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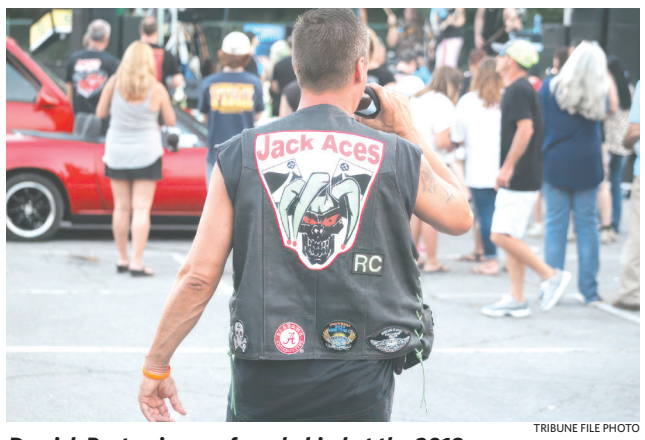
#BartonStrong Benefit Bike Show and Concert to support local man battling cancer

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local man, known to many for his involvement in the Jack Aces Motorcycle Club and its philanthropic endeavors, is battling cancer and his community is coming together to support him. On Jan. 27, everyone is invited to have a day and evening of fun at Brick Haven Venue in support of Derrick Barton, a father, friend and husband who was recently diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer.

"We'll be doing a motorcycle show and audio competition, cornhole tournament, pool tournament, mechanical bull and concert," said Ben Wilson, one of Barton's co-workers and one of the event's organizers.

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Derrick Barton is seen from behind at the 2018 Jack Aces Bike and Car Show in Cullman.

Business spotlight: Nomadic Threads



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A shot of Nomadic Threads' signature neon sign and selfie wall, accented by a selection of shirts ready for print

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Nomadic Threads husband and wife duo, Zac and Audra Yow, have cemented their place in Cullman's Warehouse District through many things: a refreshingly unique window designed with whimsy and seasonal accents, kitschy gifts with a bohemian traveler feel and, most importantly, as the go-to for locals to get customized and personalized apparel.

The Yows got their start in sublimating in fall 2019, with one design catching like wildfire in the "line wife" community.

"That's what got us started. It started as a hobby," exclaimed Audra Yow. "I came up with one idea and it just exploded!" Zac Yow quickly added, "By exploded, she means we made about 10 grand in 30 days!"

She nodded, "That's when we realized, 'Oh, this could be a business!'" And it did, as it became the Yows' main source of income as they navigated the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When COVID shut everything down, we decided to go full time," she said, noting that the orders from Gray & Co (Nomadic Threads' former business name) kept them busy during lengthy shutdowns. After a move to Cullman to be closer to family, and a brave leap to a brick-and-mortar storefront, a name change brainstorm was in order.

"When we moved here, we knew there was a Taylor and Co. across the street, and we didn't want there to be any confusion. So we sat down and wrote a list of things we liked: nomad, travel, nomadic, then things we did, like apparel, threads, cotton. So we just pieced it together and went from there," she continued.

The Yows explained why they chose Cullman for their storefront versus a big city like Birmingham, where they were living at the time of the business boom.

"When we first started the business, I told Zac that if we ever did a brick and mortar that I wanted it to be in the Warehouse District. Hands down. I liked the feel, the foot traffic," said Audra » PAGE 6

Baileyton council votes to construct Little Free Library



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Jan. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Jan. 8, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 4
- theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence; Hickory St. NE, Hanceville
- harassment; CR 1635
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1101

Jan. 5
- domestic violence; CR 33
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 W
- attempt to elude police officer; resisting arrest; reckless endangerment; receiving stolen property; Hwy. 278 W
- elder abuse-neglect; Hwy. 91
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; domestic violence; CR 222
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- burglary; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Commercial St. SE
- domestic violence-criminal mischief; CR 715

Jan. 6
- violation of protection order; CR 1535
- domestic violence; CR 972
- theft of property; forgery; School House Rd.
- theft of property; CR 222
- dog bite; CR 1606
- harassment; CR 1402

Jan. 7
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 216
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 1043
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 517

ARRESTS

Jan. 4 – 7

Baird, Candace M.; 46
- DUI (alcohol)

Beasley, Anthony R.; 52
- FTA- follow to close
- FTA- switched tag

Brown, Cody W.; 32
- attempt to elude police officer

Brown, Dalton M.; 26
- Probation Violation- assault-domestic violence-2nd degree
- Probation Violation-damaged property-criminal mischief

Cook, Christopher L.; 46
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft
- forgery-other objects

Crawford, Jason T.; 35
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Davis, Kayla M.; 34
- failure to make child attend school
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of concealed weapon without permit
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Franks, Brant A.; 27
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-criminal mischief-3rd degree

Gray, Melissa A.; 48
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Laney, Brandon C.; 28
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Miller, Jason L.; 40
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Montgomery, Christopher E.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Pearson, Shannon F.; 50
- FTA- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

Ryan, Sabrina L.; 47
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Sachs Jr., James E.; 44
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- public intoxication

Singelton, Bobby S.; 48
- FTA- DUI (controlled substances)

Skinner, Rodney D.; 35
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument
- larceny/theft; miscellaneous theft less than $1,500

Smith III, Edward E.; 33
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Timothy M.; 37
- forgery-checks (2 counts)

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 52
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Speegle, Julia A.; 59
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marjijana-3d degree

Stephens, Brandon C.; 18
- attempting to elude police officer
- assault-reckless endangerment
- resisting arrest
- receiving stolen property

Taylor, Timothy J.; 38
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Turner, Scottie L; 43
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Waldrop, Wesley A.; 49
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Weatherby, Christopher W.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Christopher D.; 38
- no seat belt

