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Do you hear what I hear?

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman First Baptist Church is hosting a "Noontime Christmas Carols and Inspired Arrangements Concert," presented by organist Don R. Hirsbrunner, now through Saturday, Dec. 21, from noon-12:30 p.m. each day.

"I play the organ at First Baptist Church and have been playing an organ of some sort for the last 50 years," said Hirsbrunner.

"I've been elected to do these short programs during the Christmas season.

"This is just to let people come in and have some quiet time and be able to listen to beautiful music.

"I play a variety of music, and I try to have six different programs.

"The music ranges from the 17th century through the 21st century."

These Christmas concerts are free, and everyone is welcome. The church is located at 501 Second Ave. SW. Additional parking can be found behind the church.



JEN BAKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Organist Don R. Hirsbrunner and wife, Holly Hirsbrunner

'To remember, honor and teach'

1,020 wreaths laid upon fallen heroes' graves at Cullman City Cemetery



GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

On Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024, 1,020 wreaths were placed in remembrance of the men and women who served and sacrificed, thanks to the efforts of dedicated local volunteers.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — What began as a lasting impression on a 12-year-old paperboy, moved by the sight of thousands of graves at Arlington National Cemetery and the sacrifices of veterans, has grown into a nationwide tradition of remembrance and education. From its humble beginnings to the stewarding hands of Cullman City Cemetery Coordinator Athelia Gibbs, Wreaths Across America continues to fulfill its simple mission with each wreath placed; to remember, honor and teach.

For more than 30 years, on the second or third Saturday of December, volunteers across the country have gathered to place wreaths on the graves of veterans. In an act of patriotic unity, wreaths are placed to honor those who have served, to teach future generations about their sacrifice and remind everyone of the cost of the precious freedom granted to them today.

"Wreaths Across America's mission to Remember, Honor and Teach lasts all year long, far beyond the single day in December when we coordinate wreath-laying ceremonies," states the mission statement on the Wreaths Across America website. "All throughout the year, Wreaths Across America works in a number of ways to show our veterans and their families that we will not forget, we will never forget."

For the past three years, Gibbs has served as both the sponsorship group coordinator and the location coordinator for the Cullman City Cemetery, where the community's participation in Wreaths Across » PAGE 5

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Christmas cheer in Good Hope



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The City of Good Hope held its annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024. The parade route stretched from James W. Shabel Stadium to Good Hope City Hall. The parade was followed by Christmas in the Park at Good Hope Municipal Park. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 16

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 16, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 12

- harassing communications; CR 1402
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 778
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1223
- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 754
- violation of protection order; stalking; CR 756
- theft of property; Hwy. 91

Dec. 13

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 469
- domestic violence; CR 747
- violation of protection order; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 469
- domestic violence; CR 1498
- harassment; CR 1512
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 490
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 504
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I65SB MM 295
- possession of drug paraphernalia; 3rd St. SW Garden City

Dec. 14

- domestic violence; menacing; CR 1720
- harassing communications; CR 961
- theft of property; CR 388
- harassment; CR 961
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278W

Dec. 15

- domestic violence; CR 1281
- harassment; CR 1043
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; CR 1635

ARRESTS

Dec. 12-15

Bailey, Johnny L.; 56
- FTA – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bell, Leslie H.; 48
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (5 counts)
- FTA – theft-shoplifting, less than $500 (2 counts)
- FTA – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500 (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- theft-miscellaneous

Black, Robert L.; 41
- DUI (alcohol)

Burks, Kenneth A.; 23
- possession of dangerous drugs

Carter, Kenneth S.; 42
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Couch, Thomas D.; 29
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- sale of stolen property, less than $500

Davis, Billy W.; 35
- GJ – theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-2500 (2 counts)
- GJ – counterfeiting (2 counts)

Dilbeck, Gwenna J.; 53
- assault-domestic-menacing-other weapon

Jabaley, James A.; 35
- criminal trespass

Jones, Christopher B.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- GJ – theft of lost property, $500-less than $1500
- GJ – illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (3 counts)

Juarez, Sharon; 47
- negotiating worthless instrument

Klosinski, Mary E.; 35
- burglary-residence-force
- discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft
- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing-other weapon
- reckless endangerment
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Knight, Ally P.; 25
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Kratz, Jesse P.; 43
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

Lee, Haley R.; 41
- FTA – driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – failure to display insurance
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)

Mojica Jr., Vicente; 24
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of dangerous drugs
- DRUG COURT SANCTION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Moore, Jeffery W.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Pace, Joyce D.; 43
- possession of dangerous drugs
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Puckett, Jessica; 35
- contributing to delinquency of minor

Raymond, Robert A.; 45
- FTA – assault-harassment

Sturgeon, Rachel N.; 36
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Talley, Homer A.; 50
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude a police officer

Thompson, Tyler D.; 30
- public intoxication

Villa, Alexis B.; 22
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Shayla C.; 30
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 13

- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Main Ave. SW
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- identity theft; person
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $119; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-1st degree; person; 96' Chevrolet Tahoe; $3,000; Main Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; person; miscellaneous; $125; Johnson St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW

Dec. 15

- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 13-15

Brooks, Barbara D.; 68
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Nail, Jonathan T.; 41
- burglary-3rd degree
- attempt to elude

Edgil, Billy R.; 62
- FTA - DUI
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - fail to signal
- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Harbison, Jamison B.; 29
- DUI-combined substance
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Kratz, Jesse P.; 43
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Jones, Christopher B.; 28
- receiving stolen property-4th degree

Johnson, Luke A.; 34
- public intoxication

Waldrep, Marlon H.; 37
- DUI

Carter, Kenneth S.; 42
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Harris, Ethan J.; 31
- FTA - expired tag
- FTA - insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA - public intoxication

Runyon, Jeremy A.; 37
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Rouse, Sarah A.; 35
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

PFLAG chapter set to launch in Cullman

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A group of local residents has formed a new chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) that will serve Cullman County. PFLAG is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting, educating and advocating for LGBTQ+ people and their families. A cornerstone of a PFLAG chapter is its monthly support group meetings for parents, friends and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

PFLAG Cullman will host a launch event in January 2025.

The meet-and-greet type event will feature information about the organization, ways to sign up for support groups and light refreshments.

"We have a heart for making sure that our local LGBTQ+ family and friends can find community and resources right here in Cullman," said PFLAG Cullman President Lance Conn.

"Everyone is welcome to drop by, meet us and learn more about how we can all work together."

The launch event will be held at the North Alabama Agriplex from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025.

More information can be found at www.pflagcullman.org and www.facebook.com/pflagcullman.

United Way gives thanks for donations

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The United Way of Cullman County is sponsoring 25 children this Christmas, thanks to generous donations from two anonymous businesses, as well as Toys for Tots.

The nonprofit posted to its Facebook page:

"HUGE thank you to Toys for Tots Cullman and two anonymous businesses for helping us sponsor 25 kids this Christmas!

"With your generous support, we were able to assist 9 families in need.

"Meeting with Sean was truly inspiring; he shared his testimony and explained why he is so passionate about Toys for Tots as his mission. Thanks to this incredible organization, we didn't have to turn away a single family in need.

"Thank you, Sean, for being Cullman's Santa Claus and spreading joy to those who need it most"

Each child will receive five Christmas gifts, thanks to the generous donations.

If you are interested in giving, or are in need of help this Christmas, reach out to United Way of Cullman County at www.uwaycc.org.



UNITED WAY OF CULLMAN COUNTY

Volunteers Sean and Melinda Schofield







Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MORGAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Hanceville man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 5:09 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as David C. Acuff, 40.

A media release from ALEA said Acuff was fatally injured when the 2008 Chevrolet AVEO5 he was driving left the roadway, struck a mailbox, then struck a culvert before overturning. It said Acuff was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was ejected and pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on Union Hill Church Road near Pitts Road, approximately 3 miles west of Eva, in Morgan County. Nothing further is available as Troopers with the ALEA Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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 (in the Housing Authority).

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Dec. 18 - 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. 20 - 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.
• Saturday, Dec. 21 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Dec. 22 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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. 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. 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. 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

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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PREP BASKETBALL

Hanceville pulls away to top Vinemont in OT 46-38; Lady Eagles collect 55-21 win

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Vinemont Eagles traveled to Lane Horton Gymnasium Friday night for a pair of big area games against the Hanceville Bulldogs. Both local squads split their varsity matchups, with the Lady Eagles easily rolling past the Lady Bulldogs 55-21. Four quarters weren't enough to decide the outcome of the varsity boys' game but in overtime, Hanceville was able to get past Vinemont in a low-scoring affair, 46-38.

Vinemont 55 - Hanceville 21 (Varsity Girls)
Each team split their respective free throws to get them on the scoreboard, and a pair of baskets down low by Aaliyah Twitty gave Hanceville an early 5-4 lead. Reagan Robinson scored the next four points for Vinemont, as that gave them an 8-5 lead.

Later on, a trey from the left wing by Caroline Miller made it 11-7, then the Lady Eagles quickly created some distance from them and the Lady Bulldogs. Robinson put in a driving layup, then Miller got fouled after making the basket and ended up hitting the free throw, and Arleigh Thomason drained a three from the top of the key to stretch their lead to 19-7 late in the first.

Mattie Keith stopped the bleeding with a long-range shot, as that cut it to 19-10. A late basket by Brooklyn Yarbrough made it a 21-10 game going into the second.

A pair of free throws by Aaliyah Twitty made it a 21-12 game early in the second quarter, but Thomason buried a long-range shot from the left corner to give Vinemont a 24-12 lead. Miller added a basket down low, and Robinson drained a pair of free throws to help push their lead to 28-12 at the half.

