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Christmas in Cullman

The Christmas in Cullman Parade and Tree Lighting took place Friday night, Dec. 1, 2023, downtown. Kids young and old mingled with Santa and Mrs. Claus, the Grinch and others on a chilly night filled with warm holiday cheer. Look for a video and more photos at www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune.
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'I have always had a passion for the people, their stories and their timepieces'

The mastery behind Taylor's Fine Timepieces: Discovering what makes this Alabama craftsman tick


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Michael Taylor sits at his desk, explaining the mechanics of a brass clock with sun motifs.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With decades in the business and hundreds of restored timepieces under his belt, Michael Taylor is beyond a tinkerer, and no stranger to the world of luxury timepieces and what makes them tick – literally. After cutting his teeth in the fine timepiece industry of Florida, life brought him to north Alabama, where Taylor's Fine Timepieces exists today at 124 Seventh St. SW. His skill is widely sought after, with clients across the country sometimes waiting over a year for his expertise restoring heritage pieces, family heirlooms and classic watches.

"Taylor's Fine Timepieces was established to offer my expertise and skills to our community. I have always had a passion for the people, their stories and their timepieces!" smiled Taylor, who said that while he's lived in Holly Pond since 2017, business for him in Cullman started just over a year ago. Business has been booming since, despite the growing trend of smart watches, and checking the time being as easy as pulling a smartphone out of your back pocket.

Taylor said that like in any market, the popularity of clocks and watches rises and falls, but with a recent resurgence of collections coming available the industry has seen a renaissance. "I've also seen a rise in the watch market and clock market for high-end clocks and watches. They will always sell, especially rare ones, due to the availability of collections coming to the market, and good auctions with rare pieces becoming available again! It keeps interest up," he explained, noting that part of the renaissance is the younger generation once again becoming fascinated with timepieces. » PAGE 4

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2023 Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Lighthouse Schools



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Congratulations to our 2023 Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Lighthouse Schools! These schools in the Cullman County Schools system were recognized for achieving Lighthouse status, the highest achievement award from Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence: Good Hope Elementary (2-time winner), Good Hope High (2-time winner), Hanceville Middle (2-time winner), Hanceville High, Harmony (2-time winner), Holly Pond K-8 (2-time winner), Vinemont Middle (2-time winner) and West Point High (2-time winner)

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 1, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 27

- harassment; CR 1184
- domestic violence-reckless endangerment; CR 1224
- theft of property; CR 1025
- domestic violence-criminal surveillance; Hwy. 31
- harassment; theft of property; CR 538
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 386
- harassment; CR 1235
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 248
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S

Nov. 28

- domestic violence-trespassing; CR 149
- violation of protection order; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 1683
- theft of property; CR 109
- violation of protection order; CR 1114
- assault; CR 489

Nov. 29

- theft of property; CR 161
- theft of property; CR 1254
- harassment; CR 1208
- home repair fraud; CR 36
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- criminal mischief; CR 1087

ARRESTS

Nov. 27 – 29

Bartlett, Troy L.; 50
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Boone, Timothy A.; 29
- kidnapping-terror-adult
- assault-domestic-menacing-gun
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- family offense

Dickinson, Chad E.; 37
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Fanning, Ricky D.; 32
- public intoxication

Gold, Thomas A.; 55
- burglary-residence-no force

Hitt, James R.; 31
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-strong arm

Howse, Kevin L.; 40
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hudson, Alex J.; 53
- operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Johnson, Brandi M.; 35
- burglary-residence-no force
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- obstructing justice using a false identity

Johnson, Charles L.; 35
- assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon

Jones, Donald M.; 37
- family offense-non-support-child

Kuykendall, Jessica N.; 39
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Lamons, Christian L.; 24
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- stolen vehicles-auto theft (2 counts)

Lanz, Matthew A.; 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lyell, Cami Pierce N.; 31
- cruelty to dog/cat

McGraw, Bradley D.; 35
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-theft of lost property

McRae, Johnny A.; 37
- Grand Jury- DUI (alcohol)
- Grand Jury- assault-1st degree (2 counts)

Partain, Chasity L.; 32
- FTA- forgery-checks
- FTA- larceny/theft-pick-pocket, $1,500 - $2,500

Roden II, Mark C.; 30
- assault-harassment
- criminal trespass
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Waldrop, Kenny S.; 71
- Sex Offense-sexual abuse-2nd degree

Wright, Harvey J.; 44
- FTA- assault-harassment

Young, Jimmy L.; 51
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 26
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $218

Nov. 27
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Douglas St. SE; damaged property; $400

Nov. 28
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Utility Lines Construction Services; Hwy. 157; copper; tools; miscellaneous

Nov. 29
- theft of property-4th degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous
- theft of property-4th degree; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; cash
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 157; damage to 2015 Lexus; $500

Nov. 30
- theft of property-1st degree; person; Kilpatrick Ln. NW; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $29
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $59

ARRESTS

Nov. 29 – 30

Harris, Jayme; 26
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Boyd, Lacie M.; 27
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation

Fanning, Nathan D.; 39
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication (4 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Eipp, Austin W.; 29
- attempt to elude police officer
- possession of marijuana
- promoting prison contraband
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- theft of property-4th degree

Neely, Zachary G.; 43
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hanceville City Council approves amendments to FY 2024 budget

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At its regular council meeting on Thursday, Nov. 30, the Hanceville City Council examined and approved amendments to its previously approved budget for fiscal year 2024. The cuts and additions totaled to a net income of $153,670 back into the City's budget.

"So, if you look down there at the net income, we'll be adding $153,670 back to the budget, which makes the budget much better," said Mayor Kenneth Nail, maintaining that while the items cut were necessary to their specific departments, adjustments needed to be made to ensure flexibility of the City's financial status, and grants can be applied for to make up the difference.

"Every bit of it is needed, I'll be honest with you," he said. "We just don't like being as tight as we were; we needed to cut some things."

Approved budget amendments:

- Adding a combined $30,000 donation for the ATRIP II Goodwyn Mills Cawood project – the donation comprises $10,000 from Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; $10,000 from Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; and $10,000 from Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope

- Adding $20,000 to fund a study for the ATRIP II Goodwyn Mills Cawood project; the addition was approved at the council's Oct. 26 meeting.

- Subtracting $12,817 for a dump truck loan; the council approved this decision at its Oct. 12 meeting

- Subtracting $4,500 for brush dumping; the council approved the purchase of a property on which to dump brush but will no longer need to pay to dump brush; the council approved this at its Oct. 26 meeting

- Adding $11,371 for a fire alarm system; the addition was approved at the council's Oct. 12 meeting

- Adding a $10,000 grant from Alabama 911 Board; this was discussed at the council's Oct. 26 meeting

- Adding $10,000 for Hanceville Police Dispatch renovation project

- Adding $4,000 for miscellaneous finishes in the Hanceville Jail renovation project

- Subtracting $3,600 health insurance stipend

- Subtracting $15,972 for a tractor

- Subtracting $10,000 for a truck

- Subtracting $100,000 for paving

In other council business:

- The council motioned to assemble a packet of pavement projects to apply for a $200,000 no-match grant in January to make up for the $100,000 deletion from the paving budget

- The council approved a motion to pay a lease invoice for Alabama Power Flock System for two years with grant funds; the camera system located at major intersections in Hanceville will scan license plates and make/model of vehicles to assist in situations like Amber Alerts, hit and run profiles, etc.



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The Hanceville City Council discussed budget cuts at its Nov. 30, 2023, meeting.