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 5
- identity theft; theft of property-1st degree; person; cash
- burglary-3rd degree; Davidson Homes; Brandon Dr. NE; wire; $2,000
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $24
- theft of property-3rd degree; theft of services-4th degree; iFixandRepair; 2nd Ave. SW; phone; $829
- harassment; person

Jan. 6
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Holloway Pl. SE; miscellaneous
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications; person
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Meadowbrook Dr. SE; miscellaneous
- theft of property-4th degree; person; Hickory Ave. SW; phone; $50

Jan. 7
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Jan. 5 – 7

Roden, Amanda J.; 46
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Alexander, Natosha J.; 41
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- run red light

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Woodall, Eric L.; 41
- DUI

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 52
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Hogs (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Conservation District is hosting a Feral Swine Impacts, Management and Management Rebates program presentation, open to all landowners in Cullman County. The meeting will take place Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Camp Meadowbrook. Lunch will be provided and RSVPs are due by Jan. 11.

This program allows a portion of landowner's out-of-pocket expenses to be reimbursed to them upon meeting a set of criteria for their method of feral swine management within their property boundaries.

Although feral swine are not an immediate problem for landowners and farmers in Cullman County, if the population is not managed, wild hogs can wreak havoc on a decently sized farm, demolishing crops and livelihoods in one fell swoop.

According to the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, "Wild pigs are an invasive species that drastically impacts native ecosystems. Wild pigs can quickly outcompete native wildlife through their high reproductive potential, lack of natural predators and effective forage capability. Landowners with wild pig populations should implement management strategies to mitigate the impacts these species can cause on their property."

According to the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, when left to nature, a wild pig is estimated to begin reproducing around 6 months of age and give birth to four to six piglets with each litter. As the feral swine population grows and monopolizes the food sources of its native counterparts, the reproduction rate could quickly outpace the population growth of other non-invasive species that naturally reside in the area.

"Feral swine is a huge problem in south Alabama, west Alabama and some north Alabama. It hasn't come into Cullman County a lot, but someone from a pig-controlling company told us, 'Just because you don't have the problem yet doesn't mean you won't.'" said Cullman County Conservation District Certified District Administrative Coordinator Kathy Holmes. "The great thing about this program is that it's a rebated program where a portion of the funds will be returned to them if they meet these specifications."

The Feral Swine Impacts, Management and Management Rebates program meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at Camp Meadowbrook, 2344 County Road 747. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. RSVP online by Jan 11 at https://forms.office.com/r/G94TVQGt3d, by email at cullman@alconservationdistricts.org or by calling Kathy Holmes at 256-734-1431.



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LEGALS

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by James Mckinney And Nirvani Mckinney Husband And Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for First Partners Bank, its successors and assigns dated November 10, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on November 14, 2016, in Book 1803, Page 365, as having been modified by an agreement recorded on and recorded in Book 2040, Page 77 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 373, Page 668 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLCunder and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 5th day of February, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lots 3 and 4 of the Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to the following: Right of way as set forth in instrument recorded in Deed Book 478, Page 119 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Subject to the following:

1. Utility and drainage easements as shown on the plat of Hanceville Square Subdivision as recorded in Slide B222A in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
2. Easement granted to Cullman Electric Cooperative as recorded in Deed Book 557, Page 120 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said property is commonly known as 402 Whaley Ave NE, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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 a part of the foreclosure process.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.
• Tuesday, Jan. 9 - 24x7: Homesteading, Prepping & Simple Living. Come join fellow Christian homesteaders, preppers and likeminded believers at 7p.m. in the fellowship hall! Family and friends welcome.
• Wednesday, Jan. 10 - 7 p.m. Children & youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 727-215-9092 for pickup. Youth Party this Wednesday!
• Friday, Jan. 12 – 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:15. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Jan. 13 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast. Come join us for fellowship with our Foundry Men!
• Sunday, Jan. 14 - Prayer - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Jan. 14 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Jan. 14 - 5p.m. Healing Service: Miracles, Signs & Wonders follow those who believe! Join us and invite others to join as well.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1310 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman. Contact Porsia Anderson at 256-737-7557.

Cullman County Cattlemen's & Cattlewomen's Associations Annual Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 13, at 5 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717. Registration is at 5. A charcoal grilled ribeye steak dinner will be served at 6. Come and join us. It's time to get out of the house and enjoy an evening with friends. We have several members who have not yet renewed their memberships. If you're one of them and are unable to attend and renew, please do so by mail to P.O. Box 643. Cullman, AL 35056. You can also renew at our Memorial Day Ribeye Steak Sandwich Cookout May 24-25, 2024. We need you. The cattle industry needs you. Meeting will start at 7.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. Our speaker is Jill Jackson, president of Alabama Retirees Association. Afterward, there will be lunch and fellowship for those who choose to stay. New members and all education retirees are invited.

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

Pleasant View Singing
Sunday, Jan. 21, at 5 p.m. with Dry Creek. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

19th Annual Empty Bowls of Cullman County Chili Dinner
Feb. 19, from 4-6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Featuring fun, fellowship, chili by Three Guys, grilled cheese sandwiches, handmade pottery bowls, silent auction and live Southern Gospel music. Special guest emcee Nate Williams from WXJC 101.1. Eat in, carry out or drive through. Tickets are $15 and are available at Cullman Caring for Kids and First United Methodist Church. Proceeds will benefit the Cullman Caring for Kids food bank.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs earn area wins over Ashville

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After battling Vinemont on the road earlier this week, Hanceville returned home to Lane Horton Gymnasium Friday night to host a pair of area matchups with the Bulldogs of Ashville. Hanceville edged out Ashville in the girls' game 48-46 and in the boys' game, Hanceville pulled away late to collect a 62-54 area win.

