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CPD's Shop with a Cop coming this Saturday

'It is just as rewarding for the officers involved'

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department's longest running community policing event, Shop With a Cop, is happening this Saturday, Dec. 16.

The popular annual Christmastime event has been going strong for a decade.

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said most of the participating children are chosen by Brooks' Place – the Child Advocacy Center of Cullman. Others are chosen based on requests received by the CPD.

"Every child gets to shop with a police officer and volunteers at the » PAGE 5



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With carts loaded with clothing and toys, Cullman Police Sgt. Chris Thomason and Officer Daniel Bingham help their young friends shop for new shoes at Walmart in December 2019.

Hanceville Elementary hosts 'Christmas Around the World'









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Students learned about holiday traditions around the world.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Elementary School Assistant Principal Emily Brown wanted to bring something special to her students this year, and what better way to do so than to take them "around the world" to learn about Christmas traditions?

Brown said she started thinking about idea to do this a few months ago and it continued to grow.

"We painted the walls in the building through Thanksgiving to get the area ready for the tables for the program," she said.

"That building is older and it just needs a little more love and care and we actually had one of our aides, Jennifer Hall, volunteer and she painted all the walls. Once the walls were painted, I painted the doors."

The weekend returning from Thanksgiving break, they began prepping the Christmas area.

"We ended up having 16 tables, representing different countries and also Kwanzaa," Brown said. "It was a great experience for everyone who came."

The venture was called the Holiday Airways, Inc. where different volunteers guided students through the Christmas Around the World setup.

"We used props in several of the displays that the students could take home - like China with their ribbon wands and Israel with their chocolate coins," Brown said.

"This would help them remember how different countries celebrate Christmas and also inspire the love of learning."

Wreaths Across America ceremony at Cullman City Cemetery Dec. 16

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Wagon Trail Med-Serv awarded medical cannabis business license

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Cullman City Board names Teachers of the Year



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Miranda Gunter, West Elementary School; Cassie Bowen, Cullman Middle School; Leanna Smith, East Elementary School; Susan Sharpe, Cullman City Primary School and David Benefield, Cullman High School. » PAGE 8

PET OF THE WEEK

Romp around with Rogelio



DONNA RUTTKAY

Rogelio lounges on a plush bed in the shelter, never straying too far from his precious toy. » PAGE 6



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 13

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 13, 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

Dec. 6
- menacing; person; Hwy. 157

Dec. 7
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Lee Ave. SW; damage to 2017 Dodge; $500

Dec. 11
- identity theft; person
- menacing; theft of property-4th degree; person; Logan St. SW; miscellaneous; $27
- theft of property-4th degree; Dixie Duds and Décor; 2nd St. SE; miscellaneous; $342
- domestic violence-criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; Rae Ave. SW; damaged property; $1,000
- theft of property-4th degree; person; cash; $500

Dec. 12
- leaving scene of accident; person; 2nd Ave. NE and 13th St. NE; damage to 2014 Nissan Pathfinder
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 13th St. NE

ARRESTS

Dec. 11 – 12

Woody, Tina E.; 45
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Watson, Ryan A.; 34
- criminal mischief-3rd degree

Jorgensen, Tyrone J.; 22
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Isbell, Rebecca L.; 37
- domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple arrests over the last several days, including:

Nov. 28
Deputies arrested Christopher Shaun Graves, 40, of Cullman, on a probation violation for possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

Dec. 8
Deputies responded to a call of gunshots in the Water Valley community. Upon arrival, they determined Joshua Edward William Burditus, 38, of Vinemont, had allegedly fired a gun at the reporting victim.

The victim had arrived at a nearby residence to pick up an acquaintance when Burditus allegedly fired at the victim's vehicle.

The victim left the residence in his vehicle and Burditus allegedly pursued the vehicle, firing additional gunshots at the victim. Deputies located Burditus and placed him under arrest.

Burditus is charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle and two counts of reckless endangerment.

Dec. 10
Deputies arrested Darryl Glenn Wadsworth, 61, of Oneonta, on multiple outstanding warrants stemming from incidents in 2022.

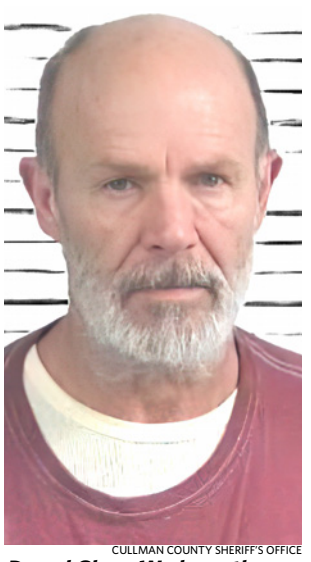
Wadsworth is charged with counterfeiting (grand jury), using a false identity (grand jury), unlawful possession of dangerous drugs (warrant), unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia (warrant) and Illegal possession of prescription drugs (warrant).



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Christopher Shaun Graves



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Joshua Edward William Burditus



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Darryl Glenn Wadsworth

TheraPlay hosting sensory-friendly Santa event this Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Photos with Santa are a trademark of the Holiday season, with bustling malls with bright fluorescent lighting, excited chatter and laughter all around and smells of nearby stores and vendors occasionally wafting through the space. For most people, that may be a nostalgic memory; for individuals with special needs and sensory issues, the bright lights and noise can be overwhelming.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, from 2-4 p.m., TheraPlay, Cullman's sensory-friendly pediatric therapy service, is partnering with Imagine Applied Behavior Analysis to bring a sensory-friendly Santa event to those who may have sensory overload in a traditional Santa photo setting.

Administrative Director for Imagine Applied Behavior Analysis Callie Doss said she saw a need for a Christmas event that everyone could participate in safely.

"We wanted to provide Cullman residents a safe way to meet Santa this year.

"A lot of our clients have sensory issues and elopement issues, both of which could be huge problems in a crowded mall or public outdoor setting.

"Parents can bring their children to a safe, dimly-lit and quiet place to meet Santa and have a picture," said Doss, who explained on-hand staff at the event will be trained therapists and professionals.

"It's always good to have people that are trained in how to handle those situations or elopements on-hand at things like this."

