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Cullman attorney Sara Baker charged with attempted murder

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Attorney Sara Baker was arrested Tuesday, Nov. 25, charged with conspiracy to commit murder, three counts of attempted murder, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, second-degree elder abuse, four counts of solicitation to commit a controlled substance crime and second-degree domestic violence.

The Cullman Police Department said Baker was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center, where she remains in custody pending bond. » PAGE 2



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sara Baker

Lowe's of Cullman marks 6 years of Thanksgiving service



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2214

Working with local partners, Lowe's provided full holiday dinners to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214, Restoring Women Outreach, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic and the Pilot Light Home.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — For the sixth straight year, Zach Lee, Brian Roberts and their team at Lowe's of Cullman served the community in a Thanksgiving tradition that began in 2019.

What started as an effort to help a handful of families has become a well-known local outreach that now feeds residents across Cullman County.

The annual project has been noted in past Cullman Tribune coverage, including last year's feature highlighting how the Lowe's team prepared meals for community members in need.

It has also become part of a broader network of Thanksgiving assistance across the area, as shown by recent Tribune reporting on meal kit distributions and community holiday dinners hosted by groups such as The Link of Cullman County.

This Thanksgiving, the Lowe's crew once again opened the store's kitchen and pantry to prepare and deliver hundreds of hot meals for individuals and families facing food insecurity or hardship.

Working with local partners, the team provided full holiday dinners to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214, Restoring Women Outreach, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic and the Pilot Light Home.

Each delivery included traditional Thanksgiving staples ready for families who may not have had the means to prepare a holiday meal.

After receiving meals for a local veteran household, Cullman VFW Post 2214 shared its gratitude, saying, "Thank you so much. Just know one of our veteran families will have an awesome Thanksgiving meal this year."

The annual outreach has become a hallmark of the Lowe's staff who return each year with the same focus, which is to serve quietly and wholeheartedly, and to make the season brighter for those who need it.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

No. 6 Addison preparing for huge showdown with No.1 Wadley



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The Addison Bulldogs defeated Marion County on the road 28-22 Thursday night, Nov. 20, to advance to the 1A state semifinals. » PAGE 7

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PET OF THE WEEK

Conner and his signature sit



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 26

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 26, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 24

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Hickory Ave. SW

• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $378; Olive St. SW

Nov. 25

• theft of property-4th degree; person; cash

• identity theft; theft of property-3rd degree; person

ARRESTS

Nov. 24-25

Swindall, Emma R.; 26

• FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wise, Justin D.; 41

• FTA – attempt to elude

• FTA – reckless endangerment

• FTA – driving while revoked

• FTA – expired tag

• FTA – insurance violation

• FTA – improper lane usage

Roberson, Kevin L.; 48

• FTA – driving while revoked (2 counts)

Bartee, Katherine L.; 43

• FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree

• FTA – driving without license

• FTA – expired tag

• FTA – insurance violation

Jones, Terry A.; 58

• illegal possession of prescription drugs

• possession of controlled substance

• DUI – controlled substance

Baker, Sara; 74

• conspiracy to commit murder

• distribution of controlled substance

• elder abuse-2nd degree

• domestic violence-2nd degree

• solicitation to commit controlled substance crime (4 counts)

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Baker (from Front)

In a media release, the department said, "The Cullman Police Department would like to extend its appreciation to District Attorney Champ Crocker and the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, as well as the FBI North Alabama Violent Crimes Task Force and the FBI Safe Streets Task Force for their assistance in this case.

"This is all the information available at this time. The investigation remains ongoing."

The Cullman Police Department had no comments or additional details Tuesday night.

Conner (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Conner, an Aussie mix around 10 months old, is The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Weel.

He has quickly become a shelter favorite thanks to his easygoing personality and the way he makes every moment feel light. Medium in energy and steady in temperament, this good boy enjoys the company of everyone he meets.

Conner learns fast and stays focused, especially when he gets the chance to take on the shelter's hurdles. Staff say he approaches new challenges with a happy confidence that makes him an ideal candidate for a therapy, companion or hiking dog.

He is also known for his signature move: a casual side sit. He starts with perfect posture, then shifts his hips into a relaxed, lopsided position that seems to capture his whole spirit.

Nothing about him feels overly serious. His laidback nature is simply a pleasure. "I just love this precious guy," one caregiver shared.

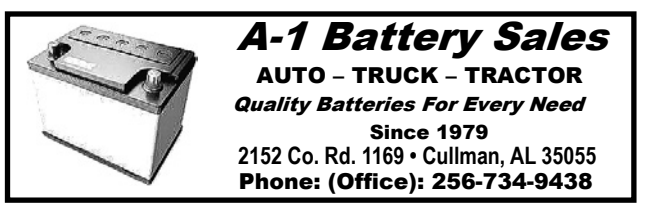
Conner's adoption fee is $130, which includes neutering, vaccines, microchip, wormer and a general vet exam.

Those interested in meeting Conner or any of the dogs and cats up for adoption can visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE. It's open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Many pets are also available off-site through partner foster homes, and staff can assist with arranging meet-and-greets for animals not on the main adoption floor.

To explore the full list of adoptable pets, on and off the list, visit the shelter's Petfinder page or stop by in person to learn more about the animals waiting for their forever families.

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







COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

The Poetry of Recovery: Recovery Support Group
Every Saturday at 10 a.m. at 514 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. Facebook/The Poetry of Recovery. Contact Jeff at 727-542-6413 or John at 256-636-0612.

Cullman County Historical Society Meetings
We meet the fourth Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Each meeting features a specific program or speaker. Join us!

Attention Senior Citizens
If you are 60 or over, please come to the Cullman Senior Center at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW and have some fun with us and eat lunch. Good fun, good friends and good food. Different things going on Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-noon. Volunteers needed to deliver meals to homebound. Call Commission on Aging for info. 256-734-1241.

