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– SPORTS –

Cullman, Good Hope collect wins at Veterans Day Classic

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‘They pay it back tenfold’

Find your next best friend at the animal shelter

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Tribune has run its Pet of the Week feature with the Cullman County Animal Shelter for quite some time. Pet of the Week is designed to give shelter animals a boost to hopefully find their forever homes.

But what about the ones who already have forever homes? The Tribune chatted with three residents who got their forever dogs from the Cullman County Animal Shelter to hear their stories, sympathize with their struggles and celebrate their successes.

Will Hartmann and Lucas/Luke, adopted April 2023

With two rescues named Zeus and Heidi, and having just lost his 6-year-old white lab Lucy to bone cancer, Will Hartmann is no stranger to adopting and rehabbing animals. However, adopting Lucas, or Luke, would prove to be his most » PAGE 6



WILL HARTMANN, KELSEY ALONSO, CODY ADAMS

Left to right: Lucas/Luke lounges in the sun with his favorite toy; Bossk rides in the back as the family heads off to their next adventure; Roxy leans up to watch the traffic as she rides, and to bark at any offenders.

– STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET –

Cold Springs Eagles, Lady Eagles capture state championships

Edgeworth sets state record, wins 4th state title



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Both Cold Springs' boys and girls teams won this year's 1-2A State Championships Saturday morning.

Nick Griffin
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DANVILLE, Ala. — This year's AHSAA State Cross Country Championships were hosted at the Oakville Indian Mounds Saturday morning, and it was a great day to be a Cold Springs Eagle. Both the Eagles and Lady Eagles claimed 1-2A state championships and Eagle runners Ethan Edgeworth (14:34.29) and Reagan Parris (19:31.26) each won individual state titles.

Edgeworth's personal best time of 14:34.29 set a new state meet record, a new course record and earned him a fourth consecutive state championship. He and his teammates have been battling through some illness this week in preparation for Saturday's race and Ethan was proud of the way he and his teammates overcame that challenge and put together another great performance.

"This week we've all been sick with flu, strep throat and to come out here and win as a team, I can't be more proud of myself and our team for coming out here and doing what we love, supporting God while we're doing it," Edgeworth said. "I thank our coaches and all the supporters we have. We have a huge support group here today and I just thank Coach (Casey) Howell for believing in us, letting us trust our bodies and believing in us for this long. I just can't believe we went out on a positive note like this."

Eagles Head Coach Casey Howell was proud of both his teams for their performance Saturday but is even more proud of the way they've competed for one another all season.

"Only God! I tell the kids all the time, I truly believe our success has come from putting God first. I told the kids today F.A.M.I.L.Y. (Forget About Me I Love You!) They are such a special group that works so hard and cares more for their teammates than they do their own success.," Howell said. "To see them overcome the adversity they faced this week shows how much they care for each other and the name across their chest. This group of seniors will always have such a special place in my heart. I love them so much!" » PAGE 6

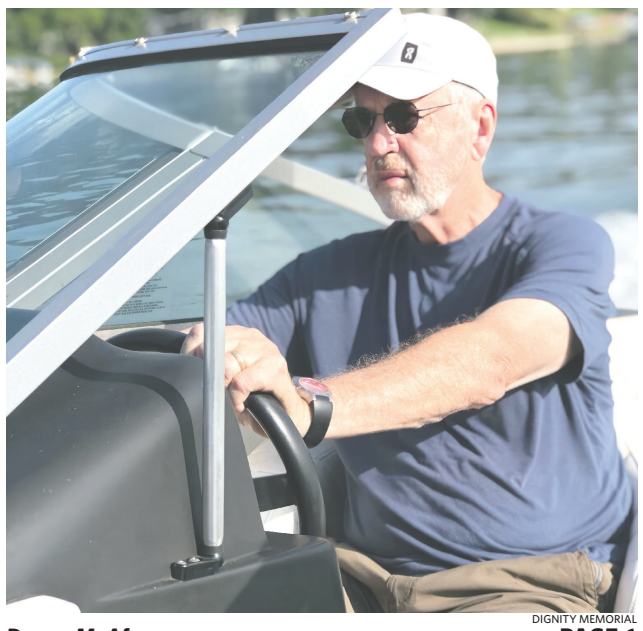
Designer Bag Bingo brings in more than $30K for United Way

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Car show raises over $5K for Cullman Caring for Kids

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Remembering Danny McAfee



DIGNITY MEMORIAL

Danny McAfee

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CCBOE recognizes faculty, staff, former students



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette recognizes former students Isaac Ludwig and Dustin Moore for their efforts with Cullman County Schools and students.

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Bill Smith

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 13, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 9
- domestic violence; CR 162
- harassment; CR 569
- passing counterfeit object; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; CR 1527
- burglary; CR 1114
- theft of property; CR 1043

Nov. 10
- domestic violence; CR 636
- domestic violence; CR 493
- theft of property; CR 1372
- domestic violence; I-65 SB at MM 310
- theft of property; CR 1145
- harassment; Ward Ave. SW

Nov. 11
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 1760
- domestic violence; CR 587
- domestic violence; CR 595
- assault; Welcome Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1558

Nov. 12
- theft of property; CR 1855
- criminal mischief; CR 67
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 489
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1212
- domestic violence; CR 1208

ARRESTS

Nov. 9 – 12

Armstrong, Cody N.; 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Burney, Kenneth R.; 56
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Cavanaugh, Kyle J.; 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- obstructing justice using false identity-fictitious person
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- switched tag

Clay, Lisa A.; 58
- public intoxication

Collier, Nichole D.; 30
- larceny/theft-theft of lost property

Crawford, Jason T.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Evans, Travis W.; 57
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Fields, Terry J.; 44
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Green, Jason D.; 42
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lindsey, Joseph C.; 34
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Lynn, Cassie L.; 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Malone, Grady A.; 50
- public intoxication

Martinez, Ramon S.; 25
- DUI (alcohol)

Owens Jr., Joseph M.; 42
- FTA- obstructing justice using false identity
- FTA- criminal trespass

Peoples, Melissa G.; 42
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Renshaw, Justin A.; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Scott, James K.; 33
- assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Shelton, Savannah R.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Sirvio, Charity L.; 48
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Suhy, Landon M.; 22
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (2 counts)

Swafford, Jeffery S.; 45
- assault-domestic-2nd degree-punishment
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- burglary-2nd degree-domestic violence
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no damage or theft)
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- resisting arrest
- criminal trespass
- retail theft-2nd degree
- retail theft-3rd degree

Terrell, Devin L.; 30
- Grand Jury- burglary-residence-no force
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft

Turner, Johnathan P.; 42
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Welch, Marlin A.; 46
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 7
- theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $193

Nov. 8
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 157; damage to 2017 Volkswagen Jetta; $1,000
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Nov. 9
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; Hwy. 278 W.; general merchandise; $19
- theft of property-1st degree; Cullman Jefferson Gas; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Holiday Inn Express; Hayes Dr. NW; pressure washer; $349
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment' person
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Greenbrier Dr. SW

Nov. 10
- theft of property-2nd degree; unauthorized use of vehicle; person; Gold Mark Ct. SW; medication
- harassing communications; person
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to 2020 Lexus; $2,000

Nov. 11
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-assault-2nd degree; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $50

ARRESTS

Nov. 9 – 12

Hawkins, Robert S.; 35
- Grand Jury- theft of property-3rd degree

Watwood, Andrew G.; 23
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Higginbotham, Jim E.; 61
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McKinnon, Roger L.; 59
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Gardner, James W.; 59
- public intoxication

Christian, Kyle B.; 39
- domestic violence-assault-2nd degree

Taliaferro Jr., Paul D.; 46
- DUI

Teague, Misty D.; 49
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
I.W.)
A Minor Child, 05/07/2021)

CASE NO. JU 2022-400.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of I.W., born on or about 05/07/2021 to Caitlin Milligan, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of December, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 31st day of October, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

FILED IN OFFICE
OCT 31 2023
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 1st day of November, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

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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)
)
ANGELA MOORE,)
An alleged incapacitated person.)

CASE NO.: PC-2023-197

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTER OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP, OBJECTION TO PETITION FOR LETTER OF CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP AND PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: GREGORY A. PORTER, PERRY B. PORTER, REBECCA GINA ALCOS, HEATH PORTER, STAN STRICKLAND STUART STRICKLAND, KEN EDWIN LAWRENCE AND 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 Ken Edwin Lawrence, Petitioner. An *Objection to Petition for Letters of Conservatorship and Guardianship* and a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* has been filed by Deborah Jan Porter, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, J. Bradley Wilson. A hearing has been **SET FOR THE 14th day of DECEMBER, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 30th day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street Southwest Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
H.W.)
A Minor Child, 06/05/2019)

CASE NO. JU 2022-401.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of H.W., born on or about 06/05/2019 to Caitlin Milligan, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of December, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

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Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
O.L.B.,) CASE NO. JU-2023-619.01
a minor, DOB: 04/18/2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION

JAYME LYNN BRITTON (HASTING), whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by December 5th, 2023 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. JU-2023-619.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25 day of October, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
101 Main Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055

TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING ON 10/31/23, 2023, PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

*Please bill Petitioner's attorney for the cost of publication.

