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– FAITH –

Re-start, re-focus for Grace Place



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An art project by one of Grace Place's participants » PAGE 2

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Commission names Bradley Williams director of Cullman County Economic Development

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Commission on Wednesday morning had a short organizational meeting, the first for newly sworn-in Chairman Jeff "Clem" Clemons. After recognizing the veterans in attendance, the commission took care of a few items of business.

Clemons, who retired from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) in October after more than 33 years of service, announced that former CCSO Communications Director Bradley Williams has been named the new director of Cullman County Economic Development. Williams fills the vacancy left by Cherrie Haney, who led the office from 2013 through the end of 2018.

"I want to first thank Chairman Jeff Clemons, Commissioner Garry Marchman and Commissioner Kerry Watson for this new opportunity to serve the citizens of Cullman County. I would also like to thank Sheriff Matt Gentry, for whom I have worked for the past six years, for giving me the opportunity to work at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office," Williams told The Tribune. "I look forward to the challenges ahead in my new role as director of Cullman County Economic Development, but also the opportunities to serve citizens, continue the good work this office has done in the past and hopefully expand the role CCED has in working with all our partners."



BRADLEY WILLIAMS

Bradley Williams has been tapped as the new director of Cullman County Economic Development.

The Cullman County Commission's website says, "The Cullman County Economic Development office provides a variety of services. CCED, at the discretion of the Cullman County Commission, assists local municipalities in acquiring funding for community development projects, such as walking trails, parks, boat docks (and) community building improvements."

In the past, the office has been instrumental in securing grants for Cullman County's municipalities and volunteer fire departments.

Clemons also introduced Tiffany Merriman, former chief records clerk at the CCSO, who will serve as the new Cullman County clerk.

The meeting schedule for the coming year was approved. Cullman County Attorney Emily Johnston said meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month, beginning Nov. 19. The meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse. If the regular meeting day falls on a holiday, the meeting will be moved to that Thursday at 6 p.m.

The commission also approved removing former chairman Kenneth Walker and adding Clemons to all County bank accounts. Health.

HEALTH

For 2nd week, Cullman Regional reports record COVID-19 hospitalizations



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Cullman Regional Hospital » PAGE 2

Take the 'Turkey Plunge' to support Cullman libraries

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Join the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County for its Freezin' for a Reason event, the Turkey Plunge, by running/walking into the chilly waters of Smith Lake Saturday, Nov. 21 at Smith Lake Park.

"Turkeys" of all ages are invited to take the plunge and participate in the "coolest" event of the season.

The event is open to the public, requiring registration and a $15 entry fee payable on the day of the event. ($10 per additional family member)

On-site registration will be from 9:15-10 a.m. prior to the event.

Plungers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items that will be donated to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank.

Each entrant will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a $25 gift certificate (total of five).

At the "Gobble," the plungers will run/walk into the ice-cold Smith Lake waters from the Smith Lake Park beach.

There is no time limit to remain in the water - and no specific depth to reach.

The fun is in the cheering for each other - the costumes - the brrrr afterward, and most importantly - all donations will support The Friends in their mission of fundraising for all Cullman County Public Library branches - meeting the needs of all residents.

Social distancing will be required during the Plunge.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport said of the Turkey Plunge, "It's a first for our park, at least since I've been here. That's exciting. I hope lots of folks will come out."

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STATE

ALEA: Use caution with 3rd party websites when renewing driver's licenses

ALEA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) would like to remind all citizens to use caution and be aware of third-party websites when renewing driver's licenses online.

Third-party websites may look "official," and often partner with search engines to appear at the top of search results. Many third-party sites charge additional fees or "upcharges" to complete transactions. These third-party application sites are independently administered and are not affiliated with ALEA in any way.

"We were recently made aware of a website that charged a $50 administrative fee in addition to the agency's $39 renewal fee.

"That is a significant upcharge from ALEA's online transaction fee, which is only $2.75," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said.

"As with any type of website service, we encourage Alabama citizens to use caution when utilizing third-party websites."

Here are a few tips to help customers ensure they are visiting ALEA's official website:

• Rather than using a search engine to reach ALEA's Driver License Division, enter our web address (www.alea.gov) directly into your browser's address bar. Once you reach ALEA's official site, click "view all online services," then click "renew your driver license online."

• ALEA charges a $2.75 transaction fee for online renewals. If you incur any additional charges, you are not on the ALEA website.

• Look for the words, "The official site of those who protect and serve Alabama" and the official ALEA seal at the top of the page. These are included as additional security measures.

Please be advised that you are only eligible to renew your license 180 days prior to the expiration date. You may purchase a duplicate license, permit or ID card at any time through ALEA's online services.

Hospitalizations (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Regional on Wednesday reported 42 patients currently hospitalized with COVID-19. This is the second week in a row the hospital has reported record COVID hospitalizations. Eight of those 42 patients are reported to be on ventilators.

"We continue to see a significant increase in the number of patients hospitalized with COVID," said Cullman Regional Vice President, Marketing Lindsey Dossey.

"With the continued increase of COVID-19 cases in Cullman County, we ask the community to please be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing.

"Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance and wear a mask," the hospital posted on social media.

Countywide, according to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), 43 new cases were confirmed Tuesday, with 2,579 cases confirmed across the county since the beginning of the pandemic. Of those, 805 were confirmed in just the last 14 days.

Statewide, the ADPH reported 1,368 new confirmed cases Tuesday, with 21,426 in the last 14 days.

It also reported a total of 1,171 patients currently hospitalized across the state.

Cullman Regional has reported 33 COVID deaths since the start of the pandemic, with 26 of those patients being residents of Cullman County.

*** ADPH: Important Notice 11/11/20**

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) recently began a review process for a large number of deaths from our Alabama Center for Health Statistics (ACHS). This may result in additional death numbers which are historic and do not reflect recent mortality due to COVID-19. For instance, at least half the deaths reported on the Data Dashboard for 11/11 are from review of this historic data. More deaths may be added in the coming days as ADPH continues its review.

