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Local businesses, organizations collecting supplies for hurricane victims

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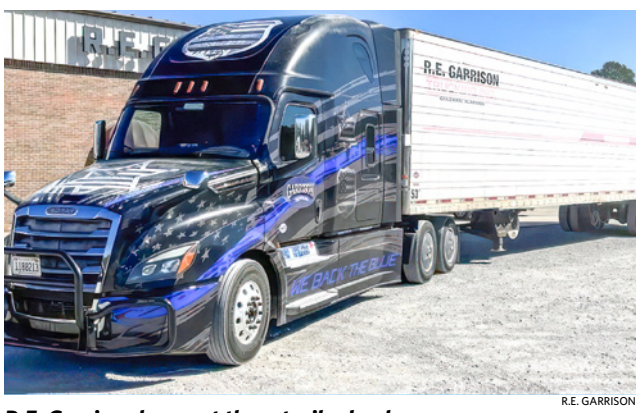
CULLMAN, Ala. — Multiple donation drop-off sites for Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton victims are located across Cullman County.

R.E. Garrison is one business that hosted a site and has now sent three trailer loads of materials to North Carolina.

Engagement Support and Social Media Specialist Taylor Foshee shared on Wednesday, Oct.16, that local donations had made it to the state.

"Over the weekend, drivers Eric, Pattie and Greg set a course for Asheville, North Carolina, and delivered three trailers full of supplies directly into the hands of the Cajun Navy," Foshee said.

"These supplies are being taken up into the » PAGE 3



R.E. GARRISON

R.E. Garrison has sent three trailer loads of materials to North Carolina.

Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration to feature air shows, military displays, more



TOMMY HUTCHINS

Tommy Hutchins and his father, Army veteran Van Hutchins Jr., pose with Huey pilots after a successful flight at last year's Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional Airport will host the annual Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., offering a day filled with activities to honor local veterans. The event is free to the public and includes free parking. Veterans and their spouses can enjoy free coffee and donuts in the terminal from 8-10 a.m., followed by a complimentary lunch provided by the Cullman Elks Lodge. Food vendors will also be on-site to serve the general public.

The celebration will kick off with an opening ceremony at 10, featuring the JROTC and Army National Guard. Throughout the day, attendees can explore military aircraft and vehicles, including tours of a WWII U.S. Navy PBY and a P-40 Fighter, famously flown by the Tuskegee Airmen and Pappy Boyington. WWII re-enactors and the Cullman Historical Society will be present to introduce visitors to veterans who served the country.

A 1930s- and 1940s-era classic car show will be a highlight for vehicle enthusiasts, with participants asked to have their cars in position by 8 and to remain in place until 3. For those interested in participating in the car show, contact Jeff Harris at 256-338-8753.

For thrill-seekers, rides in the T-6 Texan, a WWII pilot training aircraft, will be available for $395, with pre-booking required. Those interested in booking their ride can contact the Commemorative Air Force at www.airbasegeorgia.org. There will also be an air demonstration by the Air Demonstration Team just before noon, and after lunch, attendees can witness a KC-135 tanker flyover by the Alabama Air National Guard, followed by a skydiving demonstration by Skydive Alabama to honor veterans and their » PAGE 6

'Run, Run Rudolph' coming Nov. 15

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St. Bernard student participating in U.S. Club Soccer national youth evaluation



AMBER LAMOTE

Josie Lamote

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Bearcats fall to Florence in TVFL championship game 24-22



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Cullman Middle School's eighth grade team fell to Florence in the TVFL championship game 24-22 Thursday night. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 18

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 18, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 15

- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 69N
- burglary; CR 792
- trespassing; Hwy. 69S
- theft; CR 1748
- attempt to elude law enforcement officer; CR 1578

Oct. 16

- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 590
- domestic violence; CR 940
- unlawful breaking and entering vehicle; CR 133
- harassment; CR 1223
- domestic violence; CR 1296
- harassment; CR 616
- theft; CR 568
- harassing communications; CR 1603

ARRESTS

Oct. 14-16

Church, Julia R.; 32
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-force

Crosby, Brittney R.; 37
- assault-disarming an law enforcement or correction officer
- destruction of property by prisoner
- escape
- resisting arrest
- public intoxication

Ellis, Jessica N.; 46
- theft-shoplifting

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 49
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – resisting arrest

Hanners, Curtis R.; 57
- FTA – improper lane usage

Hawkins, Brent J.; 33
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hill, Cade D.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Kanaday, Brandon H.; 32
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous

McCarn, Terry L.; 61
- incest with minor
- rape-domestic violence
- sodomy-with a girl-strong arm

Panter, Ryan D.; 38
- attempting to elude a police officer
- obstruction-governmental operations

Pressnell, Harlee L.; 30
- unauthorized use of other vehicle-no force

Rodriguez, Armando; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- obstruction-governmental operations

Sacrab-Chen, Abel M.; 19
- GJ – aggravated assault-a to m aggravated assault (attempted murder)
- GJ – theft-arrest warrant
- GJ – robbery-1st degree

Self, Jerry W.; 55
- PROBATION VIOLATION – using false name/identity

Smith, Shara L.; 52
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Street, Jennifer L.; 47
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Warden, Drew E.; 29
- PROBATION REVOKED – auto theft

Whatley, Branden P.; 32
- certain person for possessing pistol
- obstruction-governmental operations

Whitehead, Joshua N.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitehead II, Larry W.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hawkins, Brent J.; 33
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Foshee, Jennifer J.; 49
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Copeland, Cameron K.; 26
- receiving stolen property-1st degree
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Pugh, James R.; 56
- sexual abuse-1st degree

Church, Julia R.; 32
- FTA - public intoxication

Flanigan, George L.; 47
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - insurance violation

Self, Jerry W.; 53
- GJ - theft of property-3rd degree

Cook, Andrea N.; 27
- retail theft of property-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- GJ - manslaughter
- GJ - endangering the welfare of a child (2 counts)

Smith, Alexis G.; 27
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Fortenberry, Lukas W.; 25
- FTA – disorderly conduct

Clements, Rachel G.; 31
- FTA – driving without license (2 counts)

Arroyo, Monica; 22
- FTA – speeding

Hardin, Joshua N.; 36
- forgery-3rd degree
- possessing forged instrument

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 12
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $111; Olive St. SW

Oct. 15
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $125; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; purse and contents; Harmony LN SW

Oct. 16
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $25; Olive St. SW

Oct. 17
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '15 Nissan; Cherokee Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; 8th Ave. NE
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Pet Supplies Plus; miscellaneous, cash; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 15-17

Whitehead II, Larry W.; 48
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - driving without a license

Pate, Alan M.; 44
- theft of property-3rd degree

Holt, Paula S.; 50
- FTA - receiving stolen property-4th degree

McDonald, Michael L.; 43
- FTA - driving while suspended

Jones, Tony D.; 49
- certain persons forbidden to possess a firearm
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Willard, Coy W.; 29
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Michael C.; 32
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wright, Terry W.; 67
- GJ – criminal mischief

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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"We want to publicly thank each person who had a hand in donating, organizing and spreading awareness for the supplies that we donated. R.E. Garrison has received a massive outpour of love and appreciation.

