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‘I wanted to help them in this mission’

DA donates equipment to help CCSO monitor sex offenders

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County District Attorney’s Office on Thursday, Dec. 5, donated equipment to the Cullman County Sheriff’s Office to aid in the monitoring of sex offenders in line with the Alabama Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Act.

“Sheriff Gentry and his deputies are the best in the state at monitoring sex offenders in Cullman County,” Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said.

“They go above and beyond to make sure our children are as safe as possible. I wanted to help them in this mission and make sure these sex offenders are always monitored as the law requires.”

The donated equipment - including a desktop computer, monitor, iPad and scanner - was made possible by a grant awarded to the Alabama Office of Prosecution Services by the Department of Justice.



FACEBOOK/DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHAMP CROCKER

Pictured left to right are Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker.

Christkindlmarkt spotlight: Ironbendi Master Blacksmith



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Left to right are Ukrainian blacksmith artist Artem Marshak and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — There is a variety of Artisan Workshops at the Cullman Christkindlmarkt. Among them is the Ironbendi Master Blacksmith booth, where you can learn the art of iron bending and take your design home. Iron crafted art from a master blacksmith is also sold at the booth.

Ukrainian blacksmith artist Artem Marshak, who runs the booth, said, “In the masterclass we create mostly horseshoes. With horseshoes you can learn every » PAGE 6



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Enon Baptist Church Children’s Christmas Program this weekend



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Left to right are Amelia Murphree and Bryce Holmes. » PAGE 6

Cullman Community Band Christmas Concert set for Dec. 8



CULLMAN COMMUNITY BAND

The Cullman Community Band will perform its Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in Wallace State’s Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. The event is free to attend. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 6

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 2
- burglary; CR 1801
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 1240
- theft of property; Stewart Rd.
- theft of property; US. 231

Dec. 3
- domestic violence; CR 702
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Wesley Ave. N
- harassing communications; CR 308
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278W

Dec. 4
- drug trafficking; sell/distribute drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- theft of property; CR 1856
- harassment; CR 213
- theft of property; CR 1080
- domestic violence; CR 437

ARRESTS

Dec. 2-4

Booker Jr., Harold R.; 74
- fraud-theft of services, up to $499

Burns, Jeffrey C.; 45
- DUI (controlled substances)

Collier, Nichole D.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 43
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-non-residence-force
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

Hamby, Debbie B.; 52
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance

Harris, Kathryn A.; 38
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Lambert, Adam K.; 45
- assault-domestic violence-stalking

Levi, Jacqueline D.; 45
- FTA – driving without drivers license

Loosier, Marjory J.; 78
- fraud-swindle/home repair

Lumpkin, Jacob T.; 33
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- theft-miscellaneous
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500

Martin, Dannal J.; 41
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine

McDonald, Martha P.; 55
- disorderly conduct

Pace, Joyce D.; 43
- drug trafficking
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Pajao P.; 59
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA – fraud-swindle/home repair

Pannell, Gregory; 59
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Timothy M.; 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Taylor, Sandra L.; 63
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Irene V.; 22
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Thompson, Tyler D.; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Van Keuren, Austin C.; 27
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – retail theft-3rd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – illegal possession use of a credit/debit card
- PROBATION VIOLATION – receiving stolen property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – auto theft

White, Matthew L.; 47
- Violation of a domestic violence protection order

William, Heather L.; 37
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 4
- criminal trespass-1st degree; Spectrum; damaged property; $2,000; Hwy. 278E
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- burglary-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; $40; Oakhill Dr. NW
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous charges

Dec. 5
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $187; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $189; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 4-5

Wilson, Adam L.; 35
- theft of property-4th degree
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Todd, Samuel D.; 39
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, Kimberly F.; 56
- theft of property-1st degree
- financial exploitation of the elderly

Smith, Jeffery W.; 36
- FTA - driving while revoked

Williams, Dale R.; 58
- FTA – driving without a license

Campbell, Arielle M.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree

Sneed, Shane A.; 31
- retail theft of property-3rd degree;
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Warren, Andrew W.; 32
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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2009 DODGE JOURNEY	3D4GG57V69T507402
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
KENNETH LEE TILLMAN, * CASE NO.: PC2024-418
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JANICE WALLACE, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF KENNETH LEE TILLMAN, deceased, on the 5th day of December, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Janice Wallace
Personal Representative

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 5th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HELEN MARIE DAHLKE, * CASE NO. PC 2024 - 404
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Frances Ann Dahlke and Betty Louise Dahlke as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of HELEN MARIE DAHLKE, deceased, on the 20th 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.

Frances Ann Dahlke
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Betty Louise Dahlke
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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHADWICK WADE KOCH
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC 2024-319

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to HEATHER MOORE as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHADWICK WADE KOCH, deceased, on the 27th 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.