Reviewing data is a standard process for ADPH in COVID-19, as well as other notifiable diseases. As part of the process for reporting deaths, each death is reviewed as records are received and investigations are opened. There may be delays in death reporting due to receiving information from hospitals, coroners, and other entities who send records to ADPH.

Upon further investigation, some deaths may be removed from the data count, as there may be duplicate records, deaths that were reported as COVID-19 but are found not to be attributable to this virus, or in rare instances, a death may be reported and the person is not deceased.

ADPH strives to present the most accurate data reflective of the current state of the pandemic in Alabama.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard

• Total confirmed cases in AL: 176,355 (+1,368 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in AL: 32,282 (+702 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in AL*: 2,958 (+68 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in AL*: 243
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co.: 2,579 (+43 since yesterday)
• Probable cases in Cullman Co.: 819 (+27 since yesterday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Cullman Co.*: 23 (+1 since yesterday)
• Probable deaths in Cullman Co.*: 7
• Total tested in Cullman Co.: 22,161
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 2,165
• Cases in the last 14 days in Cullman Co.: 805
• Total tested in Alabama: 1,421,590
• Cases in the last 14 days in Alabama: 21,426
• Total tested in the last 14 days in Alabama: 101,763
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,171
• Cumulative no. of hospitalizations in Alabama: 21,886
• Presumed recoveries in Alabama (reported weekly): 84,471

See more details at https://bit.ly/2VjCQbP.

Grace Place (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Grace Place, Grace Episcopal Church's ministry to persons with memory loss and their caretakers, faced the same shutdown as every senior program suffered in the spring, but leaders are now looking to the future.

Program founder Deacon Jerry Jacob shared with The Tribune:

"Like much of the activities of our community, Grace Place was put on hold by the threat of the COVID-19 coronavirus. A new program director had been hired in late February and two weeks later the program was shut down by the threat of the pandemic.

"Fortunately, Grace Place was able to keep the new Director on a part-time basis sending out weekly activity packets to the participants' (those with memory loss) homes.

"Their caregivers were enabled to keep their loved ones 'busy' with word games, puzzles, art or craft projects, devotionals, songs and stories.

"By the end of September, the spread of the virus seemed to be abating somewhat.

"By that time, also, there was plenty of publicized effective ways to combat the virus spread for small group gatherings.

"The organization's board, with medical advice and input of other respite programs, decided to re-start the program.

"After much preparation, planning and acquiring necessary sanitation supplies, Grace Place re-opened on Oct. 20, with Melva Jackson continuing as the 'new' program director.

"The program's structure has been changed to meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, instead of a four-hour session, and lunch was eliminated due to masks not being worn. Face masks or shields are provided, social distancing is maintained, and there is plenty of cleansing and sanitizing going on.

"Just as important for the program to keep its focus on socialization and constructive engagement; a volunteer works with each participant and sessions are jam packed with activities. Each session and activities are tied to a central theme or topic. Recent themes have been Halloween, Veterans Day, and the presidential election.

"A typical session consists of a devotional, mild chair exercises, a travelogue, word game or puzzle, an art and/or craft project, background music when appropriate, and even a short break for stretching their legs. The participants have turned out wonderful art and craft work and shown amazing skills with word games and puzzles. Minds and bodies are kept active all session long."

For more information about enrolling a participant or volunteering at Grace Place, email Melva Jackson at melvalayne@yahoo.com.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Church Services
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Please join us to pray or come for prayer.
• "Events of the End Times" Bible study with Pastor Bobby Dodd- Wednesdays at 6 p.m.
• Sunday mornings- 10 a.m. adult, youth and children's classes; 11 a.m. children's classes; praise and worship, and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd

Cullman Moose Lodge Annual Turkey Shoots
At the Lodge on Eva Road at 8 a.m. every Saturday through Dec. 5. There will also be a special shoot Thanksgiving Day. Proceeds from these events will go to benefit the Lodge Special Projects Fund and local charities. Call 256-318-3013 for additional details or information.

Smoked Turkey & Ham Fundraiser
• Proceeds support the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.
• Let Freddie Day Catering cook your Thanksgiving ham or turkey! Order your delicious, slow-smoked 11-13 lb. turkey or 8-9 lb. ham and support the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.
• When: Pre-orders accepted until Nov. 13 (must be paid in full when order is placed)
• Cost: Turkey $25 Ham $35
• Curbside pickup: Nov. 21 from 10-11 a.m. and Nov. 25 from 4-5 p.m.
• Location: Freddie Day Catering 1628 2nd Ave. NW
• For ordering information, contact Louise Cole at 256-503-5301 or Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993.
• Email us at ccbbfinc@gmail.com or visit www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Wallace State Future Foundation Student Investment Lunch-In and Auction
• The online auction will take place from Nov. 18 through Dec. 3, with anyone welcome to bid on items.
• The Lunch-In will be catered by Seasoned Catering and The Historic Bakery. The menu includes stuffed pork loin with bacon, Swiss cheese, sundried tomato and bacon citrus cream, green beans almondine, roasted baby red and gold potatoes, house made rolls and a gourmet red velvet cookie for dessert.
• The drive-thru event will be held Dec. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the new Traditions Bank Operations Center at the corner of Third Avenue Northwest and First Street Northwest in Cullman. Deliveries will be made to Legacy, Premier and Gold sponsors on the date of their choice between Dec. 7-18.
• Sponsorship levels range from the $50 Fund a Need Sponsor to the $25,000 Legacy Sponsor, which pledges $5,000 annually for five years. Any donation will be gladly accepted, and donations can be earmarked to a specific scholarship fund of your choice.
• Visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/sil20 to register for the event, to access the online auction or make donations.
• Reservations for lunch should be made by Nov. 20. Call 256-352-7842 for more information or visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org/sil20.

