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Trump wins presidency; Cullman County voters nix 15% medical marijuana tax

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In an historic election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, following a hard-fought campaign, former President Donald Trump defeated Vice President Kamala Harris to claim the presidency for a second time.

The race was called in the early morning hours of Wednesday, Nov. 6, with NBC News reporting:

"Donald J. Trump, the once and now future president, capped an improbable political comeback by defeating Vice President Kamala Harris on » PAGE 6



President-Elect Donald Trump addresses his supporters on Nov. 5, 2024. »

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Cullman City Council accepts $1M grant for airport construction



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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday, Nov. 4, passed a resolution to accept grant funds in the amount of $1 million from the Appalachian Regional Commission to construct a 13,200-square-foot hangar and 1,600-square-foot classroom at Cullman Regional Airport, in a joint venture between the City and County.

The hangar will be a jet, turbine and piston maintenance facility employing eight mechanics for Scottsboro-based Martin Aviation, while Wallace State Community College will use the educational space for its Aviation Workforce Training Center offering, according to a City statement, "aviation curriculum and hands on work related to both manned and unmanned (drone) workforce training."

Martin Aviation's new wing will offer Cullman Regional Airport pilots avionics and engine installation, paint booth services, maintenance tracking and detailing services.

At the joint facilities' groundbreaking in August, Chris Martin, owner and director of maintenance at Martin Aviation, said, "About 12 years ago, my wife and I became frequent visitors at the Cullman airport and we often talked about how beautiful Cullman was and how it could be an excellent place to live and raise a family. I'm excited and blessed to announce that we have been given the opportunity to do our part to grow the community by expanding our aircraft maintenance business to the Cullman airport."

Martin ac- » PAGE 5

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Cullman Christkindlmarkt introduces Ferris wheel, expanded attractions



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A 108-foot Ferris wheel will be featured at this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 6, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 4

- theft of property-3rd degree; Mobil; cash; 2nd Ave. NW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- theft of property-4th degree; person; chairs; $250; Harmony Ln. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; purse and contents; Hwy. 157

Nov. 5

- burglary-3rd degree; person; Mary Jane Dr. NW

Nov. 6

- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $157; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 4-5

Chambers, Angela G.; 50

- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Baker, Frank R.; 49

- public intoxication

Smith, Timothy M.; 38

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – public intoxication
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – disorderly conduct
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Laundis, Serena M.; 35

- burglary-3rd degree
- obstructing governmental operations

Holt, Charles M.; 40

- FTA – insurance violation

Hankins, Joshua; 35

- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Daniel S.; 29

- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Puckett, Logan I.; 23

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – following too close
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – receiving stolen property
- FTA – speeding

Coc, Juan C.; 45

- theft of property-4th degree

Whisman, Paul C.; 44

- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Baileyton (from Front)

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KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Baileyton Town Council is seen at its meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024.

BAILEYTON, Ala. — Mayor Windell Calloway called the Baileyton Town Council's monthly meeting to order on Monday, Nov. 4, with Councilman Greg Griffin opening with the invocation.

After a busy night of discussing the Town's budget, Calloway shared that Councilman Roy Shedd offered his letter of resignation following the October council meeting. Shedd, who was not present at November's meeting, served as mayor pro tempore. Dewayne Sumner and Greg Griffin were proposed as nominees to fill that role, with Sumner being appointed.

Following the appointment of Sumner as mayor pro tempore, Calloway opened the floor for nominations to fill Councilman Shedd's place. Jack McGee and Donna Kent were nominated for the position. Calloway suggested that if no other nominees were to be brought forward the council should vote between the two. In a surprising turn of events, Councilman Wendell Peterson stated, "To make this vote easier, I will go ahead and offer in my resignation, too."

The council accepted Peterson's resignation and voted to appoint McGee and Kent to fill the open positions.

Peterson shared with the council, "I appreciate the privilege to have worked with y'all," but he declined to comment further on his sudden resignation.

In other news, the Town of Baileyton is still searching for a town clerk. Interested parties may submit resumes or learn more about the position by contacting Mayor Calloway at windellcall@gmail.com or 256-385-1422. The deadline for applications is Monday, Nov. 18.

The next meeting of the Baileyton Town Council will be Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall, located at 95 Fire Station Road. The public is welcome to attend.

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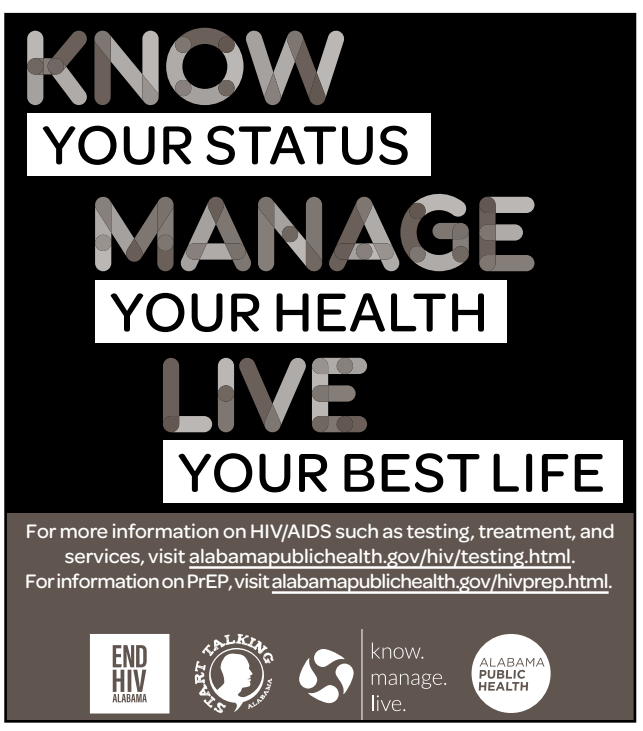

