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Area veterans treated to free Thanksgiving meal at Brandin' Iron in West Point

The free meal was hosted by nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors



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Cullman County Sheriff's Chief Deputy, Brett Holmes, right, visits with an area veteran at Monday's Thanksgiving meal at the Brandin' Iron in West Point.

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WEST POINT – On Monday, local veterans were treated to a free Thanksgiving meal at the Brandin' Iron location in West Point, hosted by nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW). Students from West Elementary School decorated the restaurant. West Point High School cheerleaders and members of the Hanceville High School Leo Club came to help with hosting and serving duties. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office delivered meals to veterans who could not come to the restaurant, and former State Representative/current gubernatorial candidate Rev. James Fields personally served dishes before sitting down to enjoy food and fellowship with an area veteran.

SFW's Jeremy Hogan shared, "Today's our second annual SFW and Brandin' Iron Thanksgiving dinner for veterans. It's not a typical Thanksgiving dinner per se; it's a Thanksgiving feast!

"Our goal was to appreciate the veterans, not on Veterans' Day, and, believe it or not, the majority of the veterans who come into this dinner haven't had Thanksgiving dinner in a while and usually cannot cook it for themselves, so this gives us an opportunity to give back to them, show them our love and respect for what they've done and their sacrifices.

"It's really a big blessing for us. This is actually my favorite event. Last night, I felt like it was the day before Christmas, like Christmas Eve; I'm sitting there excited as can be. I think I got an hour's sleep.

"And the Brandin' Iron--Misty, Josh and Brian--they're fabulous. They jumped on it as soon as I mentioned it last year."

After 204 diners turned out for a small-scale, hastily-planned event last year, SFW had time to scale up this year. This time, volunteers prepared to serve up to 500 or more dinners of smoked turkey, ham, green beans, sweet potato casserole, dressing, dessert and drinks. The menu included items from Brandin' Iron and items prepared and donated by others in the community. Meals were free for veterans and their spouses, widows of veterans, their children under 18 and caregivers.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, himself a Marine Corps veteran, came out with members of his staff who were delivering meals. He told The Tribune, "You know, if you talk to anybody at the Sheriff's Office, this is something that's near and dear to their heart. Veterans are what makes this country the way it is today; the freedoms we have to do what we have is because of veterans. So any time we can, we come out and support these guys."

In the afternoon, SFW began video recording veterans telling their stories of service. These recordings will be sent to the National Archives in Washington D.C. for inclusion in their veterans' files.

Hogan told The Tribune that SFW and Brandin' Iron intend to make this an area tradition on the Monday before Thanksgiving, going forward. He was pleased with the local business and organizational sponsorships the event drew this year, but is always seeking more support for this and other veteran support programs.

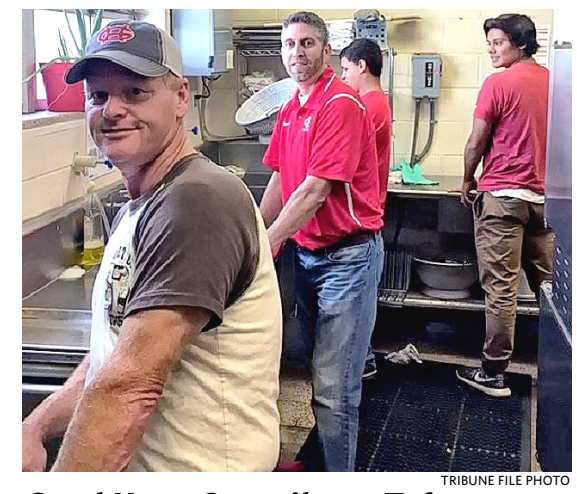
"To us," said Hogan, "this right here shows the patriotism of the community. The community comes together and makes the desserts, makes the food, and they bring it all over here, and we serve it for them. That's huge. I love Cullman for that."

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City and County offices closed for Thanksgiving

CULLMAN – All City of Cullman and Cullman County offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24, 2017, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Sanitation schedules will not be affected.

4 free, community-wide Thanksgiving meals this week



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Good Hope Councilman Taft Dillashaw, Good Hope High School Football Coach Alan Scott and members of the GHHS football team wash dishes at last year's City of Good Hope Community Thanksgiving Meal. Good Hope's meal this year will be on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

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CULLMAN – Thanksgiving week is upon us, and, as usual, the Cullman community is stepping up in a big way. There are at least four community-wide meals around the area, and they are all free. So, if you are looking for somewhere to spend Thanksgiving, either to eat, volunteer or both, or if you know someone in need, here are some great options.
Happy Thanksgiving!

City of Good Hope 9th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal
When: Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.
Where: Good Hope High School lunchroom; 210 Good Hope School Road, Good Hope

The City of Good Hope will host its ninth annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on Wednesday, Nov. 22, beginning at 11 a.m. in the Good Hope High School lunchroom.

Guests may dine in or carry out. Invite family, friends or someone in need. Pick up plates for employees, elderly, family or friends. There is a five-plate maximum per car for take-outs.

This is a nonprofit event made possible by donations and volunteer workers.

For more information, call Good Hope City Hall at 256-739-3757.

