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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville City Council grants requests for several upcoming fall events

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville City Council granted several requests in preparation for several festivals and events taking place in Hanceville in the coming weeks. Over the next several weekends, there will be many opportunities for some Halloween fun with the kids as well as great shopping and entertainment.

Saturday, Oct. 23, the 30th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival will welcome talented marching bands from around the state. At least 30 bands have been registered for this year's marching festival. This will be an all-day affair beginning at 10 a.m. at Hanceville High School. The festival will feature a special exhibition performance by the University of North Alabama Marching Band. The event is hosted by the Hanceville Bulldog Marching Band and band boosters.

Hanceville's Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival will be taking place during the morning and afternoon of the 23rd in Downtown Hanceville. The council waived the vendor fees for those wishing to participate in the festival. The council also approved closing Commercial and Bangor Streets to accommodate the festival.

On Friday, Oct. 29, Hanceville Elementary will have a trunk-or-treat for students during regular school hours. The council granted the request to close Bulldog Lane for the duration of the event.

Saturday, Oct. 30 from 4-6 p.m., bring your kids to the Hanceville Fall Festival in downtown Hanceville. Nolan Bradford, who is helping coordinate the event, along with several Hanceville area churches, asked » PAGE 2

– EDUCATION –

Cullman County Schools announces new leadership hires



CULLMAN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Tonya Cupp, Richard Orr, Brad Williams, Angie Yarbrough

Ty Watwood
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Education at its October 2021 meeting approved the hiring of four new leaders for the school system: assistant superintendent, director of federal programs, director of instructional programs and technology coordinator. The new hires are a result of retirements in the school system.

Richard Orr, assistant superintendent
Richard Orr has worked in Cullman County for 14 years, most recently as principal at Parkside K-8. Orr has also served as assistant principal at Good Hope Elementary and Fairview Middle School. "I feel blessed to have been a part of the Cullman County School District for 14 years at three incredible schools, surrounded by people that have mentored and guided me along the way," said Orr. "The last 11 years at Parkside has been the highlight of my career surrounded by a loving and talented staff and special community. I am excited to use the lessons I have learned and the experience I have gained to help continue the great work being done in our school district." Orr earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Central Missouri and his Educational Specialist degree from The University of Alabama.

Angie Yarbrough, director of federal programs
Angie Yarbrough has worked in Cullman County for 26 years, most recently as principal of West Point Elementary. As director of federal programs, Yarbrough will be responsible for administering all federal (Title) funds as well as special COVID-19 funding made available through the El- » PAGE 12

CRIME

Man arrested for sexual abuse of Cullman child



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Multiple local people arrested on drug charges over last week

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Downtown Hanceville hosting Project Rebound pop-up shop circuit event

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 14-15

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 14-15. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 12

- harassment; CR 1663
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; CR 359
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1545
- theft of property; South Main St., Arab
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 730
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 438

Oct. 13

- harassment; trespassing; CR 1148
- domestic violence; CR 1337
- harassment; CR 1801
- burglary; CR 1208
- trespassing; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 585
- theft of property; Weeks Cir.
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1435

ARRESTS

Oct. 12 – 13

Bobbitt, Dewitt C.; 65
- sex offense- sexual abuse of a child less than 12-years-old

Calvert, Frankie E.; 63
- probation revoked- possession of drug paraphernalia
- probation revoked- possession of dangerous drugs

Calvert, Tammy R.; 49
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Chappell, Sonya Olivia S.; 27
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription of drugs

Crabtree, Kevin E.; 42
- FTA- reckless endangerment
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more
- FTA- driving while license suspended (5 counts)

Drane, Daniel A.; 27
- probation denied- burglary-residence-no force

Findley, Stephen D.; 34
- possession of methamphetamine
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- resisting arrest

Foreman, Makayla R.; 25
- public intoxication

Fults, Tony D.; 39
- burglary-residence-no force

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 37
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Garner, Kevin D.; 54
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hankins, Tyler M.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hinkle, Joseph F.; 41
- FTA- burglary-residence-force

Miller Jr., Tomas P.; 31
- burglary-residence-no force

Myrick, Cynthia W.; 40
- possession of methamphetamine

Sivley, Joseph B.; 38
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession dangerous drugs
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- buying/receiving stolen property

Thomas, Ethredge E.; 59
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Varden, Lydia A.; 28
- possession of barbiturate
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- tampering with physical evidence

Villa, Patricia D.; 40
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Waid, Larry A.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

West Jr., William E.; 50
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 13

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $83
- harassment; person

Oct. 14

- harassment; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 13

Cost, Charlotte M.; 50
- computer tampering

Cobb, Erica L.; 26
- computer tampering

Rouss III, Jack P.; 45
- fourth-degree theft of property

Oct. 14

Ford, Shayla M.; 25
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Elliott, Jordan E.; 29
- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Charges (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office announced multiple arrests involving methamphetamine over the last few days.

