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Keep your pets safe this winter

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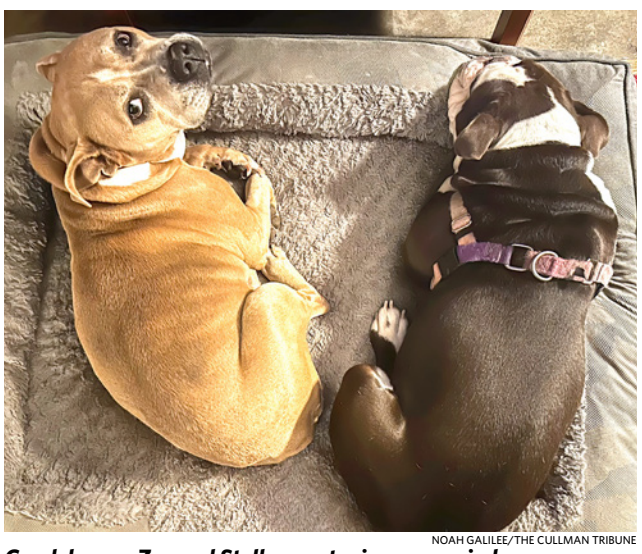
CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Animal Control asks that pet owners be responsible and take care of their animals all year, but especially during the cold winter months.

Director Rodney Banister said that fortunately, winter in our area doesn't last too long, but it's important to protect our pets during the season.

"Remember, if it's too cold for us, it's probably too cold for them," he said. "The minimum requirement by State of Alabama is that you have proper cold weather care for pets. Some suggestions include creating a shelter. If your pets primarily live outdoors, bring them indoors during particularly cold temperatures. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant to cold weather than people because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like people, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia. Longer-haired and thick-coated dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, are more tolerant of cold weather, but no pet should be left outside for long periods once temps reach freezing."

Once nighttime temperatures dip below freezing, your outdoor pets should have shelter, Banister said.

"Provide them with a dry, draft-free shelter » PAGE 7



NOAH GALILEE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good doggos Zoe and Stella are staying warms indoors.

City, County officially confirm Academy Sports + Outdoors coming to Cullman



JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The 55,000-square-foot Academy Sports + Outdoors franchise will be located at the corner of King Edward Street Southwest and CSX Railways behind Walgreens and Buffalo Wild Wings in King Edward Plaza.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Academy Sports + Outdoors is coming to Cullman's south side. The Tribune reported this news way back in June; however, the City of Cullman and Cullman County could not officially confirm the name of the store until this week.

The sporting goods store will be located at the corner of King Edward Street Southwest and CSX Railways behind Walgreens and Buffalo Wild Wings in King Edward Plaza. Back in June, the Cullman County Commission estimated the store would bring 70-80 employment opportunities.

On Tuesday, Nov. 26, Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons shared, "Think about what Academy Sports is going to do for Cullman County for generations to come. This is amazing. (Drinkard Development's) Jason (Grimmett) and I talked about this six months ago and I've been excited ever since. This is truly a blessing to be able to work with the City and all of our great leaders across the county.

"I won't have to go to Decatur anymore to buy my fishing stuff. We are firm believers of keeping our tax base right here in Cullman County, Alabama."

Bringing Academy to Cullman was a joint effort between the City of Cullman and Cullman County.

Said Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, "Everybody benefits when the City and the County work together. We all benefit no matter how you do that.

"No matter where you spend a dollar here in the county or the city of Cullman, everybody gets a little piece of it. That's why it's so important to work together on this."

Academy Sports + Outdoors is expected to open in Cullman in September 2025.

"Academy Sports + Outdoors is one of the nation's largest sporting goods and outdoor stores. With 298 stores and counting, we offer a broad assortment of quality hunting, fishing, and camping equipment and gear, along with sports and leisure products, footwear, apparel and much more." www.academy.com.



Hanceville Parks and Recreation hosting free movie night featuring 'The Grinch' Dec. 7

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Award-winning parade entries



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The Christkindlmarkt Parade winner for Best Character float was Complete Health.

