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James Spann special guest at Holly Pond senior brunch

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Members of the Holly Pond Senior Center had a special guest for brunch on Monday, Nov. 25, when ABC 33/40 Chief Meteorologist James Spann stopped by to enjoy Thanksgiving treats and share a message.

Annette Munger and Perry Tucker from R.E. Garrison, which provided the brunch for the seniors, spoke about the special relationship the company has with Holly Pond's seniors.

"We met them through the (Cullman County) Commission on Aging when we started sponsoring them. They have just become our special people," said Munger.

Added Tucker, "We really enjoy getting to come out here. They are a very lively and great bunch of people. They are very encouraging, just as Mr. Spann talked about. This bunch really lives that out. They are very encouraging to everyone."

The seniors ate brunch as they listened to Spann speak about giving during the holidays.

"We are here to help other people. Typically, it's just a few people - one or two within your » PAGE 2


CECILY CANNON

Left to right are Kathy Horton Kilgo, Jackie Horton and James Spann.

Christkindlmarkt a celebration of German roots



JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Serving up schnitzel are, left to right, Emilda Wahl, Dylan White, Emma Kyle, Aiden Ross and Glen Alsworth.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Is it your dream to experience a German Christmas wonderland? Then the Cullman Christkindlmarkt is the place for you.

Characters such as bouncing elves and the Grinch roam around the market. The aroma of German food fills the air. Christmas music can be heard throughout the market as musicians stroll around and play instruments such as the hurdy-gurdy. A live band also plays toward the back of the market. Attractions for all ages include ice skating, tubing slides, a tree ride for toddlers and a Ferris wheel. An indoor setting for Santa pictures is provided. If the cold weather scares you away, there are warming stations throughout the market. Craft, toy and clothing vendors are available for Christmas shopping or souvenirs. The beautifully decorated Christmas market is full of lights and wonder.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson shared, "We have something for everyone. The ice-skating rink is the largest in the state of Alabama. The Ferris wheel is also the largest in the state of Alabama. It can hold up to 144 people at a time. A family of six can sit together in one gondola. Who has seen Cullman from that height unless you are in a helicopter? The spinner Christmas tree in the back is for the toddlers. We have a Winterbahn, which is a tubing slide. The Kinderplatz is like stepping into the North Pole. You have Sant Nicolus, Mrs. Claus and Buddy the Elf. You can write letters to Santa, do crafts in the workshop and get your picture made with Santa."

"We have authentic German food vendors, wonder craft vendors and clothing vendors," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs. "Not to sound bad, but you must be good to be here, because the crowds that we get we want authen- » PAGE 2

Cullman Tractor Supply bringing Christmas cheer with day of community events – Dec. 7

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Mail a letter to Santa!



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Need to get a letter to the North Pole? Santa's mailbox is posted at Vinemont Town Hall until Dec. 15. Children who send letters will receive a response from Santa by mail. Vinemont Town Hall is located at 36 Patton Drive in Vinemont. Double Doodle Blitz recently made a trip to Santa's mailbox.

Christmas cheer


KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUN

Scenes from the annual Christmas tree lighting at Depot Park on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, include the Grinch on stage, the brilliantly lit tree and the fireworks that capped off the spectacular family friendly event.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 25, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 21
- fraud; CR 497
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S
- vicious animal; CR 601
- vicious animal; CR 653

Nov. 22
- violation protection order; domestic violence; CR 497
- striking unoccupied vehicle; Chad Dr.

Nov. 23
- theft; Schwaiger Rd.
- burglary; Colony Rd.
- theft; CR 222
- criminal mischief; CR 628
- domestic violence; CR 628
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278E

Nov. 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 31
- assault; reckless endangerment; CR 643
- domestic violence; CR 222
- harassment; CR 813
- theft; CR 1194
- harassment; CR 643
- domestic violence; Fairpark Ct.

ARRESTS

Nov. 21-24

Allaire Jr., Richard L.; 65
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION – burglary-non-residence-no force

Cruce, Caleb E.; 21
- PROBATION VIOLATION – obstructing justice using a false identity
- PROBATION VIOLATION – receiving stolen property

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 43
- DUI (controlled substance)

Graham, Asia R.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – promote prison contraband
- PROBATION VIOLATION – drug trafficking (2 counts)

Hayden, James K.; 36
- DUI (alcohol)

Lamb, Elizabeth D.; 40
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Mikel, James W.; 24
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-force

Needham, Jason M.; 44
- Assault-domestic-harassment-family

Panter, Ryan D.; 38
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Parson, Jordan N.; 23
- smuggling – promote prison contraband (other)
- PROBATION VIOLATION – receiving stolen property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-aggravated assault-a to m attempt to commit crime
- PROBATION VIOLATION – rape-strong arm

Pitt Jr., Mark C.; 40
- FTA – driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Romanok, Makayla M.; 18
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree - criminal mischief-3rd degree

Scott, John P.; 30
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Sherman, Jason J.; 38
- FTA – auto theft

Smith, Timothy M.; 38
- forgery-counterfeiting (2 counts)

Stewart, Mary E.; 39
- public intoxication

Stites, Aaron A.; 30
- PLEA AGREEMENT – domestic violence-1st degree

Sutton, Felicia L.; 37
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA – forgery-forged instrument
- FTA – forgery-possessing forgery device/tools

Westbrook, Leah D.; 33
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft-miscellaneous, less than $500 (3 counts)
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – forgery-counterfeiting (6 counts)
- BAIL JUMPING 2 – theft-miscellaneous (2 counts)

Williams, Larry N.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 18
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $773; Hwy. 157

Nov. 19
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $23; Olive St. SW

Nov. 22
- counterfeit $20's; State of Alabama; Hwy. 278W
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; cash; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Wishing Well Dr. NE
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $142; Olive St. SW
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 2nd Ave. SW / King Edward St.