"We are working each day to become better for our trucking family and communities, but we could not do it without the help of those who enable us to do so, and we could never say thank you enough."

R.E. Garrison Engagement Manager Annette Munger said that on Oct. 11, it announced the trailers were full, and as a last-minute addition to the already two full trailers, Cullman County Schools rounded up enough jackets and warm clothing to make a third full trailer.

"Our drivers set a course for Asheville, North Carolina, where the two trailers full of supplies would be put directly into the hands of the Cajun Navy and the third trailer of coats and clothing would be donated to a church that would be giving them to the community," Munger said.

"R.E. Garrison is blessed to be a trucking company, but more than that, a place that gives to those that give to us.

"Since delivering our material donations, we have continued to receive monetary donations from Gwen Parker with the Cullman Elks Lodge and surrounding area lodges. If you would like to give monetarily, please reach out to marketing@regarrison.com."

Requested items include batteries, water, hand sanitizer, wipes, paper towels, toilet paper, hair brushes, can goods, garbage bags, matches, lighters, rubbing alcohol, peroxide, contactor trash bags, non-perishable food items, diapers, bikes, fans, ladders, extension cords, work gloves, shovels, pillows and blankets.

Some locations that have listed they are traveling to North Carolina or are drop-off location for items for North Carolina or Florida include:

St. Bernard Preparatory School, Big Rig Enterprises, Vincent Furniture, East Highland Baptist Church, No Fences Cowboy Church in Falkville and Devil Dogs Concessions.

Wallace State Community College is accepting donations to help those in need in Tusculum and east Tennessee.

Donations should be dropped off by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23. Drop off in the Bailey Center lobby.

For more information, visit any of these locations or contact them directly.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Saturday, Oct. 19 - Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.
• Sunday, Oct. 20 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Church Events: At the Foot of the Cross Church
• 2 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road, on the left
• Saturday, Oct. 19, at 4 p.m. Singing with Grace
• Saturday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. Fall Festival
• Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon Pray Walk for Jesus in Eva, with singing, meet at Eva. All churches invited.
• Sunday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. Christmas Concert with One Accord
• Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Singing with Joyful Hearts

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch
Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Homecoming Service
Sunday, Oct. 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30 p.m. We will have singing featuring The Williamsons from Oklahoma. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5968 or 256-590-1501.

Hyatt Family Reunion
Sunday, Oct. 20, from 1-4 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 195 Fire Station Road in Baileyton. Covered dish lunch. Bring any pictures or history you have.

St. Bernard Preparatory School Open House
Friday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This event provides an excellent opportunity to discover the academic, social and athletic programs offered at Alabama's only Catholic boarding school. Visitors will have the chance to meet current students, who will serve as ambassadors and tour guides, sharing their personal experiences and offering insight into life at St. Bernard, both as a day school and boarding school. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the event. St. Bernard Prep is a co-educational boarding and day school serving grades seven through 12. Free registration and attendance: stbernardprep.com/open-house.

Mt. Zion Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church, located on U.S. Highway 31 North next to CATA in Vinemont. Baked goods for sale and lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry out available. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Zion UMW (women's group).

Chambers Family Reunion
Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Berlin Community Center (U.S. Highway 278 East), beginning at 11 a.m., with dinner at noon. Bring several of your favorite food dishes, family pictures, stories and other items that relate to the family past and present. Family friends are also invited. Contact Rodger Walling for furth information at 256-734-8235.





Commission gives CR 222 update, approves renaming of juvenile detention center in honor of Chaney

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission met Thursday, Oct. 17, for its monthly meeting, during which Cullman County Engineer Philip Widner gave an update on the progress of the ongoing repairs of County Road 222 near the Interstate 65 Exit 305 interchange.

Widner said he and the road department were aware that settlement and water damage had affected the roadway's asphalt and base; however, the culprit for the current repairs was unknown until the project began on Tuesday, Oct. 15. The repair project was completed on Thursday, Oct. 17, according to Widner.

"We completed that today," stated Widner, "We did determine that it was a large void beneath the original area of the collapse."

Widner asked for the public's patience as the road department will not re-pave the repaired section right away; to avoid future issues, the new base will be allowed to settle on its own for a number of months.

Widner said, "We're going to have to ask for everybody's patience.

"We'll let the base settle for a couple of months and see how it goes to make sure we got it correct before we pave it."

The commission also unanimously approved Resolution 2025-05, the renaming of the Cullman County Juvenile Detention Center to The Honorable Kim J. Chaney Juvenile Detention Center.

Commissioner Garry Marchman motioned for the approval, with Commissioner Kerry Watson giving a quick second.

As the resolution was passed, Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons waited for the standing ovation from the attending crowd to pass and spoke to Chaney.

"I've worked with you for many many years as a deputy in the county and it's truly an honor to work with you for so many years. You were always honest and you inspire with everybody," Clemons said.

"The thing about you – I've worked on some of your programs you've implemented and look at all the young lives you've saved and helped.

"You've done so many good things in Cullman County and it's truly an honor to be a part of that and be able to work with you."

In other business, the commission:
• Recognized Kip James, retiring after 27 years with the Cullman County Water Department
• Approved Resolution 2025-01, allowing the commission to submit application for FY 2025 Bridge Investment Program (BIP) funds to assist in rehabilitating Phillip's Bridge (Big Bridge) located on County Road 222
• Approved Resolution 2025-02, awarding airport bid for Taxiway pavement maintenance at the Cullman Regional Airport to Ameriseal of Ohio in the amount of $201,394
• Approved Resolution 2025-03, allowing the Cullman County Commission to extend its contracted annual participation with the Association of County Commissions of Alabama Workers' Compensation Self-Insurers Fund for a three-year period concluding Sept. 30, 2027
• Approved Resolution 2025-04, approving the existing one-half cent sales tax for Cullman City Schools allocated to warrant repayment
• Approved Resolution 2025-06, allocating American Rescue Plan Act Funds, Revenue Reduction Funds to the construction of bathroom facility at Smith Lake Park and authorize Chairman to sign all related paperwork
• Approved Resolution 2025-07, permitting the funds originally deposited for the benefit of this participant county with the Tennessee Valley Youth Services, under Alabama Code 12-15-215, to stay within the account of Tennessee Valley Youth Services for the purposes of facility maintenance in lieu of distribution of funds back to the participant County
• Approved Chairman Clemons to sign the Alabama Department of Youth Services Agency Grant Agreement for FY 2024-2025 as fiscal agent for:
• Lauderdale County in the amount of $166,200
• Cullman County in the amount of$199,088 Blount County in the amount of $79,680 Jackson County in the amount of $74,612
• Set the dates and times for Commission Meetings for 2025
• Approved Chairman to sign the annual premium for the Volunteer Fire Workers' Compensation insurance in the amount of $13,268
• Approved the purchase of four HVAC units from Stan Smith Heating and Air for the Cullman County Board of Education Office Building in the amount of $51,000
• Authorized the Cullman Civitan Club to use the south parking lot at the courthouse Dec. 2- 5, 2024, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Dec. 6, 2024, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Ratified RC&D agreement for equipment for the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center in the amount of $15,000
• Approved the purchase of a Kiser Arena Drag 810-225 gallon water tank and profile blade for the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center in the amount of $15,900
• Consider the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-150 Supercrew 4X4 pickup off State Bid for the Commission in the amount of $48,683
• Consider the purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer off State Bid for Cullman County Economic Development in the amount of $40,169
• Approved Chairman Clemon's nominee, Judge Martha Williams, to replace Judge Rusty Turner on the Cullman County Library Board for a four year term to expire Sept. 30, 2028
• Authorized up to $60,000 for avigation easement at the Cullman Regional Airport
• Approved payment to Keet Consulting Services, LLC for GIS and Internet Spatial Viewer for Reappraisal in the amount of $65,100
• Approved the purchase of a 2024 StarCraft Bus from Model 1 through ALDOT off Georgia State Bid for CARTS in the amount of $148,724
• Approved resurvey of lots three-six of Serenity Pointe Cabins Subdivision. This subdivision located in Commission district four and previously approved Aug. 15, 2023. This is a private subdivision located off of County Road 338
• Approved proposed plat Clear Creek Place Subdivision; a minor subdivision containing two lots in Commission District four. The subdivision is located on County Road 803, a quarter mile South of the intersection of County Road 421 and County Road 803
• Awarded Bid No. 1470 for one new Book Mobile current model transit cargo van to Mercedes-Benz of Huntsville