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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

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
• Friday, Nov. 8 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Nov. 10 - 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.
• Sunday, Nov. 10 - 5 p.m. Healing service: Miracles, signs and wonders follow those who believe
• Saturday, Nov. 16 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thanksgiving meal in to-go box and food bank holiday box

Church Events: At the Foot of the Cross Church
• 2 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road, on the left
• Sunday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. Christmas Concert with One Accord
• Saturday, Nov. 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Clothing giveaway. Clothes of all kinds, baby to adult, shoes, coats, blankets, etc. FREE for anyone in need.
• Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Singing with Joyful Noise, 2101 County Road 1435, Vinemont

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.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 11. Dutch lunch prior to noon meeting at The Golden Corral Buffet. The guest speaker will be Amber Thornton, director of the Cullman County Public Library System. She will be speaking on the history, current programs for seniors and plans for future expansion.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. Unity 4. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond, on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501. Everyone is invited.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
• Depot Park, 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055
• Nov. 21-Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christmas Pyramid Lighting
Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. Cullman Christkindlmarkt comes to life with the lighting of Christmas Pyramid. The Grand Opening of the Christkindlmarkt is a celebration of the Christmas season, led by the Cullman Community Band and joined by family and friends from Cullman and beyond. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christkindlmarkt Parade
• Friday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. One of Cullman's favorite traditions, the Christkindlmarkt Parade is filled with local organizations, businesses, bands and more! Help us welcome in the Christmas season with this seven-block parade extravaganza. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. Immediately following the Christkindlmarkt Parade is the South's Largest Tree Lighting Show. Featuring a mesmerizing light show and fireworks that is always one of the most memorable events of the year. Join us for this free event with James Spann, Santa Claus, The Grinch, Buddy the Elf and special musical guest as we light the Christkindlmarkt Christmas Tree. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

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No. 2 Alabama opens season with 110-54 victory over UNC Asheville

Steven Gonzalez
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - The No. 2/2 Alabama men's basketball team opened its 2024-25 season by defeating UNC Asheville, 110-54, inside Coleman Coliseum on Monday night.

The Crimson Tide led wire-to-wire en route to the program's fifth consecutive season-opening victory and the second-straight season in which Alabama surpassed 100 points to open the season.

Mark Sears led the Crimson Tide with 20 points, marking the 50th time that the senior has scored 20-or-more points in a contest. In addition to Sears, six players scored in double figures, including Clifford Omoruyi (16), Latrell Wrightsell Jr. (13), Mouhamed Dioubate (11), Aden Holloway (11) and Labaron Philon (10).

UNC Asheville was led by Jordan Marsh's 13 points. Marsh also collected two rebounds and two assists.

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"I thought it was a good opening night for us. It's the first time we had all these guys available.

"It was a good game for some guys to get their feet wet. I thought our start defensively was great. I thought Mark Sears' defensive effort was significantly better than it was last year. I love the fact that the crowd recognized how hard he was playing on defense.

The crowd was unbelievable. Best crowd we've had for an opener since I've been here, so we need to keep continuing like that.

Huge thank you to the student section – I heard that we had more students wanting to come than we had room for, so that's great and we need it to be that way for every game this season. Thankful for all of the season ticket holders that couldn't make it but got people in their seats, so that was great.

We've got some young guys that we need to get some experience. I thought Labaron Philon looked great and he almost had a double-double with nine assists. Aiden Sherrell won the hard hat, he had nine rebounds in limited minutes and Derrion Reid had some big-time plays, too.

"He had nine points and six rebounds and I thought that he started to get more comfortable out there. I'm happy with the effort from everybody, but the games are going to get tougher from here."

Team stats

- Monday's matchup marked the first between the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs
- Clifford Omoruyi, Labaron Philon and Derrion Reid all made their first starts as members of the Crimson Tide on Monday
- The Tide scored 50 points in the first half on Monday; UA surpassed the 50-point mark five times in the opening half last season
- Tonight's 110 points marks the 22nd time in the Nate Oats era that the Tide has passed the century mark in a game including consecutive season openers
- The 110-point output was the most for the Crimson Tide since December 23 of last season, when UA defeated Eastern Kentucky, 110-67
- The 56-point margin of victory is the largest margin of victory to open a season in Coach Oats' tenure, with the previous high being 32 points against Morehead State last year
- The Tide turned in an impressive shooting performance, shooting 63 percent from the field (38-of-60)
- Philon shined in his collegiate debut, scoring 10 points on 4-of-7 shooting with nine assists, three steals and two blocked shots