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2023-000619.01
BRITTON OAKLEY LYNN)

ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother, J.L.B.H., of the child born on or about 4/18/2017, respond to the Petition of Attorney Shelbie Hankey for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 5th day of December, 2023 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in *The Cullman Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman, County, Alabama.

DONE this 13th day of October, 2023.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

DOCUMENT 4

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
K.J.B.,) CASE NO. JU-2023-618.01
a minor, DOB: 08/13/2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION

JAYME LYNN BRITTON (HASTING), whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by December 5th, 2023 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. JU-2023618.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25 day of October, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2023-000618.01
BRITTON KAYSON JAMES)

ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother, J.L.B.H., of the child born on or about 8/13/2015, respond to the Petition of Attorney Shelbie Hankey for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 5 day of December, 2023 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in *The Cullman Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman, County, Alabama.

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/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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.
• Wednesday, Nov. 15 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 727-215-9092 for pickup.
• Wednesday, Nov. 15 – 7 p.m. Youth Thanksgiving party
• Friday, Nov. 17 - 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 6:15. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Nov. 18 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank and CAMS training
• Sunday, Nov. 19 - 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. 19 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Jeff Gilliland 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.

Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Pickup
If you ordered cheeseballs from Grace Episcopal Church Women, your pickup will be Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call 256-734-2231.

Town of South Vinemont 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont School lunchroom. Dine in and carry out. One plate per person.

Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park
• Check out a variety of still and moving light displays, then hit the concessions stand for a warm cup of hot cocoa or a photo op with Santa Claus!
• The attraction is open 5-9 p.m. Nov. 17-19 and Nov. 24-Dec. 29 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays until Dec. 13). It will transition to a drive-through only experience Dec. 26-29. Opening ceremonies will be Friday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m.
• Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Attractions include the Christmas train ($5 per person), horse and carriage rides (select nights at $5 per person), snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and additional Christmas entertainment.

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.

Christmas at the Grotto
The spirit of Christmas has returned to the Ave Maria Grotto. Visit and enjoy Brother Joseph's creations, completely decked in lights. The attraction will be open every Friday and Saturday, some Sundays, and Dec. 26-27 beginning Friday, Nov. 24. Friday, Dec. 15, and Saturday, Dec. 16, will be even more magical as food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides and even Santa Claus! It's an experience you won't want to miss!

Dates
• Nov. 24-25, 30 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 1-2 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 8-10 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 14 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 15-16 – 5-9 p.m. (food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides, Santa Claus)
• Dec. 21-23 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 26-27 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)

Admission
• Adults - $10
• Seniors - $8
• Military/veterans/first responders - $7
• Teens (13-17) - $8
• Children (5-12) - $7
• Children younger than 4 - free
• Wagon rides on Dec 15,16 - $5
• Kids' rides every night of event - $3

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 20, at the Golden Corral Buffet. This is due to the rescheduling of our BCBS speaker. Meeting will begin at noon, with a Dutch lunch prior to meeting. All members and nonmembers are welcome and urged to attend.

8th Annual Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner – Free!
Monday, Nov. 20, from noon-6 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron in West Point. For local veterans and their families. We encourage you to invite every veteran you know!

Weihnachtspyramide/ Christmas Pyramid Lighting
Friday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. near Depot Park. The Weihnachtspyramide will be on the grounds of the Cullman County Museum.

Christkindlmarkt
Immerse yourself in a German winter wonderland at Cullman's Christkindlmarkt at Depot Park. Every Thursday to Sunday, from Nov. 24 to Dec. 23, indulge in rich flavors of traditional German Christkindlmarkt Cuisine. Experience ice skating, carousel rides and cherished moments with Santa. Our market's heart lies in its authenticity, from carefully handpicked vendors to the preserved centuries-old tradition that best exemplifies true German craftsmanship. Treasure offerings from revered German manufacturers like Christian Ulbricht, Dregeno Seiffen, Engstler, Graupner, Knox, Richard Glässer, Ino Schaller, and Richard Sellmer—where each item is a testament to legacy and meticulous artistry. Hours are Thursdays 4-9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays 1-8 p.m. www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com

Christmas in Cullman Parade & Tree Lighting
Gather round the Warehouse District Friday, Dec. 1, as Cullman residents don their holliest jolliest best, boasting decked-out cars and trucks, each hoping to be better than the last and hoping to bring home bragging rights of first-place float. The parade begins at 5 p.m. and will travel north on First Avenue through the Warehouse District to Depot Park, where "The South's Largest Christmas Tree Lighting" will begin just after the parade, with Taylor Hicks and James Spann. Enjoy the Christkindlmarkt, ice skating rink, Christmas carousel and Kinderplatz Santa's Village!

34th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon. The parade will travel from Wallace State down U.S. Highway 31 to Hanceville Fire Station No. 1. www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan

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Show (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A cloudy chill and slight morning drizzle were no match for Cullman's car community Saturday, Nov. 11, as the 37th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show coaxed residents out of their warm homes to gaze at cars, bikes and trucks lovingly cared for and customized. The show brings out avid gearheads, collectors and observers alike for a good cause: raising funds for Cullman Caring for Kids.

Models ranging from vintage to new in every color, even fluorescent hues, dotted the parking lot of Cullman Caring for Kids, as owners bundled up to sit in their lawn chairs or enjoy a burger from a new food truck on the Cullman scene, Blessed Burgers. Music kept the crowd feelin' right as old car show buddies met up again and new attendees got to ooh and ahh over unique customizations.

Organizer Sonya Green said that while the event serves to honor the late Burl Smith and Larry Harris, it also serves the community by giving back and partnering with Cullman Caring for Kids.

This year's show charged a $20 admission or a new packaged toy worth the same amount, and featured a silent auction and raffle tickets that raised over $5,800 to go back to Cullman Caring for Kids.

"This is our 37th year hosting the show for Cullman Caring for Kids. We are so gracious that we're able to help them do this; we know that every dollar counts for them," said Green, noting the importance of helping local free pantries ahead of the holiday season.

"We try our best and we depend on the residents and merchants of Cullman who are great with donations.

"If you're ever interested in donating, reach out to us or to Cullman Caring for Kids, and we'd be happy to help!" she exclaimed.

Senior Director of Cullman Caring for Kids Javon Daniel said the partnership


CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Attendees gaze at a customized car at the 37th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show benefiting Cullman Caring for Kids on Saturday morning, Nov. 11, 2023. The show raised over $5,800.

is a longstanding one that they've enjoyed having over the years, sharing, "We absolutely love partnering with Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Car Show.

"They're wonderful people – two great families that put this on in memory of Mr. Smith and Mr. Harris that have passed."

Daniel explained that the event isn't a stuffy fundraiser like many can be; it's genuinely "just fun" to get out of the house for a morning and see some beautiful craftsmanship and customization.

"It's a joy to be around them. You see beautiful cars, absolutely gorgeous trucks, it's just fun. It's a fun time, and we really appreciate everything they do for Cullman Caring for Kids!" smiled Daniel.

To learn more about Cullman Caring for Kids, visit www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman, Good Hope collect wins at Veterans Day Classic

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats and the Good Hope Raiders were on the court at Tom Drake Coliseum Saturday to compete in this year's Veteran's Day Classic and both local squads returned home with wins. Cullman won a close game over Plainview 51-46 and in their first game of the season, the Good Hope Raiders lit up the scoreboard on their way to a 99-41 win over Winston County.

Cullman 51 - Plainview 46 (varsity boys)

Cullman got on the scoreboard first on a three-point play by Sam Duskin, then with 5:50 left to go in the quarter, Colton Echols put in a floater to make it 5-0. Plainview countered with a 9-0 run of their own to take a 9-5 lead, but Jake Dorough put in a shot in the paint to cut it to 9-7 with 2:23 left to go in the opening period. Echols knocked down another floater, then Dorough drilled a three from the top of the key to give the Bearcats a 12-9 lead going into the second quarter.

Evan Wilson put in a hook shot to give Cullman a 14-9 lead early in the period, then a three-point play by Echols, later followed by a pair of Duskin free throws, pushed their lead to 19-9 almost halfway through the second quarter. A made basket by the Bears cut it to 21-13, but Echols put in another floater and later added a free throw to give the Bearcats a 24-13 lead. A pair of threes by Plainview quickly made it a 24-19 game and later added a shot in the paint to cut it to 25-21 at the half.

The Bears hit a three to start the third quarter as that made it a 25-24 game. Dorough put in a shot to make it 27-24, but Plainview scored the next five straight points to take a 29-27 lead with 5:14 left to go in the third period.

The Bears held a 31-29 lead late in the quarter, but Gray Hopper and Duskin each hit a free throw to tie the game up at 31. Plainview broke the tie with a basket in the paint, but Sam Dorough drilled a three from the right wing, then Echols added a free throw, to give Cullman a 35-33 lead going into the final period.

Plainview scored the first five points of the quarter to take a 38-35 lead, but one of their players got hit with a technical foul, and Brodie Banister hit a pair from the line to cut it to 38-37.

Later on, Duskin hit a driving layup, then Wilson drilled a pair of free throws, as Cullman now held a 41-38 lead. The lead changes didn't stop there, though, as the Bears hit a pair of free throws, then a shot in the paint, to take a 42-41 lead with 3:22 left to go in the game.

