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Christmas in Cullman parade, tree lighting this Friday, Dec. 1; updated parade route

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The city of Cullman is buzzing with excitement as it prepares for its "most spectacular Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony to date," according to Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

Last weekend's opening event for the Christkindlmarkt drew nearly 13,000 attendees on opening day, culminating in a total of about 25,000 visitors from across 24 states.

"After an incredible opening day of nearly 13,000 people, we finished the weekend with an estimated 25,000 from 24 states all across the country," Anderson said, reflecting the growing popularity of Cullman's Christmas festivities.

This year's parade promises to be a grand affair with over 80 entries, a testament to its evolution » PAGE 5

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Wallace State cuts ribbon on Workforce Training Center



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Wallace State cut the ribbon on its new Workforce Training Center on Rehau's campus Wednesday morning.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — City, county and state representatives in industry, business and education were gathered on the campus of Rehau Wednesday morning to celebrate the grand opening of a new facility that's been years in the making. Wallace State's new Workforce Training Center officially opened its doors, and everyone involved in the project is excited to see the new opportunities the new facility can help create.

The Workforce Training Center will provide facilities for training programs and services offered by the college's Center for Career and Workforce Development. Initially, classes for phlebotomy, computer office training, fiber optics training, some manufacturing training and a Skills for Success lab will be offered at the site. Classes for Certified Nursing Assistant and Medication Assistant Certification are also planned to be held at the center soon. Space will also be available for use by area businesses and industries who need facilities for employee training. The facility will provide a central location in which to host classes and store materials and supplies for their programs.

Through its Pro Skills Pathways program, the Center for Career and Workforce Development offers short-term training to earn credentials students can use to get a job, advance in their current job or use as credit to articulate into a credit-bearing program at Wallace State. Customized training for business and industry and no-cost Skills for Success programs are also offered through the Center for Career and Workforce Development.

Before cutting the ribbon, several speakers representing Wallace State, local industry and local government shared some remarks, expressing their excitement for what the training center can mean for the community.

Wallace State President Dr. Vicki P. Karolewics

"Our theme for today is 'Workforce ready' because as one of Alabama's most ambitious community colleges that is our mission, to assure that our region's workforce is ready for the high-demand, high-wage jobs that are so plentiful here. This Workforce Training Center is a gamechanger.

"It's a goal that we've had for a number of years. Not only does it make training more geographically accessible to our industry partners, it also provides the essential training space flexibility needed for a wider range of customized training for business and industry," Karolewics said. "I promise you, our business and industry partners, that if your employees need to be trained, retrained or upskilled due » PAGE 2

Cullman City Council hears challenge to new north-side development

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Pinnacle Landing Light Show


TAYLOR DAVIS/DRONE FOOTAGE

The Pinnacle Landing Light Show is in full operation, giving locals a spectacular show of lights and music. This free drive-through light display brings programming and music together in an amazing show to behold for the whole family. It is located at 45 County Road 1584 and is open to the public until New Year's Day. The show runs Sunday through Thursday from 5-9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m. Read more at www.cullmantribune.com/2023/11/29/light-up-the-holidays.

Vinemont's 2nd annual Christmas in the Park set for Dec. 9

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Fairview High to present 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' Dec. 9

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PET OF THE WEEK

Witness the glory of Glory


DONNA RUTTKAY

Glory chews on a toy inside the shelter.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 29, 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

Nov. 27

- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 10th St. SE
- leaving scene of accident; person; 3rd Ave. SE and Kind Edward St. SE; damage to 2015 Ford Fiesta; $500
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $910

Nov. 28

- burglary-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NW; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Nov. 27 – 28

Lucero, Francisco C.; 33

- domestic violence-assault-3rd degree
- criminal mischief
- criminal trespass

Dujon, Elizabeth A.; 61

- theft of property-4th degree

Mackentepe, Rachel H.; 33

- domestic violence-3rd degree
- interference with domestic violence emergency call

Amerson, Elizabeth D.; 24

- theft of property-3rd degree

Patterson, Christopher C.; 45

- theft of property-4th degree

Brewer, Jacobi M.; 23

- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Link hosting backpack drive for those in need

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As many residents of Cullman County brave the wintery chill for dazzling light displays, outdoor holiday markets and even ice skating at the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, other residents strive to survive the winter with thin blankets and tents. Cullman's unhoused population has increased, and with temperatures dropping, local nonprofit The Link of Cullman County has stepped in to gather supplies to distribute to those in need this Christmas season – and they need your help.

The Link is asking for supplies to help restore dignity and meet basic needs of the individuals experiencing homelessness in the community. These items will go into backpacks that The Link can distribute to unhoused clients when they come in for a hot shower, to do laundry or to grab food from Master's Hand pantry.

Items like soap, shampoo, a comb or brush can help restore a sense of self to those who may be experiencing extreme self-confidence issues due to homelessness, while items like cozy socks and warm fleece blankets will help cut the chill when sleeping outdoors this season. The Link also encourages the inclusion of more thoughtful item: a handwritten note, a prayer card, even a gift card for a hot meal can go a long way for someone experiencing homelessness. A full list of requested items can be found below.

Items need to be brought to The Link by Saturday, Dec.16, in order to fill the backpacks for the Christmas season. The Link is located at 1708 Ninth St. SE.

Requested items:

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Brush or comb
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush with cover
- Toothpaste
- Wash cloths and hand towels
- Large-sized fleece blankets - 50" x 50"

Optional items:

- Handwritten note of encouragement
- Prayer card
- Gift card for a small meal
- Socks
- Gloves

Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Forty-seven Fairview High School Theatre students have been preparing for weeks, and on Saturday, Dec. 9, the group will present the classic "A Charlie Brown Christmas."

Principal Dr. Johnny Whaley said, "We are excited about our Christmas program this year.

"Our drama sponsors and kids have worked really hard and I believe everyone will enjoy the play."

Beginning the year with a goal of three shows and performances, planning and coordinating begin almost immediately after one show ends.

