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Hanceville Robotics Team takes top county honors

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville High School Robotics Team competed in Cullman County High School Robotics Competition late last month, receiving the Excellence Award. The team was also named the overall champion in the Teamwork category. » PAGE 5

The Hanceville Robotics Team received the Excellence Award and was named the overall champion in the Teamwork category at the Cullman County High School Robotics Competition on Nov. 21, 2025. Back row, left to right, are Micheal McElwee, Sam Hembree, Izaiha Acuff, Donovan Reaid, Bradley Hill and Daltin Smith. Front row, left to right, are Genesis Marquez, Yoleth Trejo, Karrigan Pipkin, Piper Butts and Stephen Briscoe. »



CHASADY WOODS/ THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CHS Theatre wins Best in Show at State Trumbauer for 2nd straight year



WAYNE COOK

Cullman High School Theatre earned Best in Show at the State Walter Trumbauer High School Theatre Festival for the second year in a row. This year's state festival took place Dec. 5-6, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, with the CHS group winning for its one act production of "Suite Surrender."

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School Theatre has done it again, earning Best in Show at the State Walter Trumbauer High School Theatre Festival for the second year in a row. This year's state festival took place Dec. 5-6, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, with the CHS group winning for its one act production of "Suite Surrender." The back-to-back win places Cullman among the most accomplished high school theater programs in the state.

"This is the second year in a row, and we are thrilled for these kids!!!

"We have the best students in the world, and they delivered again this year!!" Director Wayne Cook posted enthusiastically to social media shortly after the festival.

Because of the win, the young thespians have been invited once again to represent Alabama at the Southeastern Theatre Conference, one of the largest and most competitive high school theater events in the country. That event will take place March 4-7, 2026, in Chattanooga.

Several students also earned top individual event awards at the state festival:

- Cadan Fales, 2nd, Musical Theatre Comedic
- Avery Lane Green, 1st, Musical Theatre Dramatic
- Anne Lunsford, 1st, Musical Theatre Dramatic
- Emmaline Powell, 2nd, Playwriting

The department also celebrated multiple All-Star Cast selections. Fales, Green, Lily Abbott, Dylan Tisdale and Mary Atchison were each recognized for standout performances within the one-act competition.

CHS Theatre rounded out its achievements by winning Best Ensemble.

"We are unbelievably proud of these students," said a statement from Cullman High School. "They continue to prove that we truly have some of the best young artists in the world."

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36th annual Cullman County Christmas Parade



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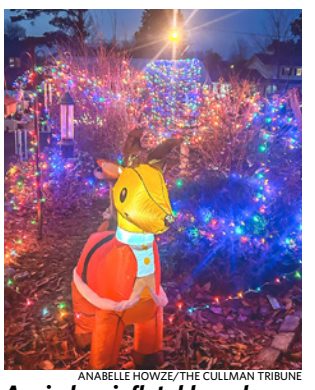
The 36th annual Cullman County Christmas Parade rolled through Hanceville on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025. Pictured is the float from Stouts Mountain Baptist Church in Hanceville. » PAGE 5

Holiday safety at home: Protecting your family, tree and traditions

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'Simple joy of being outdoors'

East Elementary Garden Club hosts Christmas celebration



ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A reindeer inflatable and lights are seen in the East Elementary School outdoor classroom. The school's Garden Club hosted a Christmas celebration on Dec. 5, 2025. » PAGE 4



CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 8

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 8, 2025. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Dec. 4

- burglary; CR 1605
- domestic violence; CR 1658
- harassing communications; CR 723
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 1368
- harassing communications; CR 1653
- domestic violence; CR 573
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1605

Dec. 5

- domestic violence; CR 89
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 781
- harassment; CR 351
- assault; US. 31

Dec. 6

- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- harassing communications; CR 106
- domestic violence; CR 1130
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 565
- theft of property; CR 522

Dec. 7

- arson; CR 488
- assault; CR 728
- burglary; CR 463
- obstructing governmental operations; CR 488
- theft of property; CR 1669
- domestic violence; Hwy. 157
- criminal mischief; CR 469

ARRESTS

Dec. 4-7

Bair, Angela; 46
- discharging firearm into unoccupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, or watercraft

Boatrite, Tony L.; 37
- GJ – sex offense-force (2 counts)
- GJ – sec offense-incest with minor (2 counts)
- GJ – sexual abuse-1st degree

Brown, Chad W.; 36
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- PAROLE VIOLATION/ REVOCATION – possession of drug paraphernalia

Chamberlin, Frederick L.; 37
- GJ – sodomy-1st degree
- GJ – sex offense-incest with a minor
- GJ – sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old-sodomy

Chapman III, Raymond D.; 32
- burglary-residence-force

Conn, Jesse L.; 33
- GJ – sodomy-1st degree (2 counts)
- GJ – sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old-sodomy

Cook, Michael S.; 49
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Couch, Thomas D.; 30
- auto theft

Elkins, Brandon S.; 39
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-pickpocket, $500-less than $1500

Elliott, Jordan E.; 33
- arson-residence

Freeman, Shane A.; 34
- attempting to elude a police/law enforcement officer-serious injury or death/ speed exceeds 20 mph over limit

Jones, Christopher B.; 29
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Joslyn, Elisha L.; 35
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Lamons, Christian L.; 26
- PROBATION VIOLATION – burglary-residence-no force
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-shoplifting (2 counts)

Light, Dixie J.; 18
- harassing communications

Little, Danny A.; 46
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – criminal mischief-damaged property
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – attempting to elude police officer
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – public intoxication
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – reckless endangerment
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – criminal trespass
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – resisting arrest
- VIOLATION OF RELEASE ORDER – drug paraphernalia

Lucas, Aneta M.; 52
- FTA – DUIA

Miller, Jeremy W.; 49
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Murray, Sr., Tevin O.; 29
- PROBATION VIOLATION – assault-aggravated-assault non-family-gun

Oliver, Daniel M.; 39
- obstruction-governmental operations

Overton, Daniel B.; 38
- DUI (alcohol)

Peterson, Amy R.; 44
- drug trafficking
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Rainwater, Robyn K.; 45
- DUI (alcohol)

Smith, Jeffery W.; 37
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked or canceled

Vinci, Sean J.; 35
- public intoxication

Williams, Daniel S.; 39
- PROBATION REVOKED – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-2500 (2 counts)

Williams, Matthew S.; 39
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Wray, Brianna L.; 23
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

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INCIDENTS

Dec. 3
- harassment; person; 13th St. NE

Dec. 5
- organized retail theft; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $577; Hwy. 157

Dec. 6
- theft of lost property-3rd degree; person; phone; $1,200

Dec. 7
- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $60; Olive St. SW
- harassment; person; Logan St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW

ARRESTS

Dec. 5-7

Lamons, Christian L.; 26
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – obstructing governmental operations

Monfort, John K.; 26
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hammons, Verna J.; 58
- GJ – financial exploitation of the elderly-1st degree
- GJ – illegal possession of credit/debit card
- GJ – theft of property
- GJ – attempted theft

Graham, Kayla N.; 32
- drug trafficking
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Walker, Amanda M.; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harbison, Stephen L.; 45
- theft of property-4th degree
- criminal trespass

Smith, Justin T.; 38
- DUI

Pace, Hunter L.; 27
- drug trafficking
- possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA – criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)

Crawford, Jason T.; 37
- public intoxication

Carreon, Jose M.; 35
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

MORGAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Waterloo woman was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 7:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, on Alabama Highway 157, near the Cullman County line.