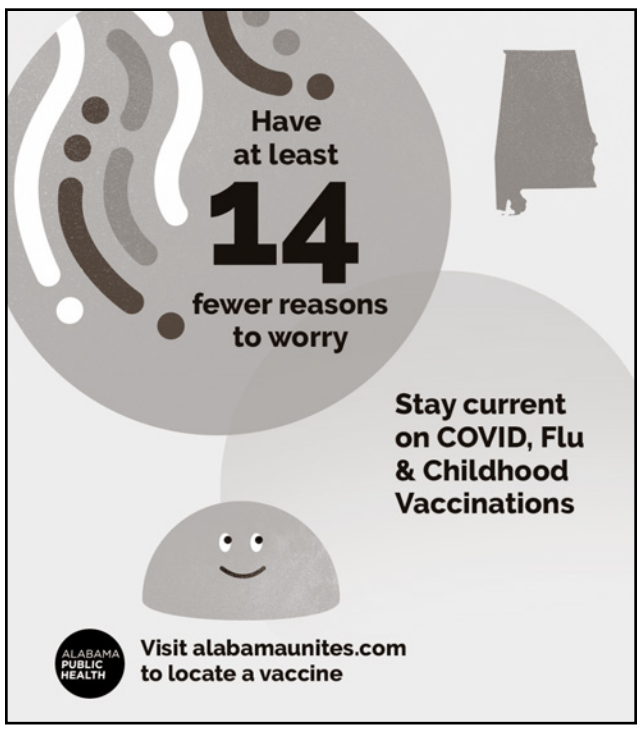
Doss requests that interested families reserve a spot online to meet St. Nick, as overcrowding the office could create a new set of problems. More people in the office means more noise and more chance that a sensory overload could happen, derailing the entire afternoon's plans.

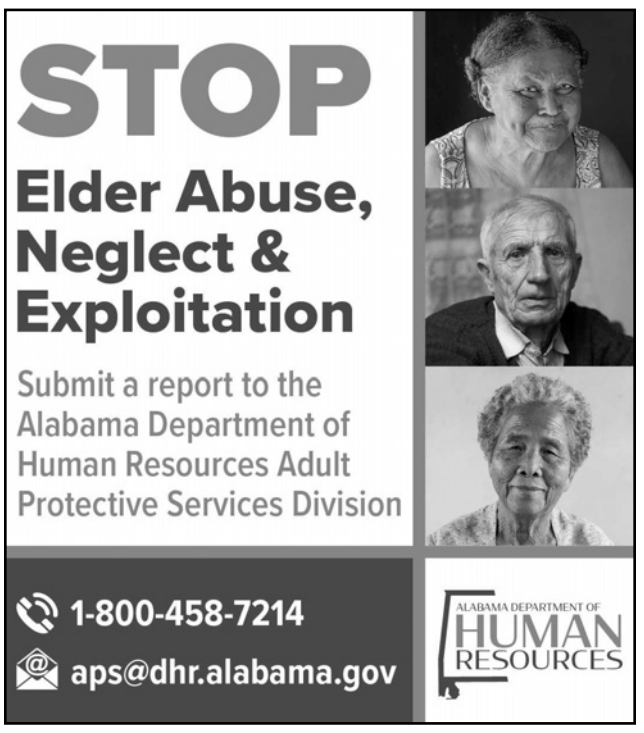
"We do have walk-in availability, but we ask that guests try to pre-register," she said.

"We will have one or two families at a time, so noise and interruptions are limited. We really want this to be enjoyable for everyone that participates."

In addition to meeting the man in red, guests will be able to write their Christmas wish lists, jotting down their hopes and wishes for gifts under their tree.

Pre-register at https://form.jotform.com/233197899258174 or call TheraPlay at 256-841-5185. TheraPlay is located next to The Foundry Thrift Store at 1640 Second Ave. SW in Cullman.







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.
• Friday, Dec. 15 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:15. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Dec. 16 – 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Dec. 17 - 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. 17 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and communion, kids' Christmas play and event at 11!
• Sunday, Dec. 24- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11 a.m.-noon "God sent his Son; they called him Jesus." There will be no breakfast, no bus runs, no children's classes; everyone meets in the sanctuary 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. 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

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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PREP BASKETBALL

Vinemont fends off Fairview 60-50, Lady Eagles collect 44-33 win

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Fairview Aggies made the brief trip over to Vinemont High School for a pair of county matchups Tuesday night and both Eagle squads defended their home court with wins. The Lady Eagles got things started with a 44-33 win over the Lady Aggies and in the boys' game, Vinemont had to fend off a late push from Fairview to earn a 60-50 win.

Vinemont 44 - Fairview 33 (varsity girls)

Jayla Gorham and Reagan Robinson exchanged baskets to start the game and Maggie Burks laid one in to put the Eagles in front 4-2. Another Robinson score gave Vinemont a 6-2 lead midway through the opening period, but a pair of Kailyn Redding buckets trimmed the lead to 8-6 later in the first. Morgan Flanagan split a pair of free throws to put the Eagles on top 9-6 and after Lexi Collins drained a Fairview free throw on the other end, Whitney Quick scored in the final moments of the first quarter to give Vinemont an 11-7 lead going into the second.

Another basket by Redding and a jumper from Reagan Dunkin tied the game at 11 early in the second quarter but Robinson scored eight straight points for Vinemont on the other end to give the Lady Eagles a 19-14 lead midway through the period. Collins score inside to make it a three-point game later in the period but Burks responded with a three-pointer on the other end and Carley Stephens split a pair of free throws in the last 30 seconds of the half to give Vinemont a 23-16 advantage at the break.

Burks drilled a three to get a 9-0 run started for the Lady Eagles in the third quarter that extended the lead to 32-16 at one point. Gorham drained a three to stop the run with just under two minutes remaining in the third and after another Robinson basket, Gorham and Dunkin each hit a pair of free throws to make it a 34-23 game going into the final frame.

After Robinson split a pair of free throws to start the fourth quarter, Lexi Golden buried back to back three-pointers to cut the lead to 35-29.

Quick responded when a basket and a free throw to build the Vinemont lead back up to 38-29 with four minutes to play and the Lady Aggies got another bucket from Davi Stidham and Gorham in the final three minutes, but it wasn't enough to keep pace with the Lady Eagles and Vinemont held on to win it 44-33.