- Subtracted AirMedCare employee membership agreement

- The council approved its typical annual donation of $100 to Cullman County People Against a Littered State

- A public hearing was set for Dec. 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. concerning a recommendation from the planning commission to rezone a property locally known as the Gannon property to allow the construction of a duplex

- Teresa Cooper was appointed to Hanceville's Historical Preservation Committee

The next regular Hanceville City Council meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023. Work session begins at 5 p.m. with meeting called to order at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

(Updated) Cullman man dies after single-vehicle crash

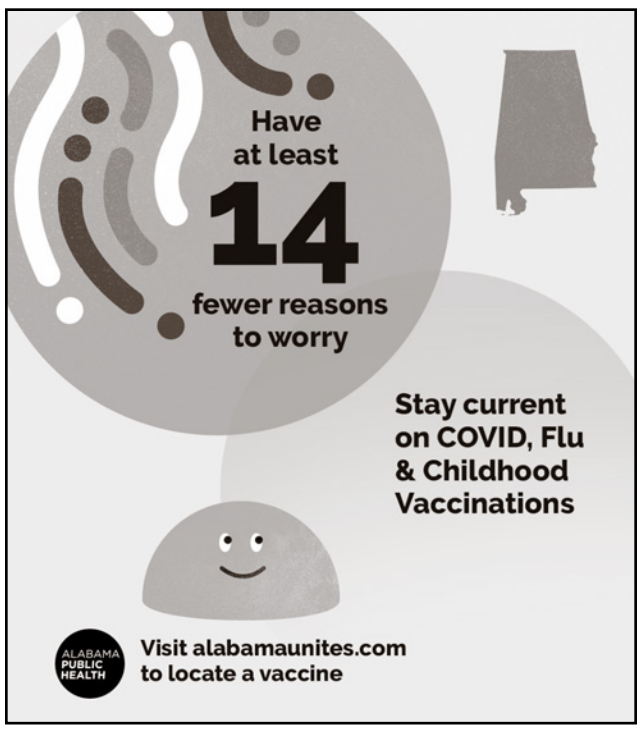
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, claimed the life of a Cullman man.

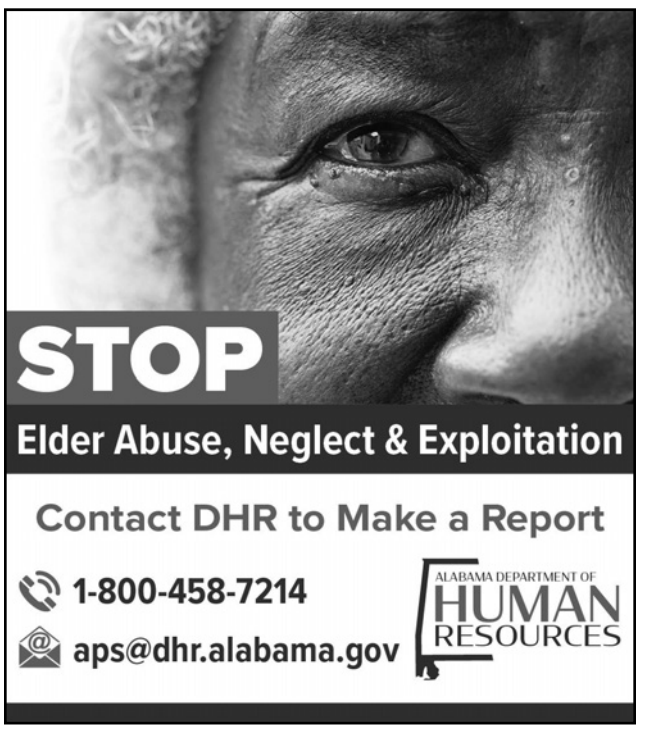
Alabama State Troopers said Maxwell W. Ratcliff, 24, was critically injured when a 2021 Dodge Ram left the roadway and struck a tree. They said Ratcliff was transported to Cullman Regional, where he succumbed to injuries and was pronounced deceased. Shortly after the wreck, Troopers reported that Ratcliff was driving the 2021 Dodge Ram, and that passengers Calvin A. McNabb, 23, and Cole D. MacDonald, 24, both of Bremen, were injured and transported to area hospitals.

In an update released Nov. 29, 2023, Troopers said, "Through further investigation of the traffic fatality (sic), it was determined that Calvin A. McNabb, 23, of Bremen, was the driver of the 2021 Dodge Ram. Maxwell W. Ratcliff, 24, of Cullman, was a passenger in the vehicle."

The crash occurred on County Road 107, approximately 2 miles northwest of Cold Springs, in Cullman County.







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.
• 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
• 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

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

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.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts Christmas Spectacular
Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. The free show is open to the public.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 9, from 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Plates include pancakes and bacon or sausage. Drinks provided for dine-in guests. No cost; donations only. All proceeds assist Santa with Christmas.

34th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon. The parade will travel from Wallace State down U.S. Highway 31 to Hanceville Fire Station No. 1. www.facebook.com/hanceville-civitan

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.

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 9, at 4:30 p.m. at Randall Shedd Park in Fairview. The parade will start lining up at 3:45-4 at the turnaround by the school and start at 4:30, ending at the park. Anyone is welcome to participate. We will have a tree lighting and sing carols. There will also be a reading of the Christmas Story, free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids because Santa will be there. For more information. call Kita at 256-358-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

FHS Theatre Presents "A Charlie Brown Christmas"
Friday, 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.

Wreaths Across America
Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. The Dripping Springs DAR chapter will have its Veterans' Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Cullman City Cemetery. There will be a short ceremony followed by placing wreaths on veterans' graves. The public is invited to help place wreaths.

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Have a holly jolly Christmas with Snead's Farmhouse Dec. 9

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JUDY SNEAD

Judy Snead of Snead's Farmhouse prepares her farm for the upcoming free community event, Christmas on the Farm, to be held Dec 9 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

VINEMONT, Ala. — If they're not out already, break out the boots, jackets and gloves, because it's almost time for Christmas on the Farm at Snead's Farmhouse. The nonprofit has decided to open its doors to the public for a completely free holiday event. On Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. families can drop in and explore owner Judy Snead's 17-acre animal rescue and farm, including her petting zoo.

"I often look for ways to give back to the community, so I'm doing a free event," Snead said. "Last year I had a paid event and hosted ever 150 families; this year I wanted it to be a free event so everyone could come."

Snead started her farm as an educational rescue center for farm and livestock animals, quickly surpassing her capacity at the time.

Seeing a larger need than what she could provide, she expanded her farm and has extended her community outreach.

Today, Snead's Farmhouse regularly hosts educational field trips, as well as students from the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled.

Snead reflected on her reasons for opening her farm to the public for free, saying, "I know that not every family has the means to do some fun Christmas outing. They may not be able to have a picture with Santa, and I want to do that for the community."

Locals Mark and Tracy Summerville will bring Santa and Mrs. Claus to life, and parents and caregivers are welcome to take pictures during Christmas at the Farm. Farm animals will be transformed into snowmen and elves, roaming the grounds, ready to excite and amaze the littlest of visitors.

Refreshments will be ample; donations from Coca-Cola, Zaxby's, Newk's Deli, Dunkin' Donuts and other generous local businesses will be available and free to all visitors. Live music will keep the day lively alongside all Snead's planned festivities. Taking a break from opening for Kid Rock and Oliver Anthony, or sharing the stage with Journey frontman Arnel Pineda, West Point's Sophie Raine will perform for guests and fans at the farm.

Christmas on the Farm begins on Saturday, Dec 9, at 11 a.m. and will be open until 2 p.m. Snead's Farmhouse is located at 820 County Road 1225.

Postponements (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Due to expected inclement weather, several local communities have opted to postpone outdoor celebrations originally scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023.

Below is a list of postponements submitted to The Tribune.

Cullman County Christmas Parade

• Postponed to Saturday, Dec. 9, at noon in Hanceville

Town of Colony Community Center Grand Opening

• Postponed to Sunday, Dec. 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the Colony Community Center

Town of Colony Christmas Tree Lighting

• Postponed to Sunday, Dec. 10, at 5:30 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Town of Holly Pond Christmas Tree Lighting

• Postponed to Saturday, Dec. 9, from 5-7 p.m.

Airport (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As Cullman Regional Airport marks its 65th anniversary, Director Ben Harrison reflected on its enduring impact and evolving role in the community.

From its inception, the airport has been integral to Cullman's growth. "Without a thriving airport, a community is not able to grow," Harrison said, emphasizing the importance of the airport in facilitating the quick movement of goods and people to sustain business.

When asked about the significant milestones in the airport's history, Harrison highlighted the rebuild of the runway as a key achievement. This development underscores the airport's commitment to maintaining robust infrastructure.

The economic impact of the airport extends far beyond its direct employment. "The airport has seven direct jobs that it employs, but the businesses and industries on the field account for 141 direct and indirect jobs," Harrison explained, pointing to the significant economic contribution of the airport on the local economy.