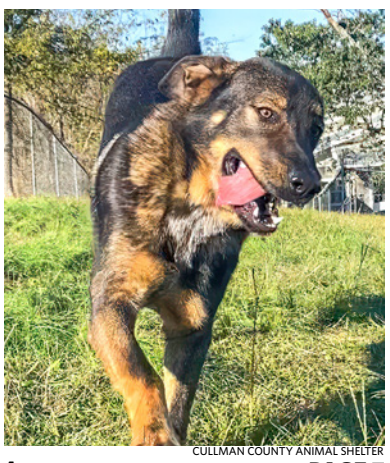
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Cullman Women Sing to present 'Sounds of the Season' Dec. 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 27

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 27, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 25

- theft from vehicle; CR 497
- criminal trespassing; CR 695
- possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of dangerous drugs; CR 1477
- leaving the scene of accident; CR 369
- theft; illegal use/possession of debit card; CR 236
- theft; CR 35

Nov. 26

- resisting arrest; Hwy. 69S
- permitting dogs to run at large; Boundary Ave.
- trespassing; illegal possession of debit/credit card; CR 430
- unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle; CR 712
- theft; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Nov. 25-26

Brice, Brittany L.; 36

- permitting dogs to run at large

Bryan, Staci L.; 47

- FTA – DUI
- FTA – interference with public safety communications
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- public intoxication

Horton, Hunter C.; 19

- assault-harassment (harassment/intimidation)
- reckless endangerment

Necklaus, Kayla B.; 32

- FTA – driving while license suspended

Smith, Timothy M.; 38

- retail theft-3rd degree
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Speegle, Jesse A.; 36

- Criminal trespass

Swann, Laura R.; 45

- FTA – public intoxication

Swope Jr., Michael D.; 39

- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Winston, Atoinnette M.; 28

- DUI

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 25

- theft of property-4th degree; forgery-3rd degree; person; jewelry; Harbison St. NE
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; person; damaged property; $1,000; 4th St. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; damage to '17 Chevrolet Tahoe; $400; Olive St. SW
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '19 Toyota Tacoma; $1,000; Olive St. SW

Nov. 26

- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; Ingram Farms; damaged property; $5,900; 1st Way NE
- unlawful breaking and entering of motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; pistol; $600

ARRESTS

Nov. 25

Christian, Kyle B.; 40

- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Baileyton Bargain Days
First Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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.
• Sunday-Friday, Dec. 1-6 - International evangelist and prophet Dr. Arvind D'Silva will lead revival services. Sunday, Dec. 1, at 11 a.m. and Monday-Friday, Dec. 2-6 , at 6 p.m.

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
• Through 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.

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/hanceville-civitan.

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.cullmanballetheatre.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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ACCS FORM 5-A

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at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference to be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 10:00 AM Central Time on site.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to Alabama Community College System 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.

Drawings and specifications may be examined at :
www.mckeeassoc.com; Project Bid List

Bid Documents may be obtained from the Architect (Engineer) upon deposit of $ 200.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first **2** sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bonafide 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.

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect (Engineer) 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 (Engineer); 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 judgement, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders race past Vinemont 75-32, Hanceville falls to Corner 60-47

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The 42nd annual Hanceville Thanksgiving Tournament resumed at Lane Horton Gymnasium Tuesday, and we wrapped up day two with a pair of local battles. Good Hope raced past Vinemont 75-32 to advance to the tournament finals and Hanceville's come from behind effort against Corner fell short, 60-47.

Good Hope 75 - Vinemont 32 (Varsity Boys)

Gavin Pace found his shooting stroke early for Good Hope, as he drilled a trio of treys to give them a quick 9-0 lead. E.J. Sharpe knocked down a floater, and Colton Gillis scored in the paint to put Vinemont on the board, as that cut it to 9-4. The Raiders continued their red-hot shooting from deep, as Pace, Jacob Haynes, and Tyler Cone each drilled a three to stretch Good Hope's lead to 18-4. Sharpe put one in from deep to cut the Eagle deficit to 11 at 18-7, but Tucker Malin scored in the paint to make it a 20-7 game going into the second period.