Hanceville 46 - Ashville 44 (Varsity Girls)

Ashville scored the first four points of the game to take a 4-0 lead early in the game, but a rebound and putback by Sierra Brockman, plus a steal and a layup by Aaliyah Twitty, tied the game up at four. A three from the left wing by Alex Twitty gave Hanceville a 7-5 lead, then they made it 9-5 on a steal and a layup by Mattie Keith. Three free throws by Ashville made it a one-point game with a little over a minute to go in the opening period, but Kerrigon Moore found Piper Butts down low for a basket to give Hanceville an 11-8 lead. A pair of late baskets by Ashville gave them a 12-11 lead going into the second period.

A basket by Aaliyah Twitty, plus a rebound and putback by Kate Sterling, made it a 15-14 game.

Another rebound and putback, this time, by Cierra Merriweather, gave Hanceville a 17-16 lead. Sterling hit a pair of baskets late in the second to make it a 22-20 game, but Ashville tied it on the other end. Alex Twitty quickly broke the tie with a trey from the right wing just before the buzzer to give Hanceville a 25-22 lead at the half.

Hanceville looked to stretch its lead out to start the third quarter. Another rebound and putback by Sterling, plus a layup each by Keith and Aaliyah Twitty, made it a 32-22 game. Ashville stopped the run with a basket inside, but Aaliyah Twitty put in a pair of layups, Brockman drilled a trey, and Alex Twitty added a layup of her own, to push Hanceville's lead to 42-26 going into the final period.

Another fast-break layup by Aaliyah Twitty made it a 44-26 game early in the fourth, but Ashville countered in a huge way. They scored the next 16 points to cut it to 44-42 with less than two minutes to go in the game. Keith split a pair of free throws on two trips to the free throw line to make it a 46-44 game with four seconds left and then Kynzlee Farr drew the biggest charge of the game to help Hanceville seal a huge, 46-44 region win at home.

Aaliyah Twitty led the way for Hanceville (5-13, 2-0) with 13 points. Alex Twitty put in nine points. Sterling added eight points, while Keith and Brockman each put in six points.

Hanceville 62 - Ashville 54 (Varsity Boys)

Hanceville got off to a great start offensively, as a pair of baskets by Konnor Helms, and an and-one by J.T. Davis, gave them a quick 7-1 lead. Ashville converted on their and-one opportunity to make it a 9-7 game, and later drilled a trey to cut it to 11-10. Peyton Twilley hit one of his own on the other end to make it a 14-10 game. A pair of baskets down low by Drake Bentley, including a rebound and putback, gave Hanceville an 18-16 lead going into the second period.

There were several ties in the second quarter as both teams went back and forth. Baskets each by Davis and Helms gave Hanceville a 22-20 lead. Later on, a pair of Helms free throws made it a 26-24 game, but Ashville got the lead right back on a trey. A late basket by Eli Clements, though, gave Hanceville a 28-27 lead at the half.

Noah Jones put in a three from the right wing to push Hanceville's lead to 31-27 early in the third, but five straight points by Ashville gave them the lead right back at 32-31. Helms, though, countered with five straight points of his own, including an and-one, to give Hanceville the lead once again at 36-32. Layups by Carson Garrett and Jones increased Hanceville's lead to 40-34, but a late run by Ashville gave them a 44-42 lead. Logan Keith split his free throws to make it a 44-43 game going into the final quarter.

Ashville put in a long-range shot to make it a 47-43 game, but Noah Douglas picked the perfect time to get on the scoreboard.

He put in back-to-back treys from the left corner to give Hanceville a 49-47 lead, then a layup by Garrett and a pair of free throws by Helms pushed their lead to 53-47 with 3:49 remaining in the game.

Two more free throws by Helms made it a 55-49 game, but Ashville hit a shot in the paint to cut it to a four-point game. A pair of free throws each by Davis and Douglas stretched their lead out to eight at 59-51.

An and-one by Ashville made it a five-point game, but Jones hit a pair from the line and Jake Cornelius added one from there as well to help Hanceville get a huge 62-54 region win at home.

Helms led the way for Hanceville (10-8, 1-1) with 21 points. Garrett and Douglas each added eight, while Davis and Jones each finished with seven.

Hanceville will continue region play next Friday night at Etowah.



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Hanceville's Konnor Helms led the Bulldogs with 21 points in their 62-54 win over Ashville Friday night.



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Hanceville's Aaliyah Twitty led the Lady Bulldogs with 13 points in their 46-44 win over Ashville Friday night.

Alabama defeats Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon in SEC Opener

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Alabama men's basketball team began SEC play with a 78-75 win on the road against Vanderbilt Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium. The Crimson Tide (9-5, 1-0 SEC) were led by Mark Sears scoring a game-high 21 points.

Alabama's backcourt excelled on offense as Rylan Griffen (16 points) and Latrell Wrightsell Jr. (11 points) each joined Sears in double figures with the trio accounting for 48 of UA's 78 points and seven of its 12 made three-pointers in the victory.

The Commodores (5-9, 0-1) had three players score double-figures led by Jason Rivera-Torres and Tyrin Lawrence each scoring a team-high 20 points.

Head Coach Nate Oats postgame comments

"Obviously, it was not one of our better performances, but we will take a road win to start conference play. We did a really good job building an 18-point lead but (Jerry) Stackhouse called a timeout and they went on a 9-2 run so we have to do a better job responding in that situation. We talk about starts in games as well as the way we close a half, and I didn't think we did a great job of closing either half. We didn't score in the last four-plus minutes of the first half and the same for the second half. We have a lead and almost gave it up, so we got to do a better job of figuring out a closing group. As a team, we have to be better on Tuesday, but it's a road win is a road in the SEC and we will take one today."