From August to October, the theatre group's focus is on its Halloween show.

As soon as that show ends, Christmas takes over and it's full steam ahead in anticipation for the winter show.

Morgan Watts, one of FHS Theatre's instructors, said, "We decided to perform 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' at the beginning of the school year and have been working on the ins and outs of the show since then.

"They have dedicated so much of their time and energy to working through their roles and truly portraying their casted character. They have all come together to put on a great show!"

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" is a classic animated TV special based on Charles M. Schultz's comic strip, Peanuts, that originally aired in 1965.

"It follows Charlie Brown and his gang of friends as they navigate the holiday season with humor, hitting snags along the way to a memorable Christmas celebration.

Students in grades nine through 12 can enroll in Watts' drama class to foster their love of acting and performance, of course, but an unseen side of the students who opt to take her class is showcased during performance preparation.

Students are involved in much more than just onstage acting; set design, prop building, painting and planning are also their responsibilities.

"These students are enrolled in our class and participate in various capacities such as artistic involvement, set and props development, backstage management, costume management, lighting and sound design, and acting. This type of class is great for students who need an artistic outlet with such a wide variety," said Watts, who explained that even students not involved in the production can showcase their skills.

"Sometimes we reach out to the Agriscience or Family and Consumer Science departments for help in creating special sets and props needed for individual shows. Each student truly has an opportunity to not only demonstrate their artistic abilities, but share them with others while supporting and representing their school as well."

Watts and the students of FHS Theatre will perform "A Charlie Brown Christmas" Saturday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. in the Fairview High School auditorium.

Tickets are $6, with proceeds benefiting FHS Theatre. Santa will also be in attendance, arriving early; $5 will buy a photo with him to commemorate the night.

Center (from Front)

to industry 4.0 or any other factor, Wallace State's Workforce Training Center is your training partner."

Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy H. Baker

"Folks it's been a pleasure serving the state as the chancellor of the Alabama Community College System and I get excited when I know what we're doing across this state. As I told some people a little earlier, I've been a blessed soul to be able to spend the latter part of the time most folks would already be retired doing what I do," Baker said. "Because I know that the community college system, as we do our jobs and as we improve what we have to offer to our communities, we are the best vehicle to bring about significant change in the lives of so many people. Being a lifetime Alabamian and benefiting from a lot of the resources of this state, it is a meaningful experience to be here today and know what the opportunities really can be."

Representative Randall Shedd

"This facility is phenomenal, and these things don't just happen. The Chancellor mentioned that we as a community want to do things to make our community great and make it better and that's what's happening in our community. I remember a time when workforce development wasn't needed because the workforce was unemployed," Shedd said. "There was a time, believe it or not, when unemployment in Cullman County was 22%. That's when the community got together and decided we had to do something about this. Certainly, that has changed, and a big part of that change has been Wallace State Community College. I believe very strongly in our community college system."

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs

"What I think makes Cullman as good as we are for not being a huge town, and this was coined by a former councilman who's gone to be with the Lord now, we just called it teamwork. We always work together," Jacobs said. "I'm proud for this to be here, I'm thankful for this to be here and it's greatly needed with the industry that we have."

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer

"For years we envisioned having a workforce training center in the industrial park, but I'll tell you I never imagined it would be at this level. This is pretty special and today it's a reality and I'm really excited about it. Wallace and the flexibility of the workforce training they have there has been a critical piece of us being successful in economic development for years," Greer said.

"This community is among the best in Alabama when it comes to expanding industry and everything associated with that. Dr. Karolewics, Suzanne Harbin and their workforce team have a remarkable record of working with industry and I think their flexibility in listening to what companies are looking for and designing training for them has been special."

Wallace State Vice President for Advancement and Innovation Suzanne Harbin

"The growth that we have experienced, and we continue to experience in this last decade can be attributed to the powerful partnerships across education, economic development, our local state and national government officials, state and local non-profits and our essential partners in business and industry who choose not only to locate here in our community but also continue to expand and grow here," Harbin said. "The workforce training center is a significant step forward in our commitment to empowering individuals and fostering economic growth within our community. As we celebrate this milestone with a great sense of pride and optimism, it's a symbol of our commitment to progress knowledge and community development."

Executive Safety Director at R.E. Garrison Trucking, Inc. Tracy Rushing

"Our partnership with Wallace State is a huge player in our ability to continue to grow in the downturn freight market. Workforce training is essential in our market.

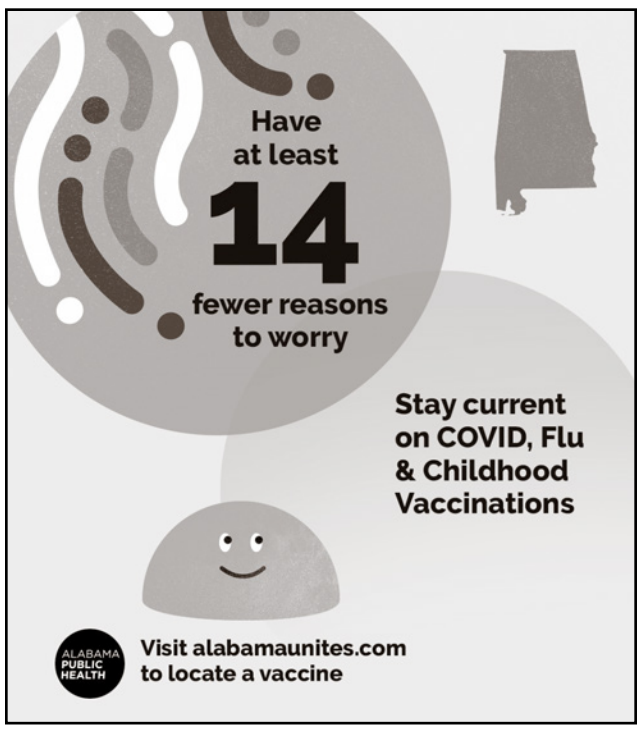
"The basic operation of our vehicles is federally regulated so we have to lean on education partners because we want to haul freight, not train drivers, so it's important for us. It's a pleasure to celebrate the grand opening of this new workforce training center. It's beautiful, we were blown away when we pulled up."