Nov. 23
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-4th degree; La Quinta Inn & Suites; cash; St. Joseph Dr. NW
- identity theft; person
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '14 Toyota; $540; Cullman Shopping Center
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $86; Olive St. SW
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Main Ave. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Hwy. 278E

ARRESTS

Nov. 22-24

Engel, Alfred F. Jr.; 72
- theft of property-4th degree

Yeager, Steve D.; 26
- driving under the influence
- harassment

Gomez, Carlos V.; 19
- public intoxication
- minor in possession/consumption of alcohol

Whisman, Paul C.; 44
- criminal trespass-1st degree
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Golden, Kate M.; 30
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Keplinger, Jeramy B.; 23
- public intoxication
- obstructing government operations

Baker, Stanley A.; 39
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Grant, Jonica B.; 28
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fuller, Cregary A.; 48
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - reckless driving

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Cullman Christian School holding 'Feed the Need' event and serve day

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Christian School will be holding a "Feed the Need" event and serve day on Tuesday, Nov. 26, packing 10,000 meals, as well as volunteering in the community.

"We will be packing 8,500 meals for a mission project in Bangladesh, 1,500 meals for local food banks in the Cullman area, as well as sending students to physically serve at The Link of Cullman County, Cullman Caring for Kids and Northbrook Caring Center," said Cullman Christian School Director of Development Ory Hampton.

Sponsors include Alabama Institute for Sleep Health, I-Core Composites LLC, Performance Refrigeration, Inc., Yarco Construction, Graves Auto Service, Inc., Valley Stockyard-Moulton, Broken Road Whitetails, Listerhill Credit Union, Live Haul Products Inc., Northbrook Baptist Church, Traditions Bank - Cullman, Traditions Bank - Hanceville, Hodge Mechanical Services LLC, Hunter Cattle Company, Newman's Tree Service, Cullman Furniture Market, Farmers Poultry Supply Inc, Knight-Free Insurance Agency, Lee's Veterinary Hospital, Michael W. Waters CPA LLC, Nikki Ayers Photography, Sawyer Chiropractic, Shannon D. Green D.M.D. PC, Sunrise Manor INC and West Point Family Medical Practice LLC.

Look for more information at www.facebook.com/ccsedu and www.cullmanchristian.org.



FACEBOOK/CULLMAN CHRISTAN SCHOOL

Cullman Christian School Upper School Counselor Amanda Yearwood and Head of Schools Heith Yearwood are seen in a shot from a video the school posted to its Facebook page. View it at www.facebook.com/ccsedu.

More than 30 inducted into Wallace State Phi Theta Kappa Alpha Chi Tau Chapter

Special to The Cullman Tribune

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Alpha Chi Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society welcomed more than 30 new members for the Fall 2024 semester. The organization held an induction ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 19, to welcome new members.

Phi Theta Kappa is the official honor society for two-year colleges and has been recognized as such by the American Association of Community Colleges since 1929.

"Joining Phi Theta Kappa offers a range of benefits that can help students excel both academically and professionally," said Will Hasenbein, English instructor and co-sponsor of PTK. "Members gain access to exclusive scholarships, leadership development programs, career preparation tools and networking opportunities with fellow scholars and professionals."

The Alpha Chi Tau Chapter at Wallace State has been active since 1992, with thousands of students enjoying its benefits since then. Students are invited to join PTK if they meet the criteria of having completed at least 12 hours at Wallace State with a cumulative GPA of 3.5.

Wallace State students inducted as PTK members include:
- Addison: David Tuggle, Haven Lackey
- Arab: Katelyn Kinney, Makayla Murray, Maggie Tidwell
- Birmingham: Annie Cheatwood
- Boaz: Pamela Tidmore
- Bremen: Hayley McMurrey
- Center Point: Laporsha Foster
- Cleveland: Braden Turner
- Crane Hill: Breanna Briscoe
- Cullman: Jared Gaskin, Natasha Osborn, Cody Smith, Jorja Stewart, Cannon Trimble, Ashley Uptagrafft, Jonathan Zepeda Trejo
- Falkville: Abbey Grace Tomlin
- Guntersville: Philip Boozer
- Hanceville: Shannon Edwards, Jennifer Haddock, Sarah Jones
- Hartselle: Emily King
- Hayden: Anna Jones
- Huntsville: Dorothy Brown, Sarah McCullar
- Oneonta: Aliyah Heflin, Narcie Smith
- Pinson: Miranda Knight
- Vinemont: Olivia Glass
- Cullman: Sophia Jones
- Columbia, S.C.: Christina Perez

Along with inducting new members, the organization installed new officers. New officers include:
- President: Karley Cain, Jasper
- Vice President of Scholarship: Zachariah Beauregard, Hartselle
- Vice President of Service: Lily Hastings, Cullman
- Vice President of Leadership: Rebecca Avalos, Remlap

Newly inducted officers for the Wallace State Community College Alpha Chi Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa are from left, Zachariah Beauregard, Rebecca Avalos, Lilly Hastings, Rilee Shareck, Karley Cain. (Wallace State)

Also noted during the ceremony was the organization's annual college project, which is a collaboration between the organization and the college administration.