The commission's organizational meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room. The next regular meeting of the Cullman County Commission will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the commission meeting room. The work session will begin at 4 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Vinemont downs Hanceville, Holly Pond to win area championship

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Lady Eagles hosted the Class 3A, Area 11 tournament Wednesday night and they swept both Hanceville and Holly Pond to claim the area championship. Hanceville knocked off J.B. Pennington in four sets (25-21, 25-8, 18-25, 25-20). The Lady Eagles swept the Lady Bulldogs, then Holly Pond got past Locust Fork in a thrilling four-set match. Vinemont finished off Holly Pond in three sets to win the championship. The Lady Eagles and the Lady Broncos will move on to the state playoffs next week.

Vinemont 3 - Hanceville 0 (25-13, 25-23, 25-17)
Vinemont jumped out to a quick 8-1 lead in the first set. They pushed their lead to 14-7 later in the set, but Hanceville trimmed it to 15-10. The Lady Eagles, though, scored the next seven points to take a 22-10 lead, and they would go on to win the first set, 25-13.

The second set was tightly contested throughout. Vinemont grabbed an early 4-1 lead, but the Lady Bulldogs scored the next five points to take a 6-4 lead. Both teams traded mini-runs and points for most of the set. The Lady Eagles later held a 16-13 lead, but four straight points by Hanceville saw them get the lead right back at 17-16. The Lady Bulldogs held a 22-20 lead late in the set, but Vinemont closed it out strong, going on a 5-1 run to help seal the 25-23 win.

Both teams were tied at three early in the third set. Hanceville, however, scored the next three points to grab a 6-3 lead, and held the lead for the first part of the third set. The Lady Bulldogs held a slim 13-11 lead, but three straight points by the Lady Eagles gave them a 14-13 lead. After Hanceville tied it up at 14, Vinemont went on an 8-0 run to take a 22-14 lead, and they finished off their sweep of Hanceville, 25-17, to move on to the area tournament finals.

Holly Pond 3 - Locust Fork 1 (17-25, 26-24, 27-25, 26-24)
The first set saw Locust Fork get out to a quick 8-3 lead. Holly Pond cut it to three multiple times (12-9 and 14-11). Locust Fork, however, kept them at arm's length the rest of the way, as six straight points pushed their lead to 20-11, and they would go on to win the first set, 25-17.

The second set, though, went a lot different than the first one. There were numerous lead changes throughout the set. The Lady Hornets held a 7-5 lead, but Holly Pond responded with six in a row to get the lead right back at 11-7.

A late rally by Locust Fork helped them tie the game up at 14, and they ended up taking a 24-20 lead, needing just one point to go up 2-0 on the Lady Broncos. Holly Pond, however, failed to cooperate, as they scored the final six points to grab the 26-24 come-from-behind victory to tie it up at one.

The third set saw Holly Pond jump out to a 5-2 lead, but Locust Fork went on a run of their own to take an 8-7 lead. After that, both teams ended up trading runs and leads, with neither team taking more than a five-point lead. After the Lady Broncos took a 14-10 lead, a huge 9-0 run by the Lady Hornets gave them the lead right back at 19-14. Holly Pond cut it to 20-19 and would later tie things up at 23. For the second straight set, the Lady Broncos went on a late run, as they scored the final three points to take the third set, 27-25.

Locust Fork got out to an early 7-2 lead in the fourth set and kept at least a three- or four-point lead for the first part of the final set. Holly Pond cut it to 10-9, but the Lady Hornets quickly made it a 16-12 game. The Lady Broncos tied things up at 16 and would later grab their first lead of the set at 20-19. Locust Fork, though, went on a little run to get the lead right back at 23-21. Once again, Holly Pond finished out a set strong, as three straight points helped them seal the 26-24 win, and that earned them a spot in the championship game against Vinemont.

Vinemont 3 - Holly Pond 0 (25-12, 25-15, 25-19) (Area Tournament Finals)
Vinemont jumped out to a 5-2 lead early in the first set, and quickly pushed their lead to 9-4. The Lady Eagles stretched their lead to 13-6, but a little run by Holly Pond cut it to 13-9. Vinemont took over after that, though, going on a 9-0 run to push their lead to 22-9, and they would go on to take the first set, 25-12.

The second set started out close, as the Lady Broncos held an early 3-1 lead. Later in the set, though, the Lady Eagles scored six in a row to take a 10-5 lead and later made it a 12-6 game. The Lady Broncos, however, went on a run of their own, as they cut the deficit to just one at 12-11. Vinemont responded by scoring six straight points to increase their lead to 18-11 and later held a 21-13 lead. The Lady Eagles would defeat Holly Pond, 25-15, to go up 2-0 in the series.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Eagles defeated Hanceville and Holly Pond Wednesday night to win this year's Class 3A, Area 11 Tournament.

Just like the second set, the Lady Broncos held a 3-1 lead early in the third set. Vinemont, though, went on another run to take a 7-3 lead and would later push their lead to 13-5. Holly Pond, however, would not go down without a fight, as a mini 4-1 run cut it to 14-9.

A late run by the Lady Eagles gave them a 21-14 lead, but the Lady Broncos went on one last run to get back into the game. A 5-2 run by Holly Pond made it a 23-19 game. The Lady Eagles finished out the tournament in style, as they collected the final two points to help seal the 25-19 win and the area title.