Another technical foul was called on one of the Bears' players, and Jake Dorough knocked down both free throws to give Cullman a 43-42 lead with 2:31 left to go in the contest. Echols drilled a short-range jumper to make it a 45-42 game, then Duskin split from the line to give Cullman a 46-42 game with 40 seconds left to go in the game. Plainview cut it to 48-46, but the Bearcats sealed the game at the line, as Jake Dorough hit two free throws, and Echols added one as well, as Cullman ended up collecting a 51-46 win over Plainview.

Echols finished with 15 points for Cullman. Jake Dorough added 11 points, and Duskin ended up with nine points.

Cullman will travel to take on Greenville Tuesday.

Good Hope 99 - Winston County 41 (varsity boys)

Good Hope didn't waste any time getting out to a quick lead in their game against Winston County, as they scored the first 19 points of the game. Five different players scored during that run. Winston County got on the scoreboard with 3:16 left to go in the opening period, but the Raiders continued their red-hot shooting in the quarter. Dakota Overton drilled a three, then a layup by Isaiah Turner, a rebound and putback by Weston Hancock, and five straight points by K'mal Bell gave Good Hope a 32-2 lead. The Raiders held a commanding 34-3 lead after one period.

The scoring slowed down a little bit in the second quarter, but a three by Hancock and baskets by Cone and Jacob Haynes made it a 45-10 game. Bell put in a shot from long-range to give the Raiders a 48-15 lead at the half.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's K'mal Bell led the Raiders with 22 points in their 99-41 win over Winston County Saturday.

Eight different Raider players found the scoring column in the first half.

The second half was more of the same, as the third quarter saw three dunks, one each from Cone, Malin, and Hancock, as Good Hope continued to build their lead. The lead grew to over 50, as the Raiders went into the fourth quarter with a commanding 78-27 lead. A hot clock was run for the entire period, as Good Hope would go on to completely roll past Winston County 99-41.

Every player scored at least one point in the game. Bell led the way for Good Hope with 22 points. Cone added 19 points. Haynes ended up with 15 points. Hancock and Malin each put in 11 points, while Tyler Byrd added 10.

Good Hope will head home to face New Hope in their home opener Friday night.

Big 1st quarter propels No. 8 Alabama past Kentucky, 49-21

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The No. 8/8/8 Alabama football team scored 21 points in the first quarter and cruised past Kentucky, 49-21, Saturday afternoon inside Kroger Field. With the victory, the Crimson Tide (9-1, 7-0) clinches the SEC West title as well as a spot in the league's championship game which will be played in Atlanta on Dec. 2.

Quarterback Jalen Milroe once again dominated the statistics enroute to the victory.

One week after accounting for 374 total yards and four touchdowns in the win over LSU, the Tide signal-caller was responsible for six total touchdowns (three rush, three pass) against the Wildcats which ties for the second-most by any Alabama player in a game in program history.

Milroe would go on to finish the game with 234 yards and three touchdowns through the air while running the ball eight times for 36 yards and another three scores.

A total of 10 different receivers had at least one catch on the day, led by Kobe Prentice's four catches for 74 yards and a score.

Amari Niblack (2-38) and Roydell Williams (2-30) were also on the receiving end of Milroe touchdown passes for Alabama. Jase McClellan paced the Tide's run game with 43 yards on nine carries.

Alabama's Caleb Downs led the defense with 12 total tackles, including five solo tackles, to go with a half-sack.

Jihaad Campbell added seven tackles, including one tackle for loss, to go with a fumble recovery that set-up a one-yard touchdown, a pass break-up and a quarterback hurry.

Notes

• Saturday's contest was the first meeting between Alabama and Kentucky in Lexington since 2013

• The Tide improved to 16-2 in games played at UK and 39-2-1 in the all-time series

• Head coach Nick Saban is now 9-0 in games he's coached against Kentucky (5-0 while at Alabama)

• Jalen Milroe's six touchdowns responsible for against the Wildcats matched Bryce Young vs. Utah State on Sept. 3, 2022 (five passing and one rushing) and Tua Tagovailoa vs. Auburn on Nov. 24, 2018 (five passing and one rushing) for the second-most by any UA player in program history

• Across his last two games, Milroe has been accountable for 644 total yards and 10 total touchdowns which include seven on the ground and three through the air

• Alabama opened the contest by scoring on each of its first three and four of its first five drives to take a 21-0 lead midway through the first quarter

• The Crimson Tide defense limited the Wildcats to 95 yards rushing, 74 of which came on a single run late in the quarter, while also holding UK to 4.6 yards per play and just 3-11 on third-down conversions

• UA scored a touchdown on its opening drive for the second time this season (Middle Tennessee) and is now 52-1 across its last 53 games when achieving the feat

• Alabama improved to a perfect 28-0 in games played before 11:30 a.m. CT under coach Saban and 2-0 this season. The Tide's Nov. 18 home finale vs. Chattanooga is also slated for an 11 a.m. CT kickoff.

How It Happened

First Quarter

• 09:38 - UA | The Crimson Tide struck first when Jalen Milroe found Amari Niblack for a 26-yard receiving touchdown capping off a 10-play, 80-yard drive in 5:13

• 05:32 - UA | Milroe connected with Kobe Prentice for a 40-yard touchdown ending a four-play, 55-yard drive lasting 1:51

• 05:12 - UA | Milroe found the endzone for a one-yard rushing touchdown finishing off a one-play drive that was set up by Caleb Downs' fumble return

• 01:30 - UK | Kentucky got on the board when Devin Leary connected with Tayvion Robinson for a six-yard receiving touchdown to end a six-play, 32-yard drive that lasted 2:43

Second Quarter

• 10:14 - UA | Milroe was able to extend the play and find Roydell Williams for a 27-yard touchdown connected that completed a five-play, 62-yard drive in 2:34

Third Quarter

• 10:53 - UK | The Wildcats opened the second half with a two-yard rushing touchdown from Ray Davis to cap a 10-play, 75-yard drive which lasted 4:07

• 06:29 - UA | Milroe scored his second rushing touchdown of the game when he crossed the goal line for a three-yard score to cap a nine-play, 65-yard drive that took 6:38 off the clock

Fourth Quarter

• 14:48 - UA | Milroe crossed the endzone from one-yard out for his third rushing touchdown of the game that ended an eight-play, 38-yard drive

• 09:46 - UA | Jam Miller crossed the goal line from three-yards to finished off a seven-play drive that spanned 66 yards in 3:21

• 14:48 - UK | Davis scored his second touchdown when he plunged in from one-yard out finishing a four-play, 75-yard drive that took two minutes even

Up Next

• Alabama returns to Tuscaloosa for its final regular season home game when it takes on Chattanooga next Saturday

• The contest will kickoff at 11 a.m. and be televised on SEC Network+

CCBOE (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its meeting on Nov. 9, the Cullman County School Board recognized a handful of individuals for their service and dedication to Cullman County Schools.

E5 Exceptional Award recipients have to be nominated by a coworker or faculty or staff member for going above and beyond their job expectations. Vinemont Elementary School Guidance Counselor Lanza Willoughby, Fairview Elementary School Assistant Principal Robert Strane, Good Hope Primary School Custodian Sherry Rainwater and Cold Springs High School Teacher Stephanie Blair were all recognized for their hard work and dedication to students and their respective schools.

Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette also recognized two former students. Barbers Isaac Ludwig and Dustin Moore have been travelling throughout Cullman County, visiting local schools and providing free haircuts to students and others. The duo also made a stop at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"When I talk to them, they just want to give back, they want to make a difference with young people," Barnette said, "They come in and they're donating haircuts, but they're taking the time to talk with the kids and encourage them.

"We really want to thank them and we appreciate them."

Vinemont Elementary School was also praised for its selection as one of 12 schools across the state recognized as an Alabama Science of Reading Spotlight School by the Alabama Reading Initiative.

The Superintendent's Report included a reminder that second nine weeks' progress reports will go home to caregivers on Nov. 17.

Schools are dismissed for Thanksgiving Break from Nov. 20- 24, with 12-month employees working Nov. 20-21.

The following resignations were approved:

- Edward Sandlin
- Kathy Davis
- Jennifer Pendley

The following leaves of absence were approved:

- Canungnit Calvert
- Taylor Appling

The following voluntary transfers were approved:

- Cathi Bradford
- Corrine Whisenant

The following substitute teachers were approved:

- Cherri Gregory
- Elizabeth Hauk
- Ramona Hurst
- Cynthia Moody
- Tonya Parker
- Katie Townsel
- Monica Williams

Changes to contracts and salary were approved for:

- Amanda Swann
- Carrie Morrow
- Joshua Lambert
- Anthony Pace

In other business, the board:

• Approved the appointment of Tracie White as a Child Nutrition Program worker at Holly Pond School

• Approved the Transfer of Elizabeth Watwood from Assistant Principal at Hanceville Elementary School to the position of Contracted Principal at Hanceville Middle School, effective Jan. 2, 2024

• Approved a bid from Cook's Pest Control to install a new Termite System in Cold Springs' new gymnasium

• Approved Living Water Utilities to manage wastewater plants and lift stations

• Approved a maintenance department request to declare three vehicles surplus, for sale or disposal

• Approved a donation of a Ford Econoline Van from the Technology department to the Cullman Area Technology Academy for their Auto-Mechanic programs

• Approved a bid presented by Bresco to replace serving lines and an oven in West Point High School's lunchroom

• Approved Sept 2023's financial statements

• Approved Sept 2023's bills and salaries equal to $19,709,107.45

• Approved out of state field trip requests from Good Hope High School, Vinemont Elementary School, and Good Hope High School

• Approved a request from West Point Middle School to pay the following for additional summer coaching duties, to be paid by local funds: Cody Harris, Anthony Pace, Phillip Robinson, Michael Williams and David Stokes

• Approved Lori Warden as West Point Elementary Afterhours Personnel to be paid by local funds

• Approved compensation to be paid by local funds for Kimberly Kanaday as the Hanceville Middle School Basketball Bookkeeper

• Approved CATA's request to pay Kayla Manning for marketing and social media duties, to be paid by local funds

• Approved the compensation of Teri Weaver for sponsoring Hanceville High School's National Honor Society

The next regularly scheduled CCBOE meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 14, in the CCBOE meeting room, with the work session beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting immediately following.