First half

- Alabama found the scoreboard on its first possession of the season when Jarin Stevenson connected on a jump shot with 19:31 to play in the opening half, sparking a 9-0 scoring run
- The Tide quickly extended the lead, building a 15-point cushion at the under 12-minute media timeout
- UA maintained a double-digit lead for the remainder of the opening half despite
- The Tide used a 13-0 run over a span of 4:36, capitalized by consecutive dunks from Omoruyi to extend the lead to 26, 46-20, with four minutes left in the half
- Ten different Alabama players found the scoresheet during the first half, including five players who scored their first points in Crimson and White
- UA converted on 18-of-29 field goal attempts (62 percent) in the half and scored 28 points in the paint
- Defensively, the Tide limited UNC Asheville to 29 points on 10-of-34 (29 percent) shooting
- Alabama dominated the glass in the first half, 27-15

Second half

- Much of the same continued in the second half after the Tide sparked a 17-5 run over 4:50 to take a commanding, 81-47 lead with just over half of the period remaining
- The Tide passed the century mark with just over five minutes left to play in the game when Latrell Wrightsell Jr. drilled a three-pointer to increase the lead to 46 points
- Alabama ended the final seven minutes of the game on a 21-2 run, including a 15-0 run across the final five-plus minutes
- The Crimson Tide's effective shooting performance continued into the second half, when UA connected on 20-of-31 attempts (65 percent)

Up next

- Alabama returns to Coleman Coliseum this Friday night to square-off with Arkansas State, coached by former Nate Oats assistant coach Bryan Hodgson
- The Crimson Tide will tip-off against the Red Wolves at 7 p.m. with the contest airing live on the SEC Network+



UA ATHLETICS

Mark Sears led the Crimson Tide with 20 points in their 110-54 win over UNC Asheville Monday night.

UNA cruises past Air Force in season opener 73-57

Mike Ezekiel
UNA Athletics

USAFA, Colo. – Starting with a statement.

The University of North Alabama men's basketball team has high expectations this season and took a massive step in the right direction with a dominant 73-57 road win over Air Force on Monday inside Clune Arena at USAFA near Colorado Springs.

UNA (1-0) dominated from wire-to-wire, shooting 15-29 behind the arc and hovering around 50 percent from the floor the entire way. The defense limited Air Force (0-1) to just 5-19 shooting in the first half, while protecting the ball with a 14-6 advantage in the turnover battle.

Fresh off his first team all-conference selection last season, junior guard Jacari Lane stole the show with a 24-point performance.

He made each of his first five three-point attempts, finishing 9-15 from the floor and 5-6 from downtown. Lane also had a game-high six assists, three rebounds, one steal and just two turnovers.

Lane and the Lions started on an 8-0 run and never looked back, cruising to a 43-22 lead at halftime bookended by a triple from Dallas Howell.

The fifth-year senior finished with 17 points on 6-9 shooting, including 5-8 behind the arc. Howell also led the team with five rebounds.

Wearing a North Alabama jersey for the first time in two seasons, senior guard Daniel Ortiz added 12 points in his second-stint debut. Redshirt sophomore transfer Corneilous Williams added eight points, while senior Will Soucie had six and junior transfer Donte Bacchus added five.

The Lions have won each of the last three season openers. However, this marks the first season opening win away from CB&S Bank Arena at Flowers Hall since 2014, when the Lions beat Tampa 88-87 in Huntsville during the final stretch at the Division II level.

Even more impressive, tonight marks the first true road win in a season opener since 1981. The Lions were led by UNA Hall of Fame Coach Bill Jones and defeated Tennessee Wesleyan 82-78. There have only been eight season openers on the road since that game, including tonight at Air Force.

Air Force was led by Ethan Taylor with 30 points, including 17 in the second half.

How it happened

First Half: UNA opened the 2024-25 season with an impressive 8-0 run, including back-to-back three-pointers by Lane in the first two minutes. Lane went on to hit all five of his three-point attempts in the half, as the Lions cruised to a 43-22 halftime lead. Two more back-to-back triples by Lane made it 31-14 at the final media timeout. Lane finished with 20 points at the break, while Howell added 11. Howell hit one from the left wing at the buzzer for the first half mic drop. UNA shot 16-31 at the break for 51.6 percent, while Air Force went just 5-19 for 26.3 percent.

Second Half: Including Howell's shot to end the first half, UNA rode a 10-0 run into the start of the second half and never looked back. UNA took its largest lead of the game with 4:38 remaining to go up 70-41. This was on pace to set a new record for largest win margin over a Division I opponent at 29 points. The Lions rested their starters after the final media timeout. Five different players scored at least four points in the second half, led by Williams with eight points on 3-3 shooting in the paint.

Inside the numbers

- The 73-57 win was one of the largest over a Division I opponent all-time. The 16-point win matches last year's season-high set against both Alabama A&M (83-67) and Bellarmine (69-53). The record for largest win margin over a Division I opponent is 23 points, set against Mississippi Valley State in 2019 (73-50) and at Kennesaw State in 2021 (66-43).
- UNA shot 51.6 percent in the first half, going 15-31 overall and 10-18 behind the arc.
- Air Force shot just 5-16 in the first half and 3-11 behind the arc.
- UNA had a jaw-dropping 10-1 advantage in turnovers in the first half and outscored Air Force 13-0 off turnovers.
- UNA did not allow any fast break points. The Lions scored eight.
- Air Force won the rebound battle 33-31, but were doomed by 14 turnovers.
- UNA went just 4-9 from the free throw line, but made up for it by going 15-29 behind the arc.
- The 15 three-pointers match last year's season-high of 15 set at UT Martin in an overtime game.
- Howell was joined by defensive savants Taye Fields and Jamal Albritton with a block in the season opener. Fields and Ortiz also had two steals apiece.
- Twelve different players touched the floor for North Alabama. Lane was the most effective with a plus-26 rating over 32 minutes.
- UNA had 60 possessions and scored on 29 of them (nearly 50 percent).
- UNA led for 38:41 of game time and never trailed.

