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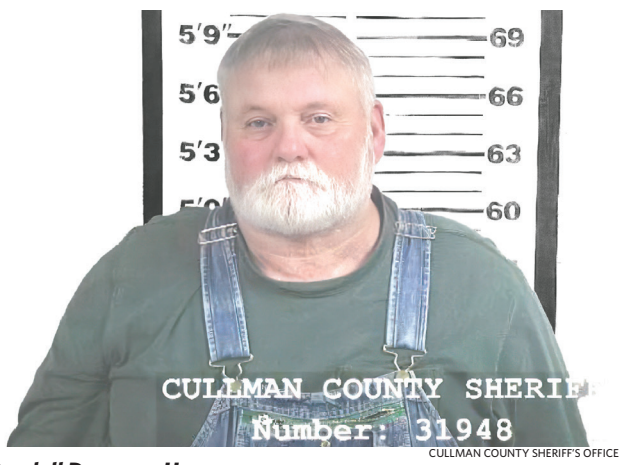
Cullman man indicted for murder in years-long missing person case

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In a significant development in a case that has been under investigation for over three years, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) announced Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, that an arrest has been made in connection to the disappearance of Jeffery Glenn Wilhite, a 59-year-old Vinemont resident who went missing from the West Point community on April 3, 2020.

The details of the case were laid out in a press conference Wednesday when Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker informed the media of the recent findings and actions. According to the information shared, investigators have been diligently working on the case since Wilhite's reported disappearance.

The persistent efforts of CCSO investigators led to the accumulation of » PAGE 8



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Randall Dewayne Hogan

Cullman City Council celebrates parks and recreation achievement



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's mayor and city council celebrate Monday evening, Oct. 30, with members of the Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism staff and board.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening took time to recognize Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) for its recent reception of the National Gold Medal Award from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

Council President Jenny Folsom noted that CPRST was "the first and the only agency in Alabama" to receive the prestigious award.

Accompanied by numerous representatives of the agency and its board, CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson told the council, "These guys right here represent a small sample of our entire team, who work tirelessly to make our park system, our recreation program, our events the best the absolute best in the country. And I've known it for many, many years, that we are the best, and it's great to finally get the national recognition at the highest level.

"Just to put this into perspective, in our space this is the Super Bowl of awards. This is the top honor we can achieve. This is a testament to their hard work and dedication."

The nomination process viewed up to 10,000 eligible agencies across the United States, with some of the fiercest competition coming in the Class V division, for agencies serving populations of 30,000 or fewer.

Anderson told the council about his staff, "The hours they spent making it the best and managing what we have with the resources, the limited resources we have, we're very thankful.

"And also to you guys for the support. We could not do it without you, we could not do it without our community. This is a great place to run parks and do recreational programming and innovative special events like we're doing right now with Christkindlmarkt. So it's truly a blessing to serve this team and serve this community. I could not be more proud of them."

For more information on Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org. For more about the award, see www.aapra.org/National-Gold-Medal-Award.

Cullman City Council presents $600K to city school system, part of $6M commitment

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'We're setting a standard'

Mayor Woody Jacobs talks local improvement projects, Christmas season



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 1

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 1, 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. 26

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Oct. 30

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $9

• domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Hwy. 157

Oct. 31

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; gun; $250

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hwy. 31

• theft of property-2nd degree; person; Katie Ln. SW; medication; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Oct. 30 – 31

Underwood, Sascha C.; 42

• possession/receiving controlled substance

• possession of drug paraphernalia

Huizar, Mark A.; 34

• public intoxication

Gilliland, Zoiey L.; 18

• domestic violence-3rd degree

Lenz, William D.; 52

• theft of property-4th degree

Roach II, Roy W.; 48

• FTA- public intoxication

• FTA- theft of property

• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Childhaven (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Childhaven receives donations throughout the year, but at only half capacity currently, some of those remain in storage. Since fall 2022, Childhaven has aimed to shrink its storage bill and maximize liquid funds to continue providing care for the girls it serves. To that end, Childhaven's Benefit Yard Sale will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2-3, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Childhaven is located at 1816 Childhaven Road.