Holly Pond's Sadie Nail, Blakely Baggett, and Ava Olinger All-Area along with Vinemont's Morgan Flanagan, Caroline Miller, and Reagan Robinson earned All-Area honors and Vinemont's Carley Stephens was named tournament MVP of the area tournament.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison sweeps St. Bernard, Meek to win area 14 title

Todd Wallker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted this year's 1A Area 14 tournament Wednesday night and they collected wins over St. Bernard and Meek to capture the area title. Addison opened up with the St. Bernard Lady Saints and won in three sets. The Meek Lady Tigers took care of the youthful Cullman Christian Lady Lions 3-0 and Addison defeated a quality Lady Tiger team 3-0 to win the tournament. Both Addison and Meek will advance to the 1A State Playoffs next week.

Addison Lady Bulldogs 3 - St. Bernard Lady Saints 0 (25-13, 25-10, 25-8)
St. Bernard came out ready to play by grabbing a 7-3 lead early on. Senior Katie Barrett settled the Dawgs down as she served for four straight points to tie the set at 7. The two teams split the next four points and stood at 9 all. After a Barrett kill, Addison, behind the serve of Annabeth Powell, took 6 straight points. The defense was led by a Mattie Johnson block and a Lauryn Cunningham kill. With Addison leading 15-10, Cunningham went for 5 straight points to give Addison the 20-10 lead. The teams basically swapped points the remainder of the game with Ava Bartlett standing out on defense with 3 kills and a block. Addison took the first set 25-13.

The second set had the Lady Saints again, jumping out quickly taking a 4-1 lead. Barrett had Addison back in it serving 4 consecutive points. With the game tied at 5, Brystil Moser took over the serve and didn't stop until Addison had a 11-5 lead. After the Lady Saints took 2 of the next three to cut the lead to 12-7, Addison's Cunningham and Johnson basically ended it by combing to outscore the Lady Saints 13-3. Bartlett had several kills and Powell and Bartlett had a block or two apiece. Addison took the set 25-10.

The third set was all Addison. With Cunningham serving, Addison took the 5-0 lead. St. Bernard wouldn't go away and took 5 of the next 8 points to trim the deficit to 8-5. The Lady Bulldogs then decided enough was enough and went on a 17-3 run. During this run, Barrett served for 8 points, Moser for 6 and Cunningham ended it with the final 3. Bartlett and Johnson took care of the net work. Addison won the final set 25-8 ending the improving Lady Saints season.

Meek Lady Tigers 3 - Cullman Christian Lady Lions 0 (25-18, 25-21, 25-21)
In a very surprising game, the experienced and ranked Meek Lady Tigers got all that they could handle with the very young Lady Lions. The Lady Lions don't have a senior on their roster and the future is certainly bright for the newcomers to the area. Each game was a fight and Meek's playoff experience, and overall talent was enough to capture the win from the very game Lady Lions.

Addison Lady Bulldogs 3 - Meek Lady Tigers 0 (25-17, 25-0, 25-21)
Addison and Meek who have played several times this season with Addison coming out on top each time. All the games are close, but the Lady Bulldogs seem to have the Lady Tigers number. Meek had an early 5-4 lead before Moser took over the serve and went for 6 straight points to give Addison the 10-5 lead. Addison's defense was solid and was being led by Bartlett and Barrett who each had a kill. Meek stiffened up and took 5 out of 6 to cut the lead to 11-9. The two teams both played very well and split the next 12 points and with Addison leading 17-15. After an Addison timeout, The Bulldogs sealed the deal winning 8 out of 10 for the final of 25-17. Cunningham had some kills and Johnson and Bartlett each had a block.

The second set was a very rare event. Addison won the set 25-0. Those scores rarely happen and when it does it is usually when a superior team plays a very weak team. Meek is not a weak team as they are ranked in 1A. This set just had everything go right for the Lady Bulldogs and nothing went right for the Lady Tigers. The Lady Bulldogs also rode a hot server in Mattie Johnson as she picked her spots and drilled the ball everywhere and anywhere she wanted. After Meek opened the serve and Addison took the point, Johnson took the ball to serve for Addison and would not relinquish it for the remainder of the set. The crowd was into it as well as the closer the Lady Bulldogs got to 25 the more pressure there was on the ladies to make it there. Bartlett came alive during this set as she had 4 kills. As the final point was scored by Addison, the crowd went wild as did the Lady Bulldogs. Just think about this, Johnson served for 24 straight points which means she didn't hit the ball out of bounds and didn't hit the net. It really was an incredible feat.

The third and final set had the Lady Bulldogs come out flat, as would be expected after such a magnificent second set. Meek came out focused and took a 5-0 lead. Addison settled down but Meek was still outplaying the Lady Bulldogs and stretched the lead to 12-6. With both teams playing very good defense they swapped the next 6 points and Meek was in control 15-9. Little Miss Calie Garrison took the serve for the Lady Bulldogs and led them back. Little Miss Garrison had 5 straight points to trim the lead to 15-14. Meek went on a quick 3-0 lead to ease the lead out to 18-14. Both teams really wanted this set, and you couldn't find any fault in their defense or offense as the score stood at 20-17 Meek. Moser took the serve and gave Addison the lead at 23-20. Moser was helped by excellent defense from Johnson as she had 3 consecutive kills. Cunningham also had another kill for good measure. After a Lady Tiger point had cut it to 23-21, Powell ended it for the Dawgs as she got the final two points for the sweep.
Addison Head Coach Kaydi Woodard, said "I think we played pretty well tonight. I mean St. Bernard has played us tough all year and Meek is a solid quality program. That second set was incredible. You don't see them very often, but you really never see them against a team the quality of Meek. Mattie (Johnson) got hot and got help from the rest of the ladies. I was very proud of her and the team as a whole. We are headed to Birmingham now for the state playoffs."

Addison's All Tournament players:
- Lauryn Cunningham
- Katie Barrett
- Ava Bartlett.

Tourney MVP
- Mattie Johnson

Official Stats
- Aces: Barrett and Johnson with 9. Moser 4, Cunningham 2.
- Digs: Barrett and Moser with 22. Cunningham 12
- Blocks: Johnson 5, Bartlett 4, Powell 3.
- Assists: Powell 70
- Kills: Bartlett 24, Barrett 17, Johnson 15

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Championship (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After finishing the regular season 7-0, the Cullman Bearcats hosted Florence for the Tennessee Valley Football League (TVFL) Championship Game at Oliver Woodard Stadium Thursday night. The Bearcats led 22-12 at halftime but the Falcons outscored them 12-0 in the second half to come from behind and win this year's TVFL championship 24-22.

After Cullman fumbled on the game's opening play, Florence took over possession with great field position and capitalized with a touchdown to take an early 6-0 lead.