Heather Moore
Personal Representative

Kimberly H. Drake
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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







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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Saturday, Dec. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast. 10 a.m. Community outreach at Foundry Farm
• Sunday, Dec. 8 - 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, Dec. 8 - 5 p.m. Healing service - miracles, signs and wonders for those who believe
• Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck and game night

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.

The 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:
• Dec. 7-8, 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.

6th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Through Dec. 28, 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:
• Dec. 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

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.

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 7, from 5:30-8 p.m. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, popcorn, sno-cones and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag, a fruit bag and a gift. Everyone welcome! Doors open at 5:30.

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.

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501-B Fourth St. SW in Cullman.



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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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No. 10 Alabama rolls past No. 20 North Carolina 94-79 in SEC/ACC Challenge

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The No. 10/12 Alabama men's basketball team picked up a dominant 94-79 road victory over No. 20/22 North Carolina Wednesday night in the SEC/ACC Challenge. The Crimson Tide played impressively from start-to-finish in picking up its third straight win over an Associated Press Top 25-ranked opponent this season.

Alabama (7-2) had six players score double figures led by Mark Sears' 20 points and game-high seven assists, while Aden Holloway and Labaron Philon each finished with 15 points. Clifford Omoruyi (11), Derrion Reid (11) and Grant Nelson (10) also reached double figures in the victory.

The Tar Heels (4-4) were led by Ian Jackson's game-high 23 points while RJ Davis added 18 in the losing effort.

Head Coach Nate Oats Postgame Comments

"I thought our guys show a lot of toughness and resilience coming off a tough loss to Oregon and easily could have let that loss turn into two.

"I thought they got their minds right, ready to play and executed the defensive gameplan outside of transition buckets. I am super happy for these two guys (Houston Mallette and Labaron Philon) because Houston was unselfish enough to come off his redshirt and come in and we were plus-12 in his nine minutes, and he made two big three's. Jarin (Stevenson) was able to settle in and hit some big three's for us and did a great job on RJ Davis who is not easy to guard, he is one of the best guards in the country. For a kid that is supposed to be a freshman in college and 19 years old, I thought he (Stevenson) did a great job on RJ (Davis) as well as Houston and Derrion (Reid). Coach (Brian) Adams did a great job with the defensive gameplan and for the most part, we took care of the ball."



UA ATHLETICS
Mark Sears led Alabama with 20 points in its 94-79 win at North Carolina Wednesday night.

Team stats

- Alabama picked up its 21st win over an AP Top-25 opponent under head coach Nate Oats
- UA won its third straight game when playing a top-25 opponent, defeating then-No. 25/20 Illinois (100-87 on Nov. 20) and then-No. 6/7 Houston (85-80 on Nov. 26) earlier this year
- North Carolina took a 2-0 before Alabama scored the game's next four points and never trailed again, leading for 36:32 of the contest
- Alabama finished the game going 12-13 (92.3 percent) from the charity stripe
- The Tide had 12 made three-pointers (12-33) on the night compared to just five by the Tar Heels (5-28)
- A Chapel Hill, N.C., native, Jarrin Stevenson finished with six points on a pair of three-pointers to go with three rebounds and a blocked shot in 16 minutes of action
- Clifford Omoruyi had a plus-minus of +25 to lead all players, finishing with 11 points, five rebounds two blocked shots and two assists in the win
- Houston Mallette made his season debut, finishing with six points on 2-of-2 shooting from deep and three boards in six minutes of action

First half

- Aden Holloway (12 points) and Mark Sears (11 points) combined to score 23 of Alabama's 43 points in the first half
- The Crimson Tide's bench scored 20 points in the first half while UNC's added 19 points
- Sears was efficient to start the game, scoring 11 of Alabama's first 21 points
- Alabama went on a 16-6 run for nearly five and a half minutes midway through the first half to take a 31-18 lead
- North Carolina outscored Alabama 14-5 in fastbreak points

Second half

- UNC trimmed the lead to five points early in the second half, however, Alabama went on a 9-0 run to take control of the contest
- The Tide shot 52 percent (9-17) in the first nine minutes of the half, jumping out to a 67-50 lead at the 11:17-mark
- Alabama took its largest lead of the game at the 10:17 mark, leading by 18 points (70-52)
- UA went on to shoot 52 percent (18-34) from the floor, 33 percent (5-15) from deep and hit 10 of its 11 free throws to seal the win (90.9 percent)

Up next

- Alabama will have 10 days between games before it welcomes Creighton to Coleman Coliseum for a home game on Saturday, Dec. 14
- Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. and will be televised on the SEC Network

No. 2 Auburn falls at No. 9 Duke in SEC/ACC Challenge

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

DURHAM, N.C. – Hundreds of Auburn fans brought a bit of The Jungle to Cameron Indoor Stadium, helping the second-ranked Tigers get off to a fast start before No. 9 Duke took control, winning 84-78 Wednesday in the SEC/ACC Challenge.

"We're disappointed," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said.

