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Annual Christkindlmarkt Parade coming Nov. 22

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Christkindlmarkt Parade is set to dazzle attendees with lights, music and holiday spirit on Friday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m.

Parade organizers, led by Jordan Meggs, director of marketing and public relations for Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST), said they are excited to invite the community to join in the festivities and encourage organizations to participate.

"We're thrilled to bring everyone together for this cherished community event," said Meggs. "Those interested in joining the parade should register their float with detailed information on its design and theme. » PAGE 3



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Santa Claus cruises through the 2022 Christmas Parade in downtown Cullman.

Fairview's Little Free Library opens



CONTRIBUTED

The Chapman family visits the Little Free Library at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview - left to right are Lydia, Collin, Lucas and Will.

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. - A Little Free Library is officially open in Fairview, thanks to a local woman's initiative.

Stephanie Sprouse raised $600 for the completion of the project through donations and selling homemade items. She is now working toward getting new Free Little Library locations in different communities in Cullman County and the surrounding area.

"I am planning to attend the council meeting at the Eva Town Hall on Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m.," Sprouse said. "The Simcoe Community Center might be a third location to add. I want each location to be close to my home so that I can keep them filled with books and maintain them if they're damaged. Hopefully I will inspire others to steward Little Free Libraries near their homes."

This new Little Free Library is located at Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview.

"We enjoy Fairview Park and want to provide an opportunity for each child who comes to the playground to leave with a book," Sprouse said. "The Fairview Mayor Keith Henry and council approved the location at the Fairview park by the Veterans Pavilion."

Little Free Libraries aren't free to build. Fundraising was done to purchase the kit and materials for the Fairview location and will be done for future locations.

All Little Free Libraries are high-quality, Amish-crafted boxes that should last for years in any environment. Sprouse works at Branch Books' Cullman location and is able to take duplicate and discarded books to share with the community.

"I am so thankful for all the generous donations," Sprouse said. "I was honored to be awarded an Impact Library Program Grant by the LittleFreeLibraryLibrary.org. These grants are for rural areas to encourage literacy.

"The program aims to strengthen community ties, inspire readers, expand easy book access, positively influence literacy outcomes and make Little Free Libraries available in high-need areas."

Anyone visiting a Little Free Libraries is free to take a book and/or leave a book for someone else to enjoy.

If you are interested in donating or supporting Sprouse, call 205-601-7323 or email Sprousehouse777@gmail.com.

Fall back this weekend!



STORY: JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE, PHOTO: UNSPLASH

Don't forget to roll your clocks back one hour this weekend! Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 3, at 2 a.m. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep! Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 1

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported November 1, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 28

- domestic violence; CR 1101
- violation of protection order; CR 781
- domestic violence; Haygood Ln.
- violation of protection order; CR 1386
- domestic violence; CR 940
- theft; 13th St. NE
- theft; CR 1193
- criminal mischief; CR 827
- burglary; CR 1669
- theft; CR 245
- possession of marijuana; possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1138
- harassing communications; CR 1212

Oct. 29

- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278W
- theft; CR 768
- criminal mischief; Super Saver Rd.
- harassment; CR 1036
- theft; Hwy. 91
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB

Oct. 30

- domestic violence; Wesley Ave. N
- theft; CR 1354
- criminal mischief; CR 223
- permitting animals to run at large; CR 98
- harassing communications; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 28 – Oct. 30

Arnold, Zachary C.; 34
- arson-residence
- obstructing justice using a false identity-fictitious person

Barnett IV, Chesley A.; 53
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Black, Justin D.; 33
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Brooks, Jonathan S.; 37
- possession of methamphetamine

Clark, William B.; 68
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – exposure of lewd act in public
- FTA – stalking-2nd degree

Copen III, Michael A.; 35
- tax/revenue-licenses required; exceptions; fees. (home building and home improvement industries

Doss, April D.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Esposito, Jan M.; 44
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Ferguson, Donna M.; 54
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hill, Michael L.; 47
- GJ – theft

Kelley, Terry L.; 42
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation

Murphy, Aaron D.; 28
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pate, Joey B.; 46
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Ramos, Adelaida A.; 47
- criminal mischief

Requena, William J.; 33
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- attempting to elude a police officer

Scott, Tyra A.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of cocaine

Simmons, Charles D.; 64
- public intoxication

Stanford, David O.; 43
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon

Watts III, Norris L.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Whitworth, Fayda C.; 63
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – negotiating worthless instrument
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Willingham, Felicia R.; 33
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Wright, Brian A.; 23
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500

Wright, Scotty J.; 43
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Young, Jimmy L.; 52
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS

Oct. 28

Holmes Jr., William R.; 40
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Graves, Whitney D.; 38
- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment

Rice, Gary L.; 55
- FTA – driving without a license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 23
AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owners, the petitioners, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: Richard and Evelyn Dahlke. Property Address: 916 Parker Ave SW.

Legal Description: Lot No. 12 and No. 13 in Block 34 of Musgrove's Second Addition to the Town of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on recorded map or plat, between Parker Avenue and Veigl Avenue. Also, the West Half of Lot No. 14 in Block 34 of Musgrove's Second Addition to the Town of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on the recorded map or plat, between Parker Avenue and Veigl Avenue, commencing at the Northwest corner of Lot No. 14, thence South along the East margin of Parker Avenue a distance of 260 feet, thence East along the South margin of Lot No. 14 a distance of 210 feet, thence North and parallel to Parker Avenue a distance of 260 feet to the North boundary of Lot No. 14, thence West 210 feet to the point of beginning as shown on the plat recorded Book 2008, Page 28, in the office of the Cullman County Probate Judge.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as Residential District R-3 on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama under Ordinance No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from R-3 Residential District to R-2 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 21st day of October, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 28th day of October, 2024. /s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council
ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED this the 28th day of October. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 01
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Pioneer Land Acquisitions, LLC, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PIN: 90195. PARCEL NUMBER: 17-07-26-0-001-041.002. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 0 Highway 31.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A FOUND ½" CAPPED REBAR (ILLEGIBLE) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF (N: 1504216.73, E: 2176246.49); THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER N89-40'38"W611.33 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.S.X. RAILROAD: THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N46-41'48"W 73.34 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.S.X. RAILROAD AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PHELAN ROAD BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PHELAN ROAD THE FOLLOWING CHORD BEARINGS AND DISTANCES: N89-40'38"W 264.35 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N81-08'48"W 101.12 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N89-40'38"W 50.00 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR: THENCE N53-42'25"W 107.57 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR (BEING 100.00 FEET EAST AND PERPENDICULAR TO THE CENTER OF THE SOUTH BOUND LANE OF US HIGHWAY #31); THENCE PARALLEL TO THE CENTER OF THE SOUTH BOUND LANE OF U.S. HIGHWAY #31 A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF N33-19'39"W 83.57 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE LEAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY 57-27'58"E 273.63 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.S.X. RAILROAD; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF S46-41'48"E 434.48 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING 2.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS RECORDED OR UNRECORDED.