Will Conquest scored down low to cut it to 20-9, and later on, he added a rebound and putback to make it 23-11. A free throw by Cheston Wilhite cut it to 23-12, but it was all Raiders after that. Haynes banked in a floater, and Cone put in a shot in the paint to make it 27-12. Haynes ended up scoring the next eight points for Good Hope, and Pace drilled another long-range shot to swell their lead to 38-14. Haynes drained a three from the left corner, and the Raiders would take a commanding 41-16 lead into the locker room.

Gillis drained a three to make it a 41-19 game, but Kye McSwain answered right back with one of his own on the other end, and that shot started another big run for Good Hope. Two free throws and a three by Malin, and baskets by Dalton Patrick and McSwain gave Good Hope a 56-19 lead. Five points by Cone and Pace's sixth three of the game made it a 64-24 game going into the final quarter. The fourth was run under a hot clock, and Good Hope would go on to defeat Vinemont 75-32 to move on to the championship game.

Pace led the way for Good Hope (3-0) with 18 points. Haynes wasn't too far behind with 16 points. Cone put up 12 points, while Malin and McSwain each posted 10 points.

For Vinemont (3-4), Conquest and Gillis each finished with seven points and Sharpe added five points.

Corner 60 - Hanceville 47 (Varsity Boys)

A driving layup by Peyton Twilley put Hanceville on the scoreboard first, but five straight points by Corner gave them a 5-2 lead. The Yellow Jackets later made it 7-3, but a rebound and putback by Dalton Pirkle and a trey by Twilley gave the Bulldogs an 8-7 lead. A short jumper by Ashton Hurst kept Hanceville's lead at one at 10-9, but Corner scored the next seven points to get the lead right back at 16-10. Sam Abney put in a floater to make it a 16-12 game after one.

Drake Bentley drilled a pair from the line to cut it to 16-14 early in the second, but a 7-2 run by the Yellow Jackets gave them a 23-16 lead. Bentley drilled a three from the left wing to cut it to 23-19, but Corner once again went on another big run, as that increased their lead to 33-19. A basket by Pirkle made it a 33-21 game, but Hanceville would find themselves down, 35-23, at the half.

Hanceville came out a completely different team to start out the third quarter. Twilley drained a three from the top of the key, then he and Pirkle each scored a basket after grabbing an offensive rebound, as they cut it to 37-30. Bentley went coast-to-coast for a layup to make it a 37-32 game. Abney put in a three from the right corner, then a basket by Twilley, followed by a steal and a layup by Bentley, tied the game up at 39 with less than four minutes to go in the third period. Later in the quarter, Gabriel Ognilla scored through a foul and completed the three-point play from the free throw line to give the Bulldogs their first lead since the first quarter at 42-41.

Six straight points by the Yellow Jackets gave them a 47-42 lead, but a pair of free throws by Brodie Brenner made it a 47-44 game going into the final period. Corner quickly stretched their lead to 52-44 early in the fourth, but a basket by Brenner made it a six-point game. The Yellow Jackets took over after that and ended up defeating Hanceville 60-47.

Twilley and Bentley each finished with 12 points for the Bulldogs and Abney and Pirkle each added six points.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Jacob Haynes posted 16 points in the Raiders' 75-32 win over Vinemont Tuesday night.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Hanceville's Drake Bentley finished with 12 points in the Bulldogs' 60-47 loss to Corner Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Holly Pond, Cold Springs earn wins over Austin, Hackleburg

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Holly Pond Lady Broncos and Cold Springs Lady Eagles traveled to Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum on Monday for a pair of matchups with Austin and Hackleburg, respectively. Both teams came away victorious, with Holly Pond claiming a 54-47 win over Austin and Cold Springs riding a big second quarter to a 67-33 win over Hackleburg.

Holly Pond 52 - Austin 47 (Varsity Girls)

Driving layups by Madison Butts and Maggie Nail helped Holly Pond get out to a quick 4-0 lead, but Austin scored six straight points to take a 6-4 lead. Ava Thomas hit a tough basket in the paint, and Sadie Nail later added a basket of her own to give the Lady Broncos the lead right back at 8-6 late in the first quarter. Millie McBee knocked down a driving layup, and Alana Phillips' rebound and putback made it a 12-8 game, and Holly Pond would take a 12-10 lead into the second period.