Robinson led the Lady Eagles with 21 points in the win, followed by Burks with 12 and Quick with seven. Gorham led the way for Fairview with 10 points in the loss. Golden added nine and Redding finished with six.

Vinemont 60 - Fairview 50 (varsity boys)

The Eagles got off to a fast start in the opening period, building an early, 6-2 lead over the Aggies with baskets from Isaiah Jones, Jordan Eller and Jeremy Harbison. Jaxon Holcomb knocked down a three to make it a 9-2 game and Jones drained another three to stretch the lead to 12-4 later in the first. AJ Wood converted an and-one play and Blake Rickard scored inside to cut the lead to 12-9 but Kaden Graham netted a pair of free throws in the final second of the first quarter to give the Eagles a 14-9 lead going into the second.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Vinemont's Jaxon Holcomb (5) led the Eagles with 16 points in their 60-50 win over Fairview Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Vinemont's Reagan Robinson led the Lady Eagles with 21 points in their 44-33 win over Fairview Tuesday night.

Baskets by Carson Jones and Rickard trimmed the lead to 14-13 at the start of the second quarter but after hitting a free throw, Dawson Wilhite drilled a three to keep Vinemont ahead 18-13. Graham knocked down a three to make it a 21-15 game midway through the period and after Landun Smith laid one in for Fairview, a 6-0 run by the Eagles made it a 27-17 game with three minutes remaining in the first half. Kobe Payne and Josh Rhodes each drained a pair of free throws to make it 29-19 and Payne converted another three-point play at the line to trim the lead to 29-22. However, Jones hit a jumper for Vinemont on the other end and Holcomb added a pair of free throws in the final minute of the period to give the Eagles a 33-22 lead at the halftime break.

Jones knocked down a pair of free throws and Holcomb scored inside to keep Vinemont in front 37-24 early in the third quarter. Baskets by Wilhite and Holcomb extended the lead to 41-25 and midway through the period, Holcomb's third basket of the quarter made it a 43-27 game.

Payne and Jones exchanged baskets to make it 45-29 and another score by Holcomb put the Eagles on top 47-33 going into the fourth.

Payne hit a pair of free throws and laid one in to cut the lead to 49-37 early in the fourth and Harbison and Yeager exchanged baskets to make it a 51-39 game. Payne drilled a three and Rickard split a pair of free throws to bring the lead down to 53-43 but Holcomb scored inside for Vinemont to keep the Eagles in front 55-43 with just over two minutes on the clock. A pair of Payne free throws made it a 10-point game and Yeager drilled an open three-pointer to make it 55-48. Yeager turned a steal into an easy bucket on the next possession, making it a 55-50 game with just over a minute remaining but the Aggies couldn't chip away any more of the lead than that. After Holcomb split a pair of free throws, Graham knocked down his next four from the free throw line to wrap up a 60-50 win for the Eagles.

Holcomb led Vinemont with 16 points in the win, followed by Jones with 13 and Graham with 12. Payne led the Aggies with 16 points in the loss. Yeager added nine and Rickard posted seven.

Vinemont will be back home to host Brindlee Mountain Friday night and Fairview will travel to play at Arab.

PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond splits varsity matchups with Falkville

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HOLLY POND, Ala. -- The Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Falkville Blue Devils in a pair of region games Tuesday night and Holly Pond ended up splitting its games with Falkville. The Lady Broncos got off to a fast start and all, but one player found the scoring column en route to a 67-22 win over the Lady Blue Devils, while in the varsity boys' game, Holly Pond lost a heartbreaker to Falkville in the end 58-53.

Holly Pond 67 - Falkville 22 (Varsity Girls)

Holly Pond got off to a fast start to the game. Ava Thomas knocked down a floater to put the Lady Broncos on the scoreboard first, and that was later followed by layups by Maggie Nail and Maddie Butts, as that gave them a quick 6-0 lead with a little over two minutes gone in the game.

Nail nailed a trey, then Thomas and Alana Phillips each added a basket in the paint to push the Holly Pond lead to 13-0. Falkville got on the scoreboard with a little over a minute to go in the opening period, and then later converted their and-one opportunity to cut it to 15-5 going into the second quarter.

Thomas put in another layup to start the second for Holly Pond, then Emma Earl and Kamryn Tankersley each drilled a three to give them a 23-5 lead.

The Lady Broncos kept adding onto their lead as Tankersley hit a layup off a Falkville turnover, then a pair of Thomas free throws, a layup by Nail, and a free throw by Ellie Burks pushed their lead to 30-5. Holly Pond would end up taking a 30-11 lead into the locker room.

Earl and Tankersley each hit a quick three to start the third period to give the Lady Broncos a 36-11 lead.

Layups by Burks and Nail, plus an and-one by Burks, increased Holly Pond's lead to 50-13, and the Lady Broncos took a commanding 54-16 lead into the final period. The fourth quarter was run under a hot clock, and Holly Pond ended up getting a 67-22 region win over Falkville.

Nail led the way for Holly Pond with 17 points. Thomas ended up with 14 points. Tankersley finished with 10 points, Earl added nine points, and Burks finished with eight points.

Falkville 58 - Holly Pond 53 (Varsity Boys)

Just like the varsity girls', Holly Pond's varsity boys got off to a quick start to their game against Falkville. Kollin Brown and Sawyer Olinger each drilled a long-range shot to give the Broncos a quick 6-0 lead. Falkville put in a layup to cut it to 6-2, but Carson Ryan nailed a three on the other end, and back-to-back baskets by Cade Allbright gave Holly Pond an early 13-2 lead more than halfway through the first quarter. The Blue Devils, though, had a quick answer, as they went on an 11-0 run to tie the game up at 13. Boston Gibbs stopped the bleeding with a jumper to give the Broncos a 15-13 lead. A basket on the other end by Falkville tied the game up at 15 going into the second quarter.

A hook shot by Nikolas Goodwin gave Holly Pond a 17-15 lead early in the quarter, but a trey by the Blue Devils gave them an 18-17 lead. That would be one of six lead changes that would go on during the quarter. A made jumper by Brown gave the Broncos the lead right back at 23-22. A late push by Falkville, though, saw them take a 29-25 lead into the locker room.

Ryan knocked down a layup off a nice pass from Allbright to cut it to 29-27 early in the third quarter, but six quick points by the Blue Devils pushed their lead to 35-27.