4th Annual Gold Ridge Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Great Dressing Cookoff
When: Wednesday, Nov. 22 from 2-8 p.m.
Where: Gold Ridge Community Center; 5225 County Road 1545, Cullman

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Grover Reeves' love lives on in 24th annual Grover Reeves Community Thanksgiving Day Meal

The meal is Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Church

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CULLMAN – For 23 years, the people of Cullman have been guaranteed a hot meal and the company of caring people on Thanksgiving Day, thanks to the Cullman Ministerial Association and a charitable visionary named Grover Reeves.

Reeves approached the organization of area ministers with the idea of a community meal around Thanksgiving, for people who could not afford to prepare a full meal. Concern over the potential number of local residents who might not have family with whom to spend the holiday led to the placement of the dinner on Thanksgiving Day. On that day in 1994, local churches came together at First Baptist Church in Cullman for the first installment of what would become the Grover Reeves Community Thanksgiving Meal.

Fast forward to 2017: after 23 years and more than 20,000 meals served, the community meal continues to grow steadily. Due to increasing numbers, the event outgrew First Baptist and in 2016 was relocated to St. John's

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TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Volunteers work happily at the Grover Reeves meal in 2016.



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The Cullman Pilot Club in 2016's Christmas parade in downtown Cullman

Christmas in Cullman Parade and Festival, Holly Market set for Dec. 1-2

Waid Harbison
Cullman Parks and Recreation

CULLMAN – Cullman Parks and Recreation will be hosting its annual Holly Market Christmas Arts & Crafts Show at the Cullman Civic Center Dec. 1-2. The show will feature more than 80 vendors of handmade craft items of all sorts.

The show will take place Friday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission to the show is free.

Vendor goodies will range from handmade jewelry, wood working, handmade clothing and apparel, food items, pottery and other handmade items.

For more information on the Holly Market Christmas Arts & Crafts Show, contact the Cullman Civic Center at 256-734-9157 or email info@cullmanrecreation.org.

The Christmas in Cullman Parade and Festival is coming up on Friday, Dec. 1.

The annual Christmas in Cullman Downtown Parade will begin at 6 p.m. and will run from the Busy Bee Café to Depot Park along First Avenue in downtown Cullman.

After the parade, there will be a festival in Depot Park, highlighted by the official Cullman Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

The festival will include a petting zoo, inflatables and free games and activities for kids.

Live music, including bands and choir groups, will be performing at Depot Park for the event.

Parade float applications can be picked up and returned to the Cullman Civic Center.

There is no cost to enter the parade, but floats must include lights and be Christmas-themed.

For more information on entering the parade, call Cullman Parks and Recreation's Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157. Register online at www.cullmanrecreation.org.

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Hanceville man struck, killed by vehicle near Athens

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LIMESTONE COUNTY – A Hanceville man was struck and killed by a vehicle in Limestone County early Saturday evening, according to a statement from Alabama State Troopers.

Cordell Hall Barnett, 74, a pedestrian, was hit by a 2017 Hyundai SUV on Alabama Highway 99, 3 miles north of Athens. Troopers said the crash occurred at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.

Barnett was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the Hyundai was not injured.

Nothing further is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

Hanceville man killed in single-vehicle crash in Blount County

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BLOUNT COUNTY – A Hanceville man was killed in a single-vehicle crash on Saturday, Nov. 18 in Blount County.

According to Alabama State Troopers, Carl Wallace Williams, 60, was killed when the 2004 Ford pickup he was driving left the roadway, struck a fence and overturned.

A media release from Troopers said Williams, who was not using a seat belt, was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

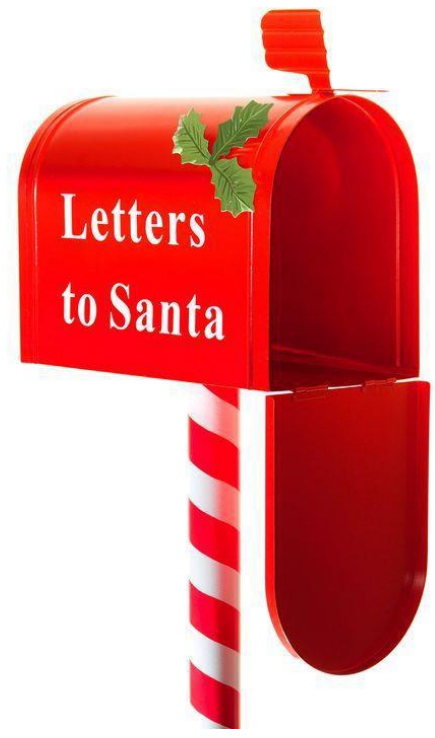
The crash occurred at 7:30 p.m. on Blount County Highway 47, 3 miles north of Blountsville.

Nothing further is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

Letters to Santa

The Cullman Tribune will be publishing Letters to Santa this year beginning in December through the Christmas holidays.

Each letter will be published, some in hard copy* and some online. Letters should contain a salutation, an introduction of the child, the child's list and any wishes for others, e.g. asking that Santa remember a brother/sister, or children who might not know how to write, etc. Each one should be signed and include the child's age.



