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‘It’s a beautiful little community here’

Holly Pond’s ‘Christmas Cards in the Park’ happening now

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Town of Holly Pond kicked off the holiday season with its annual Christmas celebration Saturday, Dec. 7, at Governor’s Park.

Mayor Carla Hart got things going with the lighting the town’s Christmas tree.

“We are here at our town’s Governor’s Park behind town hall. We are doing our annual luminaries and tree lighting for the community. It’s a beautiful little community here. We are all family, we feel like, and we like to do things to bring people together,” Hart said at the event. “We have luminaries around our track and trails that the Civitan (Club) and Jr. Civitan (Club) put out for us. We have Cards in the Park that many businesses and individuals have brought out. We have free hot chocolate, coffee and cookies. We have Santa for the children. Music is being played by the high school » PAGE 5



JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cards in the Park display and luminaries will remain in Governor’s Park throughout December for the community to enjoy.

Berlin VFD’s Breakfast with Santa raises more than $13K for local children



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Santa (Steve Smith) and Mrs. Claus greet attendees at the Berlin Volunteer Fire Department’s fourth annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024.

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department hosted its fourth annual Breakfast with Santa at the Berlin Community Center on Saturday, Dec. 7, serving up pancakes, bacon, sausage and smiles to the crowd that turned out for the donation-based event. In all, the department brought in more than $13,000 for area children.

Guests made donations for their meals, eating in or taking them to go, all for a wonderful community cause.

Berlin VFD Treasurer Lee Holder explained, “All the money raised here goes to children in need for Christmas. The fire department is all volunteer. Everything we do here is on a volunteer basis, but today we feel like we really got paid. We got paid by your generosity.”

Along with breakfast, children got to meet and get their photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Adults entered drawings for a Ruger American Rifle Generation II or a Ladies’ Day Out gift certificate to spend in the Cullman Warehouse District. A silent auction was held for an analog electric smoker and gravity protein feeder.

The department raised more than $13,000 to help provide Christmas for children in need.

Holder thanked the community and local business sponsors on behalf of the department, stating, “Thank you for your support. You’ve blessed our hearts, and we are so very thankful for this event.”

Tis the season for community Christmas concerts!

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Holly Pond High School names basketball court in honor of former Broncos Coach Dwayne Adams



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Before the start of Holly Pond’s games against Good Hope Friday night, friends, family and former players gathered for a special ceremony to name the court after legendary Broncos basketball coach Dwayne Adams. In his tenure at Holly Pond, Adams collected 312 career wins, making him the winningest coach in school history. He led Holly Pond to nine county championship game appearances, eight area championships, six elite eight appearances and three final four appearances. Adams was also a member of the inaugural class of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame.

35th annual Cullman County Christmas Parade



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUN

The 35th annual Cullman County Christmas Parade rolled through Hanceville on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, a chilly, bright and sunny day. Pictured is Charlie Campbell, 5, of Hanceville. The annual parade is organized by the Hanceville Civitan Club.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 9, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 5

- sell-distribute drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 656
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278W
- theft of property; CR 490
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 437
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 157

Dec. 6

- domestic violence; Hwy. 69N
- domestic violence; 1st Ave. N Garden City
- domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 1742
- domestic violence; CR 1428
- burglary; CR 1801
- criminal mischief; CR 633
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- burglary; CR 750

Dec. 7

- using false identity to avoid arrest; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 1742
- assault; Yeager Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1720

Dec. 8

- harassing communications; CR 565
- theft of property; CR 1417

ARRESTS

Dec. 5-8

Aker, Larry D.; 43
- DUI (alcohol)

Beach, Nickolas R.; 35
- GJ – organized retail theft
- GJ – retail theft-2nd degree

Burgett, Christopher A.; 41
- making a terrorist threat-1st degree

Casmiro-Farfan, Charles M.; 27
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- resisting arrest

Coleman, William B.; 54
- FTA – driving on the wrong side of the road
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Graveman, Amy M.; 47
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Haney, Autumn J.; 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hubert III, Richard T.; 27
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- resisting arrest

Hyde, David M.; 39
- possession of amphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kelley, Matthew W.; 49
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Kennedy, Brian T.; 38
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Lambert, Adam K.; 45
- reckless endangerment
- unauthorized use of truck-no force

Laney, Christopher R.; 57
- public intoxication

Miller, David J.; 42
- attempting to elude a police officer

Montague, Robert L.; 68
- failure to deliver title

Myers, Maurice J.; 53
- GJ – burglary-residence-no force
- GJ – criminal mischief
- GJ – theft from yards, less than $500

Nellsch, Michel L.; 44
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – improper load

Pacheco, Soila J.; 35
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pilgrim, Nathaniel S.; 33
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ross, Brandon J.; 31
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Shelton, Jennifer M.; 45
- duty to inform law enforcement officer upon request when in possession of concealed pistol or firearm

Turney, Aaron K.; 33
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree

Ursery, Jordan L.; 20
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – minor in possession of alcohol
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 3
- theft of property-4th degree; Firehouse Subs; miscellaneous; 2nd Ave. SW

Dec. 6
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $57; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $65; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $105; Olive St. SW

Dec. 7
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '24 Lexus; $1,500
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $119; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; Cooper Cir. SW

Dec. 8
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; pistol; $480; 4th St. SE
- robbery-1st degree; theft of property-2nd degree; Take 5 Car Wash/person; cash; Cherokee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 6-8

Speakman, Tyler L.; 30
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree

Watson, Tyler B.; 28
- theft of property-4th degree

Cornelius, Amanda L.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Smelser, Jessica L.; 43
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Anderson, Jeffery B.; 50
- DUI

Reeps, Caleb T.; 35
- DUI

Lusk, Stephanie; 41
- FTA - driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Pair O' Docs Farm 2024 Christmas Festival coming Dec. 14

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BREMEN, Ala. — Pair O' Docs Farm will host its Christmas Festival on Saturday, Dec. 14, from 1-6 p.m.