"It's a fundraiser to help with all the general programs we have at Childhaven," said Director of Social Services Sherrie Sharp. "It's just donations that come to us throughout the year; we have many local individuals that donate to us when they redecorate, or clean out their garage. We have gotten some really nice things. We invite our past residents to come and shop for free, and they're welcome to have anything they may need."

Sharp quickly laughed and added, "Everyone else will have to pay, but very, very minimal prices. We mark it down so cheap!"

This will be Childhaven's third benefit yard sale. Sharp said the yard sales are a great way to benefit the residents at Childhaven, and the community loves them. "We try to hold one yard sale in the fall and one in the spring, and it's just the excess that accumulates. We want these items to benefit the girls, and this way, they are. We always have a great turnout from the community."

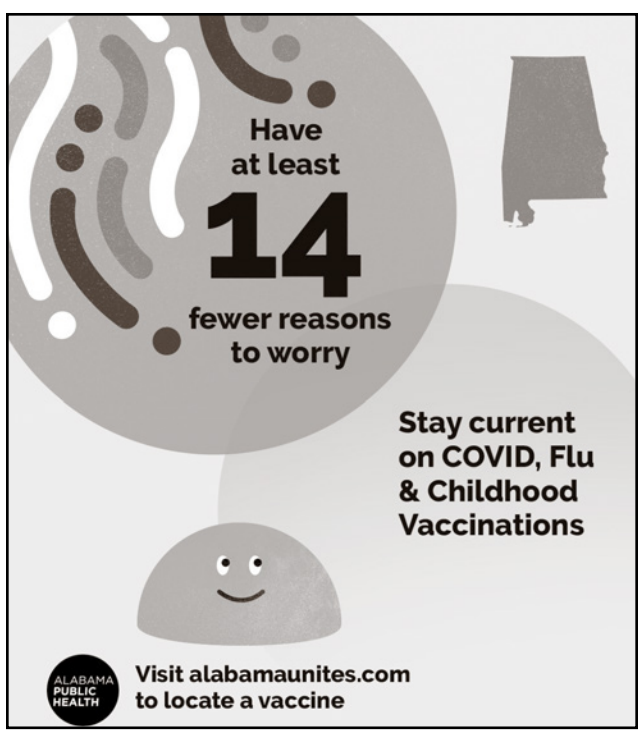
Childhaven serves girls aged 14 to 21. It is a residential home that provides occupants with counseling, parenting classes and planning for pregnant and young mothers and even transitional living situations for young adults preparing to move out on their own.

Learn more at www.childhaven.com.

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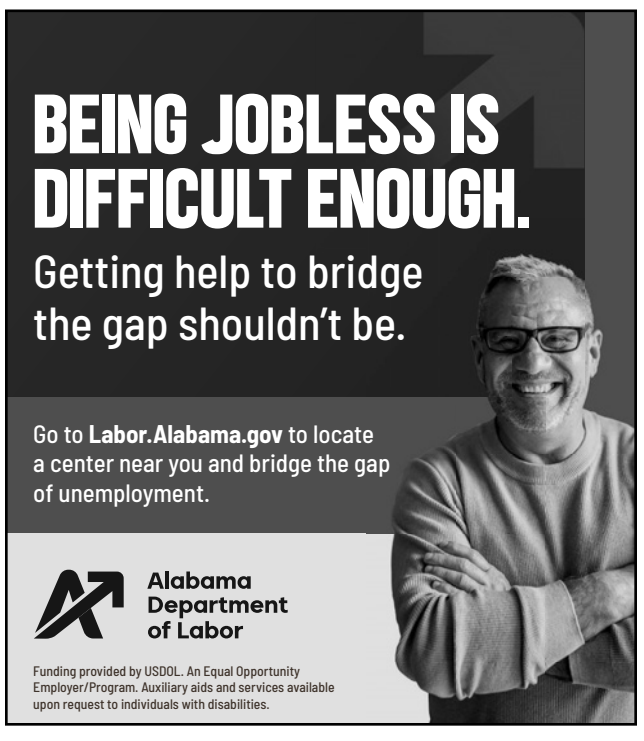


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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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, Nov. 3 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and 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!
• Saturday, Nov. 4 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast and Foundry Farm Ministry
• Sunday, Nov. 5 - 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, Nov. 5 - 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 message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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.

