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Gentry, Nassetta share NYE safety tips

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta shared ways to ensure safety this New Year's Eve.

"The new year is a time to celebrate and spend time with friends and family," Gentry said. "We at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office encourage everyone to enjoy the festivities, but to do so responsibly."

Here are some things that can be done to ensure that your New Year's celebration is a joyous one:

• Still the most important: don't drink and drive! Any alcohol in your system is too much. Don't risk your life or those around you.

• Have a designated driver (or be a designated driver). Work together to keep one another safe.

• Stay put. If it is an option, don't be on the roads.

• Stay in groups. First dates on New Year's Eve are not the safest idea. Don't put yourself in a situation where you have no option to leave. Being with a group obviously provides safety in numbers. Most importantly, be smart. Pay attention to your surroundings and do your part to stay safe. Ultimately you are responsible for your own safety.

Gentry said deputies will be out in force throughout the holiday season.

"We will do our part to keep the citizens of Cullman County safe," he said. "We ask that you do your part as well. We would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year."

According to Nassetta, the CPD's main area of concern for NYE is safe travel for folks going to social gatherings.

"This gets more complicated when these » PAGE 4

Tour European wines with Gervais & Lulu



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vincent Desnoes stands in his newest endeavor, Gervais & Lulu, which showcases European wines made the way he remembers from his childhood.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A new experience for choosing wine is available to the residents of Cullman County. Gervais & Lulu started with a dream and a desire to introduce a new world of wine to the States, beginning at home.

After marrying a classically trained ballerina from Cullman, Vincent Desnoes and his new bride Brooke Desnoes uprooted and relocated to Paris for 25 years. Upon emigrating back to the States, Vincent Desnoes said, he missed and longed for the tastes of home.

Growing up in Paris and learning the life of the back alleys and mom and pop vineyards of France handed the Gervais & Lulu founder a unique, first-hand perspective into the ever-involved processes of making, storing, drinking and eventually enjoying the fermented beverage.

"That's why I'm doing this; I'm missing the wine; I'm missing the winemakers. I used to spend a lot of time with them. I spent a lot of time in that world and I learned a lot," Desnoes fondly recalled. "My parents were from that world, the name Gervais & Lulu – Gervais is my father and Lulu is my uncle. With them I started learning about wine at age 14 selling it on the streets of Paris, sort of like a movie."

Longing for the tastes of home and sharing the fondness he has for Paris, Desnoes envisioned transporting guests on a tour of Europe by showcasing small-farmed wines from the hills and valleys of the country. Desnoes works directly with many vineyards and farmers of the wines he imports himself to stock the shelves of his new endeavor.

"The way they make wine there (in California), it's gone wild – too many chemicals and too many genetically modified grapes. People complain; they say, 'It gives me a stomachache, it gives me a headache,' because it is not natural," said Desnoes.

"All these wines are made, to me, what is the 'normal' way. There is no » PAGE 8

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DONNA RUTTKAY

Becky smiles for the camera.

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1. Amend Ordinance 2011-23
2. Amend Ordinance 2011-25
3. Short form subdivision – Mitchell Road NW
4. Preliminary Subdivision – Noble Ridge Subdivision – Highway 157 & Highway 31

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 27

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 27, 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.

ARRESTS
Dec. 21 – 24

Akers, Melissa G.; 27
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Bartlett, Chad E.; 48
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Black, Justin D.; 32
- FTA- DUI

Brinkley, Katelynn B.; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Clayton, Clark D.; 42
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Deboard, Gregory D.; 32
- FTA- driving while suspended

Decatur, Candy R.; 43
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- improper lights
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Edmonson, Jason L.; 47
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Floyd, Keith T.; 59
- forgery-possessing forged instrument

Hawkins, Brayden C.; 23
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Jolly, Ryan J.; 36
- homicide-manslaughter
- traffic-leaving scene of accident-death or personal injury

Jones, Braxton C.; 22
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Lamar, Mitchell D.; 41
- leaving scene of accident

Laney, Gregory H.; 41
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Lawrence, Katelynn M.; 26
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

McKinnon, Roger L.; 60
- Probation Violation- Alabama Probation Violation (2 counts)

Nail, Halie N.; 30
- possession of dangerous drugs

Ponder, Trevor L.; 32
- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm

Sullins, Chase E.; 33
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Probation Violation- drug trafficking

Swann, Elizabeth C.; 43
- assault-harassment

Swann, Kiera F.; 18
- assault-harassment

Tanner Jr., James I.; 31
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thrasher, Benjamin J.; 27
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Thursby, Jessica L.; 34
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Tucker, Jenna A.; 31
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Veal, Joshua S.; 39
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- Probation Violation- sale of stolen property