The Bearcats responded on the ensuing possession when quarterback Wynn Shannon hit James Short over the middle and he broke through a pair of tacklers to reach the end zone and tie the game at 6. On the following two-point conversion attempt, Short took a handoff and threw the ball to a wide open Nelson Hollingsworth in the corner of the end zone to give Cullman an 8-6 lead with 41 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

The Falcons answered with a scoring drive of their own, pulling ahead to take a 12-8 lead with five minutes to play in the first half. However, the Bearcats dominated the rest of the half, starting with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Shannon to Jon Luke Witcher that put them in front 14-12. James Short punched in the two-point conversion and Cullman led 16-12 with 2:42 on the clock.

The 'Cats defense forced Florence to punt a few plays later and Cullman took possession with just under two minutes remaining in the second quarter. The Bearcats put together a methodical scoring drive, capped by a 26-yard touchdown run by James Short that made it a 22-12 game with just 12 seconds to play in the first half.

The Falcons got the ball to start the third quarter and were able to drive down the field and find the end zone midway through the period to cut the lead to 22-18. On the ensuing possession, Cullman managed to move past midfield and into Florence territory but eventually turned the ball over on downs, giving the ball back to the Falcons early in the fourth quarter.

Florence's offense stayed hot, keeping the chains moving and finishing another drive in the end zone to take a 24-22 lead with 2:36 remaining in the game. The Bearcats picked up a couple first downs to cross midfield on the following possession, but an interception cut the drive short and gave the ball back to the Falcons with just over a minute to play. Florence finished the game in victory formation and claimed this year's TVFL championship with a 24-22 win over Cullman.

Shannon completed 17 of his 24 passes for 136 yards, two touchdowns and an interception in the loss. James Short finished with 44 yards and a touchdown on the ground and four catches for 36 yards and a touchdown through the air. Hollingsworth caught seven passes for 52 yards and Witcher caught three passes for 34 yards and a touchdown. Sutton Meyer added 35 yards on four carries and Jon Short picked up 20 yards on two carries.

After finishing 8-0 as seventh graders a season ago, this year's class of eighth graders finish their middle school careers with an impressive, 15-1 record.

Student (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A Cullman County teen has taken an exciting step toward her soccer dreams. St. Bernard Prep eighth grader Josie Lamote received an invitation to attend a U.S. Club Soccer "id2" identification event in Charlotte, North Carolina, this weekend, where she will be evaluated for possible membership in the organization's youth national team program. Through that program she could eventually be considered for a spot on an upcoming Olympic team.

According to U.S. Club Soccer, "The id2 Program is invitation-only.

"The scouting process relies on a network of scouts throughout the country who evaluate players during competitions and in their local markets. US Club Soccer also receives recommendations from Directors of Coaching for player leads."

U.S. Club Soccer offered this description of the program:

US Club Soccer is preparing its id2 Program to identify and develop the next generation of youth players with a schedule of 2024-25 id2 programming targeted to boys and girls born in 2011.

NPL member leagues and other top leagues will co-host id2 Selection events in the fall and winter, supplemented by various Player Development Programs (PDP) and nationwide scouting, including of ECNL events. Those efforts lead to a pair of regional id2 Training Camps in December and January. The progression of id2 programming gradually narrows player pools until the final stage: the acclaimed id2 National Selection International Tour in March/April 2025.

The id2 Program is a leader in player identification and development, as it provides opportunities for elite athletes to be identified, developed and scouted for inclusion in U.S. Soccer's youth national team programming. The id2 Program is an Olympic Development Program approved by the United States Olympic Committee and the U.S. Soccer Federation. There is no cost for players to participate or be scouted, and all meals, lodging and gear are provided by US Club Soccer and Nike. This approach to eliminating barriers to entry helps ensure the best players are able to participate.

Lamote currently plays in the North Alabama Soccer Coalition and South Atlantic Premier League, where she competes as a forward and goal keeper, and has played both of those positions in the Alabama Olympic Development Program since 2022. In the one-on-one "Keeper Wars" series across six states, she has earned a gold, silver and two bronze medals in a little over two years, and made her way to the playoffs of the 2024 national championship before the tournament was suspended.

Lamote earned the Cullman United 2011 girls Golden Boot Award in spring 2023 with a season high goal average of 53%, and was named the Cullman United 2011 girls Offensive MVP in that same season.

"Josie is fast," said proud mother Amber Lamote, "I mean really fast; accurate shot, powerful, with long range precision."

Amber Lamote wants to make sure that her daughter stays in a good position to advance in the sport, a view about more than winning games.

She shared, "Sure, getting the 'W' – the win – is fun and feels good, but what did Josie learn? How did she improve this game?

"I am all about putting her in an environment that she and the team can rise to the top, work hard, and take the hits to develop skill levels that achieve a higher bracket and a first place finish.

"I know Josie isn't solely responsible for bracket advancement and going from last place to first place, but she was part of the team that took the journey together. I saw it in Keeper Wars, I saw it with Cullman United, now NCU, where their 2011 girls are first place in the State League in the top bracket! I love this for those girls!"

Lamote works with coaches Emmanuel Stephens of the Stephens Soccer Academy and Chris Shumate with the North Alabama Soccer Coalition. Both are proud of their shared player.

Shumate shared, "I am very proud of what Josie has been able to accomplish during her time with NASC. Josie is a fantastic athlete and a skilled soccer player with a great attitude.

"She always shows up ready to compete and is always striving to improve. Josie is very competitive and this attitude has led to her creating a large number of opportunities for her teammates to score, but also for her to score goals. We are glad to have a player like Josie on our team!"

Stephens told The Tribune, "Josie is such a kind and caring young lady; her positive spirit shines through in everything she does.

"She's consistently one of the fastest players on the field, and her competitive nature pushes her to keep improving.

"I'm incredibly grateful that Josie and her parents trust me to be a part of her soccer journey. With her grit and determination, there's no doubt in my mind that she's destined for greatness."

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HAY Mamas Christmas Bazaar coming Nov. 16

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The HAY Mamas Christmas Bazaar will be held at the North Alabama Agriplex Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

HAY Mamas Founder and Group Administrator Angela Crauswell said HAY Mamas stands for "Helping All Y'all Mamas" and members focus on their Christian walks throughout all aspects of their lives.

The event began two years ago to help showcase the talents of group members, according to Crauswell, but it has opened up to other vendors.

"We are a small homesteading, homemaking, homeschooling group and we believe in helping one another in whatever way we can," Crauswell said.

"This event is one way that we are able to help others.

"The vendor fees we will put towards helping a family in need within our community."

The venue is smaller than those of other craft shows, and Crauswell said they love it.

"This way, we can have a variety of vendors without overwhelming people with the same items at every booth," Crauswell said.

"We will have baked goods, jams, fudge, herbal remedies, handmade jewelry, pottery, Thirty-One, goats milk soap, home decor and so much more.

"We will be indoors and under the pavilion in the back of the Agriplex."

Crauswell said due to being a smaller venue, the number of booths selling the same items will be limited.

For more information or to be involved, message Angela Leith Crauswell on Facebook or visit https://tinyurl.com/HAYMamas2024.