Cullman County Republican Women Monthly Meetings
Second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the Cullman VFW. President Cathi Bradford: "We are going to begin training to track legislation in Montgomery. If you need information, you can directly message me on Facebook." Full meals at 5:30. Meetings start at 6.

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

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.

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD

• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman

• Friday, Nov. 28 – 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! Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.

• Sunday, Nov. 30 – 9 a.m. Van runs in 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.

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.

Shirley Burden Public Library – Hanceville

• Families are invited to join us for fun at the library! Library is open Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m., closed from noon-1 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join us on Facebook for weekly event details.

• Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 10 a.m. "Let it Shine Puppets" presents a song and dance Christmas presentation

• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Agriplex-the sweet smells of Christmas, an evergreen program

• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Christmas Dinner everyone to bring a food dish

• Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Santa & author Dorenda Doyle "The kid and the dog" take your picture with Mrs. Santa

• Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 10 a.m. New Year's theme storytime

North Alabama Agriplex Programs

• www.agriplex.org

• Thursday, Dec. 4, 9-11 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Elementary - Winter Wonderland Terrarium. In this hands-on workshop, you'll combine creativity and nature to construct your own enchanting miniature landscape with fun seasonal elements. $15 fee/max $30 per family.

• Thursday, Dec. 4, noon-2 p.m., Heritage Homeschool Secondary - Keepsake Resin Ornaments. In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to create personalized ornaments that preserve something special to you! Bring a treasure, all other supplies provided. $20 per person.

• Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m., Living Landscapes - Wreath-Make and Take. Make your own reusable grapevine wreath using Cullman County grapevine. Decorate your base with native greenery and nature's bounty for a stunning holiday garland. $35 per person.

• Friday, Dec. 12, 10-11 a.m., Little Farmers - The Hat. Jan Brett is a renowned author/illustrator whose books have been loved by many for decades. Each month, we will center our storytime, stations, craft and snack around a different Jan Brett book. $8 per child, max $16 per family.

• Saturday, Dec. 13, 9-10:30 a.m., Farm Kids Club - Cozy Craft & Cookie Decorating. Settle in, craft up something cozy, then try your hand at Christmas cookie decorating. Take home treats and a few new skills. $20 per person.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Through Dec. 23 | Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. | Sundays, noon- 8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 11 | Admission: Free | www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com

7th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Nov. 28-30, Dec. 4-7, Dec. 11-23 | 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and noon-8 p.m., Sundays; lights on at 5 p.m. | Ave Maria Grotto | Admission: Adults $12 | Seniors $10 | Military/first responders $9 | Teens (13–17) $10 | Kids (5–12) $9 | Kids 4 and younger FREE | Wagon rides (Dec 13 and 14 only) $5. Don't miss the Grotto's BIG weekend Dec 13 and 14! Live music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa!

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
Nov. 28-30, Dec. 3-7, Dec. 10-23, Dec. 26-28 (Christmas lights only), 5-9 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. Admission is $10 per car and $20 per bus. Enjoy a drive-through Christmas light display. Santa will be here, and there will be horse and carriage rides on select nights and we will have our magical Christmas Train rides!

36th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6, at noon. Route: Michele Street and U.S. Highway 31 South to Park Street, ending at Veterans Park. Admission: Free. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the holiday spirit as floats, bands and community groups fill the streets with Christmas cheer! Presented by the Hanceville Civitan Club.

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 6, from 5:30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome! Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, sno-cones and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag and a gift.

Baldwin Heights Baptist Church Warm Clothing Giveaway
Sunday, Dec. 7, from 2-4 p.m. The church is located at 2489 U.S. Highway 278 West in the Baldwin community, which is about 2 miles from Cullman.

NARFE December Meeting
The December meeting of the Cullman Chapter of NARFE, for all active and retired federal employees and spouses, is Monday, Dec. 8, at Freddie Day Catering. The program will be a game of dirty Santa. Suggested gift price $15. Dutch lunch at 11 a.m. prior to program at noon.

Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. Route: Good Hope High School to Municipal Park. Admission: Free. Christmas in the Park will follow immediately after the parade. This year's theme is "Country Christmas."

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Christmas Singing
Sunday, Dec. 14, at 5 p.m. with The Kellys from Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-339-1863 or 256-590-1501. Everyone is invited.

Cullman's Kathryn Cleckler named to 'The 87' by Troy University

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — Kathryn Cleckler of Cullman has been selected by Troy University as a member of "The 87."

The 87, formerly Who's Who, recognizes juniors, seniors and graduate students who have excelled in campus leadership and in their academic area.

Selections are made based on academic standing, community service, leadership ability and potential for continued success.

This year's recipients were honored by TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., and First Lady of TROY Janice Hawkins during a reception on Nov. 20, at the Chancellor's residence on the Troy campus.

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PREP SWIMMING

Bearcats deliver strong showing at state swim meet

Staff Reports
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman High School Bearcat Swim Team turned in an impressive performance at the AHSAA State Swim Meet held this past weekend in Huntsville. Competing among 523 athletes from 76 schools across all divisions, CHS advanced to finals (top 16) in all but two of its qualifying events in the combined 6A/7A division.

The Bearcat boys' team produced several standout efforts.

The relay squad of Camp Smith, Magnus Mann, Mason Fuller and Briar Lackey advanced to finals in both the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay, securing key points for Cullman.

One of the highlights of the weekend came in the 400 freestyle relay, where Magnus Mann, Dallas Hammons, Briar Lackey and Camp Smith broke a 13-year-old school record during the finals to finish eighth overall.

The Cullman girls' team also made a strong showing, sending both the 200 medley relay and 200 freestyle relay — featuring Mika Lackey, Tori Rees, Sofia Velez and Edie Hudson — to finals. Both teams posted season-best times while adding points to the Bearcats' total.