This year, the college project is a food drive to benefit the Lions' Kitchen.

"We began the food drive on Oct. 24 and will complete the project on Nov. 22, which is just in time to donate the food in time for students who may be in need of a holiday meal," said co-sponsor and English instructor Jessica Robbins.

Robbins also noted the organization's Honors in Action project for the year, which had the organization partnering with the Sigma Kappa Delta English Honor Society to read to local elementary schools.

"The act of sharing stories with others and working to build community outside the walls of the college can certainly cause a positive impact over the course of time," Robbins said. "This is precisely what the Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action project aims to do."

Spann (from Front)

means. It has nothing to do with money or resources. It has to do with your heart and your willingness to give your time," said Spann. "As we get into Thanksgiving week y'all look for someone you can help this week."

The seniors enjoyed a time of fellowship during the brunch, and many got their pictures made with Spann.

Christkindlmarkt (from Front)

tic-type things that we are selling here."

Vendor Cody Wolfson said, "I own seven food booths here. Our main one is the pretzels, and we make our dough on-site. We twist the pretzels right in front of you and they get baked. Some of the other booths we have are the bratwurst and pancake house with three different types of brats. We have a waffle house that makes authentic Belgian waffles with fruit and whipped cream toppings. We have a raclette, which is melted cheese directly onto a sandwich. We have a pizza house with pepperoni and cheese and a traditional German Flammkuchen pizza. We have crepes, which is made in front of you. You can get sweet or savory.

"We have our German schnitzel house. It has thinly sliced chicken or pork with sides such as spiral chips."

Other booths offer alcoholic beverages such as German beer and wine, spiced cider and hot chocolate. German desserts and nuts are available and much more.

The Christkindlmarkt at Cullman's Depot Park is open through 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.

Cullman Tractor Supply bringing Christmas cheer with day of community events – Dec. 7

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Tractor Supply is bringing the holiday cheer with a trio of events on Saturday, Dec. 7, with the day beginning at 9 a.m. The event is free to all attendees and will include photos with Santa for the family, a Christmas ornament craft event for younger customers and a farmers market packed with homemade goods. Cullman County 4-H will also be in attendance from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Starting at 9 and running until 2, attendees can browse the farmers market featuring locally grown produce, homemade crafts and baked goods, as well as other seasonal products from area vendors. Participating vendors will set up in a tented space near the storefront.

"This is a great opportunity for members of our community to support local farmers while also getting to enjoy deliciously fresh food," said Seth Johnson, manager of the Cullman Tractor Supply store.

"As a company, we believe in fostering community relationships while supporting the rural lifestyle, and this event allows us to do just that."

From 10-2, a local photographer will be on-site to capture Christmas-themed photos of Santa's Little Helpers, including children and pets.

The first 25 customers to participate will receive a complimentary magnetic picture frame.

"At Tractor Supply, we welcome families with open arms," added Johnson. "This is one of many children- and pet-friendly events held throughout the year to show our appreciation for our loyal customers and their loved ones."

Lastly, young attendees can get creative with a Christmas ornament craft session from 10-2. Children will have the opportunity to decorate Christmas ornaments with stickers and other colorful materials.

Supplies are limited, so families are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy this interactive Christmas activity.

Cullman Tractor Supply is located at 1731 Second Ave. SW. For more information, contact Cullman Tractor Supply at 256-775-4445.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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. 27 - Classes canceled
• Friday, Nov. 29 - 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, Dec. 1 - 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. 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
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Fairview Lions Club Turkey Shoot
Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day, at 7 a.m. at Clinton Barbee Park (old pool field) on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Shots are $5 each for turkeys, hams and bacon. We will also be drawing for an Old Henry Golden Boy 22 and a case to be given away that day. Tickets are available at the shoot with six tickets for $5 or $1 each. Bring your favorite gun as shells are provided. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information, contact Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

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
• Seniors - $8
• Military/Veterans/First responders - $7
• Teens (13-17) - $8
• Children (5-12) - $7
• Children 4 and younger - free
• Wagon rides on Dec. 13-14 - $5
• Kids' rides on Dec. 13,-14 - $3

Northbrook Baptist Church Holly Jolly Palooza
Wednesday, Dec. 4, starting at 6 p.m. This free event will include Christmas cookie decorating, carriage rides and a snow experience that guarantees a white Christmas no matter the weather. Funnel cakes, hot chocolate and apple cider will also be available for everyone to enjoy. New this year, the event will include an outdoor movie and bonfire space designed for youth. 3691 Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman.

4th Annual Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancakes with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 7, 7-10 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, 3309 U.S. Highway 278. Breakfast plates and meetings with Santa are for donation only; however, the department encourages the whole community to fellowship and enjoy this fun event, regardless of ability to contribute. The breakfast will also feature a drive-through and all proceeds will benefit the department's Christmas program, serving local children in their service area.

Jones Chapel Merry Market Vendor and Craft Show
Saturday, Dec. 7, at 9 a.m. Old Jones Chapel School, 192 County Road 940. The Merry Market is a collective of Christmas goods and gifts, conveniently located in one space.