Welborn, Faith E.; 25
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS
Dec. 16
- leaving scene of accident; person; Hwy. 157 and 2nd Ave. NW; damage to 2022 Chevy Silverado; $500
- harassing communications; person

Dec. 20
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges

Dec. 21
- harassment; reckless endangerment; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $50

Dec. 22
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; Cullman Shopping Center; cash
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; cash

Dec. 23
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $37

Dec. 24
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW

Dec. 26
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; Commerce Ave.; miscellaneous; damaged property
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications; person
- identity theft; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Marathon; 2nd Ave. SW; gas; $22

ARRESTS
Dec. 21 – 26

Tanner Jr., James I.; 31
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA- driving without license (4 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

Stricklin Jr., Martin W.; 55
- FTA- insurance violation

Keeton, Kandice L.; 35
- theft of property-3rd degree

Veal, Joshua S.; 39
- theft of property-3rd degree
- resisting arrest

Beam, Clayel D.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Forman, Makayla R.; 27
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- attempt to elude police officer
- resisting arrest

Ballenger, Zachary D.; 26
- reckless endangerment
- attempt to elude police officer
- resisting arrest

Banks, Adam C.; 26
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Gilbreath, Scott M.; 46
- disorderly conduct

Blackmon, Christopher R.; 29
- domestic violence

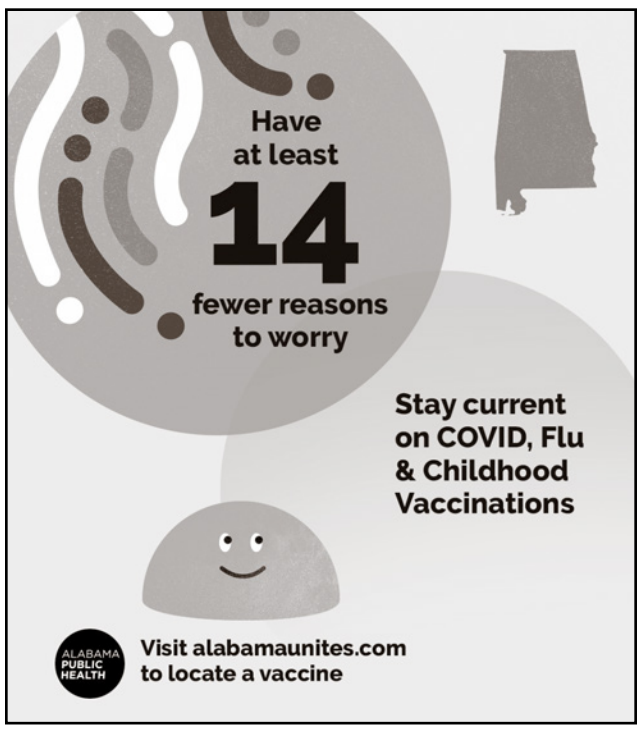
Richards, Mason J.; 20
- attempt to elude

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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. 29 - 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 p.m. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, Dec. 31- New Year's Eve Candlelight Service 7-8 p.m. Youth Party 8 p.m.-midnight.

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.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Rickard's game-winner lifts Fairview over Good Hope 72-69, Maddox sets county scoring record in 75-32 win

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Good Hope traveled to Fairview for a pair of varsity matchups with the Aggies Friday night and it was a special night of basketball. In the girls' game, Good Hope's Ivey Maddox eclipsed the Cullman County girls all-time scoring record and led the way for the Lady Raiders in a 75-32 win. In the boys' contest, Fairview came from behind in the fourth quarter and took the lead on a Blake Rickard three-pointer with four seconds on the clock to lead the Aggies to a 72-69 win over the Raiders.

Good Hope 75 - Fairview 32 (Varsity Girls)

Heather Tetro and Davis Stidham each traded threes to start out the game. Bailey Tetro quickly broke the early tie with seven straight points to give Good Hope a 10-3 lead with a little over four minutes to go in the opening period.

Fairview, though, countered with a run of their own, as Darby Nichols got it started with a jumper to make it an 11-5 game.

Jayla Gorham drilled a three from the left corner, then a basket each by Lexi Collins and Nichols gave the Lady Aggies a 12-11 lead.

Each team traded the lead late in the quarter, but Maddox found Jolee McHan underneath for a basket, as Good Hope took a 15-14 lead into the second quarter.

Nichols drilled a three to give Fairview a 17-15 lead early in the second, then Maddox scored five straight points, including an and-one, to give the Lady Raiders the lead right back at 20-15.

A rebound and putback by Charly Johnson and a trey by Bailey Tetro pushed Good Hope's lead to 25-15.

A layup by Gorham cut it to 27-18, but baskets by Heather Tetro, Maddox, and Ava McSwain quickly made it a 36-22 game at the half.