Manager Gabby Abbott said this is the first year the farm is hosting the event.

"We are doing 'reindeer' rides (pony rides), a roping game, hot chocolate and finger foods, a grooming station and Santa photos," she said. "At the end, me and my two employees will be putting on a routine to 'Carol of the Bells' on horseback for everyone to watch. We are hoping to also host a stall decorating contest as well, but only if we have enough to sign up."

Admission is $15 for those 13 and older, $8 for 12 and younger and free for ages 4 and younger.

"Text for information about our stall decorating contest or volunteer opportunities," Abbott said. "You can also text or call with any other questions. Let's have some holiday horse fun. We can't wait to see you there."

For more information, call or text 256-636-7064 or visit www.facebook.com/pairodocsfarm.

Pair O' Docs Farm is located at 1193 County Road 18 in Bremen.

HAM radio license testing offered by Cullman Amateur Radio Club – Dec. 12

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Amateur Radio Club will host its monthly HAM radio license testing on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 7-9 p.m. The testing session will take place at the old Commission on Aging building, located just before the entrance to Sportsman Lake Park.

The testing is open to the public and provides an opportunity for those interested in obtaining or upgrading their HAM radio license.

The three license classes available are Technician, General and Extra.

Participants are encouraged to bring a photo ID and a photocopy of their current license or a current CSCE if upgrading.

The examination fee is $15, payable by exact cash or check made out to the "Cullman Amateur Radio Club."

"The Cullman Amateur Radio Club of Cullman, Alabama with the callsign N4TUN, is an ARRL-affiliated, Special Service club formed for the purpose of promoting amateur radio in our community.

The Club offers many avenues for your amateur radio enjoyment and growth.," stated the official Cullman Amateur Radio Club website.

"We actively support the Cullman Emergency Management Agency and Skywarn as well as several community service agencies."

For those who are new to HAM radio and would like to learn more, the Cullman Amateur Radio Club will have representatives on hand to answer questions and provide guidance on how to get started during the license testing on Dec. 12.

"The Club meets the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. at the Cullman County Commission on Aging building, located on Sportsman Lake Road, just off Highway 31 North. Guests are always welcome," the website states.

For more information, contact the Cullman Amateur Radio Club on its official Facebook page.









Concerts (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Several performing arts groups throughout the Cullman community are celebrating the holiday season with Christmas concerts. The Cold Springs and Good Hope band programs kicked off the festivities with performances earlier in the month, but there is plenty of time to enjoy the sounds of the season with a host of upcoming events!

Vinemont Band Program
• When: Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m.
• Where: Vinemont gymnasium
• Cost: FREE

Fairview Band Program
• When: Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.
• Where: Keith E. Pattillo Auditorium
• Cost: FREE

Cullman City Schools Bands
• When: Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.
• Where: Cullman High School auditorium
• Cost: FREE

Wallace State Christmas Spectacular
• When: Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m.
• Where: Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Cost: FREE

Holly Pond School Bands
• When: Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m.
• Where: Felton Easterwood Gymnasium
• Cost: FREE + silent auction available

West Point School Bands
• When: Friday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m.
• Where: West Point High School big gym
• Cost: FREE

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
• Tuesday, Dec. 10 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck and game night
• Wednesday, Dec. 11 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Dec. 13 - 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.
• Friday, Dec. 13 - End Addiction Rally. Meal at 6 p.m. Service at 7.
• Saturday, Dec. 14 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Kids Loving Kids Christmas Giveaway
• Sunday, Dec. 15 - 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.
• Saturday, Dec. 21 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank

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. 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. 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. 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

Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 14, at Randall Shedd Park in Fairview. The parade will start lining up from 3:45-4 p.m. at the turnaround by the school and start at 4:30. It will end at the park. Anyone is welcome to participate. We will have a lighting of the tree with carols being sung, the reading of "The Christmas Story," free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids cause Santa will be there! For more info, call Kita at 256-358-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

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.

Free Christmas Meal
Saturday, Dec. 21, 11 a.m. till all food is gone! Free to all!! At The Foot Of The Cross Church, 2101 County Road 1435, Vinemont.

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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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders pull away from Broncos 67-53, Lady Raiders come from behind to top Holly Pond 50-46

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Holly Pond Broncos hosted their county rivals from Good Hope Friday night, and it was a big night at Felton Easterwood Gymnasium. Before the start of the varsity girls' game, friends, family and former players gathered for a special ceremony to name the court after legendary Holly Pond basketball coach Dwayne Adams. In his tenure coaching the Broncos, Adams collected 312 career wins, making him the winningest coach in school history. He led Holly Pond to nine county championship game appearances, eight area championships, six elite eight appearances and three final four appearances. Adams was also a member of the inaugural class of the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame.

Once the games tipped off, the Lady Broncos jumped out to an early lead over the Lady Raiders, but Good Hope was able to close the gap by halftime. The momentum continued into the third quarter as the Lady Raiders outscored Holly Pond 31-21 in the second half to come from behind and earn a 50-46 win. In the boys' game, the score was knotted at 29 at the half but Good Hope took control in the fourth quarter to pull away with a 67-53 win over the Broncos.