Team stats

• Nate Oats is now 4-1 in SEC openers, including winning four straight

• Oats improves to 10-0 in games played in Nashville, including a perfect 4-0 at Vandy

• Mark Sears recorded his sixth 20-point game of the season and has scored in double-figures in every game this season

• Alabama shot 49 percent (26-53) from the field and 40 percent (12-30) from three-point range

• Aaron Estrada filled the stat sheet with five points to go with a team-leading six assists and seven rebounds

• The Crimson Tide had six players grabbed four or more rebounds

• UA scored 20 fastbreak points while limiting Vanderbilt to just eight points

First half

• The game was tied 11-11 the 15:34-mark and Alabama went on a 22-4 run to take a 33-15 lead, its biggest lead of the half

• After calling a timeout after Alabama's run, Vanderbilt went on a 9-2 run closing the gap on Alabama's lead

• Rylan Griffen kickstarted Alabama's offense, scoring seven points in the first five minutes of the game

• The Commodores ended the half on a 9-0 run, not allowing the Crimson Tide to score for the final 4:40 of the first half to trim the lead to only four, 40-36

• Griffen and Latrell Wrightsell Jr. led Alabama in scoring with 11 points each in the first half.

• UA's bench outscored Vanderbilt's 20-6 in the first half

Second half

• Mark Sears led Alabama with 14 points in the second half

• After outscoring Vanderbilt's bench in the first half, Vanderbilt outscored Alabama's bench 17-7 in the second half

• Jason Rivera-Torres (17 points) and Tyrin Lawrence (13 points) were responsible for 30 of Vanderbilt's 39 points in the second half

• Alabama's largest lead of the second half was 13 points (56-43) with 12 minutes left in the game, and the Tide held an 11-point lead with 3:30 remaining

• The Commodores outscored 14-6 to end the game and result in the final score

Up next

• Alabama will return home for its first league home game as UA welcomes South Carolina Tuesday night

• The Crimson Tide will tip-off against the Gamecocks at 6 p.m. with the contest airing live on the SEC Network

No. 25 Auburn makes history at Arkansas with 83-51 win in SEC opener

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Known as one of the more hostile environments in the SEC, Bud Walton Arena was quiet for most of the day Saturday as No. 25 Auburn throttled Arkansas 83-51 on the road to secure a win in the SEC opener.

Auburn's 32-point win was the largest for a visitor in Bud Walton Arena history.

"I didn't know that, but now you made (the win) way better," Auburn's Chad Baker-Mazara said after the game. "It was really exciting, especially the way we just played and were clicking together. It was special to us."

"That history does matter," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Doing it at a place like this or if you could do it at Rupp (Kentucky) or if you could do it at Tennessee, it does mean more because those are some of the toughest places in the SEC to play."

The Tigers outrebounded Arkansas 46-32. They had 48 points in the paint to just 18 for Arkansas.

Their bench outscored the Arkansas bench 46-9. Defensively, they held the Razorbacks to 31 percent shooting and just 11 2-point field goals.

"We played really well," Pearl said. "We got off to a rough start and you could see the moment almost got the best of us at the beginning. Arkansas is a talented team. We didn't play very well early. They made some shots early. And it could have gotten away from us right there. But the second group of Tre Donaldson, K.D. Johnson, Chad Baker-Mazara, Dylan (Cardwell) – they really settled us down.

"From that point forward, we just played great basketball."

Baker-Mazara specifically had the hot hand for Auburn in the first half. Playing in his first SEC game, the junior college transfer scored seven straight points early. Later in the first half, he was part of a 7-0 Auburn run with a left-handed lay-up through traffic and a 3-pointer in transition. He scored 14 of his team-high 16 points in the first half.

"My whole life I've been dreaming about playing this game," said Baker-Mazara, who matched his season high in scoring. "I've always heard people say, 'You might be too skinny to play.' Or 'He might not be physical enough.' I'm just trying to prove to people that they're wrong. It's all about your heart and how bad you really want it."

Leading 37-30 at the intermission, the Tigers put their foot down in the beginning of the second half and went on a 13-2 run in the first six minutes to open up a 50-32 lead.

Big man Johni Broome took over during that stretch scoring eight of Auburn's 13 points on the run. The Razorbacks had no answer for Broome in the second half. He scored 14 points on 7 of 9 shooting after being held scoreless in the first half.

"Johni had a great second half," Pearl said.

"He was dominant offensively. But he didn't start well, he didn't play well (early). We're going to go as far as Johni Broome takes us. But the great thing about maybe being on a great team is you've got other guys you can count on."

It was the 12th game in double figures this season for Broome who also pulled down a team-high eight rebounds and added three assists, two blocks and two steals.

Tre Donaldson and Jaylin Williams also scored in double figures for the Tigers on Saturday with 11 points each.

Donaldson capped that 7-0 run right before the half with a reverse layup and finished with the best plus-minus (+31) of anybody on the team. He set a new career high with seven rebounds and led the team with four assists.

With the win, Auburn now has six wins at Arkansas all-time with three of those six wins coming under Pearl. More importantly, the Tigers are 1-0 to start SEC play.

Auburn (12-2, 1-0) will return home next week for back-to-back SEC games against Texas A&M and LSU in Neville Arena. First up are the Aggies on Tuesday night.

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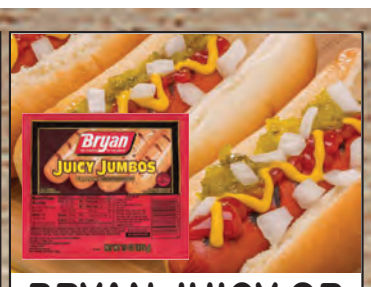
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PREP CHEER

'We all have a special bond': Hanceville's Audrey Faye enjoying sophomore season

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville sophomore cheerleader Audrey Faye is in her second year on the varsity squad, and she has enjoyed every second of the experience so far and feels blessed to be around a great group of girls.

