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City of Cullman responds to Christkindlmarkt lawsuit

Veteran claims service dog was denied entry to the market's Ferris wheel

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman this morning responded to a lawsuit brought by a veteran who says his service dog was denied entry to the Ferris wheel at the Cullman Christkindlmarkt. The lawsuit was filed by Kenneth Browning of Birmingham on Dec. 18, 2024, against the City of Cullman and Kissell Entertainment, dba Ride Worx.

According to the court filing, Browning is a veteran who suffers from PTSD. The suit claims Browning's service dog was not allowed on the ADA-accessible Ferris wheel at the Cullman Christkindlmarkt on Nov. 29, 2024.

The lawsuit claims that by denying his service animal access, the parties violated the Americans » PAGE 2



CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM

Ferris wheel at Cullman Christkindlmarkt

– MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL –

Fairview, West Point capture county titles





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Left: The Fairview Lady Aggies defeated Cold Springs 38-27 Saturday to win this year's Girls County Middle School Tournament Championship. Right: The West Point Warriors came from behind to defeat Cold Springs 41-27 Saturday to win this year's Boys County Middle School Tournament Championship.

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview High School's Joe Shults Gymnasium was packed with local fans Saturday for the conclusion of this year's county middle school basketball tournament. We got things started with the girls' game between Fairview and Cold Springs and after a tight first half, the Lady Aggies were able to pull away in the second half and claim the county title with a 38-27 win. In the boys' game, Cold Springs went into the locker room with a 17-12 lead at halftime, but West Point outscored the Eagles 29-10 in the second half to come from behind and win the county championship 41-27.

Fairview 38 – Cold Springs 27 (Girls)

Emma Cobbs turned a steal into an easy basket to give Fairview a 2-0 lead and after Jiselle Creel hit a free throw on the other end, Arleigh Harris laid one in to put the Aggies ahead 4-1. Haley Anderson scored inside and hit a pair of free throws to give Cold Springs a 5-4 lead and Lorelei Bruer added a free throw to make it 6-4. However, Emma Bryan knocked down five of her next six attempts from the free throw line to retake a 9-6 lead for Fairview. Baskets by Kynzlie Myrex and Kallaway McKinnon put the Eagles back in front 10-9 with just under two minutes remaining in the period but Makaylee Lotero laid one in, and Olivia Daniel sank a free throw in the final seconds of the first to give Fairview a 12-10 lead at the start of the second.

Cobbs buried a three from the corner to make it a 15-10 game and her next basket put the Aggies in front 17-10. Murphee Perdue scored on the other end to cut the lead to 17-12. Addie Stacy answered with a basket of her own to put Fairview back up by 7 but Perdue added another bucket in the final seconds of the quarter to trim the lead to 19-14 at halftime.

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CCPS named 1 of the safest schools in Alabama



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 23

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 23, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 19

- reckless endangerment; CR 961
- permitting dogs to run at large; Hwy. 278W
- burglary; CR 1674

Dec. 20

- theft of property; CR 1196
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69S
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 941

Dec. 21

- theft of property; CR 139
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude law enforcement officer; 2nd St. SW

Dec. 22

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1545
- theft of property; CR 481
- possession of marijuana; CR 747
- burglary; CR 68

ARRESTS

Dec. 19-22

Baldwin, Richard B.; 51
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Boyd, Lacie M.; 28
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – criminal mischief – damaged property
- FTA – distributing a private image with intent to harass

Brenton, Brandon W.; 26
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Freeman, Shane A.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- attempting to elude a police officer

Haynes, David A.; 53
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – resisting arrest

Hays, Jennifer L.; 34
- PROBATION VIOLATION – robbery-residence-strong arm
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-child abuse-aggravated-family

Jackson, Ethan L.; 25
- FTA – follow too close

Preuitt, Joshua R.; 50
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – no/improper tag light
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Robertson, Thomas M.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Rodriguez, Rodrigo R.; 35
- DUI (alcohol)

Smith, Jadon G.; 21
- harassing communications

Speakman, James R.; 29
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possessing forged instrument

Sullivan, Christopher W.; 39
- FTA – criminal trespass

West, Ammie R.; 44
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Jody L.; 42
- DUI (alcohol)

Willingham, Tyren S.; 28
- FTA – resisting arrest

Wright, Stanley W.; 60
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Dec. 17
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damage to '12 Chev. Equinox; $1,000; 2nd Ave. SW

Dec. 20
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '17 Chryseler; Hwy. 157/Childhaven Rd.
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $120; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $503; Olive St. SW

Dec. 21
- burglary-3rd degree; Karagan Homes, LLC; damaged property; Maple Dr. NW

Dec. 22
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; damage to '09 Subaru; Logan St. SW
- harassing communications; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment; person; Kilpatrick Ln. NW

ARRESTS

Dec. 20-22

Johnson, Brandi M.; 36
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - criminal trespass 3rd degree

Esposito, Jan M.; 45
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ellis, Susan D.; 72
- DUI
- attempt to elude

Knight, Rebecca J.; 56
- theft of property-4th degree

Hodge, Audra R.; 53
- DUI
- resisting arrest

Bibano-Riso, Luciano; 39
- theft of property-3rd degree

Schulte, William J.; 45
- FTA - driving without license

Logan, Angela D.; 40
- FTA - driving while suspended

Pendergraft, Unique N.; 32
- FTA - false information to law enforcement

Foxx, Brody A.; 20
- burglary-3rd degree
- criminal mischief-2nd degree
- public intoxication

Freeman, Shane A.; 33
- FTA - switched tag
- FTA - no tag-utility trailer
- FTA - improper tail lights
- FTA - insurance violation

Baker, Heath A.; 37
- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Brock, Ronnie L.; 80
- DUI

Pearce, Stacy L.; 43
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - criminal trespass 3rd degree
- FTA – receiving stolen property

Dobbins, Jamie A.; 36
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree

James, Angel M.; 28
- FTA - harassment
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCPS (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Primary School (CCPS) has been honored for its efforts and commitment to school safety, with the campus one of only six schools in the state of Alabama to be named a 2024 Safe Schools Initiative Awards Winner.

To be selected as a Safe Schools Initiative Winner, schools go through a four-phase application and review process led by judges with knowledge about school safety trends.

The schools were noted for developing innovative safety programs and taking practical, effective steps to combat the threat of violence.

For example, the badge entry and camera system implemented at CCPS, as well as storm shelter features, were among the new innovations at the school noted in the honor.