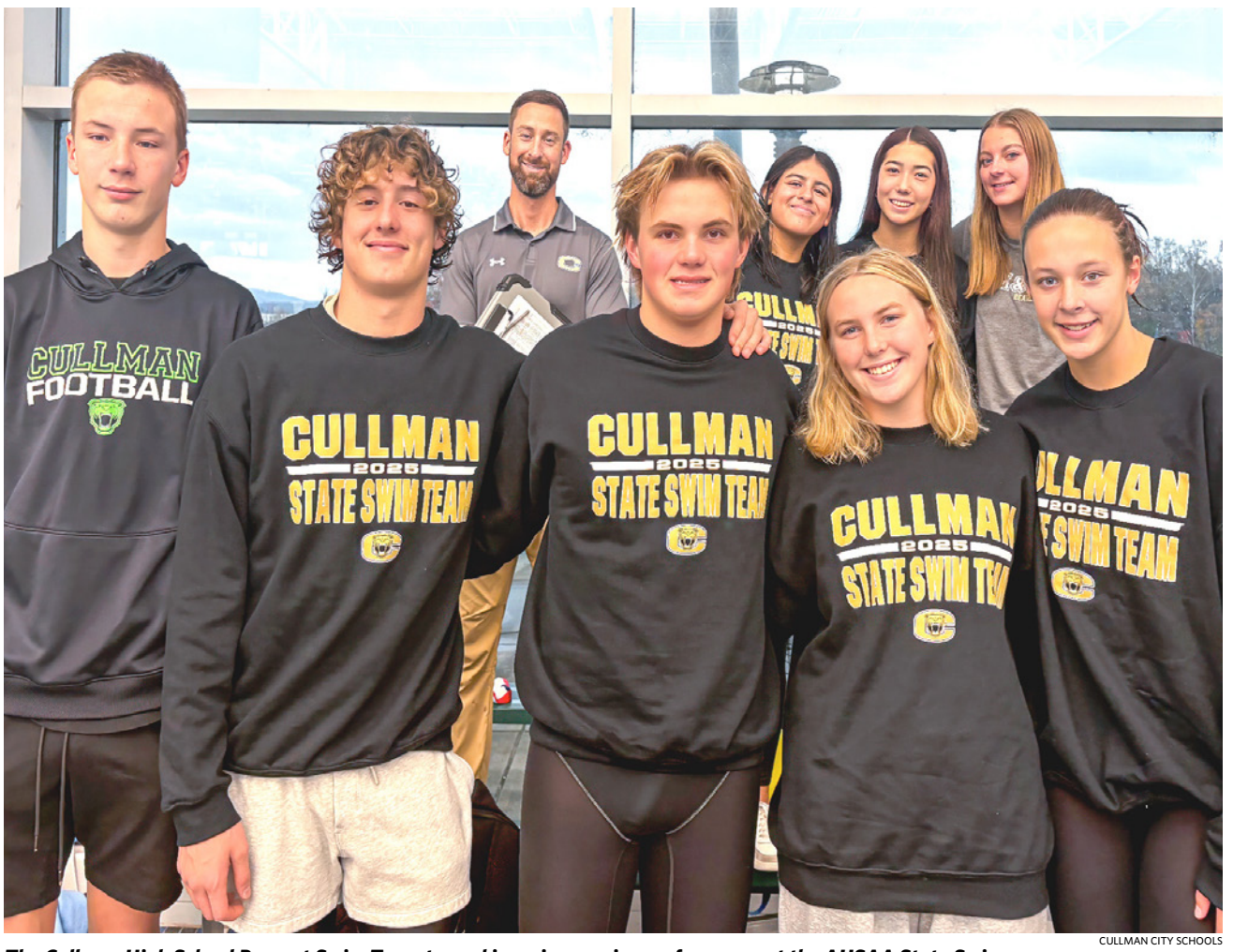
Several Bearcats also competed individually. Camp Smith qualified in the 100 butterfly, Magnus Mann in the 50 freestyle, Edie Hudson in the 100 breaststroke, and Mika Lackey in both the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

Mann, Hudson and Lackey advanced to finals, each producing season-best times in either preliminary or final rounds.

At the conclusion of the meet, the Cullman boys' team placed 10th overall — third among 6A programs — while the girls' team finished 22nd, ranking seventh among 6A schools.

"These results mark another successful season for our Bearcat swim program," Coach Cory Goble said.

"They highlight the individual growth of our athletes and the team depth that continues to move our program forward."



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Dodge City Tattoo Company is now Mud Creek Tattoo Company

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Kelsey and John Riendeau recently rebranded and reopened their tattoo and piercing shop, Mud Creek Tattoo Company.

The shop was originally known as Dodge City Tattoo Company and located just off Exit 299 in Dodge City. Now, the renamed business is located at 916 Main St. NE in Hanceville, with the same laid-back and inviting atmosphere carefully crafted by its humble owners.

Mud Creek Tattoo is taking appointments, as well as walk-ins. However, walk-ins will be first come, first served.

Business hours are Tuesday-Saturday from noon-8 p.m. "If I have to come in on off days, I will," John Riendeau said.

Amid the grand opening, Mud Creek Tattoo will have a Black Friday deal Nov. 28, when all gift certificate purchases will be doubled. This will begin during regular business hours and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Riendeau advised that, as always, these will sell out fast. All certificates have to be purchased in-person at the shop and it's limited to two per person.

For more info, contact Mud Creek Tattoo Company at 256-887-1800. Follow www.facebook.com/dodgecitytattoocompany for more.