Good Hope continued to add to their lead to start out the third quarter.

Maddox drilled a three from the right corner, then layups by McSwain and Johnson gave the Lady Raiders a 43-22 lead.

Nichols scored on the other end to make it a 43-24 game, but a pair of threes by Heather Tetro increased Good Hope's lead to 49-24.

Maddox launched another deep three and became the all-time scoring leader for girls' basketball in Cullman County when the ball went through the net.

That made it 54-24, and the Lady Raiders would take a 63-30 lead into the final period.

The fourth quarter was run under a hot clock, and Good Hope would go on to defeat Fairview 75-32.

Maddox led the way for Good Hope with 22 points in the win. McSwain added 16 points.

Bailey Tetro put up 15 points, and Heather Tetro ended up with 11 points. Nichols finished with 11 points for Fairview and Gorham added seven points.

Fairview 72 - Good Hope 69 (Varsity Boys)

A rebound and putback by Weston Hancock put Good Hope on the scoreboard first, but Blake Rickard drilled a three on the other end to give Fairview the early 3-2 lead.

A Cade Yeager layup gave the Aggies a 5-4 lead, but a jumper by K'mal Bell and a driving layup by Jacob Haynes gave the Raiders the lead right back at 8-5.

Later on, five straight points by Tyler Cone pushed Good Hope's lead to 13-7, but another Rickard trey cut it to 13-11 with a little over three minutes to go in the opening period.

A pair of layups by Haynes gave Good Hope a 17-11 lead, and the Raiders would take a 17-12 lead into the second period.

Tucker Malin knocked down a jumper, and Haynes added another basket in the paint to increase Good Hope's lead to 21-14 early in the second, but the Aggies countered with a huge run of their own.

A pair of baskets by Jac Dunn, layups by Rickard and Carson Jones, and a three from the left corner by Kobe Payne gave Fairview a 25-23 lead with 4:21 left to go in the first half.

Bell and Rickard each traded threes to keep it at a one-point game late in the first half, but another rebound and putback by Hancock and a three from the left corner by Cone gave Good Hope a 31-29 lead at the half.

Five quick points by Malin made it a 36-29 game early in the third, but another trey by Rickard cut it to 36-32. Baskets by Malin and Cone made it a 40-32 game, then both teams traded baskets for the next few possessions.

Four straight points by Bell gave Good Hope a 48-38 lead, but a Yeager trey cut it to 48-41 with 2:35 left to go in the third period. Baskets by Cone, Haynes, and Hancock made it a 54-41 game, but five straight points by Landun Smith, including an and-one, made it a 57-46 game.

A late basket by Bell gave the Raiders a 59-46 lead going into what would be an exciting final period.

Three free throws by Hancock made it a 62-46 game early in the fourth, but the Aggies began to claw their way back into the game.

A basket by Smith, five straight points by Yeager, and three straight points by Rickard, cut it to 62-56.

Bell stopped the bleeding with a basket on the other end to make it a 64-56 game.

The Aggies weren't done, though, as a layup by Jones, a made shot by Payne, and a three by Rickard cut it to 66-65.

Then, a steal and a layup by Jones gave Fairview their first lead since early in the game at 67-66 with 2:39 left to go in the contest.

Haynes split his free throws to tie the game up at 67, then a free throw each by Payne and Rickard gave the Aggies a 69-67 lead.

Dakota Overton drilled both of his shots from the line to tie the game up at 69 with 27 seconds left to go in the game, then Rickard drilled the biggest shot of the game from the right corner to give Fairview a 72-69 lead with four seconds left.

The Raiders' last shot to tie the game up fell just short, and the Aggies hung on to knock off Good Hope in a 72-69 thriller.

Rickard finished the game with 25 points, including the game-winning three, for Fairview. Payne added 13 points. Yeager put up 10 points. Jones added nine points, and Smith finished with eight points.

For Good Hope, Malin, Bell and Haynes all finished with 13 points. Cone added 12 points and Hancock put up 11 points.

Fairview's varsity boys will travel to Randolph to take part in the Raider Holiday Classic on Dec. 27.

The Lady Aggies will travel to Lauderdale County to take on Florence and Lauderdale County on Dec. 28 and both varsity squads will return home Jan. 4 to host Holly Pond. Good Hope will take part in the Beach Bash Dec. 27-29. The Raiders and Lady Raiders will take on J.B. Pennington and Vestavia Hills at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum on Jan 2.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Blake Rickard knocked down a go-ahead three with four seconds remaining to help the Aggies secure a 72-69 win over Good Hope Friday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Ivey Maddox surpassed former Cold Springs standout Georgia Myrex to became Cullman County's all-time leading girls' scorer in the Lady Raiders' 75-32 win at Fairview Friday night.