Olinger knocked down a pair from the line, then Goodwin put in a shot in the paint to make it a 35-31 game late in the period. A pair of Brown free throws cut it to 35-33 with less than two minutes to go in the quarter. Falkville, though, scored the final five points of the period to increase their lead to 40-33 going into the final quarter.

Brown drilled a deep trey from the left wing to cut it to 40-36, then later added a pair of free throws to make it a 42-36 game. A Falkville made basket pushed their lead to 45-36, but Ryan and Allbright each knocked down some big free throws to cut it to 45-40 with 3:46 remaining in the contest. An Allbright made basket made it a 48-42 game with less than three minutes remaining in the game. Falkville knocked down a three to make it a 51-42 game, but Holly Pond looked to make things a little interesting at the end.



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Holly Pond's Maggie Nail finished with 17 points in the Lady Broncos' 67-22 win over Falkville Tuesday night.

Goodwin drilled a huge three to cut it to 51-45, and later on, Olinger banked in a trey from the left wing to make it a 53-48 game with a little over a minute to go in the contest. Brown added one of his own from the left wing to trim it to just a two-point game at 55-53 with 26 seconds remaining. A late layup by Falkville, plus a free throw, though, helped seal the 58-53 win for the Blue Devils.

Brown led the way for Holly Pond with 19 points. Goodwin finished with nine points. Allbright and Olinger each added eight points, and Ryan ended up with seven points.

Holly Pond will travel to take on West End Friday night.

Ceremony (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — National Wreaths Across America Day is this Saturday, Dec. 16, and the Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host a short ceremony before being joined by volunteers to place wreaths on veterans' graves at the Cullman City Cemetery. The public is invited.

Wreaths Across America is a "nonprofit organization founded in 2007 to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine wreath maker Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's yearlong mission – Remember the fallen, Honor those that serve, Teach the next generation the value of freedom – is carried out, in part, each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at thousands of participating locations in all 50 states and beyond." (www.wreathsacrossamerica.org)

Althelia Gibbs, a member of Dripping Springs DAR, became involved in the local ceremony last year. "Wreaths Across America has a three-pronged approach. Firstly, they want to remember all the deceased veterans who have sacrificed for their country, and that is the main focus. Secondly, they want to honor living veterans; they donate all proceeds above the cost to make the wreaths to various veterans charities and organizations. Thirdly, is to teach the younger generation about patriotism," she said.

Wreaths Across America began in 1992, when Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, found himself with a large surplus of fresh holiday wreaths. When deciding what to do with his overstock, Worcester recalled childhood experiences from a trip to Washington D.C. Seeing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in person deeply impacted him; Worcester chose to treat the inventory surplus as an opportunity to honor this country's veterans. And so, arrangements were made for the surplus wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors each year. In 2008, the U.S. Congress unanimously voted to name the second or third Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day.

"Last year we only had 262 wreaths to put out. This year we have over 900," said Gibbs. "We will have local Boy Scouts, the Lions Club and the JROTC from the career center (Cullman Area Technology Academy) coming to help lay the wreaths. We also invite the public and attendees to help lay the wreaths. Everyone is welcome to help."

Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony Saturday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. at the Cullman City Cemetery at 812 Ninth St. SW. Laying of the wreaths will immediately follow the short ceremony.

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Inaugural Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race Dec. 16

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Sydni Helms-Hipp is remembered by all as a bright, caring young woman who loved her family, community and Jesus. Her life was tragically cut short in September 2023, but her memory lives on in her community and her family. Her family and friends have come together to create the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund to benefit graduating students from her alma mater, Curry High School, and on Saturday, Dec. 16, will host the inaugural Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race.

"The scholarship is available to a Curry High senior going into the medical/first responders field. They have to have a GPA of 2.75," said her fiancé Scotty Hipp. "They have to also do volunteer work with a letter from someone they have done volunteer work for this school year. They must write a paragraph essay on why they think they should receive this scholarship."

Helms-Hipp loved to ride her horses, for leisure and competition; her love of horses began at a young age and continued to blossom; for her family, a memorial barrel race was the perfect homage to the beloved rider.

Her aunt Angie Payne said, "Riding horses was a passion of hers that developed at a young age. She learned to pull her own horse trailer so she could take her horse to practice and get to shows whenever the opportunity came along."

The barrel race will take place at Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Saturday, Dec. 16, beginning at 9 a.m. There are three divisions, two of which carry hefty payouts for the winner; 75% of the jackpot goes directly into the hands and pockets of the division winners and 25% returns to the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Fund to assist Curry High School students in their college endeavors.

A $40 entrance fee to the Open 4-D category and $30 to enter the Youth 4-D category buys riders the chance to potentially walk away with bragging rights as well as a hefty prize purse. Generous sponsors from the community have added money to each pot, increasing the prize for Open 4-D to over $2,500 and adding $500 to the Youth 4-D cash prize.

Although the PeeWee category doesn't carry a monetary prize, the winner of the youngest group of riders will walk away with a beautiful buckle and a year's worth of bragging rights.

Admission is $5 and benefits the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Scholarship Fund. Children 5 and younger get in free. There will also be vendors on-site. Vendors will be set up and an exhibition for the riders begins at 9 a.m. with one-minute rides $5 each. Riders and their horses are off to the races at 2 p.m. sharp, competing for the buckle, purse and titles.

Sponsors for the Sydni Helms-Hipp Memorial Barrel Race are Artec Tractor and Equipment, Babbie Styslinger, Butts Cutts, Jasper Feed & Seed, State Farm Dalice Jones, Rockin' I Farms, Animal Medical Hospital Holly Pond, Byars Realty Becky Jones, The Something Blue Shoppe, Adcock & Frazier Insurance, Redline Diesel and Auto, Terra Pro Jamie Woods, Southern Tire Mart of Jasper, Alfa Insurance Talisa Shikle, Oden's Auto Glass, GAF Marine, Rasco Cattle Co., Red Oak Veterinary, Bid Daddy T's, Freedom Homes of Jasper, Anytime RV Service, Diver Down Recoveries Team, Boldo Deer Processing, Dunn Legacy Ranch and Tack, Perfect Choice Towing, Agri-Land Aviation, James R Smith Trucking, Cut N Up Barber and Style, Hanceville Exxon, the Shaddix Company, Bobcat of Cullman, THA Unit LLC, Edward Fence and Pole Barn Company, Preferred Rental, Lost Creek Clay, Jack's Restaurant of Curry, Gateway Foodland of Curry, Key Farms, Son's in Arley and Jasper and Smokehouse, Maw Bets, N & N Meats, Walmart in Sumiton, Patton Welding, Nail Tax service, Back Forty Cowboy Church, Emily Sullivan and Carl Cannon with Chevrolet Buick GMC.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31.