Good Hope 50 – Holly Pond 46 (varsity girls)

Holly Pond got off to a fast start. A basket from Madison Butts, a pair of free throws from Ava Thomas and another bucket by Maggie Nail gave the Lady Broncos a 6-0 lead. McBee laid one in and added a pair of free throws to make it 10-0 and Thomas scored inside to give Holly Pond a 12-0 lead midway through the opening period. After another McBee score made it a 14-0 game, Good Hope finally got on the board when Sophie Konrad split a pair of free throws to make it 14-1. Butts drilled a three on the other end to stretch the lead to 17-1 before Jolee McHan laid one it to make it 17-3. Trailing 19-3 with one minute remaining in the first, Good Hope's Ava McSwain drove to the rim and scored to make it 19-5 but Thomas answered with one more Holly Pond basket just before the buzzer to give the Lady Broncos a 21-5 lead at the end of the first quarter.

McHan scored inside to trim the lead to 21-7 at the start of the second quarter and after McBee split a pair of free throws, McSwain scored the next seven points to make it a 22-14 game. Lexi Marshall drilled a three from the top of the key to cut it 22-17 but Nail stopped the run with a three on the other end, keeping Holly Pond in front 25-17 late in the second. However, McSwain scored the final bucket of the half to make it a 25-19 game at the halftime break.

Basket by McSwain and Konrad trimmed the lead to two early in the third quarter and McHan sank a pair of free throws to tie the game at 25 midway through the period. McSwain buried a three on the next possession to give Good Hope its first lead of the night at 28-25. Baskets by Konrad and Lexi Marshall put the Lady Raiders ahead 32-25 and McHan converted an and-one play at the line to give Good Hope a 10-point lead. McSwain added one more bucket before the end of the third and the Lady Raiders led 37-28 at the start of the fourth.

Holly Pond battled back in the fourth quarter. Baskets by Butts and Thomas made it a 5-point game and Alana Phillips drilled a three to cut the lead to 37-35. Thomas hit a pair of free throws to trim the lead to 39-37 later in the fourth and she exchanged buckets with McSwain to hold the Raider lead to 41-39 midway through the period. McHan laid one in to put Good Hope in front by 4 and back to back baskets from McSwain gave the Lady Raiders a 47-39 advantage with two minutes to play.

Butts converted a three-point play at the line to make it a 47-42 game and Thomas scored with 12 seconds on the clock to trim the lead to three, but it wasn't enough to overcome Good Hope's lead and the Lady Raiders held on to defeat Holly Pond 50-46.

McSwain led Good Hope with 24 points in the win, followed by McHan with 14. Thomas led the way for Holly Pond with 20 points in the loss and Butts added 10.

Good Hope 67 – Holly Pond 53 (varsity boys)

Tucker Malin knocked down a three-pointer and drive to the basket for two to give Good Hope an early lead but a pair of baskets from Cade Allbright and a bucket by Sawyer Olinger gave the Broncos a 6-5 lead. Jacob Haynes laid one in and Malin drilled another three to put the Raiders in front 10-8 later in the period. Ty Dunn and Tyler Cone exchanged baskets in the final two minutes of the first to make it a 12-10 game at the start of second.

Malin's third three-pointer of the night put the Raiders ahead 15-10 early in the second quarter but a basket from Asher Thrift and a pair of Allbright free throws trimmed the lead to 15-14. Pace and Olinger exchanged baskets to make it a 17-16 game and Thrift and Ryan each scored to put the Broncos in front 20-17.

Malin scored inside and Owen Armstrong drained a three to give Good Hope a 22-20 lead.

Pace added a throw of his own to make it 25-20 but a basket from Ryan and another three by Dunn tied the game at 25 with one minute remaining in the first half and both teams went to the locker room locked up at 29 at halftime.

Allbright laid one in to give the Broncos a 33-31 lead early in the third quarter, but Haynes buried a three on the other end to put Good Hope back in front by one.

Tucker Keef drove to the rim and scored to keep the Raiders in front 37-35 midway through the third, but Ryan scored inside and Olinger converted an and-one play at the line to give Holly Pond a 40-39 lead. Dunn drained a three to make it 43-39 and Thrift laid one in to give the Broncos a 6-point lead with just over a minute to play in the third, but Good Hope railed to tie things back up at 47 by the start of the fourth.

The Raiders dominated the early portion of the fourth quarter, using baskets from Malin and Haynes to pull ahead 56-47. Malin scored the next seven points for Good Hope to stretch the lead to 63-49 and the Raiders went on to defeat the Broncos 67-53.

Malin led all scorers with 28 points in the win. Haynes posted 18 and Pace finished with eight. For Holly Pond, Allbright led the way with 17 points and Olinger added 13 points.



NICK GRIFFIN

Tucker Malin (20) led the Raiders with 28 points in their 67-53 win at Holly Pond Friday night.



NICK GRIFFIN

Ava McSwain (2) led Good Hope with 24 points in its 50-46 win at Holly Pond Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville splits area openers against Locust Fork

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The Hanceville Bulldogs tipped off area play against Locust Fork Friday night and the Bulldog squads ended up splitting the matchups. In the varsity girls' game, Hanceville jumped out to an early lead and the Lady Bulldogs pulled away in the second half to knock off Locust Fork 56-44. In the varsity boys' game, Hanceville fell behind early and wasn't able to recover, leading to a 66-48 loss for the Bulldogs.

Hanceville 56 - Locust Fork 44 (Varsity Girls)

Kynzlee Farr drilled a long jumper to put Hanceville on the scoreboard first, then later in the quarter, Alex Twitty and Kerrigon Moore each scored in the paint to give them an early 6-3 lead. The Lady Hornets ended up scoring the next four points to take a 7-6 lead, but Alex Twitty scored five straight points for the Lady Bulldogs to give them the lead right back at 11-7. A pair of Farr free throws made it 13-7, and Alex Twitty finished a strong quarter with a three from the left wing to make it a 16-10 game going into the second quarter.

