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Elks Lodge spreads Christmas love

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Elks Lodge has been hosting three impactful programs this holiday season in an effort to give back to the community – and has been doing so for nearly two decades.

For over 60 years, the lodge has been hosting the Children's Christmas Party, serving an average of 125-150 children from both the county and city head start programs.

Program Chair Alena Cook said the event featured Santa's arrival via helicopter and a pizza feast provided by the Elks Lodge Elves, and each child received a special gift along with a photo opportunity with Santa Claus.

"Seeing the smiling faces of the children as Santa lands is what truly makes Christmas magical" Cook said.

This holiday season, the Cullman Elks Lodge worked with three programs, supported by grants and local fundraising efforts, to assist even more individuals.

Along with the Santa event, they were also able to help with the » PAGE 6



JESSICA ATCHLEY

A local child looks on in awe as Santa Claus arrives at the Cullman Elks Lodge.

'Spreading Christmas cheer, 365 days a year!'

Alabama author hosts storytime at Hanceville Public Library



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Alabama author Rachel McDaniel grins with a gaggle of kiddos at the Hanceville Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Public Library's children's area was packed Wednesday morning for a few reasons: December birthday celebrations were in order, a general Christmas party was on the schedule and, perhaps most exciting, a visit and storytime with Mrs. Claus herself, portrayed by Alabama author Rachel McDaniel.

A professional Mrs. Claus impersonator, McDaniel has amassed quite a following online and in person, not only for her jovial play of Santa's doting wife, but also as an accomplished author.

She wrote and published "Mrs. Claus Saves Christmas Day" to read to all the littles she meets during her school and library tours.

McDaniel said the book came to fruition from a need to keep kiddos hooked into storytime, and with books centered around the fabled Mrs. Claus few and far between, she decided to bridge the gap herself.

"I realized there weren't many books about Mrs. Claus, and the books that are, are longer and couldn't keep their attention," she explained, mentioning a lifelong love of writing made the book a breeze.

She finished the entire storyline in just one day, with the actual book coming together about a year later.

"It took almost a year to complete with the illustrations," she said, gesturing to the colorful and inclusive art that helps convey the message McDaniel wants to spread.

"I wanted a sweet message, one of love and believing in yourself!" she exclaimed.

McDaniel referenced how the message ties back to her stepping out in faith to become Mrs. Claus in the beginning – and credited a fellow (younger) » PAGE 3

Devil Dawgs Concessions feeds 493



JOE BROWN

Joe and Pat Brown of Devil Dawgs Concessions handed out nearly 500 plates on Dec. 20, at the food truck's free holiday meal giveaway. » PAGE 6

Weston Clay Montgomery Memorial Fishing Tournament set for Jan. 1



MISTY THOMAS

The inaugural Weston Clay Montgomery Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held Jan. 1, 2024, at Smith Lake Dam. » PAGE 2

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 22

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 22, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 18

- assault; CR 233
- dog bite; CR 119
- theft of property; CR 264
- burglary; CR 1435
- theft of property; CR 645
- domestic violence; CR 233

Dec. 19

- domestic violence; CR 1809
- reckless endangerment; attempt to elude police officer; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 545
- theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 623
- burglary; CR 1621
- criminal mischief; CR 1850
- harassment; CR 248

ARRESTS

Dec. 18 – 20

Bakers, Joseph W.; 53

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- open container-alcohol in the vehicle

Brown, Stacy O.; 52

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled (2 counts)

Cantrell, Jerimiah R.; 27

- FTA- pedestrian under the influence
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- violation of domestic violence protection order

Chumley, Eric R.; 24

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Coker, Michael J.; 48

- attempting to elude police officer- serious injury or death
- reckless endangerment
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cook, Jacob L.; 37

- drug trafficking
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Creel, Misty B.; 45

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Cross, Tara L.; 29

- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- criminal trespass

Dixon, Kayci T.; 30

- Grand Jury- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Farr, Larry D.; 63

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Getty, James S.; 45

- possession of dangerous drugs
- DUI (alcohol)

Hicks, William D.; 27

- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (3 counts)
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Holt, Brandy R.; 34

- attempting to elude police officer
- burglary-residence-no force

Hudson, Brooklyn F.; 42

- harassing communications

Hughes Jr., Edgar L.; 50

- FTA- fraudulent use of credit/debit cad

Johnson, Matthew L.; 39

- attempting to elude peace officer
- burglary-residence-force

McDonald, Shannon A.; 42

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Miller Jr., Thomas P.; 33

- FTA- burglary-residence-no force

Mitchell, Gary D.; 52

- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Owens, Stacy R.; 33

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Ragsdale, James D.; 37

- FTA- attempting to elude police/law enforcement officer-serious injury

Robertson, William C.; 36

- Sex Offense- adult sex offender-violation of homelessness restrictions
- Sex Offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Sanford, Kristy Lynn G.; 48

- FTA- larceny/theft-pickpocket, $500 less than $1,500

Speakman, Alisha N.; 43

- Probation Revoked- possession of dangerous drugs
- Probation Revoked- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Angila W.; 54

- criminal trespass

Townsel, Michael Bret S.; 34

- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Wilson, Jacqueline M.; 29

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Dec. 20

Reynolds, Edward R.; 31

- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



Tournament (from Front)

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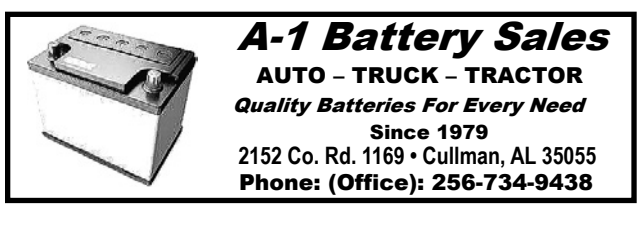
CULLMAN, Ala. — Weston Montgomery was a young, vivacious teenager who had his life cut short earlier this year. It was a loss felt by his whole community; they often remember him as a kind young man who loved his friends and family, the only thing more important than fishing. Montgomery's mother Misty Thomas is harnessing her grief and turning her late son's memory and love of the sport into an open-registration fishing tournament, the Weston Clay Montgomery Memorial Tournament.