Tips (from Front)

social gatherings often involve alcohol," Nassetta said.

"The best advice that I can give is that if you are going to be out, pay careful attention to the vehicles around you.

"If you see a driver that appears to be impaired, give us a call and try to be a good witness.

"Tag numbers, vehicle descriptions and where you are and the direction you are traveling are all good things to tell the dispatcher."

Nassetta said if you are going to be drinking, even a little bit, have a plan to get yourself home that doesn't involve you driving.

"You may be fine to drive, but if there is any question, have a plan, just in case," Nassetta said.

"A secondary concern is the consumption of alcohol by underage drinkers. We always expect that there will be gatherings of young people where alcohol will be present."

Nassetta said if you are a parent and you allow these things to happen in your home, you can be held responsible.

"I have heard many times about parents who say that they would rather have their kids and their kids' friends over at their house if they are going to be drinking, because at least if they are going to be drinking, they can do it in a place that is safe, and make sure no one tries to drive under the influence of alcohol," Nassetta said.

"Some will also say that they do not provide the alcohol, so they are not responsible if other kids bring it to their house.

"Those parents need to understand that they are responsible for whatever happens at their house.

"This can result in criminal charges and/or civil liability.

"Alcohol poisoning and the many other bad choices that inexperienced drinkers make are all concerns that, as a parent, I would not want my kids exposed to.

"Speaking of parents, I would advise them to make sure that they know where their kids are going to be and who they are going to be with."

Nassetta said accountability is key and these days parents have the option of choosing trust or GPS and to please have a safe and happy New Year's Eve.

Plunge (from Front)

Dylan Stephenson
Contributor

DECATUR, Ala. — The 2024 New Year's Day Polar Bear Plunge is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, at noon. The annual event will return to the south side of the Tennessee River to the pier near Ingalls Harbor. The public is invited at no charge.

The Morgan County Rescue Squad will be on hand to assist any jumpers. Participants ages 10 years and younger are required to wear a life jacket.

Those older than 10 are encouraged to wear a life jacket for personal safety. Water shoes are also encouraged.

Several years ago, Meals on Wheels volunteer Wayne Holliday started the tradition of jumping into the Tennessee River on New Year's Day at noon as a way to bring in the new year.

The 2023 Polar Bear Plunge had 109 participants, including local media personalities.

Each year Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA) staff offer T-shirts for sale, with the proceeds donated to the Meals on Wheels & More program of Morgan County.

This year's event is particularly important due to a 40% funding cut to the program's operational budget.

Meals on Wheels & More serves meals to approximately 300 disabled and homebound residents of Morgan County at no cost to the client.

Meals are prepared each weekday and are delivered by volunteers. The Meals on Wheels & More program is funded solely by the United Way of Morgan County and private donations.

Donations to the Meals on Wheels & More program may be made by calling Director Cindy Anderson at 256-260-3108 or by mailing the donation to The Partnership's Central Office location at 1909 Central Parkway SW, Decatur, Alabama, 35601.

Partnership volunteers will be on-site selling event T-shirts at $15 each.

All proceeds benefit the Meals on Wheels & More of Morgan County program.

Hot chocolate will be available free of charge to participants. NeighborWorks America is sponsoring the event.

The Morgan County Rescue Squad will be on site in case of an emergency.

The public is invited to participate in this long-standing community tradition.

Ivey announces $500K grant to help Cullman revitalize Depot Park

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey has announced a $500,000 grant for improvements at Cullman's Depot Park as part of the City's ongoing downtown revitalization plan.

The City of Cullman will use the funds from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to expand Depot Park from 2 to 5 acres using 3 acres of industrial property adjacent to the existing park.

Planned additions to the park include a main lawn area with paved walkways on the perimeter and a permanent stage for concerts.

"Public parks are the focal point of community pride, and these improvements will allow Cullman's Depot Park to better accommodate large events and enable the City to foster a more vibrant downtown atmosphere," Ivey said.

"I expect this project to be a boon to both residents and visitors, and a spark for economic activity in the downtown area."

Project plans include upgrades to the cement storm drain system, new sidewalks that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, pole lighting throughout the park, new electrical services, a berm for separation of the park from the railroad tracks and construction of a new service road.

The renovated park also will feature decorative site lighting, benches and picnic tables to encourage year-round use by the community.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) administers the ARC program in Alabama.

"This project will increase foot traffic to the 250 businesses in downtown Cullman and create 3 new acres of space for the enjoyment of residents," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"I join Gov. Ivey in applauding city leaders for their revitalization efforts."

Local sources will provide an additional $500,000 to supplement the ARC grant, bringing the total funding to $1 million.