"We played okay, but to beat Duke in here, you've got to play better than that. I give them all the credit. Our defense let us down. Duke was brilliant offensively."

Trailing by seven points at the half, Auburn fell behind by 12 early in the second half before whittling away at Duke's lead, pulling within two points three times down the stretch and missing a 3-pointer that would've given the Tigers a lead with six and a half minutes to play.



AU ATHLETICS
Auburn point guard Tahaad Pettiford posted 20 points in the Tigers' 84-78 loss at Duke Wednesday night.

Johni Broome and Tahaad Pettiford led Auburn with 20 points apiece. Broome logged his sixth consecutive double-double, adding 12 rebounds.

"One of the reasons our team has played well so far this year is Johni has been a tremendously consistent player. He's clearly a player of the year candidate," Pearl said.

"Tahaad has gotten off to a great start as a freshman. You can see his talent and ability to score, his courage."

Pettiford and Miles Kelly each made four 3-pointers, with the latter going 4-for-5 from 3-point range and finishing with 14 points. Chad Baker-Mazara added 17 points.

"We have to step it up," Pettiford said. "Have to be more aggressive on the glass, getting downhill and finishing on the break."

Kelly hit a pair of early 3-pointers and Auburn used an 8-0 run to take an 11-point lead, leading to a Duke timeout at the 16:18 mark of the first half.

Duke freshman Isaiah Evans sparked the Blue Devils off the bench, making 6 of 8 3-pointers and scoring 18 first-half points.

Duke took a six-point lead thanks to a 9-0 run, but Pettiford hit a pair of 3-pointers, then Chaney Johnson scored on a tip-in, got fouled and made the free throw in a 6-0 run that gave the Tigers a 33-32 lead with 3:55 to play before the Blue Devils ended the half on an 11-3 run to lead by seven points at halftime.

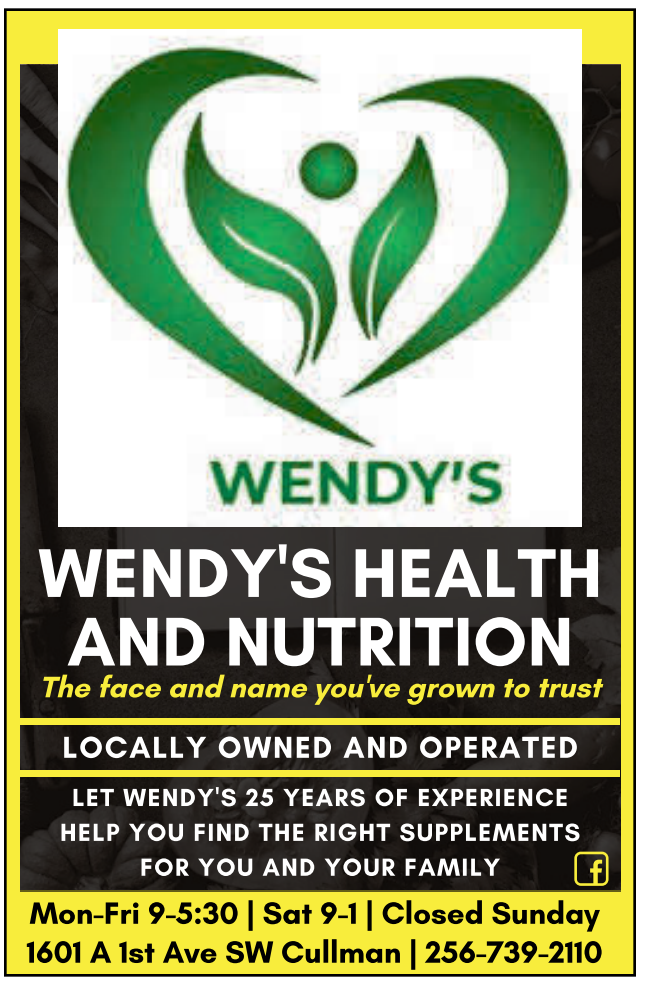
Kelly and Baker-Mazara each scored 11 in the first half for the Tigers.

Duke outrebounded Auburn 24-15 in the opening half, but the Tigers more than compensated in the second half, grabbing 24 rebounds to Duke's 10 to win the battle of the boards 39-34.

Freshman Cooper Flagg led Duke with 22 points, 11 rebounds and four assists.

"We learned that we can compete against anyone in the country in any environment," associate head coach Steven Pearl said, "but we've also got to do a better job of playing Auburn basketball, turning teams over, getting back in transition and not letting our offense affect our defense."

Auburn (7-1) returns to Neville Arena Sunday to play Richmond at 11 a.m. CT, the first game of a doubleheader that features Auburn's women's team against UAB at 2 p.m.







Heritage Homeschool participants try their hands at punch need embroidery

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Heritage Homeschool program participants made punch needle embroidery Christmas ornaments at the North Alabama Agriplex on Thursday, Dec. 5. The students learned a new craft and got to take their ornaments home.