Jimmie Hale Mission Director of Programs Jeremy Sturdivant

"Thank you for the honor and the privilege of being in this partnership with Wallace State," Sturdivant said.

"I would say about 65% of the personnel and clients at our Royal Pines facility have been educated through Wallace State and I would dare to even say that a great deal of their recovery and their success in life's journey as they leave the facilities, are due to the education and information that is provided through this wonderful institution."

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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, Dec. 1 - 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, Dec. 2 - Men's breakfast and foundry outreach canceled
• Sunday, Dec. 3 - 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, Dec. 3 - 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, worship and communion! Message by Pastor Bobby Dodd, leadership meeting following service 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.

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. through Dec. 29 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays until Dec. 13). It will transition to a drive-through only experience Dec. 26-29.
• 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.

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. 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. 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

Christkindlmarkt
• Immerse yourself in a German winter wonderland at Cullman's Christkindlmarkt at Depot Park. Every Thursday to Sunday, through 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!

Baileyton Masonic Lodge Breakfast
Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, beginning at 6:30 a.m. until ... Donations only – to be used to benefit local charities.

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

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 2, from 5-7 p.m. Everyone welcome! Free hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag, fruit bag and gift.

Festival of Carols
Come enjoy a night of holiday music where the Cullman Community Band and Cullman Women Sing will be showcasing a selection of our favorite Christmas band and choral pieces. We hope you will enjoy these songs as much as we have. The concert will be held in the Cullman High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The concert will not have an admission fee, but donations are always appreciated. We hope to see you there.

Town of South Vinemont 2nd Annual Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4-6 p.m. at the Vinemont walking trail/Art Park, 88 Ridgeway St. Santa Claus, cookies and hot chocolate.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Brown's 37 leads Holly Pond past J.B. Pennington 64-60, Lady Broncos earn 52-31 win

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Broncos and Lady Broncos returned home after the Thanksgiving holiday to host J.B. Pennington Tuesday night and both Holly Pond squads collected wins over the Tigers. The Lady Broncos smothered J.B. Pennington to earn a 52-31 win and the Broncos pulled ahead late to edge the Tigers 64-60.

Holly Pond 52 - J.B. Pennington 31 (varsity girls)
Kamryn Tankersley knocked down a three-pointer and Ava Thomas split a pair of free throws to give the Lady Broncos an early, 4-2 lead. Maggie Nail turned a steal into an easy bucket to make it a 6-2 game and Thomas laid one in to keep Holly Pond in front 8-4 midway through the first. Ellie Burks found Emma Earl under the basket with a nice bounce pass and Earl put it in to stretch the lead to 10-6. Burks hit a jumper from the free throw line with 30 seconds remaining in the period and the Lady Broncos went into the second quarter leading 12-8.

Earl drained a three to start the second and make it a 15-10 game and after Madison Butts split a pair of free throws, Tankersley drove to the basket and scored to put Holly Pond ahead 18-10.

The scoring run continued for the Lady Broncos, and with less than a minute remaining in the half, Thomas scored through a foul and added the free throw to give Holly Pond a 26-10 advantage at the break. The Lady Broncos outscored J.B. Pennington 14-2 in the second quarter.

Another basket from Nail kept Holly Pond in front 28-12 early in the third and after Thomas split a pair of free throws, Earl drained a three to make it a 32-17 game. Butts added a pair of baskets to maintain a 36-19 lead for the Lady Broncos late in the third and Earl knocked down her third three-pointer of the night just before the buzzer sounded to extend the lead to 39-24 going into the fourth quarter.

Baskets by Earl and Thomas, along with a pair of free throws from Butts, stretched the Holly Pond lead to 45-24 early in the fourth. Buckets from Millie McBee and Butts made it a 50-28 game with just over three minutes on the clock and Alyssia Mitchell scored in the final 30 seconds to wrap up a 52-31 win for the Lady Broncos.

Earl led Holly Pond with 14 points in the win, followed by Butts with 11, Thomas with nine and Nail with seven.

Holly Pond 64 - J.B. Pennington 60 (varsity boys)
Kollin Brown scored the first 10 points for Holly Pond to keep the game tied with three minutes to play in the first quarter and after the Tigers pulled ahead, Asher Thrift drilled a three-pointer to cut the lead to 15-13. Sawyer Olinger drained a pair of free throws to tie the score at 15 in the final minute of the first and with 30 seconds on the clock, he converted an and-one play at the free throw line to give the Broncos an 18-17 lead going into the second.

Six straight points from Brown stretched Holly Pond's lead to 24-20 midway through the second quarter and Nik Goodwin scored later in the period to keep the Broncos in front 26-23. Brown got another jumper to fall that put Holly Pond ahead 28-26 but J.B. Pennington closed the half on a 5-0 run to take a 31-28 lead into the locker room at the break.

Goodwin laid one in and Olinger drilled a three to trim the lead to 38-33 early in the third and after Brown sank a pair of free throws, Thrift scored through a foul and added the free throw to cut the Tiger lead to 39-38 with five minutes to play in the third. Brown scored in transition to make it a 41-40 game with three minutes remaining in the period and his next basket held the lead to 44-42. Jackson Wilkins scored to tie things up at 44 late in the third but one more Tigers basket put the Broncos behind 46-44 going into the final frame.

Shots continued to fall for Kollin Brown as he put the next eight points on the board for Holly Pond and helped the Broncos pull ahead 52-48. Boston Gibbs scored inside to make it a 54-48 game and Brown netted a pair of free throws to keep Holly Pond in front 56-50 midway through the fourth.

Goodwin drained a jumper to add to the Bronco lead and Olinger split a pair of free throws to make it 59-55 with just over two minutes to play and another Goodwin bucket gave Holly Pond a 61-56 lead with one minute on the clock.