Shop with a Cop (from Front)

event," Clark said. "This year we are taking 16 kids shopping at Walmart, where they get to spend between $300-$400 each, depending on the amount of money we raise. After we are done shopping, we take the kids to Chick-fil-A for lunch." Clark said this program is funded by local businesses and individual donations from the community. "This program gives the kids a chance at having a happy Christmas and also, a positive experience with a police officer," he smiled. "Honestly though, it is just as rewarding for the officers involved. It truly is a remarkable experience." For more information, or to donate, contact the Cullman Police Department at 256-734-1434.

License (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County's Wagon Trail Med-Serv was one of five integrated facility applicants awarded medical cannabis business licenses by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC) at its meeting on Dec. 12, 2023. The other four were Trulieve AL, Sustainable Alabama, Flowerwood Medical Cannabis and Specialty Medical Products of Alabama.

"First, I thank all of the integrated facility applicants for their diligent efforts throughout this lengthy licensing process. Second, I cannot emphasize strongly enough how much I appreciate the commitment and hard work of each commissioner as we have navigated through this phase of the program," explained AMCC Chairman Rex Vaughn. "The result of these efforts has led to the award of licenses to entities who the commission has determined are well-suited to serve patients through Alabama's medical cannabis program."

Following this award of licenses, the procedural timelines associated with the post-award licensing process will begin along with the pre-issuance site inspections, according to a media release from the AMCC. Those applicants who were awarded a license will have 14 days to submit the appropriate license fee. Also, any applicant who has been denied a license has 14 days to request an investigative hearing before the Commission for reconsideration of said denial.

The release continued, saying that under the rules promulgated by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, physicians may begin the certification process to recommend medical cannabis to patients after business licenses have been issued. For a patient to qualify for medical cannabis, the patient must have at least one of the qualifying conditions and be recommended for medical cannabis by a certified physician.

Wagon Trail Med-Serv CEO and President Joey Robertson and his facility faced a monthslong uphill battle to receive the license, and a site visit on Jan. 9, 2024, by the AMCC could concrete the location's status as a fully licensed medical cannabis growing operation. After many stalls in the licensing process throughout 2023, Robertson was able to present photos, videos and documents before the AMCC earlier this month.

"Our interview on Dec. 6 went very well. They had great questions at the end and we really appreciated the opportunity to go and show them who we were and that we were more than a stack of papers," said Robertson. "This interview was the second best thing that could have happened, behind the commissioners actually coming out and seeing the facility and talking to us. We were able to present videos of our facility and have real conversations with them about who we are and what we have done."

The next steps for Robertson and Wagon Trail are approaching quickly. AMCC staff will hold an in-person interview at the site on Jan. 9 to inspect and ensure rules and regulations are being followed and timelines are attainable. At that point, if the AMCC believes that Wagon Trail is fully equipped and ready for business, a full Integrated Facility License will be awarded. If that happens, said Robertson, it's "full speed ahead."

In addition to a fully operational growing and processing facility, Robertson plans to expand into dispensaries. "We will have a medical cannabis dispensary in Cullman," he said. "When our patient databases are built and there's an increased need for more dispensaries we will expand that footprint. We are limited by law on how many dispensaries we can operate; any more than five, the commission will look at the need for it and approve on a case-by-case basis."

Robertson said he has been surprised and humbled by the overwhelmingly positive feedback he's gotten from the community. Expecting harsh pushback from the Bible Belt town, Robertson said although he has had some pushback, the community has been overwhelmingly in support of his business.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer visited Robertson and Wagon Trail and said, "I was blown away. I've been in economic development for over 30 years and I've been in a lot of manufacturing plants. This is a manufacturing operation; I would even call it pharmaceutical manufacturing. I don't see how he could be better than he already is."

Said Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope, "I have watched Wagon Trail grow from the beginning. They went above and beyond in the hemp business and know they will do the same thing with medical cannabis. I would personally much rather see good, local hard-working people get in on the ground level here over out-of-state investors that have no ties or interest in the community."



Rogelio (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Rogelio, an approximately 2-year-old male miniature oinscher with a spotted caramel and ebony coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Rogelio is holding fast to his puppy energy, maintaining a medium-to-high energy level. He is a cheerful fellow, typically sporting a sly grin as he poses for photos. Rogelio is a beacon of warmth in these cold winter months as his sunny personality lights up the room.

Rogelio bears an animated demeanor, joyfully gnawing on his toys and romping about with his friends at the shelter. He is progressing well with his leash skills, and with encouragement from you, is sure to flourish! Rogelio's jolly outlook on life would make him an ideal hiking, therapy or companion dog.

Are you ready to play with Rogelio? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

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

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

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On Monday, December 18th 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request on setbacks at 609 6th Street SE
2. Variance request for a sign at 1908 Cherokee Avenue SW

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on January 22, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-08 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. - Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 08

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Blue Hole, LLC.

Lot 2. Legal Description: A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 11.14 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, AND BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 18 AND RUN THENCE NORTH 87 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 22 SECONDS WEST (BEARING BASED ON AL. STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83, GRID) AND RUN ALONG THE ACCEPTED SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 657.92 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 159.45 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF U.S. HIGHWAY NO. 31 AND BEING IN A CURVE TO THE LEFT, HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 04 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 34 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 1,979.85 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF NORTH 76 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 146.58 FEET; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 146.61 FEET TO A SET REBAR (CONN-17831); THENCE NORTH 16 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 412.09 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 49 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 40 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 437.20 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE SOUTH 82 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 26 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 269.56 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 48 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 146.94 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 65 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 40.24 FEET TO A SET REBAR; THENCE NORTH 86 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 162.40 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST BANK OF RYAN'S CREEK; THENCE RUN IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION FOLLOWING SAID WEST BANK THE FOLLOWING 3 COURSES: SOUTH 22 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 115.36 FEET; SOUTH 09 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 15 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 190.67 FEET; SOUTH 26 DEGREES 23 MINUTES 33 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 64.96 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 316.90 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Agriculture District AG-2 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from AG-2 Agricultural District and AG-1 Agricultural District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 22nd day of January, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of storage unit A17, rented to Devin Marsh, whose last known address is 360 Co. Rd. 402, Killen, AL; and unit B11, rented to Mandy Lucas, whose last known address is 441 Co. Rd. 134, Bremen, AL 35033: and any other abandoned units, will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on Saturday, December 23, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. at Bailey Rentals Self Storage located at 7710 Highway 31, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077 according to the signed or verbal contract for past due rent and fees.