CCPS in Cullman is joined by Orange Beach Middle & High School, UMS-Wright Preparatory School, Ladonia Elementary School, Russellville Elementary School and Elvin Hill Elementary School as the six winning schools.

"The safety of our schoolchildren is always on the forefront of our minds and hearts.

"That is why it is important to highlight and promote the innovative efforts to improve student safety through the Alabama Safe Schools Initiative," Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall said.

"Their dedication and resolve to provide a safe environment for learning is an inspiration to us all. I look forward to continuing to spotlight the best school safety ideas for school administrators, resource officers, parents and students."

CCPS Principal Elizabeth Shaddix noted safety has always been an incredibly high priority, and the duty of being entrusted with the youngest learners in the district is never one they take lightly.

"This process started two years ago when a core team of school faculty attended a safety conference. We identified priorities within our school in regard to safety measures we wanted to implement. In addition, school safety is prioritized in the district's strategic commitments," she explained.

"When I found out we were the recipients of this award, I was extremely proud of our faculty and staff.

"This demonstrates each person's commitment to keeping our students safe.

"I would like to say a special thank you to our CCPS safety team, including Ross Jochum, Lorene Howell, Sharon Pruett, Erika Lee, Heather Battles, Keri Bates, Christy Free, Marci Watts, Tyler Skinner, Heather Morrow, Jean Marie Yearwood and SRO Daniel Palisay."

As part of the selection process, an in-depth site visit was held at CCPS, utilizing parents, community stakeholders and school staff to participate in safety rounds to gather feedback and implement changes.

CCPS will be presented the award on-campus in February 2025 by Marshall.

Lawsuit (from Front)

with Disabilities Act.

City of Cullman Attorney Luke Satterfield provided this statement to The Tribune Saturday, Dec. 21: "The City was notified of the claim and has turned it over to our insurance. We cannot comment on the legalities of the suit. I can say that Ride Worx is completely separate from the city, operating as an independent contractor, using its employees, infrastructure and regulations.

"This was not a structural ADA issue under the control of the City. The City made sure to have in place the appropriate insurance requirements from Ride Worx and the necessary legal language in place prior to contracting for their service for the event.

"We do not take ADA issues lightly, as we have spent time, money and resources in formulating a citywide transition plan to address all ADA infrastructure issues under the control of the City, and we monitor that and keep a spreadsheet with all completed and outstanding issues as we chip away through the process."

While preparing to cover this year's Christkindlmarkt, The Tribune obtained a copy of the City's contract with Ride Worx, LLC.

That contract reads, in part:

"To ensure the best possible customer service for Christkindlmarkt visitors, the City of Cullman requires that all ride operators, whether employed directly by the City or through a contracted service, are easily identifiable and adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, courtesy, and safety.

"Ride operators must wear the designated uniform, which includes all-black attire with no writing or logos larger than 3"x3" and a branded red hat, shirt, or pullover provided by the City of Cullman to identify them as verified Christkindlmarkt operators.

"All operators must be trained to assist guests, answer basic questions about the rides, and create a welcoming and enjoyable experience.

"Additionally, ride operators must follow all safety protocols established by the City of Cullman to maintain consistency and uphold the Christkindlmarkt brand."

And

"Ride Worx shall assume full liability for the operation, maintenance, and safety of the Ferris Wheel, as well as for the conduct and safety of all employees associated with its operation.

"Ride Worx agrees to provide proof of insurance, including general liability and workers' compensation coverage with a minimum coverage amount of $3 million per occurrence, with the City of Cullman named as an additional insured.

"The insurance policy shall be maintained for the duration of this agreement, and a copy of the insurance certificate must be provided to the City of Cullman prior to the commencement of operations and upon any renewal or modification of coverage."

The lawsuit was filed in the United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Northeastern Division.

It claims Browning is "a qualified individual with a disability under the ADA. BROWNING is a veteran of the US Army and, following active duty deployments to combat zones, has a service connected disability and a 'qualified disability' under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, ('ADA') and all other applicable Federal statutes and regulations, to the extent that he has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and other Anxiety disorders for which he utilizes a professionally trained service dog.

"Prior to instituting the instant action, BROWNING visited the Defendant's premises at issue in this matter, the Cullman Christkindlmarkt, with his daughter and goddaughter, and was denied full, safe and equal access to the subject properties due to their lack of compliance with the ADA and more specifically, was denied access to the Ferris Wheel on the basis of disability.

"BROWNING continues to desire and intends to visit the Defendant's premises but continues to be denied full, safe and equal access due to the barriers to access that continue to exist."

The suit alleges (per official court documents):

- On November 29, 2024, BROWNING attended Cullman Christkindlmarkt with his professionally trained service dog, and his daughter and goddaughter.

- BROWNING purchased tickets to ride the Ferris Wheel with his family and while doing so was advised by the ticket salesperson that BROWNING'S service dog could ride the Ferris Wheel with him in the accessible gondola.

- When it came time to board the Ferris Wheel, BROWNING and his family were advised by the Ferris Wheel ride attendant that his dog could not ride the Ferris Wheel.

- BROWNING relayed to the ride attendant what he had been told by the ticket salesperson about his service dog being allowed to ride with he and his family in the accessible gondola.

- The Ride attendant used a two-way radio to ask a supervisor and explained that "some man is trying to ride with his dog."

- BROWNING, and some other bystanders waiting to ride the Ferris Wheel, interjected to correct the ride attendant that the dog was a "service" dog, but the ride attendant merely commented: "whatever," and did not relay that information to the supervisor.

- BROWNING was able to hear the supervisor tell the ride attendant over the radio that he should not be allowed to ride with his dog.

- BROWNING was directed to exit the ride and to seek a refund from the ticket salesman.

- The altercation with the ride attendant triggered BROWNING to have a panic attack which required him lie down while in the ticket refund line and which in turn caused his service dog to go into task mode by lying on top of him to help calm him.

- BROWNING left the event early, immediately thereafter, and sought additional medical treatment following the event which resulted in an adjustment to his medication.

- BROWNING was unlawfully discriminated against on the basis of disability due to Defendants' lack of appropriate policies and procedures for service dogs at Cullman Christkindlmarkt, and their failure to modify same upon request for BROWNING and other bystanders.

- BROWNING has suffered humiliation, embarrassment, frustration, mental anguish and emotional distress which continues to affect him currently.