Technologically, the airport has strived to modernize. "We are always trying to improve everything from lights to weather stations to security," Harrison noted, indicating ongoing efforts to enhance the airport's capabilities and safety. Community engagement is another facet of the airport's operations. Every year it hosts the popular Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration, which sees hundreds come out to celebrate local veterans and historic military aircraft.

In terms of operations, Harrison provided an overview of the current activities at the airport. "We are currently between 25,000-30,000 operations a year," he said, showcasing the airport's bustling nature. Funding has been one of the biggest challenges for the airport. "Our biggest challenge is funding and how we work the project in the timeline based on needs and funding opportunities," Harrison said, acknowledging the crucial support of the Cullman City Council, Cullman County Commission, Alabama Department of Transportation and Federal Aviation Administration in overcoming these challenges.

Looking ahead, the airport is focused on embracing new ideas and technologies. "We are always looking for new ideas and innovative ways to keep up with the new advanced technology," Harrison stated. An additional point of interest at the airport is its restaurant, which offers panoramic views of the field. "We do have a restaurant onsite with three walls of glass that have great views of the field," Harrison shared, expressing a desire to inspire the next generation of aviation enthusiasts and professionals.

Cullman Regional Airport is located at 231 County Road 1360 in Vinemont.

Timepieces (from Front)

"I have also seen a new resurgence in younger people wanting an analog watch to wear," he said. "Whether it be a quartz or mechanical timepiece, I think that is great, especially to share the legacy of a brand when they choose a vintage timepiece."

Taylor said that despite younger people coming into the watch game, many high-end watch companies now want to support real collectors, not investors.

"They are not catering to the watch flippers that could get on a waiting list to buy Rolexes, Omegas and Patek Philippe," he said. "They seem to want to support the person who is passionate about wearing their product to enjoy a good watch!"

Taylor is happy to provide dozens of clocks and watches he's collected over the years and restored, in a variety of price points, as well as offer small repairs like battery insertion and fittings. He maintains that while he has a few favorites here and there for different reasons, the true favorite he has in his work is seeing the reactions of his clients after a family heirloom is restored, or a collector's item is brought back to life. He doesn't discriminate on brand, either – if it tells time, he's happy to help.

"I used to have favorite watches, some not so expensive even. I have owned and sold some of the 'holy grail' watches that I hear collectors talk about today!

"But when it comes down to what I have worked on, it truly makes me happy to help a customer restore their family timepieces," he said, noting a waitlist with over 70 people hoping to get their pocket watches and grandfather clocks restored.

"No matter if it's watches like Patek Philippe or Rolex, or even an old Hamilton dress watch, or maybe an old clock – like tall and long case clocks, mantle or even a cuckoo clock that a person remembers from 50, 75 years ago – nothing makes my job more satisfying than to see their face when the job is completed," smiled Taylor.

Taylor's Fine Timepieces is located at 124 Seventh Street SW. Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Michael Taylor, certified watchmaker and clockmaker and owner of Taylor's Fine Timepieces, gestures to one of his most valuable clocks, estimated to have been built between 1870 and 1880 by Emilian Wehrle, a Black Forest clockmaker well known for his musical clocks. The clock is priced at $50,000.

‘American Pickers’ returning to Alabama, searching for leads

Meredith Ball
Contributor

NEW YORK — Episodes of the hit show “American Pickers” will be filmed in Alabama in February 2024. The History Channel hit television show is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique “picking.” It follows skilled pickers in the business as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. Pickers are always excited to find historically significant or rare items, in addition to unforgettable characters and their collections.

As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, they want to meet characters with amazing stories and fun items. They hope to give historically significant objects a new lease on life while learning a thing or two about America’s past. The Pickers have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they’ve never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

“American Pickers” is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a unique item, story to tell and is ready to sell, we would love to hear from you! Please note, the pickers DO NOT pick stores, flea markets, malls, auction businesses, museums or anything open to the public.

If interested, please send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection, with photos, to americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 646-493-2184.



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PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits home matchups with Tharptown

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the Tharptown Wildcats at cozy Allen Stephenson Gym and split the two varsity games between them. The Lady Bulldogs dropped a heartbreaker 37-35 to the Lady Wildcats while the men pulled away late to take a 63-54 win over the men from Tharptown.

Tharptown 37 – Addison 35 (Varsity Girls)

Both of these teams were looking for their first win of the season and it was a tale of two halves. The very young Lady Bulldogs got off to a good start and actually lead 6-4 at the end of the first period. Gracie Roberts led Addison with 4 points, while Ava Bartlett chipped in two. Karson Wyatt had 3 rebounds in the period to lead Addison. The Lady Wildcats points were scored at the free throw line, and they were led by Alyssa Fischer with 2 points while Alyssa "Little Brandon" Abbott and Aalivia Wilson had 1 point each. Abbott, Wilson, Fischer, Ashton Tharp and Lizzy Duncan had 2 rebounds each to pace the Lady Wildcats.

The second period was probably the best period that the Lady Bulldogs have played all year. They still struggled to get the ball up the court, but they played solid defense and got just enough offense to take the period 11-7 to go into the half with a 17-11 lead. This is the first time the Lady Bulldogs had led at the half. Bartlett had 4 points and Roberts had 3 of her own. Wyatt continued dominating the glass as she had 7 rebounds in the period to lead all players and giving her 10 boards at the half. Tharptown was led by Wilson who had 5 of the Lady Wildcats points while Angeleah Smith put in the other 2. Tharp led Tharptown as she gathered in 2 of the 3 rebounds the Lady Wildcats got in the period.

As I said earlier, it was a tale of two halves. The young ladies from Tharptown came out and played much better in the second half. Tharptown started knocking down three-pointers and holding their own on the glass.

Tharptown was led by Abbott with 6 points to include a trey. Harleigh Gordon came alive for 5 points and 4 boards in the period. Smith also knocked down a deep three for Tharptown. Roberts carried the young Dawgs as she scored 8 of the Lady Dawgs' 11 points. Emma Cleghorn put in a three-pointer of her own for the remaining three points. Addison's lead was gone, and the game was tied at 28 heading into the fourth.

The fourth period didn't disappoint as each team matched score for score until the game was tied at 32. With 1:20 seconds left in the game, Addison's Wyatt drained a contested three-pointer to give Addison the 35 to 32 lead. Tharptown answered right back as Smith hit a three-pointer from in front of the Lady Wildcat bench to tie the game at 35 with .59 seconds left.

Addison had problems getting the ball up court and turned the ball over giving Tharptown one last chance to win with only .21 seconds left on the clock. Tharptown went down and took a shot which missed, the rebound was made by Fischer who immediately put the ball back up and in for the go-ahead bucket with only 3.9 seconds to go in the game. Addison was unable to get off a final shot and the Lady Wildcats came away with the win 37-35.

Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland said, "Super proud of my girls. They played with aggression tonight and fought till the very end. Hate for them to lose after they played so well. I told them that the majority of our problems are fixable. We have to cut out the mental mistakes and keep our heads up and be smart on the defensive side of the ball. I believe that we have showed vast improvement since our first game, three games ago."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by Roberts with 14 points, 2 rebounds and 5 assists. Wyatt had 8 points and a game high 17 rebounds with 5 steals. Bartlett had 6 points and 4 rebounds. Cleghorn had 5 points and 9 rebounds. Mattie Johnson had 2 points and 11 rebounds to go along with 2 steals.

Tharptown was led in scoring by Wilson and Smith with 8 points each. Wilson had 4 boards to go along with her points. Abbott had 7 points and 5 rebounds. Gordon had 5 points and 4 boards. Duncan had 4 points and 5 boards. Fischer had 4 points and 6 rebounds. Tharp had 1 point and 4 rebounds.

Addison drops to 0-3 on the young season and will host county rival Lynn Thursday night.

Addison 63 – Tharptown 54 (Varsity Boys)

The Addison boys came out on a mission and jumped on the Wildcats in the first period. Jed Wilkins set the pace for Addison as the point guard led them to a 14-5 lead at the end of the first. Addison jumped out 8-1 and kept up the pressure the remainder of the period. It appeared that the young men from Tharptown were having trouble with Addison's high-pressure defense as Addison came away forcing numerous turnovers on the Wildcats. The Bulldogs dominated the glass with a 13-4 advantage in the first. Wilkins led all scorers with 8 points, 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Bradley "Big Foot" Willette held down the glass with 4 rebounds. Tharptown was led by their own point guard Malachi Minor who had all 5 Wildcat points.