Butts scored through a foul and drilled the free throw to make it 15-10. She then hit a driving layup to push the Lady Bronco lead to 17-10. Later in the second, Thomas drained a trey from the right wing, and Butts added a free throw to give Holly Pond a 21-13 lead with 4:38 remaining in the first half. A pair of baskets by the Lady Black Bears cut it to 23-19, but the Lady Broncos finished the first half strong. Maggie Nail split her free throws, Butts put in a driving layup, Blakely Baggett drilled a pair from the line, and Thomas knocked down a shot just before the buzzer to give them a 30-19 lead at the half.

Two quick baskets by Thomas stretched Holly Pond's lead to 34-20 early in the third period.

Austin trimmed it to 34-25, but another basket by Thomas, put a pair of Maggie Nail free throws, gave the Lady Broncos a 38-25 lead. Later in the third, Sadie Nail knocked down a basket in the paint, and Thomas added a pair of free throws and a basket of her own to put Holly Pond ahead, 44-31, after three.

Thomas continued her strong second half as she drilled a short jumper to make it 46-31, then a basket by McBee and another one by Thomas gave the Lady Broncos a 50-33 lead. A late run by the Lady Black Bears cut it to 52-42, but a rebound and putback by Butts made it a 54-42 game. The Lady Broncos would go on to knock off Austin 54-47 to extend their winning streak to four games.

Thomas finished with 21 points for Holly Pond (5-2) and Butts added 14 points.

Cold Springs 67 - Hackleburg 33 (Varsity Girls)

Ella Dickerson scored the first five points of the game for Cold Springs to give them the early lead, but Hackleburg cut it to 5-4. Dickerson scored through a foul and completed the three-point play from the free throw line to make it an 8-4 game. The Lady Panthers scored the next seven points to take an 11-8 lead late in the first quarter. Kaydance Williams and Dickerson each added baskets in the paint to give the Lady Eagles the lead right back at 12-11. Dickerson got fouled before the quarter ended, and she ended up hitting both free throws, as Cold Springs took a 14-13 lead into the second quarter.

The second quarter was the turning point of the game for the Lady Eagles. Kenady Graves put in a basket in the paint, then threes by Dickerson and Aleah Addison quickly stretched their lead to 22-13.

Dickerson continued her strong start to the game as she knocked down a basket in the paint and added a pair of free throws to make it 26-15. Williams knocked down a pair of baskets down low, and the lead swelled to 31-17. Hollyn Bruer scored four straight points, and Paizley Whitlow added a free throw, and Cold Springs took a commanding 36-19 lead into the locker room. The Lady Eagles outscored Hackleburg 22-6 in the second quarter.

Bruer knocked down a shot in the paint, and Dickerson added two more baskets to make it a 42-21 game in the third. Addison and Graves each drilled a three in the quarter, and that gave Cold Springs a 49-27 lead going into the final period.

Bruer scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter for Cold Springs to make it 56-31. Whitlow, Addison, and Baylee Perdue each added baskets of their own in the fourth, and the Lady Eagles ended up rolling past the Lady Panthers, 67-33.

Dickerson led the way for Cold Springs (4-1) with 23 points. Bruer added 16 points, Addison finished with 11 points and Williams posted seven.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ava Thomas posted 21 points in Holly Pond's 54-47 win over Austin at Wallace State on Monday.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ella Dickerson led Cold Springs with 23 points in the Eagles' 67-33 win over Hackleburg at Wallace State on Monday.

Parade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism this week announced the winners from this year's Christkindlmarkt Parade, which took place Friday, Nov. 22, in downtown Cullman.

Best Overall: Cullman Rotary Club



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Best Vehicle: Heavy Machines



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Best Character: Complete Health



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Best Spirit: Cullman Heat Elite



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Most Creative: Yutaka



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

DOJ: North Alabama communities, law enforcement agencies awarded more than $7.25M

Staff Reports
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The Department of Justice's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office and Bureau of Justice Assistance recently awarded $7,256,829 to local communities and law enforcement agencies across north Alabama for law enforcement technology and community-policing initiatives.

"Local law enforcement agencies and officers are the day-to-day superheroes in our communities who keep us safe," said United States Attorney Prim F. Escalona. "I am grateful to the Department of Justice's COPS Office and the Bureau of Justice Assistance for this much needed support in keeping our families and communities safe."