Alabama State Troopers on Monday morning identified the victim as Kayleigh V. Page, 29.

Troopers said Page was fatally injured when the 2021 Tesla Model Y Long Range she was driving left the roadway, struck two trees and caught fire. Page was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 7-month-old passenger was also injured and transported to a local hospital for treatment.

The crash occurred on Alabama Highway 157 near the 17 mile marker, approximately 1 mile north of Battleground, in Morgan County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Editor's note: On Sunday night, authorities reported the wreck occurred at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Safety (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As Christmas quickly approaches, local officials are reminding families to slow down long enough to make sure the season's decorations, lights and greenery don't become fire hazards. For first-time families, older adults and anyone juggling packed schedules, simple precautions can make the difference between a peaceful holiday and an emergency.

Cullman Fire Rescue has repeatedly emphasized the importance of awareness during this time of year. In a previous holiday safety interview, then Fire Chief Brian Bradberry, now the public safety director for the City of Cullman since 2024, said, "People get busy, and they get distracted. It only takes one small oversight to create a dangerous situation."

Tree safety: Keep it fresh and keep it watered

Live Christmas trees remain a seasonal favorite, but they require consistent care. In earlier holiday guidance shared with The Tribune, Cullman Fire Rescue stressed that drying trees become highly flammable. "A dry tree can ignite in seconds," the department told The Tribune, urging residents to water trees daily and keep them away from heaters or fireplaces.

Artificial trees aren't risk free either. Officials recommend choosing flame-retardant models and checking for damage before assembling.

Check the lights twice

From porch lights to Christmas tree strands, wiring issues are among the most common causes of winter home fires. Previous Cullman Tribune reporting during the holiday season highlighted the dangers of plugging multiple high wattage decorations into a single outlet. As Cullman Fire Rescue explained, "If you feel heat on a cord, something is wrong. Unplug it immediately."

Residents should replace any light strands with frayed wires, loose bulbs or cracked sockets. LED lights stay cooler and use less power, which helps reduce risk in older homes or homes with limited circuitry.

Decorations, candles and heat sources

Decorations placed too close to heat sources often create hazards during the holidays. In Tribune safety coverage from recent years, officials pointed to candles as a frequent cause of preventable fires. "Never leave a candle unattended, not even for a minute," local responders said in past guidance issued through Tribune channels.

Space heaters require equal caution. They should be kept at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including wrapping paper, curtains or gifts stacked near the tree. Families rushing to prepare for gatherings often forget how quickly paper products ignite.

When the holidays get busy, plan ahead

City officials have long reminded residents that the season's bustle is itself a hazard. In a past Tribune post, local emergency personnel noted that distracted homeowners are more likely to forget simple steps like turning off tree lights before leaving the house or going to bed. "Slowing down long enough to double check things can prevent most holiday emergencies," they shared.

The advice is especially important for older adults or families with young children who may rely on routine to stay safe. Using timers for lights, clearing walkways to prevent falls and designating one person to handle safety checks all help reduce risks when households are overwhelmed.

Pets and decorations

Tribune pet safety features from previous holiday seasons also warned about pets chewing on wires or knocking over decorations. Veterinarians interviewed by The Tribune advised keeping cords tucked away and using shatterproof ornaments low on the tree to prevent injuries.

Keep the season bright, not hazardous

With gatherings, travel and endless to-do lists, safety can slip through the cracks. But local officials say a few mindful habits make homes safer for every age group.

"Christmas should be joyful, not stressful," Cullman Fire Rescue reminded residents in a previous Tribune holiday advisory, urging families to treat safety as part of their celebrations.

This coming week is expected to bring a rush of decorating across Cullman County, making it an ideal time for a household walk-through to ensure trees are hydrated, outlets are not overloaded and decorations are placed with care.

For more holiday safety updates and community alerts, follow the Cullman Tribune on social media or visit cullmantribune.com.

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City of Cullman recognizes Steve Cummings for service

Leanne West
City of Cullman



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Steve Cummings (left) and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs (right)

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs recently recognized Steve Cummings for his years of service on the City of Cullman Planning Commission.

Cummings served on the commission from May 14, 2007, up until a couple of months ago, participating in the review and discussion of projects that have shaped Cullman's growth for 18 years.

"His approach was steady, practical and focused on what would benefit the community.

"Throughout his time on the commission, he helped the City navigate development decisions and long-term planning efforts, contributing to Cullman's continued progress," said a media release from the City.

"Steve was always dependable," said Jacobs. "He put in the time, did the job and helped move the City forward."

"The City of Cullman appreciates Steve Cummings for his commitment and his many years of service to the community," said the release.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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
• Wednesday, Dec. 10 – 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area 5:15-5:30. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Dec. 12 – 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, Dec. 14 – 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. 2 p.m. prayer service

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.

Cullman County Public Library – Main Branch
• The library is located at 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman.
• Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claus will lead storytime

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. 10, at 10 a.m. Agriplex – The Sweet Smells of Christmas, an evergreen program
• Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a.m. Christmas dinner. Everyone bring a food dish. New Hanceville Mayor Paul Campbell will join us!
• Wednesday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Claus and author Dorenda Doyle ("The Kid and the Dog"). Take your picture with Mrs. Claus. Dorenda Doyle is an literacy advocate and writes an award-winning children's book series. She is an energetic, entertaining and enthusiastic author who goes the extra mile. Dorenda brings books to life through her engaging and interactive presentations. She has 30-plus years as an educator and curriculum writer. She motivates children to love to read and write!
• Wednesday, Dec. 24. The library will be closed. The staff wishes you all a Merry, Peaceful Christmas.
• Wednesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 1. The library will be closed.
• Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 20 and Feb. 3, 17, from 11 a.m.-noon New! Want to learn Spanish? This language has become the second language in America. Add this very easy language to your skills. Ms. Alejandra Pena has been teaching Spanish for over 16 years. She can teach to all ages. If you want to brush up on this language before college, sign up for the class, too. Call 256-352-0685 to sign up. This is a free class.

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
• www.agriplex.org
• 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
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. 12-13 only) $5. Don't miss the Grotto's BIG weekend Dec. 12-13! Live music, food trucks, horse-drawn wagon rides and Santa!

23rd Annual Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display at Sportsman Lake Park
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!

Christmas on the Corner Family Meal
Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6-7:30 p.m. at 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!