The letters should be addressed to:

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Veterans (from Front)

For more information about SFW and its veteran support programs, call 256-747-5006 or visit www.facebook.com/Savingforgottenwarriors.org.



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Officers from the CCSO delivered meals to vets who could not come to the Brandin' Iron.



Reeves (from Front)

Evangelical Protestant Church at 512 Second Ave. SE, whose facilities could better meet the larger need.

Over the last few years, an average of more than 1,000 people annually have received meals, including dine-in visitors, emergency responders and dispatchers, law enforcement officers, residents at the Foundry Farm, and inmates at the County Detention Center, as well as numerous area homebound residents whose meals are delivered by event volunteers.

Grover Reeves passed away before last year's meal, but memories of him just seemed to increase enthusiasm for service among volunteers. The 2016 dinner was planned for 1,000-1,200 plates, but according to St. John's Administrative Assistant Karen Hassell, who is helping coordinate resources for the event, the church is looking to serve up to 1,500 dinners this time around, including both delivered meals and dine-ins.

Around 100 volunteers from St. John's alone have already begun preparation, or committed to working Thursday.

The total number of those who will be helping is not yet known, but 58 volunteers from over 20 other churches and local civic groups bolstered the host church's own numbers last year.

"We have an assortment from the city and county that come together," said Hassell. "We don't ever really know how many's coming from different churches until Thursday morning, when we all show up."

Some of those volunteers will be delivering meals to numerous recipients around the city and county, including Hospice patients and families, homebound residents, emergency responders and law enforcement officers, the Cullman County Detention Center, Foundry Farm, Pilot Light Home and Daystar House. Deliveries to members of the community's Hispanic population are being coordinated with Pastor Raul Dominguez of First United Methodist Church.

Menu

The menu for this year includes turkey, chicken and dressing, green beans, sweet potato casserole, cranberry sauce, and what Hassell described as "lots of delicious homemade pound cakes!" St. John's has long been in charge of the pound cakes and, three days before the event, had already received 125 of the desserts with more expected by Thursday.

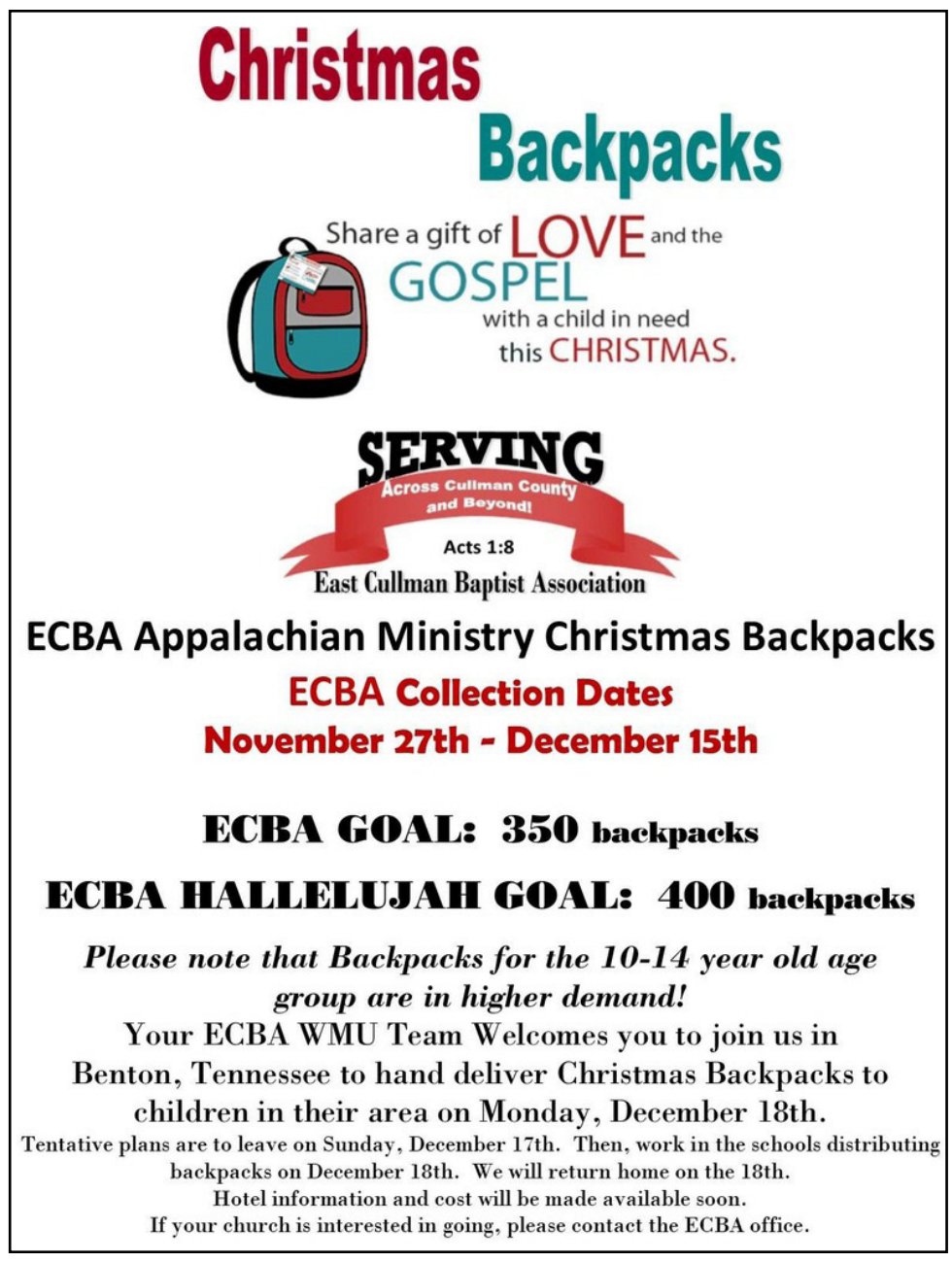
At a glance
Grover Reeves Community Thanksgiving Day Meal
St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 Second Ave. SE, Cullman
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Reservations for delivery required by noon Tuesday; walk-in diners on Thursday do not require reservations.