CCBOE (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) announced its December Teacher and Staff Member of the Month on Dec. 26. Each month, the CCBOE partners with America's First Federal Credit Union to recognize and award one teacher and one staff member with the title of Teacher of the Month and Staff Member of the Month, along with a gift card valued at $100.

Good Hope Primary and Elementary School Music Teacher Amanda McKenney was named Teacher of the Month. "Mrs. McKenney is one of the most hard-working teachers at our school. She is committed to teaching all students and has a knack for finding hidden talents in even the shyest students," said Beverly Jenkins, Good Hope Elementary principal. "She is a positive role model for others and can be found rooting for students and coworkers when they achieve their goals."

Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) Secretary Janie White was named Staff Member of the Month. "Mrs. White has been the gatekeeper for the Cullman Area Technology Academy for several years. Few people know more about CATA than she does. She manages the front office with grace and dignity," said Dr. Susan Patrick, CATA principal. " She loves CATA and dedicates herself to making it the success that it is today. The staff and students appreciate her more than she will ever know."



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Janie White was named CCBOE December Staff Member of the Month. Pictured left to right are Cullman Area Technology Academy Principal Dr. Susan Patrick, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, AmFirst Staff Member of the Month Janie White and AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan.



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Amanda McKenney was named CCBOE December Teacher of the Month. Pictured left to right are Good Hope Primary/ Elementary Assistant Principal Ashley Uhrig, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, AmFirst Teacher of the Month Amanda McKenney and AmFirst Cullman Branch Manager Daniel Boggan.

EDITORIAL

Christmas is over, now what?

Cayla Grace Murphy
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Ah, Christmas. This writer has never seen the community of Cullman pull together so tightly until wreaths are strung amid streetlights, the Warehouse District is beset in Edison bulbs and the sound of Christmas classics follows you everywhere you go. The entire tone of our town switches from a busy hustle to slow down and smell the poinsettias.

In an effort to spread holiday cheer, and avoid the naughty list, we change up our usual behaviors. We tip a little extra to our servers and baristas. We let our kids have hot chocolate right before bedtime. "It's Christmas!" we shrug. We even forgive lackadaisical shoppers with their carts parked precisely in front of the specific brand of mayonnaise we need. We stop in shops we haven't visited all year to spend our money on locally made goods. We splurge on restaurants with juicy steaks and warm rolls. We thumb through a box of recipe cards to land on Mamaw's recipe for peanut butter cookies, as if Christmas itself is the only occasion worthy enough to roll out the dough.

It is, certifiably, the most wonderful time of year.

What if the rest of the year could be just as wonderful?

This year, hundreds of kids in our community were sponsored through toy drives hosted by churches and nonprofits. Dozens of unhoused residents of Cullman got fresh, warm blankets and toiletries.

It seemed everywhere you looked, a meal was hosted by a church, open to the community to join in, to dine as strangers and leave as friends.

Santa has come and gone, but our community is still here. And the need we joyfully met this month will still be here next month.

It is undeniable that folks come together for Christmas. Maybe it is the birth of Jesus Christ, maybe it is a celebration of a tough year coming to an end. Or maybe it's the one time of year we allow ourselves to truly care about our neighbors.

I will tell you, as Christ tells us, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Perhaps meeting the needs of the community seems less important to some if it is not tied to the birth of Christ. Maybe Christmas bonuses make it easier to give, maybe we are one of the ones enjoying a community meal and opening a donated toy on Christmas morning. Maybe it's just not feasible to spread that kind of joy and merriment year-round.

But can't we try?

EDITORIAL

Changes...needed or nah

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Carrying a heavy burden is not the easiest thing in life, but for the rare few it's something we know has to be done because others are not going to pick it up.

Over the years I've penned quite a few editorials that have had significant fallout or caused major change within a group or groups of people trying to hoard everything for themselves. Humbly, if you're on a board it's to serve the people not the individuals on the board.

Same can be said about politicians. Now to be honest many politicians get the raw end of the deal mainly because it's easy to point and say, "The government screwed us again."

But who keeps putting them in power? Go on and marinate on that one.

With politicians there's a lot that goes on behind the scenes as you probably already knew.

However, it's what is said and what deals are made to ensure they are able to get all they can for their district/voters that none ever really know or care to learn about.

Don't get me wrong, a good number of those deals benefit the politicians as they move through the ranks of their selected political party or are given access to business opportunities that would have never been afforded to them otherwise.

Am I going to tell you the secrets? Not now, but it could be in the pipeline in the coming months.

There's a lot to cover in 2024 so I'm doing my best to prioritize from least to greatest to ensure you have all the facts and information needed to the fully see the scope of the scene.

Just remember, when it comes to drama and politics, believe half of what you see and none of what you hear.

