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HPD ends standoff peacefully

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Police Chief Joshua Howell and an array of HPD officers were involved in standoff with an armed man with dementia on Dec. 22. The event ended peacefully with no injuries.

Howell said he was called to the scene around 11:15 p.m.

"Upon arrival I was briefed on the situation by Officer Burchfield and Officer Freeman," Howell said.

"At approximately 11:05 p.m., Hanceville Police Department dispatch received a call from a young female stating her father with dementia obtained a firearm and believed people were outside their residence attempting to kidnap her and her sister.

"Furthermore, the caller stated, the firearm was loaded and they had made several attempts themselves to get the firearm away from their father but were unsuccessful and they were afraid he was going to shoot someone."

Howell said after he arrived on scene, they negotiated with the father for over an hour.

"Negotiations were not effective or successful due to his dementia," Howell said.

"At that time, we had to formulate and develop a strategic plan to distract the male to obtain a firearm, which was a success."

Howell said the resolution would not have been possible if it were not for proactive officers employed at the HPD. "I want to personally thank Officer Burchfield and Officer Freeman and their compassion, care and restraint," Howell said.

"It was through their effective negotiation tactics and quick thinking resulting in the successful resolution of the situation without any incident."

Howell continued, "I am a boots-on-the-ground, working chief who truly cares about the officers » PAGE 3

Cullman Christkindlmarkt attracts more than 200K visitors



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The Cullman Christkindlmarkt welcomed 210,000 visitors from 41 states and more than 700 cities.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Christkindlmarkt saw a significant expansion this year. The market, known for its festive atmosphere and cultural significance, introduced new attractions and extended its operational days, attracting a diverse crowd from across the nation.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson discussed the market's growth during, and at the conclusion of, the event, which took place every Thursday to Sunday, from Nov. 24 to Dec. 23.

"This year, we've increased the number of vendors, extended the days of operation and introduced new features like ice skating and a carousel. We're focusing on enhancing the authenticity of the experience, down to the smallest details," he said.

The crowd estimate for the Christmas tree lighting was nearly 18,000, with the parade drawing around 20,000 attendees. "Calculating parade attendance is complex, but we use a combination of geofenced attendance tracking, drone footage analysis and on-street visual estimates," Anderson explained.

The economic impact of the event has been notable. "We hosted 210,000 visitors from 41 states and over 700 cities, with an estimated direct economic impact of over $15 million," he said. "This year's event has not only boosted local commerce, but also highlighted Cullman's capacity for hosting large-scale events."

With 75% of the businesses at the market being local, the event has emerged as a key player in Cullman's economic and com- » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 29

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Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 29, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 20

- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 490
- assault; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 233
- theft of property; CR 396
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 668
- harassment; CR 1807
- domestic violence; CR 715
- harassment; CR 587
- harassment; CR 1216
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157
- violation of protection order; CR 587
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 91

Dec. 21

- harassment; CR 1566
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- harassment; Hoenig Rd.
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- trespassing; CR 351
- burglary; CR 1142

Dec. 22

- criminal mischief; Commercial St. SE

Dec. 23

- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1282
- theft of property; CR 702
- arson; assault; CR 728
- possession of marijuana; I-65 NB at MM 305
- possession of marijuana; possession of prescription drugs; Hwy. 278 E

Dec. 24

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 62
- theft of property; CR 866
- domestic violence; CR 1111
- burglary; CR 735

Dec. 25

- harassment; CR 1669
- theft of property; CR 1428
- theft of property; CR 451
- assault; CR 1342

Dec. 26

- animal cruelty; CR 101
- trespassing; CR 431
- assault; Hwy. 91

Dec. 27

- violation of protection order; CR 466
- domestic violence; unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 1251

ARRESTS

Dec. 25 – 27

Arnold, Eddie R.; 55

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

Baker, Kenneth B.; 47

- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft

Brandon, Jimmie D.; 57

- possession of methamphetamine
- public intoxication

Brown, Stephanie L.; 52

- DUI

Cheatham, Kelvin N.; 54

- Probation Violation- assault-aggravated assault family-gun

Graham, Brandy N.; 43

- larceny/theft-miscellaneous (2 counts)
- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card

Gregory, Kayla M.; 28

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Jameson, Isaac B; 21

- DUI (alcohol)

Johnston, Taylor N.; 41

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

Nunez, Juan A.; 30

- DUI (alcohol)

Reyes, Santiago R.; 23

- DUI (alcohol)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 22

- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $580

Dec. 23

- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $651

Dec. 24

- menacing; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Pine Cir. SE; damaged door; $400

Dec. 26

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; scooters; $296

Dec. 27

- theft of property-1st degree; Stewart Auto Supply; Loring St. NW; 2001 Chevy S10; $1,000

ARRESTS

Dec. 27

Edgil, Billy R.; 61

- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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



2 charged following manhunt

Staff Reports
Contributor

WALTER, Ala. — Two men have been charged following a manhunt in the Walter area on Thursday, Dec. 28. According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Chad Edward Lindley, 35, of Guin, and Jonathan Leamon Lee, 45, of Logan, are charged with receiving stolen property - receiving stolen vehicle, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and attempting to elude.

