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CPD makes 3 arrests in connection with Take 5 Car Wash robbery

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department (CPD) on Tuesday, Dec. 10, made three arrests in connection with the Sunday, Dec. 8, robbery at Take 5 Car Wash in Cullman.

According to CPD reports, officers responded to a robbery at Take 5 Car Wash, located at 1860 Cherokee Ave. SW Sunday night and the victim reported that an armed suspect entered the business and forced her to empty the safe. Upon arrival, CPD officers began collecting evidence and identified the vehicle used in the robbery. Officers also identified a potential location associated with the suspect's vehicle and initiated efforts to obtain a search warrant for the residence.

Kenith Rice was located at the residence where the search warrant was served. He was arrested and charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree theft of property.

Mary Klosinski was located on Dec. 9 during a felony traffic stop on a suspect vehicle that was believed to be connected with the case. Klosinski was identified, detained for questioning and released that day. » PAGE 2



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Left to right are Kenith Rice, Mary Klosinski and Jason Byer. All three were arrested in connection with the robbery at Take 5 Car Wash on Dec. 8, 2024.

'It's a simple act that brings immense joy'



KIM REBURN

The City of Hanceville will be delivering more than 700 Christmas cards to local seniors at nursing and assisting living homes. Cards are being collected through Friday, Dec. 13, 2024.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — In the two weeks left before Christmas, the City of Hanceville will be delivering more than 700 Christmas cards to local seniors at nursing and assisting living homes.

City of Hanceville Administrative Assistant Kim Reburn said the City starts collecting Christmas cards in November and delivers them just before Christmas to spread holiday cheer.

"It's a very busy time for Santa, but we're hoping he can make a special trip to Hanceville next week," Reburn said. "We're still accepting cards until Friday, Dec. 13, so there's still time to contribute. With over 700 cards already collected, each resident will receive at least three cards with thoughtful messages. It's incredible to see our community come together to make this Christmas extra special for our seniors."

Reburn said she is incredibly grateful for everyone's generosity in donating Christmas cards.

"It's a simple act that brings immense joy to our residents," Reburn said. "Many of them are without family nearby and rely on their caretakers for support. This is a wonderful way to spread the spirit of Christmas and show them they're not alone. Seeing the smiles on their faces as they open the cards is such a blessing to me."

For more information, or to donate Christmas cards, contact the City of Hanceville at 256-352-9830.

McDearmond gets 2 99-year sentences in 2023 funeral home shooting



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City school system on display at Cullman City Council meeting

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Rodeo dinner draws 700-plus; event this weekend



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

More than 700 people came out to a dinner Tuesday night, Dec. 10, 2024, at Cotton Creek Warehouse downtown ahead of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo. The rodeo will take place Dec. 13-14, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 11

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 11, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 3

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; miscellaneous; $89; Olive St. SW

Dec. 9

• forgery-3rd degree; Cullman Electric Co-Op; forged check

Dec. 10

• domestic violence; person; Katie Ln. SW

• harassment; person; Cullman Shopping Center

ARRESTS

Dec. 9-10

Rice, Kenith D.; 47

• robbery-1st degree

Voorhies, Thomas P.; 40

• unlawful possession of controlled substance

Green, Bradley S.; 36

• public intoxication

Martinez, Dustin A.; 31

• FTA – theft of property-4th degree

Moore, Christina J.; 47

• FTA – resisting arrest

• FTA – disorderly conduct

Hughes, Stephen L.; 54

• FTA – driving while suspended

Aragon, Dale J.; 27

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – expired tag

Byer, Jason A.; 47

• robbery-1st degree

• theft of property-2nd degree

Klosinski, Mary E.; 35

• robbery

• theft of property-2nd degree

• making false police report

Baird, Candace M.; 47

• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Mona Lisa (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Meet The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week Mona, or as some call her, Mona Lisa! She is a Husky who is approximately 3 years old.

This stunning girl has medium energy and is ready to take on adventures on the couch or a lovely stroll around the neighborhood.

Mona is a true lover of life as she displays an innocent and exuberant smile on her face, but she is most content close beside you.

She does understand leash protocol and would make a remarkable companion/hiking/therapy dog! Mona's adoption fee is $130, which includes spay, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Call or come by to meet Mona and all her friends! These pets are all looking loving, caring homes that they know you may be ready to provide!

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Friday, 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.

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• Dec. 12-15, 18-22
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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

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. starting at the Good Hope football field and going to city hall. Christmas in the Park is from 3-5 at Municipal Park.