Pancakes with Santa at Winston County Rescue
Saturday, Dec. 13, from 8-10 a.m. at the Winston County Rescue, 236 County Road 77, Arley. Bring the whole family out for a morning of holiday cheer, delicious pancakes and photos with Santa! $5 donation per plate — all proceeds support our EMS operations. Enjoy a hot breakfast, meet our crews and let the kids share their Christmas wishes with Santa himself. We can't wait to see you there!

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.

Vinemont Community Lunch for Seniors
Monday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 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.

Cullman County Commission on Aging Senior Christmas Party
Tuesday, Dec. 16. Doors open at 9 a.m. Event starts at 10 at the 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.

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Lady Warriors, Eagles collect county wins

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BREMEN, Ala. — The West Point Warriors and Lady Warriors made the trip to Bremen to take on the Cold Springs Eagles on Friday night, and the schools split the series. In the varsity girls' game, West Point held a slim lead at the half, but they broke the game wide open in the second half, as they ended up defeating Cold Springs, 68-43. In the varsity boys' game, the Warriors held the lead going into the locker room, but the Eagles went on a huge run to end the third quarter, and they would go on to knock off West Point 58-43.

WEST POINT 68 – COLD SPRINGS 43 (VARSITY GIRLS)

Kealie Harbison and Camryn Faulkner each hit a three early in the game for West Point, helping them jump out to a 6-2 lead. A rebound and putback by Camryn Faulkner, and baskets in the paint by Jaelyn Faulkner and Caitlee Simmons quickly stretched their lead to 12-2. Kaydance Williams and Kotie Calvert of Cold Springs each hit a basket down low to cut the lead to 12-6 late in the opening period. Laklin Shadix hit a pair from the line, and Simmons added a layup to give the Lady Warriors a 16-6 lead going into the second period.

The Lady Eagles cut into the lead to start out the second quarter. Hollyn Bruer knocked down a pair of free throws, Ella Dickerson laid it up and in, Bruer hit another free throw, and Calvert put in a basket in the paint to make it a 16-13 game. Camryn Faulkner scored through a foul and completed the three-point play at the free throw line, then nailed a three from the right corner to quickly put West Point ahead 22-13. Free throws by Dickerson and a basket down low by Williams made it a 24-17 game, but Camryn Faulkner drained her third trey of the first half to give the Lady Warriors a 27-17 lead. Baskets by Macie Huffstutler and Williams cut it to 27-21, but a late layup by Shadix gave West Point a 29-21 lead at the half.

Harbison buried a three from the right wing to increase the Lady Warriors' lead to 32-21. A driving layup by Bruer made it a 34-24 game, but Harbison knocked down her third triple of the game to give West Point a 37-24 lead. Camryn Faulkner and Harbison each added baskets down low to widen their lead to 41-24.

Dickerson stopped the bleeding with a basket on the other end, but baskets by Simmons and Camryn Faulkner, followed by a pair of free throws by Shadix, put the Lady Warriors ahead, 47-26, late in the third. Camryn Faulkner drained another long-range shot to make it a 50-28 game, and the Lady Warriors would take a 50-31 lead into the final period.

A rebound and putback by Dickerson cut it to 50-33 early in the fourth, but Camryn Faulkner and Patton Fell each buried a three to give West Point a 56-35 lead. Harbison hit a pair of baskets down low, and Fell knocked down another three to make it a 63-37 game. The Lady Warriors ended up defeating the Lady Eagles, 68-43, as they have now won 10 straight games.

Camryn Faulkner put up a game-high 26 points for West Point. Harbison added 15 points, while Shadix and Fell each collected eight points. For Cold Springs, Dickerson finished with 13 points, and Williams recorded 12 points.

COLD SPRINGS 58 – WEST POINT 43 (VARSITY BOYS)

West Point jumped out to a quick lead to start the game, as a Jaxon Shelton steal led to a layup by Maddox Chapman to put them on the board. Kade Vincent drained back-to-back threes to put them ahead 8-0. Cold Springs countered with a run of their own. Ethan Day scored five straight points, and Wyatt Barker hit a basket in the paint to cut it to 8-7 late in the first period.

A rebound and putback by Shelton, a short jumper by Nolan Franklin, and a free throw by Chapman gave the Warriors a 13-7 lead going into the second quarter.

Lindan Hill put in a floater to cut it to 13-9 early in the second. Then, later that quarter, Ayden Black drilled a long-range shot to make it a 15-12 game. Shelton knocked down a short jumper, then Asa Sutter and Ayden Ennis each drained a pair of free throws to put West Point ahead 21-12. The Eagles cut into the lead to end the first half. Breydon Hallmon hit a pair of baskets down low, including a rebound and putback, and Barker added a layup to trim the deficit to just three at 21-18 going into the break.

Cash Dickerson buried a trey from the right corner to tie the game up at 21, then a basket in the paint by Hill gave Cold Springs a 23-21 lead. Chapman hit back-to-back baskets down low, and Shelton added a basket of his own in the paint to give the Warriors the lead right back at 27-23.

The rest of the quarter, though, would belong to the Eagles, as they went on a surging 19-0 run and Hill, Dickerson and Hallmon scored all of their points during that stretch. Cold Springs would take a 42-28 lead into the final period.

Franklin hit another short jumper to cut it to 42-30 early in the fourth, then Dickerson and Chapman each traded threes to make it a 45-33 game. Hill and Black each hit a basket down low to give the Eagles a 49-33 lead. A trio of baskets by Chapman made it a 53-39 game, but Hill slammed one in to put Cold Springs ahead 55-39, and they would go on to defeat West Point 58-43.

Hill led the way for the Eagles with 15 points. Hallmon wasn't too far behind with 14 points and Dickerson added 12 points. Chapman finished with 20 points for the Warriors, with Shelton scoring eight points.

Cold Springs will host Good Hope, and West Point will head home to take on Priceville next Tuesday night.

West Point track and field participates in Magic City Invitational

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Cullman's West Point High School Track and Field team traveled to participate in the annual Magic City Invitational this weekend. The indoor event took place at the Birmingham Crossplex on Saturday and featured nearly 30 individual competitions for athletes from across the state.

The school started out strong in track events, with sophomore Rush Lamar running in the first heat of the boys' 60 meter hurdle competition. Lamar placed 13th out of 34 entries with a time of 9.45 seconds.

In the girls 1600m run, Warriors senior Dorothy Salter ran in the second heat and placed 40th out of 71 entries with a time of six minutes and 16.40 seconds. Her time set a new West Point record for the girls' indoor 1600m run. Later, Salter also participated in the girls' 800m run, and placed 53rd out of 84 competitors with a time of two minutes and 56.45 seconds.

Then, in the boys' 1600m, West Point senior Jesus Tovar ran in the fourth heat, and ranked 50th out of 95 competitors with a time of five minutes and 18.52 seconds.