The recently announced awards were made through the various Department of Justice grant programs listed below:

COPS Office Community Policing Development Program

- The National Association of School Resource Officers was awarded $200,000 to provide school resource officer training

COPS Office Hiring Program

- The City of Jacksonville was awarded $125,000 to hire an additional officer
- The City of Pell City was awarded $219,850 to hire two additional officers

COPS Office Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Implementation Program

- The City of Hartselle was awarded $25,000

COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program

- The Winston County Board of Education was awarded $499,598

COPS Office Technology and Equipment Program

- The Cullman County District Attorney's Office (32nd Circuit) was awarded $110,000 to improve its computer technology and to purchase a law enforcement vehicle
- The City of Fort Payne was awarded $670,000 to improve its local communications and emergency-response systems
- The Jackson County Commission was awarded $250,000 for additional patrol vehicles
- Jacksonville State University was awarded $656,000 to improve campus security and communications
- The Limestone County Commission was awarded $425,000 to improve security and surveillance within the county courthouse
- The Madison County Commission was awarded $195,000 to improve security and surveillance within the county jail
- The City of Moody was awarded $245,000 to improve local emergency-communications systems
- The City of Oxford was awarded $185,000 to enhance crime-fighting resources that are networked to the East Alabama Metro Area Crime Center
- The City of Pell City was awarded $612,000 to improve emergency-communications systems with other local law enforcement and emergency-response agencies
- The Pickens County Emergency 911 Board was awarded $1,805,000 to improve local emergency systems and communications services
- St. Clair County was awarded $1,200,000 to develop a mobile command center to best prevent and respond to public safety threats and incidents

Bureau of Justice Assistance Body Worn Camera Program

- The Blount County Commission was awarded $29,996
- The City of Montevallo was awarded $4,385

The full list of FY 2024 COPS awards can be found here: https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants. Information about grant awards made through the Bureau of Justice Assistance can be found here: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/awards/list.

For further information from the United States Attorney's Office, please contact the U.S. Attorney's Office Public Information Officer at stacy.crane@usdoj.gov.

Hanceville Parks and Recreation hosting free movie night featuring 'The Grinch' Dec. 7

Gauge Day
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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Parks and Recreation will host a free community movie night on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. The featured film, "The Grinch" (2018), will be shown on a 20-foot inflatable screen.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets for seating. Popcorn, hot chocolate and soft drinks will be available for purchase during the event.

"We wanted to do something special for the community, and a movie night felt like the perfect way to bring families and friends together," said David Wasilewski, director of Hanceville Parks and Recreation.

"Hosting it indoors means families won't have to worry about the cold, and the civic center will be decorated for Christmas atmosphere to make the evening even more memorable."

The Hanceville Civic Center is located at 902 Commercial St. NE. For more information, contact David Wasilewski at parkdirector@cityofhanceville.net or visit the City of Hanceville Parks and Recreation Facebook page.







LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that Great Southern Recreation, has completed the Contract for Shade System for Depot park Renewal ARC Project, at Depot Park, Second Ave, Cullman, AL 35055 for the City of Cullman, AL, and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify City of Cullman, AL at 204 Second Ave NE, Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LEWIS NATE TERRY, * **CASE NO.: PC2022-053**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ALVIN TERRY, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LEWIS NATE TERRY, deceased, on the 26th 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 be barred.

ALVIN TERRY
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

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

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

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

HAMMONS VERNA,)
Plaintiff,)
V.) Case No.: CV-2024-900394.00
KELLEY JOHN,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Plaintiff having made a Motion for Service by Publication stating that the whereabouts and locations of Defendant: John Kelly and any unknown heirs along with the following described real property;

A plot of land described as Being 1 ACRE of land beginning N 244 & E 1000 from SW corner of NE ¼ of the SE ¼ thence continue E 210 N 210 W 210 S 210 to POB

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

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named Defendants answer the Complaint by the Plaintiff by the 13th day of January, 2025 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the said Defendants.

