr. Stephens when he fled from law enforcement. I also want to thank our victim's family, the Self family, who we have been in contact with about this case since I took office and who courageously sat in court these past two days," Crocker said in a media release.

"We are working to clear the case backlog by obtaining three murder convictions since taking office in January, one of which happened in 2018. This murder happened in 2020. When I ran for district attorney I said my office would prosecute crimes by career criminals that have been delayed in recent years. We are doing what we promised to do, and it's an honor seek justice for the people of Cullman County," said Crocker. Following the jury's verdict, Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas remanded Stephens into custody pending sentencing at a later date. In an earlier case, Stephens was denied parole by the Alabama Bureau of Pardons and Paroles (ABPP) on Aug. 11, 2020 but was subsequently released Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020, two days prior to murdering Self, under a 2015 law requiring mandatory release of certain convicted felons, according to the Alabama Department of Corrections (ADOC).

Read more about the case at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/nathan-winston-stephens.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * ANDREW BEXON MCKIMMON, * Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2023-297

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY MCKIMMON as Administrator of the Estate of ANDREW BEXON MCKIMMON, deceased, on the 6th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

MARY MCKIMMON
Administrator

Julia Smeds Roth
Attorney for Petitioner
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Decatur, Alabama 35602

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-078

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JIMMY RANDALL BROWN JR. and LUCY JANE BROWN TO ADOPT K.R.E., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF K.R.E.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS
ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of K.R.E., a minor child born on March 16, 2023, to Ammie Marie Entrekin, was filed on the 29th day of September, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jimmy Randall Brown Jr. and Lucy Jane 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 3rd day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARQUITA SHARAE GREEN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **25-DR-2023-900161.00**

RODNEY D. WILSON,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Rodney D. Wilson, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Marquita Sharae Green's Complaint for Divorce by December 18, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2023-900161.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 17th day of October, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
KALIF R. GREEN
287 WOOLEY ROAD
HANCEVILLE, AL 35077

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
WILLIAM EDWARD CHECKON,) CASE NO.: PC-2023-282
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP

TO: MICHAEL CHECKON, MARYANN CHECKON, HELEN VOLOCH
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been filed by Carol E. Hulgan, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Richard L. Collins. A hearing on said *Petition for Letter of Conservatorship and Guardianship* has been **SET FOR THE 6th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023, AT 9:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 25th day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Richard L. Collins
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
WILLIAM JOSEPH SPEER, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2023-231

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jerry Speer, as Administrator of the Estate of William Joseph Speer, deceased, on the 17th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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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 Jerry Finley Husband And Victoria Finley Wife to Jim Walter Home, Inc. dated September 28, 2001; said mortgage being recorded on November 6, 2001, in Book 1214, Page 136 in and re-recorded in Book 1210, Page 42 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XI by assignment recorded in Deed Book 333, Page 171 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XIunder 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 20th day of November, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 150.00'; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.00'; THENCE RUN N 86 DEGREES 44'23"W, 150.00'; THENCE RUN N 00 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.00' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; SAID HEREIN DESCRIBED TRACT CONTAINS 1.1 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND LIES IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ALSO, A 30' ACCESS EASEMENT, 15' EITHER SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, A(N) 1/2" IRON PIN FOUND; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92'; THENCE RUN S 00 DEGREES 00'00"W, 320.00'; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 37.92' TO THE POINT IN THE SOUTH LINE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 57 DEGREES 49'41"W, 166.27; THENCE RUN S 59 DEGREES 11'33"E, 391.93.; THENCE RUN S 66 DEGREES 34'41"E 82.63'; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 38'34"E, 239.96' TO THE POINT OF ENDING IN THE ROAD EASEMENT ACQUIRED BY JOSEPH A. CHAPMAN BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 301, PAGE 827, IN SAID COUNTY.

ALSO, A 30' ACCESS EASEMENT, 30' NORTH OF AND PARALLEL TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCE AT THE NW CORNER OF THE S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 33, T-11-S, R-3-W, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 786.92'; THENCE RUN S 0 DEGREES 00'00"E, 320.0' THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 150.0' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN S 86 DEGREES 44'23"E, 400' TO THE POINT OF ENDING IN THE ROAD EASEMENT ACQUIRED BY JOSEPH A. CHAPMAN BY DEED RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 301, PAGE 827, IN SAID COUNTY.

Said property is commonly known as 501 County Rd 588, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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.

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 a part of the foreclosure process.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage.

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WSCC Alumni accepting reservations for 'To Kill a Mockingbird' performance

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association is accepting reservations for a planned trip to Huntsville to see Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird."

The group will attend a matinee showing on Feb. 17 at the Von Braun Civic Center in Huntsville.