A CCSO spokesman said that earlier in the day on Dec. 28, the Madison County Sheriff's Office issued a BOLO for a vehicle that had been stolen from Madison County at gunpoint.

"Around 1 p.m. Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle from the earlier BOLO," said the CCSO spokesman.

"The vehicle refused to stop and a short pursuit ensued.

"The vehicle wrecked in the area of County Road 750 and County Road 703."

Once stopped, the suspects allegedly fled on foot.

K-9 tracking deputies and the Cullman Police Department helicopter assisted with the search. The two suspects were apprehended the same afternoon.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Chad Edward Lindley



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jonathan Leamon Lee

Disposal (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — While city of Cullman residents prepare to ring in 2024, many are itching to properly dispose of live Christmas trees that may be shedding countless needles in their living rooms. Between typical brush disposal, composting or boosting habitats, there are plenty of options.

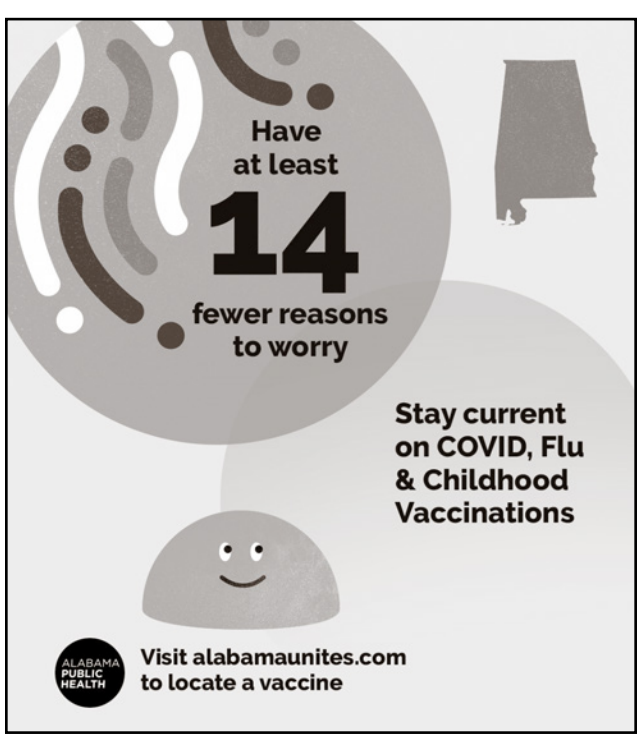
Sam Dillender, superintendent of Cullman City Sanitation, said disposing of your live tree is as easy as disposing of any other brush item in Cullman city limits; simply remove all ornaments and decor and place the tree within 5 feet of your curb, and it should be picked up within 10-14 days.

"Currently, the City requests that residents place their Christmas trees near the curb similar to normal trees and limbs service. The City does not have a separate program for Christmas trees as we treat them the same as brush service," he explained.

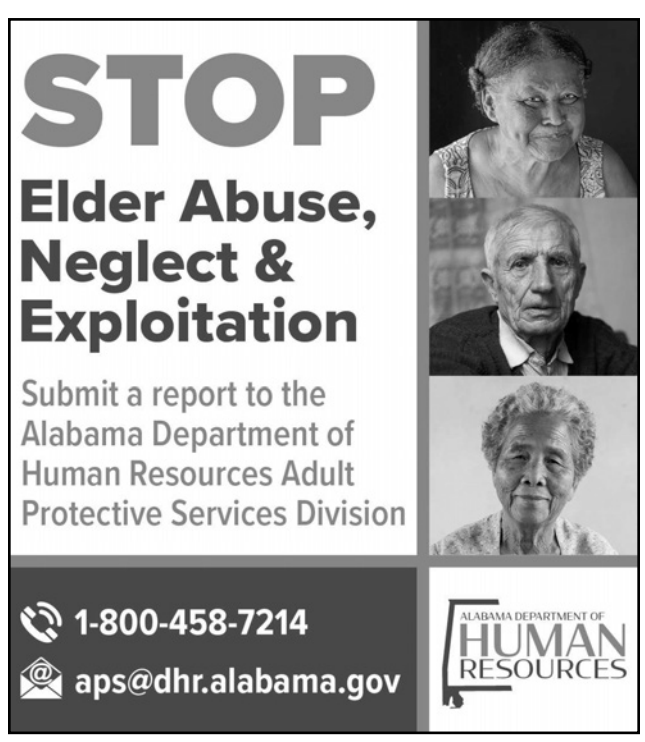
For those who don't wish to chuck out such a high-priced holiday investment, planting or composting may be an option. For those with gardens, decaying tree matter makes great compost and acts as habitat for insects and small wildlife during the winter; the tree, once broken down and piled, will slowly break down and disappear, improving the soil and feeding nearby plants.

For those with fishponds, placing the tree in the pond can not only increase habitat diversity for fish, but it can also act as a feeding ground as macroinvertebrates collect to feed on decaying tree matter and attract even more fish.