Keep it classy!





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Becky (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Becky, an approximately 2-year-old female Great Pyrenees and Golden Retriever mix with a cream and toasty tan coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Becky is a vision of sunshine, smiling big and surprisingly relaxed for her mix of breeds, maintaining a low-to-medium energy level. She enjoys a good romp in the recreation area of the shelter, and her plush coat makes her the perfect cuddle buddy for a quick nap afterward.

Becky is a clever girl and a quick learner, taking to leash protocol quite easily.

She is a true companion and is up for whatever you want to do – provided you're by her side, of course!

With your encouragement and her ability to heed direction, she'd make the ideal companion, therapy or hiking dog.

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

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

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

LEGALS

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

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 221 PG 72 - 12/27/2023 09:34 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
CHARLES POWELL, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-405**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* has been filed on the 13th day of December, 2023, by Melissa Klein, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Michael J. Baggett, and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Melissa Klein
Petitioner

Michael J. Baggett
Attorney for Petitioner
206 Ninth Street SW, Ste 102
Cullman, AL 35055

To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 26th day of December, 2023.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
THELMA JEAN SEENES) CASE NO PC 2022-262
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JESSICA MARIE SEENES, JONATHAN SEENES AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of Rose Marie Shaffer to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Thelma Jean Seenes, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **15th day of February, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

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

Done this the 20th day of December, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Tonya C. Palmer
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
SYBLE F. OSMER) CASE NO PC 2023-265
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: JAMES ROBERT WEBB, JR., MICHAEL KEVIN SCHAFER, JR., MAGEN LASHAY SCHAFER, ANITA FAY DAVENPORT, LORETTA LYNN SHAFER AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition of William Osmer to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Syble F. Osmer, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **15th day of February, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

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

Done this the 20th day of December, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Pam E. Nail
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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

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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, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-392**
Deceased. *

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

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

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

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*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 24-27

Patty Tamala Yeager Speer, 63
Patty Tamala Yeager Speer, 63, of Cullman, passed from this life peacefully on Dec. 25, 2023, in the presence of her loving family. There will be a memorial service on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023 at New Hope Baptist Church in Holly Pond at noon. Interment will be held at New Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Patty was born Jan. 5, 1960, to Buell Talmadge Yeager and Thelone Payne Yeager. She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband, Hershel Joseph Speer. Survivors include her daughter, Mallory (Greg) Holcomb, brother, Barry Yeager; grandsons, Wyatt Holcomb and Lane Holcomb. Family describes Patty as a loving, outspoken, and very creative and talented poet. She loved her grandsons so much and they were her life. She loved the Lord most of all and was really happy to be going home. Family requests no flowers at this time. Visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Donna Lynn Frullate-Green, 69
Donna Lynn Frullate-Green, 69, of Cullman, passed from this life on Dec. 23, 2023. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Donna was born March 20, 1954, to Donald Vincent Frullate and Joann Hohlen Frullate. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Virgil Martin Green, Jr.; sister, Paula Keefer. Survivors include her two sons, Virgil Martin Green III and Anthony (Kimberly Miller) Michael Green; two daughters, Tamara Frullate and Jamie Anne Frullate; life partner, Michael Butler; sisters, Michelle Carlson, Erika Gorr; grandchildren, Alex Cruz, Haley (Zachary Case) Whitaker, Ja'kai Frullate; great-grandchild, Isaac Case; niece, Shana Keefer. Donna was a loving mother and grandmother who loved spending time with her family. She loved traveling and was a beautiful person. She will be greatly missed. Visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Issak Kayne Kelley, 19
Issak Kayne Kelley, 19, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Dec. 23, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 13, 2004, in Russellville, Alabama. Issak enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, riding a four-wheeler, video games, and motorcycle and ATV riding. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed swimming and being with his friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Entombment will follow the services at Winston Memorial Mausoleum. Brother Royce Brimer will officiate. Issak is survived by his son, Kingston Dale Kelley; mother, Jylian Monken; stepdad, Seth Chambers, father, Patrick Kelley; brothers, Dylan Hess and Ryker Chambers; sisters, Alyvia Kelley, Hayleigh Hulsey, and Raelyn Chambers; grandparents, Royce Kelley, Fay Kelley, Jeff Mann, and Cassie Mann; fiancé, Madson Minzey; special aunt, Brenda Sutherland; special cousins, Jeff Kelly, Brooke Kelly, Alexis Shaffer, and Barry Sutherland; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his great grandparents, Esther and O.B. Pierce and E.L and Myrtle Lee Kelley; special great aunt and uncle, Carolyn and Phillip Kelly.