Hanceville continued their red-hot shooting from deep, as threes by Piper Butts and Farr stretched their lead to 22-10. A three-point play by Locust Fork cut it to 22-13, but free throws by Aaliyah and Alex Twitty and Moore made it 26-14. Mattie Keith put in a pair of baskets in the paint, and Mckenzie Aaron drained a long jumper to give Hanceville a 32-19 lead late in the second. A basket down low by Aaliyah Twitty and a free throw by Keith increased their lead to 35-23 at the half.

Hanceville's lead only grew wider in the third quarter, as Keith's rebound and putback, and back-to-back baskets by Moore and Keith saw their lead swell to 41-23. Aaliyah Twitty put in a basket in the paint to make it 43-26, and the Lady Bulldogs would take a 43-29 lead into the final period. A rebound and putback by Aaliyah Twitty and a basket down low by Moore made it 47-31. The Lady Hornets went on a little run, as they ended up cutting it to 49-39, but Hanceville didn't let them get closer than that the rest of the game. A basket in the paint by Aaliyah Twitty and two free throws each by Alex Twitty and Farr stretched their lead to 55-41, and the Lady Bulldogs would go on to pick up a huge 56-44 region win over Locust Fork.

Alex Twitty finished with 14 points for Hanceville (4-4, 1-0). Aaliyah Twitty posted 12 points and Farr and Keith each added nine points.

Locust Fork 66 - Hanceville 48 (Varsity Boys)

Peyton Twilley knocked down a short jumper, and Drake Bentley drained a pair from the line, as that gave Hanceville an early 4-2 lead. That lead was short-lived, though, as Locust Fork went on an 11-0 run to take a 13-4 lead. Twilley got fouled while shooting a three and ended up hitting all three free throws to cut it to 13-7 late in the first. The Hornets, though, scored the final five points of the quarter to make it an 18-7 game after one.

Locust Fork would stretch their lead to 24-7 to start out the second quarter, but Hanceville answered right back with a big run of their own. Bentley scored the first five points of the run, then a basket in the paint by Brodie Brenner, followed by a top of the key trey by Twilley, cut it to 24-17 with 4:28 remaining in the first half. The Hornets, though, would answer right back with a 10-3 run to make it a 34-20 game. Bentley drilled a long-range trey just before the buzzer sounded to trim it to an 11-point game at 34-23 at the half.

Bentley put in a driving layup, and Brenner buried a three to cut it to 37-28 early in the third quarter. Another big run by Locust Fork quickly pushed their lead to 49-28. Four straight points by Brenner and a free throw by Twilley made it a 53-33 game going into the final quarter. A rebound and putback by Samuel Abney and a three-point play by Twilley cut it to 58-38. Late baskets by Bentley and Twilley made it a 64-47 game, but the deficit proved to be too much to overcome for Hanceville, as they ended up dropping their region opener to the Hornets, 66-48.

Bentley led the way for Hanceville (3-7, 0-1) with 19 points. Twilley finished just behind with 18 points and Brenner posted nine points.

Hanceville will continue area play Tuesday at J.B. Pennington.



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Hanceville's Mattie Keith dribbles past defenders during the Lady Bulldogs' 56-44 win over Locust Fork Friday night.

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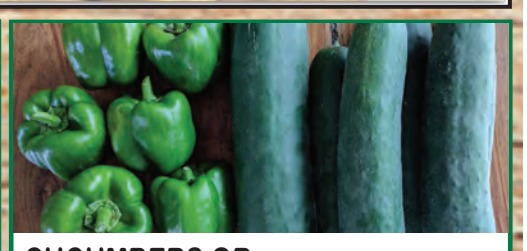
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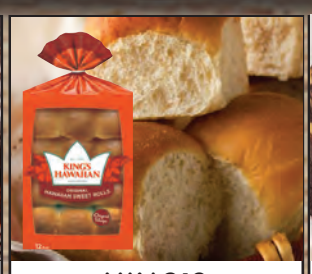


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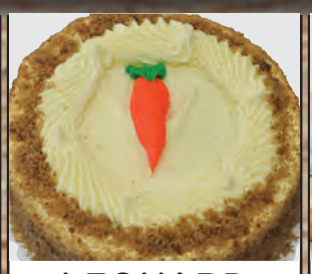
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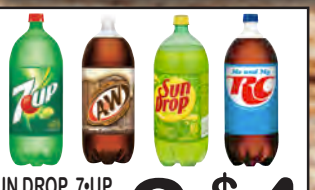
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Local law enforcement, DA, Troopers talk traffic safety

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County District Attorney's Office, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Cullman Police Department and Alabama State Troopers took part in a press conference Monday, Dec. 9, to implore the public to be aware and be safe on the roads this holiday season.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker started off the press conference by pushing the need for public safety awareness.

"We don't want more traffic homicide cases," he said. "Public safety, like justice, is everyone's business.

"We are asking everyone to be extra cautious."

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry shared that one of the most important things you can do is take care of each other, especially this season and when the annual Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo is taking place Dec. 13-14.

"There are going to be more people in Cullman County than normal; please pay attention," Gentry said. "We have the holidays and Christmas coming up.

"We have the Christmas market and many events happening. Don't text and drive and don't drink and drive.

"I pray you come to the city of Cullman and visit, but while you are here, be mindful.

Be aware of your surroundings. Make sure you are taking care of each other."

Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan said this is the season for busy traffic in the city, and he stressed that if you drink and drive, you will be in jail.

"One fatality is too many," Duncan said. "Pay attention, be vigilant and practice safety. Be safe — don't cross the highway (on foot) without a crosswalk.

"Don't wear dark colors at night if walking or running. Be aware of traffic and speeding. Last, do not drink and drive — if you do, you will be put in jail."