North Alabama Agriplex Youth Programs Coordinator Samantha Catland explained, "It's our secondary students, so this is middle and highschoolers. We are teaching them all about heritage skills - arts from the past that people may no longer do. This is punch needling embroidery. They are going to make a set of three different ornaments. It can be Christmas themed or if they want to do it winter themed. This gives them a chance to make their own designs and complete their set to take home with them."



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She continued, "This is a one-time class for now, but because it filled up to 20 spots, then we may offer it again in the future."

According to artnews.com, "Combining the dexterity and accessibility of embroidery with the instant gratification of rug tufting, punch needling is a traditional fiber art that's making a comeback. Using a handheld tool with a tapered needle—the punch needle—artists push yarn or thread through a backing, then back up, to form a continuous loop stitch."

For information on upcoming events at the North Alabama Agriplex, visit www.agriplex.org.



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Left to right are North Alabama Agriplex Youth Programs Coordinator Samantha Catland, Sierra Brockman, Rylie Nabors, Beanie Brockman (in red) and Sam Nabors.

Concert (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Community Band will perform its Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 3 p.m. in Wallace State's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. This holiday tradition will feature a variety of Christmas and holiday music, showcasing the talents of local musicians under the direction of interim conductor Neal McLeod.

This year's program features a mix of seasonal classics and unique arrangements, including "A Christmas Festival" by Leroy Anderson, "Patapan" by Cullman native Kurt Heinicke and "An English Christmas" by Clare Grundman. Several soloists, including Ashlee Steinman on trumpet, Patti Bennett on flute, Rick Whitmire on trumpet and David Bjornstad on euphonium, will lend their exceptional talents to the Christmas program.

Longtime conductor Garry Taylor, who is recovering from a near-fatal car accident, will not be conducting this year's performance. Taylor, who recently returned home after an extended stay at UAB Hospital, is undergoing occupational and physical therapy and is making steady progress. Now walking short distances with the aid of his walker, Taylor continues to make strides and carry a positive attitude, all while his wife, Jan, has been by his side throughout his recovery. Taylor expressed his gratitude for the prayers and encouragement he has received, sharing his eagerness to return to the podium in the future.

Filling in for Taylor is McLeod, a seasoned director with an extensive background in music education. McLeod, a graduate of Samford University and Jacksonville State University, taught bands in Georgia and Florida for over three decades before retiring in 2015. Now residing in Cullman with his wife, Holly, McLeod has seamlessly stepped into the role, ensuring the band continues to deliver its signature performances in the absence of Taylor.

Whitmire, trumpet section leader of the Cullman Community Band, shared how the band has pulled together during Taylor's absence. "The band is blessed with very fine musicians," Whitmire said.

"When Mr. Taylor was in a terrible automobile accident and was unable to direct the band, a wash of apprehension fell over the band. The concern for Garry was paramount, but we knew he would want the group to continue."

He added, "We decided that we would choose an interim director from within the group to continue working on our Christmas Concert. Mr. Neal McLeod has taken this responsibility and has done so admirably. The band truly never missed a beat. The band pulled together, stayed together and played together.

"This Christmas Concert will be memorable for us in a way that we may not be able to put into words. The music and the process have strengthened our pride in ourselves as community musicians. Holidays are special, and we look forward to Garry's return.

"So thank you to the band board of directors, Woody Jacobs (mayor of Cullman) and the city council for continuing to support a talented group of volunteer musicians; we simply call ourselves the Cullman Community Band," Whitmire concluded.

Admission to the concert is free, and the public is encouraged to attend and celebrate the Christmas season with the band. For more information, contact the Cullman Community Band through its official Facebook page. Wallace State Community College is located at 801 Main St. NW, Hanceville, AL 35077.

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Ironbendi (from Front)

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The masterclass costs $50 at the booth. Participants wear protective attire and the artist guides you through the process.

Learn more about Ironbendi at www.instagram.com/ironbendi.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt is happening now 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. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com. Depot Park, 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055.

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Program (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Enon Baptist Church in Vinemont will host its Children's Christmas Program this Sunday, Dec. 8, at 5 p.m.

Nursery Sunday School Teacher and Christmas Program Director Julie Patton Holmes said this is the first year in approximately 15 years that the church has had enough children at Enon to have a Christmas play.

"This year we have 11," she said. "We will have a simple nativity scene with the children dressed as their parts with the play being fully adult narrated.

"All but one or two children are 3 and under."

The play begins at 5 p.m., with prelude music to enjoy beginning at 4:30.

Holmes said there will be refreshments and a hot chocolate bar to enjoy afterward.

Enon Baptist Church is located at 8001 County Road 1435 in Vinemont.

Guidance (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As temperatures drop across the region, the Cullman Power Board (CPB) and Cullman Electric Cooperative (Cullman EC) are providing essential information for customers and members facing financial hardships or power disruptions.