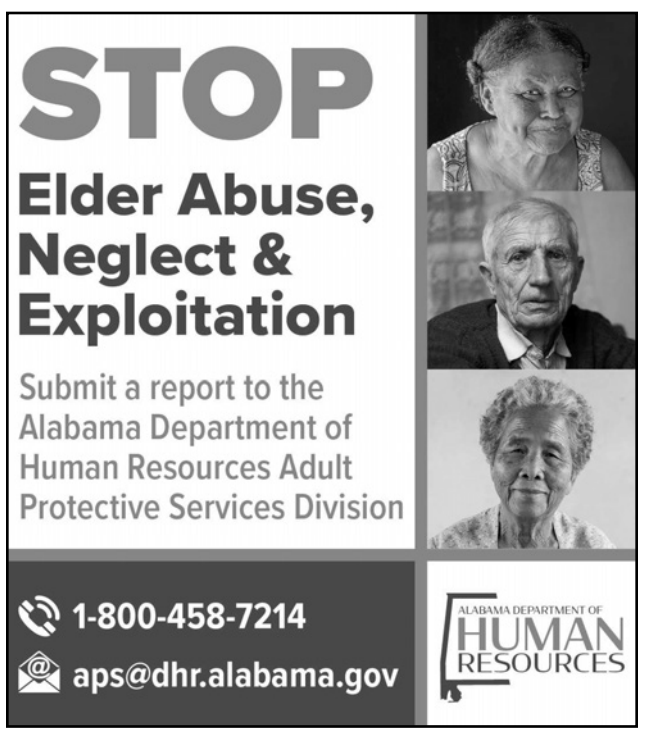
Montgomery was a bright West Point High School student when he was enrolled in the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Machine Shop program. He was "one of the best, according to his teachers," said Thomas.

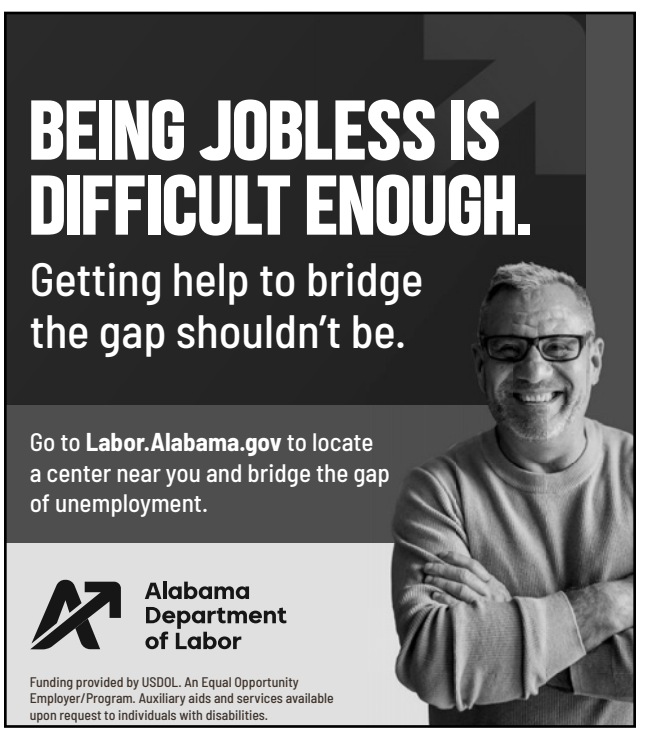
"Everything happened so fast with his death we didn't have time to think about the memorial fund. After talking to his teachers we decided to start a nonprofit memorial fund to provide funds to students in need that are in the (CATA) Machine Shop program. This can be used for tools and other equipment needed," she said. "If you knew Weston, you would know he loved fishing. If he wasn't working on something he would find a way to go fishing. Almost every picture I have is of him fishing."

Thomas longed for an avenue to honor her son in more than one way – remembering him for who he was and the love he brought to so many, as well as ensuring that his legacy and kindness live on in the lives of others through his memorial fund. To Thomas, a fishing tournament was the logical choice, as if Montgomery had picked it himself. As a member of the West Point High School Fishing Team, Montgomery had a few scholarship prize tournament wins under his own belt.

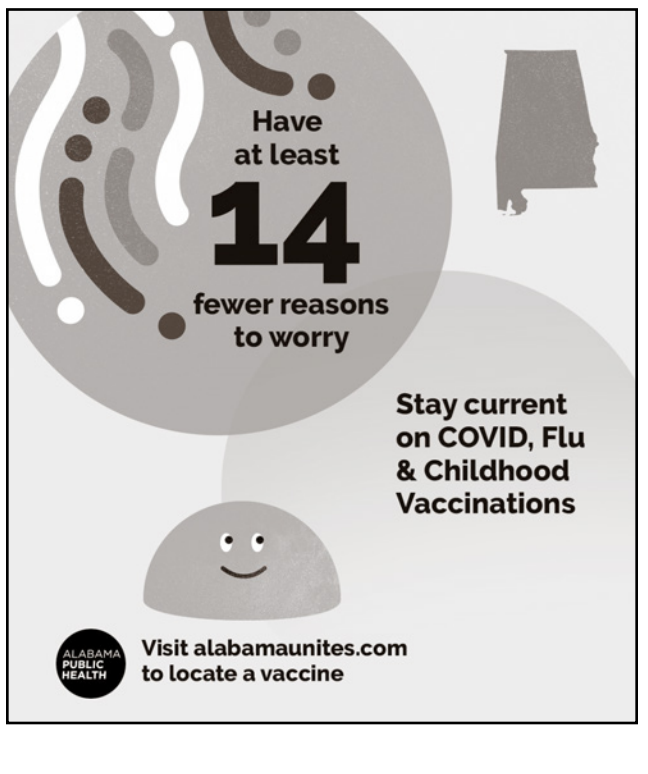
The Weston Clay Montgomery Memorial Fishing Tournament will be held on Jan. 1, 2024, at Smith Lake Dam beginning from safe daylight until 3 p.m. Each boat will pay a $150 entrance fee, with the chance to at $6,000 as first-place winner; a total of five winners will be recognized. Get more information and register at http://tinyurl.com/WMontgomery.













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.
• Sunday, Dec. 24 - 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. 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. 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.

Dates
• Dec. 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

2024 Polar Bear Plunge
Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. at WildWater and the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center. Prizes include four WildWater season passes and one annual family CWAC membership. Event benefits Special Olympics. You MUST be present to win! The event is FREE to enter, and we will be accepting optional donations at the event for our partner, Special Olympics! Register NOW to take the plunge: http://tinyurl.com/PolarBear-Plunge2024

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Author (from Front)

Santa for giving her the push to do it now, despite seeming a bit young to play the experienced Mrs. Claus.