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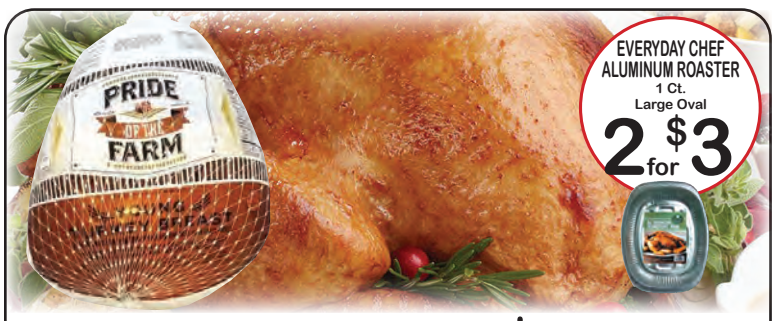
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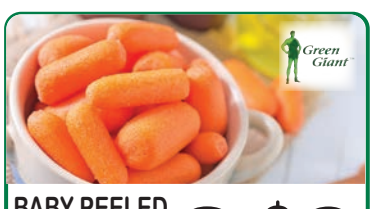


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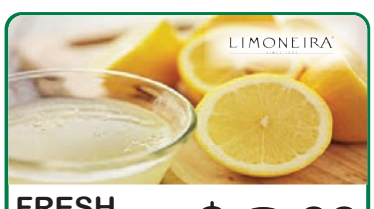


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$5.99

MILO'S TEA
Gallon
Selected Varieties
3 for $10

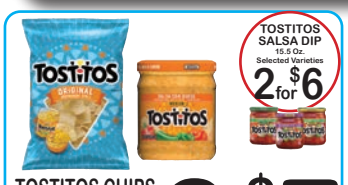


INTERNATIONAL DELIGHT COFFEE CREAMER
32 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7

SIMPLY POTATOES
20 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



Family Favorites



TOSTITOS SALSA DIP
15.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6

TOSTITOS CHIPS OR CHEESE DIP
9-12 Oz. or 15 Oz. Jar
Selected Varieties
2 for $7



LIPTON TEA
12 Pk.
.5 Liter Bottles
$6.99

DR PEPPER, MTN DEW, STARRY OR PEPSI PRODUCTS
6 Pk.
16.9 Oz. Bottles
3 for $12

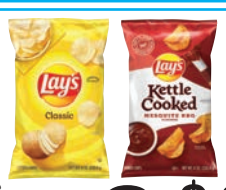


SUN DROP, A&W, 7•UP OR RC COLA PRODUCTS
6 Pk.
16.9 Oz. Bottles
3 for $12



DR PEPPER, MTN DEW, STARRY OR PEPSI PRODUCTS
12 Pk.
12 Oz. Cans
2 for $10





LAY'S POTATO CHIPS
7.75-8 Oz. Regular or
Kettle Cooked Selected Varieties
2 for $5



GOLDEN FLAKE, UTZ, ZAPP'S OR ON THE BORDER CHIPS
8-12 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4

FREE STARRY
6 Pk.
7.5 Oz. Mini Cans
with Purchase of a Turkey!



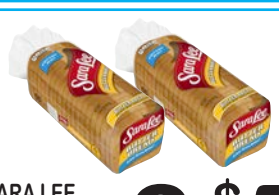
STARRY OR CANADA DRY
2 Liter
Bottles
3 for $5



SUN DROP, A&W, 7•UP OR RC COLA PRODUCTS
12 Pk.
12 Oz. Cans
2 for $10



DR PEPPER, MTN DEW OR PEPSI PRODUCTS
2 Liter
Bottles
2 for $4



SARA LEE BUTTER BREAD
20 Oz. Loaf
2 for $5



SARA LEE ROLLS
12 Ct.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6

Beer & Wine Specials



BUDWEISER OR BUD LIGHT
24 Pk. Cans or Bottles
$23.99



MONDAVI PRIVATE SELECTION WINES
750 ml Bottles
$7.99

SCHMITT SÖHNE RIESLING
1.5 Liter Bottle
$12.69

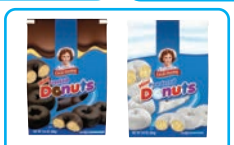


COORS LIGHT OR MILLER LITE
24 Pk. Cans
$24.99





BLUE BELL ICE CREAM
Half Gallon or 12 Pk. Cups
Selected Varieties
$5.99



LITTLE DEBBIE MINI DONUTS
7.74-10.5 Oz. Bag
Selected Varieties
2 for $4

LITTLE DEBBIE CHRISTMAS SNACKS
Box Tree Cakes or Brownies, Cherry Cordials, Gingerbread Cookies or North Pole Nutty Bars
2 for $5

Simple Savings

IHOP OR MAXWELL HOUSE K-CUPS
10-12 Ct. Selected Varieties or 11-12 Oz. Bag IHOP Ground
$6.99



POST HONEY BUNCHES OF OATS
11-12 Oz. Selected Varieties or 16 Oz. Raisin Bran
2 for $6



KELLOGG'S FROSTED MINI WHEATS CEREAL
18 Oz. Bite Size Original, 14 Oz. Cinnamon Roll or Strawberry or 9.6 Oz. Corn Flakes
2 for $8



GENERAL MILLS CHEX CEREAL
12 Oz. Corn or Rice or 14 Oz. Wheat
2 for $7



FOOD CLUB TOASTER PASTRIES
11 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $3



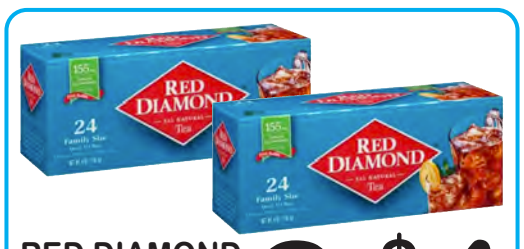
KELLOGG'S POP•TARTS
12 Ct., 20-22 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $8



JIF PEANUT BUTTER
15-16 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $5



RED DIAMOND TEA BAGS
24 Ct. Family Size Quart or Green Tea Bags
2 for $4



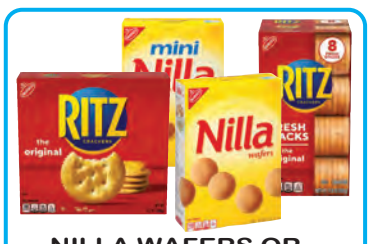
SWANSON BROTH
32 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $4



MT. OLIVE DILL CHIPS
16 Oz. Hamburger
2 for $5



NILLA WAFERS OR RITZ CRACKERS
8.8-13.7 Oz. Nabisco Selected Varieties
2 for $7



CHEEZ-IT SNACK CRACKERS
7.5-12.4 Oz. Selected Varieties
$3.99



DOLE PINEAPPLE
20 Oz. Selected Varieties or 15 Oz. Mandarin Oranges
2 for $3



TEXAS PETE HOT SAUCE
6 Oz. Original or Hotter
2 for $3



JIFFY CORN MUFFIN MIX
8.5 Oz. Original or Vegetarian
4 for $3



DUNCAN HINES CAKE MIX
15 Oz. Selected Varieties or 18-18.3 Oz. Brownie Mix
4 for $5

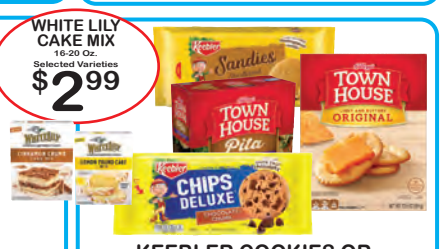


PILLSBURY BEST FLOUR
5 Lb. Bag Selected Varieties
2 for $7

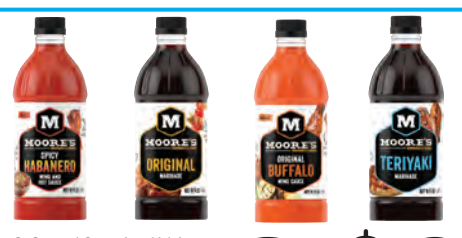


WHITE LILY CAKE MIX
16-20 Oz. Selected Varieties
$2.99

KEEBLER COOKIES OR TOWN HOUSE CRACKERS
8-14.8 Oz. or 9-13.8 Oz. Kellogg's Selected Varieties
$3.99



MOORE'S MARINADE OR WING SAUCE
16 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $6



OCEAN SPRAY JUICE DRINKS
60-64 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $6