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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 SARAH SUE REYNOLDS, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2023-392**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to SANDRA COX as Personal Representative of the Estate of SARAH SUE REYNOLDS, deceased, on the 11th day of December, 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.

SANDRA COX
Personal Representative

Rachel Fleming
Attorney for Petitioner
1490 Northbank Parkway, Suite 246
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35406

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

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2023-388

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA ANN BEELER, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Henry Stewart Beeler, Jr., on the 12th day of December, 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.

Henry Stewart Beeler, Jr.
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD 2023-038

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF RITA CASEY AND KENNETH CASEY TO ADOPT C.L.G. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TO ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED FATHER OF C.L.G. WHOSE IDENTITY, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of C.L.G., a minor child (born on January 22, 2010, to Ashley Lee Griffin) was filed on the 5th day of May, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rita Casey and Kenneth Casey, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF December, 2023.

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

PB MIN BK 220 PG 557 - 11/28/2023 02:20 PM
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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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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 ESTATE OF

VICKIE LYNN HOOPER, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-366

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF VICKIE LYNN HOOPER, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Eric Steven Heald on the 11th day of December, 2023, by the Honorable 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.

Eric Steven Heald, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 ESTATE OF

MYRA MARIA CHRISTINA MARTIN, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-283

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF MYRA MARIA CHRISTINA MARTIN, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Lisa Gurganus on the 21st day of September, 2023, by the Honorable 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.

Lisa Gurganus, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 12-13

Johnny Ray Quick, 66
Funeral service for Johnny Ray Quick, 66, of Cullman, is Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, at 6 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Quick was born Sept. 22, 1957, to James David Quick and Margaret Wynell Boatright Quick. He passed from this life on Dec. 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Sheila Cook and Carol Myrick; step-father, Olus "Slick" Ferrell Myrick. Survivors include his wife, Johnna Quick; son, Jonathan Quick (Rylie Bryant); four daughters, Katrina (Jack) Limbrick, Krystal Quick, Kandice (Michael) Gray, Kourtney (B.J.) Brantley; two brothers, James (Linda) Quick, Greg Myrick; Brother-In-Law, Joe Cook; four sisters, Delilah (Steve) Sontag, Kay (Bruce) Twilley, Denise Quick, Carlene Parris; grandchildren, Logan Quick, Jaiden Ozbolt, Joseph Limbrick, Sam Limbrick, Kaliza Brown, Cody Brown, Anthony Gray, Olivia Gray, Braxton Denney, Jaxon Denney, Kylee Denney, Kelsi Denney, Kynleigh Brantley, Kade Brantley; family and friends. Johnny was a huge sports fan. He especially loved Alabama football, the Dallas Cowboys, wrestling, Nascar and Dale Earnhardt. He was a lover of classic rock music as well and he loved his grandkids and his family so much. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Detlef Herbert Peter, 73
Arrangements for Detlef Herbert Peter, 73, of Hanceville, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Peter was born June 17, 1950, to Guenter Peter and Elisabeth Hampe Peter. He passed from this life on Dec. 10, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Christina Michelle Gerakis; step-daughter, Amber Bradford; brother, Dirk (Susan) Peter; sister, Gloria (Cliff) Jones; grandchildren, Aiden Gerakis, Xander Gerakis, and Carter Ottley. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Carol Lynn Russell Fowler, 50
Carol Lynn Russell Fowler, 50, of Bremen, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023 Carol was born on a Naval base in Spain. She graduated from Cold Springs High School in 1991. She worked for State Farm for over 30 years. She had a big heart and loved her family greatly. She was known in her community for creating amazing cakes for any occasions, as a majorette coach who loved her students like her own kids, a Sunday school teacher, and the church Christmas playwright. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Cagle and Bo Russell, her grandparents, TJ and Laura Pate and JW and Audra Russell. She leaves behind a husband, Neil Fowler, and two sons, Coty and Russell Fowler; siblings, Tina (Jason) Herfurth, Leslie (Clay) Ingram, Dwight (Sarah) Cagle, Jennifer (Kyle) Tucker, and Tiffany (Shanan) Ward; a stepfather, Dwight Cagle, and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Corinth Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2023, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home.

Kathy Sue Campbell, 64
Kathy Sue Campbell, 64 of Double Springs, Alabama, passed away Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Hendrix Healthcare and Rehabilitation. She was born May 22, 1959, in Alabama. Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where the funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the services at Antioch Cemetery in Phil Campbell. Dr. Nathan Carroll will officiate. Kathy is survived by her friends and caregivers at Hendrix Healthcare and Rehab, Winston-Marion Arc, and the Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center. She was preceded in death by her father, Walter R. Campbell, and mother, Sarah Mae Williams Campbell.

Jan Callan Massey, 71
Funeral service for Jan Callan Massey, age 71, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dr. Tim Lipsey officiating; interment in Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Massey passed away on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2023, at Brookwood Medical Center. She was born June 8, 1952, in South Carolina to Willie "Bill" Eugene Callan and Doris Faye Callan. She was preceded in death by her father and brother, Mike Callan. Survivors include her husband, Dewayne Massey; daughter, Tonya Hardy (Joey) Clark; stepsons, Eric Massey and Chris Mayo; mother, Doris Faye Callan; and brother, Carol Callan.