CPB

Utilities Board of the City of Cullman CEO Allison Bright emphasized the importance of open communication and proactive measures to assist residents during challenging times.

"If a customer is facing a hardship or emergency situation, it is best to call and talk to our customer service representatives to discuss options available," Bright said. Customers can reach the Utilities Board at 256-734-2434 for assistance.

The CPB follows strict guidelines to ensure that residents remain safe during extreme temperatures. Bright outlined the protocol:

• No disconnections in extreme conditions: Power will not be disconnected during freezing conditions (32°F or below) or during heatwaves with temperatures of 100°F or higher

• Automatic reconnections: If a customer's power has already been disconnected due to non-payment, it will automatically be reconnected without penalties or fees during extreme weather conditions - this applies during and after business hours

• Advance action for weather forecasts: If extreme temperatures are forecasted outside business hours, power is restored by the end of the business day and remains on throughout the weather event

The Utilities Board, in partnership with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), offers guidance for staying warm while saving money during the winter months. Resources and energy-saving tips can be found at www.tva.com/energy/stay-warm-save-money.

Reducing power usage not only saves money for customers, but also eases the demand on the power grid during peak weather conditions. While extreme temperatures alone do not cause outages, the combination of increased demand and available power generation can contribute to service disruptions.

The Utilities Board has introduced a new online outage map to help residents monitor power disruptions in their area. If power is lost, customers can check the map at www.cullmanpowerboard.com/outage-map.

For reconnections during non-business hours, CPB customers who have made a payment can call 256-734-2434 and follow the prompts to notify the Utilities Board. Service will be restored promptly after notification.

Cullman EC

Cullman EC Vice President of Member Engagement and Communications Brian Lacy emphasized the importance of communication and proactive steps for members facing financial difficulties.

"If someone needs assistance, please call or meet with one of our member service representatives," Lacy said. "They can explain the options available and will work to help find a solution."

Cullman EC encourages members who are behind on payments to consider switching to its smartPAY program, a prepaid billing option. This program moves any past-due balances into debt recovery, where 25% of future payments are applied to the outstanding amount. Members can purchase electricity as needed and make payments anytime online, by phone or in person.

"If the account runs low, members receive an email alert letting them know it's time to recharge their account," Lacy explained. "A payment bringing the balance back to $10 will restore power within 30 minutes without a reconnection fee."

With Alabama law mandating that utilities suspend disconnections during freezing temperatures, Cullman EC follows suit by postponing cutoffs during extended sub-freezing periods. However, Lacy stressed the importance of contacting the cooperative to discuss options before temperatures rise and normal billing and collection processes resume.

For those needing additional assistance, several local organizations provide aid, including Community Action of North Alabama and the Committee on Church Cooperation. More information is available on Cullman EC's website at https://cullmanec.com/hug-utility-bill-assistance-organizations.

To help reduce energy bills without sacrificing comfort, Lacy offered practical tips:

• Adjust the thermostat: Keep the thermostat set to 68°F or lower and reduce it further when sleeping or away

• Seal air leaks: Caulking and weather stripping around windows and doors can prevent drafts; a towel can block leaks at the bases of doors temporarily

• Use natural heat: Open window coverings during the day to let sunlight in, and close them at night to retain warmth

• Bundle up: Warm clothing and blankets can make a big difference

Lacy also reminded members about space heater safety:

• Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets, avoiding extension cords

• Keep heaters at least 3 feet away from flammable items

• Consider models with automatic shut-off features

More energy-saving strategies are available on Cullman EC's website at www.cullmanec.com/winter-energy-savings-and-conservation-tips.

"With freezing weather here, it's crucial to stay informed and prepared," Lacy said. "We're here to support our members in any way we can."

By staying informed and utilizing available resources, Cullman residents can better navigate the challenges of winter weather while ensuring their homes remain safe and warm.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 5-6

Wesley Wilson Trapchak Jr., 59

Wesley Wilson Trapchak, Jr., age 59, of Cullman, died on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024. Memorial service information for Wesley will follow soon. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Wesley was born April 20, 1965, in Hawaii to Wesley Wilson Trapchak, Sr. and Barbara Ann Ohalloran Trapchak. He is preceded in death by his parents and his grandparents. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Trapchak; one son, Wesley Wilson Trapchak, III (Elizabeth); one brother, Anthony Trapchak (Michelle); one sister, Tina McCreery (Brad); grandchildren, Micheal and Matthew; his very special niece, Alannah; and a host of family and friends. Wesley was a faithful member of Northbrook Baptist Church. He loved God, his family, his church family, and his work family. He was a certified dental technician and was passionate about his work. He loved everyone and everyone loved him. He will be dearly missed. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Clarene Francis Reid, 96

A graveside service for Clarene Francis Reid, 96, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Friday December 6th at Valley Springs Cemetery. Mrs. Reid was born Sept. 1, 1928, to the late Arthur Lee Hulsey & Iris Rainey Hulsey-Johnson in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away Dec. 4, 2024 in Hanceville, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Reid family.