FOOD CLUB FRUIT
15 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $4



HUNT'S TOMATOES
14 Oz. Selected Varieties
4 for $5



FOOD CLUB CRANBERRY SAUCE
14 Oz. Jellied or Whole Berry
2 for $3



MEADOWGOLD CONDENSED MILK
14 Oz. Sweetened
2 for $5



MARGARET HOLMES OR GLORY GREENS
27 Oz. Seasoned or Green Beans Selected Varieties
2 for $5



CAMPBELL'S CREAM SOUPS
10 Oz. Selected Varieties
4 for $5



EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK
14 Oz. Sweetened Original or Fat Free
2 for $5



DUNCAN HINES FROSTING
14-16.5 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $3

BETTY CROCKER COOKIE OR BROWNIE MIX
13-18 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $6



MARTHA WHITE MUFFIN MIX
7 Oz. Selected Varieties or Brownie Bites Mix
5 for $5



VEG•ALL OR ALLENS OR MARGARET HOLMES BEANS
27-29 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $5

SUGARY SAM OR BRUCE'S CUT YAMS
29 Oz.
2 for $5



LE SUEUR VEGETABLES
15 Oz. Selected Varieties
3 for $5



IDAHOAN CASSEROLE OR MASHED POTATOES
4 Oz. Selected Varieties or 1.5 Oz. Microwaveable Cups
4 for $5

REYNOLDS KITCHENS OVEN BAGS
2 Ct. Turkey Size
2 for $5

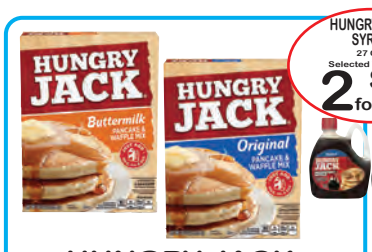


SIMPLY DONE PARTY CUPS
30 Ct., 18 Oz. Plastic
2 for $5



HUNGRY JACK PANCAKE MIX
28-32 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $5

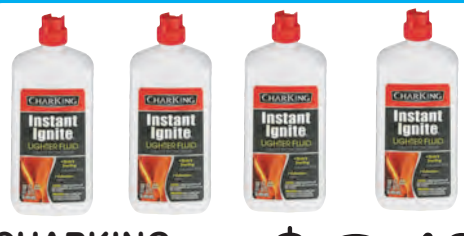
HUNGRY JACK SYRUP
27 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $7



FRENCH'S CRISPY FRIED ONIONS
6 Oz. Original
$3.99



CHARKING LIGHTER FLUID
32 Oz.
$3.49



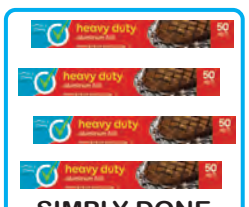
DIXIE BOWLS OR PLATES
18-48 Ct. Selected Varieties
2 for $7



GLAD CLING WRAP
200 Sq. Ft.
2 for $6



SIMPLY DONE ALUMINUM FOIL
12-Inch, 50 Sq. Ft. Heavy Duty
$3.99



CHARKING CHARCOAL
15.4 Lb. Bag Original or Hickory
$7.99



CAT CAFÉ CAT FOOD
11 Lb. Bag Seafood Essentials
$7.99

CASCADE PLATINUM
or Actionpacs 11-25 Ct. Selected Varieties
$5.49

CHARMIN OR BOUNTY ESSENTIALS
18 Mega Rolls Bath Tissue or 12 Double Rolls Paper Towels
$14.99

PUFFS FACIAL TISSUE
3 Box Family Size Selected Varieties
$5.99

GAIN ULTRA DISH DETERGENT
21.6 Oz. Original or Honey Berry Hula Scent
2 for $4

TIDE SIMPLY CLEAN & FRESH DETERGENT
46 Oz. Daybreak Fresh or Refreshing Breeze
2 for $9

FIELD TRIAL DOG FOOD
15 Lb. Bag Savory Blend
$9.99

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LET'S MAKE LIFE Delicious

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JELL-O NO BAKE DESSERTS
11-19 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



STOVE TOP STUFFING MIX
6 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5

COOL WHIP TOPPING
8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $3



JELL-O GELATIN OR PUDDING MIX
1-4 Oz.
Selected Varieties
4 for $5



HEINZ HOME STYLE GRAVY
12 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



BAKER'S CHOCOLATE
4 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



JET-PUFFED MARSHMALLOWS
10-12 Oz. Pkg. Regular or
Mini or 7 Oz. Marshmallow Creme
2 for $3



KRAFT DELUXE MAC & CHEESE
or Velveeta Shells & Cheese
9-14 Oz. Selected Varieties
2 for $6



KRAFT SQUEEZE MAYO
22 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$5.99 Ea.



LEA & PERRINS WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
10 Oz. Original
or Low Sodium
$3.99 Ea.



KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
15-16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $6



BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE COCONUT
14 Oz. Bag
Sweetened
2 for $6



KRAFT CARAMELS
11 Oz.
2 for $6



VELVEETA CHEESE
2 Lb. Loaf
Selected Varieties
$7.49 Ea.



KARO SYRUP
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$2.99 Ea.



FRENCH'S WORCESTERSHIRE SAUCE
10 Oz.
$2.29 Ea.



GREEN GIANT STEAM CRISP CORN
11 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4





LUCKY LEAF PIE FILLING
20-21 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7



BETTY CROCKER SPECIALTY POTATOES
4-5.1 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



ZATARAIN'S CAJUN INJECTORS
16 Oz. Creole Butter
or Creole Garlic
$4.99 Ea.



SWANSON BROTH
14 Oz. Chicken
or Beef
4 for $5



PAM COOKING OR BAKING SPRAY
5-6 Oz.
2 for $7



FAYGO SOFT DRINKS
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
3 for $12



KEEBLER READY CRUST
4-9 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



REYNOLDS WRAP ALUMINUM FOIL
75 Sq. Ft. Regular or 50 Sq. Ft.
Heavy Duty or Non-Stick
$4.99 Ea.



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From our family to yours...
May you be blessed as you gather together to give thanks this holiday.

Giving Thanks



GREEN GIANT CORN-ON-THE-COB
12 Mini-Ears
Extra Sweet or Nibblers
$3.99 Ea.



SARA LEE CREME PIES
19-28 Oz. Selected Varieties
or 34 Oz. Homestyle Apple Pie
$6.99 Ea.

BLUE BONNET MARGARINE
1 Lb. Quarters
Original or Light
2 for $3



PASTA OR RICE-A-RONI
4-7.5 Oz.
Selected Varieties
4 for $5



REDDI WIP TOPPING
6.5 Oz. Original
or Extra Creamy
2 for $5





LOG HOUSE ALMOND BARK
20 Oz. Chocolate
or Vanilla
2 for $7



FOOD CLUB NUTS
8-10 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 Ea.



PET EVAPORATED MILK
12 Oz. Regular
3 for $5



PILLSBURY PIE CRUSTS
2 Ct., 14 Oz.
2 for $7



FOOD CLUB BUTTER
1 Lb. Quarters
Salted or Unsalted
2 for $9



LIPTON DRY SOUP MIX
2 Pk.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4

CRISCO SHORTENING OR BERTOLI OLIVE OIL
3 Lb. Original or Butter Flavor
or 16 Oz. Extra Virgin
$8.99 Ea



PILLSBURY GRANDS! BISCUITS
12 Ct.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7



OPEN KETTLE DUMPLINGS
24 Oz.
MARY B'S
$2.99 Ea.







DEAN'S DIPS
12-16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



PILLSBURY COOKIE DOUGH
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7





KARO SYRUP
32 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 Ea.



MAHATMA ENRICHED RICE
2 Lb. Extra Long Grain or
WATER MAID Medium Grain
2 for $5



SIMPLY DONE FOAM TRAYS
25 Ct.
Compartment With Lid
$3.99 Ea.

McCORMICK BLACK PEPPER
3 Oz., 2 Oz. Lemon Extract, 1 Oz. Vanilla, Orange, Banana, Raspberry or Peppermint Extract or Pumpkin Pie Spice Blend, Flavored Rum or Strawberry, 1.75 Oz. Ground Mustard, 1 Oz. Ground Nutmeg, 2 Oz. Almond Extract or 5 Oz. Neon Assorted Food Color
$3.99 Ea.





McCORMICK CLOVES
.62 Oz. Whole or .9 Oz. Ground, .75 Oz. Cinnamon Stick, 1 Oz. Pumpkin Pie Spice, .6 Oz. Ground Sage or .5 Oz. Rubbed Sage
$4.99 Ea.

McCORMICK PURE VANILLA EXTRACT
2 Oz.
$6.99 Ea.



McCORMICK GRAVY MIX
.87-1 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $3



MORTON SALT & PEPPER SHAKERS
5 Oz.
2 for $4



McCORMICK BROWN GRAVY MIX
.87 Oz. Pouch
99¢ Ea.



McCORMICK GROUND CINNAMON
2.37 Oz. or 1.5 Oz. Cream Tartar, 1 Oz. Poultry Seasoning or 1 Oz. Red, Yellow or Green Food Color
$2.99 Ea.