The second period slowed down a bit as neither team shot the ball particularly well. Addison won the period 12-11 to take a 26-15 lead at the half. Jacob McLamb got hot and led the Dawgs with 7 points while Elijah Roberts put in 4. Tharptown was led again by Minor who carried the Wildcats in the first half as he tallied 8 points for a total of 13 in the first half. Dawson Higgins drained a three-pointer for the remaining points for the Wildcats. Wildcat Jackson Clement bulled his way to 5 rebounds in the period.

The second half kind of followed the ladies' games first half. Tharptown came out much more focused and after Addison had jumped out to a 33-18 lead, their largest of the game, the Wildcats buckled down and started pressuring the Bulldogs, giving them a taste of their own medicine. Addison went into a Wildcat induced scoring drought as Tharptown cut the Addison lead from 15 down to 7 as they went on a 15-5 run.

Dalton Maldonado, who didn't score in the first half apparently watched some Steph Curry videos at the half and started draining threes from the visitor side corner. Mr. Maldonado has apparently never met a shot he didn't like and tonight he was draining them. Maldonado scored 11 in the period to include 3 three-pointers and we had ourselves a ballgame again.

The fourth period started with Tharptown continuing to put pressure on Addison and the Bulldogs struggling with it. The Wildcats cut the lead down to one at 47 to 46 with 4 minutes to go as Dillon Valdez got into the action as he nailed a three-pointer trimming the lead. Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn called a timeout and after a spirited discussion Addison decided enough was enough.



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The Addison Bulldogs defeated Tharptown 63-54 Tuesday night.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Lady Bulldogs lost a nailbiter to Tharptown 37-35 Tuesday night.

With the score tied at 50, Addison's Wilkins drove the length of the court and went into the lane and it looked as if he was going to pull up for a short jumper, but Wilkins found Willette for a quick pass and layup putting Addison up 52-50. After an Addison defensive stop, Wilkins drove to the lane and put in a layup to give Addison a little breathing room at 54-50.

That would be as close as the Wildcats could get as Addison put the clamps on the Wildcat offense and had a 9-4 run to close the game out. Addison came away with a hard fought 63-54 victory.

Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn,

"This was a good team (Tharptown) that we played tonight, and I am proud of my guy's resiliency. We had a big lead and then went into that lull, and they came back and tied it. I don't like to call a lot of timeouts; I like to let my guys work through it and they did tonight. The timeout we called we just settled each other down and came back out and handled business. The biggest thing I like about this team is our defensive intensity. We have won both our ballgames because of the defensive end of the court."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by Wilkins with a game high 21 points, 11 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. McLamb had 15 points, 6 rebounds and a block. Willette had 14 points, 13 boards and a block. Roberts had 8 points, 7 rebounds, 4 assists and a steal. Kiah Lake had 5 points and 7 rebounds. Hayden Holland had 5 rebounds and an assist. Owen Pratt had 1 rebound and 2 steals. Kaden Dyson had a steal.

Tharptown was led by Maldonado with 20 points and 4 rebounds. Minor had 13 points and 7 boards. Valdez had 8 points and 3 boards. Jackson Clement had 6 points and 10 boards. Dawson Higgins had 3 points and 5 boards. Edwin Velah had 3 points. Bryson Borden had 2 points.

PREP BASKETBALL

Good Hope Raiders, Lady Raiders pick up wins at Vinemont

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders made the short trip over to Vinemont to take on the Eagles Tuesday night. Both the Lady Raiders and Raiders left with wins over Vinemont, 81-35, and 78-57 respectively.

Good Hope 81 - Vinemont 35 (Varsity Girls)

It was a dominant first quarter for Good Hope senior Ivey Maddox, as she collected 11 points. The Raider defense held Vinemont to just two made baskets for the whole period, and they held a 15-5 lead after one. The second quarter saw Ava McSwain go off, getting 14 points, and Maddox added eight more points in the period. Good Hope's defense continued to give the Lady Eagles fits, only allowing a three by Carley Stephens. The Lady Raiders took a commanding 43-8 lead into the half.

The second half was more of the same for Good Hope. Five different Good Hope players scored in the third period, as they took a 75-22 lead into the final period. The fourth quarter was run under a hot clock, and Good Hope (5-1) was able to cruise to an 81-35 win over Vinemont (3-2).

Maddox led all scorers with a game-high 33 points. McSwain added 18 points. Heather Tetro ended up with 14 points, while Jolee McHan and Bailey Tetro (12 assists) each collected six points. For Vinemont, Stephens led the way with 13 points, while Whitney Quick and Reagan Robinson each finished with six points.

Good Hope 78 - Vinemont 57 (Varsity Boys)

The first quarter was a dominating one for Good Hope. K'mal Bell finished with 11 points, Tyler Cone put in nine points, and Jacob Haynes added eight points in the period. Isiah Jones finished with eight points in the quarter for Vinemont, but the Raiders ended up taking a 34-12 lead into the second period. Six different players found the scoring column for the Raiders in the quarter. Jones and Kaden Graham each put in eight points for the Eagles in the second period, but Good Hope took a 51-30 lead into the locker room.

The scoring slowed down a little bit in the second half, but Good Hope still held a 64-43 lead after three. The Raiders would go on to collect a 78-57 win over the Eagles on the road.

Bell led the way for Good Hope (4-2) with 20 points. Cone added 16 points. Haynes ended up with 13 points, and Weston Hancock collected 10 points in the contest. For Vinemont (5-3), Jones led all scorers with 31 points. Graham added 11 points, and Josh Rhodes ended up with seven points.



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Good Hope's Ivey Maddox (20) led all scorers with 33 points in the Lady Raiders' 81-35 win at Vinemont Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits varsity matchups with Lynn

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the Lynn Bears for two varsity contests and came away with a split. The Lady Bears came away with a solid 58-22 victory over the youthful Lady Bulldogs while the Bulldog men came away with an impressive 80-64 victory over the Men from Lynn.

Lynn 58 – Addison 22 (Varsity Girls)

Coach Bailey Boland's young Bulldogs are going to go through some growing pains this year as the roster consists of only 6 players and only one senior. They just need to gain valuable on-court experience and learn on the job. Lynn came out firing away, especially Kamri Tittle as she nailed three deep three-pointers to lead all scorers in the period with 9. Lynn jumped out quickly and early and led 17-4 at the end of the first period. Allie Stewart and Dereka Bryan also knocked down threes for the Lady Bears. Addison got their points from Gracie Roberts and Karson Wyatt who had 2 points each. Wyatt led all players with 3 boards in the period.

The second period was about the same as the first. Lynn pressured the ball and the Lady Bulldogs struggled to get it up the court. The on-ball pressure forced numerous Addison turnovers and Lynn won the period 18-4 to take a 35-8 lead at the half. Wyatt led Addison with three points and 3 rebounds in the period. Reese Osborne hit a free throw for Addison's other point. Stewart led the Lady Bears with 5 points while Kohl Tittle and Joley Sims had 4 points apiece.

The third period was a little better for the young Bulldogs as they were only outscored 19-11 but Lynn still held a 54-19 lead going into the final frame. Roberts led Addison with 5 points while Osborne knocked down 3 out of 4 free throws for her points. Addison's Ava Bartlett had 4 points and 2 steals in the period. Lady Bear Stewart put in 7 points while Ali Dutton hit two threes for her six points. Stewart led the Bears with 3 boards in the period.

The fourth period went by very fast as there was a running clock and Lynn won the period 4-3 to take the game 58-22. Wyatt scored 2 Addison points while Bartlett got the other one. Wyatt and Emma Cleghorn nabbed 2 rebounds apiece. Lynn's Dutton and Bryan scored a basket each for the Lady Bears.

Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland, "We have to use this game as a learning experience. I thought we regressed a little tonight with our effort and execution. We have to play smarter, focus more and quit making mental mistakes if we are going to improve and accomplish what I think we can this year."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led in scoring by Wyatt with 8 points and 9 rebounds with 5 steals. Roberts had 7 points and 2 steals. Osborne had 4 points and 4 rebounds. Bartlett had 3 points, 6 rebounds and 2 steals. Cleghorn had 3 rebounds and 2 steals. Mattie Johnson had 4 rebounds and 2 steals.