The additional coverage and hiding areas make great breeding grounds for those wishing to increase their fish population, too! Christmas trees need to be weighed down before being placed in the water; this can be done easily by cementing the trunk.







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. 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.

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.

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/Polar-BearPlunge2024

Hanceville High graduate showcasing skills across the pond

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CULLMAN, Ala. — One of Cullman County's own, Kyra Bales, a 2023 Hanceville High School graduate, is preparing to strut her stuff and showcase her skills as they're broadcast to the world when the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Marching Mocs participate in the London's New Year's Day Parade.

Speaking of how her majorette career began, Bales fondly recalled her mother's push. "I started twirling at age 4 because my mom wanted me to be a part of something that could help with my shyness, so she put me into baton classes and I fell in love immediately!" she said.

Twirling through school was Bales' plan. When it came time to research which college fit her needs, she scrutinized the specifics of each campus and compared them against her checklist. After evaluating the pros and cons of schools all across the nation, Bales chose the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, falling in love with the school culture and eventually the majorette line.

"I have always wanted to twirl in college, but I never really had a specific place in mind. When it came time to choose schools, I would specifically look at what met my twirling criteria, but this wasn't the way to go. Eventually,

"I found UTC, which checked all my boxes for what I wanted in a school, and it has become such a special place in my heart. I know for sure I made the right decision," said Bales. "Not long after I made the UTC majorette line it was announced that we would be traveling to London for the New Year's Day Parade."

The Cullman native had traveled within the States with family and friends, of course, but the experience UTC afforded her was the ticket to her very first trip out of the country.

Bales gushed as she spoke of the cultural differences between north Alabama and the U.K. "It's way more bustling and busy of a city with such a wide variety of people," she said. "The architecture is like nothing I've seen before."

The Marching Mocs will be performing throughout the historic streets of Westminster, the parade billed as "The World's Greatest Street Spectacular," on Jan. 1, 2024. London's New Year's Day Parade starts at 7 a.m. on New Year's Day. Local PBS channels will be broadcasting the event live, as well as replays on Monday at 11 p.m. and Tuesday at 2 p.m.



SABRINA BALES

Hanceville High School's Kyra Bales is currently in London, preparing to perform through the streets of Westminster, as part of London's New Year's Day Parade.

Standoff (from Front)

and citizens of his community and will be present during situations such as this to support everyone involved.

"These types of situations do not only affect the officers, but individuals as well. I want to be there for everyone involved in a high-stress situation such as this. Our goal within our department to work for our community to resolve conflicts with the utmost respect, care and compassion for our citizens and community."

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PREP CHEER

'Anything is possible, as long as you have God on your side': Hanceville's Kinsley Wright talks freshman year

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville freshman cheerleader Kinsley Wright has been cheering for three years and this is her first year on the varsity squad. She has enjoyed the experience so far and has learned so much from her teammates.

"It has been such a good experience being on varsity. I have learned so many new skills, but I have also learned a lot about being a team player and always giving it your all," Wright said. "It has been amazing. I have learned so much from my teammates, and I am so blessed to be a part of an amazing group of girls. The older girls have definitely guided and helped me a lot this year. I love the laughs that I get to have with the girls. We love to have fun and cheer our teams on. I have learned how to be a strong cheerleader. I have learned that it takes a lot of hard work and practice to get where you want to be. They have taught me how to better my skills and become an even better cheerleader. God has truly blessed me with these girls."

Kinsley is so happy to be cheering under some great coaches in Phamie Brown and Justina Radcliff and has taken away so much from them so far. The Lady Bulldogs placed 14th at the state competition a few days ago, and she soaked up so much from that experience.

"They have been amazing coaches. They are very understanding and love to try new things. They have taught me that even through the hard times, our team will pull through. They have taught us that confidence is everything, and you have to believe in yourself if you want to succeed," Wright said.

"It was the best time. I love doing challenging things as a team, because it makes us a stronger team. My coaches were so positive the whole way through. I am beyond blessed to have such a positive team. They always see the good in the stressful times. We have worked so incredibly hard, and it is so amazing to see all of our hard work and dedication pay off."

She added, "I learned that you have to believe in yourself, even during the stressful times. You also can't second-guess yourself just because you are nervous. You have to have fun and that's what it is all about."

Kinsley has learned a lot of things during her cheer career so far and has seen a great amount of improvement in her performance from the start of the season until now.

"I have learned to have faith during the stressful times and never doubt yourself. I have also learned that it is important to lift up others when they are doubting themselves. You have to have self-confidence, even when you are in doubt. I have also learned that it is so important to be on the same page with everyone on your team. Communication is key when it comes to cheer. You all have to work together and communicate in stunts, tumbling, and forming a routine," she said.

"I have seen a lot of growth in my performance from the start of the season until now. I am so grateful to have understanding teammates that will help me when I am confused about a skill. I have improved the most on my stunting. I have learned new techniques and tricks to make me a better base. My coaches have guided me and given me so much advice and help with stunts."