Coming up next

The Lions look to ride the momentum of Monday's win into a three-game home stand beginning Thursday, Nov. 7 against Point. Tipoff is set for 11 a.m. inside CB&S Bank Arena.



AIR FORCE ATHLETICS

The UNA Men's Basketball team opened its season with a 73-57 win at Air Force Monday night.

Fancy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Fancy, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is small Beagle with an enormous heart. She is approximately 8 years old with low energy.

This precious one is vocal as she bays when you sit with her, when you pet her, when she's feeling safe and loved.

Truly loving, there is nothing this sweet soul does that is not perfection. She loves to follow you all about and when you set out her fluffy blanket where you are playing, she will return to it, as a familiar place then continue her adventures with you.

Fancy is the quintessential companion/therapy dog.

She is currently up for adoption at a cost of $35 since she's already been spayed. Her adoption fee includes, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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

‘Empower, Transform, Inspire’: Evolve Fitness opens new location in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A crowd of friends, family and fitness enthusiasts gathered on Second Avenue Southeast Saturday morning to celebrate the grand opening of Cullman’s newest fitness center. After two years of working toward their goal, Evolve Fitness Owners Logan and Madeline Brooks cut the ribbon on their new location in Cullman.

“I’ve wanted this since I was 18 years old and I’m 26 now so it took some time to get here to the grand opening,” Logan Brooks said. “Originally, we wanted a big, brick and mortar gym and then I realized that I wanted something more community oriented.

”I don’t want 1,000 members, I want 200-400 really good, close-knit members. I want to be involved in the community and make an impact on each individual so that they can inspire someone else to do the same thing. I started in Cullman because it’s a great environment to start something in fitness. I feel like fitness is not educated upon here or marketed a lot, so I saw a window of opportunity for me to make an impact in this community. That’s what has ultimately led us to this point. That’s why our mission statement is ‘Empower, Transform, Inspire.’”

“We’re thankful that all of you came out to celebrate with us today, we really appreciate it,” Madeline Brooks said. “It’s been a long time coming so we’re excited.”

Evolve Fitness will offer two classes, Rhythm Cycling and Strength45 personalized group training. It’s important to Logan Brooks that Evolve provides high-quality instruction in both classes that will be effective for beginners and experts.

“We do two classes. We have Rhythm Cycling where we’re on beat with the music and it’s kind of like a choreographed dance. It’s a super fun, energetic, upbeat environment and then we also offer personalized group training,” he said.

“What that entails is you come in and the workout is personalized just for you. We have a set amount of workouts per muscle group so we’ll have different muscle groups that we’re working each day.

”Then you just pick throughout the week what that entails for you. We want to be really good at both of those things and that’s why we don’t offer anything else. I want my instructors to be as good at leading those things as possible.

”Whether you’re a beginner or an expert at lifting, our workouts are really set up for either. We want you to be as comfortable and as confident as possible when you’re exercising.”



CONTRIBUTED
Evolve Fitness celebrated the grand opening of its new location at 217 Second Ave. SE in Cullman on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2024.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President Joey Orr was there to provide the ribbon and congratulate the Brookses on their achievement.

“One of the parts of my job that I love the most is coming to ribbon cuttings because you guys embody that entrepreneurial spirit. There’s a plan, a vision and that extra ingredient of grit,” Orr said. “Just watching you all put this together from having pop ups in parks and parking lots and different places to now having your own spot and it’s been really exciting to watch your dream come true. I follow your page, and I get a lot of motivational stuff from it too so I can imagine what it’s like to be in a training room with y’all, so we’re all exited for you.”

Evolve Fitness is located at 217 Second Ave. SE. To learn more about what it offers, visit www.evolvefitnessal.com.

The fellowship of the cookie: 2nd annual Cookie Crawl commences Nov. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is bringing back the Christmas Open House Cookie Crawl for a second year on Saturday, Nov. 9, starting at 10 a.m. Sponsored by McSwain Pharmacy, this family friendly event encourages the community to shop locally while enjoying sweet treats from participating businesses throughout Cullman’s downtown area.

Participants can pick up a cookie box in the Chamber breezeway, beginning at 10, on a first-come, first-served basis, with a limit of one box per family. A total of 250 boxes will be handed out, each containing a list of local Chamber member businesses where attendees can collect cookies throughout the day.

Organizers are also introducing the Gingerbread Scramble this year with hopes of driving participants to shop locally.

“At each participating Gingerbread Scramble store, there will be a gingerbread with a QR code. Once scanned, it will display the business’s discounts/specials for Christmas Open House, as well as a secret letter.

”You must find all the letters and unscramble the word! Once the word is unscrambled, submit the word to us at info@cullmanchamber.org or message us on social media and you will be entered into a fun giveaway,” shared Katie Walker, director of communication and events for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

“We hope everyone can join us and our great local businesses to kick off the holidays.

”This family friendly event is the perfect way to support local businesses and satisfy your sweet tooth. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of fun, shopping and plenty of cookies!” said Walker.