Only one West Point athlete participated in a field activity. Miles Fairchild took part in the boys' long jump and placed 64th among recorded entries with a distance of seven feet and one-half inch.

West Point track and field's next indoor competition is the Holiday Invitational on December 13th at the Birmingham Crossplex.



WEST POINT XC/TRACK AND FIELD

West Point athletes Rush Lamar (left) and Dorothy Salter (right).

Prep sports scoreboard: Dec. 1-6

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MONDAY, DEC. 1

Prep Basketball
- Priceville 45 – Good Hope 41 (VG)
- Fairview 54 – Cold Springs 48 (VG)
- Cullman 66 – Cordova 18 (VG)
- Cold Springs 65 – Fairview 46 (VB)
- Cullman 70 – D.A.R. 27 (VB)
- Cullman 75 – Cordova 32 (VB)
- Priceville 74 – Good Hope 71 (VB)

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

Prep Basketball
- Cold Springs 52 – Dora 32 (VG)
- West Point 64 – Vinemont 45 (VG)
- Fairview 58 – Hanceville 46 (VG)
- Good Hope 70 – Susan Moore 43 (VG)
- Cold Springs 87 – Dora 39 (VB)
- Fairview 55 – Hanceville 49 (VB)
- Good Hope 85 – Susan Moore 57 (VB)
- West Point 64 – Vinemont 45 (VB)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

Prep Bowling
- Fairview 450 – Chelsea 404 (VB)
- Spain Park 605 – Fairview 490 (VB)
- Thompson 537 – West Point 480 (VB)

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

Prep Basketball
- West Point 65 – East Lawrence 36 (VG)
- West Point 72 – East Lawrence 58 (VB)

Prep Bowling
- Fairview 1,294 – Clements 908 (VB)

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

Prep Basketball
- Good Hope 55 – Holly Pond 41 (VG)
- Holly Pond 46 – Good Hope 37 (VB)
- Hartselle 57 – Cullman 50 (VB)
- Cullman 56 – Hartselle 46 (VG)
- Vinemont 55 – J.B. Pennington 28 (VG)
- Vinemont 76 – J.B. Pennington 47 (VB)

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

Prep Basketball
- Fairview 75 – Good Hope 69 (VB) (OT)

Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Community members gathered at East Elementary Friday evening, Dec. 5, for a warm and festive Christmas celebration hosted by the school's Garden Club. With cookies, hot cocoa and a glowing light extravaganza display in the outdoor classroom, the event marked the end of a busy semester for the young gardeners.

Garden Club Sponsor Leeanna Smith said the goal was to bring families together to showcase the work the students have put into the garden. "Tonight, we just wanted to engage the community. Families can enjoy hot cocoa in the lunchroom, then make their way out to the garden to enjoy our holiday light display."

This fall, the club tackled a major project of installing a donated waterfall and pond from ProWorks. The upgrade meant relocating the sensory garden, which students handled themselves by digging up and replanting every plant along the fence line. The group also added new flower beds, planted vines along trellises and even created a new mini-pond from their old one. Also, a recent Cullman High School graduate painted a children's literature-themed mural for the garden.

Students shared their favorite parts of the semester, from digging in the dirt to counting the more than 100 worms they discovered. They also recounted a memorable mishap where a batch of loofahs was accidentally harvested as zucchini and nearly added to the lunchroom salad.

For many students, the simple joy of being outdoors made the semester special. Fifth-grade students Eden Conn and Henley Nicholas shared their favorite parts of the garden club.

Nicholas said, "Garden Club is really nice. My granny is 94, and she has a garden in her backyard. I like to help her with it. It's also cool to really see the process and how things grow."

Conn said she enjoys seeing all the plants and the wildlife that thrive in the garden.

The evening wrapped up with families strolling through the illuminated garden, which was beautifully decorated to look like a whimsical wonderland. Fairy lights decorated plant boxes, glittering ornaments hung from climbing plants and friendly inflatable critters were scattered throughout the outdoor classroom.

The students are eager to return to their gardening in the spring semester, with exciting new events to look forward to and the return of the Garden Baby Shower in April.



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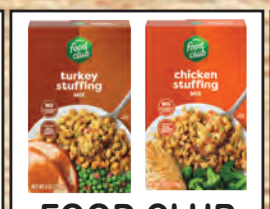
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Dalton and Jessica Shoemake pose with their newborn triplets.

Cullman Regional NICU welcomes 1st set of triplets

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Regional recently announced the delivery of its first set of triplets since opening a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) in June 2024.

The triplets, one boy and two girls, were delivered by Dr. John Wideman with assistance from Dr. Taylor Massengill on Friday, Dec. 5, at 7:33 a.m., 7:34 a.m. and 7:35 a.m. The proud parents are Dalton and Jessica Shoemake from Cullman.

"This marks an important milestone at a time when maternity services are becoming less accessible across many parts of Alabama," the hospital said in a statement. "As one of the only community hospitals between Birmingham and Huntsville with a NICU, Cullman Regional is filling a gap in maternal healthcare by providing this level of specialty care."

Cullman Regional's NICU and maternity teams, including OB-GYN physicians, neonatologists and neonatal nurse practitioners, prepared in advance for the triplet delivery by running drills and setting up a dedicated room near the OR for immediate newborn care. Special A-B-C caps were used to identify the babies until their patient armbands were in place.

While the babies are all doing well, they will stay in the NICU for a while to grow and get stronger.



AMRV RC&D

Left to right are Grissom Mayfield, Kaitlyn Owen, Rep. Heath Allbright, Jennifer Campbell, Whitney Manderson, Renona Seibert, Sherry Clough, Lynn Mullins, Clint Haynes and Karmen Baker.

AMRV celebrates grand opening of Jack's in Fairview

Staff Reports
Contributor

FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Alabama Mountains Rivers Valleys (AMRV) Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council gathered with local leaders, state officials and community members recently to celebrate the grand opening of the new Jack's Family Restaurant in Fairview with a ribbon cutting.

The new restaurant was made possible, in part, by a $30,000 grant provided by AMRV RC&D, which was instrumental in expanding the sewer system capacity — a foundational step that enabled the development of the new restaurant.

Speaking on behalf of Jack's, Karmen Baker expressed deep appreciation for the Fairview community's warm welcome and ongoing support.

"We love to be a part of the community and help in any way we can — from sponsoring schools to lending a helping hand," Baker said. "Our team is excited to welcome everyone in like family and serve with open hearts."

Fairview Mayor Clint Haynes shared, "Bringing Jack's to Fairview took a true team effort. We are grateful for every partner who came alongside us, and we are proud to welcome Jack's as the newest part of Fairview's bright future."

"Strategic infrastructure investment is how we grow our communities, and the $30,000 RC&D grant played a vital role in making this project possible," said Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman. "I'm grateful for everyone who worked together to support Fairview and help bring new jobs and opportunity to this area."

Rep. Heath Allbright, R-Holly Pond, expressed his excitement for the future of Fairview.