Elvina Judy Dodd, 71
Elvina Judy Dodd, 71 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, at her residence. She was born July 4, 1952, in White House Community, Alabama. Judy graduated from Phillips High School in 1970. She was a member of Oak Grove Church of Christ and loved going to church as she taught Bible Study for over 50 years. Judy also loved taking kids to local VBS. She also enjoyed going to church singings. Judy loved going to Tiger Den and loved going to get her hair done every Saturday. She loved her family and friends and always had a smile on her face. Visitation will be on Thursday, Dec.14, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. The funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Church of Christ, where Mrs. Dodd will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Burial will follow the services in the adjoining cemetery. Vance Hutton and Jeff Jenkins will officiate. Judy is survived by her husband, Jerome Dodd; son, Jake (Alicia) Dodd; daughter, Jessica (Tracy) Lee; grandchildren, Corey (Crystal) Lee, Braxton Lee, Tyson Lee, Jacob Dodd; great grandchildren, Braxton and Kensley Lee, and one on the way; sisters, Edweana Brock, Ellen Rogers, and Evelene (Joe) Faircloth; brothers, Buddy Cummings, Elton Cummings; brothers-in-law, Charles (Lois) Dodd and Gary (Diane) Dodd; sister-in-law, Wynonia Dodd; a host of nieces and nephews; and a special care giver, Heather Wallace. She was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon and Florene Cummings; grandparents; brother, Ed Wendel Cummings; sisters-in-law, Gwen Cummings and Mary Dodd; brothers-in-law, Ricky Rogers, Steve Dodd, Jack and Hoyt Dodd, Loyce Dodd, Ricky Dodd, Quinton Dodd, Frank Dodd Jr., and Roger Dodd; father and mother-in-law, Frank and Ella Dodd; and a host of family and friends.

Howard Crawford Adams, 55
Howard Crawford Adams, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023, at the age of 55. Mr. Adams was born to Charles Edgar and Martha Carolyn Nelson Adams on Oct. 5, 1968, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Mr. Adams was a truck driver by trade, but his job wasn't just a job. Howard loved what he did, and his time spent behind the wheel was a passion that he found joy in. Mr. Adams loved to laugh and joke and was always making others laugh too. His kindness and heart for others was evident in the ways he gave of himself to those who needed help. Howard loved his family, and his grandchildren held a special place in his heart. Mr. Adams was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many, and he will be greatly missed. Howard is preceded in death by his parents as well as a son, Howard Lee Adams. Mr. Adams is survived by his wife, Michelle Adams; children, Austin Adams (Joy), Cory Adams (Emma), and Kaylin Cox (Skylar); and his grandchildren, Brayden Cox, Brycen Cox, Gunner Cox, Olivia Adams, Amanda Adams, and Zona Adams. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hayden, Alabama, on Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m., with Brother Tim Barnett officiating. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Adams family.

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Commission approves rate increases for Smith Lake Park, Stony Lonesome

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its monthly meeting on Dec. 12 approved price increases for camping and park admission fees.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport addressed the commission in hopes of it approving a camping rate increase for Smith Lake Park, to bring overnight and weekly rates to the same level as other recreational campsites in the area. Currently, the cost to camp at Smith Lake Park is $16 for tent sites and $30 for camper/RV sites. The increase will add $12 to each nightly rate and an additional $10 to be applied on holiday/festival weekends. The current Military/Senior/First Responder discount of 15% will remain the same.

"We are about $12-$15 less than other sites. This puts us in line with the others (campgrounds), maybe a couple of dollars under them," said Davenport. "Besides Point Mallard and Lake Guntersville, we are also the only park that has a lake."

Davenport also requested the Commission approve his request to increase the cost of admission at Stony Lonesome OHV Park. Currently, pricing is based on time of day; admission from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. is $15 per person; taking part in a night ride will currently set riders back $20 each. The commission approved Davenport's request to increase the admission for Stony Lonesome to one flat rate of $20 per rider, no matter the time of day.

On the agenda was a request for the commission to approve the purchase of nine XK300 medical sensor devices from Reassurance Solutions, paid from opioid settlement funds in the amount of $55,600. The request was approved unanimously.

"These medical sensor devices would be a permanently affixed device to the structure," Cullman County Administrator John Bullard explained. "It monitors breathing for inmates. They can be installed in all the jail cells to determine if there's been an overdose; most of the time, when someone comes in with drugs in their system we send them to the hospital. But this will further protect people and ensure we don't have overdoses."

Each commissioner agreed with Bullard, with Commissioner Kerry Watson adding, "I think it's a good thing to have."

In other business the commission:

• Recognized Ginger Taylor retiring after 25 years with the Commission Office

• Recognized Tina Parker retiring after 27 years with the Garage

• Recognized Lori Beckhart retiring after 25 years with the Water Department

• Approved Resolution 2024-01: Authorize Chairman to sign Recovered Resource Revenue Agreement

• Approved Resolution 2024-02-Submit application for Rebuild Alabama Grant for County Road 1670 and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork

• Approved putting dumpsters at various locations throughout the county for Christmas (locations TBA)

• Approved renewal of Liability Insurance with County Risk Services in the amount of $521,251.04 and authorize Chairman to sign all related documents

• Approved Commissioner Watson's reappointment, Phillip Garrison, to the Solid Waste Authority Board for a 4-year term to expire 11/20/27

• Approved Chairman Clemon's reappointment, Tim Culpepper, to the Health Care Authority Board for a 6-year term to expire 06/30/29

• Approved Chairman Clemon's nominee, Kenneth Cornelius, to the E-911 Board to replace Kenneth Nail for a term to expire 9/1/25

• Approved renewal of Wind Hail buy back with Byars Wright in the amount of$34,428.80 and ratify all actions

• Approved renewal of property, automobile, and equipment insurance with EMC through Byars Wright Insurance in the amount of $545,650 and ratify all actions

• Approved the purchase of four(4) 2024 Kenworth Tri-axle Cab/Chassis for the Road Department in the amount of $197,600 each

• Approved the purchase of four(4) 2024 Logan truck bodies for the Road Department in the amount of $32,385 each

• Approved the surplus of six(6) 2021 Kenworth T880 Tri-axle Dump Trucks to be auctioned with JM Woods

• Approved proposed preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616

• Approved proposed preliminary plat Bella's Ridge Subdivision first addition. A minor subdivision containing 3 lots located off County Road 616

The next commission work session will be Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at 4 p.m. in the commission meeting room. The meeting will follow at 6.

Baileyton hosts 4th annual Christmas Drive-Thru

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Young residents of Baileyton enjoyed another festive event during the holiday season as hundreds of cars lined around the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department for the fourth annual Christmas Drive-Thru, held Saturday evening, Dec. 9, 2023. The event was a team effort between the town council and the BVFD and began as a way to spread Christmas cheer when social distancing was necessary in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. The celebration has become a Christmas tradition in the Baileyton community.