LESS AND EXCEPT A PARCEL OF LAND BEING IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA; DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT A FOUND ½" CAPPED REBAR (ILLEGIBLE) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD 83 COORDINATE VALUE OF (N 1504216.73, E:2176246.49); THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER N89-40'38"W 611.33 FEET TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.S.X. RAILROAD; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY A CHORD BEARING A DISTANCE OF N46-41"48"W 73.34 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF C.S.X. RAILROAD AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PHELAN ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PHELAN ROAD THE FOLLOWING CHORD BEARINGS AND DISTANCES: N89-40'38"W 264.35 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N81-08'48"W 101.12 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR: THENCE N89-40'38"W 50.00 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE LEAVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY N22-40'01"W 36.24 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE N21-54'27"W 10.00 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE S68-05'33"W 10.00 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE S21-54'27E 10.00 FEET TO A SET ½" CAPPED REBAR; THENCE N68-05'33"E 10.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO ANY RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR EASEMENTS RECORDED AND UNRECORDED.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as B-2 Business District.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 28th day of October, 2024./s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President
ATTEST: Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 28th day of October, 2024./s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 02
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICES TO CREATE AND RETAIN ELECTRONIC RECORDS AND CONVERT WRITTEN RECORDS TO ELECTRONIC RECORDS; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES; AND ADOPTING AN ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Alabama Uniform Electronic Transaction Act ("UETA"), codified at Ala. Code 1975 §8-1A-1 et seq, authorizes the City Council to determine whether, and the extent to which City departments and offices will create and retain electronic records and convert written records to electronic records; and

WHEREAS, UETA grants authority to the City Council to determine whether and to what extent City departments and offices may use electronic signatures in the conduct of official business; and

WHEREAS, UETA specifically empowers the City Council to adopt rules and policies for the creation, protection, maintenance, preservation and storage of electronic records; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Electronic Records Management and Imaging Policy has been prepared by City staff and presented to the City Council for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Cullman, Alabama (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. **Authority.** To the fullest extent permitted by UETA and subject to the limitations of the rules and policies adopted in Section 4 below, the City Council hereby authorizes City departments and offices to create and retain electronic records and to convert written records to electronic records and to send and accept electronic records and electronic signatures to and from other persons and otherwise create, generate, communicate, store, process, use and rely upon electronic records and electronic signatures.

Section 2. **Scope.** To the fullest extent permitted by UETA and subject to the limitations of the rules and policies adopted in Section 4 below, this Ordinance is intended to authorize the use of electronic records and electronic signatures in the conduct of official business of the City, by City departments and offices and the conduct of official business with City departments and offices by any person. Such use shall be in accordance with and subject to the provisions of UETA and the rules and policies adopted in Section 4 below. This Ordinance does not require a record or signature to be created, generated, sent, communicated, received, stored or otherwise processed or used by electronic means or in electronic form.

Section 3. **Limitations.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Ordinance or the UETA:

(a) In no event shall any legal or binding recognition or effect be given to a record purported to be executed by a City signatory using an electronic signature, if the execution is not duly authorized in accordance with applicable law; and

(b) In the event that any electronic signature is found by a City department, office or agency to have been used or applied to a City record in violation of this Ordinance, the UETA, or any other law, the electronic signature shall be null and void and the City record signed electronically using the unlawful, fraudulent, unauthorized or otherwise improper electronic signature shall also be null and void, discontinued and unenforceable against the City.

Section 4. **Adoption of electronic record management and imaging policy.** The Electronic Records Management and Imaging Policy, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby adopted and approved.

Section 5. **Conflict and Severability.** In the event any provision of this Ordinance conflicts with any other ordinance of the City of Cullman on the subject matter of this Ordinance, the more strict provision shall apply and supersede. If any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, unconstitutional or unenforceable for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance, which shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provisions enforceable to the fullest extent possible.

Section 6. **Effective date.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption, approval and publication as required by law.

Section 7. **Publication.** This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Cullman, Alabama.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 28th day of October, 2024. /s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President
ATTEST: Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 28th day of October, 2024. /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2025 – 03
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby established and declared that the following described real property of the City of Cullman, Alabama, is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to-wit:

A triangular parcel of land being .034 acres, more or less, which is a portion of Lot 1 in Block 5 in the Ratliff and Hancock Subdivision of the Bauer's Addition, more particularly described as follows: commence at the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 5 in the Ratliff and Hancock Subdivision of the Bauer's Addition; thence run west 60 feet; thence run southeast 78 feet; thence run north 50 feet to the point of beginning. PROPERTY IS BEING PURCHASED IN "AS IS" CONDITION.

SECTION 2. The Cullman City Council hereby declares the above described property to be surplus and not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to sell this property for its fair market value.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL this the 28th day of October, 2024. /s/ Jenny Folsom, City Council President
ATTEST: Wesley Moore, City Clerk APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 28th day of October, 2024. /s/ Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Parade (from Front)

While all entries are accepted unless otherwise notified, we ask for enough detail to ensure the entry aligns with the parade's spirit."

To keep the holiday theme consistent, certain guidelines must be followed by all participants.

"All floats need to be decorated with lights and display a Christmas theme, which could be secular or religious," Meggs explained. "Political floats are strictly prohibited, and to keep some of the classic holiday characters special, we're reserving Santa, Mrs. Claus, Grinch and Buddy the Elf for certain parts of the parade."

Participants will find this year's parade route particularly scenic, beginning at Fifth Street Southeast and Second Avenue Southeast and winding through downtown to end at the Festhalle and Christkindlmarkt. Festivities will include the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Depot Park, immediately following the parade

"We're looking forward to creating a joyful experience that culminates at the Christkindlmarkt celebration, where our community can continue the holiday cheer," Meggs said.

To add an extra layer of excitement, CPRST is offering cash prizes for floats in six categories.

"We want to celebrate the creativity and effort put into these floats, so we're awarding prizes like Most Creative and Best Spirit at $500 each, with a grand prize of $2,500 for Best Overall," Meggs said.

"The community judges will be on the lookout for the most exceptional displays of holiday spirit and imagination."

Marching bands are another important part of the parade.

"High school marching bands always bring great energy," Meggs said. "We're encouraging more bands to participate by waiving the registration fee and offering a $1,000 prize for Best Marching Band."

Participants have the option of competing for these prizes with a $10 registration fee, or they can simply join the parade for free if they prefer not to compete.

Check-in starts at 4 p.m. on Nov. 22, with float inspections following at 5. Should weather interfere, a rainout date is set for Nov. 23.

"Our goal is to make the Christkindlmarkt Parade an unforgettable holiday experience for everyone," said Meggs.

"We can't wait to see the community's creativity and holiday spirit on display."

Register to participate or get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

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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, Nov. 2 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast 10 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
- Sunday, Nov. 3 - 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, 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.

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.

Jacobs proclaims November 'Care at Home Month' in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. – Recognizing the profound impact of home health care and hospice services in the community, the City of Cullman joined the National Alliance for Care at Home in commemorating November as National Care at Home Month (formerly National Home Care and Hospice Month). On Wednesday, Oct. 30, Mayor Woody Jacobs presented the official proclamation to representatives from Aveanna Healthcare. Those present included Jeremy Hogland (director of hospice), Emily Hall (account executive for hospice), Debbi Murphy (account executive for home health care) and Erica Adams (account executive for hospice).

"Dealing with severe health conditions and making end-of-life decisions are hard for people and their loved ones," said Jacobs. "Home health and hospice professionals step in to meet the needs of patients and provide support for family, making these difficult situations much easier on patients and their loved ones."