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 Food Box Giveaway
Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 1 p.m. until boxes are gone, at First Presbyterian Church of Cullman, 615 Third Ave. SE. You do not have to get out of your vehicle. We will bring the box to your car (LIMIT ONE BOX PER CAR). Cars may line up beside the tent next to the church on Seventh. Volunteers will direct traffic. Each box contains bone-in ham, canned corn, canned green beans, flour, cornmeal, tea bags, mac & cheese, Vienna sausages, ramen noodles, broth, rice, dry pinto beans and saltine crackers.

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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Arrests (from Front)

Klosinski was arrested later on Dec. 9 in connection with the crime at Take 5 Car Wash. She is charged with first-degree robbery, second-degree theft of property and filing a false report.

Jason Byer was located at a residence in Cullman County and arrested on Dec. 10. Byer is charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree theft of property.

The investigation is ongoing.

CPD Major Intae Suh said, "We want to thank several people for their help in this. Our Investigations Division has done a great job and our patrol division. I also wanted to thank The FBI North Alabama Violent Crimes Task Force and of course the Cullman County District Attorney's Office for their tireless work on this case. There were also citizens of Cullman that helped us as well that I'd like to thank. They don't want to be put out there, but they did help us in our investigation."

"All I want to hit on again is how great of a job the Cullman Police officers did, Cullman PD Investigations and our tactical unit who was called out the first night on Sunday to apprehend one of the suspects," Police Chief Joey Duncan said. "They did a great job, and they have been working diligently on it. A lot of hours have been put in to solve this and everyone did a great job. We also appreciate all the citizens that helped us in this investigation as well."

The CPD did not disclose the amount of money or other items taken in the robbery.

McDearmond (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Orie Shannon McDearmond of Cullman on Wednesday, Dec. 11, received two 99-year sentences in connection to a shooting at Cullman Funeral Home in February 2023. Sentenced by Cullman County Circuit Court Judge Gregory Nicholas, McDearmond, who was 33 at the time of the incident, will serve the sentences concurrently.

McDearmond was found guilty of two counts of attempted murder back in September 2024.

Two counts of first-degree assault were dropped.

Court officials said restitution in the case was already covered by Alabama Crime Victims Compensation Fund, and was not part of the sentencing.

Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker said he is very pleased with the sentencing.

"Orie McDearmond is as dangerous as they come," Crocker said.

"At sentencing today he showed zero remorse; if anything he acted proud of shooting these victims.

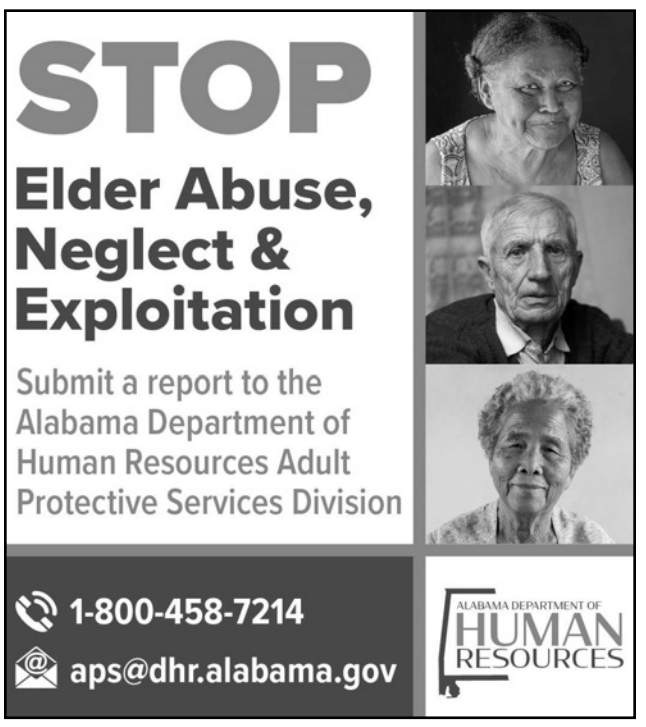
"The Court sentenced him to 99 years, and deservedly so."

On Feb. 13, 2023, Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies and Cullman Police Department officers responded to a 911 call from Cullman Funeral Home.

Upon arrival, McDearmond was detained in relation to the shootings of two victims inside, reportedly in relation to a family dispute.

The victims, Buford and Mitzie Wood, suffered non-life threatening injuries.







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CORRECTION

In the Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, edition of The Cullman Tribune, a photo accompanying the story "Berlin VFD's Breakfast with Santa raises more than $13K for local children" incorrectly identified "Santa Claus" as Steve Smith. His name is Steve White. We regret the error.