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Golden Corral opens today on Cherokee Ave.

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A sign outside the restaurant announces the opening date.

CULLMAN – The wait is over, and just in time for Thanksgiving. Golden Corral will open its doors today at 10 a.m. in the old Ryan's location on Cherokee Avenue in southwest Cullman. The restaurant's official address is 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW.

News of the chain's Cullman location first came out back in August.

An official press release from the restaurant chain stated, "Golden Corral Buffet & Grill is excited to be entering the Cullman, AL market.

"The approximately 10,000 square ft. Golden Corral has seating capacity for 350 guests, and brings approximately 100 jobs to the community."

Susan Eller, Cullman Economic Development Agency project coordinator told The Tribune, "While talking with the representatives of Golden Corral, they are excited to be locating in Cullman. We have discussed ways they can give back to Cullman, which demonstrates they have a heart for showing support for the community that supports them."

Continued Eller, "Mayor Jacobs and I were able to visit the store last week. We were impressed with the selections of food they will offer the community from fresh salads to hand-cut meats to a very tempting dessert bar complete with the chocolate fountain which I am sure will be enjoyed by all ages!

"We are excited that they were able to turn an empty building into something, that appears from comments I read, that many people in the community are looking forward to visiting, said Eller.

"We are seeing a lot of retail activity in the community. With the opening of national brands like Golden Corral, it helps drive more of what the community wants to the area."

According to Golden Corral Marketing Director Sandy Choate, "The restaurant will feature endless home-style buffet favorites such as pot roast, fried chicken, meatloaf, mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables, plus a variety of international tastes and flavors including Italian and Mexican and signature seafood dishes.

"Guests will be able to enjoy premium meats slow smoked in-house over aged mesquite wood at our Smokehouse station. Sirloin steak is grilled to order, carved, and served daily at dinner.

"As a complement to the hot buffet items, the restaurant features a market-fresh salad bar, where guests may build their own salads from dozens of ingredients.

"Rounding out the buffet offering, a variety of cakes, pies and homemade breads—including warm, melt-in-your-mouth yeast rolls—are served on the Bakery buffet. The new Cullman Golden Corral will also showcase their legendary Chocolate Wonderfall – an ever-flowing chocolate fountain for dipping your favorite fruits and dessert treats.

"Cullman's Golden Corral will serve a Sunrise Breakfast Buffet every Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning from 9:30 –11 a.m. A 7-Day Brunch will be served every day from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. and will feature specialty waffles, made-to-order eggs and omelets and so much more.

"The restaurant will have two spacious separate meeting rooms available for large groups and organizations in the area that choose to dine at Golden Corral.

"Golden Corral Corporation is enthusiastic about locating to the Cullman market – a community that they feel is a perfect fit for their brand and a great location to become an active part of Cullman's business community."

#NotYourGrandmasChurchBazaar: Cullman FUMC holds annual market

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – As the holiday season draws near, many people are looking for presents for friends and family, and local fundraiser sales can be a great way to shop for the perfect gift while giving back to the community. One such fundraiser, held by Cullman First United Methodist Church on Saturday, gave shoppers the chance to support three different church missions while preparing for the holidays.

Cullman FUMC's second annual GIFTS: Missions Market was held to raise funds for three missions, two local and one international, though organizers said they hope to increase that number as the sale grows each year. This year, the market funds will go to Loads of Love (a monthly laundry assistance program), Knapsacks for Kids (a program that sends food home with kids for the weekend) and the church's Jamaican mission team and the orphanage it sponsors.

Everything sold at the market was donated by members of the congregation and the community. Farmers, bakers, craft workers and local businesses provided all kinds of goods and goodies for shoppers to choose from: locally-grown produce like sweet potatoes and mixed greens, homemade jams and baked goods, wooden crafts, knitted and crocheted accessories, and an abundance of gift certificates.

Visitors could either buy goods directly from most of the tables or participate in a silent auction. Guests also enjoyed a spaghetti lunch provided by church members.

The Missions Market debuted last year and raised around $7,000 for the three missions, and this year's market looked to bring in about the same, if not more. Anyone interested in helping to support these missions can expect the market to return next year on the weekend before the Iron Bowl, or donations can be given through the church office at any time.