Cullman Education Retirees Association Meeting
• Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms in the meeting room (right of main dining room)
• All education retirees are invited to attend. Our program will be presented by Southern Eats. Following the program, we will have a brief business session and then enjoy lunch together.

Little Farmers Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt
• Friday, Nov. 13, from 10-11 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• Meet worm friends and try a little 'dirt' pudding! We will feature Kate Messner's adorable children's book 'Up in the Garden, Down in the Dirt' for this fun preschool program. This program is for ages 3-5 with their adult. Classes are $5 per child.

Saint Bernard Prep Open House
• Friday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
• Parents and students will tour the campus with student ambassadors and get any questions or concerns from the students' perspective regarding St. Bernard Prep. St. Bernard Prep is a co-educational, day and boarding school serving students in grades 7-12. Parents of students from fifth grade and up are welcome to attend the open house. Registration will take place in the school library where the tours will begin. For a personal tour, contact Fr. Linus Kluscarits at 256-739-6682. Saint Bernard Prep is operated by the Benedictine monks of St. Bernard Abbey.

34th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Show / Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show
• Saturday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Depot Park by the Train Depot, 309 First Ave. NE
• Fundraiser for Christmas Love of Cullman- Entry fee is $20 or a new toy valued at $20
• Dash plaque for first 50 registered vehicles
• For more info, see www.facebook.com/hohohochristmasshow.

Drive-Thru Food Bank
• Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9-11 a.m. at Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Please bring an ID.

Cullman Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair & Vendor Expo
• Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge, 1525 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman
• Come out to shop early for Christmas. $1 ticket enters you for door prize drawings. Hot dogs, chili and chips available. All proceeds benefit Elks local charities.
• Masks are required. Please practice social distancing.

Swamp John's Dinner
• Saturday, Nov. 14 from 4-7 p.m. at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE, Cullman
• This is a fundraiser for our Missions department and all proceeds go toward these future ministry events. We will be providing drive-thru orders. Each $12 will also include a drink and a dessert.

Cullman Cars and Coffee
• Sunday, Nov. 15 from 2-4 p.m. at Depot Park, 309 First Ave. NE, Cullman
• Please park in the BIG parking lot across from the Festhalle Market! Be aware there may still be some construction going on.

Thanksgiving Revival with Dr. David Smith and Dr. David Beck
Sunday, Nov. 15 at 5 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 16-18 at 6:30 p.m. at Cross Baptist Church, 23654 U.S. Highway 31, Falkville, AL 35622

Heritage Skills Favorite Ferments
• Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• We are featuring local farmer Mae Jefferson from Wild Rows Farm. A brief history of fermenting, a beginners guide to the process of fermentation, and an explanation of the health benefits will all be covered! Mae will do a sauerkraut demonstration and each participant will take home some kraut and a SCOBY (kombucha culture). Cost is $10 per person. Registration required.

Laps for Lyme!
• Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. at Heritage Park, 1705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
• Madeline was diagnosed with Chronic Lyme as a young child and will fight it the rest of her life. Most insurance companies don't pay for the treatment and many rely on grants. Madeline has been fortunate to receive a couple of grants and would like to give back! This is a FREE event but donations for treatment grants will be gladly accepted. Madeline will also have her famous "Take a bite out of Lyme...drink Lemonade" stand at the event. Dress up if you'd like! The color of Lyme Disease awareness is of course, lime green!

Heritage Homeschool Woodworking
• Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9-11 a.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex, www.agriplex.org
• Students will use basic hand tools to make a woodworking project to take home. Due to the hands on nature of this program, no unregistered siblings allowed. Students may require assistance from their adults. Local members of the Woodworkers Guild will be on hand to help! Cost is $8 per child; max is $16 per family. Program is for kindergarten and up.

Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show
• Friday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ, 4345 AL Hwy. 157, Cullman, AL 35058
• Free admission. Door prizes and concessions. $500 cash raffle at noon Nov. 21.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Mastectomy Bra and Prothesis 2-Hour Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Cullman VFW, 112 Veterans Drive SW

We will have:
• New mastectomy bras, in various sizes, for a minimum donation of $10
•New, in box, prostheses in various sizes for a minimum donation of $25
• If you use these products, this is a great deal for you!

Kids Loving Kids
• Dec. 12 at Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• A community outreach that provides clothes and toys for children and teens. Help us provide for those in need by donating gently used clothes or toys, new toys or cash! Bring donations to the church Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call Joanne at 256-339-4138 to arrange a different time to drop items off. Call Alisha at 205-717-7478 to arrange for pick-up. To register to receive these items, sign up on Kids Loving Kid's Facebook page or go to https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041.

Fairview Lions Club Turkey Shoot
• Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26 at 7 a.m. at the Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field) on Wesley Avenue in Fairview starting
• We will shoot for turkeys and hams- $4 a shot. We are also selling chances on a Savage Bolt Action 270 rifle with a 22" barrel and case. Drawing will be after the turkey shoot. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club Project Fund. For more info, call Kita at 256-385-8805.

LEGALS

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Building Inspection Department

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, November 16, 2020, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request for Meadowbrook Subdivision – Lot 309 & Lot 205

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

INVITATION TO BID

COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Sealed Bids shall be received for one (1) or more Community Safe Room(s) by the Cullman County Commission, until 2:00 p.m. C.S.T. on December 3, 2020. Bids will be opened on December 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, Alabama. Bids will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 114" steel plate safe room, with bathrooms, generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. If a bid is selected, the contract will be awarded at the regular Cullman County Commission meeting on December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361. Each bidder must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. Upon completion of the project, the successful bidder will be required to provide a notarized contractor/installer form certifying that the project meets or exceeds FEMA 361 as well as an engineering peer review and design oversite letter provided by the contractor's engineer of choice.