James Wilford, 83, of Cullman
James Wilford, age 83, of Cullman, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023. After working as a Coca Cola Salesman for over 40 years, Wilford spent the next 20+ years working in Chesley Oaks Golf Course Pro Shop. He was preceded in death by his parents: I. W. James and Estelle Brock James; and a brother, Reaford James. Wilford is survived by his wife, Glenda James; daughter, Stacie James Wren; granddaughters: Kelsey (Dylan) Stone and Kennedy Wren; sister, Margaret Rice and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. A graveside celebration of life will be Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Mission 150 at St. John's Church or to the charity of your choice. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

David Fraklin Clark, 82
Funeral services for David Fraklin Clark, 82, of Hanceville, will be 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Mountain Grove Congregational Cemetery. Reverend Doug Pitts will be officiating services. Visitation will be Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Clark was born Nov. 27, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away Dec. 22, 2023 in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Clark is survived by his son Allen Clark (Sherry); grandchildren, Daniel Hayes (Angela), Samuel Clark (Destany), Penny Shook (Dylan), Noah Clark (Savannah); great-grandchildren, Hazel Hayes, Weston Hayes, Isabella Clark, Mayleigh Clark, Mason Casimiro, Angel Casimiro, Emilio Casimiro; siblings, James Clark (Betty), Henry Clark (Peggy), Myrlie Davis; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Mr. Clark was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Clark; parents, Alec and Susie Clark; siblings, Betty Lott, Mary Clark, Ruth Smith, and Hazel Bush.

Loucille Glover, 88
Graveside service for Loucille Glover, age 88, of Jones Chapel, will be at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Glover passed away on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born May 20, 1935, in Addison, Alabama, to William Felton Henderson and Zadie Mae Henderson. She grew up with eleven siblings in Addison and attended Addison School. Loucille was a wife, mother, and worked various jobs, mostly in local hospitals and nursing homes. She enjoyed the hobbies of crocheting, sewing, and quilting when she wasn't caring for the family garden and preserving the vegetables. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arlin Glover; and ten siblings. Survivors include her son, Timothy (Linda) Arlen Glover; daughters, Anita Gail Glover and Julie Darlene (Robert) Barnett; and one sister, Eloise. She was grandma to five grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Please keep the family lifted in prayer as they cope with her passing. She is happy to see our Dad and her 10 siblings, family, and friends.

Danny Ward Shepherd, 65
Danny Ward Shepherd, age 65, of Hanceville, passed away on Monday, Dec. 25, 2023. He was born Oct. 19, 1958, in Virginia to Wayne and Jewel Shepherd. He was preceded in death by his parents; nephew, Antonio Shepherd; and wife, Ruby Fife. Survivors include his daughter, Jaquata Leggett; stepdaughter, Jamie Roberts; grandchildren, Madison Curry, Derek Robertson, and Avery Lee; brothers and sisters, Kathy Golden, Shelia Duarte, Kenneth Shepherd, and Sharon Shepherd; nephew, Chad Corbin; niece, Dianna Trejo; and a host of family and friends.

Mark Page, 62
Funeral services for Mark Page, 62, of Bremen, will be 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home chapel. Reverend Junior Garmin will be officiating. The family will welcome friends for a gathering from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Page was born Jan. 29, 1961, in Jasper, Alabama. He passed away at his residence on Dec. 23, 2023, in Bremen, Alabama. Mark was a hard worker and spent several years with American Tire Distributors. At the conclusion of his career, Mark made it his goal to spend as much time as he could with his family. Most would say the love he had for his grandchildren was unmatched and undeniable. He also had a passion for Alabama Football... ROLL TIDE! and was blessed with the ability to play the bass guitar. Survivors include his mother, Vonzell Page; children, Eric Page (Jennifer), Amber Flanigan, Cody Page (Jennifer); grandchildren, Kinzleigh Flanigan, Sophie Flanigan, Khalil Flanigan, Elijah Page, Noah Page, Reid Pouncey, Jacob Dye; siblings, Sharon Benson, Shelia Abner, Mike Page, Mitchell Page; and a host of many nieces and nephews. Mr. Page was preceded in death by his father, John Frank Page; and his brother in law, Dewies Benson.