Lynn was led in scoring by Stewart with 15 points and 5 boards. Kamri Tittle had 14 points and 3 boards. Dutton had 11 points and 7 rebounds. Kohl Tittle has 6 points and 5 boards. Bryan had 5 points and 3 boards. Joley Sims had 4 points and 6 rebounds.

Lynn moves to 3-0 while Addison drops to 0-4. Addison will travel to Falkville tomorrow night.

Addison 80 – Lynn 64 (Varsity Boys)

It's early in the season but the boys' game between Lynn and Addison has some serious early season implications, for the winner of this game would get a leg up on the Winston County Championship. These two teams on the floor tonight are the probable favorites for the county title. Addison came out and was relentless on defense. Multiple Lynn turnovers could be attributed to deflected passes and stifling pressure.

It was probably the best that Addison's defense has looked in the past few years. As good as Addison's defense was their offense may have been just as good. The matchup everyone wanted to see was the battle of the big men, Addison's Bradley "Big Foot" Willette versus Lynn's Braylen "The Beast" Roberts. Both men are big physical specimens, and each has his own strengths. Willette may be harder to move inside while Roberts is a little quicker on his feet. This was going to be "Big Foot" Willette's night.

The first period was ALL Addison. The Bulldogs jumped out 24-1 and thoroughly dominated the visiting Bears. Lynn didn't score a basket in the entire first period. Their only points came on a Cale Tittle free throw. Jed "Wizard" Wilkins put in 10 points to include a close to half court buzzer beater three-pointer. When that shot went in, you knew it was going to be a good night for the Bulldogs. Willette had 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and a block in the first period. Hayden Holland was a force on the glass as he grabbed 4 big boards as well.

Lynn is too good a team to just lay down and you knew that they were going to come back strong, and they did. Lynn has some excellent three-point shooters, and it showed the rest of the game. Tittle scored Lynn's first bucket, a three-pointer, at the 7:30 mark of the second period. The Bears went on a 13-2 run to cut the lead down to 12. Lynn stepped up their defensive pressure and it affected the Bulldogs. Addison got back on track as Wilkins started feeding Willette the ball down low. Wilkins got 4 assists in the period while Willette notched 8 points in the frame. Lynn actually outscored the hometown Bulldogs 24-17 to cut the huge lead down to 16. Addison led at the half 41-25. Bear Dylan Dunnigan had a heck of a period as he bombed two long three-pointers and had 10 big points in the second. Tittle also chipped in 7 to aid in the Bear comeback.

The second half was just as much fun as the first as it was a back-and-forth game. Lynn would cut into the lead and then Addison would go on a run of their own. Addison won the period 18-14 to extend their lead to 59-39. Willette picked up his 4th foul in the period and had to sit for most of the third. The Bulldogs picked up the slack and even without their big man in the middle, the Bulldogs outrebounded the Bears 9-5 in the third period. Kaden Dyson, Wilkins, Owen Pratt and Elijah Roberts also had multiple rebounds. Jacob McLamb stepped up with 2 big assists in the period. It was a total team effort.

The surprise of the evening was Pratt. Pratt hadn't scored in the previous two games but tonight he was on. Pratt nailed two deep threes from the home side corner and had a rebound putback for two more. Pratt's 8 points led Addison in the pivotal third period. For Lynn, Dunigan was lights out again from three as he drained two more threes. Roberts responded with 5 points and 2 boards for the Bears.

The fourth period saw Addison jump out to a 20-point lead and the Bears fighting back. Lynn just couldn't recover from the awful start that they had. Lynn won the period 25-21 but it wasn't enough. Addison came away with a solid 80-64 victory. Willette laid to rest any doubt who was the best big man on the court tonight as he dominated the fourth. Willette had 10 points and 9 rebounds just in the fourth period. Pratt scored 4 more points to include another big three-pointer. Lynn was led by Cole Kelley had 8 points while Tittle, Dunigan, Christian Densmore had 3 each. Coby Sherer had 5 points for the Bears as well.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Bulldogs defeated Lynn 80-64 Thursday night.

The rematch in Lynn later this season should be a fun affair as well but for tonight the Bulldogs proved to be the better team.

Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn said, "Huge win for us tonight. Our guys were really motivated and focused. Lynn is a tremendous team, and they are going to have an excellent season this year but tonight it was all about us. Our defense was outstanding. We are a defense first ball team, and we know that even if our offensive shots aren't falling our defense will keep us in the game. The whole team played great, but I want to point out Brad (Willette). That kid is finally realizing his potential. He is playing like a big man and his maturity level has grown as well as his focus on the little things. Brad is coming into his own. Another kid is Owen (Pratt). Someone asked why he shot so much in the earlier games because they weren't falling but I told them that he is a shooter and makes them in practice. Well tonight, those shots that wouldn't fall in the previous games went in. Owen isn't afraid to shoot, and he always plays great defense. Our bench guys really stepped up tonight putting in 19 points and grabbing 7 rebounds. Couldn't be happier with this win but tomorrow night we have to do it all over again as we play Falkville in their building, and it is always tough there."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led by Willette with 22 points, 16 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 blocks. Wilkins had 22 points, 5 rebounds, 7 assists and 3 steals. Pratt had 15 points and 3 boards. Roberts had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Jacob McLamb had 6 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Dyson had 4 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists. Holland had 4 boards.

Lynn was led by Dunigan with 19 points and a board. Tittle had 14 points and 4 boards. Kelley had 8 points and 2 boards. Roberts had 8 points and 3 boards. Densmore had 3 points and 2 boards. Laythen Upton had 2 points and 7 rebounds. Sherer had 5 points. Jonathan Cole had 2 points. Luke Alexander had 2 rebounds.

Addison moves to 3-0 while Lynn falls to 1-1. Addison will travel to Falkville on Friday night.

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Ivey announces additional $500K for Cullman Co. road project

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A project to aid the expansion of a Cullman industry picked up some additional financial support with a $500,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Gov. Kay Ivey announced this week.

The ARC funding, along with a previously awarded $200,000 Community Development Block Grant, will enable improvements along a section of County Road 222. The road is adjacent to North Alabama Fabricating Co. (NAFCO), which is expanding and creating 50 jobs. Topre America Corp. is also located near NAFCO and will benefit from the improvements.

The City of Cullman is providing $300,000 for the road project.

"North Alabama Fabricating Co. has proven to be a great neighbor in Cullman County by providing jobs and producing top quality, custom-engineered steel structures that are sold worldwide," Ivey said.

"I am delighted to see this road project come to fruition to bolster both local jobs and the area economy."

The $9 million expansion planned by NAFCO is its third since locating in Cullman County.

The company is headquartered in Birmingham and also has an operation in Winfield in nearby Marion County.

County Road 222 is a two-lane road that was constructed more than 75 years ago.

Local leaders said the road requires restructuring to withstand the trafficking of heavy loads transports from the two companies. The road intersects with Interstate 65 about 2 miles away from both companies.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) administers both the ARC and CDBG programs in the state.

CDBG funds are made available to the state from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I commend local leaders in the city of Cullman for combining ARC and CDBG funds to get maximum mileage from these grant programs," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"ADECA is pleased to join with Gov. Ivey in playing a role in a project that will help continue the positive economic momentum in Cullman."

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LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
WILMA EDMONDS) CASE NO PC 2023-203
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: NICK LINDSEY, KALEENA NICOLE QUICK AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Richard Lindsey to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Wilma Edmonds, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **30th day of January, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 16th day of November, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DANNY ELWIN MCAFEE, Deceased. **CASE NO.: PC2023-369**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to DEBORAH EDGE MCAFEE as Personal Representative of the Estate of DANNY ELWIN MCAFEE, deceased, on the 16th day of November, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DEBORAH EDGE MCAFEE
Personal Representative

Joy M. Howard
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 517
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

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The following vehicles will be sold on January 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2023-367

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN M. THOMAS, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Ellen M. Thomas have been granted to Teresa T. Campbell on the 15th day of November, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Teresa T. Campbell
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA)
) **IN THE PROBATE COURT**
COUNTY OF MORGAN)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BOBBY JOE WHITE AND SHARON F WHITE, DECEASED

To: Randall Lee White, whereabouts unknown and

Kristina Jo White aka Kristina Jo Whisenant, whereabouts unknown

Cynthia Lynn Sanford, last known address, PO Box 3, Vinemont, AL 35179

AND TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN, IF ANY THERE BE, WHETHER THEY BE MINORS OR PERSON OF UNSOUND MIND.