The Cullman County Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions, and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30pm and Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. All bidders must use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked -in the lower left-hand envelope "BID # PMDC-04-AL-2017-001 Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be opened. All Bids for the Cullman County Commission Community Safe Room must be submitted to the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Matt Kinsland, Project Coordinator at mkinsland@co.cullman.al.us or call at 256-736-2434 during hours listed above; or contact, Cullman County Commission Attorney, Emily Johnston at ejohnston@co.cullman.al.us or call at 256-775-4878 during Commission business hours of Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on August 18, 2008 by Robert E. Wagnon and Gloria L. Wagnon, husband and wife, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1574, Page 544 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on December 7, 2020:

A parcel of land situated in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, S-29, T-11, R-5-W, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of said quarter, on the East side of the Craven Hole Road; thence East to the East line of said forty; thence North to the creek; thence in a Northwesterly direction following said creek to the above named road; thence Southwesterly along said road to the point of beginning. Containing 14 acres, more or less.

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

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

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-November 12, 19, 26, 2020

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JEANIE MOTT WILHITE,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2020-900251.00**

WILLIAM RUDE WILHITE,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

William Rude Wilhite, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Jeanie Mott Wilhite's Complaint for Divorce by January 4, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2020-900251.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 4th day of November, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Kimberly H. Drake
419 2ND Av SW
Cullman, AL 35055

Auction Notices

Contents of storage unit **B-15,** rented to **Lucinda Brown,** on **December 11, 2012,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **November 14, 2020,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: wooden table and assorted household goods.

Contents of storage unit **D-25,** rented to **Lee Adam White, Junior**, on **August 4, 2020,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **November 14, 2020,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: tools, antique radio stand, huge selection and assorted household goods.

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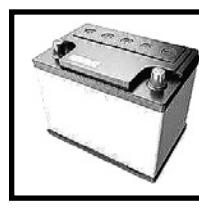
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November recognized as American Diabetes Month

Justin Miller
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Five hundred and thirty thousand Alabamians have diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) calls this disease "a serious health condition which can result in limb amputation, the need for dialysis or even death." To bring awareness and highlight what life is like for those diagnosed, November is recognized as American Diabetes Month.

What is diabetes?

Tera Glenn, an Alabama Extension human sciences regional agent, said diabetes is a disease that deals with the lack of production or the improper use of insulin in the body. There are three main types of diabetes including Type 1, Type 2 and Gestational Diabetes.

- Type 1 – the body does not produce insulin (usually diagnosed in children and adolescents)
- Type 2 – the body does not produce enough insulin or it is not properly used by the body (most common type)
- Gestational diabetes – This type usually occurs during pregnancy. Once the mother delivers the baby, the diabetes goes away. However, this is a risk factor for developing Type 2 diabetes later in life.

Glenn said while Type 1 diabetes is hereditary, there are several risk factors that contribute to a Type 2 diagnosis. These factors may include age, race, a person's family history of Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, gestational diabetes and being overweight.

"Having a family history of diabetes is a risk factor for developing diabetes," Glenn said.

"However, this does not mean that you will automatically develop diabetes just because it is in your family genetic history."

Effects on the body

"Diabetes can affect the whole body, including many major organs such as the heart, blood vessels, nerves, eyes and kidneys," Glenn said.

"If not properly managed, it can cause a person numerous complications and major damage to the body."

One complication that is possible is neuropathy, a pain or tingling numbness in the extremities, most commonly in the feet.

Other complications include blindness, poor kidney function and gum disease.

Unmanaged diabetes can also put a person at a great risk for a stroke and heart disease.

DEEP

The Alabama Extension human sciences team commits to providing Alabama residents with fact-based information about diabetes. Through the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP), professionals offer educational programs and classes to assist those living with diabetes.

"Diabetes is a serious disease that affects not only the person with diabetes, but their entire family as well," Glenn said.

"DEEP empowers people living with diabetes to take control of their situations."

Through education, a person with diabetes can learn the tools needed to prevent the costly complications related to diabetes.

The DEEP classes offer an engaging and interactive learning environment.

In these classes, attendees will learn about health management strategies and lifestyle choices as they relate to diabetes.

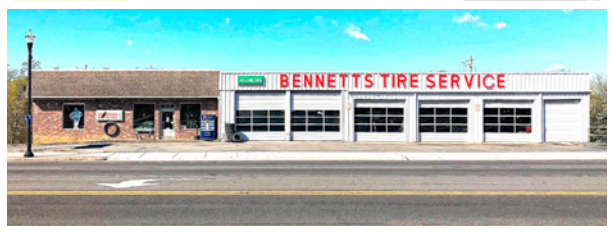
More information

For more information about DEEP, or to see a list of upcoming workshops, visit the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program (DEEP) page on the Alabama Extension website.

For further information, contact the human nutrition, diet and health agent that covers your area.

Information about the 2020 American Diabetes Month® campaign is available on the American Diabetes Association website.

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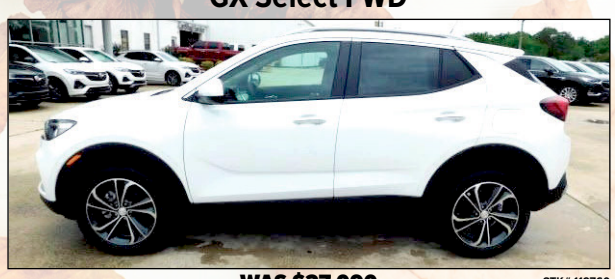
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Wallace State releases spring 2021 schedule of classes and academic calendar

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State has released its spring 2021 schedule of classes, which includes modifications to the academic calendar, more classes on campus, new weekend hours and course offerings, and a reminder about protocols designed to promote a healthy campus environment and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

The spring schedule is available at www.wallacestate.edu/schedule. Priority registration for spring semester begins Tuesday, Nov. 17. Spring classes start Jan. 19.