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

DONE this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by **Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man,** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated November 26, 2021, and recorded on November 29, 2021 in Mortgage Book 1991 Page 745 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; and as and secured by that Mortgage executed by Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld, an unmarried woman to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated August 28, 2023, and recorded on September 5, 2023 in Mortgage Book 2061 Page 763 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, as modified by that Mortgage Modification Agreement executed by Billy Herbert Wallace, an unmarried man and Jennifer Dawn Sharp Hearld, an unmarried woman to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage Modification Agreement dated February 13, 2024, and recorded on March 1, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2076 Page 34, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgages, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on the **December 13, 2024,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

A parcel of land located in the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said forty; thence S16°56'27"W a distance of 215.02 feet to a metal fence post and the true point of beginning; thence S86°44'14"W a distance of 216.96 feet to a metal fence post; thence S05°20'32'W 87.29 feet to a 1 inch solid bar; thence S05°03'54"W 210.00 feet to a steel fence corner found on the North margin of a road; thence S82°42'40"E a distance of 173.58 feet to a found steel fence post; thence N12°16'16"E a distance of 331.93 feet to the true point of beginning.
Description derived from survey of Joseph C. Hunt, AL Reg No. 17265, dated December 5, 1990.
Property address: 1231 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058
This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JAMES LONELL ADERHOLD, CASE NO.: PC 2024-375
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MEAGAN ADERHOLD as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES LONELL ADERHOLD deceased, on the 18th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Meagan Aderhold
Personal Representative

Kristin Waters Sullivan
Waters Sullivan, LLC
Attorney for Petitioner
2 Twentieth St North, Suite 1350
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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

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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Town of Fairview is now requesting qualifications from engineering firms to provide grant engineering application services as well as design, surveying, and inspection services should a grant project be funded. This request will be effective through December. 2027. Factors to be considered in the award of this contract will include: Overall qualifications of the firm (35 points), Experience of the firm in developing & implementing grant projects (35 points), and qualifications of specific personnel to be assigned to the project (30 points). Proposals should be submitted to the Town of Fairview 7525 Al. Hwy 69 N, Cullman, Al 35058 ATTN: Mayor Keith Henry. Or via email to dshedd2003@yahoo.com To be considered, proposals must be delivered to the Town of Fairview by 2 pm on November 28, 2024.

Keith Henry, Mayor Town of Fairview

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The Town of Fairview is now requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide professional grant application services & grant management services which will be effective through Dec. 2027. Services required shall include all grant application services as well as the overall administration of the federal projects upon grant award in accordance with all applicable regulations and procedures. Factors to be considered in the selection will include: Appropriateness of the firm's proposed scope of services (30 points), Experience of the firm in writing & administering federally funded projects (30 points), Availability and qualification of key personnel assigned to the project (30 points), Cost of administrative services to be provided (10 points). Proposals should be submitted to: Town of Fairview. Attn: Keith Henry, Mayor 7525 Al Hwy 69 North, Cullman. Al. 35058. or they may be submitted via email to dshedd2003@yahoo.com. To be considered, proposals must be delivered to the Town of Fairview by 2 pm on November 28, 2024.

Keith Henry, Mayor Town of Fairview

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARJORIE S. ETHEREDGE, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 388
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Jacqueline Marie Etheredge Joiner and David Samuel Etheredge as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of MARJORIE S. ETHEREDGE, deceased, on the 7th day of November, 2024, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Jacqueline Marie Etheredge Joiner

David Samuel Etheredge

Shay Persall
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611 7th Street, SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Co-Personal Representatives