"This project is a win for Fairview, and the RC&D grant played a key role in getting us here," he said. "I'm grateful for the teamwork that made today possible, and I'm excited to see the positive impact Jack's will have on the local economy."

AMRV Executive Director Renona Seibert said AMRV was proud to work on this project.

"Our mission at AMRV RC&D is to invest in projects that strengthen local communities, and we were proud to provide the $30,000 grant that helped make this infrastructure upgrade possible," she said. "Seeing Fairview welcome a new business like Jack's shows exactly how these resources can create a long-lasting impact."

Parade (from Front)



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Robotics (from Front)

Teacher Shaunna Aker went into education after receiving her degree in Comprehensive Science, Biology, and EDS Teacher Leadership in 2002.

"When I was asked to teach robotics, I didn't know anything about it, but the kids just took off with it," she said. "They just know how to do it, and it came so easily for them."

She said that when it comes to balancing the technical aspects of robotics with the educational goals of the team, her primary focus is helping the students working together.

"It's important to help them work together toward a common goal. Each year we get different fields and obstacle courses and it's up to them to create a robot that works," Aker explained.

"They have to design it on their own and I step back and let them do it.

"Though they have to be able to work together to come up with that design and to make it efficient as a team. It's up to them to make those decisions and I'm just here to aid in helping."

She said the county competition is usually in February, but this year it was in November.

"We had roughly two months to build a robot, practice and prepare for the tournament," she said.

"Normally we have about five months. So that shows you how well they were able to pull this off."

When the team was asked about the most challenging aspects of being in robotics and how they overcome those challenges, Bradley Hill was the first to say, "Building a robot."

Karrigan Pipkin stated, "Being able to work with other teams. You have to communicate with them and compare what your abilities are to theirs in order to work with them."

Aker said she's proud of the team's consistency and that they help each other through their strengths and weaknesses.

"We have some that are better with coding, some that prefer to drive the robots, and they work together really well."

She added, "The Excellence Award they won takes into account how well you do in your interview, in the tournament itself, notebooking skills and overall robotics skills...and this team won all of those. To me, that's better than any other award."

When the students were asked what made them want to pursue robotics, Izaiha Acuff answered, "I like working with electronics and building things in general."

"I joined in middle school and figured why not continue into high school," Yoleth Trejo added.

Steven Briscoe noted, "I love working with computers and this is something within what I knew, so knowing it coincided with my interests – I decided to go for it."

Several of the students said they would want to pursue aspects of robotics in their careers.

"I would love to have people in the community like HVAC workers or computer techs that use these skills so the students can see what they're doing here applies in the real world," Aker stated.

If you would like to be a guest speaker or assist in fundraisers for Hanceville Robotics, reach out to saker@ccboe.org or hvh.ccboe.org.

LIFESTYLE

Budget-friendly holiday meal options

Anabelle Howze
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The Christmas season is busy for everyone. Lighten the load this year by whipping up a budget-friendly holiday meal.

TACO SOUP

Ingredients and prices from Walmart:
- 2.25 lb. All-natural ground beef chuck, $14.93
- 48 oz. Swanson beef broth, $3.68
- 10 oz. Rotel diced tomatoes(original, mild, hot or fire roasted) $1.32
- 15 oz. Great Value golden sweet whole kernel corn $0.50
- 1 green bell pepper $0.78
- 1 or 1/2 yellow onion $0.86
- 6 oz. Great Value tomato paste $0.86

If you're from a family like mine, maybe buy two packs of ground beef chuck and another container of beef broth. For any spicy food lovers, I highly recommend getting the Rotel with diced tomatoes and habanero peppers, though you can never go wrong with the original. Add all your ingredients into your Instapot, or other cookware of your choice, and enjoy your bowl of goodness.

CHICKEN AND VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

Ingredients and prices from Walmart:
- 2lb Top Chick breaded chicken tenders, $8.96
- 3.5oz Great Value crispy onions, $1.66
- 14.5oz Great Value French style green beans, $0.76
- 14.75oz Great Value cream style sweet corn, $0.76
- 10.05oz Great Value cream of chicken soup, $0.70
- 15oz Great Value bread crumbs, $1.22

Top Chick chicken tenders can be replaced with any chicken of your choice, this is simply something my household has grown fond of using since they are already breaded.

It is a simple option for the recipe. Plus, if we don't use all of the chicken tenders in this casserole, which we normally don't, you can never go wrong with Top Chick chicken wraps.

The crispy onion topping is best added into the mix of chicken, veggies and cream of chicken soup in our casserole dish, then also sprinkled on top with the bread crumbs for the extra crunch.

My favorite part about this meal is getting toward the last few servings and making chicken and veggie casserole sliders.

Put a few spoonfuls on some King's Hawaiian Sweet Rolls and maybe even add some jellied cranberry sauce. Don't knock it until you try it!

LIFESTYLE

What's on your Christmas reading list?

Chasady Woods
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Christmas is a blink away! It's time to grab a cup of hot cocoa and savor the holiday magic with a great book.

"Murder on the Christmas Express" by Alexandra Benedict

Want a dash of the holiday spirit, but also like to be kept on your toes? "Murder on the Christmas Express" by Alexandra Benedict is the pick for you!

"In the early hours of Christmas Eve, the sleeper train to the Highlands is derailed, along with the festive plans of its travelers. With the train stuck in snow in the middle of nowhere, a killer stalks its carriages, picking off passengers one by one. Those who sleep on the sleeper train may never wake again." (Goodreads)

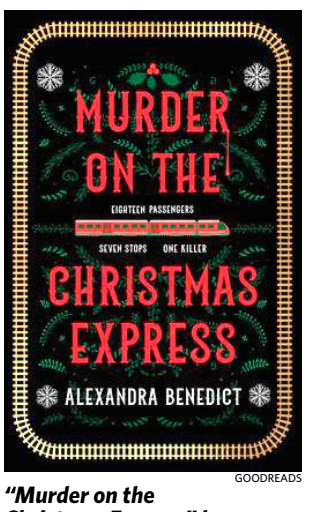
This holiday "whodunit" novel scored a 3.2 out of 5 rating on Goodreads. Grab a warm blanket and settle in for the night for this guaranteed page turner.

"The Star in the Window (A Christmas Tale of Wonder and Warmth)" by Hattie Sinclair

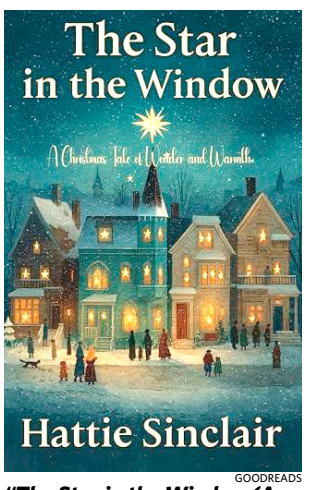
Perhaps you prefer a feel good read? "The Star in the Window (A Christmas Tale of Wonder and Warmth)" by Hattie Sinclair is about a heartfelt, small-town Christmas.