McCORMICK BAG'N SEASON OR SEASONING MIX
.81-1.3 Oz. Pouch or
12 Oz. Container Gravy
Selected Varieties
2 for $5

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Crafternoon at the Cullman County Public Library

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Paint, hot glue and other crafting supplies lined the tables, crafters and hobbyists filtered in and Crafternoon was underway at the Cullman County Public Library (CCPL) on a recent Thursday afternoon. As part of its community outreach, in addition to monthly children's activities and various fun happenings, CCPL holds crafting events hosted by staff or community members.

Cullman County Public Library System Circulation Manger Laura Benton was the mastermind behind the most recent Thursday event's craft, dreaming up an ornament- themed door hanger.

Benton said, "As you can see, it's made from all Dollar Tree supplies. We have pizza pans for the ornament, cut contact paper for the design and little wooden pallet signs for the hanger.

"We have everything in stations, so they start here at table 1 to paint their wood hanger, then they move over to the main part of the hanger while that dries."

Participants laughed and chatted as they used hot glue to affix red and green bows to their creations, swapping stories about children, life and everything in between. Compliments flowed, praising color schemes and bow-making abilities.

Janice Cook, part-time reference librarian, said, "This is a fun event we do; we do it often. We have had all kinds of people volunteer. Sometimes it's one of our patrons. We had one woman volunteer who folded the pages of a book and it ended up as an angel or a heart."

Crafternoons are open to the public, library members and non-members alike and are held at the CCPL the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. The next crafting event on Nov. 30 will be a bonus Crafternoon, beginning at 4 p.m. Patrons will have the chance to make a Mason jar lighted snow globe. All materials are provided free of charge, courtesy of the CCPL.

The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE. It is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Any questions regarding Crafternoons or other community activities can be directed to the main library number at 256-734-2720 during regular business hours.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Participants gathered for an afternoon of fun and laughter to create a holiday-themed ornament door hanger at the Cullman County Public Library's community Crafternoon event Thursday, Nov. 9.

Bingo (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Laughter hung in the air as hundreds of women filled into The Venue at Cotton Creek on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, 2023, for the United Way of Cullman County's annual Designer Bag Bingo event. While the event serves as an annual night out before the hustle and bustle of holiday season, 15 designer bags from brands like Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach and Frye were on the line, leading to some intense competition and $30,600 in proceeds benefiting the United Way.

This year's event was the biggest and best yet, with 500 women selling out the event weeks beforehand, building anticipation for high-stakes wins of designer bags and chances for raffle prizes – chances that sold out before the games were even called, said Executive Director Waid Harbison, who served as a celebrity waiter for the night.

"This is amazing, we've got 500 people, every chair has been filled, so we have a ton of support here," he beamed, waving to the women in the crowded venue.

"We're just starting out and we've already sold out of our raffle tickets, so people seem just to be lining up to support United Way!"

Harbison said while the planning takes a lot of time and coordination on behalf of himself and Resource Development & Outreach Manager Stephanie Childers, they wouldn't change it for anything, especially with this year being the biggest so far.

"We love it! We think we're going to clear maybe $30,000 this year, which will be a big jump from last year!" Harbison exclaimed.

Before the games began, Board Chairman Brian Poole addressed the crowd, revealing Childers as the nonprofit's new executive director, replacing Harbison, who announced his plans to leave the position back in September.

The announcement was met with raucous applause.

"We've got a great staff, and we're very excited for the future of United Way. Waid was tremendous at what he did, and Stephanie has got some big shoes to fill.

"We know she can do it; we've got her back 100%!" smiled Poole, patting Childers on the back.

Thus began the games of the evening as celebrity waiters modeled handbags and sold extra bingo cards.

By the end of the evening, Harbison's prediction was proven correct, with the event raking in $30,600 from tips to celebrity waiters and sales of tickets, raffle tickets and extra cards.

Learn more about Childers at www.cullmantribune.com/2023/11/10/united-way-names-stephanie-childers-executive-director.

To learn more about United Way of Cullman County, visit: www.uwaycc.org.

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Cold Springs (from Front)

Several local runners also placed in the top 15 of their respective races Saturday, earning All-State honors.

1-2A Girls
- 1st – Reagan Parris, Cold Springs (19:31.26)
- 4th – Macie Huffstutler, Cold Springs (20:10.97)
- 6th – Mila Edmondson, Holly Pond (20:28.29)
- 8th – Paizley Whitlow, Cold Springs (20:32.60)

1-2A Boys
- 1st – Ethan Edgeworth, Cold Springs (14:34.29)
- 2nd – Jayden Allred, Cold Springs (16:00.31)
- 7th – Sage Nelson, Cold Springs (16:34.20)

3A Boys
- 3rd – Brady Johnson, Vinemont (16:19.75)
- 9th – Cash Daly, St. Bernard (17:10.25)
- 13th – Parker Guthery, St. Bernard (17:26.98)

5A Boys
- 8th – Alex England, Fairview (16:21.80)
- 9th – Rene Moreno-Tovar, West Point (16:25.77)

6A Girls
- 8th – Mabry Free, Cullman (18:43.36)
- 6A Boys
- 3rd – Andrue Barnett, Cullman (15:45.36)

LOCAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Cold Springs Girls (1st place)
- 1st Reagan Parris: 19:31.26
- 4th Macie Huffstutler: 20:10.97
- 8th Paizley Whitlow: 20:32.60
- 24th Kynzlie Myrex: 21:54.97
- 30th Daisy Mavers: 22:06.09
- 38th Makara Mavers: 22:33.53
- 42nd Claire Huffstutler: 22:36.93
- 49th Leslie Jones: 22:57.68
- 62nd Claire Hancock: 23:18.70
- 69th Hayla Watson: 23:36.38

Cold Springs Boys (1st Place)
- 1st Ethan Edgeworth: 14:34.29
- 2nd Jayden Allred: 16:00.31
- 7th Sage Nelson: 16:34.20
- 16th Drew Dykes: 17:13.27
- 50th Blake Belcher: 18:25.51
- 56th Blaize Anderson: 18:32.26
- 64th Logan Perdue: 18:52.89
- 97th Zander Ashworth: 19:54.54
- 146th Samuel Hunt: 23:29.42

Holly Pond Girls
- 6th Mila Edmondson: 20:28.29
- 19th Caroline Lamoureux: 21:48.20
- 50th Kynleigh Wood: 22:58.33
- 92nd Violet Adams: 24:11.76
- 134th Jayden Persall: 27:35.56
- 139th Kalie Bartlett: 28:19.32
- 143rd Clara Spitzer: 29:30.33
- 144th Ramey Hall: 30:11.38
- 150th Dallas Welton: 34:35.93

Holly Pond Boys
- 20th Kohl Horton: 17:25.97
- 21st Matthew Putman: 17:29.04
- 22nd Joshua Putman: 17:30.93
- 135th Bradley Woods: 22:27.61
- 151st Carter Brewis: 23:43.39
- 152nd Jonah Shockley: 23:51.56

St. Bernard Girls
- 37th Madilyn Kerber: 21:54.97

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- 9th Cash Daly: 17:10.25
- 13th Parker Guthery: 17:26.98
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Good Hope Boys
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- 9th Rene Moreno-Tovar: 16:25.77
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- 42nd Allie Lusk: 21:35.86
- 54th Sophia Aldridge: 22:01.27
- 59th Anna Hadden: 22:17.36
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- 8th Mabry Free: 18:43.36
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- 44th Khloe Nalley: 20:47.64
- 65th Brantley McBrayer: 21:34.28
- 90th Audrey Floyd: 22:04.39
- 125th Bella Caretti: 23:13.20
- 135th Katie Richter: 23:33.93
- 144th Lauren Cherry: 23:46.11
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Shelter (from Front)

challenging one yet.

Lucas came to the shelter with what rescuers believed was a broken jaw and heartworms. While they were correct, the disturbing cause of the broken jaw was discovered at Lucas' first vet appointment after joining the Hartmann household.

"Lucas was really the most challenging healthwise," said Hartmann. "The kind people at Cullman had him checked for a broken jaw, which was indeed broken, but our vet at Compton's discovered it was from a bullet wound that broke his jaw, cut through his tongue and knocked out two molars. He also had heartworm."

Hartmann said that even with a lengthy and expensive treatment period ahead of Lucas, they just couldn't say no, especially seeing how Lucas behaved with their existing pets during the meet and greet at the shelter.

"Luke immediately got on the ground to play at Zeus' level. Heidi meets other dogs at her pace and Luke immediately respected that. It was a no-brainer," Hartmann smiled.

"Luke makes it simply easy to get over the money spent to get him healthy, house training him (obviously never an indoor dog) and dealing with his (still pronounced) separation anxiety because he is the sweetest, joy-filled, gentle dog you'll ever find. We are the lucky ones!" exclaimed Hartmann.

Hartmann maintained that while they still grieve the loss of Lucy, a white Lab who served as Lucas' namesake, their house feels a bit fuller these days – all thanks to Lucas.

"These three dogs all fill our hearts and home," he said. "Yes, we are proud to have saved them, but they pay it back tenfold."

Kelsey Alonso and Bossk, adopted October 2021

Kelsey Alonso was searching for a companion for her high-energy puppy and found him in the meaty, steel grey pit mix named Bossk. She realized the search for a companion was over after a visit to the shelter one autumn day with her family.

"We adopted Bossk on Oct. 4, 2021, and we got to bring him home on the 5th," recalled Alonso, saying that while they had visited the shelter before, no animal stood out or seemed to be the right fit for their family.