"My experience has been amazing. I've learned that you have to believe in yourself to achieve the goals you want and that you have to show up and put in the hard work to get through the challenges," Faye said. "It's been great. I have gained some of my greatest friendships from people that cheered alongside me last year. I will forever be grateful for the things that past girls have taught me. I also have made many great memories with the girls that are currently on the team. We all push each other to be our very best. We all have a special bond. What I've learned from these girls is that you can do something that you never expected you could do. All you have to do is believe in yourself and accept the support they are giving you."

Audrey feels so honored to be cheering under some great coaches in Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Radcliff and has soaked up so much from them so far. She has seen a lot of improvement during her time cheering with the varsity squad.

"They are some of the best coaches I have ever had. They always believe in me. They both have helped me tremendously in becoming the cheerleader that I am today. What I've learned from them is that I can push through any challenge that is thrown my way, and I can come out of it being the very best version of myself," she said.

"I have seen great improvement in my performance this season. I have learned many new skills, and my performance level is much higher than it was when I first joined the varsity team. The thing that I believe I have improved on the most is definitely my attitude. You always have to think positive thoughts."

Hanceville's varsity squad placed 14th out of 28 teams at state earlier this season, and Audrey talked about that amazing experience. She feels blessed to be around an amazing cheer squad, and she talked about some of her role models in cheerleading.

"Our coaches made many improvements to our routine, and I believe the state competition was our very best one. Competitions are always nerve-racking, but if you practice how you perform and give it your all, you will do amazing. I feel we all did amazing. I learned that if you believe in yourself and your team, you can go to some of the best competitions," she said. "What has made my cheer team special to be around is that we all get along, we all support each other, and we all love each other like sisters."

She added, "Some of my biggest role models are three girls I cheered with last season: Jasmine McDonald, Destiny Warren, and Reagan Edwards. They all have given me great friendships and have taught me to never give up on what I love and to always make the best out of every situation."

She talked about the best advice that someone has ever given her, how important it is to be a role model for the younger girls, and what she has learned the most about herself and this team so far.

"The best advice that someone has ever given me is that if I want something, I have to fight hard to get it," she said. "It is probably one of the most important things in my cheer life. I want all of the younger girls to be able to look up to us and be excited to get to high school and be a cheerleader. It really is one of the best things in my life. What I have learned the most is that not everything and everyone is perfect. We all have our ups and downs, but we all push through it in the end."



AUDREY FAYE

Hanceville's Audrey Faye

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs collect area wins over Meek

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ADDISON, Ala. – Addison hosted the Meek Tigers, who just happen to be their closest rivals being just ten miles south of them and the night was good for both the home girls' and boys' teams. The girls came away with a dominant 58-42 win. It was by far the best that the young Lady Bulldogs have looked all year. The boys' game was close except for one period where Addison took command. Addison completed the sweep by beating the Tigers 66-55.

Addison 58 – Meek 42 (Varsity Girls)

The Addison Lady Bulldogs may be growing up before your very eyes as they played their most complete game of the year while facing immense foul trouble through most of the second half. These young ladies are getting better by the game. Addison started out strong as they outscored the Lady Tigers 14-8 in the first period. Addison's Karson Wyatt led the Dawgs with 8 points and 3 steals. Ava Bartlett helped out with 3 points and 4 rebounds. Not to be outdone, Emma Cleghorn chipped in 3 points as well. Meek was led by Addisyn Williams' deep three-pointer and Peyton Johnson's 7 rebounds.

The second period may have been Addison's best stretch of play all year. Addison ran their offense well and played excellent defense. They outscored the Lady Tigers 20-7 to take a 34-15 lead at the half. Addison Senior Point Guard Hadley Butler caught fire as she dropped in 11 points. Tiny guard Gracie Roberts had 5 points of her own. Meek's A. Williams had 3 points to lead the Lady Tigers. Zoe Hearn had 4 rebounds to help the Lady Tigers on the glass.

The third period had Meek playing better and Addison going through just a bit of a lull. Addison won the period 13-11 in a period that was fairly evenly matched. Addison distributed the scoring among four girls with Bartlett leading the way with 4 points. Butler, Roberts and Wyatt (sounds like a Law Firm) each drained a three-pointer for the Lady Bulldogs. Meek was led by A. Williams with 5 points while Johnson had 3 points. Laney Phillips had 4 rebounds to lead the Lady Tigers.

Addison went into the fourth and final period leading 47-26.

The fourth period had Meek improving their defense and Addison making a few mistakes. Meek won the period 16-11 but the Lady Tigers could not complete the comeback as they dropped the game 58-42. Addison was led by their guard tandem of Butler and Roberts who each had 4 points. Wyatt grabbed 4 boards to lead Addison. Meek was led by five different players who scored. Phillips, Aleah Addison and Chloe Gilliland all had 4 points. Hearn and Johnson had 2 rebounds apiece for Meek.

Addison Head Coach Bailey Boland said, "Tonight we played our best game. We scored a season high in points and we finally played together. The girls were just clicking out there tonight. We started doing the little things that good teams have to do to win. Our intensity was great and now we will see if we can carry this same style when we host area foe Sumiton Christian on Tuesday night."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led Butler with 18 points, 3 rebounds and 2 assists. Roberts had 12 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists. Wyatt had 12 points and 14 rebounds with 3 steals. Bartlett had 11 points, 12 boards, 2 assists and 2 steals. Cleghorn had 3 points and 2 boards. Mattie Johnson had 2 points and 5 rebounds.

