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– SPORTS –

Aggies, Raiders, Tigers fall in round 2

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‘Excellence every day’

EES receives prestigious Blue Ribbon award in Washington D.C.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Representatives from East Elementary School in Cullman made the trip last week to Washington, D.C., as part of an incredibly prestigious honor from the U.S. Department of Education.

Earlier this year, East Elementary was selected as one of just five schools out of more than 1,380 schools in Alabama to be named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2024.

The last time such an honor was received in the Cullman City Schools system was 15 years ago in 2009, when West Elementary was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

In order to receive this distinguished honor, schools must be nominated by the state superintendent of education — and the award is given to just 356 schools out of more than 100,000 nationwide each year.

National Blue Ribbon Schools must be either an exemplary high-performing school in math and ELA or must be an exemplary achievement gap closing school in math and ELA.

“I am honored » PAGE 7



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

A delegation from Cullman City Schools recently visited Washington, D.C. as part of an event honoring East Elementary School for being named a Blue Ribbon award winner.

‘We just appreciate it more than I can say’

Cullman County Bosom Buddies receives donations from The Kickers, Monograms Plus



JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Monograms Plus donated $6,136 to the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Monday, Nov. 18, 2024. Pictured left to right are Rayven Peak, Jennifer Limerich, Lynsey Todd and Judy Grissom.

Nick Griffin
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Monday was a busy and exciting day for the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation (CCBBF). CCBBF representatives made a couple of stops at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center and Monograms Plus to accept donations from “The Kickers” and the store.

Board Member Judy Grissom said she is always moved by the support the nonprofit receives from all over the community.

“It is amazing to have them (The Kickers) as a partner because they also dance at our Little Pink Dress fundraiser, so for them to have a workshop just to raise funds for us is an incredible thing. That’s how we survive. We only survive on donations and our fundraisers so for them to take it upon themselves to have a fundraiser for us is amazing,” Grissom said. “We just appreciate it more than I can say. The more money we bring in, the more people we can help in Cullman County. We understand what patients go through after they’ve been diagnosed, and we want to help them with the financial side of that as much as we can.”

Sherry Boatright has been a fixture at the Active Adult Center for over 18 years and as a dedicated dance instructor, she has enriched the lives of 25-30 senior citizens weekly through her classes. Her dance troupe, “The Kickers,” is well known for its spirited performances » PAGE 6

Small Business Christmas Market coming Nov. 30

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Cullman City Council enters into maintenance agreement with ALDOT



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUN

The Cullman City Council held its final November meeting at Cullman City Hall Monday, Nov. 18, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

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CCPS hosts Thanksgiving Day Parade



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students across grades K-2 participated in a series of engaging lessons leading up to the parade.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 18

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 14

- public intoxication; CR 715
- unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle; CR 111
- theft; CR 1435
- burglary; unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle; CR 437

Nov. 15

- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1545
- possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1605
- assault; CR 591
- domestic violence; CR 1605

Nov. 16

- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 1272
- harassment; CR 1302
- DUI; resisting arrest; CR 1683
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; Larkwood Dr. NE
- domestic violence; CR 1598

Nov. 17

- harassment; CR 793
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Beech Grove Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1735
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E
- harassment; CR 1137

ARRESTS

Nov. 14-17

Baker, Stacie M.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Ballenger, Christopher L.; 36
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

Bates, Owain D.; 24
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – public intoxication

Bevington, Brian A.; 57
- FTA – violation of registration of rabies
- FTA – permitting dogs to run at large
- FTA – negotiating worthless instrument

Boutwell Jr., Michael A.; 50
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Burns, Kinsey N.; 20
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or canceled

Caudill Jr., Chester L.; 33
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- PROBATION VIOALTION – possession of dangerous drugs

Ellis, Daniel A.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Hubert III, Richard T.; 27
- resisting arrest
- DUI (alcohol)

Lawson, Therman L.; 48
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Lee, Stephanie A.; 35
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Lynn, Alexis T.; 26
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – mutilated/altered tag
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

McDaniel, Autumn S.; 25
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine

Moore, John E.; 45
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-domestic-harassment-family
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Nelson, Nicolette; 38
- possession of dangerous drugs

Otwell, Crystal L.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Overton, Wesley L.; 38
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Quick, Logan G.; 19
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children
- harassing communications
- stalking-2nd degree

Rodriguez, William A.; 27
- public intoxication

Sandifer, Matthew J.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- FTA – attempting to elude a police/law enforcement officer-serious injury or death/speed exceeds 20 mph over
- FTA – speed-less 25 MPH
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – possession of tax-paid alcoholic beverages for private use
- FTA – reckless endangerment
- FTA – expired license
- FTA – reckless driving

Sickler, Michael S.; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Daniel S.; 29
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or canceled

Smith, Jennifer L.; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Stapleton, Justin K.; 35
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Vonhieber, Crystal M.; 35
- FTA – permitting livestock to run at large

Westbrook, Leah D.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

Wilson, Garry M.; 40
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Wright, Windy S.; 42
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 12
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $162; Hwy. 157

Nov. 15
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Rosemont Ave. SW
- identity theft; person
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NW

Nov. 16
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; purse & contents; Cullman Shopping Center

Nov. 17
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Cullman Park & Rec.; damaged property; $450; Cleveland Ave. SW
- harassing communications; person
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; person; cash; Donauer Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Nov. 15-17

Overton, Shayla D.; 29
- FTA – attempt to elude
- FTA - obstructing governmental operations
- FTA - resisting arrest
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Moore, Corey A.; 29
- FTA - fail to register vehicle
- FTA - insurance violation (3 counts)
- FTA - driving while suspended
- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - driving while license revoked

Bowen, Austin W.; 24
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Willingham, Tyren S.; 28
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA - driving while suspended
- FTA - domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA - insurance violation