"We had been searching for a companion for our high-energy puppy. We had gone to the shelter a couple of times with our dog to find the right new member of our family," she said. "But on that October day my husband and I took turns walking in the kennel area while the other stayed back with our pup, and after we each had a turn, at the same time we said, 'That's our boy.'"

Bossk came home the next day, and has been "the best boy" according to Alonso, who described him as loving, obedient, playful and loyal.

"He instantly bonded with our child, cat and puppy. We've since adopted another dog through a rescue service and Bossk has helped make her feel at home, too!" exclaimed Alonso.

Cody Adams and Roxy, adopted February 2023

When Cody Adams adopted Roxy, he had just recovered from losing his beloved bulldog Dixie, and had no idea he had just adopted a full-time best friend. In February 2023, Adams saw Roxy in the kennel and called on God for guidance.

"Well I prayed about it, and prayed about it," said Adams, explaining he wasn't sure if he was ready for another dog. "It was just the love in her" that made him sign the papers and bring her home.

Not that she has stayed gone from the shelter for long; Roxy goes with Adams just about everywhere, including the shelter a couple of times a month to hang out with clients of the Margaret Jean Jones Center who volunteer there.

"The folks at the Margaret Jean Jones Center, they love Roxy!" laughed Adams.

He explained a few of Roxy's quirks, mentioning her affinity for car rides – and for barking at fellow drivers. "She thinks she's a big dog," he grinned.

Adams said the advice he would give to anyone who may feel hesitant to adopt a shelter animal would be to pray about it, see the need that is there and go for it.

"All those dogs need a loving home. They're some of the best dogs you will ever get, and I can preach to that," said Adams.

McAfee (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local businessman Danny McAfee, of Cullman Cabinet & Supply Company, was laid to rest this month. McAfee was remembered as a community leader and visionary who championed Cullman's growth and development.

McAfee held seats on numerous community boards, including the Cullman Regional Foundation Board, assisting in the fundraising for the new expansion; Downtown Design and Review Board; City Architectural Review Committee; Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Board, in 2015 receiving the organization's Emma Marie Eddleman Citizenship Award; the Cullman Farmer's Market Board; and lastly, the Cullman Industrial Development Board.

Strengthening Cullman's economy and cultivating an inviting environment were some of McAfee's goals, but when inspecting the legacy he left behind, it was his impact as a person, a friend, a father and a mentor that causes the sting of loss to burn brighter.

"Danny was a true friend. We've all seen what he's done through the articles that have been written, and that's fantastic. But the best part of Danny is what hasn't been printed so far: Danny is the best example of a strong, Christian man," said McGriff Tire Co. President Barry McGriff, who is described by many as McAfee's closest friend. "He believed in God and had such strong faith."

Acquaintances and friends alike recall McAfee as a true Godly man, one who searched for ways to improve others' lives, never requesting recognition in return.

Cullman Regional Foundation Executive Director Maria Stanford described her late mentor as "a truly Godly man, living out the fruits of the spirit every day."

Stanford fondly remembered McAfee turning down her nomination for Cullman Farm-City's annual City Family Award, which is given to individuals or families that foster a strong sense of community and strive to improve Cullman and make a tangible difference in the lives of locals.

"After he found out I had nominated him, he called me and asked me to rescind my nomination of him," Stanford recalled. "He said there were more deserving people that could get it."

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer said of McAfee, "I had the pleasure of working with Mr. McAfee many times over the years from my role in economic development and his position as an industry leader. I always found him to be a thoughtful, humble man keenly interested in helping people and his community."

Helping his community, indeed. McAfee has been described as a quiet craftsman who loved his family, his community and God. He often hosted prayer groups and prayed over the country and community leaders, praying for clarity and empathy for others. Always a sounding board, but never one to be overly loud about his convictions, McAfee preferred to show his devotion with acts instead of spoken words.

Werner's Trading Company's Rob Werner, one of McAfee's high school friends and basketball teammates, recalled the spiritual side of their relationship. Traveling together with their wives, the men always found time to pray. Werner shared, "We have been praying together for years and God has blessed us. We were both thankful for His blessings. The last few years, we prayed for us to finish life well and Danny finished well, indeed."

The loss of Danny McAfee will be felt by the community for years, a hole that is too big to be filled completely. The Cullman community thrives because of his efforts, many of his quests and endeavors unnoticed and unseen, exactly the way McAfee preferred his contributions. Many parts of Cullman have been touched in some way by McAfee and his love for the community. While his absence leaves a void, one thing McAfee's friends and associates agree upon is that everyone should aspire to "be more like Danny."

McAfee was born Oct. 6, 1948, in Cullman, and passed away on Oct. 30, 2023, in Bron, France while vacationing with his wife, Deborah, and close friends.

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Behind the Rack Consignment sale coming to Cullman Nov. 16-18

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Heather Stewart and her consignment sale, Behind the Rack Consignment, had been offering deep discounts on high-quality secondhand children's items in Arab for two years when other cities started reaching out and asking that sales be held in their areas; requests from Cullman County residents quickly followed suit.

November's sale will be Stewart's second in Cullman, but the first to be held at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. A larger space was a necessity for this go around, Stewart said. "This is our second sale in Cullman. The first one was at Stone Bridge Farms and we had the building overflowing during our back-to-school sale. So I instantly reached out to the fairgrounds and they were able to help."

Stewart is a mother to three children and like other mothers, wanted to dress her children to her tastes, not necessarily her budget. As a family with a tight financial plan, Stewart saw consignment sales as a solid choice. Consigning outgrown items can generate income, while still allowing flexibility. "With the way the economy is, everyone is looking for a great deal; a lot of the clothes that children wear get worn one or two times," Stewart noted. "Consignment is a great way for a moms to make a second income and stay at home and still be able to clothe their children the way they love to dress them."

Shopping and bargains begin Thursday, Nov. 16 at 4 p.m. for volunteer workers; 4:30 for consignors; 5 for teachers, school staff, nurses and first responders; and 5:30 for presale pass holders. The general public is invited to shop from 6-8. On Friday, Nov. 17, hours will be 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and all items tagged with a red ticket will be 25% off from 3-5. On Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., red ticketed items will sold be at a 50% discount. The very last hour of the public sale holds some of the steepest discounts; during the Dollar Bill Dash, all remaining items will be $1 each from 3-4. Admission to the sale is $1, benefiting Les Dames, a local women's mentorship program. Vendors will be on-site with their treats and goodies. Bare Bottoms Farm will have freeze-dried sweet treats, Carye Anne's Baked Goods is bringing a delicious spread, Sutton-Rae is bringing accessories for the tiny fashionistas of the day and Tara Motte Cornelius will be representing First Federal Mortgage.

The Cullman County Fairground is located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 11-13