Throughout the month of November, the nation comes together to celebrate and honor the dedicated professionals who play a pivotal role in the well-being of countless patients and their families. Home care aides, nurses, therapists and social workers, often unsung heroes in the health care community, make an immeasurable difference in the lives they touch. Their unwavering commitment to providing care and compassion is a cornerstone of our health care system, allowing individuals to receive vital services within the comfort of their homes.

This year, two legacy organizations – the National Association for Home Care & Hospice and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization – have been brought together to form the National Alliance for Care at Home. To represent strength in unity, this year the title of the annual observance has been changed from National Home Care and Hospice Month to National Care at Home Month, celebrating and recognizing all types of in-home care. Special attention is focused on different types of care throughout the month including:

- Nov. 1: National Family Caregiver's Day
- Nov. 4-8: Palliative and Advanced Care Week
- Nov. 11-15: Hospice Week
- Nov. 18-22: Home Health Week
- Nov. 25-29: Private Duty Home Care Week

"So many folks in our community have relied upon, or are currently relying upon, home health or hospice for care, support and guidance," said Jacobs. "I know how important these services are, which is why I'm always glad to recognize our home health and hospice organizations each November."

With an estimated 10,000 Americans reaching 65 every day, the demand for health care services is continually rising, leading to soaring costs.

Home care and hospice emerge as the preferred choice for most patients, offering substantial cost savings while delivering personalized care. Care provided within the home is more affordable than hospital or nursing home care. It also empowers countless seniors to maintain their independence, allowing them to age gracefully in the familiar surroundings of their communities — a goal shared by 90% of Americans.

To find out more about home care and hospice services in the community, visit Aveanna.com or contact any of the home health and hospice organizations in Cullman. Visit the National Alliance for Care at Home at nahc.org.



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TWINNING

WSCC Athletics seeing double with 5 sets of twins

Special to The Tribune
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This season, five sets of twins are ready to make their mark on Wallace State Community College's athletics teams. United by their passion for sports and their shared experiences, these siblings bring a unique dynamic to the court and field, ready to elevate their performances and create lasting memories.

As the winningest community college athletics program in Alabama, Wallace State boasts a legacy of excellence with 12 athletic teams, nine national championships and approximately 100 conference titles. With the stage set for another exciting season, these five sets of twins are eager to contribute to the storied success of Wallace State.

Caden and Camren Johnson (Men's Basketball)

Caden and Camren Johnson, both sophomores, are excited to be part of the Wallace State Men's Basketball team this season after playing last year at Shelton State. The Johnson twins, hailing from Jacksonville, bring a rich history of playing basketball together, having developed their skills on the court since childhood.

"Basketball has always been a big part of our lives. We have played together for as long as I can remember," Camren said. "It is not just a game for us; it is a way of life. Sharing this journey with my brother makes every moment special."

The brothers chose Wallace State for its promising environment and the strong leadership of new Head Coach Faron Key.

"Coach Key talked about his vision of bringing together a solid group of players. I really liked what he had to say about teamwork and building something special here," Caden said. "He has a clear plan, and I felt like I could be a part of it."

In addition to the coaching, the Johnson twins were drawn to the college's vibrant campus and supportive atmosphere.

"We appreciate how welcoming everyone has been. The school is nice, and the environment really feels like home," Camren said. "It is great to be in a place where we can grow as athletes and individuals."

As they transition to the collegiate level, Caden and Camren are eager to embrace the challenges ahead. With their strong bond and shared passion for the game, the Johnson twins are poised to make a significant impact on the court this season.

"This is our first year at Wallace State, and we're ready to put in the work," Caden said. "We have set high goals for ourselves and the team. It is an exciting time, and we cannot wait to get started."

Caleb and Joshua Paige (Men's Basketball)

The bond between Caleb and Joshua Paige extends far beyond brotherhood; it has been forged on the basketball court since early childhood. Having played together their whole lives—including their time at Eufaula High School and a successful season last year at Florida State College at Jacksonville—the Paige twins are now thriving in their shared passion for basketball at Wallace State.

"We've been playing basketball together for as long as we can remember—probably since we were around 3 or 5 years old," Caleb said. "It's been an incredible journey, and being able to take this next step together is amazing."

The transition to the collegiate level has been an exciting adventure for the Paige twins, and they relish the opportunity to navigate it side by side.

"It's been a good adjustment, and we're enjoying every moment of it," Joshua said. "We always dreamed of playing at this level, and now that we are here, we are fully committed to making the most of it. Playing with my brother on the collegiate level feels like we are in the back yard, just having fun, playing with each other like we always have. I know that he has my back, and I have his, and we can always count on each other."

"Having your brother by your side is special, Caleb said. "There is a bond and a trust that comes from growing up together, and it really shows on the court."

Both brothers said they appreciate the welcoming atmosphere at Wallace State and the unwavering support from their coaches and teammates.

"The environment here is great. Everyone has been so friendly and supportive," Caleb said. "It feels like a tight-knit community, and we are excited to be a part of it."

As they gear up for the upcoming season under new Head Coach Faron Key, the Paige twins are optimistic about what lies ahead.

"Coach Key is great," Joshua said. "He truly knows what he is doing, and he is a great person to be leading the way for all of us here. We are both looking forward to learning from him and contributing to the team."

While they are still deciding on their majors, the Paige twins are excited to learn more at Wallace State.

"Wallace State is a great place to start, and it really is a great school." Joshua said. "We are eager to see where this journey takes us. We cannot wait for the season. There are some big things coming, and we are excited to dominate the court this year.

Bailey and Heather Tetro (Women's Basketball)

The Tetro twins, Bailey and Heather, have been honing their basketball skills together for over a decade, growing up in Good Hope, just down the road from Wallace State. Their familiarity with the campus goes back to their early years, as they often competed in local tournaments here, making the transition to collegiate play with the Wallace State women's basketball team an exciting milestone.

"Having played here since we were young, we always envisioned taking our game to the next level together," Bailey said. "It's incredible that we have this opportunity at Wallace."

Last season, the Tetro twins were instrumental in leading the Good Hope High School Lady Raiders to victory in the 2024 Class 4A State Championship, marking a historic achievement as the program secured its first state title. As they embark on this new chapter, the twins share an eagerness to tackle the challenges of collegiate basketball while relying on their longstanding partnership on and off the court.

"Big changes can be nerve-wracking, but having someone you've played with your whole life by your side makes everything easier," Heather said. "We're in this together, and that makes it more enjoyable."

Preseason training has proven to be a mix of challenges and camaraderie for the Tetro twins, as they adapt to their new teammates and the rigorous demands of the collegiate level.

"It has been tough, but I love the challenge. Getting to know the new girls and building those relationships has been awesome," Bailey said. "While it's challenging, every moment is fun."

With their first game approaching on Nov. 6, the Tetro twins are looking forward to displaying their skills and contributing to the Lady Lions' success.

"Wallace State is a fantastic environment for sports and for students," Bailey said. "Expect us to be strong contenders this season. We are ready, and we hope everyone comes out to support us."

Alex and James Edley (Men's Tennis)

Growing up in Durban, South Africa, Alex and James Edley have shared a lifelong passion for tennis that has shaped their lives. Starting their tennis journeys at five, the twins shifted their focus from cricket and rugby to commit to the sport by age 14. Their dedication has not only strengthened their bond as brothers but also prepared them for the competitive collegiate environment they now embrace at Wallace State.