Vinemont's lead grew wider in the second half. Baskets in the paint by Vayda Yarbrough and Carley Stephens, plus a trey by Miller, made it 36-14. Kynzlee Farr knocked down a trey to cut it to 36-17, but treys by Thomason and Addison Holcomb, plus a pair of baskets by Robinson and Brooklyn Yarbrough, stretched the Lady Eagle lead to 48-17 after three. The fourth quarter was run under a hot clock, as Holcomb put in a pair of baskets in the paint, and Thomason drained her fourth three of the game, as Vinemont would go on to defeat Hanceville 55-21.

Miller finished with 14 points for Vinemont (8-3, 2-1). Thomason added 12 points. Robinson posted 10 points, and Holcomb collected nine points. Aaliyah Twitty finished with eight points to lead Hanceville (4-6, 1-2) in the loss.

Hanceville 46 - Vinemont 38 (OT) (Varsity Boys)
If you came to watch a defensive affair, then this game was the one for you. Peyton Twilley banked in a floater to give Hanceville an early 3-0 lead, but a short jumper by E.J. Sharpe tied the game up at three.

Sam Abney's driving layup broke the tie and gave the Bulldogs a 5-3 lead, but Vinemont went on an 8-0 run. Baskets in the paint by Cheston Wilhite and Bryson Bush, plus a floater by Tucker Mauter, gave them an 11-5 lead. A rebound and putback by Jacob Keith cut it to 11-7, and Vinemont would go into the second quarter up 12-7.

Sharpe collected a steal and a layup, then later drilled a trey, to give the Eagles an 17-11 lead. Gee Flores added a driving layup to make it 19-11 late in the first half, and that's when Hanceville made their late run to get back in the game.

Twilley scored through a foul and drilled the free throw to cut it to 19-14, then Brodie Brenner put in a basket in the paint to make it a 19-16 game. Abney, Twilley, and Drake Bentley each hit free throws to give the Bulldogs a 20-19 lead. Twilley buried a short jumper to make it a 22-19 game at the break.

Wilhite's floater trimmed it to 22-21 early in the third, but a pair of free throws by Bentley and a driving layup by Twilley made it 26-21. Twilley's rebound and putback kept it at a four-point lead for Hanceville at 28-24. It was Vinemont's turn to go on a run of their own, as Mauter put in a floater, Wilhite hit a pair from the line, and Bush and Mauter each hit a basket down low to give them a 32-28 lead. Twilley hit a pair from the line, and Kingsley Brown put in a driving layup to tie the game up at 32 going into the fourth quarter.

Twilley banked in a shot down low to give Hanceville a 34-32 lead, but a floater by Flores tied the game up at 34 with less than four minutes to go in the contest. Neither team broke the tie until Bentley buried a pair from the line to make it 36-34 with 46 seconds remaining. Colton Gillis' floater tied the game up at 36, and neither team was able to break the tie in regulation. The game was going to be decided in overtime.

Flores put in a basket down low to make it a 38-36 lead for the Eagles. Twilley split his free throws, then after the Bulldogs got a big offensive rebound, he drilled a big trey from the top of the key to give them a 40-38 lead. Bentley picked the perfect time to get his first basket of the game, as his rebound and put-back made it 43-38. Twilley hit a free throw, and Dalton Pirkle drilled a pair from the line to help seal the 46-38 win for Hanceville.

Twilley led the way for Hanceville (5-7, 2-1) with 25 points, and Bentley put in seven points. For Vinemont (3-9, 0-3), Wilhite, Sharpe, and Bush each finished with seven points, while Mauter and Flores each collected six points.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Peyton Twilley led all scorers with 25 points in Hanceville's 46-38 OT win over Vinemont Friday night.



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont's Arleigh Thomason posted 12 points in the Lady Eagles' 55-21 win at Hanceville Friday night.

PREP BASKETBALL

Addison splits varsity matchups with Sumiton Christian

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted a pair of varsity games with Sumiton Christian Friday night and the Bulldog teams came away with a split. The Addison Lady Bulldogs pulled out a 46-38 win while the Bulldogs fell to the Eagles 64-53.

Addison 46 - Sumiton Christian 38 (Varsity Girls)
The ladies from Addison came into the game with Sumiton Christian with high hopes for an easy victory. After all, Meek had routed the Lady Eagles by 40 earlier in the season and Addison had just handled Meek the night before. What the young women from Addison learned really quick is that anyone can beat anyone on any given night.

The Lady Bulldogs came out focused and jumped on Sumiton Christian, as they should, 17-4 in the first period. It wasn't even really that close. Addison's Ava Bartlett had a quarter to remember as she scored 7 points, grabbed 2 rebounds, 3 steals and a block. Gracie Roberts dished out 4 assists in the frame as well. Sumiton Christian could only muster buckets by Annalee Lemmons and Annalace Rice. Reece Rice was able to grab 4 rebounds for the Lady Eagles.