35th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at noon, starting at Wallace State and traveling down U.S. Highway 31 to the fire station west of Hanceville City Hall. Get more information at www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan.

Cullman Ballet Theatre School Presents "The Nutcracker"
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Hartselle High School, 1000 Bethel Road. Cullman Ballet Theatre School will present its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at Hartselle High School. Get tickets online at www.cullmanballettheatre.com.

Cullman Chapter of The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Dec. 9, at The Golden Corral Restaurant. Our program will be our Christmas "dirty Santa" $10-$15 gift exchange. Dutch lunch prior to meeting, which begins at noon. Members and nonmembers welcome. This meeting will be our last meeting until April 2025. More info 256-708-5326.

South Vinemont Free Senior Citizen Christmas Fellowship Event
Monday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vinemont Community Center. Local seniors are welcome to attend and enjoy lunch and activities. There will be a pie/cake competition, with the winner receiving a $25 Walmart gift card. 88 Ridgeway St.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs collect wins over Meek

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After splitting their games at Oneonta Thursday, the Hanceville Bulldogs returned home on Friday night to take on the Meek Tigers and Bulldog squads collected wins. In the girls' game, Hanceville was able to pull away in the second half to defeat Meek 42-28 and in the boys' game, the Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead and never gave it up, rolling to a 62-41 win over the Tigers.

Hanceville 42 - Meek 28 (Varsity Girls)

A quick basket by Aaliyah Twitty put Hanceville on the scoreboard first, then she later drilled a three from the left wing to give them an early 5-1 lead. Mckenzie Aaron added a layup, and Piper Butts put in a pair from the line to make it 9-1, but Meek finished the quarter on a 7-1 run to cut it to 10-8 going into the second period.

Alex Twitty put in a basket to start the second quarter, and Aaron drilled a long jumper to make it 14-8. Aaliyah Twitty scored five straight points to increase the Lady Bulldog lead to 19-10. Kynzlee Farr hit a long-range shot and Aaron put in a shot to push their lead to 24-10, but the Lady Tigers made a late push to trim it to 24-17 at the half.

Meek cut it to 24-19 to start the third period, but a pair of free throws by Alex Twitty and a rebound and putback by Aaliyah Twitty made it 28-19. A pair of late baskets by Kerrigon Moore and a free throw by Madeline Watwood gave Hanceville a 33-21 lead going into the final quarter.

Baskets by Aaliyah Twitty and Moore pushed their lead to 37-21, and five straight points by Alex Twitty made it 42-25. Hanceville would go on to defeat Meek, 42-28, to improve to 3-2 on the season.

Aaliyah Twitty finished with 15 points for Hanceville. Alex Twitty added nine and Moore and Aaron each posted six.

Hanceville 62 - Meek 41 (Varsity Boys)

Hanceville started out the game really strong, as four straight points by Peyton Twilley, and a three by Drake Bentley from the right corner, gave them a quick 7-0 lead. A floater by Samuel Abney, and a basket by Ashton Hurst, pushed the Bulldog lead to 11-3. Gabriel Ognilla put in a layup, and Twilley drilled a trey from the right wing to make it a 17-6 game going into the second quarter.

Baskets by Abney and Bentley gave Hanceville a 21-8 lead early in the second period.



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Drake Bentley led the Bulldogs with 13 points in their 62-41 win over Meek Friday night.

Meek cut it to 22-11, but Hurst drilled a three from the top of the key to make it 25-11. Abney added a rebound and putback, and Ognilla knocked down a three from the right corner to give the Bulldogs a 30-17 lead at the half.

The Tigers cut it to 30-20 to start the third quarter, but Abney got fouled after hitting a three. He drilled the free throw to make it 34-20, then he collected a steal and found Bentley down low for a basket, plus the foul.

Bentley drilled the free throw to quickly swell the Bulldog lead to 37-20. Threes by Kingsley Brown and Ognilla made it a 46-31 game late in the third. Hurst put in a basket, Ognilla hit a layup after forcing a turnover, and Brown knocked down a floater to give Hanceville a 54-35 lead going into the final period.

Dalton Pirkle threw down a dunk in the fourth quarter, and Brodie Brenner and Twilley each added baskets as well, as Hanceville ended up defeating Meek, 62-41, to improve to 2-3 on the season.

Bentley led the way for the Bulldogs with 13 points. Twilley added 11 points. Ognilla and Abney posted 10 points, and Hurst finished with eight points.

The Bulldogs will now turn their attention to the upcoming Hanceville Thanksgiving Tournament beginning on Monday.

Auburn topples No. 15 Texas A&M 43-41 in 4OT

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – Jarquez Hunter scored three touchdowns, Payton Thorne hit KeAndre Lambert-Smith for the go-ahead 2-point conversion and the Tigers' defense forced a game-winning incompletion to give Auburn a wild 43-41 four-overtime victory over No. 15 Texas A&M Saturday at sold-out Jordan-Hare Stadium.

"Our kids have fought all year," Auburn coach Hugh Freeze said. "Give (Texas A&M) credit for coming back but give our kids credit. I'm ecstatic that our seniors get to go out with their last game in Jordan-Hare being a win like this."

After Texas A&M scored a touchdown on the first overtime possession, Hunter forced a second overtime with his third TD, a 2-yarder, tying the score at 38-38 after Ian Vachon's extra point.

In his final home game, Hunter ran for 130 yards on 28 carries, adding 23 receiving yards on four catches.