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.

Dripping Springs DAR Veterans Program
Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. All veterans, especially Vietnam veterans, are invited to attend a special program presented by Thanh Duong Boyer, a Vietnamese immigrant and author of the book, "The Ground Kisser." All veterans will be honored. For more information, contact Athelia Gibbs at 256-502-2040 or awgibbs@centurytel.net.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

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.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Evening of Music and Worship
Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to this free event led by Frank Jones, pianist and host of the Gospel Jubilee, Oasis concerts and Sing-Agains. Come sing along and listen to hymns and spiritual songs. There will be refreshments afterward. A voluntary love offering will be accepted.

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.

Cullman High School Class of 1963 60-Year Reunion
Saturday, Nov. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, the first building on the left. The cost is $ 30 per person, payable at the door. (Pay in cash, please.) Prior to this, at 4, there will be a guided tour of the recently remodeled Cullman High School, for those who are able to attend. Please call Nancy Drake Weissend at 256-734-0696, to let her know if you will be attending, as well as any questions you may have.

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STATE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

No. 2 Arab falls to No. 1 Montgomery Academy in 5A State Finals

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — After finishing as state runner ups just a season ago, the Lady Knights of Arab were back on the court at Bill Harris Arena competing for the 5A State Championship Wednesday. This time, they faced top-ranked Montgomery Academy, and they were tied 1-1 with the Eagles after the first two sets but couldn't keep pace in the next two, and Montgomery Academy pulled away to win this year's 5A state title 3-1.

Arab Head Coach Amy Hudson has been coaching this team's seniors for six years and is extremely proud of all they've helped the program accomplish in their time playing for the Knights.

"Needless to say, I could not be more proud of Arab and our girls. This year we have a group of six seniors that I've coached since seventh grade, so this is a very hard day, because I haven't known Arab volleyball without them," Hudson said. "It's really sad but they have fought. I'm proud of the fight they showed and this is something they've worked for for a very long time. I just couldn't be more proud."

Montgomery Academy 3 – Arab 1 (16-25, 25-23, 19-25, 14-25)

Montgomery Academy jumped out to an early, 8-3 lead in the opening set and after the Knights managed to trim it to 9-5, a 4-1 run by the Eagles extended the lead to 13-6. Arab cut the lead down to 15-12 midway through the set, but Montgomery Academy outscored the Knights 10-4 the rest of the way to take the first set 25-16.

The Knights bounced back in the second set, taking a 9-7 lead over the Eagles early. Montgomery Academy was able to tie things up at 10 but a 6-0 run by Arab gave the Knights a 16-10 advantage midway through the set that they eventually stretched to 20-13. However, the Eagles rallied and tied it up at 21 late in the set. With the score knotted at 23, Arab scored the final two points to claim a 25-23 win in the second set and tie the match at 1-1.

The third set was just as tight as the first two. Neither team could build more than a one- or two-point lead until midway through the set when Montgomery Academy pulled ahead 16-13. The Eagles extended their lead to 19-13 as the set went on and Arab managed to bring the lead down to four at one point but couldn't come any closer than that and Montgomery Academy took a 2-1 lead in the match with a 25-19 win in the third set.

The Eagles jumped out to a 5-2 lead early in the fourth set and after the Knights responded to tie it up at 5, a 4-0 run allowed Montgomery Academy to take a 9-5 lead. Arab wouldn't go away and put together a 5-0 run of its own to tie things up at 10 midway through the set. Unfortunately for the Knights faithful packed in Bill Harris Arena, the Lady Eagles used a 10-1 run to move ahead of Arab 20-11. The Knights were unable to overcome the late push and Montgomery Academy took the fourth set 25-14 and captured this year's 5A State Championship.