"Well, last year I was inspired by a friend. He was in the process of becoming Santa. I thought this was something I'd have to do when I was much older, so when I met him (I) thought, 'Well, I'm going to do it, too!'" she laughed.

In August 2022, a TikTok account bolstered her confidence and helped her find her people.

"I started posting stuff on TikTok, and that kind of blew up, and I realized that other people love Christmas as much as I do!" she grinned.

McDaniel is eager to continue "spreading Christmas cheer, 365 days a year!" as she puts it, and has offered a free digital copy of her book for all, right in time for Christmas Eve.

"Mrs. Claus Saves Christmas Day" is available for free download on Kindle Dec. 23-24, 2023; paperback copies are available on Amazon for $12.99.

To keep up with McDaniel and her future readings, follow @mrs.hollyjollyclaus on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Addison picks up 61-35 win over Curry, Lady Bulldogs fall 38-29

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ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Bulldogs hosted the 4A Curry Yellow Jackets for two contests on the hardwood at lovely Allen Stephenson Gym on a blustery chilly Monday night. The young Lady Bulldogs played good basketball for three quarters of their game but there are four quarters in a contest, and they decided not to show up for the third period. Addison lost a tough one, 38-29 to the Lady Yellow Jackets. The Addison men dominated the gentlemen from Curry to come away with a convincing 61-35 win.

Curry 38 – Addison 29 (varsity girls)

The young ladies from Addison seem to be getting better and then they fall back a little bit. This is what happened tonight. Addison got off to a good start and won the period against the larger Curry team, 7-5. Gracie Roberts nailed a deep three-pointer while Karson Wyatt and Ava Bartlett had a bucket apiece. Bartlett also dominated the glass as she pulled in 5 rebounds. Curry was led by Jaylee Calloway who scored all 5 points for the Lady Yellow Jackets.

The second period was good for the Lady Dawgs as well as they won the period 9-8 to take a 16-13 lead into the half. Addison still had problems, as they have all year, handling pressure defense but they overcame that by playing good defense of their own. The second period was the Bartlett and Wyatt show for the Lady Bulldogs. Bartlett led Addison with 5 points and 5 rebounds. Wyatt countered with 4 points and 6 rebounds. Curry hung tough led by Ambrey Taylor who had 6 points and 3 rebounds. Jenna Madison chipped in a bucket and a board.

Curry came out in the third period and completely blitzed the young Bulldogs. They pressured the Lady Bulldogs denying entry passes and completely denying the passing lanes forcing numerous turnovers. Curry dominated the third period outscoring the hometown girls 19-3 to take a 32-19 lead. Taylor led Curry with 11 points while Madison had 4 and Sarabeth Auble along with Jacey Page had 2 points apiece. Bartlett led Addison with 2 points while Kabri Dyson hit a free throw.

Coach Bailey Boland rallied her ladies, and they were able to regroup and win the fourth period 10-6. Addison was led by Bartlett with 7 points and Emma Cleghorn hit 3 free throws for Addison's ten points. Curry's Madison had 4 points while Auble had the other 2. Addison may have lost the game, but you can see improvement from the start of the season. Addison dropped the game 38-29.

Addison will travel to Hanceville tomorrow at 3 p.m. and will face the East Lawrence Lady Eagles at Tom Drake Coliseum. Curry will travel to Corner tomorrow to play at 2:15 pm.

Unofficial stats

Addison was led by Bartlett with 16 points, 10 rebounds and 2 steals. Wyatt had 6 points, 10 rebounds and 3 steals. Roberts had 3 points, 2 assists and 4 rebounds. Cleghorn had 3 points, 6 rebounds and 2 blocks. Dyson had 1 point, 1 rebound, 1 assist and 1 steal. Morgan Lee had a steal and a rebound.

Curry was led by Taylor with a game high 17 points and 6 rebounds. Madison had 10 points and 5 rebounds. Calloway had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Auble had 4 points and 3 boards. Page had 2 points and a rebound. Skiely Perry had 3 boards. Alyssa Dover had 1 board. Lana Wright had 2 boards.

Addison 61 – Curry 35 (varsity boys)

The Addison men sporting an 8-1 record hosted the Curry men who have gotten off to a slow start this year. The game got off to a pretty even start as Addison and Curry swapped baskets until the 2:33 mark of the first period when Curry was holding a slim 9-8 lead. Addison's defense picked up steam as Curry had problems handling the Bulldog press as Addison went on an 8-0 run to end the period.

Owen Pratt drilled a three-pointer, Jacob McLamb had two layups and Kaden Dyson had a free throw. McLamb led Addison with 4 points, while Dyson, Pratt and Jed Wilkins had 3 apiece. Dyson, one of the smallest men on the court ruled the boards with 5. Addison big man Bradley Willette didn't score but controlled the lane with 2 blocks and dished out 2 assists. Curry was led by Ethan Barton who had 5 points. Trace Emerson and Andrew Key had a bucket apiece. Addison led 16-9 after one.

The second period was even better for the Dawgs as they stretched their run to 18-0, scoring ten straight points to start the second. Addison's ten straight points consisted of three Wilkins floaters, Elijah Roberts hit a layup and Hayden Holland put one in off the glass. Barton stopped the carnage as he drained an NBA three-pointer to make the score 26-12. Addison finished off the period outscoring Curry 24-5 to go in with a comfortable 40-14 lead at the half. Addison was led in the second by Wilkins who had 8 points and 4 steals. McLamb had 7 and Kiah Lake had 5. Curry's few points were the Barton trey and Key's 2 points.

The third period was a solid one for the Bulldogs as they outscored the Yellow Jackets 14-8 to take a 54-22 lead into the final period. Wilkins led the Dawgs with 4 points, McLamb and Dyson nailed three-pointers. Curry was led by Gavin Stinson with a trey and Eli Kennedy had 2.

The fourth period had Addison playing very loosey goosey and they lost the period 13-7 but won the game 61-35. Addison's Willette had 4 points and Carter Pratt had a three-pointer from the home side corner. Curry's Barton had 5 points while Logan Belcher had 3 points and Logan Perry had a bucket.

Addison had a good home win, 61-35, and will now travel to Tom Drake Coliseum to take on East Lawrence at 4 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Curry will travel to Corner to play tomorrow at 3:30 pm.