For more information, visit www.cullmanchamber.org, call 256-734-0454 or email info@cullmanchamber.org. The Chamber is located at 301 Second Ave. SW in Cullman.

Christkindlmarkt (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This holiday season, visitors of the Cullman Christkindlmarkt can experience the festivities from a new perspective - nearly 110 feet above the market on a giant Ferris wheel. The addition aims to elevate the holiday experience, attracting residents and tourists alike to one of the region’s top seasonal destinations.

“The recent addition to the Cullman Christkindlmarkt is a giant observation Ferris wheel that towers nearly 110 feet over the market, offering panoramic views of the city,” said Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST). “The driving force behind this addition was to build on the unique and memorable experiences created for our visitors last year, further enhancing the festive atmosphere and making our Christkindlmarkt a premier holiday destination within our region.”

Equipped with 24 gondolas, each accommodating up to six people, the Ferris wheel can hold up to 144 riders at a time. Anderson emphasized inclusivity in the design, noting, “The wheel includes ADA-compliant gondolas, ensuring that all our guests, including those with physical limitations, can enjoy the ride comfortably and safely.”

The Ferris wheel installation is the result of a partnership between CPRST and Coca-Cola, with operational support from Ride Worx.

“The Ferris wheel, sponsored by Coca-Cola, is part of a revenue-sharing partnership with Ride Worx,” Anderson said.

“After an extensive vetting process by both parties, we both agreed that the wheel would be a perfect addition to the Cullman Christkindlmarkt. Ride Worx is known for its exceptional amusement rides.

”The setup of the Ferris wheel takes approximately five days, and the breakdown and pack-out require about the same amount of time.”

Beyond the Ferris wheel, visitors to this year’s Christkindlmarkt will find new culinary options, a larger vendor space and additional entertainment.

“In addition to the Ferris wheel, we’ve introduced several new features to enhance the visitor experience, including more diverse food options, an expanded vendor area and additional entertainment programs,” Anderson said.

“The ice rink doubled in size, now making it the largest outdoor ice rink in the state. We’ve also added a Neveplast Tubby Slide, over 100 feet in length.”

He added, “Each year, we strive to keep the Christkindlmarkt fresh and exciting. We are thrilled to see all the hard work and support from our team, vendors and sponsors come together to make this happen.”

Cullman Christkindlmarkt will take place at Depot Park Nov. 21-Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m.

It will be open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com. Depot Park is located at 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman.

Airport (from Front)

knowledged Wallace State Community College and its Aviation and Flight Technology programs, mentioning that the expansion of Martin Aviation into Cullman will give WSCC students and graduates the ability to witness their chosen line of work in a real-world setting and give them the tools to use their certificates or degrees in the place they call home.

WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics said at the groundbreaking, “Wallace State is honored to be your partner in training the aviation workforce. We have pilots working all over the United States; they’re even flying 757s and 767s internationally for major airlines. As our airport grows, we are grateful to support your growth, and we certainly want to do all in our power to increase the number of Alabamians who are interested in pursuing careers in aviation.”

Following the council meeting, Cullman Regional Airport Director Ben Harrison told The Tribune, “The partnership with Wallace State will open opportunities for students to learn the maintenance side of aviation. Martin, along with Tennessee Valley Aviation, who is already based here, will be able to service and maintain nearly anything that flies into the airport. We are excited for the growth and look forward to building on the overall long term plan for the airport.”

The council also approved two special event requests from Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Special Events Director Kelly Pulliam, looking forward to the Christmas season:

- To hold the Christkindlmarkt in Depot Park from Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, through Monday, Dec. 23, 2024

- To hold the Christmas Parade at 6:30 p.m. and Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7:30 p.m. in Depot Park on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024

The Cullman City Council meets next at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.







Voters (from Front)

promises to turbocharge the economy and deport undocumented immigrants by the millions.

"NBC News projected the Trump victory over Harris, who was the first woman of color to win a major party nomination for president, early Wednesday morning. She took the reins of the Democratic campaign after President Joe Biden abandoned his bid for a second term, a decision made in the wake of a disastrous June debate performance."

Harris' campaign hopes were dashed as battleground states fell to Trump.

In the end, Trump netted 295 electoral votes to Harris' 226. Trump also secured 50.9% of the popular vote, according to NBC News.

On the local front none of the candidates on the ballot faced opposition, making for a clean sweep across the board.

But Local Amendment 1, which would have levied a 15% tax on medical marijuana, did not pass. The additional tax would have benefited the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, with a small portion going to local mental health services.

The large tax was to be split two ways; 67% would benefit the Cullman County District Attorney's office so it could hire four more assistant DAs at a cost of $400,000, District Attorney Champ Crocker said at a recent town hall event hosted at Wallace State Community College.

The remaining 33% would have been earmarked for local mental health needs.

The vote came down to 51.43% (19,660) voting no, and 48.57% (18,569) voting yes.

Late Tuesday night, Crocker posted to the DA's Facebook page:

"LOCAL AMENDMENT 1:

"I was legally prohibited from taking a public position on this tax vote, but I appreciate the arguments on both sides.

"It was important for the people to decide this issue. My staff and I will continue to work for the people of this county, clearing the backlog and seeking justice in court for crime victims."