Kinsley set some goals before the season and was proud to achieve them. She's definitely learned a lot about herself and this team so far.

"At the beginning of the year, I had set the goals of working as hard as I can to keep my spirit up, and cheer on my team the best I possibly can. I believe that I have achieved those goals, and I am so happy about it," she said.

"I have learned that it is so important to always stay positive. Positivity is the best attitude to have every day. You can change a person's whole day with a smile or kind words. My team and I are positive, and we help each other in a kind way. Everyone wants to be on a team with a positive attitude, and my team and I have that positive spirit."

This has been a special season for Hanceville's cheer squad so far, and Kinsley feels blessed to be a part of it. She has taken away so much from some great upperclassmen so far.

"What has made this team so special to me is our effort. We put in so many hours of hard work, and we continue to exceed our goals. Everyone on the team knows how important it is to put in the work, and our coaches push us to become better and better every day. Everyone on the team truly has a big love for cheer and as a team, that is so important," she said.

"They have taught me to be the best possible cheerleader, and whenever I need help, they are always right there. I have learned so many new cheers, chants, and dances from them. They are all incredible at being patient and teaching me how to perfect my motions. They are positive and always make light of every situation, and God knew that I needed them."

Kinsley talked about her role models in cheerleading, the best advice that someone ever gave her, her advice to any girls that want to get into cheer, and how important it is to be a role model for the younger girls that are watching her, and the rest of the team perform.



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Hanceville's Kinsley Wright

"My role models are definitely the upperclassmen. They have taught me so much, as well as my coaches. They make me a better cheerleader and person every day," she said. "The best advice that someone has ever given me is, 'Anything is possible, as long as you have God on your side.' My advice to the girls that want to get into cheer is that keeping a positive attitude and working as hard as you can will help you achieve your goals."

She added, "It is so important to be good role models for the younger girls. My team and I help them with their routines, and we've even gone to a few of their practices to teach them cheers. It is so important that we show the younger girls how to be leaders, because they are the future of Hanceville varsity cheer. They are such an amazing group, and I am beyond excited for them to be the future of Hanceville varsity cheer."

Auburn Made: Week 16 NFL rundown

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

From a game-winning field goal to a career-long touchdown grab, it was a Christmas weekend to remember for some of Auburn's former players in the NFL.

See who all shined in this week's Auburn Made NFL rundown.

BEST OF WEEK 16

Derrick Brown, DT, Carolina Panthers
Brown once again led the Panthers' defense with a PFF grade of 89.9 following a nine-tackle performance against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday. It was Brown's third game with nine or more tackles on the season, including two in the last three weeks. With 88 tackles on the season, he's well surpassed his single-season high set last year (67). He received high praise from Green Bay assistant head coach Rich Bisaccia after Sunday's game.

Anders Carlson, K, Green Bay Packers
You can add game-winning field goal to the list of accomplishments Carlson has achieved in his rookie year. On Sunday, with 22 seconds left, Carlson drilled a 32-yard field goal to put the Packers ahead for good and lead them to a 33-30 win over the Carolina Panthers. The rookie also connected on a career-long field goal earlier in the game, making one from 53 yards out. It was his third field goal of 50-plus yards on the season.

Marlon Davidson, DL, Tennessee Titans
After being signed from the practice squad Friday, Davidson made his second career NFL start Sunday and made a clutch tackle for loss in the closing minutes. With the Titans clinging to a 4-point lead and Seattle facing second-and-goal from the 2-yard line, Davidson came through untouched and smashed the running back for a loss. It was one of two tackles on the day for Davidson who finished with a PFF grade of 73.4.

Darius Slayton, WR, New York Giants
Going back to his days in college, Slayton has always been able to take the top off a defense. He did it again Monday, getting behind the Philadelphia defense and hauling in a 69-yard touchdown grab to make it a one-score game in the fourth quarter. It was a new career long catch for Slayton who is now in his fifth year in the NFL. He finished the day with three catches for 90 yards, leading the team in receiving for the second straight week.

Other Tigers in the NFL
- Montravius Adams, DT, Pittsburgh Steelers
- Tank Bigsby, RB, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Angelo Blackson, DL, Jacksonville Jaguars
- K.J. Britt, LB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Daniel Carlson, K, Las Vegas Raiders
- Carlton Davis, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jamel Dean, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jack Driscoll, OL, Philadelphia Eagles
- Rudy Ford, S, Green Bay Packers
- Derick Hall, LB, Seattle Seahawks
- Josh Harris, LS, Los Angeles Chargers
- Noah Igbinoghene, CB, Dallas Cowboys
- Jonathan Jones, CB, New England Patriots
- Carl Lawson, DE, New York Jets
- Eku Leota, LB, Carolina Panthers
- Roger McCreary, CB, Tennessee Titans
- Owen Pappoe, LB, Arizona Cardinals
- Jamien Sherwood, LB, New York Jets
- Braden Smith, OT, Indianapolis Colts
- Jarrett Stidham, QB, Denver Broncs
- Daniel Thomas, S, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Colby Wooden, DL, Green Bay Packers