Meek was led by A. Williams with 13 points and 3 rebounds. Phillips had 10 points and 6 boards. Gilliland had 7 points and 2 boards. Addison had 5 points. Johnson had 5 points and 12 rebounds. Hearn had 2 points and 6 boards. Riley Williams had 1 rebound.

Addison will host Sumiton Christian on Tuesday at 4:30 pm. Meek will host Carbon Hill at 5pm on Tuesday.

Addison 66 – Meek 55 (Varsity Boys)

Addison and Meeks' Boy's teams have developed quite the little rivalry lately. When these two teams meet, they play hard, and the games can sometimes get a little chippy. Tonight was no exception as 2 technical fouls were called. The first period opened up with Addison getting a 10-2 lead but the fellows from Meek got their footing and roared back to cut the lead down to 12-10. Addison's Jed Wilkins nailed a three-pointer to close out the period and give Addison the 15-10 lead at the end of the first. Elijah Roberts led the Bulldogs with 6 points while his cousin, Wilkins chipped in 5 points of his own. Meek was led by Jarrett Benson who had 4 points while Braxton Dickerson and Evan McCay each drained a three-pointer.

Meek and Addison played fairly evenly in the second period until Meek went on a nice run at the end of the period leading into the half. Meek won the period 16-8 and carried a close 26-23 lead into the half. Addison was leading 23-17 with 1:34 left in the half when Dickerson got red hot from three land. Dickerson sank two long threes in the span of one minute and then with the score tied at 23, Cam Deaver drilled a deep corner three with only ten seconds left in the half to give Meek the 26-23 lead. That is how the score would remain till halftime. Addison was led by Wilkins who single handedly kept them close as he had 6 points, 4 rebounds and a block in the period. Meek was led by Dickerson who had 8 points in the period.

Meek went into the half with the momentum and Addison snatched it right back to start the third period. Addison's defense took it up a notch as the Bulldogs rolled the Tigers 24-10 to take the 47-36 lead going into the fourth period. Addison got started by getting their big man Bradley Willette involved as he had two buckets in the paint. Addison's Jake McLamb was scorching hot from three land, as he nailed two three-pointers on back-to-back possessions. Roberts hit a floater and then McLamb "Seth Curried" another bomb to give Addison a 45-34 lead. While McLamb would drain 4 three-pointers in the period, Willette controlled the middle with 4 boards and a block. Wilkins was dishing out the assists as he had 5 for just the third period alone. Meek had Dickerson and McCay trying to keep pace as they drilled a trey apiece.

The fourth period was full of action as Meek tried to play catch up but they just couldn't get closer than double digits. Each team dropped in 19 points in the frame and Addison came away with the 66-55 victory. McLamb had 7 more points while Kiah Lake had 6 points in the paint. Meek was led by Dickerson who is a sharpshooter from the corner as he hit two treys for 6 points. Benson and Parker Ferguson had 4 points each.

Addison Head Coach Scott Flynn said, "My guys just don't quit. Meek had us on the ropes there for a while and when they went on that big run, we just played through it. We never gave up or got down on ourselves. We had some foul trouble but played through it. I am extremely proud of our bench. They don't get alot of recognition but it's a different person every night. One of them guys is always coming up big in a key spot for us. Tonight, it was Kiah (Lake). This win pretty much puts us in the driver's seat for the area and the County so we just have to keep doing what we are doing and we will be alright."

Unofficial stats

Addison was led by McLamb with a game high 22 points and 7 rebounds. Wilkins had 15 points, 6 boards, 5 assists and 2 steals. Willette had 9 points, 6 boards and 4 blocks. Roberts had 9 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. Lake had 7 points and 3 rebounds. Owen Pratt had 4 points and a rebound. Hayden Holland had 1 rebound, 2 assists and a steal.

Meek was led by Dickerson who had 18 points and 4 rebounds. McCay had 10 points and 2 boards. Benson had 10 points and 10 boards. Ferguson had 7 points and 3 boards. Justin Freeman had 5 points and a board. Deaver had 5 points and 2 boards.

Addison will host Sumiton Christian at 5:30 on Tuesday. Meek will host Carbon Hill at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

The Addison Lady Bulldogs defeated Meek 58-42 Friday night.



Festival (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Render Aid Alabama is one of Cullman's newer nonprofits and is on a mission to "normalize compassion for humanity." It hopes to help spread the love by hosting its inaugural Winter Wellness Festival on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center in Vinemont. According to organizer Candie Cummings, the festival aims to link wellness vendors and other resources to those in the community who need them, promoting the overall well-being of the community and encouraging good health for the new year.

"Winter Wellness Festival links the community to vendors and resources that will help them be the best version of themselves," said Cummings, sharing that the festival lines up with Render Aid Alabama's vision of encouragement and speaking up for those who are unwell, all while supporting the community they call home.

"Every event we've hosted has had community resources that go with whatever theme the event is spotlighting," Cummings explained. "This has given the community several avenues of resources they may not have even been aware existed!" Cummings maintained that while Render Aid Alabama's awareness and resource festivals have gained popularity by being free and fun events for families to attend, linking resources to those in need remains at the forefront – if even one person has a need met by any one of the vendors, she considers the event a job well done.

"Our resource vendors confirmed they were able to assist hundreds at the last event. If we're able to assist just one person this time, the event was a success!" she exclaimed.

Cummings said while 32 vendor spots were available during the planning stage, just a few more remain, and she hopes to get them filled before the festival. "As of now, we have 10 spots available! Anyone interested in being a vendor can reach out to Render Aid Alabama via Facebook messenger, as well as call or text me at 256-903-3636," she smiled.

Times for the Winter Wellness Festival on Feb. 24 are still being determined. Stay up to date on this and other future events hosted by Render Aid Alabama by checking out http://tinyurl.com/renderaidala.