Sheriff Matt Gentry said he's continually proud of the efforts by deputies in getting drugs off the streets.

On Monday, Oct. 11, Howard Scott Riddle, 45, of Cullman, was arrested on drug charges.

He was stopped for a traffic violation in the Good Hope area.

A "free air sniff" of the exterior of the vehicle caused the K9 team to alert deputies of the vehicle.

A probable cause search of the vehicle followed. Meth and paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle.

Riddle was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, Jeffery Leavon Brock, 54, of Cullman, was stopped for a traffic violation in the Duck River community.

Consent to search was given. Methamphetamine was found in his vehicle.

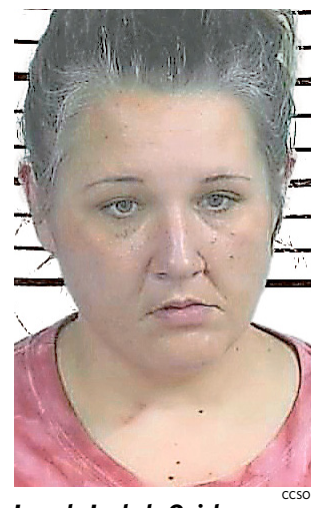
He was arrested and charged with possession of methamphetamine.

Also on Sunday, Oct. 10, Leanda Lechele Quick, 35, of Cullman, was stopped for a traffic violation in the Good Hope area.

Probable cause was established and resulted in a search of the vehicle.

Methamphetamine, marijuana and paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle.


CCSO
Jeffery Leavon Brock


CCSO
Leanda Lechele Quick


CCSO
Howard Scott Riddle

Hanceville (from Front)

the council to close Commercial, Blountsville and other roads if needed for the event. He also asked for help from those in the community to bring a truck and participate in the trunk-or-treat. If you or your business is interested in joining in on the fun, contact Bradford. The Hanceville Fire Department is planning a Halloween drive-thru from 5-9 p.m. on Oct. 30.

In other business, the council approved the following items:

- Appointment of Patty Dean to Water Board Place 1 for the duration of her council term
- Set public hearing for the rezoning of the Johnson property for Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m.
- Surplus of a 1999 fire pumper to be sold on GovDeals
- Reset the November council meetings for Nov. 18 and Nov. 30 due to holidays
- Changes to the employee handbook

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be held Oct. 28 at 5:30 p.m. in Hanceville City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Council members at Thursday night's meeting

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Oct. 15, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details* (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 8.8%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,304
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 424,390 (+ 2,222 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 7,954 (+ 162 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 6.5%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,590
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 7,707 (+ 60 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 161 (+ 3 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,162
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 75
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 46,556
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 4,082
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 716

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,647,385
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,820,455
- Doses administered: 4,393,919
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,483,465
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,043,000
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,826,930

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Make vaccination a priority

At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

Bobbit (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office on Tuesday arrested a Louisiana man for sexual abuse of a child under 12.

Dewitt Cecil Bobbit, 65, of Alexander, Louisana, was arrested at the Cullman County Detention Center.

He was arrested for a warrant stemming from an incident in September of this year.

He was charged with sexual abuse of a child less than 12.

The incident occurred when Bobbit was staying with friends in Cullman County last month.

Bobbit remains incarcerated in the Cullman County Detention Center.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

Baileyton Bargain Days
• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park
• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items
• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.
• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) 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
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Oct. 16: Drive-thru Food Bank 9-11 a.m. Bring ID.
• Oct. 17, 9 a.m: Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Message "GUIDE ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Oct. 30, 4-8 p.m.: FALL FESTIVAL -games, prizes, bouncy houses, free candy and free food. Bring your children and enjoy the fun!
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach - CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• Sundays at 9 a.m.: Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays: Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts for children ages infant-18 yrs. to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on November 15th for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

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Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex Children's Fall Camp Programs
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.
• Oct. 25, 10 a.m.: Cullman Library: Pumpkin Adventures! Story time and pumpkin fun. *Free program, no registration required.
• Oct. 26, 10 a.m.: Guy Hunt Library (Holly Pond): Pumpkin Adventures! Story time and pumpkin fun. *Free program, no registration required.
• Oct. 28, 9 a.m.: Heritage Homeschool Leatherwork: Learn the basics of leatherwork and make your own project to take home.
• Nov. 6, 9 a.m.: Farm Kids Animal Signs: Join us in learning how to become a nature detective! Kids will learn how to read the 'clues' to find out who their animal neighbors are.
• Nov. 12, 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Turkey Talk: Gobble Gobble, we have a ton of turkey fun planned. We get to meet the star of Thanksgiving!
• Nov. 18, 9 a.m.: Heritage Homeschool Woodworking: Students will use basic woodworking skills to make a project they can bring home. Due to the hands-on nature (and tools), no unregistered siblings allowed. Students will need assistance from their adult.