Auburn took a 41-38 lead in the second overtime on Vachon's 41-yard field goal before Texas A&M's Randy Bond forced a third extra period with a 42-yarder.

Both teams failed to convert their 2-point conversion attempts in the third overtime. Auburn went first in the fourth OT, with Thorne hitting a leaping Lambert-Smith in the end zone to put the Tigers ahead.

"Payton threw a great ball that gave (Lambert-Smith) a chance to make a play," Freeze said.

With Texas A&M quarterback Marcel Reed lined up at receiver, the Aggies attempted a game-tying reverse pass, but it fell incomplete, and the Auburn fans celebrated long into the night.

Trailing 31-28 with 2:33 to play in regulation at their own 15-yard line, Auburn drove 74 yards in 15 plays, tying the score at 31-31 with 5 seconds remaining in regulation on Vachon's 29-yard field goal.

"I couldn't be happier for him," Freeze said of Vachon. "He's got something to him inside of his makeup for sure and I'm proud for him."

To set up Vachon's clutch kick, Thorne rushed up the middle for 23 yards on fourth-and-3 to Texas A&M's 40-yard line. Hunter then gained 22 yards on back-to-back runs to position the Tigers for Vachon's field goal.

"We continued to answer, and our two-minute drive was pretty efficient," Freeze said. "I thought Payton laid it on the line for our team tonight as did the other seniors."

Tied 21-21 late in the third quarter, Auburn's defense delivered a three-and-out, forcing a punt that Malcolm Simmons returned 13 yards to the Tigers' 45-yard line.

Thorne threw deep to Lambert-Smith, who made a sensational catch for a 44-yard gain to Texas A&M's 11-yard line. Hunter rushed for 10 yards on the next play and scored two plays later on a 1-yard run to give Auburn a 28-21 lead with 2:27 remaining in the third quarter.

On the second play of the fourth quarter, Texas A&M intercepted a pass at the Tigers' 15-yard line, but Auburn's defense forced a field goal that trimmed the Tigers' lead to 28-24 with 12:47 to play.

Auburn stopped Texas A&M on fourth-and-6 to give the Tigers' possession at their own 41 with 9:56 remaining but Auburn failed to make a first down and had to punt.

The Aggies gained 36 yards on Reed's pass on third-and-14, then took their first lead of the game on Amari Daniels' 8-yard touchdown run with 4:01 to play to cap an 80-yard drive.

Auburn scored on the game's opening possession with Coleman's 31-yard reception setting up Hunter's 2-yard touchdown run after Hunter twice converted on third downs.

Texas A&M missed a 53-yard field goal attempt and Auburn scored one play later on Thorne's 63-yard touchdown pass to Coleman, who outran two Aggie defensive backs to get open down the middle for a 14-0 Auburn lead midway through the first quarter.

Thorne completed 19 of 31 passes for 301 yards and two touchdowns. Coleman made seven receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Lambert-Smith made two catches for 104 yards.

Texas A&M drove to Auburn's 25-yard line but Jerrin Thompson intercepted Marcel Reed's pass at the Tigers' 12.

Thompson led Auburn with 11 tackles while Jalen McLeod added 10, including a sack and two tackles for loss.

Auburn needed only six plays to drive 88 yards, converting on third-and-7 with Thorne's 12-yard pass to Hunter. Thorne and Lambert-Smith connected for a 60-yard reception to the Aggies' 15-yard line.

From there, Thorne faked a handoff to Hunter that tricked Texas A&M's defense long enough for Coleman to race by for a wide-open 15-yard touchdown catch that gave Auburn a 21-0 lead two minutes into the second quarter.

"Jumping out on them was pretty impressive but you knew they were going to make a run," Freeze said. "Nobody has really stopped them from scoring points."

Texas A&M drove 75 yards in 15 plays, consuming nearly nine minutes and scoring on a 1-yard rush that cut Auburn's lead to 21-7 at the half.

The Aggies scored on the opening possession of the third quarter, driving 76 yards in 10 plays and scoring on Reed's 14-yard touchdown pass to Noah Thomas.

After Auburn went three-and-out, Reed hit Thomas again for a 73-yard touchdown pass, a one-play drive that tied the score at 21-21 midway through the third quarter, giving the Aggies 14 points in fewer than 90 seconds.

Auburn (5-6, 2-5) concludes the regular season next Saturday against Alabama in the Iron Bowl in Tuscaloosa at 2:30 p.m. CT on ABC and the Auburn Sports Network.

"They've got an excellent team and excellent staff," Freeze said. "Our kids have continued to plan, prepare and fight, and they'll do the same next week."