With a little over 30 seconds remaining, the Tigers hit a three to trim the lead to 61-60 but Olinger responded with a pair of free throws on the other end to make it a 63-60 game. J.B. Pennington got one more good look at a game-tying three-pointer but couldn't get it to go and Brown sank a free throw with three seconds on the clock to cap a 64-60 win for Holly Pond.

Brown led all scorers with 37 points in the win. Olinger added 11 and Goodwin finished with eight.

The Broncos and Lady Broncos will be back home Friday night to host Good Hope.



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Holly Pond's Kollin Brown scored a game-high 37 points in the Broncos' 64-60 win over J.B. Pennington Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond's Ellie Burks knocks down a jumper during the Lady Broncos' 52-31 win over J.B. Pennington Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison tops Vinemont 56-45, Lady Eagles earn 64-24 win

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Tribune correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted their neighbors to the East, the Vinemont Eagles, in a boys and girls' matchup on the hardwood Monday night. Addison's Ladies fell 64-24 to the Lady Eagles while the Addison Boys took a nice 56-45 victory to open their season.

Vinemont 64 – Addison 24 (Varsity Girls)
The ladies from Addison are an extremely young bunch with only one senior on the roster, PG Hadley Butler, and she was out with an injured foot on this night. The game didn't start out well for the Lady Dawgs as the Lady Eagles jumped on them for a 14-2 lead after the first period. Addison had problems with Vinemont's on ball pressure throughout the first half and really struggled getting the ball up court. Addison's Ava Bartlett scored Addison's lone basket while Carson Wyatt dominated the glass with 5 rebounds. Vinemont's Reagan Robinson and Morgan Flanagan led the Eagles with 5 and 4 points respectively. Lady Eagle Maggie Burks had 4 boards for Vinemont.

The second period was even worse for the Lady Bulldogs as the Lady Eagles consistently pressured the young Bulldogs into numerous mistakes and turnovers. Vinemont outscored Addison 21-2 in the period and took a commanding 35-4 lead into the half. Addison's Bartlett scored all 4 of Addison's points, while Wyatt took in 8 total rebounds. Vinemont was led in scoring at the half with Robinson with 10 points and Whitney Quick tossing in 8 points of her own. Carley Stephens led the Lady Eagles with 6 boards while Robinson also chipped in 4 rebounds.

The second half was a little better for the Lady Dawgs as they began to play better and Vinemont started playing all their younger players. Addison was outscored 17-11 to go into the fourth period trailing Vinemont 52-15. Wyatt led the Lady Dawgs with 5 points in the frame while Vinemont was led Robinson with 4 points and Caroline Miller had 3.

Addison actually outscored the Vinemont Lady Eagles 13-12 in the final period to come away with at least a morale victory to end the game. Vinemont took the victory 64-24 and kept Addison winless on the season while Vinemont moves to 3-1.

Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland,

"Proud of my girl's effort and hustle. They never quit. Vinemont is a quality team, and we will get better from this. My young ladies will try and improve every day at every practice, and we will take full advantage of our games to become better as a team and as individual players each time we step on that court. This is one of my youngest teams, if not the youngest team I have had at Addison. With only one senior on the roster (starting point guard Hadley Butler) and she happened to be out tonight and for the foreseeable future. My girls will improve as the season goes on and I know that we will be very competitive in our area this year.

Unofficial stats
Addison was led in scoring by Carson Wyatt with 9 points and 12 rebounds. Emma Cleghorn had 5 points and 8 rebounds. Ava Bartlett had 4 points and 3 rebounds. Gracie Roberts had 3 points, 3 rebounds and 4 assists. Reese Osborne had 2 points and 4 boards. Kabri Dyson had 7 rebounds.

Vinemont was led in scoring by Reagan Robinson with a game high 17 points and 4 rebounds. Carley Stephens had 11 points and 8 rebounds. Maggie Burks had 10 points and 5 rebounds. Caroline Miller had 8 points. Whitney Quick had 8 points and 2 rebounds. Morgan Flanagan had 7 points and 4 rebounds. Vayda Yarbrough had 1 point and 4 rebounds.

Addison hosts Tharptown tomorrow night at Allen Stephenson Gym at 6 p.m. Vinemont Lady Eagles will host the Good Hope Lady Raider Tuesday night as well.

Addison 56 – Vinemont 45 (Varsity Boys)
The Addison Boys opened up their season against the 5-1 Vinemont Eagles and it promised to be an interesting game. Addison started out the game with their customary man to man defense and it seemed to affect the Eagles as Addison forced 8 Eagle turnovers in the first period. Elijah Roberts, who had the best hair on the basketball court, should have been arrested as he had 4 steals in the first period alone. Addison outscored Vinemont 18-12 in the period as Addison's Jed Wilkins couldn't be stopped as he drove to the lane getting lay-up after lay-up. Wilkins ended up with 6 points in the period. Bradley Willette controlled the lane on defense for the Dawgs as he had 4 points, 2 rebounds and a block. Vinemont hung around with some fine shooting from Isiah Jones who led all scorers in the period with 7. Eagle Bryson Bush had 3 boards in the period as well.

The second period was played with the same frenetic pace as the first period and the results were about the same. Addison outscored Vinemont again, 18-11 to take a 36-23 lead into the half. Wilkins could not be kept out of the lane as he dribbled around Eagle defenders like they were standing still. Wilkins had 10 points in the period. Willette powered in 6 points to go along with his three rebounds. Jacob McLamb had a bucket with 3 rebounds to help Addison dominate the boards in the first half. Vinemont was led in scoring by Jones again with 5 points while Bush did the dirty work on the glass with two more rebounds.

You knew the Vinemont Eagles, off to a great start to their season, weren't just going to lay down and you would be correct. Vinemont appeared to come out more focused and forced Addison into some turnovers. Addison won the period 10-8 but the pace and tempo had slowed down considerably. Vinemont seemed to have the momentum going into the fourth period as they scored the last 4 points of the period. Roberts led Addison in scoring with 6 points and four rebounds while Willette chipped in 4 points and two boards. Vinemont was led in scoring by Jeremy Harbison who drained two nice 3 pointers for his 6 points. Jones had 2 rebounds leading the Eagles.