The photo with the corrected caption is below.



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Santa (Steve White) 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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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders pick up 61-53 win over Oneonta

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — After collecting an 88-54 win over Cold Springs on Monday, the Good Hope Raiders were back on their home court Tuesday night to take on the Redskins of Oneonta. Good Hope went into the halftime break with an 11-point lead but had to withstand a big push from the Redskins in the second half to secure a 61-53 win.

Baskets by Tucker Malin and Tyler Cone kept the score knotted at 4 midway through the first quarter but a pair of three-pointers on the other end allowed Oneonta to pull ahead 10-4. Gavin Pace knocked down a three to trim the lead to 10-7 and he took a steal the other way for an easy basket to make it a 1-point game with just over a minute to play in the opening period. Malin laid one in to tie things up at 11 with 30 seconds on the clock but the Redskins were able to move back in front 12-11 by the start of the second quarter.

Oneonta pulled ahead 15-11 early in the second but Malin scored inside, and Jacob Haynes split a pair of free throws to cut the lead to 15-14. The Raiders began to heat up after that, taking a 17-15 lead on a three-pointer from Cone.

After Malin laid another one in, Cone buried back to back threes to give the Raiders a 25-17 lead with just under three minutes remaining in the half. Malin followed with a three of his own to make it 28-17 and Haynes added another basket in the final minute of the second to put Good Hope ahead 30-19 at halftime.

Malin drove to the rim and scored to keep the Raiders in front 32-27 early in the third but a 5-0 run by the Redskins tied the game at 32. Cone laid one in to give Good Hope a 2-point lead and Haynes converted an and-one play at the line to extend the lead to 37-32. Oneonta continued to battle back but Kyle McSwain knocked down a pair of three pointers to keep Good Hope in front 43-39 with a minute to play in the third. Owen Armstrong drained another three just before the buzzer to give the Raiders a 46-39 lead going into the fourth quarter.

A basket from Malin and a pair of Cone free throws made it 50-39 early in the fourth. Haynes scored the next four points for Good Hope to maintain a 10-point lead with around four minutes on the clock. After Tucker Screws split a pair of free throws, Cone scored inside to make it a 57-51 game and Malin and McSwain each hit a pair of free throws to wrap up a 61-53 win for the Raiders.

Malin led the way for Good Hope with 17 points in the win, followed by Cone with 16. Haynes finished with 11 and McSwain added eight.

Good Hope will remain home Thursday to host East Lawrence.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tucker Malin (20) led Good Hope with 17 points in its 61-53 win over Oneonta Tuesday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville splits area openers against Locust Fork

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Aggies returned home for a pair of varsity matchups against Section on Tuesday night and they split their games with the Lions. A big second half from the Lady Aggies helped them get past the Lady Lions 50-36 but in the boys' game, the Aggies fell to Section 66-41.

Fairview 50 - Section 36 (Varsity Girls)

A quick basket by Darby Nichols and a trey by Lexi Golden gave Fairview a 5-0 lead, but an 11-2 run by Section gave them an 11-7 lead. Nichols put in a basket in the paint to cut it to 13-10 late in the first, but a trey by the Lady Lions made it 16-10 after one. Golden collected the steal and went coast-to-coast for the layup to cut it to 16-12, then a pair of baskets by Whitney Quick and one by Kailyn Redding gave the Lady Aggies a 19-16 lead late in the first half. Section drilled a pair of treys to end the first half, and they took a 22-19 lead into the locker room.

Whatever was said in the locker room definitely worked, as Fairview got off to a red-hot start in the third quarter. Quick buried a trey from the left wing, and Davi Stidham scored five straight points to give the Lady Aggies a 27-22 lead. Golden made a tough basket around the free-throw line, and Stidham collected a layup off a steal, as their lead stayed at five at 31-26. Nichols drained a three and later found Mali Gregory for a basket down low to make it 36-26, and baskets by Stidham and Nichols stretched their lead to 40-29 going into the final period.

The Lady Lions cut it to 40-33 early in the fourth, but a driving layup by Redding and seven points by Quick increased Fairview's lead to 50-34 and the Lady Aggies went on to defeat Section 50-36.

Quick finished with 16 points for Fairview (7-4). Stidham added 11 points. Nichols collected nine points. Golden put up seven, and Redding ended up with six points.