Key elements of the spring calendar include:

- The college will reopen on Jan. 5.
- Jan. 11-15 will serve as winter break for faculty and students, replacing spring break originally scheduled from March 29-April 2; the college will remain open to assist students.
- Tuition and fees will be due Jan. 15.
- Classes for regular and Mini Term I will begin Jan. 19.
- Classes for Mini Term II will begin March 17
- Final exams will be held May 5-11

Priority registration for spring 2021 will begin Nov. 17 under the following schedule:

- 45+ earned WSCC hours Nov. 17
- 30+ earned WSCC hours Nov. 18
- 15+ earned WSCC hours Nov. 19
- All other students Nov. 20

The college is offering traditional on-campus classes at both the Hanceville and Oneonta locations. Hybrid, online, min-term and flex start options are also available.

To protect the safety and well-being of students, faculty and staff, the college will continue its health and safety protocols, including the wearing of masks in public areas on campus and maintaining proper social distancing. To view the college's COVID-19 plan, visit www.wallacestate.edu/wshealth.

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

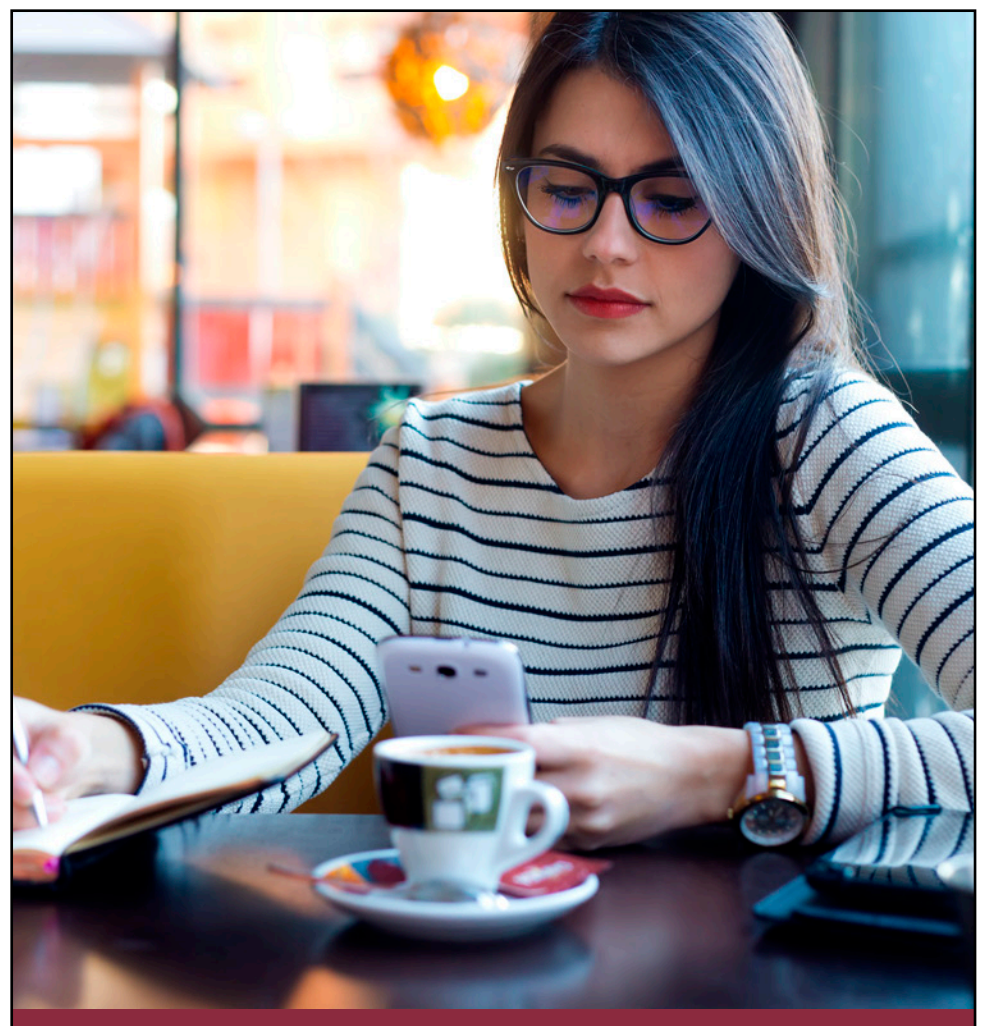
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Wallace State hosting state disc golf tournament Nov. 21

Chris Pugh
Tribune Correspondent

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Disc Golf is one of the fasting growing sports in America and it has become quite popular here in Cullman County. With the growth of disc golf in Cullman, the Cullman Disc Club (CDC) was born. It has a board of leaders that lead in the club by hosting a variety of events throughout the year including seasonal leagues and several one-day tournaments. Currently they are hosting "Glow-N-Throw" Friday night's at 6 p.m. at Heritage Park.

To help cap off a great year, CDC is partnering with WSCC to host a two-round Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) B-tier tournament, which is a state level tournament, Nov. 21 at WSCC. The tournament will be hosting several of north Alabama's best players, have an extra $750 going towards the payout in the pro divisions, and each round with be filmed by SoBlue Productions.

While the tournament will have some of the best locals completing for the title, it is a tournament friendly to any skillset because in disc golf tournaments divisions of varying skills are offered to men, women, and juniors, as well as age protected divisions for anyone 40 and older.