Adult programs
• Oct. 16, 8 a.m.: Cullman County Master Gardeners Fall Plant Sale: Low prices on healthy plants!
• Nov. 2, 6 p.m.: Heritage Skills Beginning Crochet: Learn the basics of crocheting and get started on a cotton washcloth. All supplies will be provided. Class cost is $10.
• Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Blacksmith Workshop: Taught by Allan Kress. Limited space available. Adults and youth ages 14-17 with supervising adult. Cost is $25.00. *Program Full, can sign up for waitlist.
• Nov. 9, 6 p.m.: Living Landscapes Cheesemaking: Local urban farmer Kelly Hayes will be teaching the basics of cheesemaking by demonstrating how to make farmers cheese, chevre and more. Class cost is $10.
• Thursdays, noon - 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, no registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Reunion
Oct. 15 - The Fairview High School Class of 1963 will meet at 1:02 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman on Oct. 15. Call Joyce for more information at 256-339-3451.

Pleasant View Homecoming Service
Oct. 17 - Our annual homecoming service will be Sunday, Oct. 17, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Singing will start back around 1:30 that afternoon, featuring "Bama Blu-Grace." Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to attend. We will not have service that night. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Fairview Lions Club Cruise In, Trunk-a-Treat and Free Movie
Oct. 23: Hosted at the barn on the left just past Chesley Oaks Golf Course, 8575 Highway 69 North in Fairview. The cruise in starts at 4 p.m. and the movie will be at dark, around 7:30. Concessions will be sold with the proceeds going to a needy family in the community. For more information, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805. Sponsored by the Fairview Lions Club and Kevin Swindle.

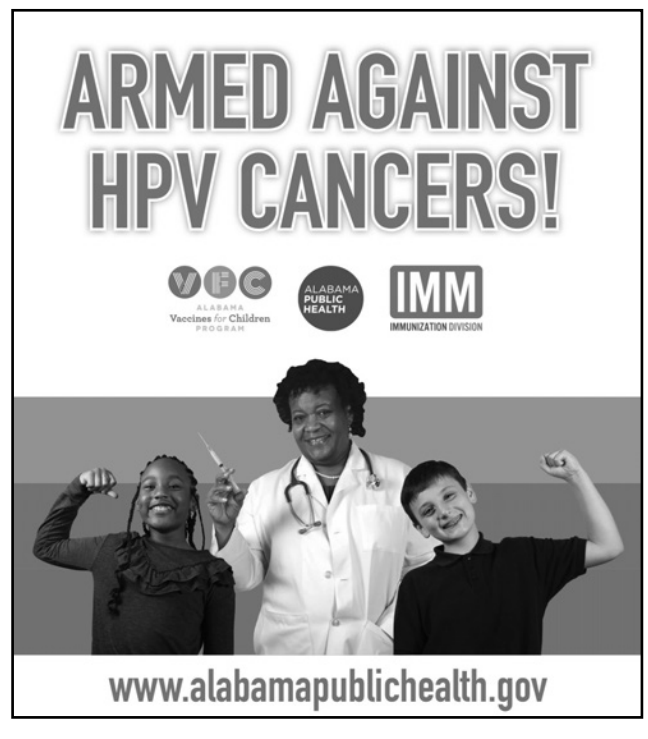
Cullman Police Department 2021 Trunk-or-Treat
Oct. 27: The Cullman Police Department announced they would be having their 2021 Truck or Treat Halloween event Oct. 27, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. On location, there will be police cars, firetrucks, a DJ, Halloween candy and games for all in attendance.

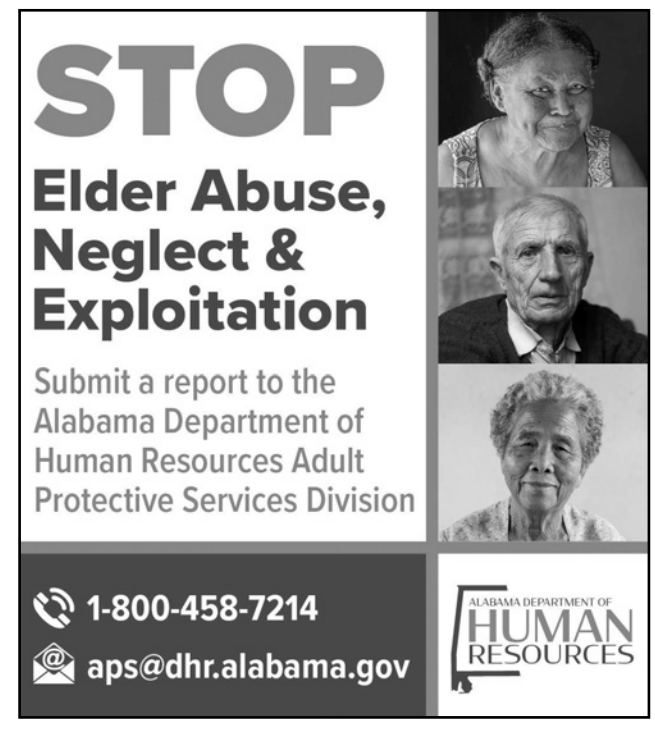
Falkville Police Department's Annual Trunk-or-Treat
Oct. 28: Everyone is invited, and Halloween costumes are encouraged! Event time is 5-7 p.m. at Falkville Town Hall.