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Cullman Kayak Anglers to host 7th annual New Year's Day Throwdown

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Kayak Anglers (CKA) is set to host its seventh annual New Year's Day Throwdown on Wednesday, Jan. 1, at Duck River Reservoir. This informal, friendly competition invites seasoned anglers and newcomers alike to enjoy a day of kayak fishing. Launch begins at 6:30 a.m., with fishing lines hitting the water at 7. Participants will wrap up at 1:30 p.m., with a post-tournament meetup and results announced at Los Cabos Mexican Restaurant at 2.

Registration is $30 and will be handled at the ramp on the morning of the event, with participants able to launch from both the east and west ramps on Duck River. The registration fee includes $25 for the pot, $3 for the biggest fish and $2 to support the CKA's 2025 season. This year's event is geared toward anglers of all experience levels.

"This tournament is a great opportunity to 'dip your toe' into competitive kayak fishing," said Luke Turner, event organizer. "Even if you don't enjoy the competitive side, it's a great way to meet like-minded people."

Participants are required to follow specific guidelines, including mandatory PFD use at all times, use of Ketch measuring boards and ensuring fish photos meet criteria such as the fish's mouth being closed, facing left and dorsal fin up, with no restraining devices allowed in the picture. The tournament operates on a four-fish limit, and late submissions after 2:30 p.m. will result in a penalty of 1 inch per minute.

CKA hosts this event provide a fun and approachable entry point into the world of competitive kayak fishing, while also fostering a sense of community among local anglers. "This is a very relaxed event aimed at getting guys and gals both new and veterans familiar with tournament kayak fishing," Turner stated. "Don't be scared to ask questions or for advice."

Founded in 2017, CKA is part of a statewide network of kayak fishing groups that host a championship at the end of each season. Cullman's abundant midsize lakes and reservoirs make it a prime location for the sport. Each year, CKA also hosts a "super-regional" tournament on Smith Lake, drawing clubs from across Alabama for fishing and camping at Smith Lake Park.

For more information on CKA or the upcoming Throwdown event, visit the Cullman Kayak Anglers Facebook group or https://tinyurl.com/throwdown25.



Challenge (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Public Library System will host a bingo-style Winter Reading Challenge Jan. 6-Feb. 28, 2025.

CCPLS Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said this is the second year for the challenge.

"We had great participation last year," she said.

"We are always looking for new ways to encourage people to read. Participants will complete various challenges listed on the bingo card, such as 'read a book with a one word title' or 'read a book written by a female author.'"

Submissions are due Feb. 28.

Adults may turn in a completed bingo sheet in exchange for a raffle ticket and be entered to win a donated prize.

Children may turn in a completed bingo sheet for a prize from the library's treasure chest.

Creekmore said bingo cards may be picked up and dropped off at the circulation desk starting Monday, Jan. 6.

"Thank you to Monograms Plus, Werner's (Trading Company) and Karma's Coffee for donating prizes for this challenge," she said.

For more information, call 256-734-2720 or drop by the main branch of the CCPLS at 200 Clark St NE.

County providing Dumpsters for holiday trash Dec. 24-26

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission is providing Dumpsters to collect extra holiday trash Tuesday, Dec. 24, through Thursday, Dec. 26.

Locations are as follows:

- Cold Springs School
- Crane Hill Sheriff Annex
- Shop across from West Point Town Hall
- The old hangar at Joppa
- Eastside Road Department
- Vinemont Providence Fire Station 1
- Shaw's old restaurant in Holly Pond
- Good Hope Sheriff Annex
- Behind Hanceville Civic Center

According to the County, the Dumpsters will be set on Dec. 24, and picked on Dec. 26.

They are for extra Christmas trash and boxes only.

They are not for furniture or other items.



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. 25 - No service or classes! Have a blessed and happy Christmas Day!
- Friday, Dec. 27 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
- Sunday, Dec. 29 - 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.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31 - 6 p.m. New Year's Eve Candlelight Celebration

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
Drive-through only Dec. 26-29, 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW. Admission is a cash donation of $10 cash per vehicle. Over 1 million lights!

6th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Dec. 26-28, 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! Refreshments will be available every night.

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

Christmas Masses at St. Bernard Abbey
- 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE in Cullman
- MIDNIGHT MASS: The monks of St. Bernard Abbey will celebrate the birth of Christ with midnight Mass at midnight, Dec. 24/25. in the Abbey Church. Best to arrive by 11:45 p.m., Dec. 24. The public is cordially invited.
- CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: Christmas morning, Dec. 25, at 10:30 a.m., the Mass of Christmas Day will be celebrated.
- You may call the Abbey (256-734-8291) for information on these and all services of worship held in the monastery church, to which the public is always welcome. Or see online at www.stbernardabbey.com or Facebook from the website.

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

No. 9 Vinemont topples No. 7 Holly Pond 56-46; Broncos down Eagles 56-29

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont hosted its rivals from Holly Pond for a pair of area battles Friday night. The girls' game was a ranked matchup between the ninth-ranked Lady Eagles and the seventh-ranked Lady Broncos. Vinemont jumped out to a big lead early in the opening period and fended off a late run from Holly Pond to earn a big, 56-46 win. In the boys' game, the Broncos got off to a fast start and the Eagles had a tough time finding their rhythm offensively, allowing Holly Pond to secure a 56-29 area win.

Vinemont 56 – Holly Pond 46 (Varsity Girls)

Vinemont started out the game red-hot on both ends of the court. Reagan Robinson put in a pair of baskets in the paint, then Caroline Miller scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw, as the Lady Eagles jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead.

Their lead quickly grew more and more after that, as treys by Morgan Flanagan and Miller, plus another basket down low by Robinson, stretched their lead to 15-0.

Holly Pond got on the scoreboard on a Blakely Baggett basket with 2:56 remaining in the opening period, but later in the period, Vayda Yarbrough and Miller each drained a three to make it a 23-3 game.

Maggie Nail drilled a short jumper to cut it to 23-5 going into the second.

Ava Thomas scored in the paint, then driving layups by Millie McBee and Sadie Nail made it a 23-11 game early in the second.

Flanagan stopped the bleeding with a trey from the right corner, then Carley Stephens added a basket in the paint to quickly push Vinemont's lead to 28-11.

McBee drained a pair from the line, then Madison Butts knocked down a three to cut the Lady Bronco deficit to 12 at 28-16.

Flanagan and Brooklyn Yarbrough each added a late basket for the Lady Eagles, as they ended up taking a 32-16 lead into the locker room.