Nomadic Threads (from Front)

Yow. "It was just a pipe dream at the time!"

The Yows explained that the pipe dream came true when the Kellers, who own Pearl Skate Supply, let them know a unit was coming available in the highly sought after Warehouse District.

"They mentioned that this (unit) was opening up, that we needed to talk to the landlord and just see," Audra Yow said.

After much convincing that Nomadic Threads isn't just another boutique, and fulfilling a bulk order of shirts for the landlord himself, the Yows found themselves smack dab in the District, with orders for customized shirts and more steadily coming in as word got around.

"We get called the 'build-a-bear' of the T-shirt world," laughed Audra Yow. Her husband confirmed, "Online, we have people who just want a specific design and color. But with brick and mortar, we get to have that experience of helping the customer."

"It's the full experience! They get to come in, take their time, pick out a design, pick their favorite brand of shirt, feel the material, pick the color. I mean, it's really fun getting to see what people come up with!" Audra Yow grinned.

The Yows said their designs stay in demand not just from word of mouth, but by the creative way they incorporate different print styles to assemble a truly unique and one-of-a-kind piece for the client.

"It's called mixed media! So we do the DTG print, then we can add puff print on the sleeves, or really mix anything like that," said Zac Yow, with his wife chiming in that the mixed media is something they've really become known for, and something that can set them apart from other local sublimators and printers.

"We have a lot of really good local shirtmakers, but a lot of them don't dabble in the mixed media, so it helps us stay really unique," she smiled.

The Yows hinted at some newly designed school spirit shirts dropping soon, along with the long-awaited return of Audra Yow's custom hat bar.

A far cry from the formulaic band-feather-burned approach from other custom hatteries, her approach to customizing hats puts the wearer in the driver's seat, letting them bring their unique bohemian vision to life.

"She got a little burnt out from Rock the South, but coming back with fresh eyes, and new hats, it's going to be great!" exclaimed Zac Yow, referencing the fresh, punchy jewel tones of the new hat supply for wearers to choose from.

Audra Yow expressed excitement at getting back into the game of customizing hats, noting the distinctive designs always make a great impression with their clients.

"It's always unique, every single person who's gotten one has been extremely happy," she said. "I'm really excited to bring it back because we don't really have anything like that around here!"

The Yows credit the success they've enjoyed to the fact that they made that fear-inducing jump to go full time, and to plant themselves in Cullman.

"The relationships we've built with having an actual storefront has been astronomical.

"The people we've come in contact with and have met, we never would have just working from home," said Zac Yow.

Audra Yow agreed, and added, "And being around town and seeing our designs out in the community, it's really fun to see that!"

Besides offering customized apparel, the shop also has a selection of gifts, jewelry and upcycled clothing. Nomadic Threads is located at 106 First Ave. NE. Find the store on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nomadicthreadscullman.



NOMADIC THREADS

A shot of a hat customized by Audra Yow of Nomadic Threads





#BartonStrong (from Front)

tonStrong Benefit Bike Show and Concert will include a pool tournament, cornhole tournament and bike show for riders to showcase their road-worthy or decked-out motorcycles; an audio competition will add a little spice to a traditional bike show. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with the competitions following at 1 p.m.

The quest for the cornhole champ begins at 2, and the search for the master of pool is at 3:30. Cost to enter the cornhole and pool tournaments is $15 per entry, with the entrants for the bike and audio competitions paying $25 per class entry. All proceeds will support Barton and his cancer treatment.

A live concert will be rocking throughout the evening, beginning at 5.

While there is a cover charge to attend the concert, any competition entrants from the earlier events will receive an armband giving them free entry into the concert.

The lineup includes acoustic 90s rock cover band Don't Think Twice, the married duet Justin and Tab and local bands Secondhand Vinyl and the Oxmoor Trio.

Alcohol will be available for purchase during the concert by any guest who is 21 years of age or older with a valid ID.

"Food Truck Row," as Wilson has dubbed it, will house four local food trucks. The Street Kitchen serving up juicy burgers and cheesesteaks, Carnival Cravings frying up favorite festival treats, A.G.'s Kettle Corn of Blountsville popping and dishing out hot kettle corn and Hartselle's Da Big Italian showing who's boss with its traditional Italian-style hot dogs and toppings.

Said Wilson, "We'll have a big pile of door prizes to give away, some incredible raffle items and some killer trophies for our bike show and audio competition. We are here to have fun, and raise money and it gives everyone a chance to get their 2024 setups dialed in. Bring what you've got and let's have fun!"

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Baileyton (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Baileyton resident Rhonda Van Zandt addressed the town council at its January meeting on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, asking if it would revisit the idea of erecting a Little Free Library to serve the Baileyton area. She noted that a similar project was done in the town park during the COVID-19 pandemic, but it did not take off.

"I think it might be a benefit to the community," said Van Zandt, sharing a story about the bookmobile that used to make stops in Baileyton that shaped her childhood. Van Zandt offered that if the Little Free Library was in a more central location, close to Baileyton Town Hall perhaps, it would receive more foot traffic.

"If we put it out here, we'd have the light from this building that would be a deterrent for pranksters, too," said Van Zandt.

"I know Nikki (Fry) is too busy, but I am more than willing, because it is so dear to me, to work with it and make sure it stays stocked."

"Miss Rhonda, I would love to help you with the little library," Town Clerk Nikki Fry smiled in response.

The council then unanimously passed a motion to allow the construction of a Little Free Library close to Baileyton Town Hall.

In other business:

• The council discussed possible dates for recreation league softball and baseball signups. Rates for signup will stay the same as the previous year, with signups occurring on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8-10 a.m.