Senior Alabama State Trooper Brandon Bailey said the purpose of the press conference is to save lives.

Bailey said It's incredibly hard to go to someone's loved one's house and tell them their loved one passed away.

He said it only takes a split second or one bad decision that can bring bad consequences.

Bailey said primary contributing factors to traffic fatalities are not wearing seatbelts, speeding and distracted driving.

He also cautioned that motorists need to remember to move over when emergency vehicles are present.

"It's up to you," he said. "We all share a responsibility."



SCREEN CAPTURE FROM FACEBOOK/CULLMAN SHERIFF

Senior Alabama State Trooper Brandon Baily speaks at a press conference held Monday, Dec. 9, 2024. Left to right are Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Bailey and two other Alabama State Troopers.

Holly Pond (from Front)

Bronco band. We missed out on the elementary chorus this year. We send them our blessing and we hope to see them here next year. We are a blessed little town to spend this Christmas together."

Giant Christmas cards made by members of the Holly Pond community are displayed throughout the park, as well as luminaries in memory and in honor of loved ones along the walkways. The display will remain in the park throughout December for the community to enjoy.

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Nominations open for Eagle Awards to honor special contributors to Alabama State Parks

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama State Parks Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has begun accepting applications for its prestigious Eagle Awards, which recognize special contributors to the 21 state parks.

Nominations for the ninth annual Eagle Awards can be made online at www.alapark.com/eagle-awards, with the deadline to submit nominations set for Jan. 3, 2025.

Eagle Awards are presented in five categories: Elected Official, Community Partner, Park Partner, Volunteer in Parks (VIP) and Youth (12th-grade students and younger).

The winners will be publicly honored on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025, as part of the second Eagle Awareness Weekend at Lake Guntersville State Park.

"We understand how fortunate we are to have so many organizations and individuals partner with Alabama State Parks on a variety of projects every year, and it's always rewarding to take time to recognize and thank them," said Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship.

"The Eagle Awareness Weekend is the perfect setting to show our gratitude to the winners every year."

Anyone can make a nomination and here are descriptions for each of the five Eagle Awards categories:

• Elected Official: This award honors an elected official who has worked in conjunction with the parks to help fulfill its mission to preserve natural areas, operate recreational facilities and extend the public's knowledge of the state's natural environment.

• Community Partner: Parks succeed with the cooperation and support of community organizations, including government organizations, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations and local businesses – groups that understand that the success of the park means success for the community.

• Park Partner: Organizations work to provide or maintain amenities in the parks, such as hiking and biking trails, that otherwise might not exist due to the allocation of resources for other services. This award celebrates those partners who see a need and cooperate with park leadership to fill it.

• Volunteer in Parks (VIP): These VIPs work in various ways to make our parks system better. Volunteers may provide physical labor or strategic planning to improve one park, or the entire Alabama State Parks System.

• Youth: Our parks inspire all ages, but the impression left on our children often remains with them forever. Many turn their love of the parks and the outdoors into projects to benefit some of their favorite places – often as part of a Scouting program. This award, for students in 12th grade and younger, honors a person whose contribution is extraordinary.

"We truly believe in our motto: 'Partners Pay the Way,' and the Eagle Awards gives us the chance to thank some of our most meaningful and impactful partners," Alabama State Parks Director Matthew Capps said. "I can't wait to see this year's nominees."



LEGALS

Cullman County Commission - Financial Statement

As Of September 30, 2024 - Unaudited

Excludes Sheriff's, Revenue Commissioner and Probate Judge's Discretionary Funds

Governmental Fund Types And Expendible Trust

Revenues	General Fund Funds 0 - 99	Special Revenue Including Other Gov't	Debt Service Funds 300	Trust & Agency Funds 700's	Total
Taxes	$28,699,478	$8,862,362	$0	$54,837	$37,616,677
Licenses And Permits	96,070	0	0	0	$96,070
Intergovernmental	2,719,897	10,926,705	0	444,148	$14,090,750
Charges For Services	3,059,619	1,549,557	0	76,726	$4,685,902
Miscellaneous	2,087,157.00	1,735,231	0	50,939	$3,873,327
Total Revenues	36,662,221	23,073,855	0	626,650	60,362,726
Expenditures					
General Government	8,161,421	3,970,440	0	474,968	$12,606,829
Public Safety	17,355,498	593,325	0	0	$17,948,823
Highways And Roads	0	19,635,981	0	0	$19,635,981
Health	1,267,274	0	0	0	$1,267,274
Welfare	66,750	3,496,617	0	0	$3,563,367
Culture And Recreation	372,852	73,150	0	0	$446,002
Education	252,057	0	0	0	$252,057
Debt Service(incl's prin.&	0	0	850,202	0	$850,202
Total Expenditures	27,475,852	27,769,513	850,202	474,968	56,570,535
Excess Of Revenues Over/(Under) Expenditures	9,186,369	(4,695,658)	(850,202)	151,682	3,792,191
Net Operating Transfers	(6,362,476.00)	10,211,203.00	850,202	(870,191)	3,828,738
		0	0	0	0
Sale of Assets	54,057	1,332,301	0	0	1,386,358
Total Other Financing	(6,308,419)	11,543,504	850,202	(870,191)	5,215,096
Excess Of Revenues And Other Financing Sources Financing Sources Over/(Under) Expenditures And Other Financing	2,877,950	6,847,846	0	(718,509)	9,007,287