Jackson "Jack" Kelley Aldridge, 83
Jackson "Jack" Kelley Aldridge departed this earth on Dec. 20, 2023. He was born in Cullman, Alabama on April 24, 1940, and married his sweetheart, Billie Marie Hammond, in 1963. He moved with his family to Orlando in 1970 to pursue a career in the airline industry and settled in the East Orlando area. Jack was a founding member of the Pershing Avenue Christian Church, now known as the Community Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. As an elder in the church, Jack worked and volunteered in every position and enjoyed being a member of the choir. Being a transplant to the area, Jack's church family became his second family and he cherished those relationships for the remainder of his life. In addition to his career within the airline industry, Jack worked as a referee for over 30 years, throughout the Central Florida area, for high school football, basketball, and volleyball games. He was an avid fan of the University of Alabama football team (Roll Tide!) and the Atlanta Braves. Jack loved bass fishing and enjoyed drawing, painting, and photography. Jack and Billie also enjoyed travelling. They went on many trips up the coast visiting lighthouses, and travelled outside the country to Europe, Australia, and Thailand. Jack is preceded in death by his parents Ralph and Mildred (Glasscock) Aldridge, his brother Jere Aldridge and brother-in-law Marvin Pritchard. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Billie Marie; his sons Kelley (Melanie), Patrick and his beloved grandson Benjamin; his sisters Dianne (Charlie) Herfurth, Mary Jane (Eddy) Leverett, and Virginia Pritchard; his sister-in-law Hilda Aldridge, brother-in-law James Britton (Lynn) Hammond and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be held at the Community Christian Church here in Orlando at a later date and time. In lieu of flowers for the family we ask that donations be made to Community Christian Church 6800 Lake Underhill Road Orlando, FL 32822.

David Leon Frost, 75
David Leon Frost, 75, of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Dec. 25, 2023, at North Alabama Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. Mr. Frost was born Nov. 22, 1948, in Haleyville, Alabama to Robert and Marie Frost. David married Jill Courington on Aug. 19, 1972, and they were married for 48 years. He worked with the Alabama Forestry Commission for 23 years. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. The funeral service will be held on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville. Burial will follow the services at Mount Vernon Baptist Church (King School House) Cemetery. David is survived by his daughter, Jenny (Lynn) Donaldson; grandchildren, Logan Donaldson (Katie Lewis) and Elle Donaldson (Jarett Daniel); brothers, Robert Frost and Dan (Kathy) Frost; nephews, Gordan (Susan) Frost and Chris (Tabitha) Frost; brother-in-law, Scotty Courington; friend, Dorothy Mills; and a host of other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jill Frost; parents, Robert and Marie Frost; and nephew, Matthew Frost.

Verlin Millican, 93
Graveside service for Verlin Millican, age 93, of Big Springs, West Virginia, was held Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Flint Creek Cemetery with interment following. Cullman Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the family. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Riley Orville Trimble III, 48
Riley Orville Trimble III, age 48, of Cullman, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, at his residence. He was born Dec. 13, 1975, to Riley O. Trimble Jr. and Paulette Lackey Trimble. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul F. and Jean Lackey and R. O. and Kerlista Trimble. Survivors include his daughter, Taylor Trimble (Jason) Foshee; parents, Riley O. and Paulette Lackey Trimble; sister, Jamie Trimble Oliver; brother, Eli (Sabrina) Trimble; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. A memorial service for family and friends will be held at a later date.

Sybil Marie Baker, 93
Sybil Marie Baker, age 93, of Cullman, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born April 21, 1930, to Jethro Shaddrix and Odell Shaddrix. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Harold Baker; daughter, Rebecca Glass; parents; two sisters; and three brothers. Survivors include her sons, Doyle (Sara) Baker, David Baker, and Donald Baker, a son-in-law, Willard'Bim' Glass, a host of nieces and nephews and a special family friend, Jennie McCannally. A graveside service will be held at Duck River Cemetery on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Luther "Perry" Tucker, 84, of Cullman
Mr. Luther "Perry" Tucker passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Dec. 24, 2023. Mr. Tucker was a Cullman Native, Born Aug. 5, 1939, the youngest of three sons to James Luther and Jewel (Brock) Tucker. He was 84 Years old. Mr. Tucker was married to his high school sweetheart, Alpharetta "Ralph" (Nix) Tucker for 63 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and two older brothers, John Leon Tucker and James Alva Tucker. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Perron Lee Tucker (Cortney and Joseph Luther Tucker (Lee Anne), as well as two grandsons Henry Ransom Tucker and Charles Perron Tucker. Perry was a 1957 graduate of Cullman High school and studied business and finance at St. Bernard College in Cullman. While in college, he worked with his grandfather, J.R. Tucker at Parker Bank, prior to working at the Cullman Co-Op. His banking career began with Birmingham Trust National Bank in the early 1970s and continued to People's Bank of Tupelo Mississippi, Southtrust and 1st Commercial Bank (Synovus) in Birmingham, from where he returned to Cullman in 1999. He retired from banking with Merchants Bank in Cullman and then began poultry and cattle farming which he did throughout his retirement. From childhood he was a lifelong member of The Church of Christ, and while able, Perry attended 4th Street Church of Christ in Cullman. Services for Mr. Tucker will be held on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at 2 p.m., the family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until time of service. Interment will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the American Heart Association. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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