"We have always gone to the same schools and played at a high level wherever we were. James and I have played doubles together for most of our lives. We trained together every day, and being that James is left-handed, and I am right-handed, it works well for doubles," Alex said. "Before coming to Wallace, we spent six months in the United Kingdom working and training. It was a great platform for us to prepare, and we were competing at a high level in the super league there."

The Edley twins were drawn to Wallace State in part due to their connection with Assistant Coach Muntingh Hamman, a fellow South African who offered them insight into the college's tennis program.

"Our assistant coach is South African, so we grew up playing tournaments with him," James said. "He offered to give us a tour of the college and even came to South Africa to meet with our parents. During his visit, he shared more about the tennis program at Wallace State, and it was great to learn about the opportunities here from someone who really understands our background. It is very cool having a South African coach as part of the team."

Alex added, "We also have another South African player on our team, Jean Badenhorst, who is from Johannesburg. It is great to have four South Africans on the team, and I am really loving it so far."



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Four Wallace State Community College Athletics teams are seeing double this season with five sets of twins. The men's basketball team includes two sets of twins with Caden and Camren Johnson and Joshua and Caleb Paige. The baseball team includes Brayden and Casen Heaps. The women's basketball team includes Bailey and Heather Tetro. The men's tennis team includes Alex and James Edley.

Transitioning to the collegiate level has been a natural progression for the twins, who have always played together.

"It has been great. We have grown up playing together at every level, so getting the chance to move on and play at the collegiate level is great," James said.

"Throughout my junior career, James and I played doubles together. I do enjoy playing with him, but sometimes it is good to switch things up and play with different people. It gives me a chance to see where I'm at and improve my overall game," Alex said. "But I always come back to playing with James—it's nice to get that variety while still having the consistency of teaming up with him."

Both brothers appreciate the welcoming environment at Wallace State and the emphasis on player development within the tennis program.

"I really love the tennis program here and how much emphasis is placed on developing us as players," James said. "The campus is great too—it is spacious, and there is plenty of room to move around without feeling crowded. The weather here has been great, especially after coming back from the cold and rainy UK. It's been nice to be able to practice outside regularly."

"My teachers are all really nice, and everything is well-organized in class," Alex said. "There's a friendly environment here, and everyone on the tennis team gets along really well."

Alex also noted the comfortable living situation, saying, "We are staying in the men's dorms, and I think they have done a great job with the space. I was talking to Coach recently about how, at a lot of other colleges, the campuses may be bigger, but the dorms are usually small. Here at Wallace, even though the campus is a bit smaller, the dorm rooms are a really good size. Especially for two people, there is more than enough space."

Brayden and Casen Heaps (Baseball)

Casen and Brayden Heaps have been inseparable both on and off the baseball field since they first picked up gloves at age three. With a shared passion for the game and an impressive legacy behind them, these sophomore twins are eager for another season at Wallace State.

"Baseball is something we have been doing our whole lives," Casen said. "Our mom played softball in high school, and our dad was drafted by the Yankees and spent three years in their minor league system. He is probably the main reason we play baseball. He had so much fun with it, so we both thought we could too."

The twins have traveled extensively in their lives, moving around the state due to their father's coaching career. They spent most their high school years at Russellville High School, before transitioning to Briarwood Christian School for their senior year. Their diverse experiences have instilled in them a strong work ethic and the ability to adapt.

"Right now, we are transitioning into winter workouts, winding down fall ball and focusing on getting our last reps in," Casen said. "The goal is to build strength and endurance, so when the season comes around, we can outperform and outlast our competition."

While the transition to collegiate baseball has its challenges, both brothers agree their upbringing has prepared them well for this next step.

"The transition has been pretty easy," Casen said. "My dad believes in a rigorous process, making practice harder than the games. That way, when the games come around, they don't overwhelm you. For us, practice is quite literally tougher than games because of the preparation we put in. Because I have had that experience, the transition has been relatively easy for me."

"The main challenge growing up, from youth ball to high school, was having our dad as our coach the whole time," said Brayden. "He had very high expectations for us, putting more pressure and discipline on us than on everyone else because, as his kids, he expected more.

"Transitioning to college has been pretty easy because you don't have the pressure of being the coach's kid. You are just another guy on the team, and that makes it easier to feel like you truly belong, I think."

As the season approaches, Brayden and Casen are excited about enjoying another year of experiences at Wallace State, both in the college's athletics facilities and classrooms.

"I am majoring in biomedical sciences, so I really like how thorough the science programs are," Brayden said. "The campus is great, and the Wellness Center is very nice. I am also really looking forward to the planned upgrades to the baseball field, like the new turf. That will be great to see. The facilities here at Wallace State are fantastic. The grandstand and big lights give the field a professional feel, more like a Division I college than a junior college."

"I'm really thankful for the athletic facilities here at Wallace State," Casen said. "The new turf field is going to be incredible. When it rains, we have covered cages and an indoor cage at the Wellness Center, so we can still get our work in. It is great knowing that we have such well-maintained facilities that allow us to keep training, no matter the weather. Overall, we are just really blessed here."

While they are focused on baseball and their studies, the Heaps twins also enjoy exploring new hobbies outside of athletics. The twins have recently picked up pickleball since there are courts in Gardendale and Cullman.

"Playing pickleball adds some variety to our routine. It keeps us active, and it allows us to spend more quality time with our friends," Casen said.

The twins also share a passion for graphic design, which started when they ran an Instagram page for their high school baseball team.

"Both of us really enjoy graphic design and have been practicing it for a couple of years now. We started by running an Instagram page for the Russellville High School Baseball team and continued once we moved to Briarwood Christian School. It gives us something creative to do outside of class and workouts. The graphics we make feature game schedules and player highlights. We started this project during our junior year of high school in 2022, right before our move to Briarwood, and it has been a great way to promote the team and get the players' names out there," said Casen.

Brayden, who is healing from an injury, has been focusing more on mobility and strength training, working to incorporate fun exercises into his recovery.

"Lately, I have been working on mobility and body strength because it helps in so many areas of life. Since my injury, I have started focusing on full-body strength. Now, I can do things like the splits and pistol squats, and my knees, hips and back are much stronger than before. It has made a huge difference in my training and daily life." Brayden said. "I have even gotten into mountain biking, which has been a fun challenge. I am still getting used to it, but I can't wait to hit some trails. It has been a great way to mix up my routine."

In addition to his athletic pursuits, Brayden creates Christian content on his personal Instagram account, where he shares videos teaching lessons from the Bible.

"I have been a Christian my whole life and have been encouraged by friends to pursue my speaking gift, with several suggesting I should consider becoming a pastor," he explained. "To me, it is not about gaining followers; it is about teaching and sharing messages from the Bible. We all have our unique gifts, and I think it is important to use them in ways that align with our values."

The Heaps twins are excited to continue their journey together at Wallace State, where their bond as brothers and teammates continues to flourish on and off the field.

As the 2024-2025 academic year continues to unfold, the bonds between these five sets of twins will play a pivotal role in helping shape their teams' successes. United by their shared experiences and commitment to excellence, these student athletes are set to create lasting memories that will define their collegiate journeys at Wallace State, a place where athletes become champions.

Registration for the Spring 2025 semester is underway, with classes beginning Jan. 8 for Regular and Mini Term I. Spring 2025 Mini Term classes will begin March 6. Registration for online Flex Start courses will open Jan. 15 for Flex Start I and Jan. 22 for Flex Start II.