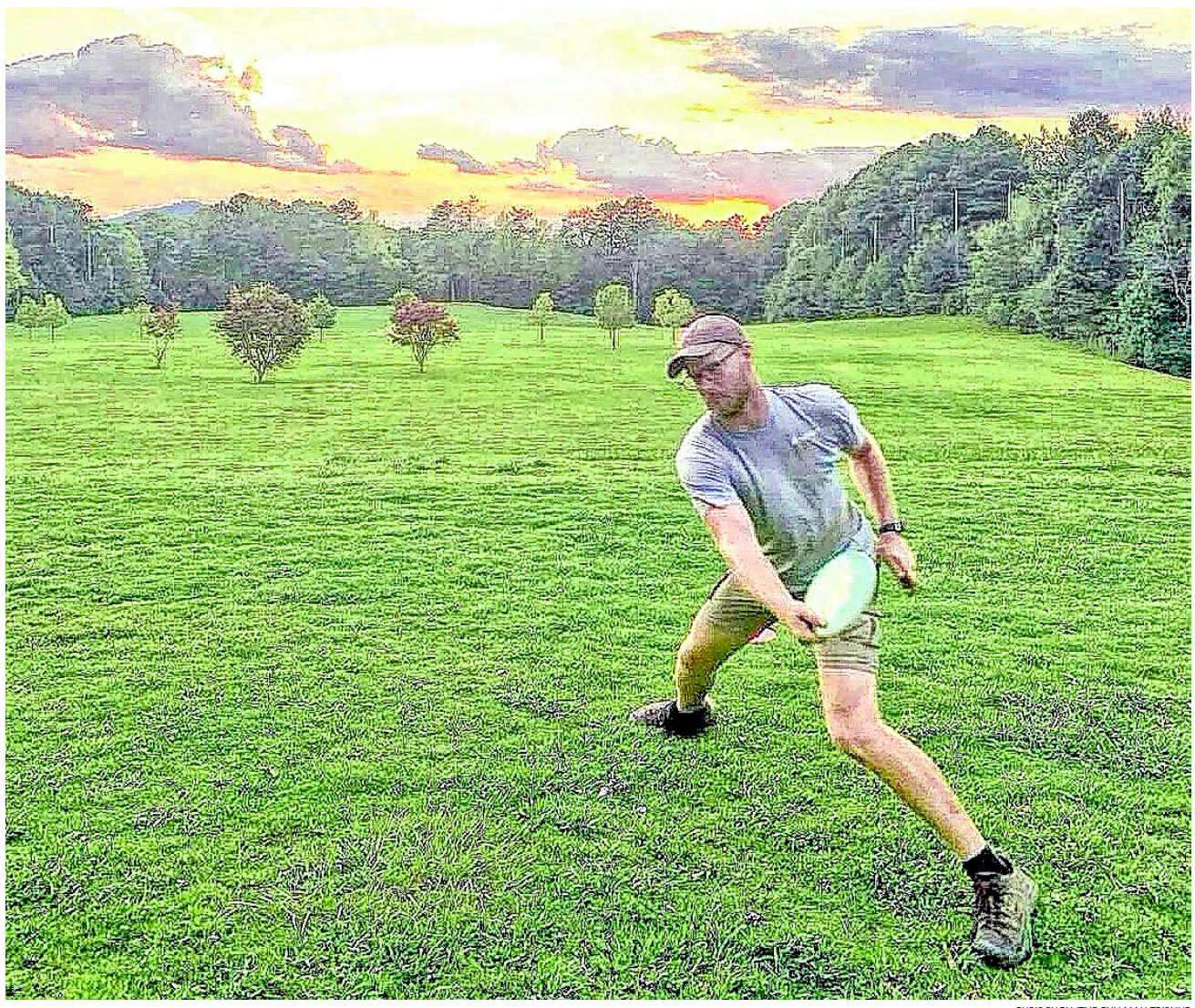
Disc Golf is played like regular golf but with frisbees called "discs."

Discs come in different shapes and weights that cause them to fly different distances and in different directions. You play 18 holes, which starts on a tee pad. The goal is to throw the disc into the hole, which is a basket, in as few of shots as possible. Each course has an established par that you are competing against, along with other players and yourself. In 2011, disc golf came to Cullman when Heritage Park had a course put in. After big success, Fairview installed one in 2013 and Wallace State followed suit in 2015.

Kyle Huckeba, head Tournament Director, and Chris Pugh, assistant Tournament Director, are both excited for what will be called "The Lion's Den." "We already have 90 people signed up, with a growing waitlist, so I'm really excited about hosting this tournament. Wallace State has an elite level course, so we have been looking forward to putting together a tournament like this. It's going to be a great way to end 2020, and we have a lot of exciting plans for 2021 so the future is bright!"

Current CDC President Scott Campbell added, "Even as COVID-19 put a damper on a lot of our 2020 plans, it's actually provided a lot of growth in our sport. We had an extremely successful spring league and have been able to host two greatly attended tournaments, including 'The Lion's Den' in a couple of weeks. And we are on track to have our best glow league to date. The club is excited about what 2021 is going to bring!"

The tournament also serves as a great opportunity for advertising for local businesses. If any local businesses are interested in sponsoring the tournament Chris can be reached through email at pastorchrispugh@gmail.com. Also, if there is anyone interested in learning more about disc golf or the CDC you can reach out to Chris, or the club page on Facebook at "Cullman Disc Club."



CHRIS PUGH/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Wallace State will be hosting a PDGA state tournament Nov. 21.

UAB hosts North Texas on Saturday for Salute to Service

Ted Feeley
UAB Athletics

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The UAB football team returns to Legion Field this Saturday, Nov. 14, to host North Texas for its annual Salute to Service game. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Stadium.

THREE THINGS TO KNOW

With four regular season games remaining, the Blazers (4-3, 2-1 C-USA) control their own destiny for securing their third straight C-USA championship game appearance. UAB is in first place in the West standings, and winning out against North Texas, UTEP, Southern Miss and Rice would have them back in the title game.

North Texas enters the game with the nation's second ranked offense, but also ranks last nationally in total defense. UNT's offense averages 593.6 yards per game but allows 549.4 yards per game on defense. UAB is coming off a game in which the Blazers had 485 yards of total offense against Louisiana Tech, including a season-high 338 rushing yards.