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated February 2, 2024 executed by BRIDGETOPIA TOO, LLC MISTY M. GLASS UNKNOWN TENANT (180) UNKNOWN TENANT (2141) , in favor of ENCORE SFR FINANCE, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, said Mortgage being recorded on February 14, 2024 at Official Records Book 2074 Page 634 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of CULLMAN County, Alabama. Said default continues and notice is hereby given that the undersigned, FITNO, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the main entrance to the County Courthouse, CULLMAN County, Alabama on December 16, 2024, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in CULLMAN County, Alabama, to-wit: AS TO: 180 COUNTY RD 1701: LOT 45, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF KINGFISHER SUBDIVISION, PHASE 1B, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2021, PAGES 35 AND 36, IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. AS TO: 2141 ELLSWORTH LOOP RD: LOT 23, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY OF ELLSWORTH SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 2022, PAGES 17 AND 17A IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA. For informational purposes only, the property address is: 2141 ELLSWORTH LOOP RD CULLMAN, AL 35055. Any property address provided is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD ON AN "AS-IS, WHERE-IS" BASIS, SUBJECT TO ANY EASEMENTS, ENCUMBRANCES, AND EXCEPTIONS REFLECTED IN THE MORTGAGE AND THOSE CONTAINED IN THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE ABOVE- DESCRIBED PROPERTY IS SITUATED. THIS PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD WITHOUT WARRANTY OR RECOURSE, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE AND/OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by mortgage as well as the expenses of foreclosure, including a reasonable attorney's fees and other purposes set out in said mortgage. U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF FIDELITY and GUARANTY LIFE MORTGAGE TRUST 2018-1 who's address is c/o Selene Finance LP, 9990 Richmond Avenue, Suite 400 South, Houston, TX 77042-4546 Keith Labell De Cubas and Lewis, P.A. P.O. Box 5026 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33310 (954) 453-0365A-4829182 11/21/2024, 11/28/2024, 12/05/2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHARRON FAITH GOLDSMITH, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-367**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to GRETSCHEN WOODARD as Personal Representative of the Estate of SHARRON FAITH GOLDSMITH, deceased, on the 19th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

GRETSCHEN WOODARD
Administrator

Jeremy P. Summers
Estate Attorney
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Suite 100
Birmingham, Alabama 35215

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

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

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GRACE ANN DODSON, CASE NO.: PC 2024-374
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to SALLY HAMM HOLDER as Personal Representative of the Estate of GRACE ANN DODSON deceased, on the 8th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Sally Hamm Holder
Personal Representative

Cassidy L. James
Attorney for the Estate
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Florence, Alabama 35630

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

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
SYNDI MASHELLE HELMS, CASE NO.: PC 2024-357
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DANNY HELMS and YOULANDA HELMS as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of SYDNI MASHELLE HELMS deceased, on the 8th day of November, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Danny Helms and
Youlanda Helms
Co-Personal Representatives

James C. King
The King Firm, LLC
PO Box 1688 (35502)
1824 3rd Avenue South
Jasper, Alabama 35501

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2024-000564.01
GREEN EASTON MCCOY)

ORDER

MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION ON THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER filed by MORELAN AMBER is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 8th day of November, 2024.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: *
E.G * CASE NO: JU-2024-564.01
a minor child, DOB: 08-04-2015 *

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Father in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that the Biological Father, David Green, of E.G., born on 08-04-2015, respond to the Petition by the 19 day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Andria Sims, 300 1st Ave SE, Ste 104, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 775-7757 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 12th day of November, 2024.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 12th day of November, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

Amos (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Amos, The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week, is a passionate, sweet German Shepherd who is approximately 1.5 years old. Those taking care of Amos have described this unassuming fellow as patient with medium energy.

While he may enjoy the outside, Amos is house trained, plus he truly likes to be fussed over. If you bring out the brush you have a best friend for life!

This handsome young male truly cherishes people and looks to you for direction. Amos is a remarkable dog who is the perfect therapy/companion/hiking buddy! Since he is already neutered, his adoption fee is only $35, which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip. Visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Be sure to come by and meet Amos and the many cats, kittens, dogs and puppies all looking for forever homes! Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

Sing (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Women Sing will present its annual "Sounds of the Season" concert on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of Seventh Street Baptist Church. This evening of Christmas and spiritual music is free to attend, though donations are appreciated.

The concert will feature a blend of sacred and secular Christmas and holiday songs, with some arrangements of familiar favorites as well as a few new selections.

"I think this lovely variety of familiar and new Christmas tunes will be just the thing to help folks get into the Christmas spirit," said Laura Doss, artistic director for Cullman Women Sing. "There will be something for everyone."

The evening will include performances by guest artists Domenico Brunetti, who will play a saxophone "Fantasie," and Benjamin Jones, who will perform "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" on the cello. Both will be accompanied by pianist Kristi Warden, who will also join Cindy Pinyan for a piano duet of "We Need a Little Christmas."

Cullman Women Sing is also welcoming a few new members to the group this season. "We're excited for them to sing their first concert with us," Doss added.