Laney Kelley led Arab with 16 kills. Bennett Elrod (13 digs) and Lexi Mann each added nine kills. Millie Lackey finished with 35 assists and Marissa Pope led the Knights with 18 digs.

Kelley and Sami Kate Hudson both earned All-State Tournament honors.

Hudson is extremely proud of what her teams have accomplished in her tenure, especially the last two seasons, and hopes that success can continue to build excitement around the program.

"They have set a precedent. To be here two years in a row is something that not a lot of schools can do and it's very difficult to go through a second season with a target on your back like we have and to make it back here is a huge success," Hudson said.

"It's not how we wanted it to end but I'm ok, we're ok because it's the next best thing. We brought home a map; it just wasn't quite the right color, but they knew coming in that there was nothing they could do today to change my opinion of this season and they fought till the end."



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WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State Cross Country teams win repeat conference championships

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State men's and women's cross country teams each won their sixth consecutive Alabama Community College Conference championships Friday at John Hunt Cross Country Park in Huntsville.

The men had seven runners in the top 10, finishing 23 points ahead of second-place finisher Marion Military Institute.

Wallace State sophomore Colin Mayfield of Geraldine, crossed the finish line first, earning his second consecutive title as ACCC Runner of the Year.

All-Conference honors were awarded to sophomore Brady Helms of Pearl, MS, freshman Luke Kennedy of Huntsville, sophomore Jonathan Phillips of Pearl, MS, and freshman David Robles of Springville, who finished in third through sixth place. Freshman Will Stephens of Daphne, and sophomore Luke Holcombe of Southside completed the race in ninth and tenth place, respectively.

The women's squad finished 47 points ahead of the second-place team Shelton State Community College.

Freshman Rudi Derrick of Good Hope was named ACCC Women's Runner of the Year, finishing first among qualified runners.

Earning All-Conference honors were freshmen Abigale Vega of Fort Payne, who finished in second place, Claire Deaton of Madison in fourth, and Mandy Leonardi of Cullman, Kylie Powell of Mobile, and Madison Wright of Fort Payne in sixth, seventh and eighth place, respectively.

Coach Stan Narewski was awarded ACCC Coach of the Year honors for both the men's and women's division for the fifth time.

Both teams will compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Cross Country Championship Nov. 11, also at John Hunt Cross Country Park in Huntsville.

The men's team is ranked sixth in the nation in the NJCAA Division II Men's Cross Country National Coaches Poll, while the women are ranked fourth in the NJCAA Division II Women's Cross Country National Coaches Poll.



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KNIGHT-FREE INSURANCE AGENCY

Locals embark on Farm-City Bus Tour

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local participants had the chance to get up close and personal with some of Cullman's agritourism farms on Wednesday, Nov. 1, as Cullman Farm-City (CFC) held its annual Farm-City Tour, leading up to Alabama's Farm-City Week. In conjunction with Farm-City Week, CFC also hosts its Farm-City Banquet (scheduled this year for Nov. 21), and aims to bridge the gap of understanding between rural farmers and urban families.

The Cullman Farm-City Committee chooses a Family of the Year each year, rotating between choosing a Farm Family and City Family.

Said Kira Sims of the Cullman County Extension Office, "These city families chosen have an impact related to farming; so you can see the fiber with the clothing, and snacks like fruit and vegetables given out are all integrated with farming."

Curt's Closet

Ashley Wilson, 2022 CFC City Family Award winner, at Curt's Closet was the first stop on Wednesday's excursion and Wilson was prepared to show visitors the ropes. Participants were led into the main building, where children and families can come up to three times per year and "shop" for clothing and necessities. Curt's Closet has grown exponentially since Wilson created the nonprofit in 2017.

"This all started in my home. I never imagined it would grow to the place it is, where we are building our second warehouse," Wilson said. Curt's Closet reported placing over 20,000 clothing and accessory items directly into the hands of Cullman's children in 2022; Wilson and Curt's Closet also fulfilled the Christmas wishes of 527 children last Christmas with its extension, Curt's Christmas.