Robinson didn't waste any time attacking the basket early in the third quarter, as she scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it 35-16.

She later added a driving layup to give Vinemont a 37-19 lead.

McBee buried a trey to cut it to 37-23 and later added a pair of baskets down low to make it a 44-27 game.

Flanagan nailed a three to increase the Lady Eagle lead to 48-28 going into the final period.

Holly Pond was able to make one more run to get back in the game.

Thomas scored four straight points, including a short jumper, and McBee put in a driving layup to cut it to 48-34.

A coast-to-coast layup by Butts was later followed by a basket down low by Maggie Nail, as it was now a 50-38 game with a little over four minutes to go in the game.

McBee knocked down a trey from the right wing, and Maggie Nail added a pair from the line to make it a 52-43 game with 2:12 left to go in the contest.

Miller knocked down a pair from the line to give Vinemont a 54-43 lead, and the Lady Eagles went on to defeat the Lady Broncos 56-46.

Robinson led the way for Vinemont (10-3, 3-1) with 21 points, while Miller and Flanagan each added 13 points.

For Holly Pond (11-5, 3-1), McBee finished with 19 points in the loss, Butts posted nine, Maggie Nail added seven points and Thomas scored six.

Vinemont 56 – Holly Pond 29 (Varsity Boys)

The game was scoreless for almost three minutes before Holly Pond's Ty Dunn knocked down a basket to put them on the scoreboard first.

A short hook shot by Cade Allbright gave the Broncos a 4-0 lead.

Vinemont got on the scoreboard with 3:15 remaining in the first on a free throw by Colton Gillis, then a quick basket by Gee Flores cut it to 4-3.

It was all Holly Pond after that, though. Sawyer Olinger drilled a trey from the left wing, Allbright scored five straight points, and Carson Ryan hit a pair from the line, as the Broncos took a 14-3 lead into the second.

Both teams traded baskets for most of the second quarter.

A pair of free throws by E.J. Sharpe cut it to 20-9 late in the quarter, but Olinger scored the next six points for Holly Pond, and Asher Thrift added a basket in the paint to give the Broncos a 28-9 lead at halftime.

Just like the second quarter, both teams traded baskets for most of the third.

A Gillis made basket in the paint made it a 32-13 game, but Olinger drained a trey on the other end to give Holly Pond a 36-13 lead.

Bryson Bush scored through a foul and ended up completing the three-point play, then baskets by Preston Lee and Sharpe made it a 40-22 game late in the quarter.

Allbright put in a short hook shot, and Ryan added a layup to stretch the Bronco lead to 44-22 going into the fourth.

Allbright put in another hook shot, and Olinger added a layup to make it 48-22, then later in the quarter, threes by Fox Westall and Landon Lovell widened their lead to 54-24.

Another basket in the paint by Allbright put the finishing touches on a 56-29 region win for Holly Pond.

Allbright and Olinger each finished with 19 points for Holly Pond (8-8, 2-2), and Ryan put up eight points.

Gillis led the way for Vinemont (4-10, 0-4) with 12 points, while Sharpe collected six points.

The Vinemont Lady Eagles and the Holly Pond Lady Broncos will participate in the West Morgan Holiday Classic this week.

Holly Pond's boys will take part in the West Point Christmas Tournament this week and Vinemont's boys will be back in action after the Christmas break.



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Vinemont's Reagan Robinson (24) led the Lady Eagles with 21 points in their 56-46 win over Holly Pond Friday night.



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Holly Pond's Cade Allbright posted 19 points in the Broncos' 56-29 win at Vinemont Friday night.

No. 2 Auburn rolls over No. 16 Purdue behind Broome's double-double

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Any doubts about Johni Broome's shoulder coming into Saturday were quickly erased when the Auburn big man drained a 3-pointer in the first two minutes of the game.

Broome finished with a game-high 23 points and 11 rebounds, his eighth double-double of the season, to lead No. 2 Auburn past No. 16 Purdue 87-69 in front of 15,335 at Legacy Arena in Birmingham. He was one of three Tigers in double figures as freshman Tahaad Pettiford poured in 18 points and Denver Jones added 15.

"That first 3, I feel like that kind of gave me a little extra kick," Broome said.

"I was still kind of unsure because I had not gone full speed in a game yet.

"Coming out and hitting my first 3 and seeing how the crowd reacted to it, it made me feel better about myself."

When Broome checked out of the game with 5:51 remaining, he got a standing ovation from the pro-Auburn crowd.

"The Jungle travels," Broome said. "It just makes us play harder because they come from all over the world. They make the drive, they make flights. It's special to see how many people come support us and come watch us."

For Broome, it was his seventh game this season with at least 20 points and 10 rebounds. Against ranked opponents, the senior is averaging 21.4 points, 12.2 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game.

For Auburn, it was the sixth Quad 1 win of the season, tops in the nation, and the fourth top 25 victory, which matches the Tigers' total regular-season, non-conference wins over ranked teams in program history prior to this season.

"We beat a good basketball team, but we beat a great basketball program," Auburn head coach Bruce Pearl said.

"I'm really proud of our league. I was concerned about the toughness of our schedule. If we couldn't handle it, we could've hurt our league. But we didn't. We helped our league, and that matters to me a great deal.

"I want to thank the Auburn Family again for turning out in front of national television audience and giving our guys a great environment. It was like Neville Arena at times."

Auburn was outstanding once again offensively, shooting 54.5 percent from the field and dishing out 24 assists on 36 made baskets, but it was the defense that carried the day Saturday.

With the game tied 15-15 through the first seven minutes, the Tigers held Purdue to just two points over the next seven minutes and went on a 16-2 run. The run started with an alley-oop dunk from Dylan Cardwell bringing the Auburn fans to their feet, but one of the largest roars all game came a few minutes later when Chad Baker-Mazara sent Fletcher Loyer's shot into the stands under the basket.

After starting 5-of-7 from the field, Purdue finished the first half 10-of-30 and scored just 11 points over the final 12 minutes. Auburn took advantage and built a 41-26 lead at the break.

"We pride ourselves on our defense," Broome said. "We make everything hard. Braden Smith is a really good point guard, so we tried to get after him a little bit and make him pass the ball.

"They have a good big man inside, so we tried to front him and make his catches harder. I thought we did a great job of that."

It was more of the same in the second half as the Tigers used a 17-2 run to grow the lead to 33 points (72-39) at one point.