After Addison had dominated the first period, it looked like they lost focus and started playing sloppily in the second. Now, the ladies from Sumiton Christian had something to do with that as they out hustled and outshot the Lady Bulldogs pretty much the rest of the half.

The Lady Eagles won the period 15-11 as they cut the lead to 28-19. Sumiton Christian was led by Ali Manuel with 8 points and 7 rebounds in the period. Her teammate, A. Rice, added 6 points and 3 rebounds.

The Lady Eagles actually were the first team to outrebound the Lady Bulldogs in a half this year as they won the first half battle of the boards 27-24. Addison's Lauryn Cunningham, Katie Barrett and Roberts each drained a three-pointer to keep Addison close in the period. Emma Cleghorn and Bartlett each had 4 rebounds in the period as well for the Lady Bulldogs.

The second half started out a little better for Addison as their play slightly improved, but the Lady Eagles weren't going anywhere. Addison won the period 11-8 to go into the fourth period ahead 39-27. Addison's Barrett had 5 points and 3 boards while Cunningham had a trey.

Bartlett grabbed 4 more rebounds and Karson Wyatt snagged 3 for herself. Sumiton Christian was led by Ali Kelly with 3 points while Lemmons and A. Rice had a bucket apiece.

Sumiton Christian never let up as they won the final period, 11-7 but could not get any closer than 5 as Addison came away with a hard-fought win 46-38.

Addison's Cunningham came through in the clutch as she scored 5 of Addison's 7 points. Bartlett got her 4 more rebounds. The Lady Eagles were led by A. Rice with 7 points and Kelly with 2. Lemmons led the Lady Eagles with 4 rebounds.

Unofficial stats
Addison was led in scoring by Bartlett with 15 points, 14 rebounds, 3 steals and 2 blocks. Cunningham had 13 points, 5 boards and 3 assists. Barrett had 10 points and 9 boards. Roberts had 6 points, 4 rebounds, 6 assists and 2 steals. Wyatt had 2 points and 5 rebounds. Cleghorn had 7 rebounds.

Sumiton Christian was led in scoring by A. Rice with a game high 17 points and 7 rebounds.

Manuel had 10 points and 12 rebounds. Kelly had 5 points and 4 rebounds. Lemmons had 4 points and 8 rebounds. Sara Grace Corley had 2 points and 6 boards. R. Rice had 10 rebounds.

Sumiton Christian 64 – Addison 53 (Varsity Boys)
Addison was coming off an overtime win over Meek last night and took on the Sumiton Christian Eagles and it was a fast-paced game as the Eagles won the opening period 19-17. Sumiton Christian harassed the Addison ballhandlers all night and forced them into several turnovers and even some unforced mistakes. It seemed like Addison was just a step slow on this evening after that draining win last night. Scout Flynn led the Bulldogs with 5 points while Bradley Willette added 4. Flynn and Willette also added 4 rebounds apiece to help Addison stay close. The Eagles were led by Drew Rice who dominated the Bulldogs in the first with 10 points and 5 rebounds. Noah Martin chipped in 6 points.

The second period was pretty even though neither team was playing really good basketball.

Addison won the frame 14-13 to go into the half down 32-31. Addison's Kaden Dyson had 5 points while 4 other Bulldogs had a bucket a piece. Sumiton Christian's Jonah Marshall had 6 points while Martin added 5.

The second half saw a close game get stretched out a bit as Sumiton Christian upped their game while Addison had no response. The Eagles outscored Addison 24-14 to take a 56-45 lead into the fourth period. Marshall led the Eagles with 11 while Martin got 4 more points.

Conner Drummond and D. Rice had 3 boards apiece. Addison was led by Willette with 6 points and 5 rebounds. Kiah Lake and Dyson had 4 points each for the Bulldogs.

Addison couldn't pull any closer as Sumiton and the Bulldogs each only scored 8 points in the fourth period. Sumiton Christian was able to come away with a 64-53 victory.

Owen Pratt and Cole Rodgers hit 3 pointers while Lake added a lay in.

Flynn grabbed 3 more boards. The Eagles were led by D. Rice with 4.

Chic Theo'Cory and Martin had a bucket each in the fourth. Marshall led the Eagles with 3 rebounds in the fourth.

Unofficial stats
Addison was led in scoring by Dyson with 13 points, 4 rebounds and 2 assists. Willette had 12 points, 12 rebounds and 2 assists. O. Pratt with 8 points and 3 rebounds. Flynn with 7 points, 12 rebounds and 2 assists. Lake with 6 points and 4 boards. Rodgers with 3 points. Carter Pratt with 2 points. Joey Wilson with 2 points, 2 boards, 2 assists and 2 steals.

Sumiton Christian was led in scoring by Marshall with 17 points and 4 rebounds. Martin had 17 points and 2 boards. Rice had 14 points and 9 rebounds. Sawyer Frazier had 9 points and 2 rebounds. Austin Scobey had 3 points and 4 rebounds. Theo'Cory had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Drummond had 2 points and 6 rebounds.