Morris Edward Scott, 80

Morris Edward Scott, age 80, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Monday, Dec. 2, 2024. Morris is survived by his beloved wife, Sue Owen Scott; his daughter Angela Scott; his sons Mark (Fran) Scott, Chris (Keaston) Scott, and Russell Scott and his twin brother - Horace Scott; his sister Joyce Scott Fuller; and brother Tim (Pam) Scott; 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Morris was preceded in death by his parents Edward Gordon Scott and Maybelle Swann Scott. A visitation for Morris will be held Friday, Dec. 6, 2024 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Following the visitation will be a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL, 35055. Morris will be laid to rest in Good Hope Cemetery, 90 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope, AL, 35057. Serving as pallbearers are Anthony Scott, Adam Scott, Tanner Scott, Tyler Scott, Ben Bearden, Chase Gallien and Steven Deboer. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Linda Faye Speer, 71

Linda Faye Speer, age 71, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024. Linda is survived by her daughter Candy Speer; and her son Nicky Joe Speer (Saundra); her brother Jerry Day (Kay). Three Grandchildren, two Great Grandchildren and a host of extended family and friends Linda was preceded in death by her husband Sherlon Speer; her parents R.B. & Wilma Day; her brother Terry Day. A celebration of life visitation for Linda will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, from noon to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. Linda will be laid to rest in Shelton Grove Baptist Church, 1615 County Road 46, Hanceville, AL, 35077. Serving as pallbearers are Dan Johnson, Ken Calvert, Tim Graveman, Craig Edwards, Steve Stricklin and Kelvin Rice.

Christine Smith Neuman-Messina, 76

Funeral services for Christine Smith Neuman Messina, 76, of Hanceville will be noon Monday, Dec. 9, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Damascus Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 11 a.m. until noon at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Messina was born March 31, 1948, in Bessemer, Alabama. She passed away Dec. 5, 2024, in Hanceville, Alabama. Christine was a kind soul who loved helping others. She worked at Uniway before dedicating herself to caring for others – both in nursing homes and as a private caregiver for elderly individuals and children. Despite dealing with back and neck issues for decades, Christine remained resilient and always pushed through to raise her family and support those around her. Mrs. Messina is survived by her daughters, Debbie Smith (Donnie), Teresa Harris (John Wright), and Jennifer Neuman (Rodney Dye); her grandchildren, Nicole Moore, Chance Dye (Paige), Kayla Hollis, Summer Campfield (Dylan), Haley Green (Daniel), Jeremy Reddick, Autumn Hollis, and Christine Reddick; numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews; and siblings, Elizabeth Thomas, Paul Smith, Martha Jean Smith, and Sarah Smith (Charles). Mrs. Messina was preceded in death by her husband, Vincent Messina; her first husband, Gerald Neuman (with whom she maintained a friendship despite their divorce); her father, Edward James Smith; her mother, Margaret L. Smith; siblings, Buddy Smith, Frances Smith, Dorthy Wiley, Betty Allen, and Charles Smith; and her grandson, Cameron Neuman. Pallbearers will be Donnie Smith, Chance Dye, Rodney Dye, Daniel Green, John Wright, and Dylan Campfield. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Messina family.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Don't let a little rain stop you

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



You have plans for the day, but you wake up that morning to the sounds of raindrops pounding down on your roof. You say, "No!" as your spirit sinks and you say, "Not today!" Rain may have ruined the day for all of us at some time or another, but does it have to?

I have done all kinds of things in the rain, but last week may have been a first. There have been times when I have allowed the weather, especially wet weather, to control what I could or could not do.

There have been other times when I simply refused to let it do so. I've gone fishing in the rain. In fact, when I was a boy and the rain started, I grabbed my rod-and-reel and headed for the creek. It seemed like the rain made those old catfish hungry.

I have gone swimming in the rain many times. I never quite understood why I shouldn't. It's not like the rain is going to get me any wetter when I'm already in water. It's not going to ruin my clothes when I'm wearing a swimsuit! Now, if lightening starts flashing across the sky, that's a different story. I don't have any interest in lighting up like a lightbulb!

I have gone skiing in the rain...on water and snow. If you are going fast, water skiing in the rain doesn't feel so great on your skin. On one snow-skiing youth retreat we skied in the rain. It had snowed the day before. There was plenty of deep snow on the slopes.

It warmed up, and during the night the snow turned into rain. Several of our group members asked what we were going to do. I said, "We came to go skiing, so we're going skiing!" We put on plastic ponchos and had ourselves a blast.

I've played all kinds of sports in the rain. Fortunately, the pickleball courts I play on have a roof over them. The sides are open, but unless the wind is blowing, we can play right on. I've sat through rainstorms to watch football games. I played golf in the rain.