The fourth started out with Vinemont going on a 6-0 run to start the fourth as they had cut the Addison lead 48-42. The Eagle run was actually 10-2 counting the last two minutes of the third quarter and the first three minutes of the fourth. Addison's players seemed flustered and a bit out of sorts as Vinemont had cut their lead to 6. A quick timeout by Addison Coach Scott Flynn righted the ship and the veteran Bulldogs came out and played much more aggressively. Addison was led tonight by their defense as they produced 20 steals on the night. Wilkins had five points to end the game while Kiah Lake had a nice put back for his first two points of the evening. Addison shut down the Eagles outscoring them 8-3 in the final three minutes of the game.

Addison moves to 1-0 on the season while Vinemont drops to 5-2 on the season.

Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn,

"So pleased with how the guys came out and played tonight. We haven't practiced that much due to football and for them to come out and play a quality team like Vinemont and come away with a victory says it all. Our defense was tremendous and what I am most proud of is that we took care of the basketball tonight. We forced a lot of turnovers and didn't give them a lot back. We pride ourselves on our defense and it showed tonight. We have a bunch of stuff to work on but if our kids can give that kind of effort on the defensive end every night, we will be tough to beat."

Unofficial stats
Addison was led in scoring by Jed Wilkins with a game high 21 points, 6 rebounds, 3 assists and 7 steals. Bradley Willette had 15 points, 7 rebounds with a steal and a block. Elijah Roberts had 10 points, 6 boards, 2 assists, 8 steals and a blocked shot. Jacob McLamb had 8 points and 7 rebounds with 2 steals. Kiah Lake had 2 points and a rebound.

Vinemont was led in scoring by Isiah Jones who had 13 points and 4 rebounds. Jeremy Harbison had 10 points and 2 rebounds. Jordan Eller had 8 points and 2 boards. Colton Gillis had 8 points. Bryson Bush had 4 points and 6 rebounds. Dalton Wilhite had 2 points and a rebound.

Dove Award nominee and WSCC alumnus Brad Steele makes a joyful noise

Dalton Bright
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College alumnus, professional singer/songwriter and YouTube content creator Brad Steele was recently nominated for his second Dove Award, gospel music's top award.

Steele began taking courses at Wallace State in 2012 and quickly became an active member of the Fine and Performing Arts programs. Since graduation, he has released songs that so often captured the times we live in and feelings with which not just young people, but everyone, can identify. From "Breathe Again," which commemorates the death of George Floyd in 2020, to his recent single "Havin' a Bad Day," which combines his faith with topics of mental health and how he deals with difficult times, Steele's music is evocative and expressive.

Steele graciously allowed "Breathe Again" to be used by Wallace State and Hennepin Technical College as the backdrop for a joint project on social justice. He came back to Wallace State's campus to perform the song in 2020.

Steele is a lover of many things, from professional wrestling and the Tennessee Titans to his dog Roman and his wife Emily. But his first love is music, a passion that has been a part of his life from the very beginning.

"Music and performance both have been the most constant things in my life. There are home videos of me singing on a little stage in our garage from when I was as young as 3 years old, so it's in my blood," said Steele. "Music is one of the most important things in my life, not just because I am a singer and songwriter, but because of how music connects with me personally. It's like the old quote says: 'music speaks when words fail.'"

He is in a gospel singing trio called The Steeles with his mother and father, Sherry and Dr. Jeff Steele. The Steeles have been singing since the 1980s. The family has seen 18 number one hits over their career, and in 1995 and 1996, Jeff Steele was named BMI's Southern Gospel Songwriter of the Year. Brad made his debut with his family on the 1999 album "For the Sake of the Children" and has been consistently singing with them since.

The Steeles released their album "Be the Reason" in February 2023 on Stowtown Records. The song "A Hundred Different Altars," the fourth track on the album, was selected for nomination for Southern Gospel Recorded Song of the Year at the 54th annual Gospel Music Association Dove Awards. The song marked Steele's first nomination as a vocalist, but his second as a songwriter. In 2022, "Not One Word," performed by the Collingsworth Family and co-written by Jeff and Brad Steele, was nominated for a Dove Award for Southern Gospel Recorded Song of the Year.

The Gospel Music Association's Dove Awards is an annual awards ceremony celebrating the best in Gospel and Christian music. It is held each year in Nashville, Tenn., and is televised nationally. The awards recognize outstanding achievements in the industry, including songwriting, production and performance. The ceremony also includes special awards honoring those who have made a significant contribution to the genre.

"Last year, it was an honor to have a song I co-wrote with my dad be nominated. I don't want to take anything away from how awesome that was, but to have a song that I not only co-wrote but also sang was a double whammy. We didn't win, but when they announced us as a nominee, and as my voice was ringing out through the arena, all I could think was 'I wish I had sung it better," says Steele with a laugh. "It was just an honor to be there. And it's hard for a guy like me not to feel out of place. I'm about as simple as they come, so to be there among so many artists I look up to, with everyone dressed up and wearing the fanciest outfits while I stood there in jeans and my Air Jordans, was both surreal and amazing."

Tiffany Stone Richter, director of choral programs at Wallace State, gave praise not only to Steele's musical ability but also to his warm personality.

"Brad Steele is one of the most talented students I've ever seen. A consummate performer — so easy and natural to him — he's also a great songwriter. That's a double whammy! His success is no surprise. We're just watching the beginning of what he will achieve. The best part about Brad is he's as kind as he is talented. He's the real deal," said Richter.

As a student at Wallace State, Steele joined the WSCC Choir, the Wallace State Singers and had roles in several musical theatre productions. Before graduating in 2015, Steele was a part of many of the musicals presented at Wallace State, including "Singin' in the Rain," "Into the Woods" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." He said the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts Department provided him with the community and fellowship he needed to succeed.