Best known for his role as John-Boy on "The Waltons" television series, Richard Thomas takes on the role of Atticus Finch in the Broadway play based off Lee's 1960 novel by the same name. Inspired by Lee's own childhood in Alabama, the play features one of literature's towering symbols of integrity and righteousness in Atticus Finch, who was based on Lee's father.

The character of Scout, based on Lee herself, has come to define youthful innocence — and its inevitable loss — for generation after generation or readers around the world.

The cost is $120 per person and includes transportation to and from Wallace State and a ticket for lower balcony seating. The group will stop for Dutch treat lunch prior to the show. The group will leave at 11 a.m. from Wallace State and return around 7 p.m.

A limited number of tickets is available. To register visit www.wsccalumni.org/MB24. The deadline to register is Jan. 26.

For more information, contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu.



Concert (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hundreds walked through the doorways of Northbrook Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24, for Good Samaritan Health Clinic's (GSHC's) signature fundraiser, the Caring for Cullman Concert. Attendees were greeted by volunteers from both the church and Good Samaritan as they showed tickets, presented love offerings and settled into sanctuary seats for a night of praise and worship for a good cause.

Local favorite Daystar Church's worship team opened the evening while award-winning American Southern gospel group Triumphant Quartet took the stage to close the show.

GSHC board member Zach Lee shared that while the evening is typically a fun, faith-based concert to many, it is so much more to GSCH, with ticket sales and love offerings helping to pad the budget to continue caring for the uninsured residents of the community.

"The concert helps us provide services all throughout the year, so this is a huge event for us," he said, gesturing to the large crowd who had yet to find a seat. "Every year, (GSHC Executive Director) Jolanda (Hutson) does an amazing job putting this together. We're so proud the community supports us and that everyone feels welcome to join us."

The services Lee mentioned include primary health and wellness care to uninsured adults in Cullman County, at no cost to the patient.

Once patients qualify, they have access to all the clinic's services including medications, referrals, dental extractions, hearing evaluations, mental health counseling and social services.

Eric Bennett, bass vocalist of Triumphant Quartet and Cullman native, shared his thoughts on returning year after year to support GSHC and its mission of caring for those who are uninsured.

"I love coming here to my hometown," he said. "I love lots and lots of friends and family here, and it's always good to see the home team!"

Hutson said the event was "a huge success," noting that the community built around this concert is one of a kind.

"We are incredibly thankful to all who so faithfully support Good Samaritan Clinic through our signature event. From our generous sponsors to the churches, organizations and media who assist us in promoting our event, we could not be more grateful. It's always such an enjoyable evening seeing familiar faces and catching up with friends!" she smiled.

Last year, Caring for Cullman raised over $11,000, or about 12% of the clinic's annual budget. A final total raised for this year's concert was not available at press time.

For more information about Good Samaritan Health Clinic, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 24-25