5th Annual St. Bernard Blues & BBQ
Oct. 30-31: Hosted on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School, this event will feature artisan vendors from across the southeast, live music, giveaways, trick-or-treating for the kids and of course, plenty of barbecue, ribs, hamburgers etc. Festival times will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact festival director Joyce Nix at 256-255-5860, or email at jnix@stbernardprep.com.

Mount Zion Church Food Bazaar
Nov. 5: Friday, Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Mount Zion United Methodist Church (U.S. Highway 31 North, next to career center at Vinemont). Baked goods for sale and lunch will be served from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Carryout available. For more information, call 205-908-8271 or 256-338-1959.

Cullman County Veterans Celebration
Nov. 6: Hosted by Cullman Elks Lodge at Veterans Park at Sportsman Lake. This year's event will be from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and will include an antique/classic car and tractor show, military vehicle and aviation displays (including a Green Maverick), live music, vendors and free food available for veterans and their spouses. Parking and admission are free. For more information, visit https://www.cullmanveteransday.com/?fbclid=IwAR0FrTNJEcXEJCxYXVEGIBgxQypfX2mcBeXqKNZa9KgRyIGs5bgcttk5BYg.





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Bearcats smother Athens at home 10-3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats returned home to Oliver Woodard Stadium for the final time in the regular season and put together a phenomenal defensive performance to top the Athens Eagles 10-3. The 'Cats generated four turnovers in the win and an early touchdown pass from Ryan Skinner to Kaleb Heatherly along with a late field goal by Nate Zills was all they needed to hold off the Eagles and collect a big region win.

Athens turned the ball over on downs in Cullman territory on their first possession but got the ball right back when the Bearcats fumbles just two plays later. However, the 'Cats regained possession when a fumble was knocked up into the air and plucked out of the sky by Jamar Kay on the Cullman sideline midway through the opening quarter. Both teams traded punts on their next possessions but after a scoreless first quarter came to an end, the Bearcats got on the board at the start of the second when Skinner dropped back and hit a wide open Heatherly 25 yards down field for a touchdown. The extra point from Zills gave Cullman a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The black and gold defense shined once again on the next Eagles possession when safety Dylan Sessions dove to pick off a pass and give the ball back to the offense. Both teams were forced to punt on their next possessions, but Athens was able to put a drive together late in the second quarter and kicked a field goal to put points on the board and cut the lead to 7-3 at halftime.

The 'Cats punted on the opening possession of the third quarter but another fumble from the Eagles was recovered by Cole Robertson and Cullman's offense was back on the field. Athens got back into field goal range late in the third quarter, but the kick was wide right, and the Bearcats went into the fourth quarter with a 7-3 lead.

After a huge sack by Patton Elkins on third down, the Eagles were forced to punt with around seven minutes remaining in the game and the 'Cats put together a methodical, time-consuming drive that knocked over five minutes off the clock. Cullman was stopped short on a third down in Athens territory, but the Bearcats were close enough for Zills to step up and drill a 35-yard field goal and give them a 10-3 lead with 2:02 to play. The Eagles had one more chance to tie the game but after three incompletions, an interception by Tanner Gaines iced a 10-3, region victory for the 'Cats.

Jake Dueland led Cullman with 62 rushing yards on 13 carries and Noah Kee finished just behind him with 61 yards on six carries. Evan Dye added 26 yards on five attempts and Skinner was 2/4 through the air with 29 yards and a touchdown pass to Heatherly.

The Bearcats will finish the regular season on the road against Muscle Shoals next week and a win over the Trojans would give Cullman a chance to host an opening round playoff game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman celebrates after Nate Zills' 35-yard field goal in the final two minutes of the Bearcats' 10-3 win over Athens Friday night.

Fairview blows past Brewer 55-14

Chris Pugh
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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Often a game has a star that really sticks out and for Fairview tonight it was nearly the entire team. Multiple players had career nights as the Aggies improved to 7-1 on the season, wasting no time putting away Brewer 55-14.