DNP (Reserve/Injured)
- Prince Tega Wanogho, OT, Kansas City Chiefs (IR)
- C.J. Uzomah, TE, New York Jets (IR)
- Chandler Wooten, LB, Carolina Panthers (IR)
- Kilian Zierer, OT, Houston Texans (IR)

Practice Squad
- Shedrick Jackson, WR, Cincinnati Bengals
- Anthony Schwartz, WR, Miami Dolphins
- Seth Williams, WR, Jacksonville Jaguars

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Begin 2024 with a First Day Hike at an Alabama State Park

Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama State Parks is hosting 11 First Day Hikes as part of a national program designed to celebrate the new year and the great outdoors. The hikes will take place at parks throughout the state, from Gulf State Park on Alabama's Gulf Coast to Buck's Pocket State Park in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

The national First Day Hike program features hikes in all 50 states on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024. In Alabama, First Day Hikes are led by State Parks personnel and volunteers and provide an opportunity to savor the beauty of Alabama's natural resources in a fun, family-friendly environment.

"Our Alabama State Parks offer some of the very best hiking trails found anywhere in America, and there's no better way to start the new year than by immersing yourself in Alabama's beautiful scenery," said Greg Lein, Alabama State Parks director.

"This year, we have a sunrise hike to King's Chair at Oak Mountain State Park and a sunset hike at Meaher State Park to see the day end over the gorgeous Mobile-Tensaw Delta.

"In fact, we have so many parks participating in the First Day Hikes this year that I'm confident anyone can find a hike that fits just what they're looking for. It's the perfect way to start the new year."

Here's a look at the First Day Hikes at Alabama State Parks on Jan. 1, which require park admission in most cases to participate:

Buck's Pocket State Park | Point Rock Overlook
- Time: 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Meet at camp store
- Notes: The hike goes to Point Rock Overlook, one of the Tennessee Valley's most picturesque vistas. All ages and leashed pets are welcome, but this hike is not Americans with Disabilities Act accessible.

Cheaha State Park| Hike to the High Point
- Time: 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Meet at Vista Cliffside Events Center
- Notes: The Cheaha interpretive team will lead a hike to Alabama's highest point, where the group can enjoy hot chocolate and coffee around the campfire. Cheaha State Park's First Day Hikes will launch a series of 24 hikes in 2024 at the park.

Cheaha State Park | Bark Ranger Hike
- Time: 2-3 p.m.
- Location: Meet at Bald Rock Boardwalk
- Notes: Leashed pets are welcome on this hike, but they must be on a leash of 6 feet or shorter. This hike is fully accessible for anyone with mobility concerns. Cheaha State Park's First Day Hikes will launch a series of 24 hikes in 2024 at the park.

Chewacla State Park | Waterfall Adventure
- Time: 2-3 p.m.
- Location: Meet at the park's nature center
- Notes: The hike features a New Year's scavenger hunt, starting at the nature center, located at the park's second parking loop. From there, the group will hike together to the waterfall, looking for golden items and clues along the way.

DeSoto State Park | Neverland Trail
- Time: 9:30 a.m.-noon
- Location: Meet at the country store and information center
- Notes: Hikers will caravan to Lost Falls Trailhead. The hike is free and open to everyone, but pre-registration is appreciated.

Gulf State Park | The First 24 of 2024
- Time: 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Meet naturalist at the Lake Shelby parking lot
- Notes: This hike begins with hot chocolate provided and continues with a leisurely 2.3-mile hike crossing Lake Shelby to Branyon Beach. Hikers will experience 24 firsts for the new year, including first beach visit and alligator sighting.

Joe Wheeler State Park | Winter Wonderland
- Time: 9-11 a.m.
- Location: Meet in the lobby of Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge
- Notes: Hikers will join park naturalist Jennings Earnest for a 1-mile hike on the Champion Trail. This is the first hike of a series of 24 Hikes in 2024 at Joe Wheeler State Park.

Lake Guntersville State Park | Atop Taylor Mountain
- Time: 10 a.m.-noon
- Location: Meet in the lobby of the Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge
- Notes: The hike follows the Golf Course Loop, which ends at with amazing views of Lake Guntersville at Benny BoBo Overlook. The 3-mile hike is considered moderate difficulty.

Meaher State Park | Sunset on the Delta
- Time: 4-5:30 p.m.
- Location: Meet at parking lot next to the boardwalk
- Notes: The hike includes Canecutter Trail and the Gateway to the Delta Boardwalk, with the amazing biodiversity of the Delta on display.

Oak Mountain State Park | Sunrise at King's Chair
- Time: 5:30 a.m.
- Location: Meet at North Trailhead at 5:15 a.m.
- Notes: Hikers will take the Red Trail to the Blue/Red connector, and then continue to King's Chair on the Blue Trail. Due to the start time, hikers are encouraged to bring a flashlight or headlamp.

Wind Creek State Park | Speckled Snake Trail
- Time: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Location: Meet in marina parking lot
- Notes: This 3.5-mile hike will pass through densely wooded terrain with several hills and picturesque views of Lake Martin.