"The environment that Wallace State provided really made it to where I didn't feel like I got 'lost in the shuffle' and had plenty of ways to get plugged in and make long lasting friendships. It gave me an opportunity to take the stage with some of my closest friends and what is really cool is that those friendships remain to this day," said Steele.

"One of my closest friends from Wallace State just had a baby a couple of weeks ago and I got teary! If it weren't for Wallace State and our time together there, we wouldn't know each other. That's only one example, but there are so many others I could mention."

While his original plan was to stay for two years and finish his degree, Steele was met with confusion about what he wanted to pursue upon graduation. He decided to stay at Wallace State for an additional year, where he continued working towards completing his course of study and performing with the Wallace State Choir and the Wallace State Singers.

"I ended up staying an extra year because I just had no clue what I wanted to do with my life. I am sure someone out there can relate to that. That third year ended up being the most important one though because it set in motion the events that have me doing all the things I am doing today," Steele said.



BRAD STEELE

Brad Steele poses for a photo on the red carpet at the 2023 Dove Awards.

Amidst the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, Steele began a YouTube channel where he featured reaction content, sports commentary and musical performances. After three years and with over 2,000 videos posted, he says making YouTube content is one of his favorite things to do.

"I started doing reaction videos from the perspective of a singer/songwriter and didn't expect a single thing to come if it," said Steele. "Within a year, I had 100,000 subscribers and YouTube even sent me a fancy award. In hindsight, 2020 was a great time to start because everyone was at home with nothing to do."

His YouTube channel gives him a platform to post covers of popular songs like Journey's "Don't Stop Believing" and "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers, but it also gives him an avenue to share original songs.

"I'm now at 220,000 subscribers and it's one of the great joys of my life. Not just to do the fun reaction videos, but I now have a platform to upload my own music and a whole new audience to hear it. That has been the coolest thing," said Steele.

"I'm also a diehard fan of the Tennessee Titans and I find myself often posting videos, sharing my thoughts about the games and the team, and it has generated a following too. It's all very cool."

Steele said he is grateful for his time at WSCC and to people in the Fine and Performing Arts Department, like Richter.

"Mrs. Richter was such a great advisor for me and quite literally at times forced me to get out of my comfort zone and push myself as a performer. That's something that I'll always take with me. She challenged me to put myself out there, whether that be in the Choir or especially the Singers. I have memories that will last a lifetime. I'll never forget my first year there when we went to Washington D.C on a choir tour and sang at the Kennedy Center. For a 19-year-old fresh out of high school, that was surreal in the best way. It just gave me a whole new love for music and for singing," said Steele. "I'll always cherish my time at Wallace State!"

Share Club of Cullman's annual Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Share Club of Cullman's annual Christmas Tour of Homes is set to take place Sunday, Dec. 3. It's a chance to step inside beautiful local homes that have been transformed into something straight from a Christmas movie. The tour will begin at 1 p.m. and end around 5.

"The Share Club is honored that families would open up their homes to help give back to local charities in Cullman," said the Share Club's Maria Stanford. "We are grateful for our community partners, sponsors and individuals who buy tickets to support our event."

The Christmas Tour of Homes will spotlight four local residence, from a home in one of Cullman's oldest neighborhoods in the Historic District to a brand new home on Lewis Smith Lake.

The Henshaw home in Cullman's Historic District is scheduled to be the first stop on the tour. This home, built in 1907, will showcase the residents' personal style and their love of the holidays, while highlighting the impressive architecture and updates.

Tyler and Bailey Frost own the second home on the tour.

Built in 1967, it is a renovated ranch-style home, with the boldly blue exterior adding a pop of color to the neighborhood. Vintage and eclectic Christmas decor complement and enhance the home's retro feel.

A new construction home is next on the list; the home of Tim and Pat Klein features many customizations and stunning architecture and craftsmanship.

The decor matches the enthusiasm the owners have for spreading holiday cheer, while complementing and enhancing the home's style.

An astounding seven-bedroom home on Smith Lake, owned by the Heatherlys, rounds out the Christmas Tour of Homes. Built in 2022, the large family lake house will be decorated throughout multiple outdoor seating areas.

Traditional Christmas decorations and fresh greenery will adorn the halls, ensuring all who enter leave with a little more joy than they had when they arrived.

The Christmas Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, Dec. 3, beginning at 1 p.m. and is expected to last until 5.

Tickets are $20 each. They can be purchased from any Share Club member or from local merchants J. Drake Salon, Three Pears, Cullman Cabinet/The Added Touch or The Corner Soak & Spa. Tickets will also be available at each stop on the tour, to be purchased at the door.

Proceeds from the 2023 Christmas Tour of Homes will Hospice of Cullman County, Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Restoring Women Outreach and Cullman Regional Foundation's Oncology Patient Assistance Fund.

Parade (from Front)

into a cherished tradition. "This year's Christmas parade is set to be the most spectacular yet," Anderson said.

The parade, a nighttime event, has become a focal point of the season, bringing together people from all parts of the region.

In response to the increased attendance, the parade will be rerouted to Second Avenue to accommodate more spectators and participants. "To accommodate our growing attendance, we've rerouted the parade to Second Avenue, ensuring more space for everyone," Anderson explained. The change aims to improve safety and enjoyment for all attendees.

The parade will begin at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at Second Avenue Southeast and Fifth Street Southeast, and will travel north along Second Avenue, turn left on Second Street Northeast and continue north along First Avenue Northeast to Depot Park.

Despite the region's unpredictable weather, Anderson assured that the event's organizers are well-prepared for any weather-related contingencies. "We adhere to standard outdoor festival guidelines for weather-related issues, including wind and lightning," he said, adding that current forecasts only show a minor chance of light rain.

The parade culminates at Depot Park, where a tree lighting ceremony and a Christmas concert are set to take place. Building on last year's success, this year's event will feature a second tree lighting show at 9 p.m., hosted by ABC 33/40's James Spann with a performance by American Idol winner Taylor Hicks.