Fairview had everything going for them before the opening kick was even made. Sporting their new yellow jerseys, the stadium went dark as purple strobe lights began to go off as Fairview came out with music filling the stadium. The energy bled into the opening drive as Fairview went right to work. Sophomore running back Eli Frost ran a couple times for a first down before ripping off a 56-yard touchdown for a 7-0 lead.

Fast forward just a few plays and senior Parker Martin caught a jump ball for an interception giving the ball right back to the Aggies. Three plays later Martin would take it 39 yards to the house for a quick 14-0 lead after another Elijah Guyton PAT.

Another three-and-out later and a booming punt, Frost did his best Derrick Henry impersonation. He stiff armed not one, not two, but three Brewer defenders before turning on the jets for a 71-yard touchdown run. The only thing lacking was a Heisman pose as Fairview took the 21-0 lead.

Martin continued a senior campaign towards a third straight all-state defensive back recognition after grabbing his second interception of the night. Then with tight coverage Martin put a ball just in front of fellow senior Dalton Payne who reeled in a one-handed catch. Payne, who is known as a bruising old-school kind of player, would then show off the wheels as he went 85 yards for a touchdown putting Fairview up 28-0. Payne's night would end there with two touchdowns in as many catches for 155 yards. Martin would his night early, but not before tallying 224 total yards, three total touchdowns, and two interceptions.

Fairview continued its season long theme of excellent defensive play forcing their fifth straight three-and-out of the night. But not wanting to be outdone on the night Frost would take the second play of the starters last drive 63 yards for his third touchdown of the night, again utilizing what has become a dangerous stiff arm. For those not keeping the stats that's six carries for 205 yards and three touchdowns for a jaw dropping average of 34 yards per carry.

The second group and JV would take over for the rest of way, but not without a noteworthy mention of Elijah Guyton. Guyton would reel in a 10-yard touchdown catch from backup Quarterback Caiden Hall, but that's not the story here. Guyton would follow that up, along with a perfect 7/7 PAT night, with not one, but two field goals in the game and give the Aggies a 55-14 finish.

Guyton is the secret weapon no one knows about. Kicking touchback after touchback all season, pinning opposing offenses 80 yards from paydirt, he has been a key piece to winning the field position battle. On top of that he's been near perfect on the season on PATs. What many don't realize is he was a key player in the Boaz win, because it was his three PATS that was the difference in that win.

After knocking in his first and second field goals of the season from 30 and 33 yards out, Guyton was excited to see his hard work begin to pay off.

"It just felt great seeing it go in. It was a big confidence booster, because I hit them in practice all the time," Guyton said. "I've been working hard so to see if pay off was great."