Find the church online at http://cullmanfumc.com or www.facebook.com/cullmanfumc.



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Organizers had fun with the marketing for this year's market, using the hashtag #NotYourGrandmasChurchBazaar

Vinemont band boosters hold annual craft show

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Running a school band program isn't cheap. Uniforms, instruments, instrument repairs, transportation, food for the performers and any registration fees for contests and competitions can add up quickly, so many bands rely on fundraisers as well as school funding to pay these expenses. These fundraisers can range from the common bake sales and car washes to renting out a building for a craft fair, as the Vinemont High School band boosters did Friday and Saturday.

For more than 30 years, the Vinemont Eagle Band has raised money for general band maintenance by hosting its annual craft fair. Walking into the Cullman Civic Center, one could see vendors spilling out of the main hall into the entrance hall and several other meeting rooms.

There was something for everyone: clothes, bags, crocheted and knitted accessories, wooden trinkets, hand-carved knives and pens, scented wax packets for wax melters, custom-made jewelry, soaps, candles and a concession stand for people who needed a break from shopping.

The fundraiser is sponsored by the Vinemont band boosters, and band members worked at the fair to help the vendors by loading, unloading and taking over their booths when they needed a break. Band booster treasurer Valetta Baker said that the fair has brought an average of $4,000-$4,500 in recent years from vendor booth rentals and concessions sales, although the band's decreasing size in recent years has resulted in fewer members being able to help prepare more food for the concession stand.

Baker approximated that this year's fair would raise about $4,000 for the band's general maintenance fund. "General band equipment, band uniform cleaning - you know we're a very small band and we don't get any general outside funds. The school doesn't provide any additional funds; the only thing the school provides is the band director's salary," Baker shared.

"Whatever equipment they have to purchase, whatever equipment needs to be repaired, trailer expenses for the trailer to be pulled back and forth, new tires (we've had to replace those just recently) - this goes into the general fund to help with all of them, the yearly funds that are required."



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Vendors had a variety of handmade crafts and goodies for sale at this year's annual show.

Aside from the craft fair, the Eagle Band also earns a lot of money by sponsoring the Vinemont Elementary beauty pageant.

Other smaller fundraisers include smoked meat sales, selling off a blanket with the school emblem, a poinsettia fundraiser (which is happening now), Belk tickets, Christmas cash donations and apparel sales.

Much of the proceeds from these fundraisers will go to, in addition to regular band expenses, helping the band fund a spring trip to Universal Studios, where it will perform in the Superstar Parade.

Before then, the band will hold a Christmas concert at Faith Baptist Church on Thursday, Dec. 7, and will be performing a selection of concert music for the Music Performance Assessment in March.

WSCC SPORTS

Wallace State volleyball closes season with 34-10 record; WSCC men's basketball cruises at home

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's volleyball team had its season end on Friday at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I national tournament, losing to Panola College (16-25, 14-25, 22-25) in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Wallace State closed its season with a 34-10 record after making its ninth consecutive NJCAA national championship appearance and a conference-best 17th overall.

Sophomore Kaylee Maddox led the Lions' in their final match of 2017, finishing with eight digs and seven kills. Abby Borden had 19 assists for Wallace State,

Emily Wilson finished with 16 digs, Lexie Riggins had six kills and Courtlyn Barber added five kills.

Kaitlyn Adams led Panola with 10 kills. Cayman Sutton had 19 assists.

Wallace State dropped its tournament opener to Miami Dade College, which went on to capture its second straight national championship and sixth overall.

It was the final match at Wallace State for Maddox, Borden, Wilson, Kati Thomas and Caroline Gann. They were a part of 72 wins and two conference championships during their two-year tenure, extending Wallace State's streak to nine consecutive ACCC tournament championships and 10 straight regular season titles.

Borden, the conference leader is assists, was the 2017 ACCC Player of the Year, the NJCAA Player of the Week in October and earned ACCC Player of the Week status on three occasions.

Maddox led the conference in kills and was a 2nd-team All-ACCC/Region 22 and ACCC Tournament selection.

Wilson led the ACCC in digs and Riggins was the ACCC Tournament MVP and an All-ACCC/Region 22 first team for her regular season work.

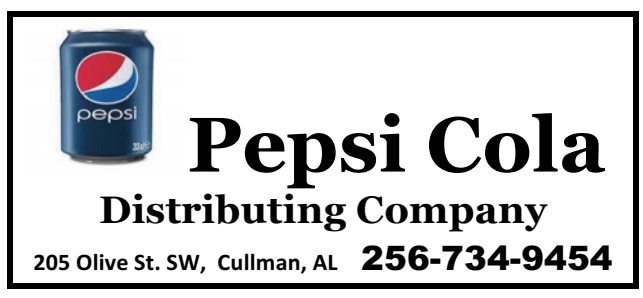
Wallace State coach Randy Daniel surpassed the 400-win plateau with the Lions in October and has a 404-90 career record after 11 seasons.