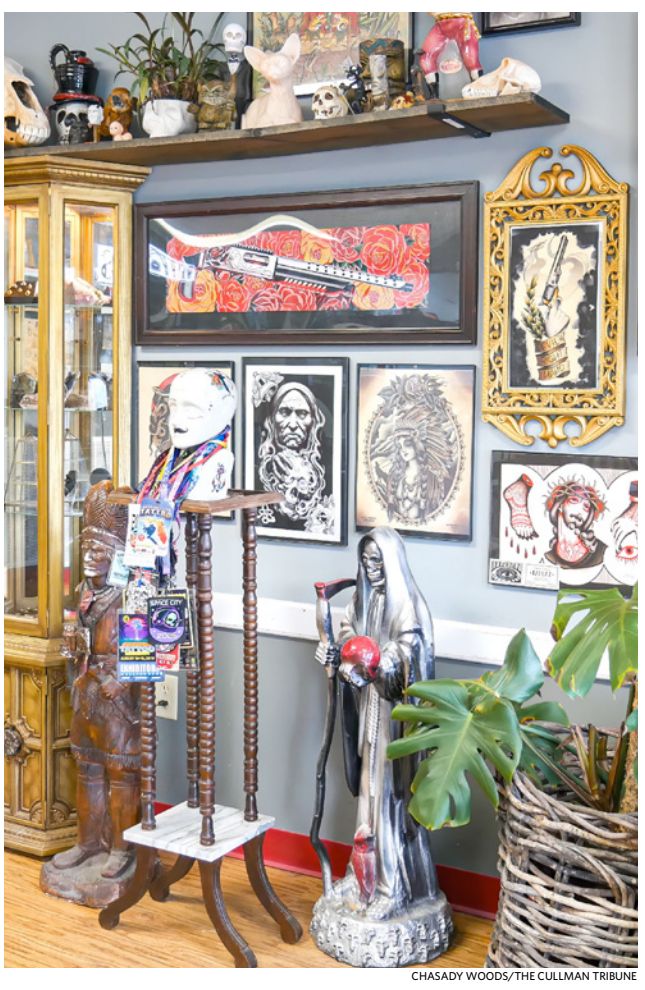


CHASADY WOODS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kelsey, John and Nashova Riendeau at Mud Creek Tattoo Company in Hanceville



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Local Artist Spotlight: Roman Davis

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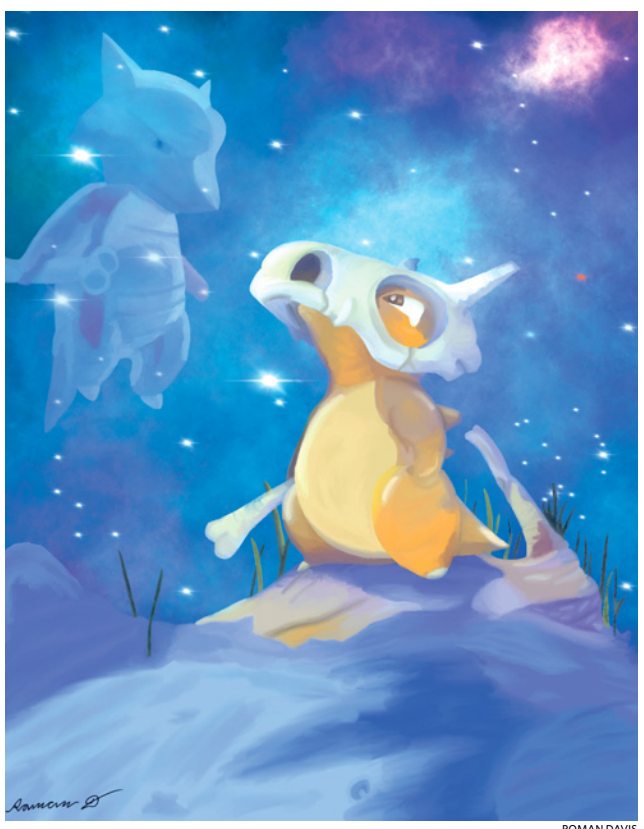
Two years ago Roman Davis was living in Covington, Georgia, working as a manager at Game Stop, but he moved here to be with his wife, Alex Kilgo. They now have a son, Axel, and are living happily in Cullman.

"I've been creating art since 2021, but it really took off when I moved here," Davis stated.

His primary focus is digital art, ranging from custom Pokémon cards, comics, tattoo designs and a wide range of commission pieces, though he also has experience with window and canvas painting. He is looking to expand his art and turn it into his primary profession in years to come.

Davis said his Pokémon cards start at $10, and his 8x10 prints range from $15-$25.

Get more information by emailing mysticslyferart@gmail.com. See more of his work at www.instagram.com/mysticslyferart.

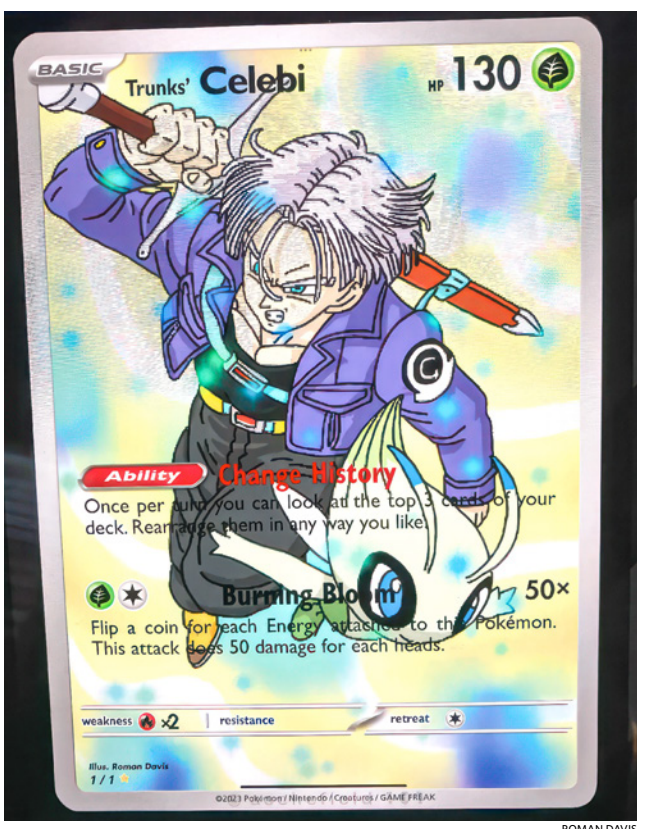


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Roman Davis, his wife Alex Kilgo and son Axel