Unofficial stats

Addison was led by McLamb who had a game high 16 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals. Wilkins had 15 points, 5 boards and 6 steals. Dyson had his best game of the season as he totaled 6 points, game high 8 rebounds and 3 assists. Willette had 6 points, 3 boards, 3 assists, 2 steals and 4 blocks. Roberts had 5 points, 3 boards, 2 assists and 4 steals. Lake had 5 points and 3 boards. Carter Pratt had 3 points. Owen Pratt had 3 points, 4 boards and 3 steals. Holland had 2 points. Cole Rodgers had 1 board and 1 assist.

Curry was led by Barton with 13 points and 3 boards. Key had 5 points and 5 boards. Kennedy had 4 points and 3 boards. Stinson and Belcher had 3 points and 2 boards apiece. Brayden Perry had 2 points and a board. Emerson had 2 points and 7 boards. Pat Guy had 2 points.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Bulldogs defeated Curry 61-35 Monday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Good Hope earns 53-37 win over Hanceville, Lady Raiders rout Lady Bulldogs 86-28

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope returned home to host a pair of matchups against its rivals from Hanceville Monday night and both Raider squads defended their home court with wins. Ava McSwain racked up a game-high 33 points for the Lady Raiders in an 86-28 blowout and in the boys' game, K'mal Bell led the way with 28 to help the Raiders pick up a 53-37 win.

Good Hope 86 - Hanceville 28 (varsity girls)

Shots started falling early for the Lady Raiders. Bailey Tetro knocked down a three to give Good Hope an early lead and Ivey Maddox follows with back to back treys of her own to make it 9-0. Aaliyah Twitty laid one in to get Hanceville on the board, but Ava McSwain answered with a basket and another three-pointer to put the Lady Raiders in front 14-2. Maddox split a pair of free throws and nailed another three to make it a 19-4 game later in the period. After another Aaliyah Twitty basket, Good Hope finished the first quarter with a 7-0 scoring run to build a 26-6 lead going into the second.

The run continued for the Lady Raiders in the second quarter. Bailey and Heather Tetro each drilled three-pointers to stretch the lead to 32-6 and that's when McSwain caught fire, burying a pair of threes and scoring 14 straight points for Good Hope to make it a 46-8 game midway through the period. Heather Tetro added another three-pointer and after McSwain laid another one in, Bailey Tetro got a floater to fall just before the end of the second to give the Lady Raiders a commanding, 54-12 lead at the halftime break.

McSwain scored Good Hope's first five points of the third to stretch the lead to 59-16 and the Lady Raiders continued to pour it on, extending the lead to 67-16 as the quarter went on. Baskets by Jolee McHan and Bailey Tetro added to the lead and after Alex Twitty score on the other end, McSwain laid one in just before the end of the third to give Good Hope a 73-21 lead going into the fourth.

With the clock running throughout the final period, the Lady Raiders were able to cruise the rest of the way. Lucie Adams drained a three to make it a 79-23 game and after a McHan basket made it 81-23 later in the fourth, a three-pointer from Lillie McCluskey capped an 84-28 win for Good Hope.

McSwain led all scorers with 33 points in the win. Maddox finished with 14 and Heather Tetro posted 13. Aaliyah Twitty led Hanceville with 12 points in the loss, followed by Alex Twitty with 10.

Good Hope 53 - Hanceville 37 (varsity boys)

Tucker Malin scored inside, and K'mal Bell drilled a three from the corner to give Good Hope a 5-0 start in the opening period. Another Malin basket made it 7-0 before a Noah Jones basket on the other end trimmed the lead to 7-2. Baskets by Weston Hancock and Tyler Cone stretched the lead to 11-2 but a basket from JT Davis and a free throw by Jake Cornelius trimmed the lead to 11-5. After another score from Hancock, Tyler Byrd nailed a three just before the buzzer to give the Raiders a 16-6 lead going into the second quarter.

A basket from Davis and a pair of Carson Garrett free throws brought the lead down to 18-11 with three minutes remaining in the first half but Malin knocked down a three and Bell converted an and-one play at the line to make it a 24-11 game. A basket by Clements and a free throw from Konnor Helms trimmed the lead to 24-14 but Bell added two more free throws in the final minute of the second quarter and the Raiders went into the locker room leading Hanceville 26-14 at the break.

The Bulldogs cut the lead to 26-17 early in the third but baskets by Bell and Malin kept Good Hope in front 30-17.

A 6-0 run from Hanceville trimmed the lead to 32-24 midway through the third and after Bell netted a pair of free throws, Dalton Pirkle laid one in to make it a 34-26 game with two minutes to play in the period. Bell got another layup to go in the final minute of the third and Good Hope went into the fourth with a 36-26 advantage.

Hancock laid one in to put the Raiders up by 12 at the start of the fourth and Bell knocked down a three to make it a 41-26 game. A pair of Eli Clements free throws and a Braxton Broad basket cut the lead to 41-30 but four more points from Bell kept Good Hope in front 45-30 midway through the period. Cornelius and Bell exchanged three-pointers to make it a 48-33 game with just over three minutes on the clock and the Bulldogs got another three from Noah Douglas in the final minute of the game, but it wasn't enough to overcome the Raider lead and Good Hope held on to win it 53-37.

Bell led the way for the Raiders with 28 points in the win, followed by Malin with 11 and Hancock with nine. Clements led Hanceville with eight points in the loss, followed by Cornelius with six.

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10 Christmas movies to check out or revisit this holiday season

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The holiday season spawns a lot of great traditions in households all over the world and one of the best is gathering with friends and family to enjoy a Christmas movie. There have been countless Christmas flicks made over the years but here are 10 that I think would be fun to check out or revisit with Christmas upon us once again.

Home Alone (1990)
This is another choice that is already popular amongst families and is a holiday staple all over the country. Directed by Chris Columbus and written by John Hughes, "Home Alone" stars Macaulay Culkin as Kevin McCallister in one of the biggest breakout performances for a child actor of all time. Kevin is forgotten and left at home when the rest of his family takes off for Christmas vacation, leaving Kevin to face off against the wet bandits. The bandits, played by Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, go head to head with McCallister in a battle of wits as they try to break into Kevin's home. All of the leads work great together and the result is a film with lots of laughs that has a powerful emotional foundation, especially for younger viewers.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966)
I went back and forth on whether or not include this version of the Grinch or the modern version starring Jim Carrey. Both of them are great movies with some slightly different takes on the same moral lesson. That being said, the original still holds up as a great Christmas film today. We all know the story the Grinch and his relationship with the citizens of Whoville but if you haven't taken the time to watch the full story unfold, it's a particularly great movie option for Christmas Eve.