Smith, Tabitha D.; 53
- theft of lost property-3rd degree

Vonhieber, Crystal M.; 35
- FTA - driving without a license

Bates, Owain D.; 24
- public intoxication

Willingham, Jakub W.; 22
- theft of property-4th degree

Miller, David J.; 42
- drug trafficking
- attempt to elude

Lee, Stephanie A.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Jones Chapel Merry Market returns for 5th year of holiday shopping – Dec. 7

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com



JONES CHAPEL MERRY MARKET

The 5th Annual Jones Chapel Merry Market is set to take place on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Old Jones Chapel School gym, now the Cullman County School Board CARE building. Admission to the Merry Market is free and will feature a wide variety of unique goods. A concession stand will also be available to attendees.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The fifth annual Jones Chapel Merry Market is set to take place on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Old Jones Chapel School gym, now the Cullman County School Board CARE building. Admission to the Merry Market is free, and the event will feature a wide array of vendors offering unique, handmade crafts, gifts and seasonal items.

Event organizer Christie Thomas shared her excitement for this year's market, "We always have a great turnout of wonderful vendors and customers! Everyone looks forward to it, and we have many repeat vendors. We only allow a certain number of like crafts to keep a good variety of vendors for the best shopping experience for our shoppers."

As the Merry Market heads into its fifth year, Thomas credited the event's success to the strong community support and the exceptional quality of the vendors. "The event has gone smoothly each year and has been very busy and well attended. I attribute the success of the craft show to beautiful grassroots support that our community is known for, and the great vendors that have so much to offer."

Over the years, the Merry Market has attracted not only local shoppers, but also visitors from out-of-state and larger cities in the region. "We've even had many people drive from out of state to attend our craft show, and many from the larger cities nearby," she added. "It's truly hard to beat the vibe that surrounds a well-organized community event."

A concession stand offering snacks, drinks and lunch will also be available to shoppers. Food trucks are welcome to participate in the event to add to the variety of food available.

Additionally, most vendors will be equipped to accept credit cards as well as cash, making it convenient for attendees to shop.

The Jones Chapel Merry Market still has a few vendor spots open.

For more information about the event or for those interested in being a vendor, email Christie Thomas at mrschristiethomas@yahoo.com or text her at 256-615-5611. The event will be held at 192 County Road 940, Cullman, AL 35057.

LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on January 9th, 2025 @ 7:00am

2007 Chev. Impala 2G1WC58R179233007

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2011 CHEV IMPALA 2G1A5EK6B1139144

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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN
NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Struthers Recreation, LLC - 220 Applegate Trace – Pelham, AL, Contractor, has completed all work on – **THE CULLMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL – PLAYGROUND, 900 HOEHN DRIVE, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.** All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named Contractor. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

DCM Form C-1
Rev. February 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by **Rachel Dawsey, Executive Director**, at the office of North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tallyho Street, Cullman, Alabama 35055, until **2:00 PM CST**, **Thursday**, **December 5, 2024,** for **North Alabama Agriplex Extension,** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to **North Alabama Agriplex** in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Bid Documents may be obtained from Datatek Reprographics, 2108 Island Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801, upon deposit of $250.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first 2 sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at 1714 Tallyho Street, Cullman, Alabama on **Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

North Alabama Agriplex
(Awarding Authority/Owner)

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(Architect)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
F.L.F., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-600.03**
a minor, DOB: 08-10-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KIMBERLY TAYLOR FARMER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on August 10, 2023 by the 3rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of October, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
F.L.F., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-600.03**
a minor, DOB: 08-10-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KAGUN DAVID FULLER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on August 10, 2023, to Kimberly Taylor Farmer by the 3rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of October, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
)
BETTY JUNE BUTTS,) Case No.: PC-2024- 362
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Karen Louise Smith as the Administrator of the Estate of Betty June Butts, deceased, on the 18th 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.

Karen Louise Smith
Administrator of the Estate of
Betty June Butts, deceased

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

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

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TAMMY BROWN PROBATE JUDGE

Small Business Christmas Market coming Nov. 30

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Small Business Christmas Market is coming to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The Pink Boot Boutique Owner Shayla Waldner said the event will be from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. at the Cullman Agricultural Trade Center.

"We have 60 vendors and two food trucks. (There will be) kids' clothes, women's boutique clothes, men's hat and accessories, candle businesses, local household items, cleaning product businesses, jewelry and accessories, home decor, Christmas shirts, kids toys, etc.," Waldner said.

"It is the perfect weekend (Black Friday weekend) to shop for all your Christmas gifts right here locally in Cullman.

"Businesses from all over eastern, northern and central Alabama have come together to attend this event."

Waldner said Santa will be on-site from 11-2 with his photographer and bringing each child a gift.

"You can choose to pay a small fee and have professional pictures taken or see him and take pictures with your phone – he may even make an appearance a little earlier," she said.

"The first 60 shoppers at the door waiting will also receive a free gift bag."

Waldner has owned the Pink Boot for a year and a half and said she recently sold her boutique trailer after finding out she is expecting a baby boy in August.

"I am expanding into hosting two big events like this a year so that I can focus on being a mom, but still do something big within my name," she said.

"Since before I opened up my mobile boutique trailer in 2023, I knew I wanted to host a big Christmas and Easter event; it was something I was more passionate about than selling clothes.

"I took the leap in June of this year and booked the ag center and lined up everything.

"When I created the event page, it blew up, bringing attention to thousands.

"I've had over 100 inquiries about becoming vendors and I had to top it off at 60 vendors.

"I am working on an Easter event at the same location for the spring of 2025 with a waitlist already prepared."

For more information about the Small Business Christmas Market, visit https://tinyurl.com/SB-ChristmasMarket.

The Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center is located at 17645 U.S. Highway 31 in Cullman.

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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
• Wednesday, Nov. 20 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Nov. 22 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Nov. 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 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.

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.

21st Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display
Through Dec. 29, 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW. Admission is a cash donation of $10 cash per vehicle. In addition to over one million lights, there will also be a Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and even a few visits from Santa himself.

Specific dates of operation:
• Nov. 20-24, 29-30
• Dec. 1, 4-8, 11-15, 18-22
• Drive-through only Dec. 26-29

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.

"The Nutcracker" Presented by Ballet South
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23-24. Shows are Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased at https://tinyurl.com/NutcrackerBalletSouth2024. Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at Wallace State, 801 Main St. SW, Hanceville.

6th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Begins Nov. 29. 5-9 p.m. at the Ave Maria Grotto, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE. Christmas lights return to the Grotto! Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience to include a Christmas Tunnel at entry and also Santa's Workshop! We've also have added more dates! The weekend of Dec. 13-14 will feature even more to see and do, including musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides and horse-drawn wagon rides around St. Bernard's campus. Plus, Santa Claus will be here! Refreshments will be available every night.

Dates:
• Nov. 29-30, Dec. 1
• Dec. 5-7
• Dec. 12
• Dec. 13-14 (food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides, Santa Claus)
• Dec. 19-23
• Dec. 26-28

Admission:
• Adults - $10
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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Aggies, Raiders, Tigers fall in round 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Three local teams were back on the field for the second round of the state football playoffs Friday night but unfortunately for our local fans, all three were eliminated from the postseason with losses. Fairview fell to Leeds at home 36-22, Good Hope dropped a road matchup at Anniston 43-14 and Meek's season came to an end with a 55-22 loss at Wadley.

Leeds 36 – Fairview 22

After advancing past Carver-Birmingham last week, the Fairview Aggies returned to the field Friday night to host the Leeds Green Wave in the second round of the Class 5A state playoffs. Fairview trailed at the half and made a late second-half comeback to get back in the game, but fell just short at the end, 36-22.

Fairview got the ball at their own 31-yard line to start out the game and pounded the ball right at the Green Wave defense, as Jake Harper picked up a first down on fourth down from the 40. Later on in the drive, an offsides penalty kept the Aggie drive alive, then three plays later, Kolt Redding picked up a first down on the ground and a face mask penalty after the play put the ball at the 27. The trio of Harper, Redding, and Carson Jones helped Fairview get to the one, and Harper finished off the 16-play, 69-yard drive with a one-yard run to give the Aggies a 7-0 lead with 3:36 remaining in the first quarter.

The Green Wave picked up a pair of first downs: a 31-yard pass, and an 11-yard run, and that helped them get to the 26. Three plays later, a 12-yard pass put them at the nine, and they scored on the next play to tie the game up at seven with 10:41 remaining in the first half. Fairview's offense was struggling to get anything going on its next drive, but a holding penalty on third down kept their drive alive. Unfortunately, they went backwards and were forced to punt.

A 41-yard run on first down was later followed by a 17-yard pass, as Leeds quickly moved the ball to the 29. An 11-yard run put them at the 14, and three plays later, they punched it in from five yards out to take a 14-7 lead with 2:23 remaining in the first half. The Aggies were forced to punt on its final series of the first half, and they went into the locker room trailing 14-7.

Leeds continued its momentum that it built in the first half into the third quarter, as they quickly moved the ball to the 27.

Two plays later, they broke free for a 23-yard run to push their lead to 21-7 almost two minutes into the third quarter.

A 17-yard run by Harper on the first play of the opening drive was a promising start for Fairview, but they coughed up the ball three plays later, and Leeds recovered the ball at the 44.

Their running game continued to give Fairview's defense fits, and they finished off their drive by scoring from 11 yards out to stretch their lead to 28-7 with 5:28 remaining in the quarter.

On the first play of its next series, Harper found a big hole on the right side and scored on a 57-yard scamper to cut it to 28-14 17 seconds later.

That run brought new life into the defense, as they forced a Green Wave punt on its next series.

Harper broke free for a 31-yard run on third down to put the Aggies at the 22. Redding collected another first down later on that drive, as the ball was now at the nine.

The Aggies were faced with fourth down from the one, and Harper got stuffed for no gain, giving the ball back to Leeds. The Aggie defense, though, forced a safety on the first drive to cut it to 28-16. The Aggies got the ball at the 40 after the free kick, and a face mask penalty on the Green Wave quickly moved the ball up to the 23. Later on that drive, Redding picked up a huge first down on fourth down to keep its series alive. Another Leeds penalty, this time on fourth down, gave Fairview new life again, and Redding went in untouched from two yards out to make it a 28-22 game with less than six minutes left to go in the game.

Fairview's defense needed one more big stop to get the ball back and try to win the game, but the Green Wave didn't let that happen, as they milked almost four minutes off the clock during the drive, which ended with them scoring on a 27-yard run to give them a 36-22 lead. Leeds picked off a Redding pass on their final series to help seal their 36-22 win over the Aggies. Fairview finishes an amazing season with a 10-1 record.

Harper finished with 166 yards on 21 carries and a pair of touchdowns for the Aggies. Redding added 40 yards on the ground and a score.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Fairview Aggies fell to Leeds in the second round of the state playoffs 36-22 Friday night.

Anniston 43 – Good Hope 14

After handling Hatton at home 42-12 in round one, the Good Hope Raiders hit the road to take on Anniston in round two Friday night. The Bulldogs took a 16-0 lead into the locker room at halftime and continued pulling away in the second half to defeat Good Hope 43-14 and advance to round three.