Graveman Farm

Next, the tour made its way to the southeast corner of the county and headed to Graveman Farm. Unfortunately, owner Michael Graveman had to close his farm to visitors suddenly due to an outbreak of avian flu in central Alabama. However, Graveman didn't leave tour-goers in the cold for too long as he loaded his goats, Dixie and Weather, into a trailer and met the tour across the road at 4D Farm.

Graveman Farm supplies locals with fresh produce, local meats, milk, cheeses and soaps. Graveman Farm was the 2021 recipient of the Alabama Farm Family Award. Graveman also serves as the manager of the Festhalle Farmers Market, which incorporates the POP or "Power of Produce" program, a partnership with various local agencies and vendors of the market that allows children "money" in exchange for taste tests.

Children can use this "money" to purchase their own locally grown goods – a smart, fun way that Graveman and the market try to get the younger generation involved in agriculture.

4D Farm

4D Farm was next on the itinerary, with Rusty Daniel touring guests around the family-friendly location. 4D Farm had humble beginnings as a small chicken farm, and through community engagement and visits, now boasts a pumpkin patch with locally grown gourds, corn mazes, multiple educational games and animals for children and their families to learn about farming. Daniel and his family have completely embraced the idea of agritourism, truly turning their family farm into a family day destination, even holding a total of eight fresh food locations throughout their farm, hoping visiting families spend their entire day enjoying their facility.

Hillcrest Farms

Rounding out the last farm visit was Hillcrest Farms, known for its poultry and beef. Guests were able to watch cows being fed and learn more about the breeding and management processes for raising cattle and how they differ on smaller ranches versus factory farms. By incorporating modern cattle artificial insemination techniques and supplementing income from beef sales with lower-maintenance poultry farming, Karen and Mike Hill have maintained a steady flow of cattle. While Hillcrest Farms' processing schedule is fairly regular, there are a few heifers who go a little early. "If they're bad-natured, they won't stay...that's one thing that will make them have a trip to town!" laughed Karen Hill.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Goats hit the road at Graveman Farm.

Berlin Farmers Market

The last stop of the afternoon was the Berlin Farmers Market. A farmers market is generally most smaller-scale growers' and ranchers' last stop, too, as many use state-sanctioned markets like Berlin's or the Cullman Festhalle to sell and distribute produce, meats, eggs and baked goods.

Berlin Town Clerk Keirstyn Montgomery said attendance has risen since the market's inception four years ago.

"Every year we try to add a little more, and we're really excited the Town of Berlin has budgeted funds for it next year," smiled Montgomery, mentioning an exciting expansion plan that will allow for more vendors and parking spaces to accommodate more guests. Berlin's market also incorporates the POP program mentioned above.

Attendance is expected to continue to increase – a good thing, according to local grower and Berlin market mainstay Steve Clark.

Clark spoke plainly when he chimed in, "The old growers are dying out," noting the need for younger generations to step in the gap and keep the agricultural economy moving.

To learn more about Cullman Farm-City, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanFarmCity.

Cayla Grace Murphy contributed to this article.

Commitment (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday presented a $600,000 check to Cullman City Schools, part of a long-term plan to help fund multiple construction and capital improvement projects in the system.

"A few years ago, in talking with the superintendent and the school board, there was a very ambitious plan for capital improvement, with all the schools," said Council President Jenny Folsom. "So the City, mayor and council agreed to support this project with a $6 million donation. This would be in installments of $600,000 a year for 10 years. This will be the third installment."

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff accepted the check on behalf of the school board.

Other council business

In other business, Mayor Woody Jacobs presented 50 new U.S. flags to Cullman VFW Post 2214 for Veterans Day. The flags will be displayed in the U.S. Highway 31 median from downtown to Vinemont.

The council set a public hearing at its meeting on Nov. 27, 2023, for an ordinance to rezone N31, LLC property located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 157 to rezone properties from Business and Manufacturing to Residential.