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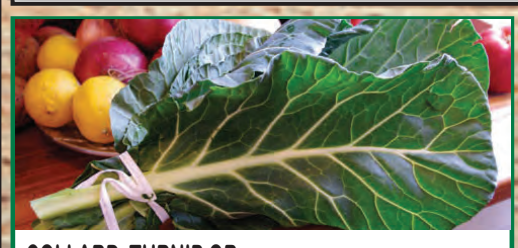
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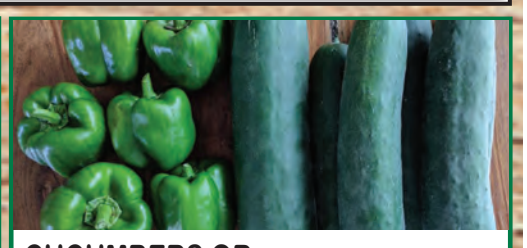
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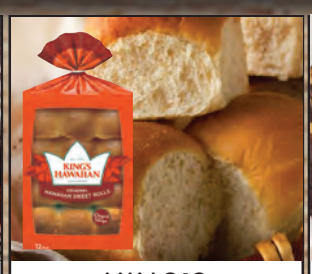


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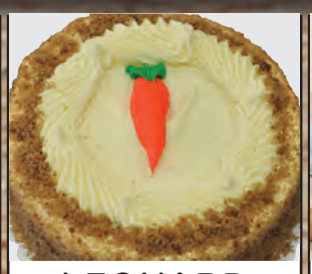
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Wreaths (from Front)

America has grown steadily.

"I first heard about it when they were asking for wreath donations for the National Cemetery at Montevallo," Gibbs shared. "So, I started buying some wreaths for the cemetery in memory of my father and my uncles."

For Gibbs, the cause was deeply personal, for her family had a strong legacy of military service. "My father was a World War II veteran. He told a few stories, but he didn't talk a lot about it," she recalled. "When there was a PBS special about World War II, shortly before he passed away, I began to ask more questions about it and he began to tell me more about his experiences then."

Her involvement deepened when the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), an organization in which patriotism is central to its mission, encouraged local chapters to support Wreaths Across America. "The national organization of DAR became a corporate sponsor of Wreaths Across America. They urged each chapter to become a sponsor of it," Gibbs said. "I have always admired veterans, and through DAR, we make it a priority to honor them as much as we can."

On Saturday, Dec. 14, Cullman embraced the mission of Wreaths Across America as volunteers gathered at Cullman City Cemetery to honor the sacrifices of veterans by laying wreaths on their graves. Gibbs, alongside members of the local VFW, led the memorial service. VFW Chaplain Gary Rodgers opened with a prayer, followed by the presentation of colors by the Cullman Area Technology Academy JROTC Color Guard, commanded by Cadet 1st Lt. Zoey Hembree. The National Anthem was performed by Tommy Hutchins, son of Van Hutchins Jr., a recent inductee into the Cullman County Veterans Hall of Fame.

Gibbs began the ceremony with a powerful statement:

"Thank you all for being here today. This year at over 4,900 locations across the country at participating locations just like this one, there are millions of Americans gathering safely as one nation, to remember, honor and teach. We are all proud to be Americans, that live in a free society, made up of many people from many walks of life. The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying here before us and in many cemeteries across the nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we could live in freedom and without fear. We thank those who gave their lives so we could be free and we shall not forget you. We shall remember.

"Today we show a united front of gratitude and respect across the United States of America as we remember the fallen, honor those who served and their families and teach the next generation the value of freedom."

During the memorial, an honor guard presented arms as representatives from each military branch and service area, as well as the POW and MIA, stepped forward with ceremonial wreaths.

These wreaths were laid at the center of the cemetery at the gravesite of Col. John G. Cullmann, the city's namesake.

Mayor Woody Jacobs was also in attendance and shared a thank you for their efforts, saying, "It is an honor to see all these people today at this event. I love to participate in these events, to honor and remember those who sacrificed. On behalf of the City of Cullman and the City Council, thank y'all."


GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A few of the 1,020 handmade wreaths that now adorn the gravesites of fallen service members

Marc Thrailkill, representing various veterans groups in attendance, emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices of servicemen and women. "May we never forget the true cost of freedom, the American soldier. God bless America."

"Taps" followed, played by Cliff Hatfield.

As the ceremony concluded, volunteers took up the solemn duty of laying wreaths at the graves of veterans. They were encouraged to speak each veteran's name aloud as a way to honor his or her memory and legacy.

After the ceremony, Gibbs reflected on the purpose of Wreaths Across America and why it is important to bring it to cities like Cullman:

"It's to remind people that a strong defense is necessary for a free country. Veterans who served in the past and active military are the ones that ensure the defense of our country," Gibbs stated.

"I just think we need to remind people. That's one of the objectives of Wreaths Across America. To remember the fallen, honor the ones serving and their families and teach the younger generations. Remember, honor and teach."