Business Type Activities

Sanitation , Water,& Parks & Other	Total
Operating Revenues	
Charges For Services	
Water	$16,030,964
Sanitation	8,115,167
Parks incl's trf in from General (a)	3,205,123
Total Operating Revenues	27,351,254
Operating Expenses	
Water Department	16,403,857
Sanitation Department	7,418,825
Parks Department	2,775,399
Total Expenses(Excludes Cap. Outlay)	26,598,081
Non-Operating Rev/(Exp's)	
Interest Income	12,838
Bond Admin Fee & Amorit.of Debt Cost	0
Interest Expense(warrants)	(588,339)
Other-grant and reimbursements	23,601
Total Non-Operating Rev/(Exp's)	(551,900)
Change In Net Position(Net Income)	201,273

Capital Outlay Business Type	
Sanitation	1,124,274.00
Water	92,196.00
Total Capital Outlay	1,216,470.00

Current Assets at September 30, 2024

	Governmental Trust/Types	Business Types	Total
Cash-Other Than Sinking Fund - All Funds	$23,786,094	$484,122	$24,270,216
Investments -Regular - All Funds	3,543,296	0	3,543,296
Total Cash and Investments	$27,329,390	$484,122	$27,813,512

Outstanding Indebtedness at 9/30/2024

Governmental Activities

Governmental Due In Fiscal Year September :	Series 2023 G.O. Bonds Sept 2023 Matures 9/27/2053 Int 4.42% Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Total Gov't Prin +Int
2023-2053	13,595,000	588,339	0	0	14,183,339
Total Governmental	13,595,000	588,339	0	0	14,183,339

Otherer Notes /WarrantsPayable Established in FY 13 To Local Banks At 9/30	Principal	Interest
2020-2028	739,252	17,570
	0	0

Business Type Activities

Water Department Due In Fiscal Year September :	Series 2021 A Warrants Matures 06/01/2031 Int.1.79%-1.88% Principal	Interest	Series 2021 B Warrants Matures 12/01/2031 1.79%-1.88% Principal	Interest	Tot Bus-Prin Interest Req. To Maturity Tot Business
2020-2030	3,310,000	505,950	3,580,000	245,700	7,641,650
					0
Total Water Dep	3,310,000	505,950	3,580,000	245,700	10,047,350

Report prepared from 09/30/24 unaudited data and excludes other component units in the Governmental funds that are not financially recorded on the Commission's books.

The financial data for these entities was unavailable at time of reporting and considered immaterial to the overall financial statement.

The financial information presented is in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 11-3-21 . Generally accepted accounting standards are followed. Fair presentation of the County's financial condition and operating results require additional schedules and disclosures. This additional information is included in the audit prepared annually by the State of Alabama/Examiners of Public Accounts.

Detailed financial records are available to the general public at the County Commission office during regular working hours.

Prepared by John Bullard - Chief Administrative Officer

Jeff Clemons, Chairman -Cullman County Commission

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

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

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship in the matter of Karen Faye Gilbreath, an incapacitated person, by Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, Petitioner, by and through Attorney J. Bradley Wilson, *Amended Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship* by J. Bradley Wilson, Attorney for Petitioner, Verne Lawayne Gilbreath, has been scheduled for the **19th day of December, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 22nd day of November, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioner
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND CODICIL

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

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

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain Mortgage executed by **Robert Eric Trahan and Emily Sara Hayes Trahan,** as husband and wife, to Traditions Bank, as follows: Mortgage securing the property described below, said Mortgage dated July 14, 2023, and recorded on July 18, 2023, in Mortgage Book 2056 Page 697 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; as modified by that Modification of Mortgage executed by **Robert Eric Trahan and Emily Sara Hayes Trahan** to Traditions Bank, as follows: Modification of Mortgage dated July19, 2024, and recorded on July 26, 2024, in Mortgage Book 2091 Page 573 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the undersigned Traditions Bank, as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Cullman, Alabama, on **December 30, 2024,** between the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

Lot #19 of Chelsea Estates, Phase II, as recorded in Plat Book 2020 page 12 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman Co, Alabama.
Conveyed subject to the following exceptions:
Ad valorem property taxes due October 1 of each year and delinquent January 1 of each year.
Any and all mineral or mining rights reserved or conveyed, building/zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions, rights of ways, municipal assessments, ordinances, improvements, taxes, assessments or subdivision regulations, and other matters, recorded or unrecorded which may affect subject property.
Restrictions set out in Misc Bk 305 page 21.
15' easement along all interior lot lines, building location lines and all other easements or matters set out on the plat of Chelsea Estates Phase II in Plat Book 2020 page 12 or the Restrictions in Misc Bk 305 page 21.
Less and except all easements or rights of ways for roadways.
Easement to South Central Bell in Deed BK 294 page 881.

Property address: 70 County Rd 1586, Vinemont, AL 35179

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 7-9

Norma Faye Ellard, 86
Norma Faye Ellard, of Hanceville, Alabama, enter into the presence of our Lord on Friday evening, Dec. 6, 2024, at the age of 86. Ms. Ellard was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Sept. 11, 1938, to Dewey Edward and Gertrude Rhoda Henderson Lee. Ms. Ellard and her late husband, Conrad, were members of Walter Baptist Church where they enjoyed worshiping their Savior with their friends and neighbors. Norma worked as a substitute teacher as well as a seamstress for many years. In her free time, she enjoyed quilting, putting together puzzles, and reading a good book. Ms. Ellard liked to cheer on both the Crimson Tide and the Braves, and she enjoyed watching them play when she could. Norma loved birds, and she made certain the feeder outside her window was always full for them. Conrad and Norma were married for many years and Norma was a faithful and dedicated wife to her beloved. Norma was an only child, but she was blessed with four children of her own. She adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Ms. Norma leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness and her memory will be carried on through many generations. Mrs. Ellard is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Conrad H. Ellard; grandson, Robert Harbison; brothers-in-law, Fred and Lois Ellard, Dwight Ellard; sisters-in-law, Clarice Henry, Ruth Crutchfield, and Jackie Ellard. Those left to cherish Norma's memory includes her children, Bruce and Nina Ellard, Anita and Phillip Harbison, Belinda and Randy King, Donna and Michael Self; grandchildren, Matthew and Amy Ellard, Aaron Ellard, Nathan and Aldys Harbison, Justin and Heather King, Jared and Laura King, Jordan and Rachel King, Rachel Self, Seth Self; great-grandchildren, Owen Ellard, Mattie Ellard, Ava King, Miles King, Claire King, Aubree King, Brennan King, Grayson King, Everly King; brothers-in-law, Pat Ellard, Jimmy and Evelyn Ellard; and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mrs. Ellard are noon, Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, where her son, Bruce Ellard will officiate. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Mrs. Ellard's grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the Ellard family on Wednesday, beginning two hours prior to service time, from 10 a.m., until noon. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in memory of Ms. Norma to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ellard family.