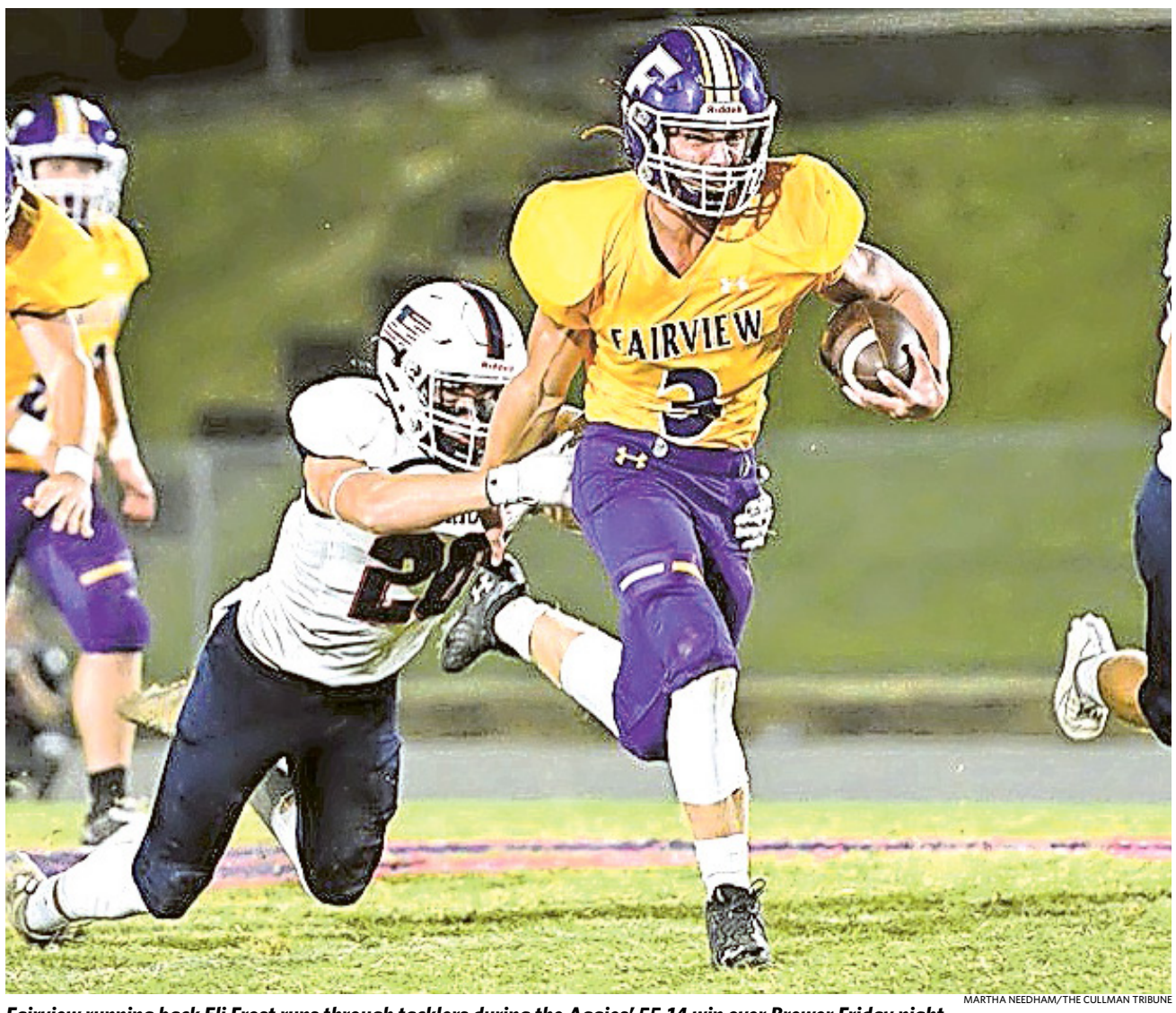
Frost, who was starting last year as a freshman, had this to say as his continues to gain momentum as the season goes on.

"Last year was such a shock moving into varsity play, but it was so helpful for me," Frost said. "This year I feel like I'm seeing things so much better, and I can play more confident. But I have to say I couldn't do anything without my line. They block so well up front and make my job so much easier."

Payne was excited to be able to contribute with his big night as well.

"It feels great to be able to make plays for my team," Payne said. "I hope I can just keep contributing and helping us get wins."

Fairview clinched a second-place finish in 5A region 7 with the win tonight and a Boaz loss to region winner Guntersville. That means next week's home game against Sardis won't be the final home game of the year for the Aggies. After traveling to Holly Pond for the regular season finale and a rivalry game, they will come back home to host a playoff game for the second straight season.



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Fairview running back Eli Frost runs through tacklers during the Aggies' 55-14 win over Brewer Friday night.

Hanceville drops region matchup to Ashville 42-0

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs returned to Ray Talley Stadium for another regional matchup Friday night, and they were there to take on the Bulldogs of Ashville. Hanceville fell behind in the first half, could never find a rhythm on offense and fell to the Bulldogs at home 42-0. Ashville found the end zone in the opening period to take a 7-0 lead but that was all the Hanceville defense would allow in the first quarter. However, Ashville was able to put two more scores on the board in the second quarter and went into the halftime break leading Hanceville 21-0. The Bulldogs added to their lead with another touchdown in the third quarter, making it a 28-0 game going into the final frame and tacked on two more scores in the final frame to defeat Hanceville 42-0 and pick up a region win. Hanceville falls to 2-6 with the loss and will be back on the road next week for a non-region game against Section.

Holly Pond drops region game to Susan Moore 26-18

Doug Bates
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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Susan Moore Bulldogs traveled to Holly Pond to face the Broncos Friday night and the weather was perfect for high school football. The game was a close one all the way into fourth quarter, but the Broncos couldn't keep pace with Bulldogs and Susan Moore left with a 26-18 win.

Susan Moore received the opening kickoff. The Bulldogs' strong running game drove the football to the Bronco 31, but Holly Pond defenders Damian Raymond and Diego Arreguin kept the Bulldogs in check with several open field tackles during the drive before Susan Moore turned the ball over on downs.

Holly Pond's first drive saw Andy Light taking snaps under center and Light took the Broncos 69 yards down the field for the opening score of the game. Light had five carries on the drive, capping things off with a 3-yard run for the Broncos' first score and Holly Pond led the way 7-0 with 3:59 left in the first quarter.

The Susan Moore Bulldogs got hot after that and took over the rest of the half, running off 19 unanswered points. Doty plunged in from the one for one score and passed for two more, one to Ramon Maldonado and one to Isaac Brothers.