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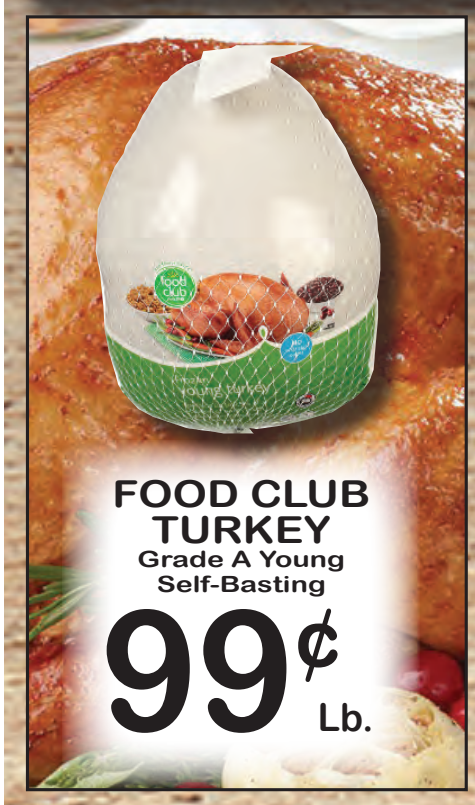
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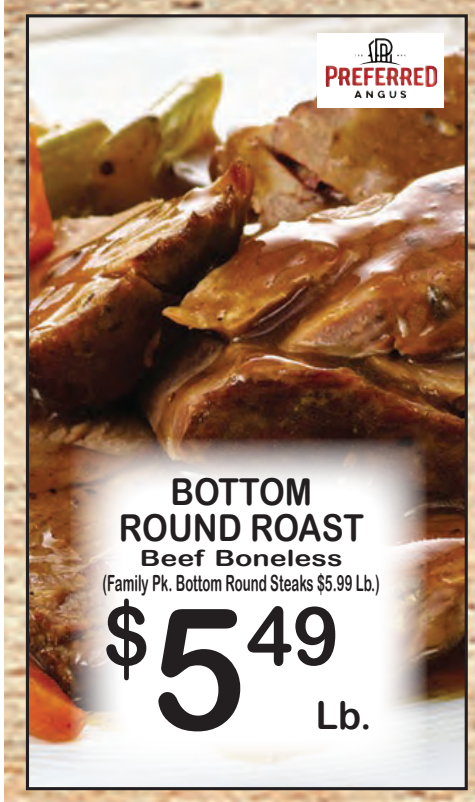
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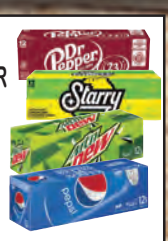


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ALDOT: Drive safely during Thanksgiving holiday

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Travelers on Alabama's roadways can expect higher traffic volumes as the holiday season begins. For the safety of the traveling public, construction industry workers and maintenance crews, the Alabama Department of Transportation will have no temporary lane closures from Wednesday, Nov. 27, at noon through Sunday, Dec. 1, at 11:59 p.m.

Throughout the year, ALDOT limits road construction during major holidays. Emergency lane closures may be possible, depending on specific circumstances on interstates and other state roadways.

"Thanksgiving is one of the most traveled holidays, and we know everyone is eager to get to their celebrations," says Allison Green, Drive Safe Alabama coordinator. "By pausing road work, ALDOT is making it easier to keep traffic moving. We ask drivers to do their part too – stay focused on the road and limit distractions."

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Designating a sober driver before drinking is key to preventing deadly crashes.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is working with multiple local law enforcement agencies across the state to make sure everyone stays safe on the roads throughout the week of Thanksgiving. Whether driving cross country or just across town to celebrate the holiday, remember to buckle up. Every trip. Every time.

Through Sunday, Dec. 1, ALEA Troopers will conduct high-visibility enforcement details such as driver license checkpoints and Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) operations. Specialized details for the Thanksgiving holiday will include targeting high-crash areas along busy corridors and partnerships with local law enforcement agencies for driver license checkpoints, all in an effort to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Effective coordination among law enforcement agencies is crucial for the safety of citizens and visitors across all of our communities. We work with our local partners throughout the year, every year, however, these efforts are especially important during high-traffic periods such as the Thanksgiving holiday. We are thankful for all local law enforcement agencies as our shared goal is to reduce tragedies and save lives."

ALEA's Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer agreed and said, "The Thanksgiving holiday marks the beginning of a cherished time of year. Tragically, many Alabama families experience loss due to preventable motor vehicle accidents caused by impaired driving, speeding, and failure to wear seat belts."

In addition to being required by law, buckling up is the best defense against injury or death in a crash. According to data compiled by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend in 2022 (6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, to 5:59 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28), there were 326 passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes across the nation, and 43% (141) were unrestrained.

Not wearing a seat belt proved to be deadly at any time of the day during the holiday weekend: 47% of those killed in nighttime crashes were unbuckled, and 38% of those killed in daytime crashes also were unbuckled. These deaths represent needless tragedies for families across America and may have been prevented with the simple click of a seat belt.

"No matter how long or short your drive, it's critical that drivers and passengers buckle up. Every trip. Every time. We want everyone to have a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Please, make sure everyone in your vehicle is buckled before you ever turn on the car — and that includes children being in the correct car seats, too," continued Colonel Archer.

Seat belts are the best defense against impaired, aggressive, and distracted drivers. Being buckled up during a crash helps keep you safe and secure inside your vehicle.

Guidelines to buckle up safely:

1. The lap belt and shoulder belt are secured across the pelvis and rib cage, which are better able to withstand crash forces than other parts of your body.
2. Place the shoulder belt across the middle of your chest and away from your neck.
3. The lap belt rests across your hips, not your stomach.
4. Never put the shoulder belt behind your back or under an arm.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF *
KAREN FAYE GILBREATH, * CASE NO. PC2024-389
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP and AMENDED PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: KATHERINE BARTEE, MARSHALL LOUIS BARTEE, IV, AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship in the matter of Karen Faye Gilbreath, an incapacitated person, by Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, Petitioner, by and through Attorney J. Bradley Wilson, *Amended Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* by J. Bradley Wilson, Attorney for Petitioner, Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, has been scheduled for the **19th day of December, 2024, at 11:00 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 22nd day of November, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
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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.