Seventh Street Baptist Church is located at 708 Seventh St. SW in Cullman. For more information about the concert or Cullman Women Sing, visit the official Cullman Women Sing Facebook page.



Gardner, Morgan named November CCBOE/AmFirst Teacher, Staff Member of the Month

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Schools and AmFirst recognize a teacher and staff member each month of the school year who is going above and beyond in their profession.

TEACHER OF THE MONTH
Marrie Gardner, STEAM teacher, Fairview Elementary

Marrie Gardner is the STEAM teacher at Fairview Elementary. STEAM is an acronym that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

"Ms. Gardner consistently goes above and beyond her regular job requirements," said Robert Strane, Fairview Elementary assistant principal.

"Ms. Gardner is deserving of this award because she loves her students, is passionate about their success and her willingness to go above and beyond to ensure they have the best environment to thrive."

STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH
Sheila Morgan, CNP manager, Welti Elementary

Sheila Morgan is the CNP manager at Welti Elementary.

Morgan is in her third year in her current role, but prior to Welti, she worked at the Hanceville lunchroom for more than 30 years.

"She has been a dedicated, dependable hard worker since 1990," said Emily Smith, Cullman County Schools CNP manager.

"She has served thousands of students over the past 35 years, and I would like to recognize her dedication."

Cullman County Schools thanks AmFirst for sponsoring this program.

Each Teacher and Staff Member of the Month receive a $100 gift card.



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Pictured left to right are Robert Strane/Fairview Elementary assistant principal, Beverly Cochran/AmFirst membership development manager, Daniel Boggan/AmFirst Cullman branch manager, Marrie Gardner/AmFirst Teacher of the Month, Dr. Shane Barnette/ Cullman County Schools superintendent and Shane Rusk/Fairview board member.



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Pictured left to right are Dr. Shane Barnette/Cullman County Schools superintendent, Mia Wilbanks/Welti student and Morgan's granddaughter, Sheila Morgan/AmFirst Staff Member of the Month, Beverly Cochran/AmFirst membership development manager, Daniel Boggan/AmFirst Cullman branch manager and Gina Webb/Welti principal.

Safe (from Front)

that is large enough to allow them to sit and lie down comfortably but small enough to conserve body heat," he said.

"Providing cold weather shelter doesn't have to be hard. You can use a pre-manufactured pet house, a wooden box, a foam cooler (for cats) or even a cardboard box. Insulate all sides of the shelter with foam board, old blankets or plastic, then line the bottom with an old sleeping bag, coats, fleece or even cedar shavings, straw or hay. Check the bedding daily; dirty and wet bedding can be fatal to a pet.

"Turn the shelter so it faces away from the wind and cover the doorway with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic."

Banister said to try and place the shelter in a garage or covered porch, or beneath a carport — all of which can provide a few additional degrees of much-needed warmth.

"Be sure to raise the refuge a few inches off the ground to keep the cold from leeching up through the shelter's bottom while giving your pets sense of security," Banister said.

"Now with pet care, make sure your pets have unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (by changing the water frequently or using a pet-safe, non-metal water bowl). Also, pets who spend a lot of time outside need more food to replace energy lost from trying to stay warm."

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 26-27

Gilbert Jerrell Hinkle, 82
Funeral service for Gilbert Jerrell Hinkle, age 82, of Cullman, will be Friday, Nov. 29, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be held at the chapel from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and interment will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Jerrell was born on Aug. 22, 1942, to Gilbert C. and Vera Harper Hinkle. He passed away on Monday, November 25, 2024, at Woodland Village Rehab and Health Care Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Wendy Thornton. He is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Patsy; two sons, Darren Hinkle (Angie), and Joey Hinkle (Becky); one brother, Larry Hinkle; grandchildren, Colby Hinkle, Callie Thornton-Sparks (Ethan), Lucas Thornton, Karlie Hinkle, bonus granddaughter, Danica Thornton; "grandson," Christian Harbison; great-niece, Christina Harbison; and a host of family and friends. Jerrell was a dedicated and hard worker. He retired from American Proteins after twenty-five years of employment there. He enjoyed woodworking in his shop, gardening, and growing flowers. He loved his wife, children, and grandchildren more than life itself, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Please visit www.culllmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

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