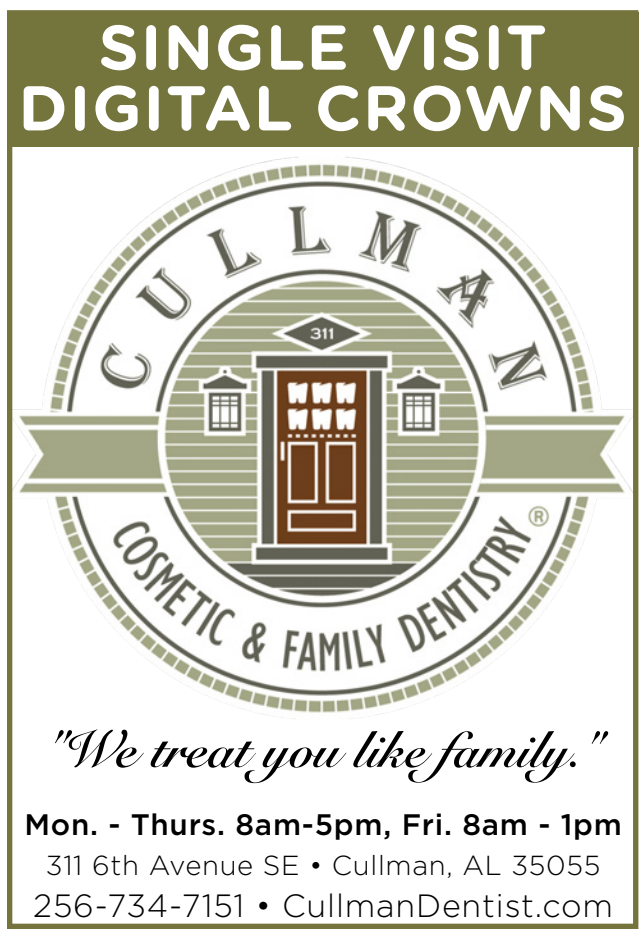
Men's Basketball
Wallace State 80, Martin Methodist JV 50
Four Wallace State players finished with double figures as the Lions had a big second half in a non-conference victory.

Chris Rollins led the Wallace State (4-1) charge with 17 points and eight rebounds, Jonathan Andre had 15 points and seven rebounds, John Payne poured in 13 points and grabbed six rebounds off the bench and Deequan Fleming added 12 points and eight rebounds off the bench.

Geordon Walker pitched in with seven points for Wallace State. The Lions led 29-25 at halftime. Both Wallace State basketball teams travel to Volunteer State on Tuesday.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit http://athletics.wallacestate.edu.









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State Troopers: Buckle up, slow down and drive alert this Thanksgiving holiday

ALDOT limits road construction and lane closures Wednesday-Sunday

Allison Green
ALDOT

MONTGOMERY – To ease Thanksgiving traffic congestion statewide and as an added safety precaution, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) announced there will be no temporary lane closures on Alabama interstates from noon, Wednesday, Nov. 22, through midnight, Sunday, Nov. 26.

"Motorists can do their part for roadway safety during the Thanksgiving holiday by wearing a seat belt and making sure all passengers in their vehicle do the same," said Allison Green, Drive Safe Alabama coordinator with ALDOT.

"It only takes a few seconds to buckle a seat belt. And those few seconds could be the difference between life and death if you're involved in a crash."

Top 3 Holiday Highway Safety Tips

1. Always wear a seat belt, including passengers in front and rear seats.
The odds greatly favor those wearing a seat belt. The latest data shows that about 60 percent of Alabamians who die in vehicle crashes are not buckled up. In comparison, about 98 percent of people involved in vehicle crashes that are unharmed were reported to have been wearing their seat belts.

2. Slow down.
Speeding is the leading cause of fatal crashes in Alabama.

3. Drive alert when traveling through highway work zones.
Even when workers aren't present, lanes in a work zone can shift or grooves in the road can alter the way a vehicle handles. So, it's important to pay attention to changing conditions and maintain a safe distance around other vehicles.

For more safe driving tips visit the Drive Safe Alabama Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DriveSafeAlabama.


DRIVE SAFE ALABAMA

Throughout the year, ALDOT limits road construction during major holiday weekends. Emergency lane closures may be possible based on specific circumstances on interstates and other state roadways.

For further information, visit www.dot.state.al.us. Motorists can access real-time, road work, traffic and weather conditions through www.algotraffic.com or by downloading the ALGO Traffic app in the Apple App Store and on Google Play. ALDOT asks motorist to use ALGO Traffic responsibly. Drivers should never text, tweet, or use a mobile device while driving a vehicle.

Governor Ivey Announces $1.5 million in local Homeland Security grants

Office of Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey on Monday announced first responders from across the state will receive Homeland Security grants totaling $1.5 million. The grants will provide sheriffs' offices, police departments, fire departments and other first responders the opportunity to acquire new equipment, as well as to conduct training in three categories: interoperable communications, critical infrastructure/soft target protection and weapons of mass destruction (WMD) response.

"Homeland Security is hometown security," Ivey said. "Our first responders are the first line of defense for Alabama. As such recent events as hurricanes that swept through the Southeast to the terrorist attack in New York City demonstrated, first responders must be trained and ready to respond to natural disasters and man-made events." Forty-three first-responder organizations of varying sizes will receive the 2017 grants. The grants include funds for such equipment as a metal detector scanner for Lowndes County Sheriff's Office, camera system for Morgan County EMA, and radios for Camden Police Department, Bullock County Sheriff's Office and Mount Weisner Fire Department.