A 7-yard touchdown run, and a successful two-point conversion, put Anniston up 8-0 early in the first quarter and later in the second quarter, the Bulldogs recovered their own fumble in the end zone to extend the lead to 16-0 at the halftime break.

Another Anniston touchdown run made it a 22-0 game early in the third quarter and just before the end of the period, a 43-yard touchdown pass stretched the lead to 29-0 going into the final frame.

The Bulldogs tacked on another touchdown early in the fourth quarter to move ahead 35-0 but the Raiders were finally able to get some points on the board when quarterback Tyler Cone hit found Tucker Malin through the air for a touchdown. Robert Rodriguez split the uprights with the extra point to make it a 35-7 game with nine minutes remaining.

The Bulldogs found the end zone again in the final four minutes to take a 43-7 lead over Good Hope, but the Raiders responded with one more scoring drive before the end of the game. Good Hope capped the drive with a touchdown pass from Cone to Parker Johnson to make it 43-14 but those were the final points of the night, bringing the Raiders' stellar season to an end at 10-2.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders fell to Anniston on the road 43-14 Friday night to finish the season 10-2.

Wadley 55 – Meek 22

After earning a dramatic win over Hubbertville in round one, the Meek Tigers hit the road Friday night to face Wadley in round two. However, the Bulldogs got off to a fast start and they scored early and often on their way to a 55-22 win over Meek.

A pair of touchdown runs put Wadley in front 14-0 at the end of the first quarter but the Tigers were able to get on the board when Hunter Wyatt took a handoff 45 yards for a touchdown, trimming the lead to 14-6 early in the second.

Unfortunately for Meek, the Bulldogs were able to put up 27 unanswered points in the second quarter and went into the locker room leading the Tigers 41-6 at halftime. Wadley pulled ahead 48-6 midway through the third quarter, but Meek was able to get some more points on the board when Jordan Phillips ran in a 12-yard touchdown and a two-point conversion to make it 48-14.

Another Wadley touchdown extended the lead to 55-14 early in the fourth quarter but the Tigers responded with a 55-yard touchdown run by Jordan Phillips. Evan McCay hit Mason Powe in the end zone to make it 55-22 but Meek couldn't chip away any more than that and the Tigers' season came to an end at 8-4.





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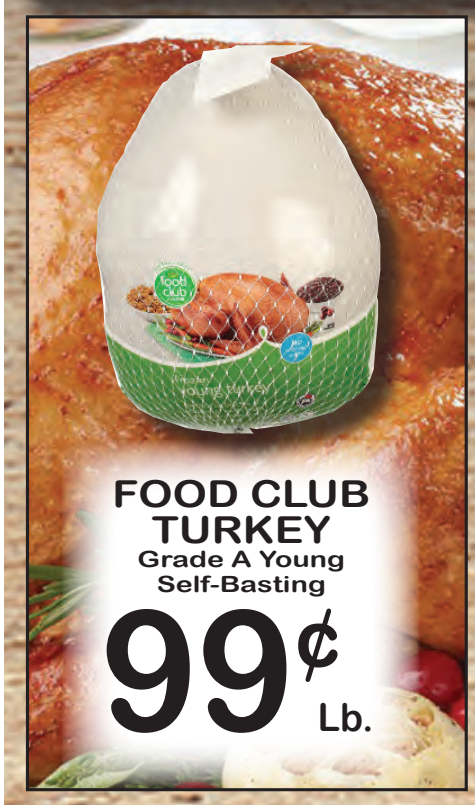
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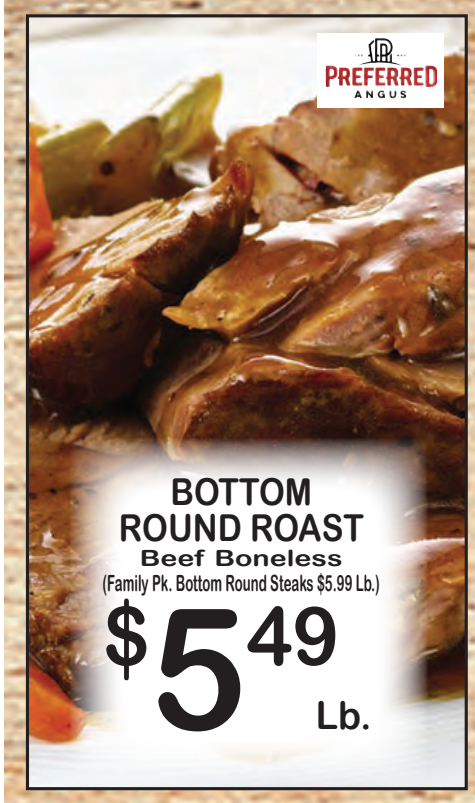
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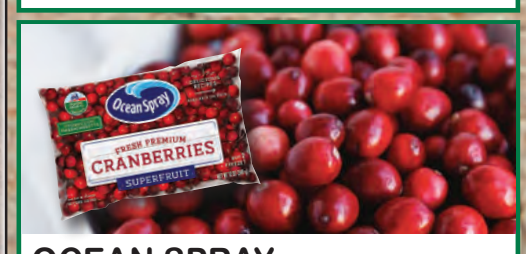
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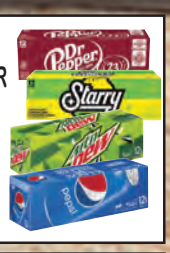


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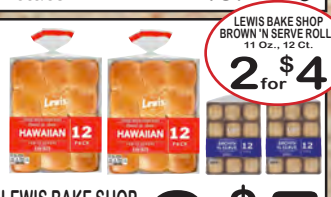


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Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Parks and Recreation hosted its inaugural Run, Run Rudolph Fun Run Friday night to kick off the 21st Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display, which officially opened Saturday, Nov. 16.