As the half came to a close, Holly Pond faced a fourth down from the Bulldogs' 29 with seven seconds left. The pass into the end zone fell incomplete as time expired but a roughing the passer penalty gave the Broncos one more shot. From the 19-yard line, Landon Perkins kicked it through the uprights and cut the lead to 19-10 at the half.

Susan Moore padded its lead in the third with a 61-yard scoring drive. Cameron Gilliland scored the Bulldogs' final touchdown of the night on that drive with a 12-yard run.

The Broncos put together a solid drive in the fourth behind a strong running game that featured Landon Perkins, Kadin Suryono, Andy Light and Isaac Chambers.

Starting on their own 17, they drove the length of the field to score and with 6:47 left in the game Susan Moore led 26-18.

Holly Pond was only down 8 when their onside kick attempt went out of bounds, but the defense stepped up and forced Susan Moore to turn the ball over on downs.

It looked like Holly Pond was about to send the game into overtime as Light and Perkins ran through the Bulldog defense. The Broncos made it to the Bulldog's 39-yard line before Logan Blackwell picked off a Holly Pond pass at the 12 with 1:47 to go in the game and Susan Moore went on to win it 26-18.

The Broncos drop to 3-5 with the loss and will be on the road next week to face the Vinemont Eagles.



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Holly Pond Broncos fell to Susan Moore at home 26-18 Friday night.

Good Hope tops Dora in 15-14 thriller

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders hosted a massive region game against the Dora Bulldogs Friday night and were able to make just enough plays down the stretch to pull ahead and collect a 15-14 win to stay in the driver's seat of Region 6.

Dora won the toss and deferred till the second half. The Raiders received the ball at the 16 and drove down the field where quarterback Tanner Malin took in the first touchdown of the night from 17 yards out to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Good Hope's defense forced Dora to punt and got the ball back in the hands of its offense.

The Raiders were forced to punt the ball back to the Bulldogs and Dora took advantage of the good field position. It took the Bulldogs just five short plays to score from 23 yards out to tie the game at 7 midway through the second quarter. With the game tied, the Bulldogs forced the Raiders to turn the ball over on downs and Dora used its momentum from the last possession to go back down the field and punch another one into the end zone to take a 14-7 lead into the locker room at the halftime break.

The Raiders' defense came up with a big stop early in the third quarter, giving the offense the ball on the 43-yard line. Good Hope took advantage of the short field in front of them and used a little trickery to score on a 24-yard touchdown pass from Paydon Bagwell to Charlie O'Neil to make it 14-13. Head Coach Alan Scott and the Raiders made the decision to go for two and Ethan Anderson made his way into the end zone to put two points on the board and give Good Hope a 15-14 lead late going into the fourth quarter.

Dora responded with an impressive drive down to the Raiders' 19-yard line, but Good Hope's defense forced the Bulldogs into a fourth down decision. Dora opted for the field goal attempt, but the kick was no good and the Raiders were able to run out a lot of the remaining clock in fourth quarter. The defense got the final stop they needed and Good Hope held on to defeat the Bulldogs 15-14 and remain undefeated in region play.

The Raiders will travel to take on Oneonta next week away for their final game of the regular season with a potential region championship on the line.



MADDIE MCKENNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope running back Ethan Anderson sprints past defenders in the Raider's 15-14 win over Dora Friday night.

Meek falls at Pickens County 22-6

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REFORM, Ala. — After hammering Lynn on the road 46-15 last week, the Meek Tigers were back on the road for another region contest Friday night. They couldn't get the result they were looking for this time though as they fell behind early and ultimately couldn't keep pace with Pickens County, falling 22-6.

The Tornadoes struck first and built an early lead in the opening quarter that they built up to 22-0 by the halftime break.

The Tigers kept Pickens County out of the end zone in the third quarter and were able to put six points on the board in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to come from behind and knock off the Tornadoes on their home field.

Meek drops to 5-3 on the season with the loss and will be back home next week for another regional showdown against Berry.

West Point drops region game at Douglas 34-14

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DOUGLAS, Ala. — After downing Sardis at home last week, the West Point Warriors hit the road Friday night for another regional battle against the Douglas Eagles. The Warriors rallied to take a lead after falling behind early, but the Eagles were able to pull away late and send West Point home with a 34-14 loss.

Douglas scored the first touchdown of the night on a 2-yard quarterback keeper to take an early 7-0 lead in the first quarter and the Eagles maintained that lead going into the start of the second. Douglas scored another touchdown late in the second quarter, but a blocked extra point held the lead to 13-0 going into the halftime break.

The Warriors began to generate some momentum in the third quarter when Ashton Thrailkill picked off an Eagles pass and took it all the way back for a touchdown.