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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Attorney for the Estate of
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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.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
KATHRYN ELIZABETH HOLLAND, * CASE NO PC 2024-381
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND CODICIL

TO: ROBERT HOLLAND, MICHELLE G. SMITH, ANDREW RAYMOND GREEN AND ANY OTHER NEXT-OF-KIN AND HEIRS OF KATHRYN ELIZABETH HOLLAND, DECEASED

Petition for Probate of Will and Codicil filed by Cynthia Holland, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith, has been filed with the Court. A hearing is scheduled on this matter for the 19th day of December, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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

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Alabama Trustees release Restoration Plan IV with $24.1M in coastal restoration projects

Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Restoration Plan IV with projects that address damages to Alabama's natural resources caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in 2010 has been approved by the Alabama Trustee Implementation Group of the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) program.

The final plan includes 11 potential coastal restoration projects. Alabama's Trustee Implementation Group selected seven of the projects for implementation that focus on the restoration of wetlands, coastal and nearshore habitats; nutrient reduction in specific coastal waterways; birds; oysters; and outdoor recreation access. A total of $24.1 million in restoration funding has been allocated for the seven projects.

Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and lead trustee for Alabama, said the final restoration plan is the result of years of hard work and dedication to the restoration of Coastal Alabama.

"I appreciate the work of Alabama Deepwater Horizon Coordinator Amy Hunter, her staff and the other NRDA Trustees for getting this plan across the finish line," said Blankenship. "The work that will be done through Restoration Plan IV will build on work that has occurred under previous restoration plans and will have a positive impact on Coastal Alabama."

Some of the projects to be implemented include the following:

• **Lower Perdido Islands Habitat Restoration – Phase II ($9,452,000)**
The habitats of the Lower Perdido Islands consist of emergent marsh, unconsolidated sandy shorelines, and forested uplands, as well as adjacent submerged aquatic vegetation. These unique habitats support a diverse array of wildlife, especially shorebirds, wading birds, and waterfowl. This project aims to restore valuable coastal island habitats in the Lower Perdido Bay that support a wide variety of plants and animals. Phase II also includes the restoration of approximately 23 acres of connected coastal habitat at Walker Island, including 5 acres of sub-tidal habitat, 13 acres of scrub-shrub habitat, 1 acre of marsh habitat, and 4 acres of unconsolidated beach habitat on Walker Island. This project is expected to benefit wetlands, coastal, and nearshore habitats and many species of shorebirds and waterbirds such as tricolor heron, reddish egret, little blue heron, snowy egret, white ibis, brown pelicans, great blue heron, great egret, clapper rail, and willet.

• **Puppy Creek – Juniper Creek-Big Creek Watersheds Nutrient Reduction ($1,520,900)**
The health of the Gulf of Mexico depends upon the health of its estuaries, and the health of those coastal waters is influenced by land uses in the watersheds of its tributaries. This watershed-scale project would restore water quality impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill by reducing runoff nutrients and sediments from surrounding cropland, grassland, forest, and urban sources in Gulf waters.

• **Stewardship of Coastal Alabama Beach Nesting Bird Habitat ($4,740,456)**
The Gulf Coast supports a wide variety of coastal bird species throughout the year by providing nesting grounds during the summer, a stopover for migrating species in the spring and fall, and wintering habitat for numerous species that breed elsewhere. This project aims to improve the status of beach nesting birds and expands upon previous shorebird restoration efforts to reduce human disturbance to and predation of nests and chicks to increase productivity of those species.

• **Improving Resilience for Oysters by Linking Brood Reefs and Sink Reefs ($2,800,000)**
This project aims to increase oyster abundance and resilience in Alabama waters by creating a network of brood and sink reefs over a range of habitats and salinities. The project is expected to have a wide range of benefits to nearshore and coastal marine resources. A healthy network of oyster reefs would restore the ecosystem services that oysters provide, including improved water quality through filtration, shoreline, and estuarine habitat protection through attenuation of wave energy, support recreational oyster harvesting, and provide food and habitat for reef-dwelling species of fish and shellfish and the species that prey upon them. This project builds on more than $7,000,000 in oyster restoration work that was approved by the NRDA Regionwide Trustee Implementation Group. Commissioner Blankenship represents Alabama on this group as well.

• **Oyster Grow-Out and Restoration Reef Placement ($1,369,827)**
This project will install up to 15 dense spawning aggregate structures over a 5-year period and include monitoring of those structures. Over the long term, if this project is successful, it would lead to the development of new restoration methods that would broadly benefit the health of Alabama's coastal and estuarine ecosystems. Oysters are an ecological keystone species, and successful restoration of oyster reefs through improved survivorship would provide habitat for a diversity of marine organisms, provide structure integrity to reduce shoreline erosion, and improve water quality.

Two Recreational Use projects were also approved.

The final restoration plan is the culmination of a year-long review of all projects analyzed in previous restoration plans developed by the Alabama and Regionwide Trustee Implementation Groups and by the Deepwater Horizon Trustees during early stages of coastal restoration efforts.



MICHAEL SANDOZ

Restoration Plan IV includes several restoration projects expected to benefit a variety of habitats and animals in Coastal Alabama, including the reddish egret – a species of high conservation concern.