Until last week, I thought I had done almost everything in the rain, but I have now raked leaves in the rain. Wet leaves don't move so easily with a blower, but they can be raked. Yes, I had waited until the last day to get those leaves up.

We had company coming to our house for a dinner. I thought about getting the leaves up several days earlier, but I thought more would fall and I'd have to do it again. Then, the day before the dinner, it was pouring rain. So, what did I do? I put on my water-resistant wind pants, my duck boots, a rain coat with a hood and a cap with a bill to keep the raindrops out of my eyes. Hey, if Gene Kelley could sing the rain, I could rake leaves in the rain... and sing while doing so!

I've come to believe that we usually do about what we want. If we really want to do something, a few raindrops, or even the cold or snow, can't hold us back. Rain can give us a useable excuse to not do what we really didn't want to do anyway. Hey, do you know we actually can go to church even when it's raining? I've done it before and lived to talk about it! I must admit though, wet leaves are harder to rake than dry ones!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: Dec. 20, 1962

From the files of Dec. 20, 1962

Berlin Sunshine Club Has Christmas Party

The Berlin Sunshine Club held its Christmas party at the Lorenz Restaurant Thursday night, Dec. 13.

After dinner was served, gifts were exchanged and the group enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Those attending included Mesdames Bertha Boyles, Faye Dismukes, Dovie Duke, Billie Payne, Emma Payne, Jeanette Witcher, Estelle Walker, Elsie Teichmiller, Nell Payne, Edna White, Lois Burks, Betty Smith, Theolene Jones, Nell Bailey, Ann Johnson, Al Jordan, Magline Smith, Ottie Adams, Ruth Harris, Mary Patterson, Margaret Roberson, Josie Duke, Allie Bailey and Susie Smith.

CULLMAN HIGH NEWS
By LINDA CUPP

On Tuesday the Girls' P. E. Club presented an assembly for the student body. At the beginning of the assembly Carolyn Freeman presented the devotion.

Then the girls did some of the things they have been doing in gymnastics and tumbling. Mrs. Parker is the sponsor of the Girls' P. E. Club.

On Thursday night the Girls' Glee Club and the Mixed Glee Club presented a program of Christmas music. The next day they presented the program for the student body. Jimmy Hand sang "Oh Holy Night" at the assembly.

The National Honor Society met recently. Wayne Chappell, the president, called the meeting to order. Some suggestions for projects were made.

The Cullman track team placed fifth in the state track meet.

The physical education classes at C.H.S. have been learning various dances such as the waltz, fox trot, the twist, and different square dances.

Mrs. Hooten Hostess Holly Pond Club

The annual Christmas party of the Holly Pond Home Demonstration Club was held at the home of Mrs. Henrietta Hooten. Mrs. Cal Leeth of Cullman, a guest, gave the story, "The Unexpected Christmas Guest," and led in group singing of Christmas carols.

Gifts were exchanged, secret pals revealed and the club presented gifts to Mrs. Christine Wise, president, and Miss Roxie Stisher, club mother.

Delicious refreshments were served to those above and to Mesdames Doris Henderson, Annie Mae Hammock, Estelle Sanford, Lela Bailey, Bessie Carnell, Nell Harbison, Tressie Duke, Deaner Gilley, Opal Gilley, June Henderson, Opal Tucker, Corina Crumbley, Rowona Coppock, Mamie Shaw, Beulah Smith, Dorothy Smith and another guest, Mrs. Jean Stisher of Arab.

Charles Grantham arrived home Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grantham. Charles is a student at Auburn.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Owens and Mrs. S. H. Adams of Chattanooga were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Kanaday.

Fairview's Kenneth Ray Champion Corn Grower

Kenneth Ray has been named Chapter Champion corn grower of the Fairview Chapter of Future Farmers of America.

He is the eighteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Ray of Baileyton. Kenneth applied 700 pounds of 4-12-12 fertilizer at planting and sidedressed with 500 pounds of ammonium nitrate about 35 days after planting.

He planted Stull 100 variety on May 4, in rows 38" apart and left the plants 12-15" apart in the row.

His yield was 81.78 bushels per acre on his best acre of corn. He had 2 acres of corn in his Supervised Farming Program in Vocational Agriculture. He made an average yield of 76 bushels per acre.

In addition to corn, Kenneth's supervised farming program for last year consisted of 1 acre of tomatoes, 6 head of dairy calves, 1 mare, and 4 gilts, which brought thirty-one pigs that are being topped out at the present time.

He helped improve 10 acres of pasture, 12 acres of fencing and built a new barn using part of the material from an old barn that was torn down.

Kenneth is reporter of his chapter, which has a membership of 92 at the present time. D. M. Edleman is chapter advisor and teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Fairview.

POET'S CORNER

Christy Winter | By: Randy C. Hale

I borrowed a movie title,
"That Darn Cat," because it fit
many moments the first year
mom brought her home.
A white Persian she named
Christy Winter after the lady
who gave her.
So frisky that first Christmas,
leaping into our live tree and
riding it to the ground, ornaments
being scattered all around.