A Christmas Story (1983)
This film is a classic coming of age story set at Christmas time to give it more of a sentimental punch. Peter Billingsley stars as Ralphie Parker in another career defining role that has become one of the most memorable Christmas characters ever. Red Ryder Bee Bee Guns may be the biggest beneficiary of the film. They will be remembered forever along with a couple other classic moments in this film like the tongue on the flag pole or the now-famous quote, "you'll shoot your eye out kid." This film will probably appear on any top Christmas movie list you'll find but if you haven't seen it, it' definitely worth your while and may become a new traditional choice for you and your family as well.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
One of the most famous and iconic Christmas movies of all time, "It's a Wonderful Life" stars James Stewart as George Bailey. Bailey is a banker in the small town of Bedford Falls. Bailey has made several sacrifices and choices in his life that have helped his community but when we meet him in the film on Christmas Eve, Bailey has fallen into a deep depression and is even contemplating suicide. Bailey is visited by his guardian angel Clarence Odbody, played by Thomas Mitchell. Odbody takes Bailey to visit different points in his life and shows him how the world would be if things had gone differently for George. This is an instant holiday classic for a reason, the moral of learning to appreciate what you have and gaining perspective makes this one of the most impactful films you can watch this Christmas season.

A Christmas Carol (1951)
This is a Christmas story that has been adapted, retold and modernized countless times, but the 1951 version directed by Brian Desmond Hurst and starring Alastair Sim as Ebenezer Scrooge may be the most faithful to Charles Dickens' original story. We follow Scrooge throughout the film, a wealthy man who refuses to use his money to make contributions within his community, as he goes on a journey through time to learn a crucial lesson. After being visited by three spirits, we see Scrooge's arc come full circle as he ends the film a changed man. "A Christmas Carol" connected with countless readers when it was written by Charles Dickens in 1843 and the lessons learned are still important today. You can never go wrong with this classic this time of year so if you haven't seen it, this year is your chance to get in on the tradition held by families all over the country.

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989)
Directed by Jeremiah Chechik and written by John Hughes, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" stars Chevy Chase as Clark Griswold, a husband and father of two struggling to put together the perfect family Christmas. This film is an annual tradition for a lot of families thanks in part to Chase's performance as his most popular character. John Hughes' signature humor is all over the movie and makes this one of the funniest holiday movie options to choose from. The film also contains several memorable performances from the supporting cast like Randy Quaid as Cousin Eddie and Beverly D'Angelo as Ellen Griswold. There are countless comedies about holidays spent with in-laws and other family members but this one stands out amongst the pack.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)
One of the oldest choices on this list, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is a stop-motion animated film all about Santa's most famous reindeer. It was made for television and runs for just 53 minutes but for a lot of young adults starting families this might be the first Christmas movie you saw. Directors Maury Laws and Larry Roemer pack a lot into those 53 minutes including lessons about bullying, action, comedy and a moral about what makes everyone special. This a particularly nostalgic edition to the list but all the lessons and points made still hold up today.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
This movie is a different kind of Christmas movie. Thanks to director Tim Burton and the animated world he creates for this movie, the movie has both a Halloween and Christmas vibe. The film follows Jack Skellington after he puts on another successful Halloween in his home Halloweenland. After seemingly an eternity of focusing on Halloween, Jack is beginning to lose his enthusiasm and fears that Halloweenland is losing its meaning. Jack wanders over into Christmastown while contemplating his life and discovers a brand-new holiday to get invested in. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is a creative, touching film about two holidays colliding in a fantasy world.



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Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
Similar to "It's a Wonderful Life," this movie is already one of the most famous Christmas films ever made. This film features an Oscar-winning performance from Edmund Gwenn as Kris Kringle to go along with some other iconic characters like Maureen O'Hara as Doris Walker and Natalie Wood as Susan Walker. This film has some drama and stakes involved in the plot but by the end you just feel warm inside watching the story play out. The film hammers home a warm, sentimental message that is sure to brighten your holiday weekend. Odds are you've seen this one at least once before but in case you haven't, don't let anyone spoil the conclusion for you before you see it.

A Charlie Brown Christmas (1965)
The Peanuts' holiday special is another selection on this list with a short run time, but it still holds up as a Christmas classic. You're already familiar with the cast of Peanuts characters so you're dropped right into the Christmas scenario from the opening scene. Charlie Brown isn't having a great time with the rest of his friends and is trying to find a way to enjoy himself when Lucy suggests that he direct the Christmas play. From that point, some things don't go according to plan and without spoiling anything, the gang learns the true meaning of Christmas by the end of the movie. This one would be a great watch for families with younger kids, especially if the parents grew up with the Peanuts crew.

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Lodge (from Front)

Lodge's nursing home project.

Lynn Jones led the lodge's nursing home project for the sixth consecutive year – providing Christmas cheer to 30-60 residents across different long-term care facilities who may lack local family or visitors.

"A significant number of our elderly residents in the local community find themselves without family or companions during the holiday season, making for a not so bright Christmas," Jones said.

"This heartening initiative has consistently been a cherished endeavor for the lodge, consistently bringing joy to those who need it most.

Both of these meaningful projects are made possible by an Alabama Elks Trust Grant and generous donations from members.

The Elks Lodge also introduced a new annual fundraiser to support local veterans and their families during the holiday season.

Program Chair Jessica Atchley expressed her gratitude for the community's overwhelming support, raising nearly $4,000. The funds helped provide Christmas to over 85 veterans and their families, ranging from infants to 99-year-olds.

"Giving back to our local community is what being an Elk is all about," Atchley said.

"This year is no exception; we knew the need was greater locally, and we wanted to do everything we could to help those families and provide much-needed support. This year, we were able to assist close to 250 families."

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Devil Dawgs (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteers stood along Main Avenue Southwest and U.S. Highway 278 Wednesday, Dec 20, waving signs making passers-by aware they were welcome to come pick up a free, hot, homemade holiday meal. Devil Dawgs Concessions food truck owners Joe and Pat Brown, along with their team of volunteers from Daystar Church, handed out an astonishing 493 boxed meals as they shared the love of Christ the best way they know how – through loving their neighbors and filling empty stomachs around the holidays as they have been for the last seven years.