You are hereby notified that RAY UHRIG AND JEFFREY GRAY, the Personal Representatives, of the estates of BOBBY JOE WHITE AND SHARON F WHITE, deceased, did on the 9th day of August, 2023, file in this Court their Petition for Sale of Real Estate, of the said estate, and that the 15th day of February, 2024, at 9:00 O'clock A.M., is the day and time fixed by the Court for the hearing thereon, at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you think proper so to do.

_____Greg Cain___
JUDGE OF PROBATE

Wonderland under Warrior open for holidays at Rickwood Caverns State Park

Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources



ALABAMA DEPT. OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WARRIOR, Ala. — Rickwood Caverns State Park has again transformed its signature cave system into a magical experience for the 2023 holiday season.

Known as "Wonderland Under Warrior," the cavern becomes filled with festive light displays, decorations and appearances by Santa Claus and other notable holiday-themed characters who are available for photos. It's a one-of-a-kind experience surrounded by the cave's natural beauty, accentuated by an outdoor light display that guides guests from the park office to the mouth of the cave.

"It doesn't matter if you've been to 'Wonderland Under Warrior' year after year or you're coming for the first time, because we are confident your visit will be among your favorite holiday memories," Rickwood Caverns State Park Manager Bridgette Grace said.

"We're committed to making it better than ever for our guests this year, and we hope to people will come to the park during the 2023 holiday season."

"Wonderland Under Warrior" runs through Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. The attraction operates each day from 2-8 p.m., with the final tickets sold daily at 7:30 p.m.

The attraction will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Dec. 24-25, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31. In addition, it's closed most Mondays and Tuesdays.

It is open on New Year's Day, which is the final day for this year's attraction.

A complete schedule can be found on the park's website, which notes Santa's last day will be Dec. 23. All regular cave tours are suspended for the duration of "Wonderland Under Warrior," but will resume in 2024. Visitors are encouraged to wear closed-toed shoes suitable for walking or hiking.

The cave temperature remains at 62 degrees year-round, which makes it the perfect place to visit on a cold day.

The park's gift shop will be decorated for the holidays and offer gifts, ornaments, hot cocoa and other snacks for purchase.

For first-time visitors, it's important to note "Wonderland Under Warrior" features an out-and-back self-guided tour, so the 110-step ascent at the end of the normal cave tour is not required.

This makes the walk easier for young children or guests with mobility issues. The entire walk covers approximately a mile inside the cave.

"It's clear that 'Wonderland Under Warrior' is one of the very best holiday attractions in the entire state, not just our State Parks System," said Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship.

"The staff at Rickwood Caverns State Park works tirelessly to make this holiday attraction available, and it's gratifying to see so many people come back year after year.

"We hope to see old friends and new guests come to the cave this year to make holiday memories."

Reservations are highly recommended and can be made online at https://reserve.alapark.com/rickwood-caverns/tours or by calling the park at 205-647-9692.

Rickwood Caverns State Park is located just off Interstate 65 in Warrior, about 30 miles north of downtown Birmingham and about 75 miles south of Huntsville.

How to 'sleigh' your holiday card

Justin Miller
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — The holiday-card season is here. Soon, mailboxes will be filled with greetings and warm wishes. When it comes to making a holiday card, there are several things that can go wrong. From blurry pictures to misspellings, your card can quickly find its way onto the naughty list. To keep your card in Santa's good graces, there are several things to keep in mind.

The apostrophe

Holiday cards are often the bane of an English teacher's existence. Why? Because they often include grammatical errors. Glenda Freeman, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System communications editor, said one of the most common mistakes in holiday cards is misusing the apostrophe.

People will often use an apostrophe trying to make their last name plural. For example, people may write from the Whitehead's. However, Freeman said an apostrophe shows possession, not plurality.

"As a rule of thumb, add 'es' to last names that end in s, x, z, ch and sh to make them plural," Freeman said. "For names that end in all other letters, simply add an 's' to the end."

Last names are not often seen in their plural forms, so it may look odd to some people.

Another option is to sign your card from The Adams Family.

The apostrophe is also often omitted where it is needed. For example, in the expression season's greetings, the apostrophe is needed because the greetings are of the season.

Grammar and writing tips

• Use words correctly. Use the word that correlates with your intended meaning. Common mistakes include your/you're, its/it's and they're/their/there.

• Watch for stray punctuation. If you want to wish someone a happy holiday enthusiastically, one exclamation mark will adequately express that feeling. Also, watch for stray commas and periods.

• Be concise. Space is limited on holiday cards. The more text you include, the smaller the font size needs to be. Small text may be difficult to read.

• Send warm wishes. Make your card personal by tailoring the message to the recipient. Express your gratitude for their presence and extend hopes for the upcoming year.

• Respect the traditions and beliefs of others.

• Spread joy and positivity. Include happy moments from your life the past year. You can also add lighthearted humor when appropriate.

• Sign off in a unique way.

"Embracing the holiday season provides an excellent opportunity to reestablish connections with loved ones," Freeman said. "Whether through traditional mailed cards or digital greetings, accompany your heartfelt wishes with a message free of spelling errors, typos and grammatical mistakes."

Taking the perfect photo

Photos are great to include on holiday cards. However, there are a few things to remember when choosing the photo. Margaret Barse, an Alabama Extension multimedia producer, said photos should be fun.

"Family life isn't perfect, and your photos can reflect that," Barse said. "However, if you only use one picture for your holiday card, you may want to think a little more about the framing and how to put your best foot forward."

Photography tips

• Planning. Think about the time you are trying to take the photo. Are the children hungry? Does someone need to hit the road? Planning can help you choose a time when no one feels rushed, hungry, etc.

• Lighting. Make sure the main light source is facing the subject of the photo. When a photo is backlit, it creates shadows and details are lost.

• Framing. Look at the shot, and make sure there are no objects — such as branches or fence posts — coming out of people's heads or ears. A clean background makes the people in your photo pop out. To give a different mood to your photo, experiment with both wide and close-up framing as well.

• Selfies. A selfie's angle is often awkward and unflattering. It is always better to have someone else take your photo.

• Body positions. Are you posing in a stiff or awkward way? Make sure that everyone looks comfortable in the photo. Look for odd body positions where one person's arm or leg seems to be attached to someone else's body. Is everyone's pose the same? A great photo has dimension and varying heights. Mix things up by letting the children stand in the back and the adults sit on the floor.

• Cropping. Use your phone's cropping tool to remove any stray objects. This turns the photo's focus to the main subject. This can make all the difference in a holiday card.

"I know it's easier said than done but keep trying to get the photo where there are no closed eyes and pets and children are looking forward," Barse said. "The best thing is that with today's cell phones and digital cameras, you can keep filming until you get it right, unlike my childhood of using rolls of film."

More information

By following these tips and tricks, you are sure to sleigh your holiday card this year. For more information on other holiday-related topics, visit www.aces.edu.