Section 66 - Fairview 41 (Varsity Boys)

Section got out to a quick 4-0 lead, and Fairview's first basket didn't come until past the midway point of the first quarter on a floater by Carson Jones. The Lions quickly stretched their lead to 10-2 late in the first, but threes from the left wing by Jac Dunn and A.J. Wood cut the Aggie deficit to 12-8. Landun Smith added a pair of free throws to make it a 12-10 game going into the second.

Just like the first quarter, both teams had trouble hitting a basket early, as the first one didn't come until Dunn's trey with 4:25 left to go in the first half. That gave Fairview a 14-13 lead, and a layup by Zayden Cruce made it 16-13. Section got red-hot from deep to end the first half, drilling four treys, as that helped them take a 27-18 lead into the locker room.

Calin Collins drained a trey to make it a 27-21 game early in the third, but five straight points by Section stretched their lead to 32-21. Baskets in the paint by Collins, Blake Rickard, and Dunn cut it to 32-27. The Lions made it a 38-29 game late in the third, but a driving layup by Jones trimmed it to 38-31. Fairview would find themselves down, 40-31, after three.

Smith put in a basket in the paint to make it a 40-33 game early in the fourth, then a pair of baskets down low by Rickard and a floater by Cruce cut it to 46-39. Unfortunately for Fairview, it would be all Section after that, as they went on a 20-2 run to take control of the game, and the Aggies ended up falling to the Lions, 66-41.

Dunn and Rickard each put in 10 points for Fairview (7-6), while Collins and Smith each finished with five points.

Fairview will remain at home to host Arab Friday night.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Lexi Golden posted seven points in Fairview's 50-36 win over Section Tuesday night.

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City of Good Hope preparing for annual Christmas Parade, Love's to open Dec. 12

Nick Griffin
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope's City Council held its first meeting of December at Good Hope City Hall Monday night and discussed preparations for this weekend's upcoming holiday events.

This year's Good Hope Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. with Christmas in the Park set to begin immediately after the parade and run from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Municipal Park. Councilman Greg Brown will serve as the Grand Marshal for this year's parade.

The parade will begin at the Good Hope High School football field and end at Good Hope City Hall. Following the parade, guests will be welcome to enjoy free food, ornament crafts, pictures with Santa and more at Christmas in the Park.

In addition to the upcoming events this weekend, the Council was also excited to announce the new Love's Travel Stop location being built on County Road 222 near the 305 exit is set to officially open this Thursday (Dec. 12) at 7 a.m.

The city also shared some more information on its Facebook page Monday afternoon regarding new safety improvements that will be made on County Road 437 at Good Hope School Road.

"Here is a layout of what the safety improvements on County Road 437 at Good Hope School Road will look like.

"As you can see, Beach Grove Road will be closed off where it currently comes out on county road 437. All traffic using beach grove will continue past the current intersection and use the new road. Stop signs are placed on beach grove road at the Daystar drive intersection."

The city has been looking at ways to increase safety in this area for years. We have had multiple engineers come in and watch traffic and make suggestions.

The answer was always the same. Drivers are either confused because of the offset or they just simply don't follow the law and stop on red before turning right.

That is creating a major problem for cars leaving Good Hope School Road with a green light. Making these improvements was suggested by each engineer.

We realize that sometimes it takes a little while to get adjusted to change, but we are committed to doing what we can to enhance safety in our community."

The Good Hope City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.

Santa is coming to town! Santa to visit Align Alabama Dec. 13

Gauge Day
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Align Alabama Health & Wellness invites the community to join its Santa is Coming to Town event on Friday, Dec.13, from 2-5 p.m. Families can enjoy various Christmas activities, including a hot cocoa bar, make-and-take ornaments and a snowball cornhole game. Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be present to take photos.

Dr. Nathan Lewis, owner of Align Alabama Health & Wellness, shared his deep and heartfelt connection to Christmas, one rooted in his faith and personal experiences.

"Christmas to me is deeply personal as, at the core, it represents the birth of my Savior, Jesus," Lewis explained.

"While the holiday season, particularly Christmas, can be muddled with a lot of things that don't point to the truth of the reason for the season, I feel it can all be used to inspire love, joy and cheer, just to name a few."

Lewis elaborated on why events like this hold special significance for him, making it his personal mission to give the community an opportunity to experience the true essence of Christmas.

"My personal story is one that didn't get the opportunity to partake in many of the special things that can create lasting and fun memories as a child and with family," Lewis shared. "It is my desire to create an environment for my family, patients and the community I love that encourages the very things that I feel this time of year does represent: love, hope and family."