The projects included in the final plan were chosen because of their potential to provide restoration benefits to Coastal Alabama if continued or expanded upon. Eleven preferred and non-preferred alternatives were included in the Draft Restoration Plan IV and Environmental Assessment, which was released for public review and comment in June 2024. During the public comment period, more than 3,500 comments in support of the projects in the plan were submitted. The final plan aims to partially compensate the public for injuries to natural resources and resource services in Coastal Alabama caused by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

A copy of the full report, "The Final Restoration Plan IV and Environmental Assessment: Wetlands, Coastal and Nearshore Habitats; Nutrient Reduction; Birds; Oysters; and Provide and Enhance Recreational Opportunities," can be found at https://gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/media/document/alabama-final-rp4.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 23-25

Kenneth Harris, 59
Memorial Service for Kenneth Harris, age 59 of Cullman, will be at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Larry Duke officiating; Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - noon on Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Harris passed away on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024. He was born Dec. 2, 1964, to James Ray Harris and Carolyn Newlon Perry. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather, Everett Perry; sister, Sandra Farr and other loved ones. Survivors include his wife, Cindy Harris; daughters, Cassandra Harris, Nichole Harris (Gregory) Ross, Brooklynn Harris, Melissa Prudhome, Krisytal Bailey and son, Richard Bailey, grandchildren, Devon Ford, Elijah Harris, Nicholas Prudhome, Kara Prudhome, Shelby Prudhome, Kendra Burney, Chase Bailey, Carson Bailey, Bryley Hughes; several great grandchildren, sisters, Trish Harris (Chris Reddin) and Stephanie Johnson; brother, Will Perry, mother of children, Jean Bailey and a host of nieces and nephews.

Stanley Dale Arendall, 69
Stanley Dale Arendall, age 69 of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 21, 2024, at his residence. He was born, Jan. 3, 1955, to Otis Felix Arendall and Felma Fay Little. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Little and Felma Little. Survivors include his wife, Laura Arendall; sons, Erik (Lisa) Arendall, Ricky Arendall and Derik Arendall; grandchildren, Austin Arendall, and Annika Arendall, nephews, Danny (Karen) Smith, and Michael Smith; great nephew, Miles Smith; and brother, Danny Arendall. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Ellen Jeanette Gibbs, 92
Ellen Jeanette Gibbs, age 92, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Nov. 21, 2024, at the Woodland Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare center. Born in Cullman to William Pearce Cox and Ethel Speakman Cox, she was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold E. Gibbs, son, Michael Edward Gibbs and brother, Robert A. " Bobby" Cox. Survivors include her son, Ronald L. Gibbs(DeAnne), brothers, Harold Cox(Anna Marie) and Bill "BJ" Cox(Mary Leigh) and sisters Shirley Bonner(Jerry) and Sue Cox Taylor, and numerous nephews and nieces. Jeanette was a secretary at Alabama Box Company for a number of years and was a member of the local chapter of the National Secretaries Association. After the company closing, she worked at the Walmart distribution center until her retirement. Jeanette was a lifelong member of 7th Street Baptist Church and in lieu of flowers the family requests that any donations be made to the church. Visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday November 25, 2024, with a service immediately following. The Reverend Parker Allen officiating. Interment will be held at Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for the Gibbs family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

GradyDarrellMcCroy,66
Funeral service for Grady Darrell McCroy, age 66, of Cullman, will be Monday, Nov. 25, 2024, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Speaking at the service will be Duffy Striker and Heath Grimes. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 11 a.m. - noon and interment will be at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Darrell was born on Jan. 11, 1958, Grady Ralph McCroy and Hurdline Johnson McCroy. He passed away on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his father, Ralph McCroy; one sister, April McCroy. He is survived by his mother, Hurdline McCroy; brothers, Larry McCroy (Dawn), Tim McCroy, and Rodney McCroy; sister, Kathy Daniel (Richard); nieces and nephews, Chris Striker (Kathryn), Duffy Striker (Amber), Sean Daniel (Ashley), Courtney Blair (Kristian), Brandon McCroy, Cody McCroy (Lindsay), Jesse McCroy, Justice McCroy, Kristian Grimes (Heath), Rodney McCroy, Jr.; fourteen great nieces and nephews; four great-great nieces and nephews; special friend, Vickie Sheets; a host of family and friends. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook

Charles D. Wynn, 73
Funeral Service for Charles D. Wynn, age 73 of Vinemont, was at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at Blair Congregational Methodist Church with Rev. Tim Holder and Rev. Tim Kelly officiating; burial at Blair Methodist Cemetery. Visitation was from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 24, 2024, at Blair Congregational Methodist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wynn went to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Cullman Regional surrounded by loving family and friends. He was born, Nov. 24, 1950, to Dallas Wynn and Joyce Wynn. He was preceded in death by his son, Rod Wynn; parents; sister, Katherine Shoemaker; brothers, Tom Wynn and Tony Wynn. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Gail Wynn; grandsons, Hayden Wynn and Houston Smith; daughter-in-law, Sunshine Smith-Wynn; brother, Keith Wynn; aunts, Myrl Wynn and Evelyn Wynn; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and friends. Pallbearers were Houston Smith, Hayden Wynn, Brian Wynn, Ken Wynn, Casey Wynn and Tim Dye.

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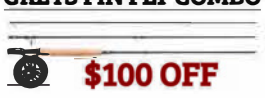
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