The North Alabama Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. in Cullman.

Aderholt calls for entries in 2025 Presidential Inaugural Parade

Staff Reports
Contributor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, recently called for entries in the 2025 Presidential Inauguration Parade.

"On Jan. 20, 2025, the United States will inaugurate the 47th president of the United States. While the election to choose the next president is still (sic) weeks away, plans for the inauguration are already underway. The plans include the current construction of the inaugural platform on the United States Capitol West Front and planning for the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue.

"I know that we have some great high school and college marching bands across Alabama, and they would make a great addition representing Alabama in the parade. Organizations that wish to enter floats into the parade will also be considered. I look forward to Alabama being represented on Jan. 20." For more information on entering the parade, go to www.inauguralparade.smapply.net. The deadline to enter is Dec. 4, 2024.

Celebration (from Front)

families.

Additionally, a Huey helicopter from the Vietnam era will be on display, offering kids the opportunity to sit in the cockpit and meet the pilots who flew it. Huey helicopter rides will also be available for $75.

Tickets are available online until Oct. 30 at www.friendsofarmyaviation.org/foaa-event/cullman-veterans-ride-event-2024.

Tickets will be purchasable at the ride event for those who miss the online deadline.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.cullmanveteransday.com. Cullman Regional Airport is located at 231 County Road 1360 in Vinemont.

Rudolph (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sportsman Lake Park will play host location to the "Run, Run Rudolph" Fun Run to kick off the holiday season on Friday, Nov. 15, at 5 p.m.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Marketing Director Sara Morgan said the department has looked to hold this race for some time and is excited to bring it to the community.

"People have always asked to walk the park while the lights are up so we are giving them a chance to do that one day only and they can partake in additional fun as well," Morgan said. "Run, Run Rudolph is our first ever fun run during our Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Show at Sportsman Lake Park.

"We will also be having an ugly Christmas sweater/Christmas costume contest, so make sure you get dressed up for the holiday season.

"We will have hot chocolate and shirts for sale at the finish line! We can't wait to see everyone in the holiday spirit."

Morgan said this will be fun for all ages. The race will be stroller and leashed dog friendly.

Sign up before the T-shirt deadline to receive a free run shirt.

For more info or to register, visit https://tinyurl.com/RRRudolph2024.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF CIVIL LEGAL ACTION

David Gibbs and/or Chastin Gibbs, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint of Advanced Poultry Equipment and Supply, Inc. by December 2, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them individually and severally in Case No. 25-SM-2024-900446, Small Claims Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and K & M Electrical Contractors have completed their portion of the construction phase of the City of Cullman RTP Palomino RV Resort Trail Improvement Project (22-RT-55-02). As part of this project the city extended, paved, and installed lighting along the trail. Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and K & M Electrical Contractors hereby give Notice of Completion of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the City of Cullman Engineering Department, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35056 or by phone at 256-775-7109 within the next thirty days.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOSH HERON,
PLAINTIFF,
v.
TAYLOR LINDSAY CARE,
DEFENDANT.

CASE No. CS-2024-900082

NOTICE OF FILING PETTION

To: Taylor Linday Care

The above listed Defendant, TAYLOR LINDSAY CARE, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF PATERNITY and CUSTODY by 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in case No. CS-2024-90082, District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this 27th day of September, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
WILLIAM BRUCE POOLE, JR.,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-200

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to William Bruce Poole, III, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM BRUCE POOLE, JR., deceased, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, on the 11th day of October, 2024, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present that same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

WILLIAM BRUCE POOLE, III
Personal Representative

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TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 11th day of October, 2024.

TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JASON ALLEN TITTLE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-355

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DIANA TITTLE as Administrator of the Estate of JASON ALLEN TITTLE, deceased, on the 10th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

DIANA TITTLE
Administrator

Nelson Allen
Attorney for Administrator
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JIMMY WAYNE LIGHT, DECEASED

CASE NO. PC2024-360

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the Estate of JIMMY WAYNE LIGHT, deceased, having been granted to, LORETTA LYNN LIGHT, the undersigned on the 17th day of October, 2024, by the HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

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TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice for three (3) successive weeks.

TAMMY BROWN
PROBATE JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2023-255 (HB469), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Cullman County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-255

(a) Effective on the first day of the second month after the ratification of this amendment, there is levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, an additional tax on the sales of all medical cannabis products sold at retail in Cullman County at the rate of 15 percent of the gross proceeds of the sales.

(b) All provisions of the state sales and use tax statutes with respect to the payment, assessment, and collection of the state sales and use tax, making of reports, keeping and preserving records, penalties for failure to pay the tax, adopting rules with respect to the state sales and use tax, and the administration and enforcement of the state sales and use tax statutes which are not inconsistent with this amendment shall apply to the tax levied herein. All provisions of the state sales and use tax statutes that are made applicable by this amendment to the tax levied under this amendment, and to the administration and enforcement of this amendment, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this section as if fully set forth herein.

(c) The tax shall be collected, as the Cullman County Commission from time to time may determine, either by the commission or by any person, whether public or private, with which the commission may contract to collect the tax levied herein.

(d) All amounts collected by the commission from the tax shall be remitted by the county treasurer as follows:

a. Sixty-seven percent to the District Attorney of the Thirty-second Judicial Circuit for personnel purposes.

b. Thirty-three percent to the Cullman County Legislative Delegation to be used at their discretion on mental health issues.

(e) For purposes of this section, "medical cannabis product" means any product lawfully sold in the county in a dispensary licensed by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Cullman County, Alabama.

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-282

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JESSE JAMES JONES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to David Lee Jones on the 3rd day of October, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

David Lee Jones
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
LORENA M. MALONEY,
Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2024-360

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Christian Alan Maloney
Christian Alan Maloney, Co-Executor of the Estate of Lorena M. Maloney, deceased

Timothy Brian Maloney
Timothy Brian Maloney, Co-Executor of the Estate of Lorena M. Maloney, deceased

OF COUNSEL:

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To: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

PLEASE PUBLISH THE ABOVE NOTICE THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN SAID NEWSPAPER.

Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
MARTY CHARLES SWANN
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2024-371

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Cassie Swann, as Administratrix of the Estate of Marty Charles Swann, deceased, on the 18th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Cassie Swann

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Administratrix

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A ride down the Rhine River

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



When I saw the handwriting on the wall, I knew we were no longer in Kansas; excuse me, I meant Alabama. As a matter of fact, we were approximately 4,500 miles east of my home in Opelika. I didn't need the prophet Daniel to interpret this handwriting, or even a Dutch artist to paint me a picture, since it was written in large English letters. It said, "Welcome to the Netherlands." We had arrived, finally, in the land filled with water, canals, bridges, cafes, cathedrals, tulips and bicycles. It's a place where coffee shops don't always sell coffee but items much stronger, including brownies with a buzz. No, I did not indulge. We went there last week to ride a huge river boat through Western Europe by way of the Rhine and Moselle Rivers.