"We're elevating the experience this year with a second tree lighting show!" Anderson smiled.

In a show of inclusivity, he said, the parade and the tree lighting ceremony are free, ensuring everyone in the community can participate in the festivities.

He also advised attendees to come prepared for the weather. "While we're anticipating clear skies, it never hurts to have a raincoat or poncho in case of light rain," he said.

Anderson expressed his gratitude to the event's sponsors, City leadership and various City departments for their contributions.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone involved in making this year's event possible," he said. "We eagerly await the chance to celebrate with our community and wish everyone a wonderful Christmas season!"



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Glory (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Glory, an approximately 2-year-old female heeler mix with a coal and chocolate coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Glory is true to her breed, exhibiting a high energy level and classic heeler intelligence. She picked up on leash etiquette quickly; her age, quick thinking and ability to learn will make her a breeze to train for any task at hand!

Glory is quiet and patient in her kennel, but let her out and you'll see her true personality blossom right before your eyes. She has an overall happy demeanor but is decidedly happiest right by your side. She is the quintessential therapy, hiking or companion girl! Are you ready to add Glory to your family? 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.

Her adoption fee includes spay, 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.

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Councilmembers and staff of the Town of South Vinemont are spending this week preparing and tying up loose ends for their second annual Christmas in the Park. Held in the newly renovated Vinemont Community Park, dubbed the Art Park, Christmas in the Park is set to be a wholesome, fun-filled family event, displaying the town's hospitality and love of its residents and community with an outpouring of holiday spirit.

Last year's Christmas in the Park was host to a Toys For Tots tournament, bringing in hundreds of donations for local children and struggling caregivers in need of gifts or assistance at Christmastime.

In lieu of that Toys for Tots toy drive and tournament, the Town has instead opted to install a mailbox at Vinemont Town Hall that sends the letters of anxious children directly to the North Pole.

Vinemont Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser spoke animatedly, "We are so excited about our mailbox this year. We will have envelopes and stationery out there.

"They will get to fill it out, and 'Santa' will mail them something back! It will keep the magic of the season alive."

This year will also see the Town's inaugural Tinsel Trail, which will frame the edges of the newly redone walking trail and memorial benches, adding beauty and cheer to a somber area of remembrance.

The Tinsel Trail will light up shortly before the Christmas in the Park event, starting the evening off with a spectacular show.

Decorations will adorn the park in every imaginable way, from string lights hung throughout tree branches, to dancing elves and Santa's sleigh in the green space.

"We will have cookies and hot chocolate, parents can bring their children to have their picture taken with Santa; all this is free for the community," Sasser explained.

"We will have ornaments for the kids to make and we will have a snow machine; the kids really loved that last year!"

Christmas in the Park will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, at 4 p.m. at Vinemont's Community Park, located at 88 Ridgeway Street.

This event is free and will culminate in the lighting of the Town of South Vinemont's Christmas tree. Please note: there will be no professional photographer; parents and caregivers are responsible for taking their photos with Santa.

LEGALS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO. SM 2023 – 900926

HARMONY MOBILE HOME PARK, LLC

Plaintiff,

v.

ALICIA ACKLIN,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Harmony Mobile Home Park, LLC, in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on September 27, 2023. Attempt has been made to serve the Defendant, Alicia Acklin, with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail at the last known addresses of the Defendant, 2820 County Road 702, Lot 5, Hanceville, AL 35077. Please be advised that Alicia Acklin, as the named Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this 8th day of November, 2023.

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ Shay Persall
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PLAINTIFF

Case No. CV-2023-900328.00

VS.

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AND

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DEFENDANTS.

NOTICE OF FILING LAWSUIT

NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS:

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Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

Petitioner's Attorney
Beverly Paschal Poston
200 First Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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Attorney at Law

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF
M.G.W.D.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 12/16/2008

CASE NO.: PC2023-360

NOTICE OF PETITION AND DECLARATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD

TO: KENNETH RICHARD DEES AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO STACY MCKEE OAKES KNOWN AS M.G.W.D.

A Petition to Change Name of Minor was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Stacy McKee Oakes, Petitioner. If you should contest this name change, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 28th DAY OF November, 2023.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Jason P. Knight
Attorney for Petitioner
210 Second Street, Se
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MICHAEL FRITZ MOORE,
Deceased.

Case Number: PC2023- 332

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Michael Fritz Moore, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 14th day of November 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Michael Brandon Moore
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION THE PETITION OF
RONNY GENE DUKE AND
LEAH DIANE DUKE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

I.R.D. A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12/27/2021

CASE NO.: AD 2023-087

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF I.R.D.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of I.R.D., a minor child born on December 27, 2021 to Kaitlynn Renee Duke, was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Ronny Gene Duke and Leah Diane Duke, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF November, 2023

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Annette Irons-Parker
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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday December 4, 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. Rezoning request – US Highway 278 West – Ag-2 to Ag-1
2. Short form subdivision – US Highway 278 West – 2 lots
3. Short form subdivision - 602 10th Avenue SE – Combine two lots into one lot
4. Short form subdivision – 109 2nd Avenue NW – 2 lots

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

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Cullman Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening held a public hearing to consider an ordinance to rezone property belonging to the corporation N31, LLC, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Alabama Highway 157, from B-2 business to R-4 residential that would allow the construction of an apartment complex or other "high-density" housing as well as single family homes. The proposed rezoning previously received a favorable recommendation from the Cullman City Planning Commission.

Cullman resident Patty Phillips addressed the council during the public comment portion of the meeting, and again during the hearing, expressing concern about the increase in traffic such a development could bring to the area, along with potential safety issues. She also said that the city had not planned infrastructure in that area to support such a development.

"I feel our neighborhood will be forever changed by the development, from what I have learned about it, so far," said Phillips.

N31, LLC, which shares an address with contracting firm Eidson & Associates, was represented at the meeting by Taylor Eidson.