The Cullman Tribune reached out to Joey Robertson with Wagon Trail Hemp Farms, which is the first legal hemp farm in the state and currently the only location in north Alabama with a permit to grow then make its own products before opening up sales to stores.

He said he was excited that patients will finally get the medicine they need.

"This is a win for the patients of Cullman and surrounding counties," Robertson said of the vote.

"Having a new tool at an affordable price will make a positive difference in so many lives. Thank you, Cullman County, for so much positive support in knocking down this amendment."

See a complete breakdown of statewide and local election results at www2.alabamavotes.gov.

LEGALS

DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY
500 2nd Ave SW
Room 303
Cullman, Al 35055

Bobby Fuller
(PLAINTIFF)
VS
Andy Clark
(DEFENDANT)

CASE NO: SM-2024-900485

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), Andy Clark, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Bobby Fuller, for $2700.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Borrowed money to purchase truck.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the November 30,2024, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 29th of OCTOBER, 2024.

Lisa McSwain

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GERALDINE ROBERTSON CORNELIUS SWEATMON, CASE NO PC 2023-374
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
VERIFIED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: KRYSTAL CORNELIUS, CODY CORNELIUS, NICHOLE HOLMES, AMY KILGORE, STEPHANIE KILGORE AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Verified Petition for Probate of Will filed by David Christopher Cornelius, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, David Lee Jones, has been scheduled for the **10th 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 29th day of October, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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David Lee Jones
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
PETER M. KILLEN, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-199**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Judith Piette, Personal Representative of the Estate of Peter M. Killen, deceased, on the 5th day of November, 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.

Judith Piette
Personal Representative

James O'Connell
Attorney for Petitioner
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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 *
JOHN L. BISHOP, * CASE NO PC 2022-274
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: JOHN BISHOP, JEREMY BISHOP, JASON BISHOP AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Petition for Final Settlement filed by Doris J. Bishop, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, T. Deven Moore, has been scheduled for the**17th day of December, 2024, at 10:00 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

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T. Deven Moore
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOHN STEWART, * CASE NO. PC2023-414
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: TONY LEE STEWART JR, TANYA LECOMPTE, TIMOTHY STEWART, TODD JOSEPH STEWART, TRACEY RANDA AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JOHN STEWART, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and *Petition of Administrator for Final Discharge* filed by Pamela E. Nail, Administrator, has been scheduled for the **12th day of December, 2024, at 10:00 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 29th day of October, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES LEE BROWN, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-328**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

JUDY KURI
Administrator

Seth B. Thompson
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

9STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Amanda Glassco A Widowed Woman to Citifinancial Corporation, LLC dated January 7, 2008; said mortgage being recorded on January 9, 2008, in Book 1550, Page 130 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2023-RPL1 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2099, Page 722 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.
The undersigned, BRAVO Residential Funding Trust 2023-RPL1, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 25th day of November, 2024 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02' WEST A DISTANCE OF 198 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 40' EAST A DISTANCE OF 410 FEET TO A POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 78 DEGREES 15' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 720 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 26 DEGREES 21' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 431.8 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 02' EAST A DISTANCE OF 250 FEET BACK TO POINT OF BEGINNING. SAID LAND LYING AND BEING IN THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CONTAINING SIX ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

LESS AND EXCEPT: ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE PURPORTED NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID FORTY; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 02' 00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 198.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 40' 00" EAST A DISTANCE OF 660.00 FEET TO AN EXISTING IRON; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 23' 02" WEST A DISTANCE OF 234.11 TO A SET 5/8 INCH REBAR IRON AND THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTINUE NORTH 89 DEGREES 23' 02" WEST A DISTANCE OF 636.44 FEET TO A SET 5/8 INCH REBAR IRON ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF COUNTY ROAD NO. 1082; THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 22' 00" EAST ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 130.53 FEET TO A SET 5/8 INCH REBAR IRON; THENCE SOUTH 77 DEGREES 36' 51" EAST A DISTANCE OF 609.46 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AND CONTAINING 0.91 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM SURVEY OF H.D. HARRIS, REG. NO. 5742, DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2001.

Said property is commonly known as 7090 Co Rd 1082, Vinemont, AL 35179.
Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES MICHAEL ISRAEL, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-290**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Martha Jean Israel on the 23rd day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

MARTHA JEAN ISRAEL
Administrator

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM LEE BALLEW, CASE NO.: PC 2024-349
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ADELINE BALLEW as Personal Representative of the Estate of WILLIAM LEE BALLEW deceased, on the 21st day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Adeline Ballew
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Law Firm of Nail & Sparks, LLC
200 Second Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

Fairview council talks park plan progress

Katie Spicer
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Town Council meeting on Monday, Nov. 4, was called to order by Mayor Keith Henry and opened with an invocation by Councilwoman Julie Grimes.

Henry started the meeting by recapping his trip to Montgomery.

The mayor traveled there last month in an effort to obtain funding through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Land and Water Conservation Fund for the new Fairview park project.

He stated that the meeting was successful and that he was assured upon submittal of the proper paperwork, financing of up to $1 million would be available.

The council then participated in a lengthy debate over the best allocation of the funds. Councilman Steve Eddleman said that before voting to pass any motions on park spending the council should ensure "we are not depleting so much out of our funds that we cannot take care of other responsibilities."

After reviewing the budget, the council agreed that with the approval of the ADECA grant, along with the remaining balance of American Rescue Plan funds, investing in the park would be an asset to the community and generate revenue to continue to provide for other projects.