All First Day Hikes are subject to change or cancellation in the event of inclement weather.

Hikers are encouraged to dress for seasonal temperatures and wear sturdy, closed-toed shoes. Also, pack plenty of water, snacks or a lunch, and hiking poles (if needed).

Alabama's First Day Hikes are part of more than 1,000 hikes taking place across the country this year. The First Day Hikes program began in 1992 at the Blue Hills Reservation State Park in Massachusetts.

"I am thrilled to see the continued growth and success of the First Day Hikes program," said Lewis Ledford, executive director of the National Association of State Park Directors.

"This initiative has become a cherished tradition, providing individuals and families with the opportunity to embrace the outdoors and kick off the year with a commitment to health and well-being."

ALEA: Make safety a New Year's resolution; don't get caught out in the cold

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – As 2023 ends and we enjoy the final days of December, it reminds us that winter is here as local forecasters are calling for freezing temperatures, rain and possible snow flurries in the northern part of the state.

Secretary of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Hal Taylor said, "Whether you are traveling long distances for a New Year's celebration, going to watch your favorite team play in a bowl game, or staying close to home, we encourage everyone to prepare your vehicle before departing for the trip. Even if you plan to be in an area of the state that will not experience rain or snow, it is smart to pack emergency supplies and ensure your vehicle is winter ready. The weather can change without notice and when the temperature drops the last place anyone wants to be is stranded on the side of the road without being properly equipped."

Prepare your vehicle and check:
- Headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers and interior lights. Be sure to also check your trailer brake lights and turn signals, if necessary.

- Defrosters and all windshield wipers; and replace any worn blades.

- The cooling system for leaks; also test the coolant and drain or replace if necessary.

- Your battery, charging system, and belts. When temps drop, so does battery power.

- Tires (including spare) and their age. Check the tread, sidewalls, and inflations pressure.

Carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks, and supplies you might need in an emergency, including jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices (flares and emergency markers); blankets for protection from the cold; and a cell phone and charger, water, food, and any necessary medications. Remember to gas up your vehicle or plug it in if it is electrical.

When driving in potentially icy conditions, do not utilize your vehicle's cruise control, which creates issues and could cause you to lose control, especially when crossing frozen or iced-over bridges.

Plan your route, check weather conditions and always remain courteous and cautious when driving on the roadways.

ALEA's Director of Public Safety, Colonel Jon Archer, said, "Being a courteous driver is a simple driving behavior that goes a long way and makes our roadways safer for everyone.

"Some of the top contributing circumstances we continually see in traffic crashes are following too closely, improper lane change or usage, driving over the posted speed limit, and driving while distracted. As we look forward to a new year and continue the Agency's '12 Days of Safety' campaign, we encourage everyone to include safety and the habit of being a courteous driver in their New Year's resolutions."

Take the pledge to be a courteous driver this weekend and throughout 2024 by:
- Avoid cruising in the left lane. The left lane is intended to be used for passing. Once you have passed another vehicle, please move back to the middle or right lane to keep the left lane open. In Alabama, a vehicle may not remain in the leftmost lane for more than 1.5 miles without completely passing another vehicle.

- Don't follow too closely. Always follow at a safe distance to allow yourself time to react. Adjust your following distance to appropriately match weather conditions, road conditions, visibility, and traffic.

- Always use your turn signal when changing lanes. Making sure other drivers are aware of a change in your path ensures they have time to react and can help avoid a crash. Don't forget to check your blind spots, as well.

- Remember to share the road with pedestrians and cyclists. We share the responsibility to keep vulnerable road users safe. Be especially careful when turning at intersections and when driving in heavily populated areas, or even driving through congested parking lots as the holidays sales continue.

- Move over. It isn't just courteous; it's the law. When you see emergency vehicles, road maintenance, tow trucks, or vehicles on the side of the road with their hazards on, safely move over to provide space and proceed cautiously. If you are unable to move over because of traffic, slow down to 15 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.















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New Year (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With so many fantastic restaurants and bars in Cullman, there's plenty of opportunity to ring in 2024 while supporting local businesses. The Cullman Tribune has gathered a list of festive events sure to entertain! As always, please party responsibly.

New Year's Eve Brunch at Hank's Sports Bar

- Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- A little pre-party never hurt anybody! Stop by Hank's Sports Bar to fuel up on bayou-style brunch favorites and enjoy special $4 mimosas.
- Hank's Sports Bar is located at 601 Fourth St. SW.

New Year's Dinner at 412 Public House

- Sunday, Dec. 31, 4-10 p.m.
- A local upscale dining staple, 412 Public House has created a one-night-only menu with special dishes and drinks. Menu offerings will be available the evening of.
- 412 Public House is located at 412 Second Ave. SE.