The council approved the following requests:

- A request from Gervais and Lulu, of 117 Fourth St. SE, for a retail table wine off-premises liquor license, which received a favorable recommendation from the Alcohol Review Committee

- A special event request from the Cullman Warehouse District merchants to hold a Christmas Open House Nov. 10-12, 2023

The council approved the following resolutions:

- Award bid for a full-size large SUV to Mitch Smith Chevrolet, the lowest responsible bidder

- Award bid for a large equipment trailer to Equipment Logistics, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder

- Approve utilizing the annual surface treatment bid with Chilton Contractors for the CDBG and ARC County Road 222 project

- Award the bid for County Road 222 road striping to J.C. Cheek Contractors., the lowest responsible bidder

- Amend the position control detail for the City of Cullman adding a full-time position for Sanitation

The council also recognized the recent reception by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism of a prestigious national award. See separate story.

The Cullman City Council meets at Cullman City Hall at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The public is invited to attend.

Kirby (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Kirby, an approximately 3-year-old male pit terrier mix with a funky patterned coat is available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Kirby has had a rough go at life recently, but realizing he is now safe from harm at the shelter, has blossomed into a true companion. He maintains a low energy level and would much prefer to be curled by your feet as you read, or nestled next to you on the couch for a nap after your upcoming Thanksgiving feast.

Kirby thrives in the company of humans, and his sweet and gentle nature shines through in every interaction. While he has a spirit of thanks for any form of cuddles or affection, he particularly enjoys a good head and ears massage!

Kirby is ready for a warm home, safe from harm. Are you ready to give it to him? 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.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, J and G Wrecker, LLC will offer for sale at public auction the below abandoned vehicles at 1420 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama, 35058, on December 20, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

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2008	KAWASAKI	EX250	BLUE	JKAEXMJ188DA07490
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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 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.

Attorney for Administrator:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA HANEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Virginia Sarah Roberts on the 31st day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Virginia Sarah Roberts
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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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
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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On Monday November 6, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Amendment/deletion to the Zoning Ordinance for Ordinance 2011-23 and 2011-25

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

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1. Short form subdivision – 1846 Brantley Avenue NW
2. Short form subdivision – US Highway 278 West
3. Rezoning request – R-3 to R-4 Logan Street SW and Veigl Avenue SW
4. Conditional Use request for storage units on Cleveland Avenue NW

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

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.

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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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2023 Cullman Farm-City Banquet set for Nov. 21

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Farm-City Week is just around the corner, and the Cullman Farm-City Committee has been hard at work through the year to bolster the idea that industries should work hand in hand to deepen the connection between rural farmers and urban workers through special events, poster competitions and more. On Tuesday, Nov. 21, the committee will be recognizing and awarding the efforts of those who rose to be the cream of the crop.

"The annual Farm-City Banquet is a time when the committee, along with the community, recognizes outstanding members of the community through awards like 4-H Member of the Year, FCCLA and FFA Members of the Year and a rotating Farm Family and City Family of the Year," said Tiffany Green-Oldacre, committee member. "The banquet is a great time for local farmers and city folks to come together to celebrate each other's roles in the agriculture industry," explained Green-Oldacre, noting the committee's focus set on Agri-Tourism for its 2023-2024 session. Events like this are crucial not only to advocate for education and outreach, but also to maintain that working relationship between farmers, ranchers and growers with the urban community, she said. This year's Farm-City Banquet will be hosted Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Camp Meadowbrook. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased at the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second St. SE. Ticket includes dinner and entertainment. For more information on Cullman's Farm-City Committee, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanFarmCity.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
MARY LOU CRIGGER * CASE NO.: PC 2023-319
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Daniel Joseph Crigger,** as Personal Representative of the Estate Mary Lou Crigger**,** deceased, on the 30th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

DANIEL JOSEPH CRIGGER
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Mary Lou Crigger, deceased