UAB will honor active and retired military members and front line workers this Saturday with its annual Salute to Service game. Fans can take part in Tickets for Troops by donating a $10 ticket which will be given to an active or retired military member by clicking here. Fans can also purchase a game ticket and receive a UAB camo beanie for $25 by clicking here.

HEAD COACH BILL CLARK

Opening Statement:

"For us, it was an open date. Open dates in football can be used and needed. I thought we had a really good week last week. We tried to get a bunch of guys healed up. We worked on multiple opponents. With the crazy times we are in, it was interesting to see how many games got canceled last week. We have done well and hopefully we have a bunch of guys healed up from being bruised and bumped. Hopefully, we have a lot of guys healed up and ready to go have a good week. This is a Salute to Service week. That means a lot to me; to honor our veterans and everybody who is in the military, present and past.

"I know we are doing some neat things with the game. It is obviously a big deal. It is a huge conference game for us. We are controlling our own fate. North Texas probably feels really good after how they played in their last game against Middle Tennessee. They have one of the top offenses in the country. They are going to be bringing a good team. They probably felt like they were starting to hit their stride last week before they got their game canceled. We know it is going to be a tough game. All our conference games are that way. It is a big game for us."

On moving forward after a pair of close losses . . .

"We played two good teams. We lost the way we lost. We could sit here and talk about how we lost the last game. I am not going to debate that. That is water under the bridge. We are about one game at a time. We talked on Sunday after LA Tech that we control our own fate, as sick as we are. How that game ended, we didn't agree with. We have to go. We have to go with what we have got. What we got is that our fate is controlled by us. Nobody wants to lose, for sure not us. We have to move forward."

On the Dallas Morning News' report of COVID-19 issues at North Texas . . .

"That was kind of news to me. We were hearing Friday that they were coming no matter what and headed in the right direction. I don't think we talked to them yesterday, but in talking to their people, they felt that they were full go on being here. I don't know how accurate (the report) was. I don't think that was an official report. We will know more in the next day or so as their tests come back. We are planning on them being here."

On facing two North Texas quarterbacks . . .

"They are both very talented. They have one who is a thrower but can absolutely fly. And then you have another one with probably as big of an arm as you will see, but still is an athlete. It is a lot of the same type stuff. Coach Littrell is wanting them to run the ball. They are running the ball better than I have seen them the past few years. Even though they have been good at throwing, their run game has gotten better, or they have focused on it more. They are tough. You look at the yards they're putting up and the number of points they are putting up. It is pretty prolific right now. It is going to be a tough task."

On UAB's quarterback reps. . .

"It goes back to where we were before. Now that (Tyler Johnston III) is well, we can make choices during the week and see who is the best. We used last week and having both of them available for the game really opens up our options."

On the UAB running game . . .

"That is what we have always said. We are balanced. Balance, for us, is what are they deciding to stop. We always have to be able to run the ball. I think our running game has picked up so much. We want to be balanced. In our pass game, we have a bunch of good receivers. We want to be able to do both. To do both efficiently and effectively makes us the best."

B.J. Smith named to Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. – Troy senior running back B.J. Smith has been named to the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Watch List, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the Associated Press recently announced.

Smith, a native of Millbrook, Ala., returned to the field this season after suffering two major injuries last year – one on the field and one off. Coming off a 1,000-yard season in 2018, Smith was named the Sun Belt Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year heading into the 2019 campaign. That season lasted just one game and two series before he ruptured the patellar tendon in his right knee against Southern Miss; he had rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown on just eight carries in the opener.

Just as Smith was turning the corner in the rehab and looking to be back out for light work during spring practice, he was in a car accident on Jan. 5 which caused a hip dislocation and posterior wall fracture in his hip. Undeterred, Smith went back to work rehabbing both injuries and was officially cleared for full contact by Dr. Jeffrey Dugas on Aug. 16. He has started every game for the Trojans this season and is Troy's second-leading rusher and third-leading receiver for the year. Since 2018, a panel of writers, editors and sports information directors from CoSIDA, AP and Touchdown Illustrated have recognized 30 college football student-athletes each season from all divisions of college football for overcoming injury or illness, by sharing their remarkable comeback stories throughout the season. At the conclusion of the season, three college football student-athletes were honored as Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award winners during an on-field presentation at the PlayStation® Fiesta Bowl.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 12

Archie L. Persall was born Jan. 24, 1941. He passed away Nov. 7, 2020. He is survived by his wife Juana Jean Persall. They had five daughters: Debra, Donna, Delinda, Deresa, and Shay. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Nov. 12, 2020 at Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the charity of your choice. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral services for Charles Frank Allbright, Jr., 60, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at Hopewell Road Church of God; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Allbright passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 at Anniston Regional Medical Center. He was born Sept. 12, 1960 to Charles Frank and Eurella Shedd Allbright. He was better known as "Charlie" or "Playmate" from years of driving a gas truck. He loved His Lord, gospel music, playing the drums, and Copenhagen. He would even sing occasionally. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Frank Allbright and Eurella Shedd Allbright, and sister Barbara Allbright King. Survivors include his wife of 23 years, Judy Simmons Allbright; children Sommer (Danny) Allbright, Alicia (Russell) Boatright, and Eric (Marcie) Boatright; grandchildren Destiny-Faith White, Maliki White, Maize White, Ace Uribe, Hudson Uribe, A.J. Hodge, Kayley Boatright, Ryley Slaton, and Elliana Boatright; sister Brenda Rodgers; a host of nieces and nephews; and his best bud, "Sugar." Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 at Hopewell Road Church of God.