Obituary Announcements: Nov. 30 - Dec. 1

Carol Denise Horstman, 58
Carol Denise Horstman, age 58, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023. Carol is survived by her husband, Robert Horstman; her son William Ross Horstman (Emily Horstman); and her son Seth Horstman; her brother Jim Johnson and her brother Steve Johnson and two grandchildren. Carol was preceded in death by her father Herbert Sterling Johnson and her mother Dorothy Evelyn Edge. A celebration of life memorial service for Carol will be held Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 at 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, U.S. Highway 157, Cullman, AL. To leave condolences for the family please visit Mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Winona "Winnie" Lee Lindsey, 89
Funeral service for Winona "Winnie" Lee Lindsey, 89, of Hanceville, will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Tim Aris officiating. Family will welcome friends from noon until 1 p.m. and interment will be held at Emeus Cemetery in Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Lindsey was born June 27, 1934, to James Bluit Filyaw and Bessie Terry. She passed from this life on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth Lindsey; sisters, Mildred Bracey, Racine Peek; brothers, James Filyaw, Ernest Filyaw, Johnny Filyaw, Billy Filyaw, George Filyaw, Douglas Filyaw, Jimmy Filyaw. Survivors include her sons, Phillip Lindsey, and Bobby (Sarah) Lindsey; daughters, Donna (Jim) Lindsey Aldridge, Joy (Ray) Lindsey Hall grandchildren, Melanie (Kevin) Williams Sullins, Wendy Carter, Kristy Lindsey, Chris (Telly) Medlock, Bryan (Jaime) Medlock, Nick (Katie) Lindsey, Amber Casey, Cody (Amy) Hall; twenty-three great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; family and friends. Pallbearers will be Chris Medlock, Bryan Medlock, Nick Lindsey, Hunter Lindsey, Ryan Morrison, and Tyler Williams. Winnie was a happy, smiling, and content lady, who lived life to the fullest and had a witty sense of humor. Although she was saved as a youngster, she decided at the young age of 80 that she wanted to be baptized at Daystar Church. Her family celebrated with her as she came up out of the water praising God! Winnie also loved crocheting so much and could make anything. It was her favorite hobby. She also loved word searches and flowers. You could always find her with her favorite magazine "Birds and Balloons" as well. Most of all, she loved her family. They were her treasure. She was a remarkable woman to all who knew her and her infectious smile brought much joy to everyone. She will be so very missed. Visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Jimmy Ray Gilley, 55
Memorial service for Jimmy Ray Gilley, age 55, of Logan, will be at noon on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Oddis Couch officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gilley passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at his residence. He was born Aug. 30, 1968, to James Ed Gilley and Vernile Gilley. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy May Gilley; children, Chris Gilley, Becky (James) Wood, John Couch, Jason Couch, James Couch, and Joseph (Monica) Couch; grandchildren, Kayla (Peyton) Pate, Ashley (Hunter) Wynn, Sabrina Couch, Ryan Wood, Aaron (Darlene) Couch, Jonathan Couch, Nikki Trussel, Lily Trussel, Kanen Trussel, Christian Couch, Heather Couch, and Amanda Couch; great-grandchildren, Landon Pate, Bryson Moody, Reed Pate, Sawyer Smith, Alex Couch, Scout Wynn, and two on the way; brother, David (Donna) Gilley; sister, Theresa (Allan) Newell; and brother, Steven Gilley. To the man who stepped up and made one big happy family.

Brandy Evans Wilson, 38
Funeral service for Brandy Evans Wilson, 38, of Cullman, will be Monday, Dec. 4, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Missionary Grove Baptist Church, with Randy Roberts officiating. Family will welcome friends Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Interment will be held at Missionary Grove Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Wilson was born Sept. 1,1985, to Phillip Wayne Evans and Susan Marie Gable Evans. Sadly, at such a young age, she passed from this life on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023. She was preceded in death by her father, Phillip Evans. Survivors include her husband, Donald Wilson; mother, Susan Gable Evans; Two sons, Aubrey Speegle and Kell (Cass) Wilson. Brandy loved people. She loved her kids, her Nana and Papaw, and her family the most. She also loved all her customers at Brandin Iron. Her favorite flowers were tulips and sunflowers. She was a huge Alabama football fan and she loved when her papaw would bring her tommy toes and her nana would make her vegetable soup. She loved being a country girl and enjoyed the simple things in life. She will be sorely missed by all who loved her. Visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Angela Jo Campbell, 49
Funeral services for Angela Jo Campbell, 49, of Hanceville, will be Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Angela was born March 15, 1974. She passed away Nov. 29, 2023, in Cullman. Angela was a graduate of Hanceville High School and lived in the Hanceville community her entire life. Despite her physical limitations Angela lived a full life. She loved attending Vince Gill concerts and had the luxury of meeting him many times. Angela worked at TJ Maxx for many years and was very thankful for her co-workers and managers. Angela is survived by her father, Brian Campbell; brother Kevin Campbell; nephew Andrew Campbell; niece Adison Campbell and special dog "Lexi". Angela was preceded in death by her loving mother Kathy Campbell.

William Fred Abel, 80
Funeral service for William Fred Abel, age 80, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in New Horizon Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Abel passed away on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at his residence. He was born Dec. 27, 1942, to Hugh McHenry Abel and Velma Abel. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Carl Abel, Lynn "Buddy" H. Abel, and Jimmy Abel; sister, Jean (John) Powell; and brother-in-law, Bruce Randolph. Survivors include his wife, Lura Abel; brother, Howard (Violet) Abel; sisters, Laura Randolph and Martha (Dan) Jones; sister-in-law, Marlene Abel; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, family, and friends.

Rachel Imogene Creasey, 91
Rachel Imogene Creasey, age 91, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Nov. 29, 2023. She was a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren/multiple great-grandchildren and devoted housewife. Rachel is proceeded in death by her husband Maurice Creasy, late husband Walter R Heinl, mother Alma Hall, father Herbert "Dock" Hall, son Walter (Lana) Heinl JR, sisters Hazel Aldridge, Betty Dunn, Barbara Lindsey, brothers Herbert Hall, Edsel Hall, and Melford Hall. Rachel is survived by her daughters Gail (Gary) Grant, Debbie (Greg) Campbell, Bertha (Mike) Jones, and son Mike (Debbie) Heinl. A celebration of life visitation for Rachel will be held Monday 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in the Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 at 10 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family please visit www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Ruby Maxine Reel Elsberry, 92
Ruby Maxine Reel Elsberry went to be with her Lord and Savior Nov. 29, 2023, at almost 93 years old. She was preceded in death by her husband, A.D. Elsberry, Son in law, Steven Argo and many of her siblings and friends. She was born on Dec. 29, 1930, in (Kirbytown) Guntersville, Alabama. Later her parents, Emmitte and Viola Brogden Reel moved to their family farm in Dutton, Alabama. She was raised with 12 siblings (nine brothers and three sisters). Her baby brother Leonard (Doris) Reel and baby sister Faye Hyde are the only two surviving siblings. Visitation will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 from 10 a.m. until noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Funeral service will begin following the visitation from noon until 1 p.m. at the funeral home. She was a hard worker for many years at Pizitz and Marsh Bakery, as a well-known cake decorator. People enjoyed her birthday and wedding cakes that she made while raising her only child, Carolyn Reel Argo, as a single mother. She also enjoyed her grandchildren, Kasey (Davy) Lolley and Emily Cole, as well as her great-grandchildren, Mary Kaitlyn (Yancey) Hill, Tyler Curtis, Kyleigh Powrzanas, and Gavin Cole. She was precious to all her great-great-grandchildren, Marie Hill, Carter Churchwell, Walter Hill, and brand-new addition Arthur Joseph "AJ" Hill. She also gained a grandson, David Stephen Argo, Jr. (Rene), and all his children and grandchildren after Carol and Steve married. Ruby and A.D. Elsberry met and married in the early 80s. She gained a wonderful family full of children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; but mainly great friends in the Elsberry family. She also has many nieces and nephews that she loves dearly. Special Thanks to: Clay and Mavis for being with her on her last days on Earth. As well as her friends at Hanceville Senior Center, Evon and the Rowdy Bunch along with special friend Paula Hoover, her coffee buddy. She had so many friends and if she could leave a message (Be Ruby Strong): Visit loved ones, hug them and forgive as you have been Forgiven and cling to the Old Rugged Cross. Thank you to her doctors and nurses at Cullman Regional Hospital who cared for her. Everyone there was wonderful and caring. Please consider donating to Hanceville Senior Center or Samaritan's Purse in honor of Ruby.

Linda Loretta Hunniecutt Jensen, 83
Linda Loretta Hunniecutt Jensen, age 83, of Cullman, passed away on Dec. 1, 2023, peacefully of natural causes in Hanceville, Alabama. Linda was born Jan. 25, 1940, in Oakland, California, to Muriel and Laurens Hunniecutt. Linda had four brothers all from Sacramento, California. Linda had four children, Frankie Smith, Roxanna Smith, Shawn Smith, and Shannon Cecil. Linda loved to paint and talk about her grandchildren in Alabama, Shawn (Emily) Cecil and Shane Cecil, and two great-granddaughters, Ella Cecil and Avery Cecil. Linda was a traveler and always had a colorful story to tell. Linda was a cancer survivor having been diagnosed with stage-3 lung cancer three years ago at 80 years old. She had been in remission for over a year and was very thankful for her daughter-in-law, Carolyn Cecil, that tended to her every need prior to, during, and after treatments. As Linda's health deteriorated over the past few years, she was very thankful to the staff that assisted her at Cullman Regional Medical Center, Hanceville Nursing Home, and Southern Care New Beacon Hospice in Hanceville. Linda requested that no official service take place, and family will spread her ashes at a location that she made known near New Smyrna Beach, Florida. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice in Hanceville.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The exciting game of paper football

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



We do love our football here in the South. This time of the year is always somewhat bittersweet. It is sweet because we are coming into the exciting time of conference championships, followed by the playoffs and bowl games. The biggest game of the year in the SEC is this weekend. The SEC Championship Game officially decides which SEC team is best, at least on that day. The winner of that game will most likely make the College Football Playoffs. It is bitter because the end of the season, with no more college football until next fall, is just around the corner. Of course, there is still paper football, which anyone can play, any time, and almost anywhere.