Gibbs also noted the progress made over the years in covering graves with wreaths. "The first year we only did 225 wreaths. I knew it wouldn't cover them all, but I didn't think it would only cover such a small amount. Last year we did 812 wreaths and that wasn't near enough and this year we did 1,020 wreaths and that's not enough."

To help ensure more graves are covered next year, Wreaths Across America is offering a special: for every wreath sponsored between now and Jan. 17, an additional wreath will be provided for free. This initiative will help the Cullman City Cemetery reach its goal of covering 1,100 graves in 2025.

Community members can support the effort by sponsoring wreaths or reaching out to Athelia Gibbs at 256-505-2040 or awgibbs65@gmail.com for more information.





Ivey announces funds to provide aid and shelter for victims of domestic violence

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey recently announced additional support for victims of domestic violence through the State's Domestic Violence Trust Fund.

Fourteen domestic violence shelters will be the recipients of trust fund revenues, which are generated through a marriage recording fee. The trust fund, distributed on a quarterly basis, was created by the Alabama Legislature in 2015 and endorsed by then Lt. Gov. Ivey.

Ivey also awarded $105,757 through the trust fund to the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence which monitors and assist regional domestic violence agencies, and $80,000 to the state Office of Prosecution Services, which investigates and prosecutes domestic violence cases.

"These funds are key to helping provide safe havens for domestic violence victims and innocent family members who must escape abusive situations," Ivey said. "I commend those agencies and their staff members who are committed to helping people escape volatile situations and rebuild their lives."

Appropriations to each agency are determined by several factors, including service area population and the number of domestic violence occurrences within those service areas.

The trust fund is managed by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA).

"Gov. Ivey has continually demonstrated her concern for domestic violence victims and family members by backing measures like the Domestic Violence Trust Fund," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said. "ADECA joins the governor in her support of these organizations and the work they do."

In the first three quarters of 2024, a total of $1.1 million was distributed to domestic violence agencies to assist victims. Funding for the regional agencies is based directly on the amount of marriage recording fees collected.

Agencies receiving trust fund monies and the areas they serve are:

- Safeplace Inc. – Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion and Winston counties
- AshaKiran Inc. – Madison County
- Crisis Services of North Alabama- Jackson, Madison and Morgan counties
- Domestic Violence Crisis Services – Cherokee, DeKalb and Marshall counties
- Victim Services of Cullman Inc. – Cullman County
- Family Resource Center of Northwest Alabama – Walker County
- Second Chance Inc. – Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Etowah, Randolph and Talladega counties
- SAN Inc. (Turning Point) – Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa counties
- SafeHouse of Shelby County- Chilton, Coosa and Shelby counties
- Domestic Violence Intervention Center – Chambers, Lee, Macon, Randolph and Tallapoosa counties
- Montgomery Area Family Violence Program (Family Sunshine Center) – Autauga, Butler, Chilton, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes and Montgomery counties
- The House of Ruth – Barbour, Bullock, Coffee, Covington, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties
- Penelope House – Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile and Washington counties.
- Baldwin Family Violence Shelter (The Lighthouse) – Baldwin, Conecuh, Escambia and Monroe counties

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-035

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.M.W., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

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Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.M.W., a minor child (born March 8, 2018), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ROBERT EARL CHANDLER, *
Deceased. *

CASE NO.: PC 2024-434

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION OF SMALL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that a *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* filed by Sherry Chandler, Petitioner, by and through attorney C. Blake West; and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Sherry Chandler
Petitioner

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
417 4th Ave SW, Ste 270
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To: PUBLISHER OF ***The Cullman Tribune***

Please publish the above notice **ONE TIME** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

DONE this the 13th day of December, 2024.

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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-033

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LISA JOHNSON HILL TO ADOPT A.A.W., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: THEODIS D. WADE,
whose whereabouts and location are unknown.

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.A.W., a minor child (born August 19, 2015), was filed on the 29th day of July, 2024, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioner Lisa Johnson Hill. If you intend to contest or support this adoption petition, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. If you fail to respond within 30 days of proper service, the court may construe that failure as an implied consent to the adoption and as a waiver of a right to appear and of further notice of the adoption proceedings. If the adoption is approved, your parental rights, if any, will be considered terminated.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ANNA M. MADDOX, *
Deceased. *

CASE NO: PC2024-344

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and
AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: PHILLIP ANDREW HOENIG, JOSEPH GEORGE HOENIG, JOSEPH SCHMUCK, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF ANNA M. MADDOX, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will filed for the Estate of Anna M. Maddox, deceased, by Pamela Marie Stead, Petitioner, through Attorney Beverly Paschal Poston, *Amended Petition for Probate of Will* filed by Beverly Paschal Poston, Attorney for Petitioner, Pamela Marie Stead. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **14th 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 13th 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.

Beverly Paschal Poston
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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.