Devil Dawgs Concessions has been distributing food plates since 2013. Joe Brown recalled a story from the first holiday meal. "It was our first year doing it, and one man came up early and asked for a plate," he said.

"I was in the back smoking turkeys and I was irritated, so I snapped back 'Give me six minutes and 37 seconds!'"

Later that night, he said, his wife Pat Brown asked why his time had been so specific. It wasn't until a few days later that Joe picked up his Bible and flipped to Mark 6:37, which says, "You give them something to eat."

The Browns believe that was God blessing their endeavors, and their business has flourished in the wake. Occasionally, the Browns are asked "Why? Why give away free food when things are already so expensive?"

Joe Brown spoke softly with an air of authenticity, "The simple answer can be summed up in one word: love.

"In Mark, chapter 6 is the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 men and their families. It is interesting to note that before Jesus taught them and before everyone got hungry, the Word says that as soon as Jesus stepped off the boat and saw the crowd, He had compassion for them. He loved them.

"It was because of His love for them and now for us that we want to show our love AND His love to others by giving."

He continued, "In the same biblical account, Jesus says to His disciples in verse 37, 'You feed them.' We, as His current-day disciples, take these words and do all that we can in our community as Jesus' hands and feet, as a show of His love, and feed those around us. We are blessed to partner with Daystar Church and LM Plumbing so we can do it at this time of year in celebration of Christ coming to Earth for us. God has so graciously blessed us and we want to, in turn, be a blessing to others and thereby give God the glory that He so deeply deserves. We don't do this for publicity or gain – we do this out of love."

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 21-22

Phyllis Jeanne (Livingston) Phillips, 93
Phyllis Jeanne (Livingston) Phillips passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at 2:24 p.m. She was born on July 12, 1930, in Akron, Ohio to Schley Hobson Livingston and Ethel Qwendolin Weeks. Jeanne was 93 years old. Ms. Phillips resided and was raised in Cullman, Alabama, attending St. John's church. She graduated from Howard (Samford) University in Birmingham, Alabama and obtained her Masters from University of Alabama. She proudly served the Cullman city school system for over 30 years. After retirement, Jeanne obtained her licensing and went into the real estate business. She loved going to auctions and shopping at thrift stores. She bought, renovated, moved and rented several houses. Jeanne was married for 57 years to Robert Carl "R.C." Phillips who passed away Jan. 23, 2019. She had remarked that he was "the love of her life" even though he was an avid Auburn fan. They dressed appropriately on "game day" but enjoyed life together no matter which team won. Jeanne and her husband both loved taking trips and meeting new people. Jeanne had very attentive 24 hour caregivers who helped fulfil her wish to stay at home. She loved Alabama football, her animals, taking photos, flowers/gardening, and learning about history, especially local. Over the years she had compiled many mementos including a signed book and photo with both Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant and weatherman James Spann. She had many cats and dogs over the years. One of her most special pets was "Bama," a beautiful black and white part border collie. Jeanne was a woman of great strength and character, pursuing two careers in her lifetime. She carried herself with grace and dignity and was widely characterized by her unwavering love for God and her family. A visitation for Jeanne will be held in the chapel on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, from noon until 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. With the funeral service starting at 2 p.m. in the chapel. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville, Alabama.

Louise "Angie" Angeline Johnson, 56
Funeral service for Louise "Angie" Angeline Johnson, age 56, of Cullman, will be at noon on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Clara Freeman officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Johnson passed away on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at her residence. She was born April 8, 1967, to Henry Johnson and Hermina Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her brothers and sisters, Henry (Kathy) Johnson, Shelley (Melvin) Curvin, Vicky (Frankie) Parker, Becky (Jerry) Nelms, and John Johnson, and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. The family would like to extend a special thanks to CCCDD Margaret Jean Jones Center staff and caregivers.

Wilma Faye Law, 81
Funeral service for Wilma Faye Law, age 81, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Joey Smithson and Tim Collier officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Law passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Jan. 6, 1942, to Burnard and Tressie Phillips. Nurse - a person trained to care for the sick. Not all find their calling in life; but my mom did. She was a nurse in the Cullman Community for 37 years; and the above definition does not come close to defining Wilma Faye Law. Through her career, she was witness to many changes in the medical field from moving an entire hospital across town to computer charting; but one thing never changed...her desire to provide the best care possible to the patients of Cullman Hospital. Commonly referred to as "Sure Shot" Faye for her IV starting skills. She wanted to share her love of the nursing field with others so she mentored many new nursing graduates and most ended the mentorship calling her mom. Her skill set covered every department of the hospital and if a shift was short she would stay to make sure they had help. The nursing community was a better place because of her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert Law; granddaughter, Sharon Barck; parents; and brother, Thelbert Phillips. Survivors include her sons, Phillip Barck and John (Andrea) Barck; daughter, Ann (Rustom) Irani; grandchildren, Jodie Barck, Jay Barck, and Ainsley Irani; great-grandchildren, Wesley Barck, Victoria Hooper, Abby Hooper, Ryan Hooper, Ruby Lopez, Raul Lopez, Eva Nandho, Sebastian Nandho, Diego Martinez, Alondra Nandho, Luis Nandho, and Dewight Nandho; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. She will be missed by many. We all love you Momma!

Julia Rae Hand, 80
Memorial service for Julia Rae Hand, age 80, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Northbrook Baptist Church with Pastor Keith Warden officiating. Visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Ms. Hand passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Jan. 30, 1943, to Ray Lindsey and Verna Mae Lindsey. She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Shea Butts; and three brothers. Survivors include her son, Mark (Brandi) Hand; daughter, Angela Barker Osborn; grandchildren, Julianna (Tyler) McSwain, Lisa Butts, Harrison Barker, Lindsey (Shawn) McClellland, Zakary Hand, and Makenzie Rhoden; great-grandchildren, Ava McSwain, Kye McSwain, Kol McSwain, Addie Butts, Laci Butts, Barker McClelland, and Boston McClelland; and sisters, Margaret Olson, Janet Jackson, Nell Sanford, and Laura Hudson.