Douglas C. Martinson, II, Esq.
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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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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Gladys May Sharpton, 86
Funeral service for Gladys May Sharpton, age 86, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Scott Sessions officiating; interment in Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Sharpton passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born June 10, 1937, in Spilsby, England, to George Wardell Parker and Edith Hildred Parker. Mrs. Sharpton was a member at Friendship Baptist Church and later at the First Church of the Nazarene in Cullman. Hobbies that she enjoyed included sewing, cooking, walking, canning, planting a vegetable garden, playing organ and piano at church, and singing in the church choir. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson, Jeremy Townson, and sister, Dorothy Midgley. Survivors include her husband, Wilburn Sharpton; sons, Anthony (Wanda) Townson and Terry (Christing) Townson; grandchildren, Andrew (Melissa) Townson, Nathan (Jessica) Townson, Michael Townson, Rachel (James) Carman, Rebekah (J.C.) Hildreth, Tessa (Taylor) Stinson, and Grace Townson; great-grandchildren, Isabelle Townson, Salora Townson, Arpita Townson, Sophia Hildreth, Mia Hildreth, Elizabeth Townson, and two on the way; niece, Yvonne Barley; nephew, Andrew Midgley; and best friend, Margaret (David) Winfree.

Marlin "Baby" Keith Lemons, 67
Funeral service for Marlin "Baby" Keith Lemons, age 67, of Cullman, will be Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Cameron Smith officiating. Visitation will be held from noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Lemons passed from this life Monday, Oct. 30, 2023. He was born Dec. 28, 1955, to Robert Edward Lemons and Ruth Baker Lemons. He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert Lemons, Alan Lemons; sister, Nancy Burget; sister-in-law, Crissy Smith. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Tammy Kilpatrick Lemons; grandfather, Clifford Gibbs; mother-in-law, Patricia Kilpatrick; brothers-in-law, Jimmy (Audy) Kilpatrick, Jerry (Lamoyne) Kilpatrick, Anthony Smith; sister, Angela Powell; sisters-in-law, Tammy (Paul) Carpenter, Shelia (Derick) Smith; a host of nieces and nephews; family and friends. Marlin loved traveling, going on vacation and being outdoors. He loved to ride his bicycle, especially. Family and friends always enjoyed his sense of humor, and he loved children, as well. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him. Family asks in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Diabetes Association. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jesse Paul Campbell, 75
Jesse Paul Campbell, age 75, of Hartselle, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. He was born Aug. 9, 1948, to Jesse Campbell and Cherie L. Campbell. He was preceded in death by his parents and cousin, Larry H. Hillis. Survivors include his son, Spencer Campbell, and cousins, Anette Pittman and Josette Hill.

Charles Morrison, 86
Memorial service for Charles Morrison, age 86, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at First United Methodist Church with Josh Hickman and Chris Morrison officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Mr. Morrison passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, at Woodland Village Health Care. He was born Sept. 27, 1937, to the late Woodrow Morrison and Nettie Morrison. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Debbie Morrison; son, Chris Morrison; daughter, Robyn Willingham; grandchildren, Kimberly (Jared) Brown and Julian Swinford; and four great-grandchildren.

Theodore Martin Schaefers, 94
Funeral Mass for Theodore Martin Schaefers, age 94, of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church with Father Patrick Egan, OSB officiating; interment in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church with the rosary beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Schaefers passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Nov. 11, 1928, in Cullman, Alabama, to Joseph Schaefers and Theresa Schaefers. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bernard Schaefers, Edward Schaefers, Jimmy Schaefers, and Melvin Schaefers; and sisters, Helen Davis and Cecelia Kinney, Survivors include his wife of 69 years, Rachel Gross Schaefers; daughter, Karen S. (Thomas) Caldwell; son, Charlie Martin (Ruthann) Schaefers; grandchildren, Jessica M. (Michael) White and Sarah (Phillip) Jennings; great-grandchild, Riley Jennings; brother, Tommy (Hulda) Schaefers; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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BOOK REVIEW: 'The Rose Code' by Kate Quinn

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"The Rose Code" is an intriguing novel set with two timelines. One is in 1940 during the early years of World War II. The other is in 1947 after the war is over.