"One town. Many stars. A Christmas to remember. In Pineberry, it's tradition to hang a star in your window at Christmas. But behind every light is a story waiting to be told." (Goodreads)

Goodreads users give this holiday fiction a 4 out of 5 rating. So put on your fireplace ambiance, grab some emotional support tissues, and enjoy this town's intertwined tale of love and togetherness.



GOODREADS
"Murder on the Christmas Express" by Alexandra Benedict

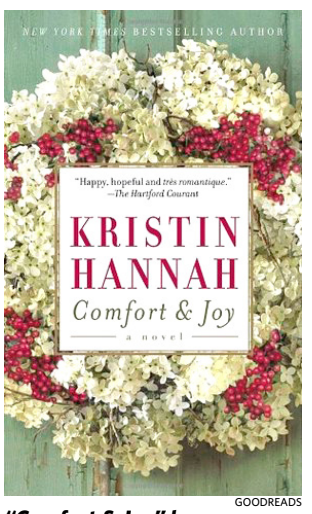


GOODREADS
"The Star in the Window (A Christmas Tale of Wonder and Warmth)" by Hattie Sinclair

"Comfort & Joy" by Kristin Hannah

Fans of author Kristin Hannah might enjoy this pick!

"Joy Candellaro once loved Christmas more than any other time of the year. Now, as the holiday approaches, she is at a crossroads in her life; recently divorced and alone, she can't summon the old enthusiasm for celebrating. So without telling anyone, she buys a ticket and boards a plane bound for the beautiful Pacific Northwest. When an unexpected detour takes her deep into the woods of the Olympic rainforest, Joy makes a bold decision to leave her ordinary life behind--to just walk away--and thus begins an adventure unlike any she could have imagined." (Goodreads)



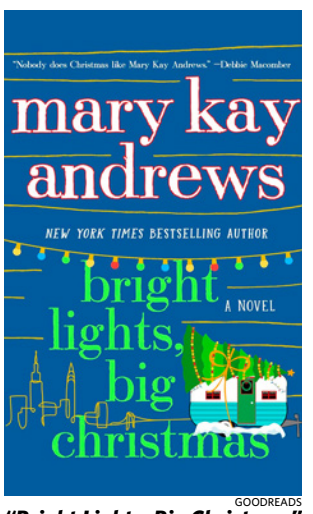
GOODREADS
"Comfort & Joy" by Kristin Hannah

"Bright Lights, Big Christmas" by Mary Kay Andrews

Looking for a holiday romance?

"When fall rolls around, it's time for Kerry Tolliver to leave her family's Christmas tree farm in the mountains of North Carolina for the wilds of New York City to help her gruff older brother & his dog, Queenie, sell the trees at the family stand on a corner in Greenwich Village. Sharing a tiny vintage camper and experiencing Manhattan for the first time, Kerry's ready to try to carve out a new corner for herself." (Goodreads)

What's on your holiday reading list?



GOODREADS
"Bright Lights, Big Christmas" by Mary Kay Andrews

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CARY ALAN NAIL, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-431**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CARY ALAN NAIL on the 1st day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Court Judge of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of Letters or within five months from the first publication of this notice, whichever is later to occur or the same will be barred.

MEGAN NAIL SEARS
Personal Representative

Thomas E. Drake II
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-9445

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

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

DONE this 1st day of December, 2025

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2025-405

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RHONDA KAY MOTES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Christy McGriff Atchley on the 21st day of November, 2025, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Christy McGriff Atchley
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RONALD DALE WOODARD, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2025-412**

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: SAVANNA BURGETT
ETHAN BURGETT

ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the *Petition for Probate of Will,* filed by Shawna W. Norman and Jennifer W. Arndt, Petitioners, by and through their Attorney of record, Sherry H. Barrett, is set for a hearing on the **10th day of February, 2026, at 10:00 am**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 21st 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 is said newspaper.

Attorney for Petitioners:

Sherry H. Barrett
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CYWILLA CAROL CRUMPTON a/k/a CAROL C. CRUMPTON, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC 2025-434**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to RICHARD SHIVERS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Carol C. Crumpton, deceased, on the 5th day of December, 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.

Richard Shivers
Personal Representative

Robert Scott Dooley
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF JACK L. SMITH, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2025-**439

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MICHAEL R. SMITH, as Executor of the Estate of JACK L. SMITH, Deceased, on the 5th day of December, 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.

MICHAEL R. SMITH,
Executor for the Estate of Jack L. Smith, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANNIE PETTIS COLEMAN, Deceased.) CASE NO PC 2025-302

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL (Self-Proved Will)

TO: PAUL EDWARD PETTIS and all known and unknown heirs of the estate of ANNIE PETTIS COLEMAN, deceased.

The Petition of Bonnie Styles to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Annie Pettis Coleman, deceased, has been set for hearing on the **15th day of January, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, Judge of Probate Office, Room 101.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 5th day of December, 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 and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

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Obituary Announcements: Dec. 6-8

Barbara Lazella Persall, 95

Barbara Lazella Tilley was born to Maedel Crider Hale Tilley and Thomas Corby Tilley on January 28, 1930, and she went home to glory on December 5, 2025. Barbara was one of 7 sisters: Icie Wallace, Chiquita McBrayer, Eulene Wallace, Onnavee Parker, Billie Sue Persall, and Frances Ann Pierce. Billie Sue and Fran remain with us. Barbara married Roland Eugene Persall on June 13, 1947. Together they had 5 children: Roger (JoAnn), Anita Smith (Jack), Delila Williams (Larry), Mark (Jennifer), and Nick (Laure). We said goodbye to Delila in 2018. Barbara and Roland also had 9 grandchildren: Ron Persall, Denny Smith (Sarah), Bret Smith (Ryan), Alan Smith (Jeanie), Chad Smith (LaDonna), Matthew Williams (Amanda), Lela Williams, Kayti Persall Murphree (Patrick), Luke Persall, Rachel Persall Whittemore (Clay), and Grant Persall. We said goodbye to Ron in 1987. There are 17 delightful great grandchildren as well and we were everyone blessed by our beloved matriarch. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Monday, December 8th, 2025, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Chances Crossroads Cemetery, Minister Jack Smith officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Monday from 11:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Glenda Sue Boyd-Vansant, 89