Alton Lee Davis, 77
It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Mr. Alton L. Davis, a loving husband and devoted father. He passed away peacefully at the age of 77 on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born on Oct. 30, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama to Columbus and Madge Davis. He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife Linda Davis, sons Brandon and Aaron Davis and his brothers Glenn and Ted Davis. Survivors include his daughter Clara Ellis, of Cartersville, Gerogia; his brother Roger and Kim Davis, of Marietta, Gerogia; his grandchildren Kiana Davis and Dillon Davis of Pennsylvania; His nephew Roger Davis Jr. of Ellijay, Georgia. Graveside services to be announced at Good Hope Baptist Church in Hanceville, Alabama.

Ruth Hacker Henry, 95
Ruth Hacker Henry, age 95 of Cullman, died Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024. Ruth's great grandparents, who were German Immigrants, were among the first to settle in Cullman. Ruth was a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Her proud German heritage and inspiring Catholic faith help to make Ruth beloved to all who knew her. Ruth literally bloomed with pleasure making Cullman a more beautiful place by her longtime work in the garden club. As long as her eyesight would allow, she had documented this prestigious heritage by scrapbooking. She is preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Henry; son, Craig Henry, parents: William and Rosie Hacker; and a sister, Frances "Sis" Lynn. Ruth is survived by daughters: Debbie (Gary) McGill; Vickie (Terry) Parker; grandchildren: Heath (Crystal) Parker, Andrea Parker and her children Zoe and Chi, Josh (Amanda) McGill, and Brooke (Matt) Cornelius; great grandchildren; Noah (Grace) Parker, Riley McGill, Lane Parker, Carsyn Cornelius, and Kennedy Cornelius; sister, Dottie Tucker and a host of other family members and friends. Graveside service will be Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Abbot Marcus Voss O.S.B. will officiate. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Sharon Rae Burroughs, 84
Funeral Service for Sharon Rae Burroughs, age 84 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at St. John's Evangelical Church with Keith Warden and Rev. John Richter officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at St. John's Evangelical Church in the Atrium. A private burial will happen at a later date in Ashland, Alabama. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Burroughs passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, at Cullman Regional. She was born, June 16, 1940, to Arlyn Johnson and Jeanette Johnson.

Survivors include her children, Jeff (Denise) Burroughs, Susan (Van) Trent, Scott (Carolyn) Burroughs, and Jamie (Dyroma) Burroughs; grandchildren, Jesse Burroughs, Libby Burroughs, Kacy (Brady) Patterson, Cooper (Catie) Trent, Johnson Trent, Marie Trent, Anna Hampton Burroughs, Claudia Burroughs, Lauren Burroughs, Cade Burroughs, Marshall McGarity, and Anna (Brett) Stallings; great grandchildren, Louise Trent, Cooper Trent, and Bowen Trent, brothers, Richard (Jean) Johnson, Rex (Mary Anne) Johnson, and Mike (Ellen) Johnson, sister-in-law, Carolyn Burroughs; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Cullman Senior Center, P.O. Box 1706 Cullman, AL 35056.

Joan Estelle Durbin-Jones, 88
Graveside Service for Joan Estelle Durbin Jones, age 88 of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at Highlands Memorial Gardens with Dr. Gary Nunn officiating; burial at Highlands Memorial Gardens. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Jones passed away on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024, at her residence. She was born Febr. 24, 1936, to Earnest Austin Durbin and Doris Bagwell Durbin. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Robert R. Jones. Survivors include her daughter, Kristin (Gary) Nunn, grandchildren, Tyler (Erica) Nunn and Alicia (Justin) Wheat; great grandchildren, Hudson Nunn, Caden Nunn, Harper Wheat and Carson Wheat and a host of family and friends.

Bobby Layne Duren, 88
Bobby Layne Duren, 88, passed away Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, at his home in the New Hope community near Holly Pond after a long illness. A graveside service for family and friends will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at noon at New Hope No. 2 Baptist Church with Brother Herman Lambert presiding. The church will provide a meal service for family and friends afterwards. Mr. Duren was preceded in death by his parents, Flossie and Raymond Duren, brothers Jimmy and Raymond Duren, sisters Juanita Johnson, Dorothy Veal and Doris Vaughn, daughter Cynthia Alexander, and son Brian Abbott. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Onzelle Hays Duren, sister-in-law Betty Duren, step-sons Ron Akers (Vicki) and Terry Abbott, 11 grandchildren: Britt Akers, Andrea Allen, Christopher Boroff, Robyn Scott, Francie Gordon, Heidi Dilorenzo, Jason Abbott, Lane Abbott, Zachary Abbott, Wyatt Abbott, Tyler Abbott; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He retired as a Lieutenant with the Livonia (Michigan) Police Department after a distinguished 27-year career in law enforcement. He loved his church and the church family, and he served for many years as a deacon at New Hope Church. The family would like to express special thanks to ExpectCare Hospice for the medical care provided over the past year, and our gratitude for the many prayers and visits from church and community members. Mr. Duren's obituary was provided by his family. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Duren family.