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Election (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The 2024 General Election is this Tuesday, Nov. 5.

"It's important for everyone that is registered in Cullman County to go vote that day," said Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown. "Your voice, your vote - and it does makes a difference and your vote does count."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. An ID is required to cast a ballot.

The public is welcome to observe the ballot counting and reporting process beginning at approximately 8 p.m. in the large courtroom on the third floor of the Cullman County Courthouse.

The majority of races on this year's ballot for Cullman County are uncontested.

The major race is of course that for President of the United States. Candidates are Republican Donald Trump, Democrat Kamala Harris, Independent Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Independent Chase Oliver and Independent Jill Stein.

For Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, candidates are Democrat Greg Griffin and Republican Sarah Stewart.

For all other races, see the sample ballot provided in this edition of The Cullman Tribune and at www.sos.alabama.gov/sites/default/files/sample-ballots/2024/gen/Cullman-Sample.pdf.

Voters will also be able to vote "yes" or "no" on one statewide amendment and one local amendment.

Text of Statewide Amendment 1:
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to grant certain sixteenth section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County school system, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System to the Franklin County Board of Education; and to provide for the distribution of any proceeds and interest generated by this land to the Franklin County Board of Education. (Proposed by Act 2024-301)

Text of Local Amendment 1:
Relating to Cullman County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to levy a 15 percent sales tax on the sales of lawfully sold medical cannabis products and would provide for the distribution of tax proceeds to the Office of the Cullman County District Attorney and for mental health purposes. (Proposed by Act 2023-255)

For more information about the 2024 General Election, including polling locations and FAQs, visit www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes.

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

**GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
NOVEMBER 5, 2024**

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STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING

- ⬭ ALABAMA DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- ⬭ ALABAMA REPUBLICAN PARTY

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for One)

- ⬭ KAMALA D. HARRIS / TIM WALZ — Democrat
- ⬭ DONALD J. TRUMP / JD VANCE — Republican
- ⬭ ROBERT F. KENNEDY JR. / NICOLE SHANAHAN — Independent
- ⬭ CHASE OLIVER / MIKE TER MAAT — Independent
- ⬭ JILL STEIN / SAMSON KOMLAN-LeBEAU KPADENOU — Independent
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)

- ⬭ ROBERT B. ADERHOLT — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (Vote for One)

- ⬭ GREG GRIFFIN — Democrat
- ⬭ SARAH STEWART — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 1 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ CHRIS McCOOL — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 2 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ TOMMY BRYAN — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ WILL SELLERS — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, PLACE 4 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ JAY MITCHELL — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 1 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ CHRISTY EDWARDS — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 2 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ CHAD HANSON — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 3 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ TERRY A. MOORE — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 1 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ RICHARD MINOR — Republican
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FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 2 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ RICH ANDERSON — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 3 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ BILL COLE — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR PRESIDENT, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (Vote for One)

- ⬭ TWINKLE ANDRESS CAVANAUGH — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PLACE NO. 1 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ GREGORY A. NICHOLAS — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, 32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ EMILY NIEZER JOHNSTON — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE, CULLMAN COUNTY, PLACE NO. 2 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ WELLS R. "Rusty" TURNER, III — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK, CULLMAN COUNTY (Vote for One)

- ⬭ LISA PARKER McSWAIN — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CULLMAN COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE (Vote for One)

- ⬭ TAMMY BROWN — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR CHAIR, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION (Vote for One)

- ⬭ JEFF "Clem" CLEMONS — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ KELLY DUKE — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY COMMISSION, ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ COREY FREEMAN — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, CULLMAN COUNTY (Vote for One)

- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/ /DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)

- ⬭ Write-in

CONTINUE VOTING ON BACK

THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, CULLMAN COUNTY (Vote for One)

- ⬭ SHANE BARNETTE — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/ WEST POINT/DISTRICT NO. 1 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ LARRY DUKE — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/ HOLLY POND/DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ RICHARD SHANE HAYS — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

FOR MEMBER, CULLMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/ COLD SPRINGS/DISTRICT NO. 5 (Vote for One)

- ⬭ WAYNE MYREX — Republican
- ⬭ Write-in

"Shall the following Amendment to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE

STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to grant certain sixteenth section and indemnity school land that is owned in fee simple by the Franklin County school system, is located in Fayette County and Walker County, and is for the exclusive use of schools in the Franklin County School System to the Franklin County Board of Education; and to provide for the distribution of any proceeds and interest generated by this land to the Franklin County Board of Education. (Proposed by Act 2024-301)

- ⬭ YES
- ⬭ NO

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF LOCAL APPLICATION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN ONLY THE COUNTY OF APPLICATION

LOCAL AMENDMENT 1

Relating to Cullman County, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to levy a 15 percent sales tax on the sales of lawfully sold medical cannabis products and would provide for the distribution of tax proceeds to the Office of the Cullman County District Attorney and for mental health purposes. (Proposed by Act 2023-255)

- ⬭ YES
- ⬭ NO

END OF BALLOT

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Rock the South (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Rock the South 2025 will take place June 19-21 in Cullman, organizers announced Friday.

"Rock the South set the foundation and raised the bar for all our events at Peachtree Entertainment," said Shane Quick, partner and senior promoter at Peachtree Entertainment. "This festival is more than just a weekend of music — it's a celebration of community, tradition and the values that define Cullman.

"Hosting an event of this caliber in my hometown is incredibly special. It's a privilege to share this experience with the people I grew up with, and to see how it brings together fans from across the country to experience the heart of small-town Alabama. Every year, we strive to make it even better, honoring our roots and the incredible support of the community that has made Rock the South what it is today."

Organizers said next year's festival promises a robust and diverse lineup, crafted to reflect the spirit and passion of the audience and community. "Rock the South 2025 will honor both the heritage and legacy of this event, creating an unparalleled experience for attendees," they said.

Fans are encouraged to sign up to receive exclusive updates on the lineup announcement and early access to the presale at www.rockthesouth.com.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Legal Notice

In accordance with Chapter 1 Title 39, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction Company, LLC has completed the contract for construction of WSCC paving improvements at WSCC 801 Main Street Northwest, Hanceville, Alabama 35077, for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Hanceville, Alabama, owner (s) and have made request for final settlement of said contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Chris McNiel (architect/engineer).

Central Alabama Asphalt and Construction, LLC, Business Address: PO Box 20766, Tuscaloosa, AL 35402

Note: This notice must be run once a week for three successive weeks for projects exceeding $100,000. For projects of $100,000 or less there is no requirement for Advertisement for completion. A copy of the publisher's affidavit of publication (including a copy of theadvertisement) shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Design Professional.

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.

Shane Hanrahan
P.O. Box 758
Guntersville, AL 35976
Attorney for Plaintiff

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) **IN THE PROBATE COURT OF**
CLARA FAYE MONTGOMERY,) **CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**
DECEASED) **CASE NO. PC-2024-356**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ON THE ESTATE OF CLARA FAYE MONTGOMERY HAVING BEEN GRANTED TO ANN SMITH, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, ON THE 31st DAY OF October, 2024 BY THE HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THE SAME WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW OR THE SAME WILL BE BARRED.

ANN SMITH, PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF
CLARA FAYE MONTGOMERY, DECEASED.