In 1940, three women are hired to work in Bletchley Park as codebreakers. They work with some of the brightest minds to break the German codes. Bletchley Park was once the country home of Sir Herbert Leon and his family. It was for sale in 1938 and the Government Code and Cypher Department needed a home. After purchasing it, the government remodeled it and used it as a center to decode the messages produced by the Enigma machine. An interesting fact is that Kate Middleton's grandmother, Valerie Middleton, was a code breaker at Bletchley Park.

The story is about the three women who have been recruited to break the German codes. The three women are very different but form a friendship. Beth Finch has been beaten down by her mother and is a 24-year-old spinster.

She finds her calling breaking codes and is finally happy. Osla Kendall is a debutant and a member of London's elite. Mab Churt is from a working-class family and is striving to provide a better life for her young sister.

All the women and supporting characters are based on real people.

As the book progresses, it becomes obvious that a traitor is working at Bletchley Park

In 1947, Mab is married and a mother of twins. She is trying to forget her time at Bletchley Park. Osla is keeping a low profile due to her ex-boyfriend Prince Phillip of Greece, who will soon be marrying the future Queen Elizabeth.

Beth is an asylum – put there by the traitor. She has no way to reach her code-breaking friends and her family will not visit or write. Beth overhears the staff talking about her upcoming lobotomy and is horrified. She finds a way to escape and convinces her friends that she is not insane or delusional. The three women work together to find the traitor. This is a face-paced novel that keeps readers on their toes.

Kate Quinn is a master of historical fiction. Her books are thoroughly researched and historically accurate. It is a very entertaining book. I have read all of Kate Quinn's novels and highly recommend them.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

Case (from Front)

compelling evidence, which was subsequently presented to the grand jury.

The grand jury handed down an indictment for Randall Dewayne Hogan, 66, of Cullman. Hogan was arrested on Oct. 30, 2023, pursuant to the grand jury indictment. Hogan is charged with murder.

Currently, Hogan is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center and has been denied bond.

During the press conference, both the sheriff and the DA refrained from taking questions from the media. Citing the sensitivity of the ongoing investigation, they emphasized the importance of ensuring that all information is thoroughly verified and confirmed before it's released to the public.

While the arrest marks a significant breakthrough in the case, according to those at the press conference, the refusal to answer questions underscores the complex nature of the investigation and suggests that more details may yet emerge.

As the case progresses and more details become available, it's expected that further updates will be provided.

Projects (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Downtown construction projects have been topics of discussion at recent Cullman City Council meetings, and Mayor Woody Jacobs was happy to talk about achievements that will facilitate this year's expanded holiday celebrations.

"Nathan (Anderson) and (Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism) are having a Christkindlmarkt, barely, because we've been working feverishly to finish up Depot Park, and I think Friday we poured the last little bit of concrete," said Jacobs.

The mayor said that finishing touches still have to be done, but Depot Park will be open in time for the return of Cullman's traditional Christmas season events including the second annual Christkindlmarkt (an open air Christmas market that will feature a collection of vendors in booths around the park), Weihnachtspyramide (a giant version of the popular moving multitiered German Christmas decoration), tree lighting spectacular and a new carousel this year.

Said Jacobs, "The market is going to be unbelievable. We've been to several throughout the United States and Germany, and ours will rival anything. I've seen several; I'm telling you: we're setting the standard. It's going to be really nice."

Paving projects

Jacobs addressed the paving project on County Road 222 from Interstate 65 to Topre America, noting that work is nearly complete, with only seal coating and striping still to do.

The mayor also said that the company doing that work would do a little more. Jacobs said, "Before they leave town, they promised that we're going to get Arnold Street from the Folsom Center to West Main, so that's going to help with what we've got going on here."

When can we drive by city hall again?

Jacobs told the Tribune that construction on Second Avenue Northeast in front of city hall is supposed to be done in February, but earlier completion is possible. Jacobs said the "contractual date is Feb. 9, but (we're) hoping to get a Christmas present."

The Cullman City Council meets at Cullman City Hall at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The public is invited to attend.