CCPR Marketing Director Sara Morgan said 130 people were registered for the run.

"This was a great turnout for our first ever Run, Run Rudolph race," Morgan said. "Our participants really enjoyed it! This is looking like a great event to continue for years to come. We hope to see more join us next year."

Christmas sweater contest winners were Feribah Morgan and dog, Leon.

Race winners were Henry Crocker and Mason Gobble.

The Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display will run through Dec. 29, from 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Admission is a cash donation of $10 cash per vehicle. In addition to over one million lights, there will be a Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and even a few visits from Santa himself.

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- Nov. 20-24, 29-30
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Christmas sweater contest winners Feribah Morgan and dog, Leon



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Race winners were Mason Gobble and Henry Crocker

CCPS hosts Thanksgiving Day Parade

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade has been a staple of the holiday season for decades, so Cullman City Schools brought some of that Manhattan fun to the halls of Cullman City Primary School to create its very own version of the balloon-filled tradition.

Cullman City Primary School was transformed into a lively, colorful parade route on Friday, Nov. 15, as second-grade students showcased floats they designed and constructed themselves using balloons and arts and crafts. Inspired by the famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the event was showcased to all students, with pre-K, kindergarten and first graders lining the hallways, cheering on their older classmates.

This special parade was the culmination of a school-wide, cross-curricular unit based on the anchor text Balloons Over Broadway.

Led by CCPS Librarian Hilary Nix and CCPS STEM Teacher Anna Anderson, students across grades K-2 participated in a series of engaging lessons leading up to the parade, where they explored the history, artistry and coordination behind the Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"In STEM class, students learned coding basics by designing large grid routes for Bluebot robots dressed as mini parade floats, creating algorithms to help the 'floats' navigate their paths," Anderson explained. "In music, students created rhythmic beats to enhance the parade atmosphere. In the library, students constructed their floats, and in art, they brainstormed simple yet creative ideas and designs to bring their visions to life."

Principal Elizabeth Shaddix and Vice Principal Tyler Skinner, along with the support of the CCPS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), also played key roles in bringing the parade to life thanks to donations for materials, resources and support.

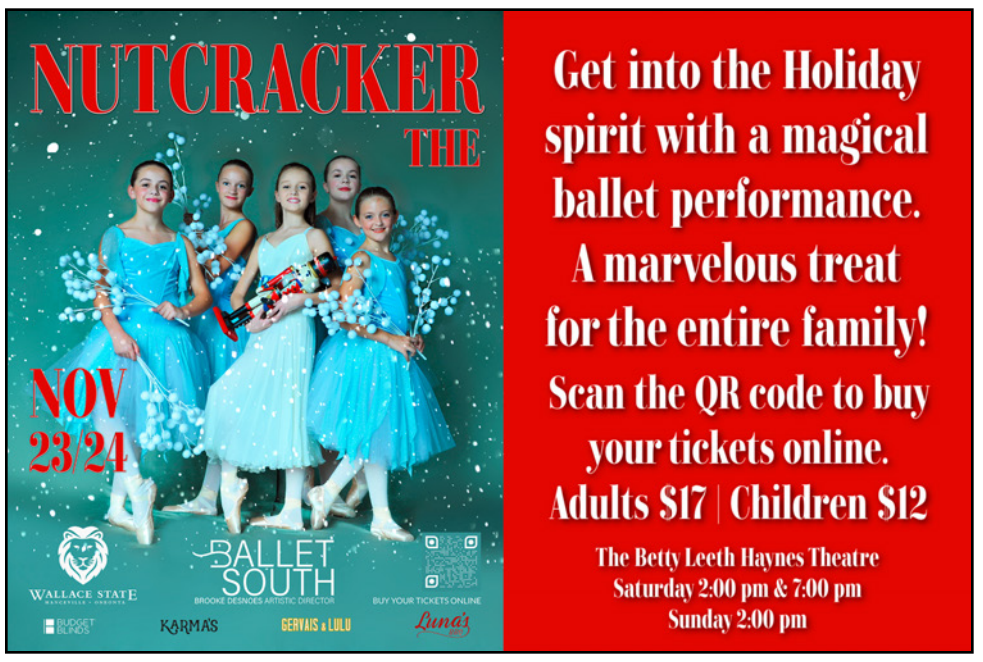
"With its blend of creativity, teamwork and tradition, the CCPS Macy's-style Thanksgiving Parade has already become a treasured memory for students, staff and families alike," Anderson added.

"Plans are underway to make this event an annual tradition at Cullman City Primary School, spreading joy and holiday spirit for years to come."



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Dinosaur Tea Party at the Cullman Library

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The main branch of the Cullman County Public Library System had kids roaring with excitement on Saturday, Nov. 16. Youngsters came pouring in at 10 a.m. for a T-Rex Tea Party. The crowd was so large that library employees rushed to add another table with tea party supplies.

"So we're going to start the day with a tea party and one of our librarians, Laura, is going to be reading a story called 'T-Rex.' It goes through etiquette, manners and what not to do. There is going to be a special visitor at that time, a dinosaur, who is showing up to show what not to do," Library Page Raegan Lindsey explained before the festivities began.

"After that, there will be 15 minutes for a break. Kids can look at books, do a scavenger hunt that we have out for them. Then we have seven stations with different crafts and activities.

"One of them is going to be making fossils. The other is going to be digging for fossils and dusting off sand around them. It's going to be a lot of fun with a lot of moving parts for sure."

One of the tea party participants, Faith Baker, 9, spoke about her experience during the event.

"We had a great time today. We had some apple juice and we had some cookies, but I ate all of mine. There was a person dressed as a dinosaur; we danced and had a lot of fun, and they read to us about being very polite. My experience here is hilarious and I had a great time."