For more information, contact Align Alabama Health & Wellness at 256-747-5540 or visit www.alignalabama.com. Align Alabama Health & Wellness is located at 1207 Loring St. NW in Cullman.



ALIGN ALABAMA HEALTH & WELLNESS

Align Alabama Health & Wellness is bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to town on Friday, Dec. 13, from 2-5 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy a variety of festive Christmas activities, including photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This event is open to everyone.

Listerhill Credit Union steps up as Title Sponsor for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Winston County

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County this week announced that Listerhill Credit Union has claimed the Title Sponsorship ($5,000) for the inaugural fundraising event supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Winston County.

UWCC Executive Director Stephanie Childers explained, "We met and got to know Joel Cunnings with Listerhill. He was a volunteer for our Designer Bag Bingo (event) last month.

"He approached us about being the sponsor of our Winston County fundraiser because they have a big footprint over there.

"We were just tickled that they were able to do that for us."

UWCC is still looking for generous sponsors to support the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library fundraising event in Winston County. Gold Sponsors are $2,500 and Table Sponsors are $1,250. Auction Item Sponsors are also needed.

If you're based in Winston County and want to support the event, email tjohnson@uwaycc.org for more details.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library puts books into the hands of local children aged 5 and younger at no cost to families. Learn more at www.imaginationlibrary.com.



FACEBOOK/UNITED WAY OF CULLMAN COUNTY

United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Stephanie Childers with Listerhill Credit Union's Joel Cunnings

Dinner (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — More than 700 people came out to a dinner Tuesday night, Dec. 10, 2024, at Cotton Creek Warehouse downtown ahead of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo. The rodeo will take place Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center.

Thursday morning, Dec. 12, Sheriff Matt Gentry and the CCSO will welcome the area's special needs students for a special mini rodeo, an event that is near and dear to the sheriff's heart.

"The special needs rodeo is always the highlight of the event," Gentry said. "The kids' faces and everyone else's excitement in response makes the entire week worthwhile."

The CCSO said the 4L & Diamond S Rodeo Company always puts on a fantastic show.

"It is a championship caliber rodeo every single year," Gentry said. "We expect no less this year. We want families to come out for a unique experience - good wholesome fun that we as a community are able to enjoy together."

On Friday and Saturday, gates will open at 5 p.m. Each night, there will be a kids' scramble at 7, and the rodeo will kick off at 7:30. Tickets will be sold at the door: adults $10, children/students $8, 6 and younger get in free. Cash only; an ATM will be on-site.

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

Cullman Council (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday evening gave plenty of attention to Cullman City Schools, presenting its annual check to support the system's capital improvements and recognizing student athlete achievements. Council President Jenny Folsom presented $600,000 to Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff as an installment in the City's 10-year commitment to helping the system.

After the check presentation, council members took turns calling up student athletes from Cullman High School, presenting certificates of recognition and Christkindlmarkt coupons to members of the:

- Boys' cross country team, which was a 2024 state runner-up

- Cheerleading squad, which was a 2024 Varsity Game Day state runner-up

- Volleyball team, which made it into the 2024 6A state volleyball tournament

New firefighters introduced

Cullman Fire Chief Darren Peeples took time to introduce the council and audience to the department's four newest recruits, who just completed 440 hours of training at the Alabama Fire Academy: Javier Torres, Jade Blocker, Kaine Yates and Nick Wood. Peeples noted that Yates was recognized as the most physically fit firefighter in the academy class. The recruits completed certifications for Firefighter 1 and 2, HAZMAT awareness and operations, rope rescue awareness and operations and rapid intervention.

Council business

The council approved resolutions to:

- Approve the Cullman City Council Meeting schedule for Calendar Year 2025

- Update the Field Training Officers policy for the Cullman Police Department, reducing the number of officers by one

- Update the Traffic Homicide Investigators policy for the Cullman Police Department, adding one officer

- Enter into a professional services agreement with CDG Engineers & Associates, Inc. for CEI services on the Fourth Avenue Southwest Downtown Streetscape project

- Approve change orders for the Omniplex Civic Center, lowering the cost by over $460,000, as the City will take over certain previously contracted services

The council suspended the regular procedural rules to approve the first reading of an ordinance approving a new water supply agreement with the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman. The new agreement will save the city $662,000. The savings may not result in more than "a few cents" discount on customers' bills, but according to City Clerk Wes Moore, can prevent some future costs being passed on to customers.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Flanked by teachers and coaches, Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff (third from left) accepts a $600,000 check from Cullman City Council President Jenny Folsom (second from left) during the Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, meeting of the Cullman City Council.