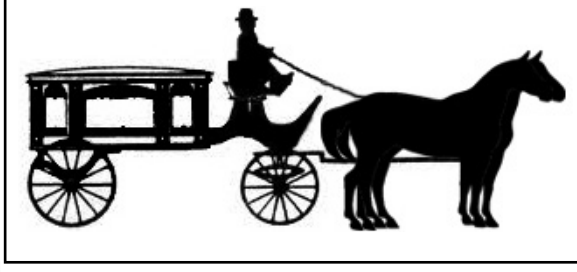
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The real Christmas story

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Once upon a time, long, long ago, there lived a young lady named Mary. Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph. Before they were wed, and while she was still a virgin, Mary was found to be with child. God sent an angel named Gabriel to explain to Mary what was happening. Gabriel said, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus."

Joseph, being a just man, and not wanting to make Mary a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered to pay taxes. Everyone went to the city they were from to be registered. Joseph went from Nazareth, in Galilee, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David. Mary accompanied him.

So, while they were there in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to deliver her baby. Because so many had come to Bethlehem to register, there was no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn.

So, Mary brought forth her first born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger.

Now there were in the same country shepherds out in the fields watching over their sheep by night. An angel of the Lord appeared before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

They said to them, "Do not be afraid, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign to you. You will find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger."

Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

After the angels left them, the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see this great thing that had happened. Just as they had been told, there they found Mary and Joseph, and Babe lying in a manger.

Now when they had seen Him, they told everyone what they had been told about this Child. All who heard them marveled at those things.

The shepherds returned home glorifying and praising God for what they had seen and heard. Others, including wise men from the East, came to see Jesus too.

Yes, I tell this story once a year, every year, because this is the real story of Christmas. Many interesting and amusing stories have sprung up around this holiday, but none that begin to be as important as the true story of Christmas.

May you have a great and wonderful Christmas, and always remember He is the real reason for the season! Merry Christmas my friends!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1901, 1954

From the files of 1901

W.F. Reese, of Joppa, killed two snakes in his hay field last week. One was 5 feet,5 inches long, with 11 rattlers and the other was 4 feet, 6 inches long with 12 rattlers.

J.D. Edwards has accepted the position as buyer for the Cullman Cotton Company.

The Honorable Will G. Brown arrived home from Boulder, Colorado, on Monday.

Doctor and Mrs. B.M. Kinney left on Tuesday for Nashville, to attend the Elks Carnival.

Mrs. E.M. Kelley returned on Thursday from a three week visit to Texas.

J.B. Brown was in Athens and Decatur on business this week.

Eron Wallace has accepted a position with A. Dreher and Company.

Frank Arndt is attending the Exposition in Buffalo.

Miss Mattie Scott, of Falkville, is visiting her brother, William Scott.

Jacob, George, Charle s and Miss Mary Graf left this week to visit the Exposition in Buffalo.

Mrs. D.M. Henderson has returned from Milton, Florida.

Zeke Casey was in town on Tuesday enroute to Nashville.

Miss Fannie Bandman, of Birmingham, has been the guest of Miss Laura McMinn.

Miss Julia Bauer and Miss Louise Birnbaum left on Tuesday for Cincinnati.

Misses Lowella, Corna and Ruby Hanlin returned to school, at Tuscaloosa Female College, on Wednesday.

J.W. Slason, former citizen of the Dominion of Canada, has purchased the Goodwin property, west of the city and has arrived here to live.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Nic Stoll was thrown open to a large circle of friends on Saturday evening, at Vinemont. Dainty refreshments were served and dancing indulged in with music furnished by Professors Klenck and Lightwood.

From the files of 1954

Laminack Family Reunion

The Laminack family had its annual reunion on September 6, at Sportsman Lake.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Laminack, Mrs. Jack Stisher, Mrs. Andy Moore, from Crossville, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jenkins, Mary Ann and Billy, of Cleveland, Georgia, Mrs. Hazel Parker, Rayford, Helen, Brenda, June and Myna, of Borden Springs, Randall Parker, Wilburn Laminack and Robert Laminack, of Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Moore, of Decatur, Georgia, Clyde Laminack and Arthur, of Bainbridge, Georgia, Grady Laminack and Miss Bessie Cain, of Muscadine, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Laminack, of Fruithurst, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brantley and Mrs. Lula Lacy, of Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Clemmons, Bill, Linda and Randy, of Bessemer, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Laminack, Jane, Jack, Susan, Sara and John, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Laminack and Diane, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff McCullay, of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Whitaker and Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Price, of Hanceville, Mrs. Carl Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Laminack, Pat and James, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Drake and Rickey, Joe Laminack, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hacker, Mrs. M.T. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Trammel, Dewell, Douglas, Shelba, Donald, Danny and Sandra, all in and around Cullman.

POET'S CORNER

Kris Kringle | By: Randy C. Hale

"How do I keep Christmas
from overtaking me.
The agenda of so many places
I'm supposed to be.

Through rain and sleet, heat and snow
around the world I have to go.
The strength I lack to pack my sleigh,
The jolly Ho Ho Ho's.

And all those chimneys in just one day
that I will have to squeeze.
And driving all those reindeer,
their gases in the breeze.

I'll have to think of something
to make it through the day.
Some blessed thought of pleasure
that I will have to pray.

I'll think about tomorrow when
calmness settles in.
When I will drop my jingles jangles
to the floor again.

I'll rest my aching feet,
brush cookie from my beard,
and give the elves some
time off before next year begins.

And sometimes later on when
north pole gates are fastened tight,
I'll lay upon my bed
enjoying the silent night."



Merry Christmas from Poet's Corner
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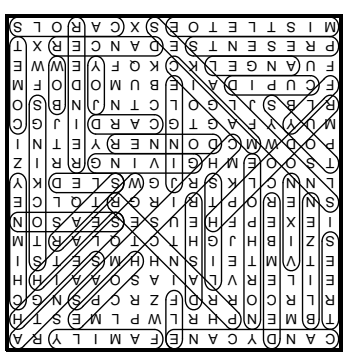
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In Memory Of
Quillon Calvert
Nov. 13, 1937-Jan. 5, 1997



The Meaning of The Christmas Wreath

Every Christmas wreath is
more than just a decoration…
it's a special reminder of Jesus,
the reason for our celebration.
The circle of a Christmas wreath
is a never-ending ring,
a reminder of eternal love
from our Lord and King.
The Christmas wreath is a sign of
welcome,
inviting all to enter in…
a reminder of Christ's invitation
for all to come to Him.
The middle of a Christmas wreath
is a bare and empty space,
a reminder of what life would be
without Christ's love and grace.
So each time you see a
Christmas wreath
hanging from a door,
may your heart rejoice in the One
that Christmas is truly for!