Mayor Windell Calloway shared that while this year's event was not without challenges due to severe weather predictions, that didn't stop the folks of Baileyton from coming out for a chance to chat with Santa, enjoy a grilled hamburger or hotdog and bring home a new toy.

"We started early because of the weather, and we had people lining up.

"We just wanted to try to make sure everyone could get through and enjoy it," he said.

It was all hands on deck as nearly 400 children filed through the fire department, waving to Santa through backseat windows and pointing to toys under the tree that caught their eye.

"We brought three truckloads of toys, and you can see what's left!" laughed Calloway, pointing to a few toys left under the tree.

Baileyton Town Clerk Nikki Fry chimed in, "It's been lined up!

"This is our first break since it started," laughing as she prepared grab-and-go bags of hamburgers, chips and cookies for residents still to come.

To stay up to date on future events hosted in the Baileyton area, follow the Town of Baileyton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thetownofbaileyton.



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Members of the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department, co-hosts of the Town of Baileyton's fourth annual Christmas Drive-Thru event are left to right, Hunter McKelvy, Toby Houser, Fire Chief Zack McGee, Jack McGee, Cassie Shehan, Rebecca King and Marc Shehan.

Cullman City Board names Teachers of the Year

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Cullman City School Board recognized the system's 2023-2024 Teachers of the Year. Winners received a certificate recognizing their achievements, a gift card from AmFirst Credit Union and the opportunity to receive a $1,000 stipend to benefit their classrooms.

Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff shared words about each winner:

David Benefield: Cullman High School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

Benefield is celebrating his 30th year of education, with the last 27 of those being at Cullman High School. He received his Bachelor's from Auburn and his Master's from Alabama A&M. He gained recognition as a national board-certified teacher in 2006, and was one of the first agriculture program teachers in Alabama to receive national board certification.

He serves as a CHS FFA advisor and has seen success with the organization over the years; CHS FFA has won several state championships and has multiple state runner-up awards. He also serves as a CHS sports shooting team assistant coach and faculty sponsor. He has been recognized as one of Cullman City School's "movers and shakers" for the last two years.

Aside from his many educational accolades, he is very active in the Cullman community at large by serving with a myriad of organizations. Benefield is currently the director and vice president of the Cullman County Cattleman's Association and previously served on the Cullman County Farm-City Committee. He is a dedicated member and committee member of Duck River Baptist Church.

Cassie Bowen: Cullman Middle School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

Bowen has made an incredible impact on the Cullman City School community with an unwavering dedication to the students of Cullman Middle School.

Her commitment extends to various areas as she teaches English language students and provides dyslexia and tier three intervention while also serving as Cullman Middle School cheer coach.

Bowen's ability to address the needs of English language students reflects her deep understanding of diverse learning styles, fostering an inclusive and supportive classroom environment. Through her expertise in dyslexia intervention, she has demonstrated a remarkable ability to empower students facing unique challenges, ensuring every learner receives the support they need to thrive.

In the area of tier three intervention, Bowen's commitment to academic excellence shines as well. She goes above and beyond to identify and address the specific needs of students who require additional assistance, playing a pivotal role in their educational journey to overall success.

Leanna Smith: East Elementary School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

Smith is a graduate of Athens State University and has been an educator for 17 years. She has taught Pre-K to fifth grade and volunteers with middle and high school students. She has been a teacher at East Elementary School for four years and currently teaches third grade where she also serves as the outdoor classroom coordinator and garden club sponsor.

She is married to Christopher Smith and has two children.

Principal Melanie Harris contributed, "Mrs. Smith is always making those around her happy through her acts of kindness, service and positivity. She was born to learn, volunteer, collaborate and ensure success for all."

Not only is she an advocate for East Elementary, but also Cullman City Schools as she serves and assists her husband with the Bearcat marching band. She finds joy in building student relationships and watching them grow socially, emotionally and academically.

She loves challenging herself to work and grow in new areas and tells her students that, often, the rewards are waiting at the end of the challenge. She's a lifelong learner and is currently working toward her national board certification.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY

Left to right are Miranda Gunter, West Elementary School; Cassie Bowen, Cullman Middle School; Leanna Smith, East Elementary School; Susan Sharpe, Cullman City Primary School and David Benefield, Cullman High School.

Miranda Gunter: West Elementary School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

Gunter has spent most of her life in the Cullman City School system as a student of East Elementary School, Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School. She received her undergraduate degree in elementary education at the University of North Alabama and received her Master's degree from the University of Alabama-Birmingham, where she received an award for outstanding graduate student in the department of leadership, special education and foundations. She has taught for 24 years in Cullman City as a gifted teacher, fifth grade teacher and third grade teacher.

For the last nine years, she has been the gifted teacher at West Elementary. She is married to Scott Gunter and has two sons, Preston and Harrison. She believes teaching is a calling that has been very rewarding for her; it is especially rewarding when she sees former students and they share fond memories.

Susan Sharpe: Cullman City Primary School Teacher of the Year 2023-2024

Sharpe has been a kindergarten teacher at Cullman City Primary for the last four years and has been in education for 18 years, having taught in Tennessee, Georgia and Arkansas. She has taught a variety of subjects throughout her education career and has taught in grades from kindergarten to second grade as well as P.E. and serving as a student-teacher supervisor.

According to a parent from Sharpe's class, "She is the type of teacher who is the same in the classroom as she is at a basketball game or anywhere else in public. She has had such a huge impact on my son; he gained not only educational knowledge in her classroom, but confidence, too."

She is passionate about her students and their interests, and loves to see her students succeed.

In other business:

• The Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement for Clinical Experiences with the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Education, effective Aug. 1, 2023

• The Board approved a mileage contract effective Dec. 1, 2023 through Sept. 30, 2024

• The Board approved a contract with Patrick Bates for technical projects with the CCS Technology Department, effective Dec. 12, 2023

• The Board approved a joint purchasing agreement with Sand Mountain CNP Cooperative

• The Board approved the salvage of a Color Laser Jet Pro m452dn printer from Cullman City Primary School

The next regular Cullman City School Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024, at 5 p.m. in the Cullman City Board of Education board room.