November is celebrated as dinosaur month at the CCPLS. Check out the library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cullmancountypubliclibrarysystem for more info.



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Left to right are Faith Baker, 9, Raegan Lindsey and Easton Baker, 5.

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REHAU Automotive latest to join Wallace State Powerful Partnerships program

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Center for Career and Workforce Development recently welcomed REHAU Automotive to its Powerful Partnerships program. The initiative brings together the college and area businesses to drive workforce development and economic growth.

Among the incentives offered to partners in the program is a 10% discount on tuition to employees, which is something REHAU Automotive Human Resource Manager Jana Schroeder said she is particularly excited about.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us to continue supporting not only the community but our employees who want to develop themselves," Schroeder said. "We also have partnerships with Wallace State for different apprenticeship programs. I think this partnership is just another great step to support both."

Along with the tuition discount for employees, other benefits provided to businesses and industry that join the Powerful Partnership program include:

- Complimentary access to meeting spaces at the Wallace State Workforce Training Center
- Wallace State Alumni Memberships for up to five employees
- Special sponsor rate for the Wallace State Future Foundation Student Investment Luncheon
- Access to a pipeline of workers prepared for internships, apprenticeships, and employment through priority registration for Industry Comes to Wallace State
- A Powerful Partner registration rate for the annual WSCC Career Fair
- Featured as a Powerful Partner through various marketing avenues
- A role on Wallace State's program advisory boards and Business and Industry Leadership Teams (BILTs) to provide guidance for instructional technology
- Opportunity to receive access to Athens State University's Learning Partnership program

This comprehensive set of benefits ensures that businesses are not just passively involved but actively engaged in shaping Wallace State's educational programs to better meet industry demands. By participating in advisory boards and leadership teams, companies can directly influence the development of future workers, creating a well-prepared labor force that meets their specific needs.

For more information about the Powerful Partnerships program and how your business can get involved, email Bethany Campbell at Bethany.Campbell@wallacestate.edu or call her at 256-352-8372.

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Katy Chauvin, left, and her niece Abby Robertson took a truck and trailer filled with donations for Hurricane Helene victims to Greeneville, Tennessee.



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State CDL instructors Nathan Vaughn, left, Don Stepp and Steven Adams stand in front of a trailer holding items donated to victims of Hurricane Helene. Stepp said this is the second trailer to be filled and driven to east Tennessee.

Wallace State staff supporting Hurricane Helene relief efforts

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Staff from Wallace State Community College with ties to east Tennessee have been delivering supplies donated by area residents to communities in east Tennessee that was impacted by Hurricane Helene.

CDL instructors Don Stepp and Nathan delivered at least two tractor-trailers filled with items to the Newport area, while athletic trainer Katy Chauvin and her niece Abby Robertson, a Wallace State Fast Track student from Cullman Christian School, took a truck and trailer with items collected through donations at Cullman Christian and Wallace State to Greeneville and surrounding areas.

Stepp and Vaughn worked with Wrangler in Hackleburg to take hundreds of jackets and pairs of jeans as well as donations from Oneonta, Double Springs and Hanceville. Through his brother who lives in the Newport area where they both grew up, Stepp connected with Crossroad Flood Relief at Crossroad Community Church, whose efforts started in the basement of the church before expanding to a large warehouse.

"Talking to some of those people, they lost everything," Stepp said of meeting residents affected by the storm during his and Vaughn's first trip with supplies.

"When Nathan and I went through town you could see the watermarks on the buildings 15 feet above our truck."

Chauvin graduated from Tusculum College, now Tusculum University, in Greeneville, Tennessee, where more than 50 homes were destroyed, at least that many with major damage and many more with moderate to minor damage. Farmland was also affected, she said, and will takes years to recover.

Chauvin noted that most of the residents and farmers didn't have flood insurance because their homes were never considered as being in a flood zone, so they will be left with the cost of repairing or rebuilding homes, barns and other buildings, as well as replacing equipment, vehicles and tools.

"The landscape is forever changed," she said. "What was once a field with crops or livestock has now been washed away or is under the river, which has completely changed its path in some locations or it's covered in a sandy muddy mess.

"It will take years for this land to be usable again if it is in fact able to be rehabilitated."

Chauvin delivered the donated supplies and funds she collected to Greeneville CARE Center and Horse Creeks Farms and Dairy.

Chauvin said the CARE Center normally serves the homeless and less fortunate in Greene County. Since the hurricane, they have been serving as a donation and distribution hub for supplies and food. Horse Creeks Farms has been collecting and distributing supplies such as fencing, hay and animal feed.

Chauvin said what touched her most on her first trip to deliver donations is how everyone was helping each other. "If one neighbor had a surplus, they give it to those who need it. They are helping each other rebuild."

Stepp and Chauvin both expressed thanks to those who donated the supplies they delivered to East Tennessee.

"I was not expecting that much; I've been floored about the results," Chauvin said.

"It's unbelievable," Stepp said of the generosity. "Steve Adams, one of our other instructors, mentioned it at church and they funded a number of heaters. People want to help, they're just not sure how.

Donations (from Front)

at local events, including the "Kicking Cancer in Cullman" fundraiser, which Boatright founded as a breast cancer survivor.

"This is our fifth year doing the Kicking Cancer workshop and we raised $2,500. It's been an awesome thing, it really has. I'm 22 years out from breast cancer so we have several survivors here and I always wanted to do something," Boatright said. "2018 was our first year and then we missed a couple of years because of COVID but it's been growing each year. We had over 90 registrations this year and over 80% participated. We're just so grateful to The Center, to Traditions Bank who has been a great supporter of ours, Stefani Neal, our director, and the merchants here in Cullman have just been outstanding helping us with door prizes and food and things like that. Cullman is a very supportive community, and we look forward to continuing to help it grow and grow."