Love,
Joan, Jenny, Jamey, Morgan,
Mallory, Chris and Jase

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...IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. ROMANS 5:8

LEGALS

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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 BOBBIE T. SWANN, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2023-412**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to K. FALAN BRYERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BOBBIE T. SWANN, deceased, on the 21st day of December, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

K. Falan Bryers
Administrator

Jennifer Taylor
Attorney for Estate
200 Office Park Dr., Ste 303
Mountain Brook, Alabama 35223

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

Public Meeting Notice

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below: Lin Garden Buffet, Inc., 1848 Patriot Way SW, Cullman, AL 35055 - Restaurant, Retail Beer – On Premises

Due to non-payment of rental and other fees, the contents of the following units are considered abandoned and will be disposed of by auction, private sale, or otherwise disposed of on 1/8/2024. 256-297-1741.

NORTH ALABAMA STORAGE
PO BOX 33
VINEMONT, AL 35179

AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT
https://storageauctions.com/

Good Hope Location:
Unit #62, Thomas Dunlap, 431B County Road 565, Hanceville, AL 35077
Unit #43, Daniel Gillis, 2381 County Road 437, Cullman, AL 35057
Unit #15, Billy Bennett, 175 Brown Road, Scottsboro, AL 35769
Unit #10, Joshua Sandlin, 112 County Road 257, Cullman, AL 35057
Cullman Location:
Unit #61 Bethany Lee, 265 County Road 1371, Vinemont, AL 35179
Unit #65 and Unit #66, Reyford Parker, 144 County Road 1485, Lot 2, Cullman, AL 35058

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, 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:

2021 white GMC U Haul, Vin#1GDY7RF79M1241901

If not claimed, this vehicle will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2010 by William Bryan Jones, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1690, Page 782 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 8, 2024:

All that tract or parcel of land tying and being Lot 5 of the Redivision of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates and unrecorded redivision, more particularly described as follows Commencing at an iron pin found at point purported to be the southeast corner of Lot 18 of Saddlebrook Estates as recorded in Plat Book 7, Pages 151 :& 152 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama. Being more particularly described as follows: thence North.89 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West 31.44 feet to a point on the West margin of Neptune Drive; thence along the West margin of said drive North 3 degrees 57 minutes 24 seconds West 308.71 feet to a point on the South margin of Mercury Drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 31 seconds west 279.02 feet to a point; thence North 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds West 15.09 feet to a point, the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence leaving the. south margin of said drive South 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 147 68 feet to point thence South 68 degrees 30 minutes 26 seconds West 104.28 feet to a point; thence North 4 degrees 11 minutes 17 seconds West 188.02 feet to a point on the South margin of said drive; thence along the South margin of said drive as follows: thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 52 seconds East 70.51 feet to a point; thence South 87 degrees 51 minutes 39 seconds East 29.49 feet to the point of beginning containing 0.38 acres more or less.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate:
2002 Southridge manufactured home, Vin No. 1SRP17181AAL and 1SRP17181BAL located thereon.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave.
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-December 16, 23, 30, 2023

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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 ELSIE BELL LEONARD, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2023-383**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JOEL MARK LEONARD, as Administrator of the Estate of ELSIE BELL LEONARD, deceased, on the 14th day of December, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Joel Mark Leonard
Administrator

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Administrator
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on August 31, 2011 by Dale Sheftick and wife, Angela Perez Sheftick and Silva Santana Perez, an unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1657, Page 865 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 8, 2024:

Beginning found rebar iron marking the Northwest corner of said forty; South 0°14'21"E along the West line of said forty a distance of 409.86 feet to a found capped 1/2 inch rebar iron; thence South 89° 37' 08" E a distance of 293.26 feet to a found capped rebar iron and the true point of beginning of the property herein described; thence from said true point of beginning run North 0° 00'07" E a distance of 50.16 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar iron; thence South 83° 44' 40"E a distance of 234.06 feet to set 5/8 Inch rebar iron; thence North 15°13'08" E a distance of 140.18 feet to a found capped rebar iron; thence South 89° 56'11"E distance of 99.23 feet to a found capped rebar iron; South 0°11'08" E. a distance of 381.94 feet to the found capped rebar iron; thence South 89° 37'41" W, a distance of 369.95 feet to a found capped rebar iron; It's North 0° 00'07" E. a distance at 224,52 feet to the true point of beginning and containing 2.54 acres more or less.
Said property subject to all rights-of-way or easements of record. Also a 24 foot easement for ingress -- egress along an existing gravel drive more particular described as being 12 feet either side of the following described centerline: committing a found rebar iron marking the Northwest corner of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 23; thence South 89°43' 34" E. a distance of 402,96 feet; thence South 33° 28'32"E distance of 75.31 feet; thence South 32° 39' 23" E, a distance of 222.27 feet; thence South 89° 56' 11" E a distance of 99.23 feet; thence South 0° 11' 08" E. a distance of 140.08 feet to the true point of beginning of said centerline; thence from said true point of beginning fall of said centerline by following bearings and distances: North 89" 07'20" E, 25.26 feet; North 82° 00' 04'E. 34.51 feet; North 65° 01'55" E., 69.29 feet, North 63° 16'44" E 119.02 feet; North 55° 15' 40" E., 49.23 feet; North 40°50'09" E., 9.89 feet; North 28° 34'19" E., 20.01 feet, North 12° 16'· 19" E., 27.45 feet, and North 1°17'10" W. a distance of 198.36 feet to the south right of way of County Road 1338, Said easement being a part of the Northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 23, T9S, R3W.
Said property subject to the following described Ingress-egress easement: a 24 foot easement for ingress-egress along an existing gravel drive more particularly described as being 12 feet either side of the following described centerline:
commencing any found rebar iron marking the Northwest comer of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of said Section 23; thence South 89° 43' 34" E. a distance of 402.96 feet; thence South 33° 20' 32" E, a distance of 75,31 feet; thence South 32" 30' 23"E a distance 222,27 feet South 89° 56'11" E a distance of 99.23 feet; thence South 0°11'08" E, a distance of 140,08 feet to the true point of beginning of said centerline; thence from said true point of beginning fall of said centerline by the following bearings and distances: South 89° 07' 29" West 49.87 feet, South 83°55'52" West, 27.43 feet, North 82° 46'23'W., 33.69 feet in North 55° 01' 16" W. a distance of 27.79 feet. Said easement being a part of the West half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, T9S, R3W,

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
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