Martha Lee Nelson, 67, of Holly Pond passed away Nov. 10, 2020. She was born Sept.15, 1953 to R.B. and Cora Lee Hardin Clem. Martha enjoyed the beauty of the birds, and she enjoyed watching them as they busied themselves in her yard. Martha also loved a good yard sale and the treasures that could be found hidden among the odds and ends. Martha was a loving wife to her husband, Wendell, for over 45 years. She was an adoring momma to their children, Khristi and Cody. When Khristi and Cody's children came along, Martha became a grandmother, and she adored those babies as well. Martha was also a daughter, a sister, an aunt, a sister-in-law, and a friend to so many. Many hearts are broken by the unexpected loss of this sweet lady. Her memory will be treasured by many for years to come. Martha is preceded in death by an infant son, Collin Ross Nelson, and her father R.B. Clem. Survivors include her husband Wendell Nelson; son Cody Nelson (Arley); daughter Khristi Nelson; grandchildren Shalyn Nelson (Tailor Deason), Ross Nelson, Dailynne Nelson, and Declan Nelson; mother Cora Lee Clem; brother Donnie Clem (Teeny); brother-in-law Mike Nelson (Charlotte), Tim Nelson (Stephanie), and Mark Nelson (Angel); sister-in-law Kelly Edwards; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Graveside services for Martha are 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 in Holly Pond Cemetery, where Martha will be laid to rest alongside her son, Collin. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Nelson family.

Harold Sachs was born in the same small town where he will be laid to rest, but this gentle man touched the lives of people all over the world. Harold began life on his parents' farm in Houston Alabama. His parents taught him his faith in God and the value of honesty, humility, and hard work-faith and values that accompanied him his whole life. Harold's career in telecommunications began with installing telephone equipment and culminated as the Director of Major Accounts for Celestica Corporation. Harold had a unique ability to bring disparate people together, creating successful teams that benefited both his company and his customers. It was this and other fine qualities, along with his deep love for the United States and the State of Alabama, that propelled him into the world of politics. He held many positions at the county and state level for the Republican party. After his retirement he pursued this second career full-time. His rise in the party was fueled by his staunch conservative beliefs and the integrity of his actions. He became the Chief of Staff for the Alabama GOP in 2011. He drove 150 miles round trip every day to serve the Republican cause for the people of this great state. We could list all his professional and political accomplishments, but those don't begin to describe this exceptional man. At his core he was lover of Christ; a dedicated and faithful servant. Christ's light and love shined clear through this man to those around him. There are countless stories of how he advanced the love of Christ here on earth. He was a lover of family; his precious wife, daughters and grandchildren. His and wife Bonnie's love story is simply beautiful. Fifty years of loving each other exactly the way God intended, unconditionally and without reservation. His children Dallas and Debbie were his pride and joy, but their gift, his grandchildren, were his whole world. Harold could be in a meeting with Congressmen and would still take a call from any of his grandchildren just because they needed to talk to their Poppy. He was lover of people in general; his humility and gentle nature making friends in all walks of life. To know Harold was to be his friend, and to be his friend was a special gift. Harold was preceded in death by his loving parents Dallas and Esther Sachs and his brother-in-law Ronnie Nichols. Leaving to cherish his memory and carry on his legacy is his best friend and other half, wife Bonnie (Nichols) Sachs; precious daughters Dallas and husband Kevin Baldwin, Debbie and husband Kenneth Alvis; and his priceless grandchildren Jake (Drew) Baldwin, Jud (Krista) Baldwin, Emee Baldwin, Tess and Bonnie Alvis. He also leaves his loving sister Dianne and husband Earl Estill; and brothers-in-law Jimmy (Donna), Tommy (Marilyn), Johnny (Zelma) and David (Melinda) Nichols. The viewing will be held at Destiny Church, 566 County Road 1339, Cullman, AL Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020 from 5-8 p.m. The service will be held at the church Friday at 1 p.m. Interment will be in Houston, AL with Pastor Fred Rivers and Kevin Baldwin officiating.

Graveside services for Mr. James Conard Davenport,93, of Cullman are Saturday, Nov. 14, 2020 at 11 a.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Rev. Bill Ellis and Rev. Eric Martin officiating. A Celebration of Life Service will be at a later date. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. James Davenport went home to be with his Lord and Savior Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020. He was born Aug. 6, 1927 in Cullman, Alabama to Homer and Lena Davenport. He served his country in the United States Army. He was retired from Wonder Bread Company and later owned Good Hope Food Mart. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Lee Davenport; sister Mary Eady; his loving wife of 71 years, Helen Davenport; his daughter Barbara (John W. III) Ellis; his grandson Richard David Collier; and great-grandson Matthew Ryan Ray. Mr. Davenport is survived by his daughter Carol (Lonnie) Collier, Jr.; granddaughter Julie (Michael) Ray; two grandsons Rev. Bill (Angela) Ellis and Lonnie W. Collier III; great-granddaughter Emma M. Ray; two great-grandsons Jordan W. Ray and Will C. Ellis.; brother Jim (Chris) Davenport; and two sisters Annie Lou Waldrep and Charlotte (John) Bishop. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Gideons International, Seventh Street Baptist Church or charity of your choice. The family respectfully requests the use of masks and strict adherence to social distancing requirements.

Graveside services for Rose Marie Brittain, 85, of Hanceville, Alabama will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, 2020 at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Reverend Paul Campbell will be officiating. The family of Marie will have a visitation at Hanceville Funeral Home on Friday beginning at 2 p.m. Mrs. Brittain is survived by her daughter Lisa Wilson; grandchildren Kristie Gilley, Brian Sullins, and Jessica Law; great-grandchildren Colton Gilley, Samantha Gilley, and Elizabeth Sullins; and great-great grandchildren Jaylon and Ember. Mrs. Brittain is preceded in death by her daughter Gwen Sullins; granddaughter Amy Thompson; husband Alton Ray Brittain; sister Joann Walls; son-in-law Wayne Wilson; and parents Harry Joseph and Evelyn Louise (Moore) Hartley.

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