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE:
KENNETH WELDON
1170 COUNTY ROAD 1352
VINEMONT, ALABAMA 35179

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE: PLEASE PUBLISH THE ABOVE NOTICE FOR THREE SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN SAID NEWSPAPER.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF JIMMY WAYNE LIGHT, DECEASED **CASE NO.** PC2024-306

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.

LORETTA LYNN LIGHT

CLINT MAZE
WILMER & LEE, P.A.
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, Alabama 35016
(256) 586-9000

TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
WILLIAM BRUCE POOLE, JR., * CASE NO.: PC2024-200
Deceased. *

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

THOMAS E. DRAKE
Attorney for Petitioner
419 2nd Avenue SW
Suite B
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-9445

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
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LOUIE D. HUSSEY, * CASE NO PC 2024-179
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE and
AMENDMENT TO PETITION TO ADMIT WILL TO PROBATE

TO: WILLIAM JOSEPH HUSSEY AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition to Admit Will for Probate filed by Calvin Clement, Petitioner, and *Amendment to Petition to Admit Will for Probate* filed by Melvin Hasting, Attorney for Petitioner, has been scheduled for the **17th day of December, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 23rd day of October, 2024

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900375.00
FULLER WILLIAM P,)
FULLER LULA MAE,)
Defendants.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiffs having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendants: William P. Fuller and Lula Mae Fuller and any unknown heirs along with the following described real property;

Lot E & F Blk 89 of the Cullman High School Addition in Cullman County, AL.

are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiff by the 28th day of December, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that this ORDER and NOTICE be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Cullman Tribune, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County.

DONE this 28th day of October, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900333.00
BAILEY NELL,)
LOT 2 OF FORRESTT HILLS SUBDIVISION,)
Defendants.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiffs having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendant: Nell Bailey and any unknown heirs along with the following described real property:

Lot 2 of Forrest Hills Subdivision in Section 8 Township 10 South and Range 2 West in Cullman County, AL.

are unknown to the Plaintiff and it appearing that the Plaintiff has filed a Bill to Quiet Title seeking the entire and undivided fee simple interest in and to the subject lands with no restrictions thereon,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiff by the 28th day of December, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

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DONE this 28th day of October, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
GLENDA JOY SMITH, * CASE NO.: PC2024-212
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to RONALD SMITH, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF GLENDA JOY SMITH, deceased, on the 30th day of October, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

RONALD SMITH
Personal Representative of the Estate of
Glenda Joy Smith, Deceased

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 30th day of October, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

LAW FIRM OF NAIL & SPARKS, LLC
Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 734-3342

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BRUCE STEVEN DANSBY, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-270**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jason Bruce Dansby and Tiffany Alexandria Ledgerwood, Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of Bruce Steven Dansby, deceased, on the 31st day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Jason Bruce Dansby and
Tiffany Alexandria Ledgerwood
Co-Personal Representatives

Adam Hoekenschnieder
Brodowski, McCurry, Miller & Hoekenschnieder
Attorney for Petitioner
415A Church Street NW, Suite 200
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
MARTY CHARLES SWANN) CASE NO.: PC 2024 - 371
Deceased.)

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
Cassie Swann

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
611 Seventh Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Love locks over the river

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Many rivers have locks, but not only the kind that lower or raise boats in its water. You may have seen them before, but quite honestly, I never had. On our recent visit to Europe, I saw them for the first time. There were tons of padlocks hanging from the Hohenzollern Bridge, in Cologne (Koln), Germany... an estimated 45 tons, to be exact. Some counters have said there are more than 50,000 locks hanging from that one bridge.

Our tour guide pointed them out to us and told us why they are there. I might have never known they were there, but the couples who put them there certainly do. They are called love locks. Couples inscribe their names, sometimes a date or message, on a padlock, fasten it to a bridge and throw the key in the river.

The act implies their love for one another has been locked together and the key has been thrown away. There are literally thousands of locks not only hanging from that bridge, but also in many other places in Europe. The original locks were fastened to the bridge itself, but now there are so many of them that some are fastened to other locks that were already hanging from the bridge.

In case someone wasn't aware of the tradition and left home without a lock, amazingly, several nearby shops sell them. Some will even engrave them for you.

I can't recall ever seeing this tradition in our dear ole U.S. of A., but don't let this give you love birds any ideas. We have tended to be more of the climb-the-local-water-tower type and spray paint Billy Bob loves Thelma Lou Jean on the side of the tank. If Billy Bob didn't have a girl at the time, he just painted Billy Bob wuz here. He's not still there, because the local police may have provided him free transportation to another place where they gave him complimentary lodging! Some also announced their love by spray painting the side of a bridge, overpass or train car. Others have carved their names or initials in the side of a tree or even on a desktop.

I must confess that hanging love locks seems a bit more romantic than graffiti!

Many cities throughout Europe, especially those with rivers and bridges, claim to have begun this tradition. Actually, I have now read that several major cities in the U.S. do have bridges with love locks. Some cities have passed laws that prohibit such behavior and the lock-hanging villains are subject to a fine. Some cities are cutting the locks off and throwing them away.

Hallmark even made a romantic movie that centered around this ceremonial act of commitment. It was titled "Love Locks." That movie was set in Paris. Of course, Paris, the city of love, claims to have been the first to have love locks, but so do several other cities.

Somehow, I believe the act of exchanging wedding rings and wearing them may still be one of the best demonstrations of a love commitment. After all, how many people are going to see your name on a padlock hanging from a bridge? If they see you and the ring on your finger, they know.

Love locks may not be the best way to show our commitment of love for someone, but they are interesting. Showing love is certainly not a bad thing. God has even demonstrated his love for us. He didn't do it by hanging a lock on a bridge. He did it by allowing his Son the be hung on a cross!

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

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1951

From the files of 1951

Oak Level News

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

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

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

W.J. Craven remains very ill.

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

Berlin News

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

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

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

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

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

Teague Family Has Reunion

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

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

Enon And Hamby's Chapel

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

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

POET'S CORNER

Golden Leaves | By: Evelyn Haynes Ellis, 1930-2012

Golden Leaves on dying grass, As Autumn winds go by,

The cool brown earth,

The silent earth,

Beneath October skies.

I cannot see beyond this day

or understand the past,

But I can see the golden Leaves Lying on the grass.

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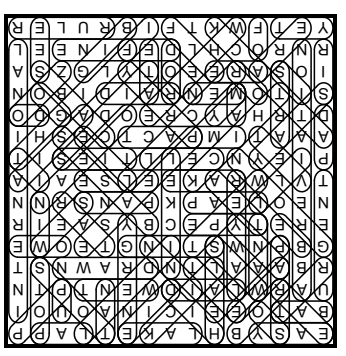
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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 30-31

Michael Coy White, 42
Michael Coy White, 42, of Birmingham, Alabama, passed away on October 29, 2024. Michael was born to Sharron White Allen on June 25, 1982, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Michael was an extremely intelligent man. There were not many subjects that Michael did not have some knowledge of. He loved to disassemble things and then put them back together. Michael was very curious about how things worked, and he challenged himself to learn the mechanics of things. Michael worked in technical support, and he enjoyed the challenge of trouble shooting that his job offered him. Buying and selling stock, cryptocurrency, and Coinbase intrigued Michael. He was also a gamer and loved the challenge of card games. Michael was a self-taught musician and had a gift for playing the guitar and trumpet. He was also an incredibly talented artist, and his natural artistic talent led him to learn to tattoo his artwork on others. Mr. White was an avid Auburn fan. He served his nation in the United States Army. Michael, sometimes called M.C., had a very loving and caring side to his personality. He was truly kind and thoughtful of others. Michael had a special bond with his mother, and he showed his love for her in the little things he did for her daily. He was very thoughtful of his sister too. Michael will be missed greatly by those who knew and loved him, and they will cherish the many memories they have of him. Mr. White is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Coy and Ruby White, and his brother, Jonathan White. Those left to cherish Michael's memory includes his mother, Sharron Allen; sister, Elizabeth White; and children, Caleb, and Madison. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 4, 2024, from 12 p.m. until funeral services begin at 1 p.m. All services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Earl Harper officiating. Burial will follow services in Union Grove Cemetery, Holly Pond, Alabama. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the White family.