Secretary of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Hal Taylor said, "I want to thank Governor Ivey for her support of men and women who dedicate their own lives to protecting the lives and property of Alabama's citizens. These grants will further enhance their capability to be ready when needed." ALEA administers the FEMA State Homeland Security Grant Program in Alabama. All local first-responder agencies were eligible to apply for funding. Representatives from such first-responder professional associations as the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers, Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, Alabama Fire Chiefs Association and the Alabama Sheriffs Association reviewed and scored grant applications.







SHANE BARNETTE

Eight area principals are participating in the Principal Leadership Academy. Pictured left to right are: Robin Netherton (Vinemont High School), John Hood (Good Hope High School), Mike Jones (West Point Intermediate School), Kevin Sullins (Harmony School), Tonya Cupp (Good Hope Primary School) and Vicky Johnson (Cold Springs Elementary School). Not pictured: Alan Dunkling (Good Hope Middle School) and Kim Hall (Cullman High School)

8 area principals participating in new leadership academy

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CULLMAN – Eight area principals are participating in a new program called the Principal Leadership Academy (PLA). The program is a part of the Principally Speaking Network (PSN), from The Schools Foundation, a nonprofit education advocacy organization based in Huntsville. The Network is, according to the Foundation, "a professional development program for school administrators designed to assist participants in increasing student achievement through more effective leadership practices."

According to Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette, Dr. Ed Nichols is heading up the Academy. Barnette said superintendents of school districts in Cullman's PSN area were invited to nominate principals in their first three years of school leadership to participate in the Academy. He said participants attend four sessions throughout the school year and learn about issues relevant to their schools and their communities.

The 2017-2018 class includes 35 principals from eight school districts across north Alabama.

From Cullman County Schools, Principals Robin Netherton (Vinemont High School), John Hood (Good Hope High School), Mike Jones (West Point Intermediate School), Kevin Sullins (Harmony School), Tonya Cupp (Good Hope Primary School), Vicky Johnson (Cold Springs Elementary School) and Alan Dunkling (Good Hope Middle School) are participating.

From Cullman City Schools, Kim Hall (Cullman High School) is participating.

The Academy's first session was held at Calhoun Community College's Huntsville campus on Oct. 24, 2017, where Barnette said participants learned about thinking styles and ways to modify their behaviors to deal with thinking styles that are different from their own.

The next PLA session will take place on Dec. 12 and will be hosted by Toyota.

"We are excited about another great day of learning and networking," Barnette said in a media release. "I am so proud of all of our administrators in Cullman County. They are some of the most dedicated and hard-working educators in our state. I am excited that the seven principals that have been hired over the last two years are able to participate in the Principal Leadership Academy. Everything that The Schools Foundation facilitates is top notch! This group of principals (is) already highly effective, but I fully expect this networking opportunity to continue to help them grow professionally."

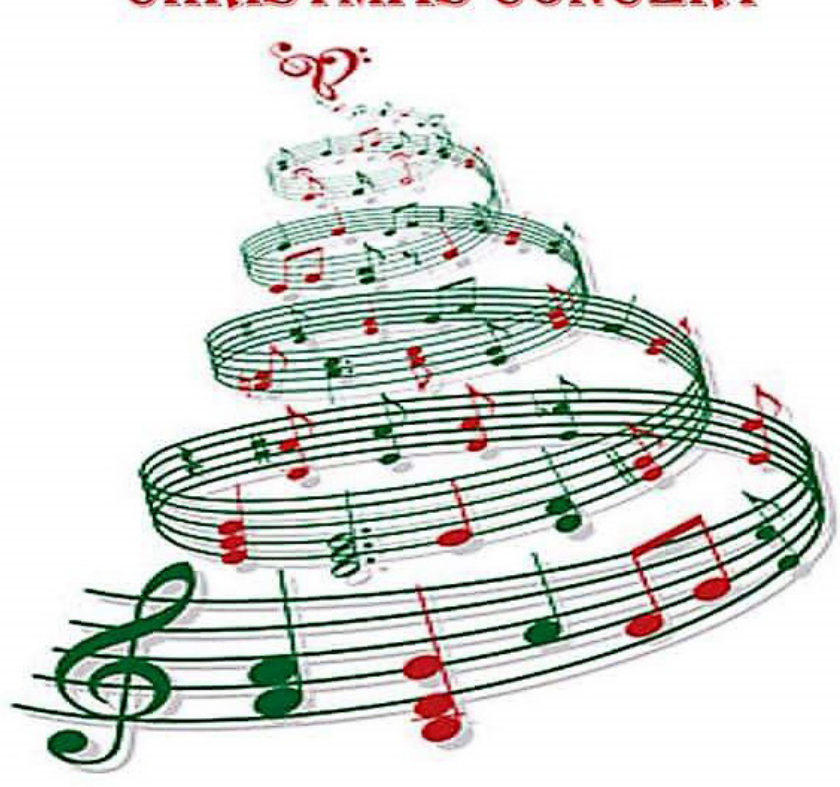
Cullman City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Susan Patterson, shared, ""Mrs. Hall has exhibited strong leadership as CHS principal over the last 18 months. Her participation in the Principal Leadership Academy demonstrates her commitment to continuous learning.