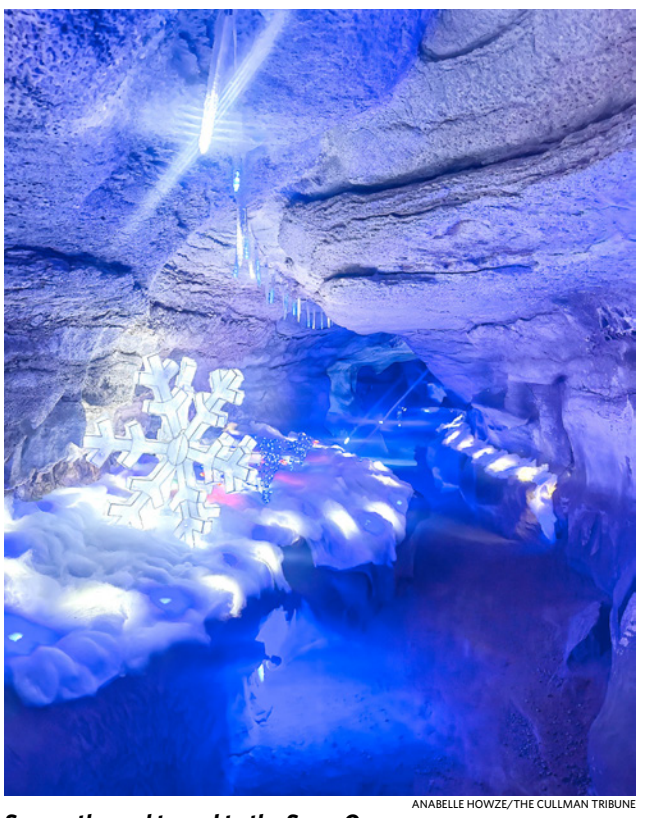


ROMAN DAVIS



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A "Christmas Rocks!" light display in the Rockin' Christmas room



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Snowy-themed tunnel to the Snow Queen



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A decorated stairwell

Explore Wonderland Under Warrior at Rickwood Caverns

Anabelle Howze
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WARRIOR, Ala. — Families looking to add a little adventure to their holiday festivities won't have to travel very far. About 25–30 minutes from Cullman, Wonderland Under Warrior at Rickwood Caverns State Park has officially opened for the season, offering an immersive, underground, walk-through light display.

Park Manager Emily Davis said visitors can expect both familiar favorites and fresh additions in this year's setup. "We've repurposed some of our decorations and moved others around, and we have a few new characters this year as well. We still keep the immersive cave experience, the music and all the lights."

For those unfamiliar with the event, Wonderland Under Warrior transforms the natural cavern into a self-guided holiday tour.

The experience includes a roughly half-mile walk down into the cave and a half-mile trek back out, with about 60 stairs. Visitors follow the illuminated path while meeting themed holiday characters stationed throughout the rooms.

"The characters match the room they're in, so it's a really immersive experience," Davis said. "They greet guests, help with questions and make sure everyone knows where to go."

This year's themes to look forward to include Rockin' Christmas, Candyland, Whoville, the Snow Queen and other beautiful snowy scenes.

Setting up the underground display is no small feat. Planning begins months in advance, and the installation itself takes roughly a week, with 10–12-hour days inside the cave. Davis said the hardest challenges include frequent decoration repairs and finding ways to keep the experience fresh each year.

Beyond the cave itself, Rickwood Caverns offers plenty to fill a full day of festivities. Guests can visit Santa, write Christmas letters, explore the gift shop, enjoy the park's new playground or walk the surrounding hiking trails.

Wonderland Under Warrior runs select days through Jan. 4. Admission is $12 per person for ages 5 and older, which includes park entry, the cave tour and a visit with Santa.

Rickwood Caverns State Park is located just off Interstate 65 in Warrior, about 30 miles north of downtown Birmingham and about 75 miles south of Huntsville.

Learn more, including operating dates and hours, at www.alapark.com/parks/rickwood-caverns-state-park/wonderland-under-warrior.





Calendar (from Front)

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Cullman Christkindlmarkt
Through Dec. 23 | Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.- 9 p.m. | Sundays, noon- 8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 11 | Admission: Free | www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com

7th Annual Christmas at the Grotto
Nov. 28-30, Dec. 4-7, Dec. 11-23 | 11 a.m.- 9 p.m., Thursday-Saturday and noon-8 p.m., Sundays; lights on at 5 p.m. | Ave Maria Grotto | Admission: Adults $12 | Seniors $10 | Military/first responders $9 | Teens (13–17) $10 | Kids (5–12) $9 | Kids 4 and younger FREE | Wagon rides (Dec 13 and 14 only) $5. Don't miss the Grotto's BIG weekend Dec 13 and 14! Live music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa! | www.avemariagrotto.com

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
Nov. 28-30, Dec. 3-7, Dec. 10-23, Dec. 26-28 (Christmas lights only) | 5-9 p.m. | Sportsman Lake Park | Admission is $10 per car and $20 per bus | Enjoy a drive-through Christmas light display. Santa will be there, and there will be horse and carriage rides on select nights. Magical Christmas Train rides! | www.facebook.com/SportsmanLakePark

Cozy Christmas Paint Night
Tuesday, Dec. 2 | 5 p.m. | Wissota Chophouse Cullman | $46.50 — includes watercolor intro class, appetizer of choice, tax and gratuity. | www.facebook.com/WissotaCullman