New Year's Eve Celebration at Goat Island Brewing

- Sunday, Dec. 31, noon-midnight
- Our home team beer brewers have a full lineup of fun scheduled, with happy hour specials from 2-4 p.m., three rounds of signature "Singo Bingo" beginning at 4 and Avenue G hitting the stage at 8. Food selections for the evening will be a delectable spread catered by Freddie Day featuring prime rib, chicken breast, mashed potatoes, green beans and cheesecake. A meal for two is only $60, and reservations are preferred. The night will finish with a toast of sparkling wine when the clock strikes midnight!
- Goat Island Brewing is located at 1646 John Cooper Drive.

New Year's Eve Celebration at Valley Tavern and Grille

- Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. to midnight
- For those who like a more dive bar atmosphere, Valley Tavern and Grille won't disappoint! Thick as Thieves will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. and rock in the New Year until midnight, with a champagne toast to cap off the evening. Valley has requested guests wear party attire, so dig out your flashiest outfit for the night!
- Valley Tavern and Grille is located at 1710 Tallyho Street.

New Year's Eve at Puckett's

- Sunday, Dec. 31, 10 p.m.-midnight
- Kicking off at 10 p.m., Puckett's will be hosting band Smith and Gone to ring in the New Year with twangy country tunes. A $30 cover charge secures your spot and comes with an added bonus of party favors and a champagne toast. Puckett's full food and bar menu will be available to order, late into the evening. Call 256-841-7774 to reserve your seat!
- Puckett's is located at 6076 Alabama Highway 157.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 28-29

T. E. "Buddy" Osborne, 89
T. E. "Buddy" Osborne, age 89, of Gadsden, Alabama, formerly of Cullman passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2023. Buddy was born in Alabama on April 3, 1934, to Emmett and Rissie Hill Osborne. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marlene Wade Osborne; sisters, Pauline Heflin, Joyce Chandler; brother, Jerry Osborne. Graveside services will be on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery with Rev. Jeffrey Wiggins officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside at the time of service. Survivors are daughter, Lynne (Alfred) Orton; granddaughter, Ashley (Joel) Stapleton; great-grandchildren, Will Stapleton and Sam Stapleton; sisters, Doris Ponder, Brenda Howse, Diane Horsley and several nieces and nephews. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Gail Cagle, 87
Gail Cagle, 87 of Double Springs, passed away Dec. 27, 2023, at North Alabama Medical Center. She was born Aug. 8, 1936, in Double Springs, Alabama. Gail loved spending time with her family and loved her Mt. Carmel church family. She enjoyed sewing and the Quilt Guild, walking at the community center, and a good cup of coffee. Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Double Springs. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, where Mrs. Cagle will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Burial will follow the services in the adjoining cemetery. Brother Dennis Stewart will officiate. Gail is survived by her son, Steve Cagle and his wife, Sharon Cagle (Abbott); grandchildren, Kayla Anthony and her husband, Justin Kurtz, Blake Anthony and his wife Bethany Anthony (Harris), and Kaci Colbert (Cagle) and her husband Ethan Colbert; and great grandchildren, Kylan and Luka Anthony; and a host of beloved family members. She was preceded in death by her husband, Blaine Cagle; daughter, Martha Cagle; parents, Herbert and Elvie Batchelor; sister, Maxine Comeens (Batchelor); and brothers, Alvin and Ray Batchelor.

Teresa A. Anders, 60
Teresa A. Anders, age 60, of Cullman, passed away on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, at her residence. She was born March 25, 1963, to Alfred and Sarah Holcomb. She was preceded in death by her grandsons, Samuel Whittle and Ethan Whittle; mother, Sarah Holcomb; and sister, Cynthia Black. Survivors include her husband, Jeffery Anders; daughters, Emily (Shawn) Whittle, Whitney Anders (Jimmy), and Jessi (Jacob) Whitehead; father, Alfred Holcomb; grandchildren, Ryleigh, Westin, MarLee, Zaida, Millie, and Maize; sister by choice, Donna Kent; and a host of other family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I'll be home for Christmas

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Through the years, there have been some silly-little Christmas songs written. Songs like, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas." Can you imagine how much that thing must eat? That also brings up the question of what do you feed a hippopotamus? Another one was, "All I want for Christmas are My Two Front Teeth." That's understandable, for a snaggled-tooth kid, but a more realistic one for adults, was "All I want for Christmas is You." For me, this year, all I wanted for Christmas was to get well and be back home. So, the Christmas song that was mainly on my mind was Bing Crosby's "I'll Be Home for Christmas." Back in 1943, the now iconic song was originally written for soldiers who were overseas during World War II, but dreamed about coming home for Christmas. I can't imagine how badly those soldiers longed to spend Christmas with their families.

For me, it all began about three-weeks before Christmas. I had been having some shortness of breath, dizziness, and slight chest pains. I thought those were symptoms of being around my sweet Jean. My doctor thought I should go have a stress test. Since this would be my third stress test in the last decade or so, I thought it would just be routine. You know, rule out heart issues and look for some other cause. The cardiologist's office called the next week and said, "We are concerned about some abnormalities in the results. We think we should schedule a heart cath." So, last Monday, which was the Monday before Christmas, I went to East Alabama Medical Center for a heart cath. Dr. Mitchell said, "If we do find blockage, we hope to go ahead and take care of it while we are in there." When I came back around, from my long winter's nap, he said, "We were not able to fix your problems. You have 95% blockage in what we call the 'widow-maker' artery, plus significant blockage in at least three others. The good news is we can fix this, but we need to do quadruple by-pass surgery to do so. Dr. Crowe can do it. But we are backed up to the hilt today and tomorrow, so it will be Wednesday before we can get you in there." I was all set to go home and come back Wednesday morning, but I guess they wanted to save me the hassle of an another-ten-minute trip.