Mom could communicate with Christy,
often asking her what she wished
to eat or do.
Dad and I agreed they were so close,
they began to look alike, the evidence
of bonding shown.

There were many more Christmases
and the years rolled by.
In time, both would slow with age,
mom going on dialysis at fifty-seven,
the same year Christy died, at nineteen.
Six years later, mother would also
pass from us.

We found Christy Winter curled up
in a bathroom cabinet as if to
prevent my mother seeing her
slip naturally into peace.
She wrapped her in a warm
fuzzy blanket, and insisted
on a funeral.
I shared the bible verse,
"The righteous care for their
animals and how God knows
when a sparrow falls."

It has been many years since
either have graced our presence,
yet there's a ceramic statue of a
white Persian cat that sits
on a dresser in my Dad's lonely
room, reminding us of both, my
mother and her fluffy adored
companion.



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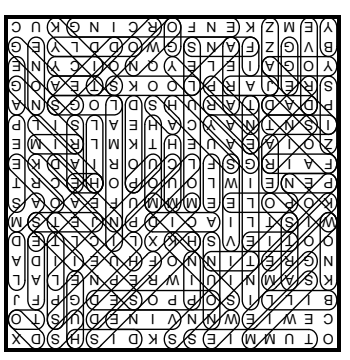
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Chick-fil-A hosting Christmas events

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Chick-fil-A Cullman is hosting a pair of Christmas events soon.

"Cookies & Milk with Santa Cow" will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 17, from 5:30-7 p.m. and "Minis with Mrs. Claus" will be Monday, Dec. 23, from 8-9 a.m.

Chick-fil-A Cullman Sales & Brand Growth Lead Savannah Mahaffey said the first has been a holiday tradition for more than of 10 years, while the annual visit from Mrs. Claus has become a new tradition within the last three years.

"For those attending Cookies & Milk with Santa Cow, they can expect to see Santa Cow and his helper elf and take photos with them both," Mahaffey said. "We will have cookies and milk available for free on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last."



CHICK-FIL-A CULLMAN

Left to right are Alex Flanagan, Lana Potter, Josh Fouche, Lisa Buchanan and Betzy Silva.

Mahaffey said Minis with Mrs. Claus attendees can expect to see Mrs. Claus and take photos with her, as well as send last-minute letters to Santa back at the North Pole.

Get more information at www.facebook.com/CFACullman. Chick-fil-A Cullman is located at 1830 Cherokee Ave SW.

Fairview Elementary holding Winter Coat and Shoe Drive

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview Elementary School is holding its Winter Coat and Shoe Drive. Donations will be collected through Dec. 19, and distributed Dec. 20.

Assistant Principal Robert Strane said this is the second time the school has held the event

"The first time we were able to do this was back in 2018," he said. "We had planned to do it again in 2020, but COVID hit and we were unable to. With this drive, we are looking for new and gently used coats and shoes."

Donations can be dropped off during school hours at the elementary school office through Dec. 19.

Donations will be distributed to any community member in need on Dec. 20, from 2-6 p.m. in the K1 building.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/Fairviewelem17, call 256-796-6304 or email aholcomb@ccboe.org.

Fairview Elementary School is located at 700 Wesley Ave. N in Fairview.

Celebrating Milford Parrish



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The Fraternal Order of Police announced its member of the Year on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. Milford Parrish was honored after 35 years in law enforcement. He has been a member of the Fraternal Order of Police for 52 years. Friday was also Parrish's birthday. Pictured with Parrish is Cullman County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Jeff Lawson.



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Members of the Holly Pond Bronco Band, Band Director Steven Porter (standing center, in plaid), Holly Pond seniors and WVTM13 Chief Meteorologist Jason Simpson (standing, behind Santa) pose for a photo on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at the Holly Pond Senior Center.

Seniors (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The seniors at the Holly Pond Senior Center celebrated their Christmas party lunch on Friday, Dec. 6. WVTM13 Chief Meteorologist Jason Simpson (a Holly Pond native) celebrated with the seniors as a surprise guest. The Holly Pond Bronco Band also attended the party and played Christmas music as entertainment. Homemade Thanksgiving-style food and desserts were served.

Band Director Steven Porter talked about Christmas music and what it means to him.

"I love Christmas and family. I like Christmas carols. I love what Holly Pond does with the lighting of the tree," he smiled.

"We added more Christmas carols with the band playing kind of like a Salvation Army band.

"That's what I miss. You go into a department store, and you see and hear it from the parking lot walking up. You hear the bell, and you hear the band playing. It is just standard Christmas carols. Nothing fancy, just Christmas carols. My mom and dad both played piano so I can remember as a kid, we always sang Christmas carols."

The seniors smiled, tapped their feet and clapped while listening to the band play.