Thomas Franklin Griggs, 83
Thomas Franklin Griggs, age 83, of West Point, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024. Tommy was born May 2, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Allen and Laura (Harbison) Griggs. He was a graduate of West Point High School in 1959. He married Sandra Swann on Sept. 14, 1967, and they were married 57 years. He and Sandra had 6 children together. He was a lifelong resident and pillar in his community of West Point. Through the years he had many occupations and businesses including insulating and cleaning out chicken house, a dairy farmer, and selling restaurant and grocery store equipment. The business that he was most well known for was The Smoker Restaurant at West Point and Trimble that he ran with his wife Sandra for 20 plus years. Not only was he known for his BBQ and his love to shoot the bull with the customers, but most will remember him by the signature captains' hat that he wore daily. He was a member of West Point Baptist Church. He loved his family and friends and was proud of his children, grandchildren, and great grandchild. He is survived by his wife Sandra (Swann), his son's William (Deanna), Paul (Melony), Samuel (Mary Beth), Matthew (Erica), daughter Joy Beth, grandchildren Aaron, Grace, Kailei, Jake, Brandon, Erik, Hayley, Emma, Jacie, Jalee, Brody, and Mason, great-grandchild Knox Parker, brother Red (Pat), and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his daughter Elizabeth Ann, granddaughter Emilee Ann, parents Allen and Laura, brother David (Joyce), and his sister Becky. A celebration of life visitation for Tommy will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, followed by a celebration of life funeral service Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024, at 2 p.m. at West Point Baptist Church, 140 County Road 1242, Cullman, AL 35057. Tommy will lie-in-state from 1:00 pm until the time of the service. Tommy will be laid to rest in Ebenezer Cemetery, 2245 County Road 1242, Vinemont, AL 35179. He will be missed, but this is not a goodbye just a see you later. To leave condolences for the Griggs family visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Zelma Dean Butler, 94
Zelma Dean Goodlett Butler, aged 94, passed away on Dec. 6, 2024, in Birmingham, Alabama. Dean was born in Cullman, Alabama to Murrie Greenlee Goodlett and Mary Jeanette "Nettie" Goodlett (née Allgood) on Jan. 29, 1930, as the youngest of nine children. She married Howard Edsel Butler on June 5, 1954. Dean's devotion to her family and her faith in Jesus Christ were the cornerstones of her life. She is survived by her son, Jeffrey Butler (Caroline). She was predeceased by her husband of 52 years; her parents; her sisters, Melba Craft, Marcille Pattillo, Sara Goodlett, and Onice Goodlett; and brothers, Bertis Goodlett, Argin Goodlett, Troy Goodlett, and Donald Goodlett. Dean grew up in the Gold Ridge community of Cullman and was a proud alumna of Fairview High School, Sacred Heart Junior College, and Florence State Teachers College. She taught at Woodlawn High School and Banks High School in Birmingham before returning to Cullman County to teach at West Point High School and, subsequently, Cullman Middle School. Dean spoke often of the positive influence teaching had on her. She kept many of the small gifts students gave to her over the years and treasured hearing from her students as they moved on in their lives. Dean dedicated her life to teaching physical education and biology, shaping the lives of countless students with her enthusiasm. She remained an advocate for both the value of reading and the pursuit of physical fitness throughout her life. In accordance with Dean's wishes, a private interment will be held at Simcoe United Methodist Church Cemetery. As a two-time cancer survivor, cancer research was important to Dean. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the cancer research organization of your choice. To leave condolences for the family please visit mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Alice Todd, 76
Mrs. Mary Alice Todd, age 76, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Dec. 7, 2024. Mrs. Todd was born March 16,1948, to Burnace Turner and Ludie Williams Turner in Fairburn, Georgia. Mrs. Todd is survived by her husband Robert J. Todd; daughter Penny Bentley; sons Robert L. Todd and Thomas J. Todd (Lynsey); grandsons Nicholas Todd and Turner Todd; granddaughter Lucy Todd; and sisters Dot Dickson and Betty Ramey. Mrs. Todd will be laid to rest on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at 3 p.m. at a private graveside ceremony at Myrtle Hill cemetery in Hogansville, Georgia. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Peggy Joyce Narrell, 82
Peggy Joyce Narrell, age 82, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024. Peggy was a caring and compassionate lady who loved and was loved. She saw the "good" in all people. The world was a kinder place with her in it. She was preceded in death by her mother, Delphia Pearson Strickland. Peggy is survived by her daughter, Lisa Narrell-Mead; son-in-law, Mike Mead; Brothers: Jerry Peek, and Gary Peak (Tammy) and three grandchildren: Micayla Anne (Eiya) Hiraoka, Marshall Patrick Mead and Mason Edward Mead, who were the light of her life. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. until the celebration of Peggy's life which will begins at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman. Mrs. Narrell will be buried in Mt. Zion Cemetery with her husband. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Jimmy Wayne Spradlin, 72
Jimmy Wayne Spradlin, born Oct. 2, 1951, passed away from natural causes on Aug. 13, 2024, at the age of 72. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Shelia Spradlin, and his two daughters, Tammy Fowler, (Daniel Fowler), and Robbie Sheppard, (Danny Sheppard) and four grandchildren. Born to Cleophus (Peewee) and Reba (Nell) Spradlin, Jimmy was known for his kind spirit and warm smile. Jimmy was cremated under the care of Cullman Funeral Home. He will be missed by his family and friends.

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