PUBLICATION DATES: December 3, December 10 and December 17, 2024
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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 14-16

September Lavone Finch, 62
September Lavone Finch, age 62, of Cullman, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024, at UAB Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She was born Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1962. September was a beloved wife, mother, nana, daughter, sister, and friend to many. She was always there for her family and friends, offering support, positivity, and love in abundance. September - or Sissy as she was known to many friends and family members - was a force to be reckoned with. To say that September lost her battle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis would be wrong because she never stopped fighting. No matter how sick she was, she was always determined. When anyone else would have broken, September stayed strong. September walked through life with a very positive outlook, touching the lives of everyone she encountered with her unforgettable optimistic spirit. Her ability to brighten a dreary day was a God-given talent. Her loved ones - particularly her granddaughters - were the greatest benefactors of the light she brought into this world. She loved them with all her heart. September enjoyed fishing, gardening, crafting, shopping, being outdoors, and spending time with her family. She lived her life to the fullest and leaves behind a legacy of kindness and strength. September was preceded in death by her sister, April Summers; and her brother, Sam Summers. Survivors include: Husband - Kevin Gardner Sons - Earl Finch, James(Tonya) Finch Grandchildren - Natalie Finch, Kyleigh Finch, Paisley Finch, Lillian Finch Mother- Audry Villani Brothers - Angelo Villani, Jerry Summers, Jr., Sister - Kasey Summers Visitation will be held at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024, immediately followed by a celebration of September's life at 2 p.m. with Bro. Andrew Heptinstall officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Marie McAnalley, 80
Funeral Service for Margaret Marie McAnalley, age 80 of Blountsville, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with officiating; burial at Laodicea Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, Dec. 16, 2024, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. McAnalley passed away on Dec. 13, 2024, at UAB Palliative Care. She was born Feb. 22, 1944, to Delmer and Ruby Parker. She was preceded in death by her parents; Ruby and Delmer Parker, son; Keith McAnalley, great grandson; Lucas Sims, three sisters, and four brothers .Survivors include her daughters; Deborah Flynn and Shannon McAnalley, son; James (Terri) McAnalley, grand daughter; Jennifer (Billy) Surrette, grandsons; Dion (Izzy) Marrs, Johb (Bailey) Sims, Nick Nicholas, J.J McAnalley, brothers; Rayford Parker and Jerry Dingler, sisters; Anita Fowler and Deborah Sue Sellers, and a host of nieces and nephews, six great grand sons, one great grand daughter. The family would like to give thanks to Ann Williams for love and guidance through this time. Along with all the family and friends for their love and support.

James L. Stewart, 82
Funeral services for James L. Stewart, 82, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Sunday, December 15th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The burial will follow at Center Hill Cemetery. Heath Riggs will be officiating services. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Stewart was born on Feb. 8, 1942, in Walker County, Alabama to the late Charles and Leslie Stewart. He passed away on Dec. 12, 2024, at Hanceville Nursing Home. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stewart Family.

Betty Cable Basinger, 85
A celebration of life for Betty Cable Basinger, 85, of Greenville, South Carolina, and formerly from Hanceville, Alabama, passed away Dec. 12, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. The celebration will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hanceville. The Reverend Marty Basinger will be officiating the service. Internment will immediately follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Mrs. Basinger will lie in state one hour prior to the service. Hanceville Funeral Home is handling the arrangements for Mrs. Basinger. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her husband James A. Basinger; parents, Ulysses Grant Cable and Juanita Cable; sisters, Cheryl Miller; and Lucille Mooney; step-sister Laura Hodges and step-brother, Duane Cable. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hanceville. Among Betty's most precious treasures were her children and grandchildren, which she enjoyed spending time with. She had a passion for scrapbooking and spent countless hours on her genealogy researching her family history. She discovered a half sister and two step brothers that she did not know of, and relished spending time with them and making lasting memories. She had a passion for cooking, gardening and canning. She loved taking long walks and being out in nature. Betty and her husband James walked many miles up and down the country road they lived on and at the park. She also loved to shop and travel with her family, and was an avid Alabama football fan. Mrs. Basinger retired from the Cullman Golf Course where she worked for over 20 years. She is survived by three sons, Jimmy (Sarah) Basinger, Marty (Susan) Basinger, Murray (Julie) Basinger, daughter Anita (Jim) Foster, nine grandchildren, Leslie Basinger Kester, Lindsey Kraus (Ben), Tyler Basinger (Lynn), Chase Basinger (Mary), David Basinger (Amy), Christopher Basinger (Nicole), Kevin Basinger, Michelle Basinger (Eric) and Wesley Basinger; seventeen great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; step-brother Doug Cable and sister-in-law Betty Cable.