Purdue shot just 39 percent from the field for the game, and Smith, the Big 10 Preseason Player of the Year, finished with eight points on 3-of-12 shooting and turned it over five times.

"You can control your outcome with how you defend," Pearl said.

"I just thought we did a better job of making it difficult for Purdue. They're better from 3 than they are from 2. We made them make tough 2s. They made some, but they missed enough.

"I thought our guys did a pretty good job of taking care of the basketball and playing unselfishly," added Pearl.

"When you shoot 55 percent against a Purdue basketball team, you've got really good players, and the guys are running really good stuff."

Broome, Pettiford and Jones – all three of Auburn's leading scorers – shot over 50 percent from the field. Pettiford, who was 7-of-12 on field goals and 2-of-4 from beyond the arc, has now scored in double figures in six games this season, including all five games against ranked opponents. Pettiford (5), Jones (4), Baker-Mazara (6) and Chaney Johnson (5) all had four or more assists on the day.

Auburn (11-1) will get a nine-day break for the holidays before returning to Neville Arena on Dec. 30 to play Monmouth in the final tune-up before SEC play begins.



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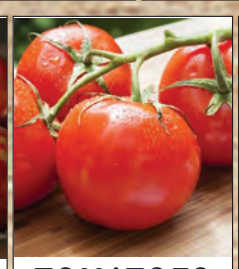
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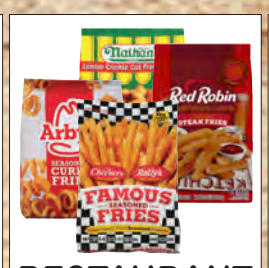
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Christkindlmarkt takes a bow for the 2024 season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Christkindlmarkt, aimed at celebrating the area's German heritage in a fun, family friendly Hallmark atmosphere, has officially closed for the 2024 season. It opened Nov. 21 and closed Dec. 23. Organizers said the market was an even bigger hit this year, staying open a bit longer and doubling in size with more vendors and more attractions. It may expand even more in 2025 to accommodate the crowds.

"Christkindlmarkt last year versus this year has more than doubled in size. We were able to get a grant, and it helped us to frame some of the cost," said Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

"We have been able to add a lot more booths and a lot more space because it was crowded last year.

"We just didn't realize that many more people were going to come. It is crowded again this year!"

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson spoke about the popular attractions at this year's market.

"We have something for everyone. The ice-skating rink is the largest in the state of Alabama.

"The Ferris wheel is also the largest in the state of Alabama. It can hold up to 144 people at a time. A family of six can sit together in one gondola. Who has seen Cullman from that height unless you are in a helicopter?" he smiled.

"The spinner Christmas tree in the back is for the toddlers. We have a Winterbahn, which is a tubing slide.

"The Kinderplatz is like stepping into the North Pole. You have Saint Nicolas, Mrs. Claus and Buddy the Elf. You can write letters to Santa, do crafts in the workshop, and get your picture made with Santa."

Look for a more complete wrap-up of the 2024 Cullman Christkindlmarkt soon. In the meantime, check out photos, videos and more at www.facebook.com/@CullmanChristkindlmarkt.

Give back this holiday season with United Way

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Did you know that some of the organizations the United Way of Cullman County helps fund can double your donation thanks to matched state funding? That means your generosity goes even farther!

This holiday season, consider a donation to United Way of Cullman County, where your support impacts a wide range of community focuses, from education to health, restoration and renewal, and financial stability. Every dollar you give touches lives across our community.

And the best part? Your charitable donation is tax-deductible, making it a great way to end the year while giving back to those in need.

How do you live united? Whether it's volunteering, donating or simply spreading the word, you can make a difference! "When you donate to United Way of Cullman County, your gift has the potential to go even further. Some of our partner agencies can leverage donations to secure matching grant funds, effectively doubling or even tripling the impact of your contribution. Best of all, every dollar stays right here in Cullman County, directly supporting our (sic) partner agencies," said UWCC Executive Director Stephanie Childers. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The United Way of Cullman County supports 18 partner agencies, including:

- American Red Cross of Alabama
- Cullman County 4-H
- Margaret Jean Jones Center
- Cullman County Commission on Aging
- Cullman Caring for Kids
- Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County
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To learn more about these organizations and the work they do, visit www.uwaycc.org. Your support truly makes a difference, and we are deeply grateful for your generosity.

United Way of Cullman County contributed to this article.

Last chance to catch Christmas at the Grotto

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual favorite Christmas at the Grotto is winding down, with the last dates being Dec. 26-28, from 5-9 p.m.

The Ave Maria Grotto is all decked out in Christmas lights.

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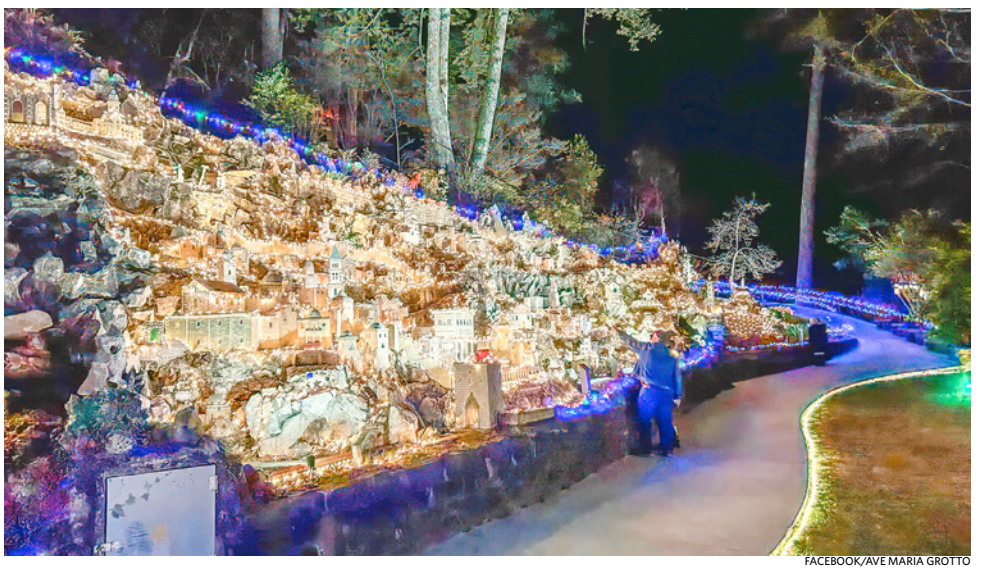
It's a unique holiday treat that the whole family can enjoy together.