Town of West Point Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, Dec. 5 | Event starts at 5:30 p.m. | Tree lighting at 6:30 | West Point Town Hall | West Point High School Jazz Band will perform, as will Santa and Mrs. Claus. Letters to Santa. Free cookies, candy and hot chocolate. | Facebook/West Point, Town of

Berlin Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 6 | 7-10 a.m. | Berlin Community Center | Plates are donation only. All proceeds assist Santa with Christmas. Pancakes, bacon/sausage. Dine-in plates include a drink. | www.facebook.com/berlinfireandrescue

Cullman VFW and Auxiliary Post 2214 Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec. 6 | 9:30-11 a.m. | Cullman VFW | Join Santa for breakfast. Get a picture with Santa. Kids get a present from Santa. Craft. Free and open to public. RSVP with age/gender of each child attending by Dec. 2 at Gina.Adams78@gmail.com. | www.facebook.com/cullmanVFWPost

36th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 6 | noon | Route: Michele Street and U.S. Highway 31 South to Park Street, ending at Veterans Park. | Bring your family and friends to enjoy the holiday spirit as floats, bands and community groups fill the streets with Christmas cheer! Presented by the Hanceville Civitan Club. | www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan

Make & Take Grapevine Wreath Event
Saturday, Dec. 6 | 2-4 p.m. | North Alabama Agriplex | $35 | Register at https://tinyurl.com/grapevinewreath2025

Baileyton Senior Center Community Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 6 | 5:30-8 p.m. | Baileyton Senior Center | Everyone welcome! Hot dogs, chips, popcorn, sno-cones and drinks. Free picture with Santa! Each child will receive a candy bag and a gift. | Facebook/Baileyton Senior Center

Cookies & Story Time with Santa & Mrs. Claus
Sunday, Dec. 7 | Noon and 1 p.m. | Karma's Coffee House | Every child will receive a free cookie to enjoy while listening to holiday stories read by the jolliest couple from the North Pole! Bring the whole family and kick off the holiday season with us! | https://tinyurl.com/KarmaCHSanta

Town of South Vinemont Christmas in the Park
Sunday, Dec. 7 | 4-6 p.m. | Vinemont Walking Trail/Art Park | Santa Claus, cookies and hot chocolate. | www.facebook.com/townofsouthvinemont

Curt's Closet Christmas Open House
Sunday, Dec. 7 | 4-6 p.m. | Curt's Closet | Enjoy a cozy cup of cocoa, fresh cookies and a picture with Santa while soaking in the holiday spirit. This is also a special opportunity to step behind the scenes at Curt's Closet... We can't wait to celebrate with our friends, neighbors and community members while sharing the heart of Curt's Closet this Christmas season. | https://tinyurl.com/cccoh25

Christmas on the Corner Family Meal
Thursday, Dec. 11 | 6-7:30 p.m. | St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church | Free, family-style Christmas meal and celebration hosted at St. John's in partnership with The Link of Cullman County. The St. John's team is preparing a lush Christmas meal of roasted pork loin, roasted potatoes, green beans and rolls with PLENTY of desserts and treats! Please join us for Christmas caroling, treats, a Christmas reading and a visit from Old Saint Nick himself! Toys will be provided for all children age 12 and younger. Seating is limited and you MUST RSVP. Stop by The Link or call 256-775-0028 to reserve your spot. We can't wait to ring in the Christmas season with you! | www.facebook.com/TheLinkofCullmanCounty

Christmas Murder Mystery Dinner
Saturday, Dec. 13 | 7-10 p.m. | Lucy's on 3rd | Join Southern Ghost Girls for a festive night full of suspense and fun! Solve the mystery while enjoying great company, a delicious meal and holiday vibes. A portion of the proceeds will go to Toys of Joy in Cullman to help a family in need at Christmastime. For more information, call 205-305-5098 | https://tinyurl.com/Lucyson3

Vinemont Community Lunch for Seniors
Monday, Dec. 15 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Vinemont Community Center | 55 and older | Come join us! We will be having a pie/cake contest; bring your best holiday pie/cake for a chance to win a $25 Walmart gift card. Hope to see you all there, and Happy Holidays. | www.facebook.com/townofsouthvinemont

Cullman County Commission on Aging Senior Christmas Party
Tuesday, Dec. 16 |Doors open at 9 a.m. | Event starts at 10 | Cullman OmniPlex | We're inviting all Cullman County seniors (ages 55+) to come celebrate the season with music, door prizes, food, laughter and holiday cheer. This year's celebration will be brighter, jollier and more joyful than ever – you won't want to miss it! | Reserve your spot by Dec. 4, by calling 256-734-1241 | www.facebook.com/coacullman

Know of an event we missed? Email news@cullmantribune.com.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc., gives notice of completion of contract with the Town of Fairview for construction of Project No: Wesley Avenue Resurfacing and Shoulder Stone. This notice will appear for four consecutive weeks beginning on Thursday, November 6, 2025 and ending on Thursday, November 27, 2025. All claims should be filed at 110 Office Park Drive, Suite 300, Birmingham, Al 35223 during this period. Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

ALLISON MARIE GRAVES, PLAINTIFF,
VS.
JOHN HADEN WILSON, DEFENDANT.
CASE NO.: DR-2025-403.00

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

John Haden Wilson, Defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Allison Marie Graves' Complaint for Divorce by January 5th, 2026 or thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case No.: DR-2025-403.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 4th day of November, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on March 21, 2002 by Phillip Ashley, a single man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in MTG Book 1238, Page 285, and modified on November 14, 2003 by Phillip Ashley, a single man, to EvaBank, which said Modification of Mortgage is recorded in MTG Book 1723, Page 328 and modified on January 5, 2016 by Phillip Ashley and wife Stephanie Ashley , to EvaBank which said Modification of Mortgage is recorded on in MTG Book 1778, Page 258 all recorded in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 19, 2025:

The E ½ of that portion of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, lying and being South of the Goldridge Road; being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Sec. 17, T9S, R2W, thence North along the said section line to the South margin of the Goldridge Road; thence West along the South margin of the said Goldridge Road for a distance of 350 feet; thence South parallel with the East boundary of the land herein described to a point 330 feet due West of the P.O.B.; thence East to the P.O.B.