The council also approved a special event request from Brad Brooks of Backstage Productions for a New Year's Eve Celebration at Traditions Bank on Dec. 31, 2024, contingent on police and fire department approval.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, December 16, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. 1718 Meadowbrook Drive SE – variance request for garage

For further information, contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

DONE this 18th day of November, 2024.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY SUE BANISTER, * CASE NO. PC2024-322
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: REGINA WIMBERLY, DEBORAH SHASTEEN LONG, HUNTER SHASTEEN, J.J. SHASTEEN a/k/a JAMES S. SHASTEEN, III, DONNA CAGLE, AMANDA JONES, LARRY SEMEVOLOS, JERRY DILWORTH AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARY SUE BANISTER, DECEASED.

Petition to Probate Will and for Letters Testamentary filed by William Thomas Blankenship, Petitioner, through Attorney Clint L. Maze. A hearing has been rescheduled on this matter for the **14th day of January, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 3rd day of December, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioner
Wilmer and Lee, P.A.
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on June 29, 2009 by Bonnie J. Mathews & husband Phil E. Mathews, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1603, Page 500 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 6, 2025:

Lot No. 29 in Golf Road Acres Subdivision, First addition, recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 115 (slide a336) in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
RAYMOND G. BARBEE a/k/a *
RAYMOND GLEEN, * CASE NO.: PC2024-391
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to TONYA ROBERSON formally TONYA COKER, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF RAYMOND G. BARBEE a/k/a RAYMOND GLENN BARBEE, deceased, on the 3rd 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.

Tonya Roberson formally Tonya Coker
Personal Representative

Michael E. Sparkman
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 1166
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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 3rd day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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IN RE: The Estate of *
DANA LEE REYES, * CASE NO. PC2024-384
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: MARCELENA HERRERA, ANTONIO MONTEL TAYLOR, ERIC DERON TAYLOR, JANIE DIANE ABNER, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF DANA LEE REYES.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship filed in the matter of Dana Lee Reyes, an alleged incapacitated person, by Cullman County Department of Human Resources, by and through its agent, Michael Key, Petitioner, through Attorney Diane L. Dunning. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **7th day of January, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, 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 5th day of December, 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 is said newspaper.

Petitioner's Attorney:
Diane L. Dunning
Assistant Attorney General
State of Alabama
Department of Human Resources
P.O. Box 13248
Birmingham, Alabama 35202-3248

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on April 7, 2006 by Max Wayne Starnes, Sr. and Barbara Ann Starnes, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1468, Page 114 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 27, 2024:

Part of the SE 1/3 of the SW ¼ of Section 34, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County Alabama described as follows: Begin at the DE corner of said ¼ - ¼ section; thence run northerly along the ¼ - ¼ section line, 160.04 feet to the south line of a 30 foot right of way; thence 89 degrees 54' left along said line, 600.00 feet; thence 90 degrees 06' left, 160.21 feet; thence 89 degrees 55' left, along the south line of said Section 34 a distance of 600.0 feet to the point of beginning.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together:
One (1) 2002 Fleetwood Manufactured Home, VIN #TNFL126A59076SS12

Address of the property (for identification purposes only)
1900 County Road 532, Hanceville, AL 35077

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Thomas W. Russell
Attorney for Mortgagee
2915 Clairmont Ave. S
Birmingham, Alabama 35205
The Cullman Tribune-December 5, 12, 19, 2024

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STEVIE SHARP,
Plaintiff
Vs. Case Number: 25-DR-2024-900321.00
SHANE M. SHARP,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Shane M. Sharp, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stevie Sharp's Complaint for Divorce by January 27th, 2025 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2024-900321.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 26th day of November, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
JASON KNIGHT
210 SECOND ST SE
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES M. STEWART, * CASE NO.: PC2024-394
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to JACK C. STEWART, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF JAMES M. STEWART, deceased, on the 3rd 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.

Jack C. Stewart
Personal Representative

Mitchell McNaylor, Esq.
McNaylor Law, LLC
3590-B Pelham, Parkway, #220
Pelham, AL 35124

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 3rd day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
STANLEY RAY HARPER, * CASE NO: PC2023-016
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: MICHAEL SHANE HARPER AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF STANLEY RAY HARPER, DECEASED.

Petition for Final Settlement received the 1st day of July, 2024, made Court record the 2nd day of July, 2024, by Toni Jenkins, Personal Representative, through Attorney Dan J. Willingham. has been scheduled for the **13th day of February, 2025, at 10:30 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 3rd day of December, 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.