"Outstanding school principals must have a strong support network beyond their campus and this program provides that, along with the advanced training. I am looking forward to the many great things CHS will accomplish with Mrs. Hall as principal."

Find out more about The Schools Foundation's Principally Speaking Network at http://qrne.ws/psn.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday, December 4, 2017, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Request to vacate right of way at 1816 Teakwood Drive SE
2. Review and recommendation of the 2015 International Building Code for adoption

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
A.C. S. CASE NO: AD2017-077
A MINOR CHILD. DOB: 01/17/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO BE PUBLISHED

TO: JUSTIN CHASE STEVENS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by MITCHELL SHAE MCCLENDON, Petitioner, and STORMIE CALVERT MCCLENDON, biological mother. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this adoption, you **MUST** file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court at 500 2nd Avenue S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE THIS 30th DAY OF October, 2017.

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

TO: PUBLISHER – THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

PLEASE PUBLISH THE ABOVE NOTICE IN SAID PUBLICATION FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS AND SEND PROOF TO JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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3000 First Avenue SE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
JAMES H. SIVLEY,)
DECEASED.) CASE NO.: PC: 2012-353

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of a Order in the above styled cause rendered by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge, on October 13, 2017, Beverly Paschal Poston, as Attorney for the Estate of James H. Sivley, deceased, shall on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM proceed to sell at public auction the following described real estate at the East Entrance of the Cullman County Courthouse at Cullman, Alabama, for cash to the best, highest and last bidder:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, in Cullman County, Alabama; thence North along the East margin of said forty approximately 365 feet to the South margin of a public road; thence West along the margin of said road 210 feet to a point; thence South 365 feet to a point on the North margin of the Bob Scofield property; thence East 210 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1 ¾ acres, more or less.

Also,

Commence at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East, thence continue West along the South line of said quarter section a distance of 210 feet, more or less, to a point, said point being the point of beginning of the land herein conveyed; thence continue West along said line of the quarter section a distance of 210 feet, more or less, to a point, thence North 322 feet, thence East 210 feet, and thence South 322 feet, back to the point of beginning, containing 1 ¼ acres, more or less.

Less and except the following: Commencing at an iron pin found at a point purported to be the southeast corner of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 1 East in Cullman County, Alabama; thence North 8 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds West 152.33 feet to an iron pin found on a fence line, the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence along said fence line South 84 degrees 49 minutes 27 seconds West 115.27 feet to an iron pin set on said fence line; thence North 1 degree 44 minutes 20 seconds East 140.73 feet to an iron pin set on the south margin of Harmony Road; thence along the south margin of said road North 86 degrees 53 minutes 19 seconds East 91.31 feet to an iron pin found on the south margin of said road; thence leaving the south margin of said road South 8 degrees 08 minutes 57 seconds East 136.60 feet to the point of beginning.

Said lands lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

TO THE PUBLISHER OF THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE:

Publish once a week for three (3) successive weeks beginning

The 7th day of November, 2017.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

Meals (from Front)

This free Thanksgiving dinner is for anybody and everybody to come and enjoy a full meal with the community.

Those from outside the Gold Ridge community are also welcome. Carry-out plates will be available as well.

This year's dinner will also have a twist: The Great Dressing Cookoff. Those who want to compete should have their dressing to the community center by 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Said Rachel Bryant, of nonprofit Karma in Cullman, "The cookoff is part of our efforts to get community involvement with the Gold Ridge Community Thanksgiving Dinner that we are assisting Myra Walker with (This is her project...).

"We fed nearly 500 people last year, which was about 40 large pans of dressing, so trying to help take some weight off of Myra and our staff we thought it would be fun to do a dressing cookoff...We will have some special judges coming out, and we will be giving prizes to the winner and runners-up."

Continued Bryant, "It started off as a joke with Big D on the radio show and it turned into an awesome way to get the community involved with helping feed residents of Cullman County a hot Thanksgiving meal who otherwise might not have one."

From 1-7 p.m., a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach coordinator from the Food Bank of North Alabama who will be available to help sign up families who might need food assistance.

From 1-5 p.m. Karma in Cullman will also be onsite, taking applications from families who might need help over the Christmas holidays.

24th Annual Grover Reeves Community Thanksgiving Day Meal
When: Thursday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Christ Hall at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church; 512 Second Ave. SE, Cullman

Sponsored by Cullman area churches. Reservations for delivery required by noon Tuesday, walk-in diners on Thursday do not require reservations.

For information or reservations, call 256-734-0344.

Sardis Baptist Church 4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal
When: Thursday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Where: Trimble Community Center; 7802 County Road 813, Cullman

From the church, "If you or someone you know would be blessed by a great Thanksgiving feast on Thanksgiving Day please stop by for the meal and/or let them know about this community meal.

"Plates can also be delivered, so message us (www.facebook.com/sardisbaptistcullman or 256-739-5300) with any names/addresses/contact info of people who don't normally have a Thanksgiving meal and we would love to be a blessing to them.

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