On the one hand, it took us a good portion of two days to arrive in the Netherlands. On the other hand, it took Jean and me three-and-one-half years.

We had planned, booked and paid for a trip there in 2000, but someone else, by the name of Covid, paid an unexpected visit that year that grounded us all.

Finally, last week, we arrived in Amsterdam.

We spent the first day-and-a-half seeing that grand old city, before we set sail on the river ship Charles Dickens. The ship was our home for the next week as we cruised down the river and through The Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland.

We sailed by enormous centuries-old cities, castles, cathedrals and churches. Each day, we stopped to see as much as we could before we cruised again each night to the next amazing destination.

Our visit began in the north, in the city that New York was originally named after. New York was settled by so many Dutch immigrants that it was first called New Amsterdam. The names of the Netherlands are a bit confusing. The Dutch people are the residents of the country that is sometimes referred to as Holland, but more commonly called the Netherlands. Amsterdam is its largest city and capital.

Nederlands, or Netherlands, literally means wetlands. It is wet because most of it is below sea level. Much like our own city of New Orleans, Amsterdam is largely built on pilings which have been driven into the below-sea-level ground to supply firm foundations to build on. To prevent flooding, they built canals throughout the city. More than 60 miles of canals fill the city, as well as 1,200 bridges. When driving, be careful which street you turn down or you might sink!

Every other street seemed to be a canal. Amsterdam is called The Venice of the North.

We had the joy of touring a portion of the city by boat through some of those interconnected canals. The views of the buildings, some of them hundreds of years old, are breathtaking.

They also built a large dam to hold back the water. It was called the Amstel Dam; thus you have the city of Amstel-Dam, or Amsterdam. Holland is famous for its wooden shoes and windmills. Way back when they didn't have duck boots to keep their feet from getting wet, they had wooden shoes. The 1,200 beautiful windmills aren't just for looks. They pump the water out of the low lands.

Amsterdam is also a city of bicycles. In fact, they have two to three times more bicycles than people, but I never saw anyone riding more than one at once!

Pedestrians better beware...listen for the bicycle bells, and look before crossing the street!

Please join me next week and we'll travel further down the river.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-728-5514 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1930, 1950

From the files of 1930

The bodies of two Cullman County soldiers arrived home, Emory McConnell and Ulyses Yeager.

Mr. Jessie Smith is erecting a cotton gin at Simcoe.

W.C. Waldrop and wife attended the two-day Union Harp singing at Old Redan Church and reported a fine singing with a large crowd attending.

Professor A.R. Thompson has closed a very successful writing school at Simcoe. All his pupils want him to teach writing again.

Good Hope Church held election Sunday for officers for next year. Sunday School Superintendent is Luther Hudson, Assistant Superintendent is A.N. Schlichting, teachers are Ernest Kelly,E.G. McGlawn, Mrs. Alice Chance, Jewel Miller, Mrs. Mattie Dial and Claudia Kelly, organist is Miss Ruby Mize, choir leader is S.W. Ragsdale and secretary is Jewel Miller. Good Hope had a great church year.

Alton Blalock and his sister, Miss Ruth Blalock of Birmingham, are spending a week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F.B. Blalock.

From the files of 1950

Owen S. Williams of Cullman has been selected for "Who's Who in the South and Southeast."

Twenty citizens of Cullman County attended a seven-county barbecue pasture meeting on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Hood, of Route Three, Albertville, on Tuesday, November 21. Those from Cullman were T.B. Veal, B.R. Fant, C.H. Wilhite, K.J. Griffith, L.E. Parker, Roy Gorham, Oscar Ellard, C.T. Scott, J.F. Brandon, R.C. Johnston, H.G. Pinkston, J.H. Yates, George Lehnert, N.T. Underwood, E.O. Elliott, Robert K. Leopard, Henry F. Arnold, J.H. Montgomery, Marvin Trapp and J.P. Glenn.

Russell L. Baker has been doing a little research on his own family. He says the number "7" has really been important in his life. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Baker had 12 children, seven boys and five girls. His wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Haynes had 12 children, seven girls and five boys. Mr. Baker was the seventh daughter. They were married on Mr. Baker's 27 birthday anniversary, in 1907.

POET'S CORNER

Art | By: Herman Melville, 1819-1891

In placid hours well-pleased we dream
Of many a brave unbodied scheme.
But form to lend, pulsed life create,
What unlike things must meet and mate:
A flame to melt—a wind to freeze;
Sad patience—joyous energies;
Humility—yet pride and scorn;
Instinct and study; love and hate;
Audacity—reverence. These must mate,
And fuse with Jacob's mystic heart,
To wrestle with the angel—Art.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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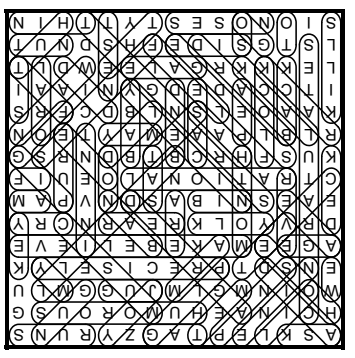
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Cullman songwriters premiere 'The Kiss on Clarkson Covered Bridge' at Blount County festival

Ben South
Contributor

ONEONTA, Ala. — "The most romantic, beautiful country ballad I've heard in so many, too many years... and perfect for Kelly Clarkson to sing," said a bluegrass fan from Jefferson County on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Alabama Covered Bridge Festival in downtown Oneonta.

The crowd roared its swooning support as powerhouse performer Adam Duke (from West Point) premiered "The Kiss on Clarkson Covered Bridge," a song he composed to lyrics by Georgia Hendrix Shockley (from Fairview).

The song was masterfully produced by Charles Baker of Baker Productions in Cullman.

Several hundred festival-goers and scores of vendors filled the Blount County town under a cloudless, blue October sky.

Many in the neighboring county that proudly boasts four historic covered bridges were surprised to learn Cullman County had a preserved example of this architecture.

"The Kiss on Clarkson Covered Bridge" may well elevate awareness of Cullman County's jewel.

Locals have a renewed appreciation for the romantic tourist destination since Shane Bailey, Cullman County Commission staff, his extended family and the Cullman County Master Gardeners made upgrades to the landscape at the bridge and rental cabin in 2023.

Kelly Clarkson fans at the Alabama Covered Bridge Festival eagerly signed a "request to consider" sheet which will be given to the American country/pop legend with a music CD of "The Kiss on Clarkson Covered Bridge."

Additional signatures are being collected in the West Point community, proud home of Clarkson Covered Bridge, and in other Cullman County locations.

Duke, nationally popular at bluegrass festivals and concerts from Portland, Maine, to the Florida Panhandle, thrilled the audience in Oneonta, playing guitar and banjo saluting Alabama's Hank Williams with the Pine Mountain Bluegrass Band.

Kelly Clarkson, please check your mailbox, "The Kiss on Clarkson Covered Bridge" is on its way from Cullman County, Alabama.