After visiting The Kickers, the CCBBF made its way over to Monograms Plus to receive another donation. The money came from this year's Boobie Bingo fundraiser held on Oct. 22 at St. Bernard. Grissom said she is thankful for all the support the community has shown by participating in these events.

"They've been doing it for several years now and they give us the proceeds from that and every year it's more and more; it's been a larger amount every year. We're always so excited when they have that Boobie Bingo to support our organization," Grissom said. "Every year they have find a larger location and they moved out to St. Bernard this year for the event. We couldn't exist without donations and these fundraisers in the community, so we depend on them and the community has really reached out to us and helped us out. Every year our event has grown and every year we give more and more money to Cullman residents."

Monograms Plus Owner Lynsey Todd said she was excited for the chance to give back to her community and has been happy to see the event continue to grow each year.

"A couple of years ago Katie Fine from Karma's (Coffee House) and I got together and tried to figure out what we could do to try and raise some money from the community, and everyone loves bingo, so she offered up her coffee shop and we got all the games together and everything. At our first bingo I think we had about 30 people that came and we raised a decent amount of money, so we decided to keep it going," Todd said. "This year I think we sold about 104 tickets, and we were absolutely maxed out at our location. We held it at the Byre building over at St. Bernard and were able to raise almost $7,000 for Bosom Buddies. It's always a fun time and we love being able to host and we love being able to help our community."

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies is a nonprofit that supports Cullman-area patients who are undergoing cancer treatment. Learn more at www.cullmanbosombuddies.com.

Jen Baker contributed to this article.

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Bring on the bird: Extension specialist offers tips on thawing, cooking Thanksgiving turkey

Justin Miller
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Preparing the Thanksgiving turkey does not just happen overnight. There is a great deal of planning involved to have the bird properly thawed and cooked in time to hit the Thanksgiving table.

Thawing takes time

A lot of turkeys sold for Thanksgiving are frozen. Because of this, people must factor in enough time for the turkey to completely thaw. Janice Hall, a specialist with Alabama Cooperative Extension System's federal nutrition programs, said people cooking a frozen turkey should plan for the cooking time to take at least 50% longer than recommended for a fully thawed turkey.

"It is critical that you monitor the internal temperature to ensure it reaches 165F," Hall said. "The turkey is basically thawing in the process of cooking so make sure to set the oven temperature no lower than 325 degrees Fahrenheit. When in doubt, follow package directions for proper handling and cooking."

However, the safest way to thaw a frozen turkey is in a refrigerator. Hall, who specializes in nutrition, food safety and produce safety, recommends placing the turkey in a pan on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator. The pan will help prevent cross contamination as the bird thaws.

"It is extremely dangerous to thaw meat at room temperature," Hall said. "The food temperature danger zone is from 40 to 140F. Thawing a turkey at room temperature would create a perfect environment for harmful bacteria to grow."

As a general guideline, people should plan for 24 hours of thawing in a refrigerator for every 5 pounds of turkey. For example, people would need to start thawing a 15-pound turkey at least three days before they plan to cook it.

Cook safely no matter the method

Roasting is an established method for cooking a turkey. However, in recent years, other methods have gained popularity. Hall said no matter which method people choose, they must cook a bird to the correct internal temperature.

"Turkeys must be cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit," Hall said. "To check the temperature, you need to have a food thermometer. Insert the thermometer into the thickest part of the turkey, either the breast or the thigh."

Turkey and dressing or stuffing are Thanksgiving staples. Television shows and movies often portray the dressing or stuffing being cooked inside the turkey cavity. However, Hall recommends cooking the dressing or stuffing in a separate pan. This will ensure that it is cooked to 165F.

"We understand that traditions can be challenging to break," Hall said. "So if you choose to cook the stuffing inside of the turkey, use a food thermometer to ensure the middle of the dressing has reached at least 165F."

A quick cooking alternative

For those who are cooking for a large group and are running out of oven space, Hall said they can use a pressure cooker to cook the turkey.



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While unconventional, this cooking method is a great way to infuse big flavors in a shorter amount of time. The size of the pressure cooker would determine the size of the turkey. Hall has a 6-quart pressure cooker that can hold up to a 10-pound turkey.

When using this method, Hall cuts the turkey in half, places it in the electric cooker and submerges it in chicken broth. She then adds celery, bell pepper, onion, poultry seasoning, garlic cloves, a little salt and pepper and sets the cooker on high for 50 minutes. "Oh, my goodness. It was absolutely amazing," Hall said. "It was so tender, flavored all the way through and far better than the one I cooked in the oven. Everyone raved over it."

More information

For more information on food safety, visit the Food Safety section of www.aces.edu or contact the food safety and quality agent serving your area.

Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council held its second November meeting at Cullman City Hall on Monday and approved a resolution to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Resolution No. 2025-08 authorizes the City to enter into an agreement with ALDOT to maintain a service road on Grape Street Northwest and a median storm pipe on Alabama Highway 157.

Councilman Clint Hollingsworth was also happy to report that this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt is set to open Thursday night. "Everybody has been working really hard across the street and Thursday night will be our first night to open up the Christkindlmarkt and we'll have the German tree lighting that night," Hollingsworth said. "Then Friday night will be our parade and Christmas tree lighting. James Spann, Taylor Hicks and everyone that was there last year should be coming back so it'll be a fun-filled end of the week."

The Cullman City Council will hold its next meeting at Cullman City Hall on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Award (from Front)

to be the lead learner of a school full of educators who exhibit excellence every day in every way," East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris said.

"I am thankful to lead with teachers and staff to reach their individual potential as we continue to strive for excellence in the world of education.

"I also recognize that these achievements are made possible by the continued support of our community."