Geraldine Nunnelley Buckelew, 89
Funeral service for Geraldine Nunnelley Buckelew, age 89, of Cullman, will be Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Greg Aldridge officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will be at Bethel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Buckelew passed from this life Sunday Oct. 22, 2023. She was born July 10, 1934, to B.M. Nunnelley and Lillian Jones Nunnelley. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ottis Buckelew; brothers and sisters. She is survived by sons, Darrell (Shelia) Buckelew and Dennis Buckelew; daughter, Becky (Kenneth) Howell; grandchildren, Ashley Buckelew, Tiffany (Colin) Wright, Jake Howell, Zac (Emily) Howell, Allie (Matt) Kuenzi, Kaylee Howell, and Kyndall Buckelew; great-grandchildren, Olivia Wright, Cullen Kuenzi, and Molly Wright; family and friends. Geraldine loved her family and her grandchildren and she was so proud of their accomplishments in their education and their lives. She loved yearly family reunions and enjoyed playing games at them with her family. She found much joy in her work preparing tax returns for her clients and loved spending time with them and talking with them year after year. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Pallbearers include Darrell Buckelew, Dennis Buckelew, Jake Howell, Zac Howell, Dan Chapman and Kenneth Howell. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jerrold W. "Stormy" Woods, 80
Memorial service for Jerrold W. "Stormy" Woods, age 80, of Cullman, will be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Stormy passed from this life Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023. He was born April 17, 1943. He is preceded in death by his father, J.W. Norton and his mother, Easter Norton. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patricia Woods; sons, Wes (Stacie) Woods and Jerry Woods; sisters Kathy (Lavell) Thrasher, Mary Bentley, Connie (Darryl) Briehn; grandchildren, Maddie, Halle, Jack, Ella, Alex, and Bri. Stormy was a loyal lifetime member of the Elks. He loved boating and going to the lake and the beach. He also really enjoyed hunting and grilling. He loved his wife very much and they had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 13 of this year. He will be very missed by all who knew him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Johnny Ray Greer, Sr., 51
Funeral service for Johnny Ray Greer, Sr. age 51, of Cullman, will be Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Family will welcome friends from 10 a.m. until noon. Interment will be at Blair Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Greer passed from this life Monday, Oct. 23, 2023. He was born June 27, 1972, to Steven Gary Greer, Sr. and Judy Moss Greer. He is preceded in death by his grandparents. He is survived by his mother, Judy (Fred) Eubanks and his father, Gary (Charlotte) Greer; his wife of 17 years, Sonya Greer; sons, Eric (Windy) Greer, Johnny "Bo" (Katelyn) Greer, Jr. , Lance Greer, Johnny Clayton (Gigi) Greer, Walker Greer; daughter, Morgan (Jake) Humphrey; brother, Steven (Leah) Greer, Jr., Travis (Ashley) Greer; sisters, Charlotte (Jeff) Lindsey, and Jessica (Jay) Lutjen; grandchildren, Jaxon Humphrey, Aiden Humphrey, Lydia Greer, Talulla Greer, and Seth Greer; family and friends. Family members describe Johnny as a loving husband, an amazing dad and pawpaw. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Kelly Lynette Payne, 47
Kelly Lynette Payne, age 47, of Addison, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. She was born Oct. 9, 1976, to Bobby and Shirley Payne. Kelly loved her family and friends. She especially loved her boys unconditionally and looked after her great nieces and nephews as if they were her own. Visitation will be Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be at Houston Cemetery. Brother Kenny Sudduth and Brandon Denson will officiate. Kelly is survived by her love, Chris Melson; sons, Trent Payne and Spencer (Leonard) Lee; bonus daughters, Destiny (Isaac) Harbison) and Christa Melson; mother, Shirley Ratliff Payne; brothers, Robert Payne and Luther "Luke" Payne; sister, Angelia (Scott) Clark; nieces, Tiffany (Matthew) Smothers, Donna Payne, Shania Payne, Heather (Brandon) Denson, and Bryanna (Cameron) Hunter; nephews, Jeremy (Tricia) Payne and Justin (Jami) Moses; a host of great nieces and nephews, and best friends, Connie Cousins and Amanda Racer. She was preceded in death by her father, Bobby Edward Payne; sister, Tina Payne; aunts, Marie (Charlie) Gurganus, Louise (Travis) Butler, and Virginia (Horace) McClellan; and uncle, D.C. (Ona Mae) Payne.

Ann Cherouise Carroll, 82
Funeral service for Ann Cherouise Carroll, age 82, of Decatur, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jack Holbrook officiating; interment in Concord Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Carroll passed away on Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at her residence. She was born March 8, 1941, to Hubert T. Yeager and Evie Yeager. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jay W. Carroll; daughter, Cynthia Diane Self; and parents. Survivors include her sons, Terry (Cindy) Carroll and Danny (Christine) Carroll; grandchildren, Angela (Patrick) Johns, Amy Carroll, Erin (Pete) Kritner, Jennifer Self Powers, Madison Carroll, and Nathan Carroll; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Wendy Thornton, 50
Funeral service for Wendy Thornton, age 50, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Hunter McBride and Pastor Johnathan Easterwood officiating. Family will receive friends on Thursday from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Ms. Thornton passed from this life Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. She was born March 31, 1973, to Gilbert Jerrell Hinkle and Patsy Rogers Hinkle. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Gilbert and Vera Hinkle and Dock and Helen Rogers; her husband, Chris Thornton. She is survived by her parents; son, Lucas Thornton; daughters, Callie Thornton; bonus daughter, Danica Thornton; brothers Darren (Angie) Hinkle, and Joey (Becky) Hinkle; nieces, Colby Hinkle, and Karlie Hinkle. Wendy attended Pilgrims Rest Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her family and her dog, Millie. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Tommie Andrew Huddleson, 67, of Hanceville
Memorial service for Tommie Andrew Huddleson, age 67, of Hanceville, will be Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church, with Pastor Marty Upton officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Huddleson passed from this life Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023. She was born Oct. 28, 1955, to Willliam Wilson and Shirley Large Wilson. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Matthew O'Neil; brother, Michael Large; grandparents, Olaf and Edna Pratt. She is survived by her husband, Ernest Huddleson; sons, Kenneth (Rebekah) O'Neil, Michael (Savannah) Maenza; brothers, Robert (Tamara) King, Thomas Wilson; brother-in-law, Charles (Monica) Huddleson; sisters, Brenda Kirby, Sheila Wilson, Edith Johnson, Melody Miller; sister-in-law, Dixie Shinkle, and Donna Huddleson; grandchildren, Kristian Howard, Savannah Howard, Skyler Howard, Clifford Madison, Cora Madison, Dorian Maenza, Cirilla Maenza, Chris O'Neil, Mia O'Neil; special friends, Penny McKinnon, and Randi Reynolds; nieces and nephews; family and friends. Tommie loved being a truck driver, sewing, crocheting and classic cars. She loved her family, her kids and her grandkids so much. According to family, if she thought a lot of you, she would "adopt" you. She was a very loving and giving person. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Davey (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Davey, an approximately 10-12-month-old male Redbone Hound mix with a toasty tan coat is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Davey is a younger guy who is still figuring out his personality, but is overall the ideal "good boy." He will look to you for encouragement, and his confidence and sense of belonging will soar! Davey will check in with you for direction and takes that direction well.