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for the Estate of
STANLEY RAY HARPER
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARRION KEY, * **CASE NO: PC2023-333**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT and PETITION OF PERSONAL REPRESENATIVE FOR FINAL DISCHARGE

TO: JASON KEY AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARRION KEY, DECEASED.

Petition of Personal Representative for Final Settlement and *Petition of Personal Representative for Final Discharge* filed by Rhonda Key, Personal Representative, through Attorney, Pamela E. Nail, has been scheduled for the **13th day of February, 2025, at 10:00 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
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of December, 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.

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Cullman Regional welcomes urologist Louis Remynse, MD, to Medical Group

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional Medical Group recently welcomed board-certified urologist Louis Remynse, MD, who brings more than 34 years of experience to the team.

Remynse obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Michigan School of Medicine in Ann Abor, followed by an internship and residency where he served as chief resident at Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

He will begin seeing patients in mid-January at the Cullman Regional Medical Group Urology Clinic, where he will join the Medical Group's current urology providers Dr. Matthew Young and Niki Brooks, CRNP.

Learn more about Remynse at www.CullmanRegionalMedicalGroup.com.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Dr. Louis Remynse

Alabama Farm Credit Partners with Hope Horses to exceed fundraising goal for therapeutic riding program

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Farm Credit and Hope Horses this week announced the tremendous success of their Giving Tuesday campaign, which raised $6,447 — exceeding the $5,000 goal to purchase a new therapeutic riding horse.

The new addition, named Sal (also known as Splash of Gold), will enable Hope Horses to serve two to four additional students each week and reduce the workload on its current equine team, fostering more opportunities for individuals with special needs to access physical and emotional therapy.

"At Alabama Farm Credit, we are proud to support nonprofits, recognizing their vital role in strengthening our communities and addressing critical needs," said Mel Koller, Alabama Farm Credit CEO. "As an agricultural lender, we find a unique harmony in partnering with agriculture-focused nonprofits, like Hope Horses, whose missions align closely with our commitment to the land and the people who depend on it. By supporting these organizations, we help ensure that the benefits of agriculture — its resources, education and opportunities — reach those who need them most, while also fostering growth and resilience across our broader community."

Hope Horses, based in Cullman, provides services statewide for therapeutic and adaptive riding programs to individuals with physical, cognitive, social or emotional disabilities.

The addition of Sal will expand its ability to deliver these highly impactful services, which have proven life changing for countless community members.

"Hope Horses' therapeutic and adaptive riding program provides a unique and valuable service for individuals with physical, cognitive, social or emotional disabilities. I am proud to serve on the board of such a great organization," said Kedric Karkosh, Alabama Farm Credit CFO and Hope Horses board member. "Alabama Farm Credit is committed to supporting such programs in north Alabama and is proud to partner with Hope Horses on the Day of Giving."

Alabama Farm Credit supported the campaign by promoting it via social media and through its employee gift-matching program, emphasizing a collective community effort. The funds raised will ensure the continuation of the meaningful work Hope Horses carries out and further their reach to those in need.

Kelsey Scott, executive director of Hope Horses, added, "We are grateful for everyone who gave and who shared our posts to spread the word about Hope. It's a community-driven organization, and we appreciate everyone who helped us reach our goal."

For more information on Alabama Farm Credit and its initiatives, visit www.alabamafarmcredit.com. Learn more about Hope Horses and its programs at www.hopehorses.org.



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Pictured left to right are Alabama Farm Credit CEO Mel Koller, Hope Horses Instructor Lauren Koller, Alabama Farm Credit CFO and Hope Horses Board Member Kedrick Karkosh, Sal, Hope Horses Equine Manager Mariah Miles, Hope Horses Executive Director Kelsey Scott and Hope Horses Volunteer Coordinator Hope Ashleigh Curl.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 10-11

Mark Stephen Persall, 73
Funeral Service for Mark Stephen Persall, age 73 of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Matt Smith officiating; burial at Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Persall passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024, at his residence. He was born, Nov. 8, 1951, to Theodore and Lessie Persall. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Persall. Survivors include his wife, Amy Persall; sons, Sean (Susan) Persall and Nathan Persall; daughter, Lauren Persall; grandchildren, Coleton Persall and Hunter Persall; sisters, Janet Persall-Thomas and Rosemary Miner.