Samuel Friedrick Latham, 45
Samuel Friedrick Latham, 45, passed away at his Vinemont residence on Dec. 13, 2024. He was born on July 10, 1979, to Ralph and Amelia Latham. Sam was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lambert and Theresia Friedrick, and Ottis and Ray Latham; and aunts Elane Friedrick and Melba Latham. Sam is survived by his parents, Ralph and Amelia Latham; his brothers, Joe and John Latham; great aunt Shirley Ann Perry; as well as his dearly loved aunts and uncles, Robert and Judy Brown, Royce Latham, Dorothy Faulkner, Jimmy and Audrey Parker, and Virginia and Jeremy Friedrich; as well as many loved cousins and friends. He attended Sacred Heart School, graduated from Cullman High School in 1997 (dearly loved being in the band) and attended UAH. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations be made to an Autistic Association or any charity of your choice. We were given God's blessing of having Sam for 45 years. Visitation will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, 2024.

Dillon Wayne Stansell, 29
Dillon Wayne Stansell, age 29, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024. He is survived by his wife Haley Stansell, son Grayson Stansell, parents Wayne and Dana Stansell, and brother Dalton Stansell. Dillon was a great husband, father and friend. Dillon always went out of his way to help others, and his presence brought joy to everyone around him. Dillon loved to fish and spend time with family he was always the best at whatever he set his mind to he will be greatly missed, and life will never be the same without him. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home chapel at 11 a.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Wanda Joyce Norris, 78
Wanda Joyce Norris, age 78, of Falkville, Alabama passed away on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2024. She is preceded in death by her parents T.C. and Lonnie Reed, sister Helen (A.V.) Boyd, brothers Sam (Dot) Reed, and Buke (Pasty) Reed. She is survived by her daughter Dana (Scott) Slatton, five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Wanda loved her family, grandkids, her dog Boomer and cat Sheba. She loved spending time at the beach, cooking large delicious southern meals. Loved Bear Bryant, Alabama football and Donald J Trump. She will be deeply missed. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mary Charlotte Kilgore, 82
Funeral service for Mary Charlotte Kilgore, age 82, of Baileyton, is Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, at 1 p.m., at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Pastor Jeremy Collier. Visitation will be held in the chapel prior to the service from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and interment will be at Ebenezer Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Charlotte was born on Dec. 7, 1942, to Eddie Ethan Walker and Mary Bullard Walker. She passed away at her residence on Sunday, Dec. 15, 2024. She is preceded in death by her father, Eddie Walker; mother and stepfather, Mary and Junior Roberts; husband, David Kilgore; brothers, Alfred Walker, Bennie Walker, James Walker, and Kenneth Walker. She is survived by her sons, Kaven Thompson of Decatur, Alabama and Keith Kilgore (Andi), of Houston, Texas; daughter, Karen Raper (Tracey) of Cullman, Alabama; brother, Eddie Earl Walker (Betty); sisters, Marty Spicer, and Janice Quattlebaum; grandchildren, Zachary Earwood, Cody Earwood (Virginia), Joshua Kilgore (Julia), Jacob Kilgore, Brittany Roberson, and Mary Carroll; great-grandchild, Jackson Kilgore; a host of nieces and nephews. Serving as pallbearers are Zachary Earwood, Cody Earwood, Josh Kilgore, Jacob Kilgore, Patrick Sims, Zachary Woods. Family remembers Charlotte as a selfless and compassionate caregiver. She loved nature and loved being outside in her yard, working in her garden, and canning. She will never be forgotten and will live forever in the hearts of those she left behind. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com tosigntheonlineguestbook.

David Craig Acuff, 40
Funeral services for David Craig Acuff, 40, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. The family will welcome friends for visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Craig, a man whose humor, warmth, and boundless spirit brightened the lives of everyone he met, passed away on Dec. 14, 2024. His extraordinary ability to bring stories to life, paired with his infectious laughter, made him a joy to be around, and a friend to all. Craig never met a stranger, welcoming everyone into his life with open arms and an open heart. He didn't care if you were rich, poor, or anywhere in between—he valued people for who they were, not what they had. His zest for life was unmatched; he lived each day to the fullest and made countless memories along the way. Above all, Craig loved his family fiercely. He cherished his children, who were the light of his life, and held a special place in his heart for his brother, with whom he shared a unique and enduring bond. Craig leaves behind a legacy of laughter, kindness, and unforgettable stories. Though he is no longer with us, the impact he made on those lucky enough to know him will live on forever. Survivors include his mother, Lisa Fields-Acuff (Terry Cook); daughter, Mesha R. Acuff; son, Isaiah C. Acuff; brother, Anthony J. Acuff; sister, Sonya Acuff; fiancé, Bridgette Drinkard and her children, MacKenzie and Serenity McIntosh; uncles, Rusty Fields and Michael Fields; aunt Theresa Fields-Crosby (Chris); nieces, Ansley Acuff and Sofia Acuff; his puppies, Charlotte & Riley; and many cousins and friends from all around. Mr. Acuff was preceded in death by his father, David M. Acuff; grandmother, Mary Ellen Acuff; and grandparents, RC and Patricia Fields. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Acuff Family.

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