Davey is quiet and peaceful in his kennel but displays great energy in the recreation area of the shelter. He is true to his breed, with an athletic build and the ability to keep up with anything you throw at him - or to him! His potential is endless as he already displays the qualities of a hiking, therapy or companion dog.

Ready to give Davey a forever home? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

His adoption fee includes neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Commission (from Front)

here." Slatton said. "We want somebody that really wants to participate."

Member B.J. Morgan updated the commission about Cullman's arboretum located at Sportsman Lake Park.

"We have our certification; we are certified at the lowest level at this point," she said, "and we are working on accomplishing what we need to do to go to the second level."

There are four levels of accreditation for arboreta, according to the Interactive Community of Arboreta. Level one is the level of accreditation awarded to Cullman's arboretum, and is described as "smaller publicly accessible sites with at least 25 species of woody plants, one or a few employees or volunteers, a governing body, and an arboretum plan. Examples of arboreta at this level may include golf courses, college arboreta, cemeteries, zoos, private estates, or towns with an organized tree collection."

Morgan said Cullman's arboretum is in the process of achieving level two accreditation, described as having "at least 100 species of woody plants, employ paid staff, and have enhanced public education programs and a documented collections policy." Currently, 63 species of woody plants have been identified at the arboretum, which encompasses the entirety of Sportsman Lake Park.

Tree Commission Consultant Phyllis Hain has taken the lead on Cullman's Festival of the Trees for the 2023 holiday season, which will be held at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Students from local schools will choose a theme and fabricate decorations. Hain said she hopes that involvement from community youth will spark an interest in forestry in Alabama.

"We have completed letters that we hand-delivered to all the schools; we have nine within the city. I'm happy to tell you that out of nine schools, we have had six that have responded very positively and offered a point of contact," Hain shared.

The Tree Commission will provide a 7-foot tree for each school involved. She added, "(The provided tree) will be ready and prepared for them to come in and just decorate; they get to do all the fun stuff, so why not?"

Opening ceremonies for the Festival of the Trees will be Dec. 2 (time TBD) and the festive display of forestry will be visible throughout the entire month of December.

Leanne West, executive assistant to the mayor and Tree Commission recorder addressed and updated the board regarding applications for the Tree City U.S.A. Award and the Growth Award.

"The deadline to apply for both is Dec. 1, I've already started the applications online but I am still waiting on some information I can use to complete that," said West. "For the Growth Award, it looks like we have about 16 points that we could use and we only need 10, so that's good."

The Growth Award is given to Tree City U.S.A. towns that have built a sustainable forestry program in the community, meeting milestones and annual activities in five categories. Milestones and notable activities earn points, and cities must achieve at least 10 points to qualify for the Growth Award.

West also touched on the 2024 Arbor Day Poster Contest, with its annual theme being "Trees are terrific... in cities and towns." West detailed parameters and rules that local students must follow to enter a poster into the contest. Posters must be original artwork of a fifth-grade student; can be made with markers, colored pencils, pens, chalk, watercolors, ink, tempera paint, acrylic or paint pens; and no collages will be accepted. Poster sizes must be no smaller than 8.5" x 11" and no larger than 14" x 18".

The board voted and approved that the posters at the school level be judged by the City's Tree Commission, who will choose a first and second-place winner. Both winners will receive a cash prize, courtesy of the Tree Commission; first place will be awarded $50 and second place will be awarded $25. The first-place winner from each school will travel to Montgomery to be judged on the state level.

The City of Cullman Tree Commission meets on the third Tuesday of each even-numbered month in the auditorium of Cullman City Hall, located at 204 Second Ave.NE. The next scheduled meeting will be Dec. 19 beginning at 10 a.m.



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