Eidson responded, "I can't say that it won't increase traffic on the street, but there is currently planned two exits out of there," indicating that the development would open out to both roads it will front. He added that his company has ordered a traffic study, but conceded that he did not have the results yet.

When Phillips asked what would happen if the results came back showing problems, she was assured that the developer would have to present that information to the planning commission, which could order changes to the plan. The measure before the council did not involve approval of the development plan, but only consideration of the rezoning request.

The council gave a first reading to the proposed rezoning ordinance, but took no action. It could vote on the ordinance at its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

The council approved:

- A request from 1 Stop Food & Fuel, 1617 Fourth Street SW, for a retail table wine and beer off-premises alcohol license
- A resolution to extend the annual pipe bid with Bear Concrete Products until Nov. 30, 2024.
- A resolution to accept Alabama Department of Transportation TAP grant funds of $800,000 for streetscape improvements along portions of Fourth Avenue Southwest and Fourth Street Southwest
- A resolution to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for sidewalks and streetscape improvements on Fourth Avenue Southwest and Fourth Street Southwest
- A resolution to approve change orders for Jim Cooper Construction Company, Inc. for the OmniPlex Civic Center, to allow the company to reconfigure doors and make changes to the electrical system at a cost increase of approximately $6,000
- A resolution to enter into a lease agreement for a building located at 3040 County Road 703.
- A resolution to authorize the mayor to enter into a Recovered Resource Revenue Agreement with the Solid Waste Disposal Authority of the City and County of Alabama

The council also held a first reading of an ordinance to approve the Severe Weather Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday from Feb. 23-25, 2024, and on the last full weekend of February each year thereafter. The council can vote on the measure at its next meeting.

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, at Cullman City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 28-29

James Early Scott, 84
James Early Scott, 84, of Cullman, passed away Monday, Nov. 27, 2023. A Celebration of Life Service will be planned at a later date. Mr. Scott was born June 15, 1939, to Newman C. and Lizzie Bell Russell Scott. Early loved his family, being outdoors, and working on his land. He was preceded in death by his parents, Newman C. and Lizzie Bell Russell Scott; daughter, Malinda Smith; son-in-law, Stevie Smith; granddaughter, Nicole Smith; son-in-law, Benny Bailey; his sisters, Betty Lorene Jones and Eunice Turner; brother, Jerry Scott and infant brother, Gary Scott. Mother of his children, Bonnie Faye Bagwell Pirkle. Survivors include his daughter, Glenda Bailey; brother, Roy Scott; grandchildren, Clint (Cyndal) Smith, Whitt (Rachel) Bailey, Ginger Bailey; great-grandchildren, Caden Smith, Braden Smith, Journey Smith, Rhett Bailey, Benny Bailey; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Elaine "Duck" Estes Cox, 85
Elaine "Duck" Estes Cox, 85, was granted her wings on Nov. 26, 2023, at Shelby Baptist Medical Hospital surrounded by her family. Funeral services for Mrs. Cox will be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The graveside service will begin at 2 p.m. on Friday at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church and Cemetery in Hamilton, Alabama. Chad Rutherford will be officiating with Nathan Harbison speaking. Visitation for the public will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Friday prior to the service at Hanceville Funeral Home. Elaine "Duck" grew up on a farm and had a little formal education, but she lived life and acquired knowledge from life experiences which made her the wonderful, amazing woman she became and posted forward. Elaine "Duck" will remain with us in our hearts and souls. Elaine "Duck" was predeceased by her parents, brothers, sister, child, and husband Olin. Elaine is survived by children, Kathy Diane Harbison, Annette Miller (Steve), Jeanette Quattlebaum (Mike), Juanita Marchant (Rex), Patsy Ann Goodwin (Joe); grandchildren, Nathan Harbison (Jenifer), TJ Heatherly (Julie), David Quattlebaum (Veronica), Charlie Harbison, Matthew Quattlebaum, Joesph Goodwin, Rachel Harbison, Stacy Harbison, Tiffany Johnson (AJ), Morgan Rutherford (Chad), Stevie Brooks (Keith), Tabitha Wright (Lawson); great-grandchildren, Jordan Heatherly, Jazmine Scruggs, Peyton Heatherly, Katie Heatherly, Jaylen Britton, Mason Rutherford, Easton Johnson, Jonah Hardin, Carter Rutherford, Kayson Johnson, Frederick Quattlebaum; future great-grandchild, Caroline Rayne Brooks. Mrs. Cox's grandsons will have the honor of serving as her pallbearers.

Robert Lee Hare Sr., 78
Robert Lee Hare Sr., age 78, of Cullman, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at his residence. He was born Feb. 25, 1945, to Elmore Hare and Dorothy Mae Hare. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jean Russell and Darlene Guffey; and brother, Wayne Hare. Survivors include his daughter, Connie Duke; son, Bobby Hare; life partner, Melba Harris; grandchildren, Joseph (Whitny) Nabors, Megan Hinkle, Sam Bearden, Daniel Bearden, and Denise Bearden; great-great-grandchildren, Daxton Nabors, Madison Bearden, McKenly Bearden, and Kamri Bearden; great-great-grandchild, Walker Tate Walden; sisters, Brenda (O.B.) Works, Teresa Waddell, and Karen (Steve) Smith; brother, Ray Hare; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date at Stone Bridge Farms.

Carolyn Mae Ortega, 76
Carolyn Mae Ortega, age 76, of Vinemont, passed away on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Feb. 8, 1947, to Albert M. Norris and Emmer C. Norris. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Ortega; sons, Dennis Grubb and Billy Norris; granddaughter, Nicole May; parents; and six brothers and sisters. Survivors include her son, Frank (Gladys) Massey; grandchildren, Avianna (Travis) Massey, Denise (Cody) Moreno, Billy Dean Norris-Tucker, Willie Norris-Tucker, Christopher Grubb, and Dennis (Desiree) Schlichting; great-grandchild, Eragon Moreno; sister, Louise (Bobby) Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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