After having heart surgery, the late-columnist Lewis Grizzard wrote a New York Times Bestseller about his ordeal. He called it, "They Tore Out My Heart and Stomped That Sucker Flat." I do understand. They cut my chest from North Pole to South, but the incision in my leg, where they removed a vein to use, was much better than the old-style ones I have seen. As sore as my chest is, I suspect someone parked their Volkswagen Mini Van on it while I was in surgery!

Skilled surgeons are such a blessing. Anesthesia is an amazing thing. Healing is a gift from the Great Physician. I promised Him I would behave if He got me home for Christmas. They said I might go home on Friday. Then I went into a-fib. Growing up, when I told a-fib, it always caused trouble when Mama found out! This was a different kind of a-fib, but it caused trouble non-the-less. Saturday afternoon they kicked me out, and I was indeed home by Christmas. This was indeed a Christmas to remember. Praise God from whom all blessings flow, including life-sustaining blood that flows through arteries from the heart!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1951

From the files of 1951

Oak Level News

Reverend J.S. Shults filled his appointment here on Sunday and Sunday night.

Mrs. Loy Hinkle, Freida and Frances, attended the wedding of their daughter, Reba Faye and Talmadge Vaughn on Saturday night. They are now honeymooning in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Crown, of Decatur, spent the weekend here.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Black are spending a week with their daughter, Mrs. Era Clemmons, of Tennessee.

Berlin News

Sam Self and John and Bob Bentley attended church at Pleasant View last week.

Reverend Brice, of Fairview, the Methodist preacher visited a number of his church people last week.

Bill Duskin, son of Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Duskin, is home from a camp in Texas for a fifteen day visit.

Mrs. John Bishop spent the day with her brother's wife, who is very sick, in Cullman last week.

Mrs. James Spiegel, of Cullman, was here at church on Sunday.

Teague Family Has Reunion

The annual Teague reunion was held recently at the home of I.W. Hall, near Berlin.

A picnic lunch was served to the following relatives and friends: Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Teague and children, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Plunkett and Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Davidson and children, all of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Teague, of Joppa, C.S. Teague, Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Carroll and children and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Russell, all of Gadsden, Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Vaughn, of Vinemont, Mr. and Mrs. Emory B. Teague and children, of Gorgas, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Teague, of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. Asa B. Teague, Mrs. Alice Teague, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Morrow and Donald Gene Robinson, all of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilks and son and Harry Isam, all of Blountsville, Mrs. M.M. Mabry, Mrs. C.W. Jones, Mrs. A.L. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Gay, Mrs. Charles Lloyd, all of Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. I.W. Hall and Edgar and Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Smith, of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Teague and son, of Cullman, Mr. and Mrs. John Teague and Mr. and Mrs. Vester Benefield and family.

Enon And Hamby's Chapel

The Reverend M.S. Palmer filled his regular appointments at the Chapel on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnson visited Grady Bailey and family, in Atlanta, last week.

POET'S CORNER

Winter Walk | By: John Clare, 1793-1864

The holly bush, a sober lump of green,

Shines through the leafless shrubs all brown and grey,

And smiles at winter be it eer so keen

With all the leafy luxury of May.

And O it is delicious, when the day

In winter's loaded garment keenly blows

And turns her back on sudden falling snows,

To go where gravel pathways creep between

Arches of evergreen that scarce let through

A single feather of the driving storm;

And in the bitterest day that ever blew

The walk will find some places still and warm

Where dead leaves rustle sweet and give alarm

To little birds that flirt and start away.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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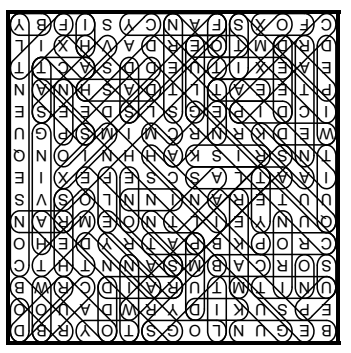
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munity engagement. Anderson added, "Every vendor has reported success and plans to return next year. Our aim is to create mutual benefits for attendees and vendors alike."

Looking ahead, Anderson revealed plans for further expansion, supported by a federal grant. "We're expanding the park (Depot Park), which will allow for more vendors and visitors next year. We already have six new vendors signed up," he said.

Anderson extended his thanks to sponsors, CPRST, City departments, elected officials and the park board for their support. "Their commitment to our city and to creating lasting memories and economic growth is remarkable," he said. Additionally, he expressed gratitude to vendors for their trust in the event's vision.

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LEGALS

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.

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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

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
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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**

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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

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

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.

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