The proposed location of the new park is behind Fairview Town Hall off Randall Shedd Lane.

Phase 1 of the project would include creating two new ball fields and roads to access the park.

The next Fairview Town Council meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Dec. 2, at Fairview Town Hall located at 7525 Alabama Highway 69.

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BOOK REVIEW

'Lady Tan's Circle of Friends' by Lisa See

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Correspondent

Lise See's latest novel is set in China in the Ming Dynasty of the 15th century. The novel opens with 8-year-old Tan Yunxian being trained by her mother, Respectful Lady, on how to be proper lady.

She tells her daughter, "Whether animal or woman, we are a man's possessions. We women exist to give him heirs and feed and clothe and amuse him." Which included the anguish of binding her feet so that they stayed small, a sign of wealth and privilege. Yunxian leads a very sheltered life behind the walls of her father's property. Early in the novel her mother gets an infection from her foot bindings and dies suddenly from sepsis. This event is life-altering, to say the least.

She goes to live with her paternal grandparents, who are doctors. Her grandmother was one of the first female doctors in China. Grandmother Ru begins to train her to become a doctor, a process that will take years. She teaches Yunxian the pillars for Chinese medicine and the Four Examinations which are looking, touching and asking.

This is something a man could never do with female patient. Tan Yunxian was a real-life character who became a famous doctor who published a compendium of thirty one medical cases called "Miscellaneous Records of a Female Doctor."

While living with her grandparents, she makes an unlikely friend. Meiling is the daughter of the local midwife who delivered the babies born in their palace. Meiling is destined to be a midwife like her mother, a career that is looked down on because they come in contact with "corrupting blood." But at the same time midwives are considered indispensable because male doctors cannot look at or touch their female patients.

Yunxian was promised in marriage as a teenager. She went to live with her husband's family in their palace. Her husband was handsome and kind but was very busy with his work.

Yunxian was very lonely for a while and felt unwelcome by her mother-in-law, who belittled and criticized her. After a while, she began to fit in with the other ladies in the palace.

The title of the book is accurate. Yunxian relies on other women for support. She is surrounded by women who are available to help her during different times of her life.

They include her father's concubine, Miss Zhao; her personal maid, Poppy; Grandmother Ru; Midwife Shi; and many others who reside in the palace. Yunxian and Meiling remain friends, but the friendship is sometimes strained due to the class differences. In spite of their somewhat strained friendship, she remains in Yunxian's friendship circle.

Even though Yunxian is a doctor and had suffered the agony of foot binding, she binds her three daughters' feet and celebrates over each broken bone. Foot binding was first outlawed in 1911 but continued in some areas until the 1950s.

See does a great job of describing the traditions for women in China. "Lady Tan's Circle of Friends" is a compelling novel of women helping each other,

"Lisa See is the New York Times bestselling author of Lady Tan's Circle of Women, The Island of Sea Women, The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Peony in Love, Shanghai Girls, China Dolls, and Dreams of Joy, which debuted at #1. She is also the author of On Gold Mountain, which tells the story of her Chinese American family's settlement in Los Angeles. See was the recipient of the Golden Spike Award from the Chinese Historical Association of Southern California and the Historymaker's Award from the Chinese American Museum. She was also named National Woman of the Year by the Organization of Chinese American Women." (lisasee.com)

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 5-6

Lalton R. Miller, 84
Lalton R. Miller, 84, of Falkville, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 2, 2024. A memorial service will be held at the Cullman Funeral Home in Cullman, Alabama on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at 2 p.m. The Reverend Aaron Dawson will be officiating. The Cullman Funeral Home is located at 461 U.S. Highway 278 East. Lalton was born in Cullman, Alabama, to Nolen and Inell Miller on Dec. 19, 1939. He retired from Mcgriff Tire after 25 years. Lalton had a lifelong love for farming, growing sweet potatoes and other crops on his farm in Falkville. Lalton also enjoyed camping, attending bluegrass festivals, and spending time with his wife of 66 years, Betty Jean Miller. Lalton is preceded in death by his parents, Nolen and Inell Miller, brother Wilbur Lee Miller, and sister Sandra Talley Crickmar. Lalton is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Miller of Falkville, Alabama; son Roger Miller of Cullman, Alabama; grandchildren, Adrian Bell of Midway, Georgia, Jared Miller (Lindsay Simmons) of Boise, Idaho, and Jake Miller of Los Angeles California; Sister-in-law, Charlotte Miller of Vinemont, Alabama; nieces, Lynya Engel (Mike) of Birmingham, Alabama and Monica Turner (Rodney) of Cullman, Alabama; nephew, Lydon Miller of Vinemont, Alabama; and two great nephews, Nathan Engel of Birmingham, Alabama and Kyle Turner of Huntsville, Alabama. Lalton was an active member of Ebenezer Freewill Baptist Church. Obituary written by family.

Patricia Faye Evans, 69
Funeral Service for Patricia Faye Evans, age 69 of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Bro. Delwin Kilgo officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home-Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Evans passed away on Monday, November 4, 2024, at residence. She was born December 2, 1954, to King Solomon Damron and Bobbie Damron. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry Evans; son, Jerry (Jennifer) Kilgo, daughter, Sherrie (David) Binkowski; grandchildren, Alexandra Kilgo, Nicholas and Alyssa Binkowski; great grandchild, Axel Davis; sisters, Leslie Denham, Darlene Damron and Terrie Hillyer.