Refreshments are available each night.

The Ave Maria Grotto is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE in Cullman.

Admission to Christmas at the Grotto:

- Adults - $10
- Seniors - $8
- Military/Veterans/First responders - $7
- Teens (13-17) - $8
- Children (5-12) - $7
- Children 4 and younger - free



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Teachers (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools has named its 2024 Teachers of the Year, honoring some of the best educators across the district for their innovation and commitment to young learners.

The 2024 Teachers of the Year include Keli Thrasher at Cullman City Primary School, April Dean at East Elementary School, Meaghan Britton at West Elementary School, Michael Crocker at Cullman Middle School and Caroline Lunsford at Cullman High School.

"The Cullman City School System is one of 11 school systems with all A's on the State Report Card. Our schools receive recognition for academic achievement from the United States Department of Education, the State Department of Education and from our local government and city leaders," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said.

"None of this is possible without dedicated teachers who love their content, love their students, and love their schools. These five educators are a good representation of the amazing teachers we have in our schools."

Keli Thrasher and family
Thrasher is a kindergarten teacher at CCPS, and began her teaching career at CCPS more than two decades ago in 2002. She is a University of North Alabama (UNA) graduate.

"The blessings I have received from being a part of Cullman City Schools are immeasurable. I firmly believe that the influence of a teacher can never be erased," Thrasher said.

"The faculty and staff at Cullman City Primary School do their best each and every day to make each child feel loved, encouraged and empowered."

April Dean
Dean is a fourth-grade teacher at East Elementary School, in her sixth year of teaching at EES and 19th year overall.

"The hallways of East Elementary are lined with Alabama's best teachers, and I am blessed to work alongside them," Dean said. "It's my honor to represent my friends at East as Teacher of the Year 2024-2025."

Meaghan Britton
Britton is a sixth-grade English Language Arts (ELA) teacher at West Elementary School. She is a former Cullman City Schools student, and graduate of Athens State University and the University of West Alabama.

"Being named Teacher of the Year at West Elementary School is not just an honor; it reminds us of the impact we, as educators, make every day," Britton said. "It reflects the dedication of each Cullman City Schools employee and the joy of watching our students grow and accomplish their goals. This recognition fuels my passion to inspire and empower the next generation."

Michael Crocker
Crocker is a seventh-grade math teacher at Cullman Middle School, and noted he is "truly lucky" to be honored among such a talented staff of teachers.

"I was surprised and humbled by the recognition from my peers, especially in light of how many great educators teach and work here," he said. "Cullman City Schools puts the students and education as its highest priority and that makes it easy to come to work each day. I can't imagine doing anything else than helping these young adults realize and reach their potential, dreams and goals."

Caroline Lunsford
Lunsford is an English and reading teacher at Cullman High School, and graduate of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"I teach among so many dedicated and effective teachers; therefore, I am very honored and humbled to be named Cullman High School's Teacher of the Year," Lunsford said. "I am grateful for supportive administrators who make it easy to do my job, for colleagues who make coming to work enjoyable and for students who rise to meet challenges, both in and out of the classroom, each day."

Titles (from Front)

one in to make it a 3-point game, back to back Arleigh Harris baskets extended Fairview's lead to 23-16. Anderson laid one in, and Creel drilled a three to cut the lead to 23-21 midway through the third but the Aggies were able to move out in front 27-23 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Harris scored the first six points of the fourth to stretch Fairview's lead to 33-23 and all but put the game out of reach for Cold Springs. Analeigh Randolph laid one in to make it 35-23 with less than three minutes to play and the Aggies cruised the rest of the way to a 38-27 win and a county tournament championship.

Harris led the way for Fairview with 14 points in the win, followed by Cobbs with 10 and Bryan with five. Anderson led the Eagles with 12 points in the loss and Creel added six.

2024 GIRLS ALL-COUNTY TEAM

- Arleigh Harris, Fairview
- Emma Bryan, Fairview
- Emma Cobbs, Fairview
- Jiselle Creel, Cold Springs
- Kallaway McKinnon, Cold Springs
- Jodi Williams, Cold Springs
- Gracie Gray, Good Hope
- Gracie Bates, Good Hope
- Riley Lansford, Good Hope
- Anna Richter, Parkside
- Lily Allbright, Holly Pond
- Kynleigh Wood, Holly Pond
- Harper Jones, West Point
- Mylee Echols, West Point
- Sara Rodgers, Vinemont
- Ayjah Hickman, Hanceville

West Point 41 – Cold Springs 27 (Boys)
Tripp Dingler drove to the rim and scored to give the Warriors a 2-0 start but baskets by Brandon Chasteen and Brooks Belcher on the other end put the Eagles in front 4-2. Belcher and Chasteen each scored again to make it an 8-2 game and Chasteen tacked on a free throw just before the end of the first to make it 9-2 at the start of the second.

Tyce Thompson knocked down a jumper to trim the lead to 9-4 at the start of the second quarter but after Belcher split a pair of free throws, Chasteen laid another one in to give Cold Springs a 12-4 lead.

Jordan Garmon buried a three to extend the lead to 15-4. Colton Kimbril scored inside and hit a pair of fire throws to cut the lead to 17-8 with two minutes remaining in the second quarter and after Dingler laid one in, Gauge Riggs sank a pair of free throws to make it a 17-12 game at halftime.

Emmett Franks knocked down a three and Belcher scored inside to stretch the Eagles' lead to 22-12 early in the third quarter. However, the Warriors responded in a big way after falling behind by 10. Leelan Ortiz scored inside, and Riggs drilled a three to make it 22-17. After Riggs laid one in to make it a 3-point game, a pair of Dingler baskets gave the Warriors a 23-22 lead and Kimbril scored in the final seconds of the third to put West Point in front 25-22 at the start of the fourth.

Ortiz and Dingler scored the first eight points of the quarter to give the Warriors an 11-point lead. Jaxon Smith laid one in and Garmon hit another three to cut the lead to 33-27 but West Point finished the game with an 8-0 scoring run to secure a 41-27 win and this year's county championship.

Dingler led the Warriors with 15 points in the win, followed by Kimbril and Riggs with eight. Belcher posted nine points for Cold Springs and Chasteen added seven.