Mary Lou Lewis Hays, 96
Mary Lou Lewis Hays, of Cullman, Alabama, was welcomed into heaven on October 30, 2024, at the age of 96. Ms. Hays was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on April 8, 1928, to the late John Morgan and Lessie Bell Brown Lewis. After graduating Holly Pond High School in 1947, Ms. Hays wed Clevie Hays the same year. Ms. Hays was employed by Oneida Mills as a seamstress and she also cared for her home and children, Loretta, and Wayne, as a loving wife and mother. Mary was a longtime member of New Hope #2 Baptist Church and was a charter member of the Nimble Thimble quilter's guild. She attended many quilt guilds over the years and her hard work provided many Hope quilts for fallen soldiers. Ms. Hays enjoyed crafting and collecting. She was a dedicated pen pal for many years, and she enjoyed traveling with the Commission on Aging to various locations across the nation. Mary was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother and she will be missed by her family as well as those who knew her. Ms. Hays is preceded in death by her parents; husband of 60 years, Clevie Hays; daughter-in-law, Jeanie Hays; brothers, Rayford Lewis, Max Lewis; and sister, Iva Nell McGriff. Those surviving Ms. Hays includes her children, Loretta Hays, and Wayne Hays; grandchildren, Jeremy Hays (Kelly), Ryan Hays (Meredith), Cory Goodlett (Olivia); great-grandchildren, Mason Hays, Cidney Hays, Aiden Hays, Maci Hays, Gatlin Goodlett, Collins Goodlett, Tristan Ziannis; and great-great-grandchild, Parker Russell. Friends are invited to join the family on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. for a time of visitation. A visitation will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service for Ms. Hays will be held on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2 p.m., at New Hope #2 Baptist Church, with Bro. Dink Lambert officiating. Burial will follow services in the adjoining cemetery where Jeremy Hays, Ryan Hays, Cory Goodlett, Mason Hays, Aiden Hays, and Hunter Farr will serve as pallbearers. The Hays family would like to express their gratitude to Meredith Hays for her love and care for Ms. Hays in her final days, and to the staff of Cullman Regional Hospice as well. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hays family.

Charles "Cha Cha" Milton Boothe, 61
Charles "Cha Cha" Milton Boothe, age 61, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 after a courageous fight against Myelofibrosis. Charlie was a beloved member of the community with Cha Cha's shaved ice. He was happiest when serving kids and families. If he wasn't serving shaved ice you could find him on the golf course or spending time with his dogs. He is preceded in death by his parents Marie Leonard and Charles Boothe. He is survived by his wife Lisa Boothe of Cullman, AL, stepdad Tom Leonard, daughters Lindsay (Caleb) Hamilton, Saige (Kyle) Woodard, Mother-in-law Jeraldine Walker, sister-in-law Cathy Walker, Grandchildren Charlotte, Eloise, Amelia, Mac, and his babies Millie, Mollie, and Moe. Services for "Cha Cha" will be held Friday, November 1, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 2nd Avenue, N.W., Cullman, Alabama 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 Cross Roads Cemetery, 6674 CR-1141, Vinemont, AL 35179. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Felica B. Seymore, 74
Funeral service for Felica B. Seymore, age 74, of the Jones Chapel community, will be Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Hollis Gardner. Visitation will be held from 12-2 p.m. prior to the service. There will not be a graveside service following the funeral. She will be buried at Nesmith Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Felica was born on January 19, 1950, to Delma and Avis Baird. She passed away on Friday, November 1, 2024, peacefully at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Terry Michael Baird; brother-in-law, Douglas Woodard. She is survived by her husband of fifty-five years, Melvin Seymore; two sons, Farrell Seymore (Sarah), and Kyle Seymore (Cheri); one sister, Roberta Densmore (Hershel); grandchildren, Anna Seymore, Patrick Seymore, Preston Seymore (Isabella Johnston), Grant Seymore (Kyleigh Boatright), and Kaeley Seymore. Felica was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to all. She was a faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and always put God and family first in her life. She was generous, kind, and loving and will always be remembered for her beautiful smile and giving heart.

Patricia Sue Smith, 67
Patricia Sue Smith, age 67 of Baileyton, passed away on October 30, 2024. She was born January 23, 1957 to Edward and Alba Scheinert. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Brian Smith; granddaughter, Tala Smith. Survivors include her son, Dakota (Chelsi) Smith; daughter, Somer (Matt Lee) Smith; grandchildren, Dawson Smith. Oakley Smith, and Greylan Smith; sisters, Gale Pope and Marie (Jeff) Pepper.

Rena Hendrix, 61
Mrs. Rena Hendrix passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at Cullman Regional. She was born Friday, June 7, 1963, to David Hendrix and Nelda Hendrix. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Jerome, Larry, Buddy, and Stanley Hendrix; and sister, Peggy Hendrix. Survivors include her son, Jared (Leah) Stancil; grandchildren, Oakley Stancil, Jaylon Stancil, and Mallory Stancil; and great grand children, Fisher Hasting and Kohen Dingler; brothers, Anthony Hendrix, Andy Hendrix, and Tim Hendrix; sisters, Brenda Powell, and Sandra Freeman.

Rev. Carl Ronald Lampitt, 93
Funeral services for Rev. Carl Lampitt, 93, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Monday November 4th at Trinity Lutheran Church. Burial will follow the service at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Rev. Carl R. Lampitt, a devoted family man, veteran, and retired Lutheran minister, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2024, in Hanceville, AL at the age of 93. Born on March 28, 1931, in New York, NY, Carl lived a life marked by service, dedication, and compassion. During the Korean War, Carl served with honor in the United States Army, where he was stationed in Germany as a member of the 3rd Armored Division. In his role, he managed a supply warehouse, ensuring that fellow soldiers received the resources they needed. His service was a source of deep pride and commitment to his country. Following his military service, Rev. Lampitt pursued a life rooted in faith and ministry. A devout Christian, he was called to become a Lutheran minister, dedicating his career to serving his congregation with kindness, wisdom, and a steadfast devotion to his beliefs. Beyond his service in the church and military, he had a lifelong passion for the arts. He especially enjoyed theatre and singing, often participating in events, where his voice and presence brought joy to many. Rev. Lampitt will be remembered by his family, friends, and community as a man of faith, humility, and generosity. Survivors include his wife of 72 years, Norma Lampitt; children, Karen Lampitt-Rayburn, Richard Lampitt, Kristina Lampitt-Miller, Michael Howard; grandchildren, Justin Carl Mattson (Rebekah), Jason Fredrick Mattson (Natalie), Kaylee Michelle Lynch (Frank), Cassidy Mattson Randleas (Ely), Carl Kahn Lampitt, Sarah Linh Lampitt, Luke Austin Lampitt, David Alex Miller, Mary Elise Standifer; and a host of great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Rev. Lampitt was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan Lampitt-Livingston; grandson, Herbert John "JR" Mattson II; his parents, Charles & Vivian King-Lampitt; and his brothers and sisters. His legacy of service to both his nation, faith and community will continue to inspire those who knew him. Hanceville Funeral Home is proud to serve the Lampitt family.