Louis Burnett Williams, Jr., 87
A graveside service with military honors for Louis Burnett Williams, Jr., age 87, is Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, at 11 a.m., at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. The following obituary was lovingly written by Mr. Williams family. Louis Burnett "Bill" Williams Jr. was a cherished resident of Hayden, Alabama. He passed away surrounded by family on Dec. 8, 2024, at the age of 87. Born on Aug. 8, 1937, in Gadsden, Alabama to the late Louis Burnett Williams Sr. and Mary Ruth Bearden Williams. Bill was a devoted and loving father to his daughter, Lynn Williams and his son Chris (Dunne) Williams, and a proud grandfather to Nathan (Magon) Frasier, Derek (Jennifer) Frasier, Morgan (Leigh) Guffey and Gunnar Williams, as well as seven great-grandchildren. He proudly served his country in the Marine Corps quickly achieving the rank of Seargent by the age of 20. He lived his life never wavering from the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment. He was a strong and unselfish man who was always ready to lend a helping hand. If a man's value is determined by his word, then he was truly a millionaire. Integrity was at his very core. Through his numerous accomplishments in life, he maintained an unpretentious humbleness that is rarely ever seen. From the day of his birth until the second of his death (31,898 days) Bill Williams did everything his way, no excuses or complaints. He will be so dearly missed. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

James Keith Rhodes, 62
Funeral service for James Keith Rhodes, age 62, of Cullman, will be Friday, Dec.13, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Larry Duke officiating. Visitation will be held at the chapel on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. and Friday before the service from noon - 2 p.m. Interment will be held at Bethsadia Baptist Church. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Keith was born on Sept. 25, 1962, to James Sherrell and Mary Alice Rhodes. He passed away Monday, Dec. 9, 2024, surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his father, James Sherrell Rhodes and the love of his life Brenda Taylor. He is survived by his mother, Mary Alice White Rhodes; his sister, Mary Rebecca "Becky" Aaron (Randy); his daughter, Catherine Rhodes Hillman (Philip); his son, James Brandon Rhodes; and his grandchildren, Emma Tucker-Hillman, Alli Tucker-Hillman, and Audree Hillman, and the children of Brenda Taylor, Jesse Bradford and Lilee Taylor. Family remembers Keith as a dedicated worker, as he retired from Walmart Distribution Center after being employed there for more than 35 years. He enjoyed working on cars, Alabama Football, singing and playing guitars and banjos, but his most loved hobby was fishing and going out on his boat. He loved his family and had the most contagious laugh. Keith will be greatly missed. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Shirley Yuvonne Preiss, 91
Private family services will be held for Shirley Preiss. Mrs. Preiss passed away peacefully at Folsom Center, Dec. 10, 2024.

Jack Wallace Springer, 80
Jack Wallace Springer passed away peacefully at his home at 11 a.m. on Dec. 9, 2024, surrounded by his family. Jack lived a full life and succumbed to his long battle with Myelofibrosis after having Acute promyelocytic Leukemia. Jack was preceded in death by his mother and father John and Francis Springer, his mother and father in-law Dorothy and Virgil Allred, a baby brother and his beloved Doberman Darby. He is survived by his wife Shirley and his sons Jason (Laney) and Jamie Springer, his sister Joyce (Don) Hardeman, His brother Jim (Cheryl) Springer and a host of nieces and nephews. Jack served the city of Cullman his entire career after leaving the Airforce. He retired from the Cullman Power Board and remained active at the Cullman Police Department only retiring after fifty years of service. Jack also taught vocational electricity for many years at Wallace Sate Community College. Jack Was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, a Freemason and a great friend and supporter of both the Lions Club and Cullman High School football team where he worked security for football games and the Cullman County Fair. Jack was also a lifelong member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cullman. The family wishes to thank Dr. Pankjit Vacchani and staff at UAB, Dr. Jeremy Stidham, Nathan Ziegenbein, Dr. Nick Braswell, and the staff of Southern Care Hospice for the excellent care he received during his long illness. We would also like to thank Father Patrick Eagan and the staff of Sacred Heart Church. Arrangements for Mr. Springer are as follows: Visitation will be Thursday, Dec. 12, at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the Rosary to follow. The Funeral mass will be at Sacred Heart Church Friday, Dec. 13, at 10 a.m. with burial to follow at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church cemetery.

Charles C. Sinyard, 75
Charles C. Sinyard, age 75, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2024. A visitation for Charles will be held Friday, Dec. 13, 2024, from 4-8 p.m. A lie in state will occur Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, from 11 a.m. to noon. A funeral service will occur Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, at noon.

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