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

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 part of the foreclosure process.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, EX REL JOHN R. COOPER, DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Plaintiffs,
v.
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF E. HOMER DAVIS; DOLLY R. DAVIS; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON; ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L., VINTSON; CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE; BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER; ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID: 23-01-11-0-001-017.003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA;
Defendants.
CASE NO PC 2025-308

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION, AMENDED PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION and AMENDED PETITION TO CONDEMN REAL PROPERTY AND FOR AN ORDER OF CONDEMNATION

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS OF E. HOMER DAVIS, DOLLY R. DAVIS, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ARTHUR WAYNE VINTSON, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF MATTIE L. VINTSON, CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, HANCEVILLE FIRE & RESCUE, BARRY WILLINGHAM, CULLMAN COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER, OR ANY UNKNOWN PARTY OR PARTIES CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL IS: 23-01-11-1-001-017-003 ON HIGHWAY 91 IN CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation, Amended Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation and Amended Petition to Condemn Real Property and for an Order of Condemnation filed by the State of Alabama Ex Rel John R. Cooper, Director of the of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Plaintiff, through Attorney, John E. Rollins. A hearing is re-scheduled on this matter for the **7th day of January, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear at which time they or any other parties interested in said cause may appear and contest the same if they think proper. Please note that an answer may be filed by each defendant within 30 days from the date of the last publication notice.

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

Done this the 24th day of November, 2025.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
ROBERT LEWIS HOLDER,
Deceased.
Case No.: PC-2025-348

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to BRIDGET HOLDER, on the 14th day of November, 2025, 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.

BRIDGET HOLDER
Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert Lewis Holder
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

To the publisher of *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
RICHARD MONROE HOLCOMBE,
Deceased.
CASE NO. PC2025-400

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL (SELF-PROVED WILL)

TO: LORI DENISE HOLCOMBE HUNTER, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF RICHARD MONROE HOLCOMBE, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will), filed the 30th day of October, 2025, made Court record the 31st day of October, 2025, by Steven C. Smith, Attorney for Petitioner, Richard Warren Holcombe, has been scheduled for the **8th day of January, 2026, 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 18th day of November, 2025.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Steven C. Smith
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CUILLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
MARY ROSE BARTIMUS,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2025-276

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to PAMELA DAY BEARD RUTHERFORD as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY ROSE BARTIMUS deceased, on the 18th day of November, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Pamela Day Beard Rutherford
Personal Representative

Atty for Petitioner:
C. Blake West
412 Ave SW Ste 270
Cullman, Al 35055
256-798-0320

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GARRISON LOGISTICS, INC.,
PLAINTIFF,
V.
RAMANS TRANSPORT, INC.,
DEFENDANT.
CASE NO. DV 2025 – 900483

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Please take notice that a Summons and Complaint in the above-styled matter was filed by Plaintiff, Garrison Logistics, Inc., in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama, on October 8, 2025. Attempts have been made to serve Defendant, Ramans Transport, Inc., with the Summons and Complaint by Certified U.S. Mail at the last known addresses of the Defendant, 11201 5th Street, Apt. C104, Rancho Cucamonga, California 91730. Please be advised that Ramans Transport, Inc., as the named Defendant, has thirty (30) days from the last date of publication to contest said Complaint and must do so by filing a written response with the Cullman County Clerk of Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055 and with Plaintiff's Attorney, Shay Persall, Shay Persall Law, LLC, 611 7th Street SW, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

Done this 3rd day of November, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
LISA McSWAIN, CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
PATRICIA ANN RICH,
Deceased.
CASE NO. PC2025-411

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL (SELF-PROVED WILL)

TO: LESLIE ALLISON LINDSEY, SCOTT RUSSELL, AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF PATRICIA ANN RICH, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will), filed the 31st day of October, 2025, made Court record the 3rd day of November, 2025, by Sherry H. Barrett, Attorney for Petitioner, Jimmy O'Neal Thomas, has been scheduled for the **8th day of January, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

Done this the 18th day of November, 2025.

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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Sherry H. Barrett
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TAMMY WHITLOCK,
Plaintiff

vs.

COREY WlilTLOCK,
Defendant

Case Number: **25-DR-2025-000391.00**

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Corey Whitlock, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Tammy Whitlock's Complaint for Divorce by January 5th, 2026, or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DRw2025-000391.OO in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 28th day of October, 2025.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Circuit Clerk

PETITIONER:
TAMMY WHITLOCK
576 COUNTY ROAD 1555
BAILEYTON, AL 35019

Addison (from Front)

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ADDISON, Ala. — The quarterfinals of the 2025 AHSAA State Football Playoffs concluded last week, and Addison was the only local team to emerge victorious.

The Bulldogs trailed Marion County, 16-8, in the first half, but they took control of the ballgame in the second half.

A 25-yard touchdown pass from Elijah Roberts to Judah Wilkins cut it to 16-14, and a big interception by Trennon Burns had Addison on the doorstep of taking the lead. A big pass from Roberts to Seth Hammack put them at the 5, and a 4-yard quarterback keeper by Roberts gave the Bulldogs a 22-16 lead.

Later in the fourth quarter, Addison forced a turnover, and Hammack punched it in from 2 yards to make it 28-16.

A late touchdown by the Red Raiders cut it to 28-22, but the Bulldogs recovered the onside kick to help secure the six-point win over Marion County.