Funeral services for Glenda Sue Boyd-Vansant, 89, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Sunday December 7th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem East Cemetery. Visitation will be prior to the service from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Vansant was born May 23, 1936, in Cullman County, Alabama to the late Isaac & Lena Goeller Boyd. She passed away December 5, 2025, in Cullman County, Alabama.Glenda was a woman of faith, strength, and generosity, qualities she shared freely with everyone she encountered. Throughout her life, Glenda played significant roles in several local churches, including Hopewell Baptist Church of Hanceville, First Baptist Church of Hanceville, and Bethlehem East Baptist Church of Hanceville. Her service in each congregation reflected her deep commitment to ministry, fellowship, and helping others grow in their faith. Glenda was also heavily involved in the life of Saint Paul's Lutheran School, where she served both as a member and as president of the PTA. Her dedication to children's education and wellbeing extended further into the community through her leadership and support of the Cub Scouts. She and her husband, Bobby, shared a lifelong commitment to charitable giving, quietly and generously supporting countless needs throughout Hanceville. Glenda was an excellent seamstress who created countless garments by hand. Beautiful clothes for herself, her family, and many in the community. Her talent was matched only by her willingness to share it, stitching love, care, and attention into every piece she made. Glenda will be remembered for her servant's heart, her creativity, her leadership, and the many lives she shaped through kindness, faith, and generosity. Mrs. Vansant is survived by her son, Zane Scott Bradford; grandson, Alexander Michael Bradford; sisters, Martha Boyd Creasman, Wanda Fay Ray; brother, Tommy Boyd (Linda); nephews, Greg Ray, Brent Boyd, David Boyd; niece, Tamara Ray Garner; and a host of many other great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Mrs. Vansant was preceded in death by her first husband, Everett H. Bradford; her second husband, Bobby Vansant; and her parents, Issac & Lena Goeller Boyd. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Vansant family.

Ruth Keevan, 88

Ruth Keevan, a cherished resident of Cullman, Alabama, departed this life on December 3, 2025, at the age of 88. Born on May 7, 1937, Ruth was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. Ruth is survived by her devoted daughters, Regina (Roy) Cruz and Anita (Rich) Tapia. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren, Vanessa (Jason) Mielzynski, Victoria Tapia, Brian Cruz, Frank (Megan) Tapia, and Rachel Cruz, as well as her great-grandchildren, Miaya, Emily, Olivia, Maximus, Avery, and Josiah. She is also remembered by her sister, Joyce Strickland Thompson. Ruth was predeceased by her loving husband, John Keevan, her parents, Marnise and Nora Williams, her brothers, Bill "Bee" Williams, Bob Williams, Jake Williams, Eddie Williams, Howard Williams, Richard Williams, and Charles Williams, and her sisters, Nellie Hood and Willa Faulkner. A visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 2nd Ave North West, Cullman, AL 35055-5827, on December 8, 2025, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A Celebration of Life will follow at the same venue on December 9, 2025, from 10 a.m. The committal service will take place at Center Hill Cemetery, 28710 AL-91, Hanceville, AL 35077, on the same day. Pallbearers honoring Ruth's memory are Brian Cruz, Frank Tapia, Roy Cruz, Ricky Williams, Austin Swann, and Andru Swann. Ruth will be fondly remembered for her warmth, love and her spirited personality that she shared with her family and friends.

Lila Mae Freeman, 87

Lila Mae Freeman, aged 87, passed away on December 5, 2025. She was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by her daughter, Charlene Estes (Keith), and her son, Vince Freeman (Melissa). Her daughter-in-law, Sonja Freeman, also survives her. Lila Mae Freeman is predeceased by her son, Marty Freeman and her husband, Charles D Freeman. Her sisters, Linda Garmon (Nile) and Carolyn McKoy (David), and her sisters-in-law, Francis Dean and Maria Rhodes, survive her. She is also survived by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a third on the way, and two great-great-grandchildren. Her parents, Pierce and Maggie Roden, predeceased her. Visitation will be held at Moss-Service Funeral Home, located at 1901 2nd Ave North West, Cullman, Alabama, on December 8, 2025, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will follow at the same location at 11 a.m. A graveside committal will take place at New Prospect Baptist Cemetery, located at 5625 Co Rd 38, Cullman, Alabama, on the same day. Fond memories for the Freeman family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Toni Sue Buzbee, 79

Toni Sue Buzbee age 79 of Bremen, Alabama passed away peacefully, surrounded by family on December 4, 2025. She was born July 27, 1946, in Elgin, Illinois. Toni partook in quiet and peaceful hobbies; she loved crocheting and watching birds. She loved frogs and believed they represented F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely on God). Toni was preceded in death by her parents, father Wates Harvel and mother Irma Harvell; her parents-in-law, J.V. Buzbee and Bessie Buzbee; her son Baby Boy Buzbee; her brothers, Lee (Jane) Harvel and Jack Harvel; her brothers-in-law, Larry Tipton and Jimmie Buzbee; her sisters, Betty (Ray) Anderson, Melba (Don) Lang, Beverly (Dave) Engelbrecht, Sharry (James) Sherman, and Linda (William) Deates; and her great-granddaughter, Maiya Baum. Toni is survived by her husband of 60 years, Junior Ray Buzbee; her sons, Dean (Lisa) Buzbee and Daniel (Christina) Buzbee; her daughter, Melisa (Nicholas White) Buzbee; her grandsons, Christian Buzbee and Alexander (Veronica Gonzalez) Baum; her great-grandson, Kaii Baum; her great-granddaughter, Gabby Gonzalez; and her sister, Terri "Tess" Tipton; along with a host of nieces and nephews.

Karen Cassandra Rogers, 62

Karen Cassandra Rogers, born on May 4, 1963, passed away on December 4, 2025, at the age of 62. She was a resident of Cullman, Alabama. She is survived by her daughter, Lauren "Gillis" Banks; her sons, Joshua Aker and Patrick Rogers; and her siblings, Nancy Gillis-Frame, Allen Hugh Gillis Jr., and Daniel Lindsey Gillis. She is also survived by ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of extended family and friends. Karen Cassandra Rogers was predeceased by her father, Allen Hugh Gillis Sr., her mother, Mary Nell Lindsey and her husband, Elwood Rogers. Services for Karen will be announced at a later time. Fond memories for the Rogers family and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

William Carl Langlois, 84

William Carl Langlois, age 84 of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at North Alabama Medical Center. He was born in Ishpeming, Michigan on March 12, 1941, to Peter Langlois, Sr. and Ruth Petersen Langlois. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Peter Langlois, Jr. Survivors include his wife, Mary Pippin; son, Kevin (Paula) Langlois; grandchildren, Joshua (Sarah) Langlois, Marissa Hebert (Jake); sister Judy (Gary) Anderson); sister-in-law Marsha and a host of nieces and nephews. After graduating from Ishpeming High School, William joined the United States Navy. He served our nation honorably for 30 years including three separate tours of duty in Vietnam, achieving many sea stories, medals and retiring at the rank of E-9, Master Chief Hospital Corpsman. After the Navy, Bill occupied himself in a variety of jobs-7years as an environmentalist for the state of South Carolina; in Alabama he was an optometry assistant, volunteered at the elementary school to help children learn to read, served the communities of northern Alabama as a Freemason in several organizations, built fences, maintained a golf course and was a devoted church member. Bill deeply loved his family; he will be most remembered for his deep voice, smiles, stories, and bear hugs. Celebration of Life will be December 13, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Fairview Methodist Church, Fairview, AL. Instead of flowers, the family requests that you please donate to St Judes Children Hospital, Fairview Methodist Church or a charity of your choice.