East Elementary's AMSTI Building Based Math Coach Courtney Speciale said the honor is a reflection of the hard work educators at the school have been doing in recent years to make sure all students are reaching their potential.

"One of the greatest ways we can care for students is to raise the bar," she said.

"I learned that if there is a gap in expectations, then there will be a disconnect and achievement will be limited.

"It is important that we believe that every child is capable of meeting their own personal goals one step at a time."

In addition to being recognized by the federal department of education, educators from Cullman had the opportunity to connect with some of the top education leaders from across the nation, sharing best practices and showcasing what has worked here in Alabama.

"Schools are buildings where dignity is manufactured.

"We boast a league of teachers who light the way to excellence by making the path clear for all learners by building relationships, setting high expectations, and operating with the ability to adjust to the needs of students within our community," Harris added.

"We close gaps, address deficits, and equip students with skills they need to be successful, productive citizens while they are under our care and supervision."

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 16-18

Shirley Faye Lolies, 85
Funeral Service for Shirley Faye Lolies, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jason Vinson officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Lolies passed away on Friday, Nov. 15 at her residence. She was born Jan. 15, 1939, to O.W. Baker and Dorothy Thornton. She was preceded in death by her parents; and two great grandchildren, Daniel and Cooper Terry. Survivors include her husband, Marvin Lolies; son, Charles Lolies; son, William (Pam) Lolies; son, Daniel (Angela) Lolies; brother, Ottis Merle Baker; brother, Bill (Charlotte) Baker; brother, Johnny (Janice) Baker; sister, Doris (Jackie) Mead; nine grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Janet Elsie Bloomfield, 89
Funeral Service for Janet Elsie Bloomfield, age 89, of Falkville, will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Terry Hudson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Bloomfield passed away on Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at Country Living, Falkville, Alabama. She was born Oct. 29, 1935, in Allentown, Pennsylvania to John Mitchell Williamson and Lillian Goldie Shower. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James Bloomfield; and brother, Bert Arnold Williamson. Survivors include her son, Dennis (Susan) Kuder; daughters, Deborah (Perry) Pulley, Denise (Randy) Olinger, Diane (Roberto) Gay, and Donna (Jimmy) Campbell; sisters Gloria Blackford and Darleen (Dale) Vinzant; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Debra Jean Self, 70
Debra Jean Self, age 70, of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at Summerford Health and Rehab in Falkville. Her family plans to have a Celebration of Life in honor of Debra, to be announced at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Debra was born in Flint, Michigan on Sept. 7, 1954, to Henry Lafayette Williams and Doris Walter Williams. She is preceded in death by her father, Henry Lafayette Williams. She is survived by her loving husband of fifty years, John Richard Self; her mother, Doris Walters Williams; one son, John Adam Self (Lauren); two daughters, Laura Wright (Fabiel Avila), and Rebecca Breland (Robert); one sister, Cheryl Martin (Larry); grandchildren, Jared Nicoll, Amber Hudson (Kelly), John Greyson Self, Henry Fielder Self, Amelia Grace Self, Savannah Doris Breland, and Samson Robert Breland; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. Debra is described by her family as a Godly, selfless, and giving mother to many children. She ran an orphanage in Brazil and used her kind, nurturing nature to do good for so many who had never known love. The impact and difference she made on the lives she has touched will be her legacy now and forever. She will be greatly missed. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Julie Hamilton, 48
Memorial Service for Julie Hamilton, age 48, of Cullman, will be at noon on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints; with graveside services at 2 p.m. at Welti Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Hamilton passed away on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2024, at her residence. She was born Dec. 27, 1975, to James Lewis Hamilton and Debra Kay Hamilton. She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister, Allyson Marie Cofield. Survivors include her brother, Brad Lewis Hamilton; brother, Anthony James (Howard Tucker Hallmark) Hamilton; niece, Bethany Kay Cofield; nephew, Colyn Lewis Cofield; nephew, Owen David James Hamilton; niece, Adeline Faith Hamilton; and great nephew, Bentley James Cofield.

Sandra Gail Reeves, 78
Sandra Gail Reeves, age 78, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024. Sandra was born in Vinemont to Era Nell Lee White and William White. Sandra is survived by her daughter Carlotta Roberts (Kevin); her sons Mark Reeves (Candy), and Luke Reeves (Miranda); her daughter-in-law April Reeves; her sister Twila Thorn (Tony) and her brother Steve White (Delsie); her grandkids Matthew Reeves (Nikki), Brittany Ray (Levi), Sadie Reeves, Miranda Roberts (Jacob Wilson), Austin Richardson (Sky Thomas), Faith Richardson, Tyler Greer (Martin), and her great grandkids Brooklyn Reeves, Cerity Wilson, Logan Wilson, Calvin Ray and Derek Reeves. Sandra was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth Reeves; her father William White and her mother Era Nell Lee White. A visitation for Sandra will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 from noon to 2 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 2 p.m. Sandra will be laid to rest in New Hope North Cemetery, Falkville, Alabama.

Debra Loraine Sims, 70
Debra Loraine Sims, 70, of Vega, Texas passed away on Nov. 16, 2024. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024, at Memorial Park Cemetery at Vega. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors. Debra was born in Michigan on Oct. 12, 1954, to Lena L. (Nix) and Hurchel St Campbell. She was raised in Cullman, Alabama for many years, she later moved to Amarillo, Texas, and then to Vega, Texas. She worked as a nurse for over 30 years. Debra will be greatly missed by her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lena and Hurchel Campbell; her son, Christopher Willingham; and her sister, Barbara Margle. She is survived by her ex-husband, David Sims and his wife Cordia; and step-children, Daniel P. Sims, Virgilia Woodard, Veronica Sims, Quinton Sims, and Madison Matson. Sign the online guestbook at www.boxwellbrothers.com.

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