BEN SOUTH

Adam Duke (center) and Georgia Hendrix Shockley (right) jam with the Pine Mountain Bluegrass Band on Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Alabama Covered Bridge Festival in Oneonta.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 17-18

Occie Kennith Bates, 87
Funeral Service for Occie Kennith Bates, age 87 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bates passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024, at his residence. He was born, Dec. 15, 1936, to Occie Lorenzo Bates and Vassie Williams Bates. He was preceded in death by his wife of 34 years, Norma Louise Bates; parents; and daughter-in-law, Felisha Bates. Kennith and Norma were married from Oct. 7, 1971, until her passing. He retired as a heavy equipment operator with Employers Operating Engineers, Local 520, where he was a union member for 66 years. He also served in the United States Army. Survivors include his son, Eugene Bates; granddaughter, Caitlin Bates; grandson, Braxton Bates and a host of extended family and friends. The Bates family would like to thank Diana Lee, Joy Williams, Kathy Alexander, Kim Bradford, Pam Ray and Gentiva Hospice for the love and care they gave.

Burton Ray Sampson, 78
Burton Ray Sampson, well known bluegrass banjo player, passed away on Oct. 15, 2024, with his loving wife, Bet, at his side. Per Burton's wishes, there will be no services. Burton believed we preach our own funeral in the way we live and treat others as well as in our love, obedience, and service to our Heavenly Father. The Sampson family extends their gratitude for the love and support shown to them in their time of loss. Your many prayers for them are felt and appreciated. The family ask for your understanding of their need for privacy in the coming days as they grieve the loss of Burton. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sampson family.

Judy Ann Walker, 77
Judith "Judy" Ann Walker passed away Oct. 15, 2024. For many years, Judy owned "Family Hair Designers" in Cullman. She then moved to Leland, Mississippi with her husband Junior where she became active in missionary service with the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi. She loved sharing her faith with people all over the world. Judy was also a tour guide for many years. She enjoyed tours with people as their personal guide. Judy and Junior enjoyed married life together for 61+ years. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents Vernice and Callie (Williamson) Hendrix, her sisters Betty (Hendrix) Blackwood and Robbie (Hendrix) Huffstutler. She is Survived by her husband Junior Walker, daughters Pennie (Scottie) Stevens, Paige (Bobby) Gilliland Texas, grandchildren Callie (Bill) Mcright, Conner Stevens, Lili (Quan) Howard, Graci Gilliland, Abri (Jon) Garcia, great-grandchildren Walker Leigh McRight and William Lake McRight. The family sincerely thanks the staff of Gentiva hospice for the wonderful and loving care they provided Judy in her final years. Pallbearers will be Conner Stevens, Bill McRight, Quan Howard, Akemini Ikpe(AK) and Jon Garcia. In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to The Alzheimer's Association by calling the 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900. Please inform them that the donation is in the memory of Judy Walker and restricted to the state of Alabama. Services for Judy will be held Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Family will receive friends for a visitation from 1 p.m. until the service time at 3 p.m., with interment to follow at Cullman City Cemetery, Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Alton Gene Jones, 85
Funeral Service for Alton Gene Jones, age 85 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating; burial at Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Jones passed away on Friday, Sept. 27, 2024, at his residence. He was born, December 26, 1938 to Luther and Jewell Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 52 years, Ollie Mae Jones; brothers, Jimmie Jones, Johnny Jones; and sister, Martha Smith. Survivors include his wife, Eleanor Frey; sons, Gene Jones, Jimmy Jones, Marty Jones, Terry Jones; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; brothers, Rayburn Jones, Franklin Jones, Donald Jones; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Alton loved spending time with family, fishing and Alabama football.

Mayola Robertson, 95
Funeral services for Mayola Robertson, of Hanceville, AL will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Fairview West Cemetery. Sam Bush, Kevin Carlisle and Eddie Carlisle will be officiating services. The family will receive friends for visitation on Saturday at Hanceville Funeral Home from 1-2 p.m. Mayola, a devoted wife, mother, and beloved "Mawmaw," passed away peacefully on Oct. 18, at the age of 95. She was surrounded by the love of her family, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, warmth, and a deep appreciation for life's simple joys. Born on Sept. 17, 1929, to Orbie and Lula Quick in Cullman, Mrs. Robertson dedicated her life to her family. She was a loving and supportive wife to her late husband, Carl for 73 years, a nurturing mother, and a cherished Mawmaw to her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, who will forever remember her gentle wisdom, endless love, and nurturing spirit. A lover of nature, Mayola found beauty in the world around her. Her passion for the outdoors led her to spend countless hours exploring nature or simply enjoying the serenity of a quiet garden. She had a special gift for growing flowers, filling her home and yard with vibrant blooms that reflected her own colorful and radiant personality. Roses, lilies, and wildflowers flourished under her care, just as her family did with her love and support. Her presence was a blessing to everyone who knew her, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to be touched by her kindness. In addition, Mrs. Robertson was a life-long member of Seventh Day Adventist Church. Mrs. Robertson was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Robertson; parents, Lula and Orbie Quick; daughter, Christine Carlisle; sons-in-law, Charles Carlisle and Garry Nail; and sisters, Maxine Quick, Eulula Morrison and Debbie Brown. She is survived by her daughter, Rita Nail; grandchildren, Eddie (Jennifer) Carlisle, Kevin (Autumn) Carlisle, Nicole (Brett) Lovell and Shelley Badalucco; great grandchildren, Josh (Talitha) Badalucco, Brittany (Jake) Harden, Kendall (Jace) Calvert, Taylor (Austin) Smith, Brody Rowell, Landon Rowell, Brittian (Zack) Denley and Chase Carlisle; great-great grandchildren, Isaiah, Kroy and Kipp Smith, Hudson and Everly Calvert, Everli and Selah Badalucco, Emma Preiss, Paislee and Easton Harden; brother-in-law, Dale Brown; sister-in-law, Inez Robertson; special friend, Michael Chambers Mrs. Robertson will be forever missed but never forgotten, as her love and light continue to bloom in the hearts of those she loved. Serving as pallbearers will be Brody Rowell, Landon Rowell, Austin Smith, Jace Calvert, Brandon Brown, and Eddie Carlisle. The family would like to send a special 'Thank You' to the wonderful staff at Hanceville Nursing Home, the residents on Garden Way Hall, Southern Care Hospice and Hanceville Funeral Home for the love, attention and support during their time of loss and transition.

Linda Elise Simmons, 73
Graveside service for Linda Elise Simmons, age 73, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, at Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Simmons passed away on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at her residence. She was born Jan. 14, 1951, to William Buehl Stephens and Martha Evon Stephens. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Wendy Michelle, Jenna Ray, Jennifer Shay, and Candace Leigh; and sisters, Evelyn Stephens, and Estelle Guard. Survivors include her husband, Steve Simmons; children, Phillip Stephens, Matthew Stephens, and Derek Stephens; brother, William Herbert Stephens; sister, Carolyn Bailey; and sister, Charlotte (Dale) McCullough.

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