2024 BOYS ALL-COUNTY TEAM

- Colton Kimbril, West Point
- Tripp Dingler, West Point
- Leelan Ortiz, West Point
- Tyce Thompson, West Point
- Brandon Chasteen, Cold Springs
- Brooks Belcher, Cold Springs
- Houston Gardner, Fairview
- Jake Pearson, Fairview
- Travis Speer, Vinemont
- Kaleb Speegle, Vinemont
- Crimson Fowler, Parkside
- Rowan Ibrahim, Parkside
- Jonathon Hamby, Holly Pond
- Mason Wright, Hanceville
- Memphis Johnson, Good Hope
- Carsyn Boorsma, Good Hope
- Jaxson Richter, Good Hope



LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness to Alabama Credit Union, secured by that certain Mortgage executed by Keith Sexton and wife, Linda Sexton, on December 18, 2017, said Mortgage being filed for record in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, on December 28, 2015, in Mortgage Book 1837, Page 722. Alabama Credit Union, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that Alabama Credit Union, under and by virtue of the powers of sale contained in said Mortgage, will sell at public outcry, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, in Cullman, Alabama, on January 23, 2025, during the legal hours of sale, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described real property, located in Cullman County, Alabama, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half of Lot #18 in Max Buettner's Subdivision of Block Number 6 in South Park Addition of Cullman, Alabama, as shown and recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate in Plat Book Number 1, Page Number 60, Cullman County, Alabama. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. Title to the above described property shall be conveyed by Mortgage Foreclosure Deed, subject to any ad valorem taxes due, rights of way, restrictions, easements, matters of survey, and existing federal tax liens, if any, and/or special assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale is to be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said Mortgage, and the expenses of foreclosure, all in accordance with the terms of the Mortgage as heretofore set out.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

Alabama Credit Union, Mortgagee
By: Mark C. Nelson, Attorney for Mortgagee
2216 14th Street
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401
(205) 349-3449

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, Jan 13 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Premier Bank of the South
vs.
Christopher Boyd
18405 Hwy. 91
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Christopher Boyd, property, described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 – SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West. Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 – SE1/4 of Section 23, said point being a 5/8 " capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE 1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West along said northern right-of-way, a distance of 154.63 feet to the center line of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning: Thence continue South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of-way a distance of 541.97 feet; thence North 11 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 505.44 feet; thence North 87 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 222.71 feet to the centerline of a dirt road; thence along said centerline the following: South 14 degrees 07 minutes 59 second West a distance of 32.30 feet; thence South 19 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 34.41 feet; thence South 14 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 23.21 feet; thence South 02 degrees 51 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 25.65 feet; thence South 16 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 33.48 feet; thence South 28 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 30.14 feet; thence South 35 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 33.08 feet; thence South 25 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 30.06 feet; thence South 15 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 16.99 feet;

thence South 04 degrees 25 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 37.16 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 81.44 feet; thence South 18 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 33.18 feet; thence South 47 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 29.09 feet; thence South 76 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 23.09 feet ; thence North 81 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 26.95 feet; thence North 76 degrees 28 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 98.22 feet; thence North 70 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 42.95 feet; thence North 63 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 34.32 feet; thence North 61 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 59.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 31.59 feet; thence South 77 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 23.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

ALSO: A 20 feet wide access easement located in the SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West Cullman County, Alabama, being 10 feet on each side of the centerline more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northeast corner of said SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23. said point being a 5/8" capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of- way a distance of 154.63 feel to the centerline of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning:

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided by Plaintiff's attorney.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Christopher Boyd, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 10th day of December, 2024.

BY: Matt Gentry Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
BARBARA JOAN BRANDON, * **CASE NO.: PC 2024-431**
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that *Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate* has been filed on the 5th day of December, 2024, by Bethany Parker, 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.

Bethany Parker
Petitioner

C. Blake West
Attorney for Petitioner
Smith & Smith, LLP
417 4th Avenue, SW, Ste 270
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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 19th day of December, 2024.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
HORACE COLLINS BROWN, * **CASE NO: PC2024-406**
An alleged incapacitated person. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: SHERRI CHISM, SCOTT A. BROWN, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF HORACE COLLINS BROWN, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON.

Petition for Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship filed by Martha Brown, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Alex J. Chaney. A hearing on this matter has been scheduled for the **22nd day of January, 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
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 20th 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.

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney for Petitioner
Berry, Berry, Little & Chaney
PO Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2024-037

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF CHARLOTTE SVENSON SWINDALL AND DANIEL SWINDOLL TO ADOPT C.M.C. a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: **CASEY BURTON, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER and RUSSELL ALFRED AUSTIN CHAMBERS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER, WHEREABOUTS, RESIDENCE AND/OR ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED.**

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* of C.M.C. a minor child (born on May 26, 2023, to Casey Burton) was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Charlotte Svenson Swindoll and Daniel Swindoll, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 20th DAY OF December, 2024.

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

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioners
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 35055

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s)
PATSY BARBER, * CASE NO.: PC2024-252
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to ROBERT VANCE as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATSY BARBER, deceased, on the 12th day of December, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Robert Vance
Personal Representative

Attorney for Petitioner
J. Bradley Wilson
BAGGETT & WILSON
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055
256/737-0740

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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.

DONE this 13th day of December, 2024.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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Sherry H. Barrett
SMITH & SMITH, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

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.

Case# AD2024035 PB RDT Book 70 Page 5 Recorded in Above Boo 12/13/2024 3:17PM Tammy Brown Judge of Probate Cullman County, AL 1 Page(s)

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.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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Attorneys for Petitioners
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
256-734-4721 (telephone)

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
TRAVIS DEWAYNE POWE,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2024-267

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Damion Ethan Kane Powe, as Administrator of the Estate of Travis Dewayne Powe, deceased, on the 19th day of December 2024 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Annette Irons-Parker
Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Administrator
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C. ATTORNEYS
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-775-4444
parkerandparker@bellsouth.net

TO: The Publisher of **CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, Jan 13 2025 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Mercer Transportation Co., Inc.
vs.
Christopher Boyd
18405 Hwy. 91
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Christopher Boyd, property, described as follows:

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided by Plaintiff's attorney.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Christopher Boyd, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

BY: Matt Gentry Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

LEGALS

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday January 6, 2025, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short form subdivision – Fairway Drive NW - combine two lots into one lot
2. Short form subdivision – 2424 Industrial Drive SW – create three lots
3. Preliminary subdivision – Frankweiler Community – Scott Street NW
4. Conditional use request -1625 2nd Avenue NW – Perfect Choice Towing

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

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Letter to the Editor: Jesus, our North Star

Tanya Shearer
Contributor

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned." Isaiah 9:2

Polaris is the scientific name for the North Star, and it is the brightest star in the constellation of Ursa Mina. It is the star closest to the North Celestial Pole and remains almost stationary through the night. For centuries, the North Star has been used as a reference point and guide for astronomers and navigators. It lights the way to true north. Knowing how to find the North Star is one of the most basic survival skills and gives one the ability to find direction on even the darkest of nights. To find the North Star, first look for the Big Dipper. Next, locate the two stars that form the outer edge of the Big Dipper. Located directly across from them is the handle of the Little Dipper. The North Star is the brightest star in the handle of the Little Dipper.