I must confess that I have not played a good-game of paper football in quite some time, but I have played my share. What? You've never heard of paper football? Perhaps you have, but you just didn't know what to call it.

Paper football is played with, well, a paper football. It takes one sheet of paper to make the football. It can be any size, but probably the most common ones are made from an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of notebook paper.

The best method, from my vast experience of making them, is to begin by folding the paper in half lengthwise.

Then open it back out, and fold both sides so they meet in the middle, then fold that in half.

This should leave you with a piece that is a little over two-inches wide and eleven-inches long.

Then you fold one corner over to form a triangle. Then fold that section down the paper repeatedly until you reach the end.

Tuck the last piece into the pocket that has been created and now you have your most important piece of equipment for playing paper football...the paper football. You may need to tear a little off the corners in order to get that last section to tuck into the pocket.

You thump the ball across a flat surface with edges, alternating thumps with your opponent.

A touchdown is scored when you skillfully manage to land your football on the opponent's end of the field with any portion of the ball hanging over the edge.

A close call may be checked by running a pencil along the end of the field. If the ball moves, it is a touchdown. Since we didn't have videos back in the day, there are no video reviews.

Once a touchdown is scored, your opponent must set up his goalpost by using his hands. For high school rules, the tips of the pointer fingers meet with the thumbs serving as the uprights.

For NFL and college rules, the tips of the thumbs meet with the pointer fingers serving as the uprights. To make the kick, you stand your football on one end an attempt to thump it between the uprights. Safety glasses are advised to prevent blindness caused by paper cuts!

Some might say that this game has often been played at inappropriate times. Games are rumored to have been played on the top of school desks (during school), on office desks (during work), or worst of all on Baptist hymnals (during worship). The church games are often played with a smaller ball, made from a gum wrapper, or so I've been told. Extra points are not allowed. I am not confessing or denying guilt, but that was a long, long, time ago! I will say that playing during church has been known to draw penalty flags and cause major setbacks!

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1936

From the files of 1936

Ralph H. Sanders is the new minister at the First Christian Church in Cullman. He is a native of Savannah, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertis Rascoe are building a new home in West Cullman.

From January 1, 1935 to June 30, 1935, there were 198 marriage licenses issued in Cullman County.

A Hartford man was paid 12 cents a pound for the first bale of cotton ginned in Cullman County.

Doctor Byron Gibson, of Barberville, Kentucky, attended the funeral of his aunt, Miss Katherine Gurley, on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ray attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Sam Bradford, at Bethsadia, on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Kittie Smith, who has been nursing Miss Katherine Girley, has returned to her home at Reform, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Calvert of Akron, Ohio left Wednesday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Quattlebaum and daughter, Thelma, of Birmingham have returned home after a visit with her sister, Miss Daisy Quattlebaum.

Doctor and Mrs. Jack Fisher of Moulton spent Sunday in Cullman as the guests of Doctor Fisher's mother, Mrs. O.M. Fisher.

A good selection of beds and springs for $5.00. Ad.

Mr. Paul Motzkus had the misfortune of losing a fine mule last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervon Thompson have moved to Cullman.

Mrs. Dora Bridges and son, Floyce and Mrs. Luther Wood and daughter, Ola, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garner at Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Parker visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Cheatom has gone to her home in Akron, Ohio.

A razor bought 200 years ago is still being used by Oliver Ballard of Ionia, New York.

Miss Nadine Allen was the Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Nova Self.

Miss Charlie Thompson left on Saturday for a visit to her parents at Marion, Alabama.

Doctor and Mrs. McAdory were in a Gulf storm, while on a fishing trip to Gulf Shores.

Cullman County has reported twelve cases of infantile paralysis.

Keep smiling, cooler weather is around the corner.

POET'S CORNER

Love in Autumn | By: Sara Teasdale, 1884-1933

I sought among the drifting leaves,
The golden leaves that once were green,
To see if Love were hiding there
And peeping out between.

For thro' the silver showers of May
And thro' the summer's heavy heat,
In vain I sought his golden head
And light, fast-flying feet.

Perhaps when all the world is bare
And cruel winter holds the land,
The Love that finds no place to hide
Will run and catch my hand.

I shall not care to have him then,
I shall be bitter and a-cold —
It grows too late for frolicking
When all the world is old.

Then little hiding Love, come forth,
Come forth before the autumn goes,
And let us seek thro' ruined paths
The garden's last red rose.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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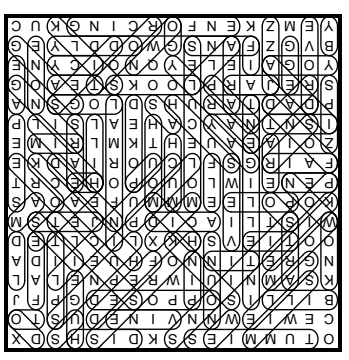
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Wallace State hosting 'Christmas Spectacular' Dec. 7

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — If you need some Christmas cheer, the Wallace State Community College Fine and Performing Arts program will present its annual "Christmas Spectacular" Thursday, Dec. 7, in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. The free show begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

The production will feature performances from the Wallace State Jazz Band, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Singers and Allegro Dance Theatre. The various performing arts programs will present pieces separately and collaboratively as a way to bring the ensembles together while also spotlighting individual programs.

"Our Christmas Spectacular is an exciting time of year when our talented students from all of the Fine and Performing Arts programs come together to create an unforgettable show for the community," said Tiffany Richter, director of the Wallace State Singers and Concert Choir. "After weeks of hard work and preparation, the bands, choirs and dance troupes will be joining forces to bring a special blend of entertainment to the audience. Help us usher in the holidays with a remarkable evening of Christmas tunes for the whole family!"

The Percussion Ensemble under the direction of Jennie Stone will makes its debut, performing "Carol of the Bells" and "Patapan," an old French carol.

"The Percussion Ensemble is comprised mostly of brass and woodwind students who have never played percussion before," Stone said. "I'm very proud of how much they've learned in just a few months, and I'm excited for the future of our new Percussion Ensemble." The Concert Band will present "Sleigh Ride" alongside numerous other holiday favorites to get the audience in a festive spirit. The Allegro Dance Theatre will perform a Rockettes-inspired choreography to "Hot Chocolate" from the film "Polar Express" as well as the "Sugar Plum Swing."

The Choir and Singers will present songs such as "Like It's Christmas" by the Jonas Brothers, "I'll be Home for Christmas" originally by Bing Crosby and many familiar carols, all accompanied by the Wallace State Jazz and Concert Bands.

Other upcoming performances from Wallace State Performing Arts programs include:

• Broadway Night Cabaret, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs

• The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical, March 8-9, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by the Wallace State Theatre program

• Spring Dance Showcase, March 21, at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by Allegro Dance Theatre

• That Seventies Show: Groovy Music to Make You Move, April 11-13, at the Betty Leath Haynes Theatre, by Wallace State Singers

• Big Band Dance, April 19 at 7 p.m., at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, by the Wallace State Jazz Band

• Spring Under the Stars, April 25 at 6:30 p.m., at the Grounds at the Burrow Center, by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs

For more information about the Christmas Spectacular and other upcoming performances, contact Amy Seymore at 256-352-8277 or amy.seymore@wallacestate.edu. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/fpa for more information about Wallace State's Fine and Performing Arts programs.



WALLACE STATE

Members of the Wallace State Singers give a preview of the upcoming "Christmas Spectacular" during a recent event at the college. The "Christmas Spectacular" will be held Thursday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is free.

Christmas in Cullman (from Front)



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