With the huge win last week over the Red Raiders, Addison punched its ticket to the Class 1A state semifinals, and will be hosting the No. 1-ranked Wadley Bulldogs this Friday night.

Wadley knocked off Hubbertville at home, 62-38, to move on to the semifinals.

Both teams' offenses have lit up the scoreboard so far this season, with Addison putting up 48 points a game, and Wadley scoring 52 points a game.

Their defenses haven't been too shabby at all, as Addison has allowed just 15 points a game, and Wadley has given up 13 points a game.

This game will either be a shootout or a defensive affair this Friday night.

This will be the third time Addison and Wadley have faced off, and it will be their first meeting since 2005.

Addison is 6-1 at home this season, while Wadley is 4-0 away from its home stadium, so this will definitely be a can't-miss game between a pair of top-10 teams.

Addison will look to make it to the state title game for the first time since 2005, and Wadley will try to make it to the championship game for the second straight season.

Addison will look to make history under first-year head coach Mark Hastings, and will have to play sound football from start to finish if they want to make it to their first Class 1A state championship game in 20 years.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 25-26

Darla Denise Bowen, 62

Darla Denise Bowen, age 62, of Baileyton, Alabama. died Sunday, November 23, 2025. She is survived by her husband, Billy Bowen; daughters, Paige Norris (Paul) and Hope Bowen; brother, Ted Bolzle; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 29, 2025, from 12 p.m. until the Celebration of Darla's Life, which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Fairview First Baptist Church Cemetery. Donations may be made to Children of the World, 22782 US Hwy 98, Suite E-3, Fairhope, AL. 36532 or childrenoftheworld.com. To leave condolences for the family, please visit mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Kenneth Delmer Roden, 78

Funeral services for Kenneth Delmer Roden, 78, of Hanceville will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 26, at Mountain Grove Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service at Garden City Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Mountain Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Roden was born July 8, 1947, in Morgan County, Alabama to the late Reuben & Mary Hazel. He passed away November 24, 2025, in Cullman County, Alabama. Kenneth began his lifelong career as a truck driver at the remarkable age of 15. The open road became not just his profession, but a place where he found purpose and pride. Through countless miles and long days, he provided for his family with steady hands and an unshakeable commitment. Family was at the center of Kenneth's world. He loved them deeply and without reservation, and nothing brought him greater joy than the time he spent with his granddaughter, who held a special place in his heart. His face lit up at the mention of her name, and the bond they shared was one of his life's greatest blessings. Kenneth will be remembered for his loyalty, his quiet strength, and the love he showed so fully to those fortunate enough to know him. His presence will be deeply missed but forever cherished. Mr. Roden is survived by his daughter, Stacey Long (Mark); granddaughter, Abigail Long; siblings, Jerry Hazel, Nathan Hazel, Martha Hazel, Ricky Hazel; and a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Roden was preceded in death by his wife, Pat Roden; parents, Reuben & Mary Hazel; siblings, Jimmy Hazel, Raymond Hazel. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Roden family.

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Curt's Closet (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Local nonprofit Curt's Closet will host its first Christmas Open House this year. The event will take place Sunday, Dec. 7, from 4-6 p.m.

Executive Director and Founder Ashley Wilson said Curt's Closet is opening its doors and heart to the community for its inaugural Christmas Open House, a festive celebration where supporters, families and friends can experience firsthand the mission and impact behind the nonprofit.

"In the spirit of giving, Curt's Closet will also be hosting a community coat drive during the event," Wilson said. "Attendees are encouraged to bring new or gently used coats of all sizes to help keep local children warm this winter. At the Open House, guests will enjoy an afternoon full of holiday cheer, including visits with Santa, letters to Santa, cookies and a hot cocoa bar, crafts, face painting and a special keepsake; the first 40 attendees will receive a custom Curt's Closet Christmas ornament."

Beyond the fun, the Open House offers something even more special: an opportunity for the public to step inside Curt's Closet and see the heart of its mission in action. Visitors can tour the warehouse and experience the incredible scale of both its Curt's Christmas program and year-round outreach.

Curt's Closet Community Outreach and Fundraising Specialist Cheyenne Sharp said when visitors walk through the warehouse and see how much love and work goes into every single gift, it's hard not to be moved.

"This event is really about connection," Sharp said. "We wanted to open our doors and show people what we do, why we do it and who we do it for. So many people want to help but don't always know where to start. This is the perfect opportunity to come in, see the need up close and realize just how much of an impact one person can make."

The Curt's Christmas program, which has grown dramatically in recent years, provides Christmas gifts and essentials to hundreds of local children whose families are facing financial hardship.

"Working in partnership with local schools and community members, Curt's Closet ensures that every child feels seen, valued and loved during the holidays," Sharp said.

"You hear about the numbers – hundreds of kids, thousands of items – but when you see it in person, it hits differently. It's more than just toys or clothes; it's hope stacked on shelves, waiting to find its way into a local child's hands."

The Open House also gives donors, volunteers and potential new supporters a chance to learn how they can get involved. Sharp added that the event is designed to be both festive and meaningful.

"We'll have Santa, cocoa, crafts, all the fun Christmas things, but we also want people to leave inspired," she said.

"We want them to see that Curt's Closet is more than a building; it's a heartbeat and a lifeline in this community. Every toy, every coat, every pair of shoes here represents a moment of kindness from someone who chose to care. And that's what this season, and this Open House, is really all about."

The Christmas Open House will take place at Curt's Closet, located at 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman, on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 4-6 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.



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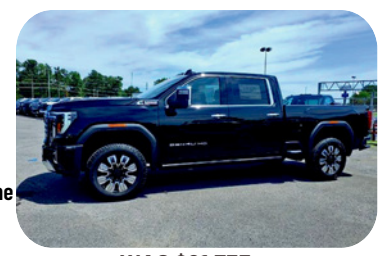
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