As Christians, our North Star is the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our bright and constant source of direction. By trusting and following Him for the forgiveness of our sins, we find salvation.

We can confidently look to Him for guidance as we navigate this sea of life. The bright light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ pierces the darkness of this present world.

However, finding Jesus and making Him the North Star of our lives is a little different from finding the celestial North Star.

If you ask people, "How do you find Jesus?" you will receive many different answers. Just as no two snowflakes are exactly alike, no two people find Jesus in the same way.

Every person's relationship with HIM is truly unique. Sometimes the bright lights and distractions of this earthly world get in the way of seeing the one true light of Jesus.

When the pretty baubles of this world lose their luster in darkness, disappointments and mistakes, we finally come to recognize the void in our lives.

Interestingly, as one person said, "He finds us; we don't find Him." It is then, in the midst of darkness, that we see Him clearly and realize that He was there beside us all along. John Newton wrote, "I once was lost, but now I am found, I was blind but now I see."

"From one man he made every nation of men that they should inhabit the whole earth; and be determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us." Acts 17:26-27

May you truly experience the hope and love of The Lord Jesus Christ this Christmas.

Tanya Shearer

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
ANNA M. MADDOX, * CASE NO: PC2024-344
Deceased. *

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
Attorney for Petitioner
201 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Caleb Norman named to Belmont University's fall 2024 Dean's List

Jasmine Simmons
Belmont University

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Caleb Norman of Cullman was named to Belmont University's fall 2024 Dean's List.

"Earning a place on the Dean's List is an accomplishment that reflects the dedication, talent and resilience of our students who maintain competitive GPAs while concurrently making lasting contributions at Belmont and beyond," said Belmont University Provost Dr. David Gregory.

"These scholars have gone above and beyond, matching rigorous academic schedules with robust extracurriculars including volunteerism, student organizations, athletics, the arts and more.

"It gives me great joy to acknowledge the dedicated students who embody what it means to seek excellence, academically.

"Their achievement is a testament not only to their hard work and intellectual aptitude but also to Belmont's high academic standards and commitment to student success."

Dean's List eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Obituary Announcements: Dec. 21-23

Randall 'Matt' Smith, 68
Funeral services for Randall Matthew "Matt" Smith, 68, of Cullman was at 11 a.m., Monday, Dec. 23, 2024 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church Cemetery, Rev. Tim Aris and Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating. Visitation was from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Matt was born Sept. 13, 1956, to Willard H. and Mary Lee Smith. He passed away Friday, December 20th at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother, Mary Will Lee Smith; brother, Mark (Karon) Smith; sister, Anita (Keith) Williams; nephew, Patrick (Amanda) Smith; nieces, Tabitha (Josh) Brown, Lori Clark, and Jessica (John) Rodgers; great-nieces and nephews, Selena Clark, Lydia Smith, Macie Brown, Jax Rodgers, Charlie Smith, Walker Brown, Collin Clark, Jace Rodgers, Ava Claire Clark and Carter Clark; great-great niece, Stella Rose Clark, and a host of family and friends. Matt was an outdoorsman and enjoyed trail riding, hunting and fishing. He loved watching Alabama football and basketball, but his greatest joy came from spending time with his family and friends. He could always be found cheering on his great-nieces and nephews in whatever sport they were playing and was always their biggest fan. He will forever be remembered and loved. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

BethanyNorrisBishop,50
Bethany Norris Bishop of Huntsville, passed from this life on Dec. 21, 2024, after a four years-long battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family. Bethany was born to Keith and Kathy Norris on Aug. 19, 1974. She graduated from Vinemont High School in 1992, then received a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1996. Later, she was awarded a master's degree from the University of Montevallo in 2012. She was a family and consumer sciences teacher until retiring due to illness. Bethany was a life-long student and never stopped learning. In 2014, Bethany married James Bishop. Between them are six children they lovingly called the Bishop-Back Bunch. Avery Holsomback, Emma Rubin (Jacob), Anna Holsomback, Briana Bishop Templeton (Matthew), Michael Bishop (Sydney), and Andrew Bishop (Haley). She was the adoring "BB" of Charlotte Bishop aged 3 years and Turner Bishop 16 months. Bethany is also survived by her mother, Kathy Norris, sister Amy Graham (Jody), and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Bethany was preceded in death by her father, Keith Norris. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024, at noon at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. till noon at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Hospitality Apartments in Houston, Texas, where they were graciously hosted for two months while Bethany underwent radiation treatment.

Waid Freeman Smith, 86
A Celebration of Life service for Waid Freeman Smith, 86, of Hanceville, Alabama will be 11 a.m. Jan. 4, 2025, at Cullman First Baptist Church in Cullman. A gathering of family and friends will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church on Saturday. Waid, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed away on Dec. 14, 2024, surrounded by the love of his family. A man of deep faith and unwavering dedication, Waid was a cherished member of Cullman First Baptist Church, where his life reflected his love for God and others. Born with a servant's heart, he worked selflessly as a plumber for over 45 years, always putting the needs of others before his own. In addition to his career, he found immense fulfillment serving his community through his work at Hanceville Funeral Home for more than 25 years, offering comfort and compassion to families during their most difficult times. Waid's pride in his country was evident through his distinguished military service. A proud member of the United States Air Force, he retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years of active service, including a tour in Vietnam. His unwavering dedication to duty and his comrades exemplified the values he carried throughout his life. Above all, Waid deeply loved his family, who were the center of his world. His kindness, humility, and steadfast spirit will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Smith; son, Michael Smith; daughter, Michele Armstrong; grandchildren, Savannah Smith-Seay (Conner), Colton Smith, Lauren Armstrong, Grant Armstrong, and Haleigh Armstrong; and sister-in-law, Audrey Smith. Waid Freeman Smith leaves behind a legacy of service, love, and faith that will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Smith Family.

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