James Clifton Thomas, 85

James Clifton Thomas, of Eva, Alabama, passed away on November 27th, 2025, at the age of 85. Mr. Thomas was born November 1st, 1940, to the late Ollie Mae Bush and Carl Willard Thomas. Mr. Thomas is preceded in death by his wife, Sharron R. Thomas; mother, Ollie Mae Bush Thomas; father, Carl Willard Thomas; siblings, Nellie Thomas Mayfield, Paul Douglas Thomas, Claude Alvis Thomas, Hazel Thomas Gober, Agnes Thomas Green, Willard Thomas, Jeanette Thomas Helms, Norman Thomas, Bobby Thomas, John Thomas, Ollie Carl Thomas, Beatrice Thomas Butler, and Bonnie Thomas Davis. Those surviving Mr. Thomas include his sons, Howard Thomas and wife Jane, Keith Thomas and wife Nancy, Brian Thomas; and niece (adopted daughter) Marcy Stewart. James was the proud grandfather of Howard and Jane's children, Chad (his wife Aimee), Kate Thomas, and Cole Thomas. He was also the great-grandfather of Chad and Aimee's daughters, Cecilia and Annalise. Mr. Thomas was a member of Westside Baptist Church in Eva, Alabama, a Freemason, and a former member of both the VFW and American Legion. Mr. Thomas's son Keith wrote the following words... "My father was the embodiment of American values and Christian morals. First and foremost, he was a Christian – saved by grace and by his belief in the death of his Savior, Jesus Christ, on the cross and His resurrection by the power of God three days later. He was one of fourteen children and quit school to work on the farm and help support his family. He married at 17, my mother was 15, and he stayed married to her until the day she died – 57 years. He served a tour in Vietnam and retired a decorated veteran with two Associate's Degrees and 30 years of service. The world is a dimmer and sadder place for the loss of his life." Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas family.

Barth Wayne Hale, 64

A graveside service for Barth Wayne Hale, 64, of Hanceville will be 2 p.m., Wednesday December 10th, at Hopewell Cemetery. Bro. Junior Wolfe will be officiating the service. Mr. Hale was born August 11, 1961, in Cullman, Alabama to Jerry & Betty Hale. He passed away December 4, 2025, in Jefferson, Louisiana. Mr. Hale is survived by his mother, Betty Hale; wife, Denise Hale; children, Allison Graves, Tyler Hale (Faye); grandchildren, Cooper Garrison (Hailey), Hudson Ward; great grandson, Kingston Garrison; brother, Byron Hale (Sherri); father-in-law, Lester Duncan; brothers-in-law, Bradley Duncan (Lamona), Guy Duncan (Brandy); his grand-dog, Yogi; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins. Mr. Hale was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Hale, and his mother-in-law, Glenda Duncan. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hale family.

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ANABELLE HOWZE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Santa and Mrs. Claus at Karma's Coffee House on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025

Santa and Mrs. Claus stop by Karma's Coffee House

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Karma's Coffee House hosted a heartwarming holiday event on Sunday, Dec. 7, welcoming families to spend the afternoon listening to stories, enjoying seasonal activities and meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Children gathered to hear Santa and Mrs. Claus take turns reading Christmas tales, and afterward, Mrs. Claus handed out sugar cookies.

Karma's provided one free cookie for each child as young visitors colored nativity-themed pages and wrote letters to Santa.

Music filled the coffee shop during a group singalong of "Jingle Bells," led by Santa himself.

Both Santa and Mrs. Claus said the joyful faces and excitement inside Karma's made the event especially meaningful.

"We thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the happy faces of the children listening intently to the stories and participating in the singalongs," they shared.

At the end of the event, families had the opportunity to take photos with Santa, whether to capture a moment just for the children or to gather the whole family for a holiday keepsake.

Get more info on Santa and Mrs. Claus at www.astorywithsanta.com/about.

LIFESTYLE

Fun holiday beverage trail

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Several coffee shops around Cullman have rolled out their holiday drink and treat menus and there's plenty to choose from. From cozy classics like the peppermint mocha to creative new concoctions topped with all the festive fixings, these Christmas treats make the colder days feel a bit warmer.

Most drinks can be ordered hot, iced or frozen, and many can be customized to your taste or dietary needs, so be sure to ask when you're ordering.

Here are just a few!



FACEBOOK/KARMA'S COFFEE HOUSE

Cranberry Chai from Karma's Coffee House

STARBUCKS

Drinks:
- Peppermint Mocha
- Caramel Brulée Latte
- Iced Sugar Cookie Latte
- Iced Sugar Cookie Breve
- Iced Gingerbread Chai
- Eggnog
- Chestnut Praline Latte
- Gingerbread Latte
- Peppermint White Chocolate Mocha

Cold foams:
- Gingerbread Cream Cold Foam
- Peppermint Chocolate Cream Cold Foam
- Sugar Cookie Cream Cold Foam
- Caramel Brulée Cold Foam

Bakery items:
- Cinnamon Pull Apart
- Snowman Shortbread Cookie
- Polar Bear Cake Pop
- Cranberry Bliss Bar
- Sugar Plum Cheese Danish

7 BREW

- Santa's Cookie Mocha
- Brew Frost 7 Fizz Soda
- Candy Cane Mocha
- Pecan Pie Breve
- Creme Brulée Latte
- Holiday Punch 7 Brew Energy

KARMA'S COFFEE HOUSE

Drinks:
- Peppermint Bark Latte
- The Nutcracker Cold Brew
- Pecan Pie Mocha
- Sugar Cookie Latte
- Cranberry Chai
- Peppermint Chai
- Peppermint Bark Hot Chocolate
- Apple Cider
- Piper and Leaf's Cherry Christmas

SCOOTER'S

Drinks:
- Buddy the Elf Maple Caramelicous
- Candy Cane Forest Mocha
- Candy Cane Forest Hot Chocolate
- Swirly Twirly Sugar Cookie Latte
- Buddy the Elf Maple Chai
- Cherry Cheer Sparkling Float
- Cherry Cheer Sparkling Soda
- Son of a Nutcracker Brewed Coffee
- Mr. Narwhal Ice Cream Drink
- Glacier Red Bull Infusion

Bakery items:
- Candy Cane Forest Cinnamon Bun
- Swirly Twirly Sugar Cookie Sandwich
- Snowball Fight Cake Bite

BOOKS-A-MILLION

Drinks:
- Peppermint Mocha
- Peppermint White Mocha Frappe
- Salted Caramel Pecan Toffee Latte
- Salted Caramel Pecan Toffee Latte
- Merry Mischief Frappe
- Red Bull Infusion Holiday Punch
- Seasonal Blend Coffee
- Frozen Hot Chocolate
- Hot Chocolate