Ollie Carden Oden, 90
Ollie Carden Oden of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Nov. 9, 2023. She was born March 15, 1933, in Hatchechubbee, Alabama, and was the only child of Aubree and Jeff Carden. The lean years of the Depression framed her way of thinking throughout her life, making her conservative with money, resources, and the things she saved. She was an extensive reader which introduced her to a life much different than the one she had been given at birth. After a summer working on Fire Island in New York, she married William Harold Oden in 1954 and within three years they had three children. Their wedding album, full of pictures and stories of how they met, was always a favorite past time for her children to read and helped them know the foundation of their roots. Pictures of her in the wedding gown she bought in New York City and of Harold in his white dinner jacket still hang on the wall in the log home they built and lived until each of their deaths. There is no role in life that Ollie cherished more than being a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was also a beloved confidant to many life-long friends. She made blankets for newborns, quilts for her children and their future offspring, and casseroles for those who were sick. She always put others before herself reaching out to them in times of sickness or need and made a special point of asking how they were doing. She made each person she met feel special and loved. Ollie devoted much of her life to nurturing not only her own children but to all children. She started Romper Room Kindergarten and Day Care Center in 1963 and eventually turned over the operation of it to her youngest daughter, Carmen Oden Underberg, when she began her career as a first-grade teacher at Welti Elementary. She loved taking care of children and looking for teachable moments in anything she did. With each child she met she made sure they knew they were worth loving. Anyone who knew Ollie knew she loved her church and the members. She rarely missed a Sunday church service, a meal with the Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, and Family Night Suppers even at the age of 90. She thrived on being near friends, and her life was always full of social activities. She made every effort to be at events for which she received invitations. Having a beautiful soprano voice, she sang weekly in the church choir for several decades and was asked to sing in many weddings, funerals, and other special occasions. Her daughter, Carmen, followed in her footsteps to do the same. The church choir with two strong soprano voices was the highlight of the church members when they sang together, especially songs like The Battle Hymn of the Republic. Ollie was a witty lady with an extensive vocabulary who often came up with quips and comments that made people laugh. In some ways it was funny because it was so unexpected from Ollie. Because the husbands of both of her daughters were both named Jeff, she always referred to each of them as her favorite son in law. They were affectionately known as Jeff Number One and Jeff Number Two because of the order they came into her life. Ollie was preceded in death by her parents, Aubree and Jeff Carden; husband, William Harold Oden; and her daughter, Carmen Underberg. She is survived by Sabrina Buettner and her husband, Jeff; her son, William "Bill" Harold Oden, II; Carmen's husband, Jeff Underberg; her granddaughter, Natalie Hope, and her husband, Kyle, along with their children Ollie Kate and Walton. During the last decade of life, Ollie had two loving caregivers and companions, Brittney Campbell and Donna Frullate. They are considered family after a decade of caring for both Harold and Ollie. Funeral for Ollie Carden Oden will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, at First Presbyterian Church in Cullman. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before the service. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Cullman. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Margaret Louise Smith, 88
Margaret Louise Smith, age 88, died peacefully on Nov. 9, 2023, at St. Elizabeth's Hospice Care in Edgewood, Kentucky, after a brief battle with pneumonia. Margaret was born on Nov. 13, 1934, in Federal Point, Florida to Henry A. and Lucille A.M. Roberts. Margaret was married after a short, sweet courtship, to John H. Smith, for 63 years and 7 months. Margaret was a member of several churches after she became a Christian in 1962 and was an active member in all of them. Her membership was at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church in Cullman, Alabama at the time of her death. Margaret attended night school in Moore Haven, Florida and received her high school diploma in 1978 at the age of 43. She graduated with honors and was salutatorian of her class. Margaret worked at Moore Haven Elementary School as a teacher's aide. After 19 years she retired. She loved working with children, and they loved her. Margaret moved to Kentucky in April, 2022, to be cared for by her daughter Linda and her son-in-law Ron, due to a long struggle with diabetes complications. Margaret is survived by three brothers, two sisters, several nieces and nephews, and her seven children: Wanda S. McEarchern (Robert), Linda K. Crisp (Ron), Deborah E. Plemmons (Ivan), Virginia A. Williams (James), Judith L. Titus (Mike), John H. Smith, Jr. (Elaine), Kenneth L. Smith (Kim), 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She loved each and every one dearly. She is preceded in death by her husband John, her great-grandchild Jackson Johnson, her father and mother, her brother Russell and her sister Norma. Margaret will be greatly missed. She is now in heaven with John (Her Sweetie) and is rejoicing with the angels. The viewing, funeral service and grave side service will be held at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church, located at 2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057 on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, as follows: Viewing at 11 a.m., service at noon with Rev. Ron Crisp officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Deborah Shree Roberts, 68, of Bremen
Memorial service for Deborah Shree Roberts, age 68, of Bremen, is incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Roberts passed from this life on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023. She was born Sept. 16, 1955, to William F. Pickett and Barbara A. Bramlett Pickett. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Becky Pickett. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Billy Roberts; sons Johnny Roberts, Keith (Andrea) Roberts; daughter, Sarena (Doug) Moore; grandchildren, Jacob (Bren) Roberts, Vanessa (John) Tidwell, Kayla Davis, Aubree Roberts, Adalyn Roberts, Anslee Roberts; great-grandchildren, Bentley Roberts, Asher Roberts, Marlee Tidwell, Ryleigh Tidwell, Brier Tidwell, Allie Sharpton. Deborah loved to sing for the Lord. She also loved family gatherings very much and doing things for others. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

MarthaAnnBatesMazzara,70
Memorial service for Martha Ann Bates Mazzara, age 70, of Cullman, will be Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Pastor James Fields officiating. Family will welcome friends from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Martha passed from this life on Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023. She was born July 10, 1953, to James Charles Bates and Arvella Pearl Ford Bates. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Kenny Bates. She is survived by her daughter, Beth (Brian) Burchett; her best friend and companion, Sam Mazzara; four grandchildren, Sam Tomlin (Katelyn Downing), Caroline Tomlin (Preston "Landry" Gray), Lucy Kate Burchett, and Faithe Burchett; nephew, John Bates; niece, Sharon Bates Thompson. Martha was a wonderful lady who was very quick witted, fun, and loved doing crafts. She was a dog lover and would adopt dogs that no one else wanted. She had a big heart and loved her family very much. She will be very missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Elisha Paul Crandall, 28
A memorial service for Elisha Paul Crandall, 28, of Cullman, will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Mr. Crandall was born, Nov. 1, 1995, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away at his residence on Nov. 11, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Crandall is survived by his parents, Eddie and Brandy Crandall; brothers, Christian Crandall and Noah Crandall; grandparents, Paul and June Bailey; baby girl, Raja, pet turtle, Tipsy; his music fans; and several cousins and extended family members. Mr. Crandall was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward Crandall Sr., and JoAnn Steele.

Thomas Eugene Pugh, 70
A graveside service for Thomas Eugene Pugh, 70, of Bremen, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Dilworth Church of God Cemetery. Bobby Shedd will be officiating. Mr. Pugh was born on April 3, 1953, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away on Nov. 11, 2023, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. Eugene is survived by his daughter, Emily (Jon) Ray; grandson, Caleb Busby; granddaughter, Sadee Busby; sister, Rita (Anthony) Swann; aunt, Shirley (Leland) Wise; sisters-in-law, Sandy (Eddie) Williams and Connie (Bubby Shedd; and numerous family and friends. Mr. Pugh was preceded in death by his wife, Vickie Russell-Pugh; parents, Thomas Odell Pugh and Eline Stone-Pugh; sister, Diane Pugh-West; grandparents, Lethel and Lillie Stone and Jimmy and Letha Pugh; and sister-in-law, Debra Swanger. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pugh Family.

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Dreams come true for Vinemont entrepreneurs



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Katie Westmoreland, Lucretia Echols and Angela Corscadden begin their small business journey together in the Shops of Vinemont.

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Thanks to a partnership with The Decatur-Morgan County Entrepreneurial Center, known as "The E-Center," three small business owners from South Vinemont have moved into their very own storefront.

A 10-foot pastel sign along U.S. Highway 31 denotes where the journey of a lifetime began for the three Vinemont residents. Tucked behind Haven Counseling Services is a small red building that now houses the Shops of Vinemont.

The newly opened storefront houses three businesses, all under one roof. Katie Westmoreland owns Katie's Gourds & More; Lucretia Echols is the owner of Details & Do-Hickies; and Angela Corscadden is the purveyor behind Where Did You Get That?

Vinemont Town Councilman Chris Thompson, who also owns the popular Man Cave Market, knows that his northern slice of the county has big things in store. He mused, "Cullman is growing, and that momentum is moving into Vinemont. We are so happy to be able to foster this project and shine a light on the entrepreneurs in our community."

The E-Center partners with the USDA, offering small-scale entrepreneurs financial backing to get their small business into a brick-and-mortar storefront.

The E-Center Executive Director John Joseph IV said of the quaint but mighty town of South Vinemont, "We asked South Vinemont to partner with us because of the presence of creative, well-branded businesses like Man Cave Market, The Butcher Meat Co. and more." A thriving community is imperative when kick-starting a business, something Joseph said Vinemont is.

"The community clearly has momentum, and we wanted to support the good things already happening."

Entering in to the Shops of Vinemont is nothing like entering into a run-of-the-mill vendor shop; upon walking through the door, guests enter into a gourd lovers' paradise.

There are gourds of all shapes, sizes and varieties. Some are on shelves as decorative items, each handcrafted, carved or painted to fit any aesthetic.

Westmoreland said she caught the gourd bug at a gourd show and decided to grow the squash relative to stock her own crafting room, quickly outgrowing the space available in her home.

Katie's Gourds & More has the potential to expand and Westmoreland is looking to the future.

"With gourds, there are over 700 varieties so there is an unlimited canvas," Westmoreland said.

"I would love to host classes for the community, and we might be able to do that in the future."

Details and Do-Hickies is the next small business housed at the Shops of Vinemont. As an avid collector, Echols has plans to keep her tables and booths stocked with vintage finds, eclectic upcycles and handcrafted décor items reminiscent of childhood memories. "It's details and do-hickies that you would find, and want to take home," she said.

"A lot of it is thrift and second-hand finds now, but we will be adding more crafted things in the near future."

Corscadden said of Where Did You Get That? "My shop will be a versatile mix of old and new. There will be something for everyone."

An eye for detail is needed when selecting items to feature in her shop, something she takes seriously.

When scouting for items to fill the shelves of her storefront, Corscadden looks for things that are new with tags, discounted past-season items and even a few goods from local craftsmen, Kustom Kreations and Side Quest Scents.

The Shops of Vinemont is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., and is located at 18305 U.S. Highway 31 in Vinemont.

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Barbers Isaac Ludwig, left, and Dustin Moore, right, offered free haircuts to Cullman County Sheriff's Office employees on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023. Seated are Deputy Boyd Posey, left, and Deputy Matthew Rutherford, right.

CCSO employees receive free haircuts from local duo

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office said two local barbers/stylists reached out saying they wanted to give back to local law enforcement.

They did just that.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said the two young men, Issac Ludwig and Dustin Moore, wanted to do something nice that would be beneficial for the CCSO.

"Their shop is called LudaBlends Barber Studio in Cullman," Gentry said.

"Isaac Ludwig and Dustin Moore of the Barber Studio are the guys who came on Tuesday and volunteered their time."

The duo completed many haircuts during the time they were at the CCSO on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The CCSO shared its gratitude for the gesture on Facebook, posting:

"Sheriff Matt Gentry and the entire Cullman County Sheriff's Office would like to express our gratitude to local barbers Isaac Ludwig and Dustin Moore of Ludablends Barber Studio in Cullman.

On Tuesday, the duo volunteered their time and talents to make the CCSO look just a little bit better.

"A special thank you goes out to them and all the citizens of Cullman County for their continued support of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office."

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