• Christmas lights on Alabama Highway 69 through Baileyton will come down on Friday, Jan. 19. Motorists are advised to use caution when driving in the area.

• The council discussed a possible date change for Baileyton Family Fun Day.

• The council discussed enacting a "Citizen of the Year" program. Councilman Dewayne Sumner proposed an annual proclamation to recognize one resident who impacts the community in a positive way.

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 6-8

Norman Calvert, 87
Norman Calvert passed from his home to his heavenly home on Jan. 5, 2024. He was born Nov. 7, 1936, to Ofel and Margrette (Speegle) Calvert in Cullman County. Norman served in the United States Air Force from 1955 – 1963. He worked many jobs to provide for his family. He was best known as a sweet potato farmer. He was a deacon and active member of Logan Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Denny and James Garren "Buddy" Calvert; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many aunts and uncles and a nephew. Survivors include: wife of 66 years, Janice Calvert; children: Margaret Sobie (Chuck), Phillip Calvert (Karen), Michelle Musmeci (Mike) and Kevin Calvert (Stephanie); brothers: Edwin Calvert, Frank Calvert (Virgie) and Greg Calvert (Kathy); Grandchildren: Meghan Farrow (Brian), Jennifer Puleo (Bryan), Rebekah Smith (Spencer), Jason Graves (Mallory), Stephanie Dye (Chris), Nathan Calvert (Katy) and Brody Calvert; Great grandchildren: Maleah, Maggie, Gabriel, and Nathaniel Farrow; Evan, Aiden, David and Isabella Puleo; Savannah, Micah, Samuel and Micayla Smith; Chandler, Mason and Maddie Graves; Austin Hasting; Star and Noah Dye; and Lindsey Calvert; great great granddaughter, Vivien Graves; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. The family will receive friends at Moss Service Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, from 11 a.m. until the Celebration of Norman's life that will begin at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family.

Bernice Wynelle Hesterley, 88
Bernice Wynelle Hesterley, 88, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Jan. 4, 2024. Wynelle was born on Dec. 29, 1935, to Mae and Clyde Parker in Cullman. After graduating from Cullman High School in 1954, she began work at Leeth National Bank serving in the positions of teller, operations officer and director, later opening and working for People's Bank in Cullman. Upon retirement from 20 years in banking, she was hired by Wallace State Community College as the new bookstore manager. She enjoyed being with and advising the students and even served as the cheerleading sponsor. She retired permanently in 2004 to spend time with her growing family of five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In high school she met Joe Brown, and they wed in 1956, going on to have three children, Rhonda, Cindy, and Roger. She dedicated her life to being a loving, wonderful mother. In 1999, she met and married John Hesterley and was happily married until he passed away in 2010. She is predeceased by her parents, sisters Ella Mae (Jack), Runette, Sue, Jean, and Louise, brothers Levis and Emil and her husband, John. She is survived by daughters, Rhonda Dennison and Cindy Brown, and son, Roger Brown. There will be a celebration of life visitation for Wynelle Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, from noon until 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. Wynelle will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055-4812.

Robert "Billy" Tucker, 78
Funeral service for Robert "Billy" Tucker is Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church, with Bro. Charles York and Bro. Chris Chambless officiating. Mr. Tucker will lie in state from 10:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Jones Chapel First Baptist Church on Wednesday prior to the funeral. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024, at Cullman Funeral Home chapel from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Interment will be held at Jones Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Tucker was born Jan. 31, 1945, to Rev. Bill Tucker and Jessie Stockley Tucker. He passed from this life on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Peggy Tucker Chandler, and Doris Tucker Holley. He is survived by his wife, Pat Brown Tucker; daughters, Lisa (Bobby) Lockhart, Heather Callan; bonus daughter, Jenni Thornton; sister, Carol (Charley) Tucker Heaton; grandchildren, Tiffani (Will) Lockart Lang, Brooke (Bobby) Callan Tommaselli, Logan Callan; great-grandchild, due March 24, 2024, Louie Tommaselli. Pallbearers: Chad, Rusty, Evan, Will, John, Chris, Kenneth. Honorary pallbearers: Rodger Brown, and Charley Heaton Billy was a faithful member of Jones Chapel First Baptist Church and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He enjoyed farming and working on his tractor. He was a plain-spoken and simple man who wanted to make sure his family was always taken care of. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him. To sign the online guestbook, please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Betty Joyce Ashley Hines, 91
A graveside service for Betty Joyce Ashley Hines, 91, of Hanceville, Alabama, will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2023 at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be at Hanceville Funeral Home on Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Survivors include her children, Melonie (L.C.) Rape, Crystal (Jerry Brannon) Hines and Amanda Hines Middleton; grandchildren, Melinda Rape, Leonard C. Rape, Angie (Nathan) Allred and Christina (Josh) Warren; great-grandchildren, Isabella Allred, Gabrielle Allred, Aiden Christopher Elrod and Owen Robert Elrod. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Alfred Eugene Ashley and Emma Maude Griffith Ashley; and siblings, Emma Jean Ashely Gamble, Anna Lou Ashley Cupp, Raymond Ashley and Edward Ashley. The family would like to express their thanks to Affinity Hospice for their compassion and care; with a special 'Thank You' to her nurse, Savannah.

Lemuel "L.N." Nelson Williams, 77, of Baileyton
Graveside service for Lemuel "L.N." Nelson Williams, age 77, of Baileyton, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2024, at Bethel United Methodist Cemetery with Heath Williams and Brandon Berry officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Williams passed away on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at his residence. He was born June 30, 1946, to Oliver and Ruth Williams. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Allen Williams; and nephews, Matthew Humphreys and Heath Humphreys. Survivors include his sisters, Sandra (J.C.) Grigsby, Donna (Emmett) Humphreys, and Deborah (Michael) Caudle, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

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