Patricia Ann Stewart, 76
Patricia Ann Stewart, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Patricia was born in Cullman, Alabama to Willie Richard and Ophia Jewel Waters Stewart on July 20, 1948. Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, 3 sisters and 2 brothers. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Survivors are: Sister: Imogene Hinkle, a host of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and other family and friends, special friend: Terry Scott. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Sherry "Joann" McCain Prichard, 89
Sherry "Joann" McCain Prichard was born April 27, 1935 in Fairview, Alabama. On October 28, 2024, Jesus came to visit her and she went with him to her heavenly home. Joann grew up on the family farm with her parents Owen and Carrie Scruggs McCain and her sister Jan. This is where she learned to love cooking and picking cotton. She attended Fairview High School and graduated in 1953. She then attended and graduated Howard College (Samford University) in 1956 with a BS degree in Home Economics. After graduation Joann began her teaching career at Moore Haven High School in Moore Haven, Florida teaching Vocational Homemaking. That lasted two years before a handsome Airforce Captain (Ray) courted her and convinced her to move back to Alabama. Ray and Joann were married on June 21, 1958 and started their family in Birmingham. Joann changed her teaching focus to K-5 Kindergarten where she taught at Lakeside Baptist Church and Briarwood Christian School. Her teaching career spanned 50 years touching the lives of many young children. Joann was an active member of Lakeside Baptist Church from 1967 to 2024. She loved the Lord and dedicated herself to helping others when she could. There was always a meal ready for family gatherings especially on birthdays and after church on Sundays. She is survived by her three children and their spouses Michael (Tracey), Julie (Rusty) and Danny (Kathy). She had five grandchildren Ashley, Bradley (Jill), Zack (Christine), Carley (Andrew) and Sumner (Tyler). She also had three great-grandchildren Mason, Logan and Reid. "I leave behind this earthly home to enter my heavenly home and hope each of you can do the same when God calls you home. Do a good deed for someone today in the name of the Lord." In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been set up in her name at Lakeside Baptist Church, 2865 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, AL 35243. A celebration of life memorial service for Joann will be held Friday November 8, 2024 at Lakeside Baptist 2865 Old Rocky Ridge Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35243. Family will receive friends for a visitation from 1 p.m. until the service time at 2 p.m., with interment to follow at Fairview Baptist Cemetery at a later date. To leave condolences for the Prichard family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jean McElvenny, 91
Jean McElvenny, age 91, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Friday, October 25, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents Derrous Wafford Wisener and Hazel Walton Harris; brother ~ Wally Wisener (Ovida) Wisener and a great grandchild. Jean is survived by her daughters: Debbie (Jeff) Albright, Jeannie Jensen (Chris) and Charlene Chapman (Brian); son ~ Bob MCElvenny (Cecelia); sister ~ Wanda Thompkins (Marty); Brother ~ Darrell Wisener (Jean); 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends. On Tuesday, November 5, 2024 the family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the celebration of Jean's life which will begin at 4 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Richard Carl Beckman, 76
Richard Carl Beckman age 76 of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday October 26th, 2024 after a long Battle with dementia and agent orange complications. Rick was born November 3rd, 1947, in Birmingham, AL to Henry A. Beckman and Annie B. Beckman He was preceded in death by his parents. One sister, Linda Kairitis and nephew, Charles "Chuck" Lewis Beckman. Rick was married to the love of his life, Margaret "Margie" MacMaster Beckman for 48 years, they have three sons: Richard Andrew "Andy" Beckman (Debra), Robert J. "Rob" Beckman (Becky) and Carl A. Beckman (Jennifer). Two grandchildren, Grant Henry Beckman and Aubrey Rose Beckman. In addition, Rick is survived my brother, Charles Beckman and sister, Frances Bryram (Gary) and several nieces + nephews. Rick was loved by many close friends and clients. Rick opened his business as a real estate appraiser (Beckman Appraisal Firm) for 40 years in Decatur. Moved to Cullman and was a long-time member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church as well as a Knights of Columbus with the Church. A rosary service will be held Friday November 8th, 2024, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church 205 3rd Avenue SE Cullman, AL 35055. Funeral Mass will be Saturday November 9th, at 10 a.m. with a graveside service to follow at Good Hope Cemetery 2708-2798 CR-437 Cullman, AL 35057. A meal will be served after the graveside concludes at Scared Heart Life center. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Sacred Heart Catholic Church. https://www.weshareregiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-2463?tab=home
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Julian Franklin Skinner Jr., 87
Julian Franklin Skinner, Jr., age 87 of Cullman, passed this life on October 31, 2024. Frank (Frankie) was the son of the late Julian Franklin and Dorothy Tucker Skinner.Frank is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Jeanenne Skinner, and his daughters Susan (David) Pyles, Jennifer (Eddy) Sparkman, and son Stephen (Julie) Skinner; grandchildren Kendall Adkison, Tucker Adkison, Troy Adkison, Emalyn Blackwell, Alana Daniel, Kara (Sean) Redinger, Lauren Skinner, Ryan Skinner, Lindsey Skinner, Jacob (Phillippi) Pyles, Ethan Pyles, and Karly (Zach) Rayburn; great grandchildren Rosie and Benjamin Redinger; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. His parents, sister Vicki Skinner Reid and brother Randy Skinner preceded him in death. He was a life-long member of the Church of Christ and served as elder, deacon, teacher and Bible school director. His education included West Point High School, St. Bernard Jr. College, Samford University (Howard College), Auburn University School of Pharmacy, and attended Cumberland School of Law. He was awarded the highest award presented in pharmacy, the "Bowl of Hygeia Award", in Philadelphia, and received an honorary doctorate degree in Pharmacy. He was a licensed pharmacist for over 60 years. Frank served in the Alabama Air National Guard 117th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron and was stationed in Druex, France during the Berlin Crisis in 1961. The Lord blessed him in ownerships and partnerships of several pharmacies and various real estate holdings. Some memberships have included Alabama Pharmacy Association district director, Alabama Pharmacy Cooperative president and director, American Pharmacy Association, Cullman County Pharmacy Association president, National Association of Retail Druggist, Pharmacy Compounding Centers of America, North Alabama Mental Health Board, Phi Delta Chi Fraternity, Cullman Chamber of Commerce, Cullman County Development Committee, Life member of Auburn Alumni Association, Cullman County Auburn Club president, PTA president, Cullman High School Tip-Off Club organizer and president, Kiwanis Club and Jaycees director, Hospice of Cullman Board, Freed-Hardeman College and International Bible College advisory boards, and Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame board and inductee. Visitation will be Monday, November 4, 2024, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. with services at 1 p.m. at the Cullman Church of Christ. The burial will be at Cullman Public Cemetery. To leave condolences for the family of Mr. Julian Franklin Skinner visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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