Belinda Miller, 59
Funeral Service for Belinda Miller, age 59 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Holly Pond. Visitation will be from noon 2 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Miller passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at her residence. She was born May 29, 1965, to Dwight Lee Denton and Barbara Jackson. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband Jr Miller. Survivors include her son, Jarrett (Olivia) Miller; sisters, Kim (James) Hollis, Tabitha McDaniel; brother, David Denton; nephews, Chase (Whitney) Dean, Brian (Whitney) Hollis, Trent Hollis and Michael Denton; special cousin, Vicki Allcorn; sister in laws, Margaret (Mike) Reeder, Melissa (Bruce) Hancock; brother in law, Gary (Cherrie) Miller, mother in law, Gaye Miller and a host of great nieces & nephews, family and friends.

Ricky Lynn Goble, 69
Ricky Lynn Goble, age 69 of Hanceville, passed away on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, March 20, 1955 in to Melvin and Betty Goble. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Christal (Chris) Chambers; son, Chris (Mary) Goble; grandchildren, Maggie Goble and Andrew Goble; Significant Other, Nancy Ballenger; host of family and friends. No services are planned at this time.

Hugh C. Shelton, Sr., 81
Funeral Service for Hugh C. Shelton, Sr., age 81 of Hanceville, will be at 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Shelton Grove Cemetery with Kenneth Shelton and Lewis Givens officiating, burial at Shelton Grove Baptist. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Shelton Grove Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Shelton passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024. Hugh, H.C. to many, was born Aug. 4. 1943. H.C. was a loving son, husband, father and Paw. He was a skilled welder, poultry and cattle farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Wanda, his parents, Bessie and Harold Baker and Hershel Shelton. Mr. Shelton is survived by his children, Marlene (Bruce) Parker and Hugh (Amy) Shelton, Jr.; grandchildren, Heath Parker, Paige (Drew) Adams, Haley (Justin) May, Hannah (Ryan) Hunt; great grandchildren, Camber, Cash & Conlee May, Davey Hunt and Parker Adams; sisters, Judy (Ray) Ponder and Sherry (Kenneth) Shelton. The family would like to thank Woodland Village Nursing Home & rehab, Cullman Regional Hospice and the many caregivers for the wonderful care you gave to our daddy over the last several years.

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Hospital (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Department of Nursing Education welcomed the first of more than 1,000 students to its annual Let's Pretend Hospital on Tuesday morning when groups of first graders converged on the School of Nursing and Center for Science.

More than a half dozen current Wallace State Nursing students have come full circle with Let's Pretend Hospital, as they attended the event as first graders. Wallace State Nursing held its first Let's Pretend Hospital in 2008 and has held one every year since, except during the pandemic in 2020.

For fourth-semester Nursing student Destiny Anders of Fairview, this is her third time participating in Let's Pretend Hospital. She's twice participated as a student at Wallace State, but her first time was as a first grader.

As a nursing student, Anders said she loves the interaction with the children.

"All the kids, they just get so excited," she said. "It was great just getting to be around the kiddos; I really did enjoy it."

Anders said she is leaning towards pediatrics as her specialty, so getting to be around younger children is helpful.

Last year, Anders worked in the nutrition room. This year she was part of the welcoming committee.

"We're going to be taking them around to each room and getting to stay with each group instead of only getting to be with them a little bit, so I like that," she said.

Students who come to Let's Pretend Hospital rotate between eight different stations, but first they are welcomed by a group of superheroes and Disney princesses and other students like Anders, who put a paper bracelet around their wrists.

The rooms the students visit are focused on various subjects regarding health and safety and experiences within the medical realm. Each room is themed to engage the students in activities held in them.

The exercise room has a Super Mario Brothers theme, complete with Princess Peach who is need of rescue from Bowser. Students complete a maze where they practice balance, throwing and more in order complete their task and save Princess Peach.

The Health and Safety room has a Minecraft theme and takes students to different stations that teach them about fire safety, the importance of wearing seat belts, drug safety and more.

Other rooms include an X-Ray room featuring characters from Frozen, the Jungle Room where they learn what happens if they have to stay overnight in the hospital, an emergency room where they help the Grinch feel better, an operating room with an Operation game theme, and the germ room where they learn the importance of washing their hands. The students also get to visit with staff from the Hanceville Fire and Rescue.

Anders said she remembers learning how to stop, drop and roll and about seat belt safety when she was a first grader.

She said she hopes the student going through Let's Pretend Hospital this week will take at least one lesson with them that will help them in the future.

According to Good Hope Elementary first-grade teacher Deidra Wix, the students do take the lessons back with them. The teachers give the students lessons in subjects such as fire safety and community health before the visit to Wallace State and follow up afterward.

"When we get back, we like to journal about it and talk about some of their favorite things and things that they've learned," said Wix, who has been a teacher for 10 years.

"They love the germs," Wix added of one of the favorite rooms students visit. "That's very big at school; we always talk about germs. But when they come here and see it under the black light and see like they are everywhere, and we don't realize it. I think the germ room is always a big hit."

Let's Pretend Hospital was scheduled to continue through Thursday, Nov. 7, with students from Cullman County, Cullman City and several private schools scheduled to attend.



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