The lead was down to 13-7 after the extra point. West Point went into the final frame trailing by just six and Kelton Washington broke free for a 35-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors a 14-13 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Unfortunately, that's when Douglas began to take over, starting with a 45-yard touchdown pass that made it a 21-14 game with just over eight minutes to play.

The Eagles broke another big run late in the game to stretch the lead to 28-14 and after a West Point fumble was scooped up and taken back for a touchdown, Douglas had secured a 34-14 win over the Warriors.

West Point falls to 5-3 with the loss and will be back home next week for a big region game against Guntersville.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Vinemont falls at Oakman 28-6

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OAKMAN, Ala. — After topping Susan Moore in a shootout on the road last week, Vinemont was back on the road Friday night to face off against the Oakman Wildcats and the Wildcats came away with a 28-6 homecoming victory. Vinemont had a tough time getting anything going on offense. Oakman struck first late in the first quarter to go up 6-0 with just 37 seconds remaining in the opening period. The Wildcats stretched their lead to 14-0 with 5:12 remaining in the first half. Vinemont marched down the field and scored when quarterback Rush Sandlin hit Colby Miller for a 20-yard touchdown with just 8 seconds remaining until halftime and the Eagles went to the locker room trailing just 14-6. Vinemont and Oakman played a scoreless third quarter, but the Wildcats scored on the first play of the fourth to go up 20-6. The Wildcats added another touchdown with 8:54 remaining in the game to go up 28-6 and Vinemont was unable to find the endzone again for the remainder of the game. The Eagles fall to 3-5 with the loss and will be back home next week to square off against the Holly Pond Broncos.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs falls to Winston County at home 34-7

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Eagles were back home for a region game against Winston County Friday night but unfortunately for Eagles fans, it was all Yellow Jackets from the start as they handed the Eagles a 34-7 region loss.

On Cold Springs' opening possession on defense, they had a hard time stopping the Yellow Jacket offense as Winston County picked up back-to-back first downs on the ground; their second first down put them at the 24-yard line, but consecutive bad snaps by the center had Winston County looking at a fourth-and-29 from the 43.

They completed a 36-yard pass to keep the drive alive, but the Yellow Jackets coughed up the ball two plays later as Victor Laurentius fell on the loose ball for the Eagles at the two-yard line.

Cold Springs quickly went three-and-out on its opening series and Winston County found the end zone in just two plays as a 16-yard touchdown run gave them an 8-0 lead with 4:53 remaining in the opening period.

The Eagles were forced to punt on its next possession and the Yellow Jackets scored on a two-yard run to give them a 14-0 lead with 11:17 remaining in the first half. Cold Springs converted a huge third down on its next series as Hank Harrison found Laurentius for a 17-yard gain, but they couldn't get anything after that and were forced to punt once again.

The Eagles looked to keep them out of the end zone for the rest of the half, but Winston County had other plans as they converted a couple of fourth down plays and later scored on a six-yard touchdown pass to put the score at 22-0.

A Seth Williams pass was intercepted to end the first half and Cold Springs went into the half down, 22-0.

The first three series for both teams saw three punts. After an Eagle punt, some huge plays by Winston County quickly had them at the 17-yard line and the Yellow Jackets made it 28-0 on a seven-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter.

Winston County scored their final touchdown of the game on a 40-yard touchdown pass. Cold Springs found the end zone late in the fourth period on a five-yard run by Harrison, but it would be too little, too late for the Eagles as they ended up falling to the Yellow Jackets, 34-7.

Harrison finished with nine carries for 55 yards and a touchdown; he also added a sack. Seth Williams also had a sack in the game as well. Laurentius recovered a fumble for Cold Springs (0-8, 0-5). The Eagles will look to recover next week when they travel to take on Lamar County in its region finale.

PREP FOOTBALL

Addison downs Hamilton at home 22-21

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ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted the Hamilton Aggies for Homecoming at lovely A.G. Hicks stadium on Friday night and the crowd was treated to a very good game. Addison was able to squeak out a hard fought 22-21 win to send the crowd to the Homecoming dance happy. Stunning Senior Addisyn Smothers was crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen for the Bulldogs.

After an exchange of possessions, Hamilton took over at its own 3-yard line. A beautiful sixteen play drive ensued, eight passes with eight runs, covering 97 yards as the Aggies got on the board first with a Matthew Coleman to Jayden Hatcher touchdown pass. The pass covered 7 yards. The extra point was good and with 11:13 to go in the second quarter, Hamilton led Addison 7-0.

After another exchange of punts, Addison took over at its own 23-yard line with 6:51 to go in the half. The Bulldogs went into their heavy run formation with no wide receivers and proceeded to run 14 straight run plays moving the ball all the way down to the Aggie 1-yard line. Jack Wilson, Justin "Rocky" Mather and Will "The Thrill" Tuggle were the main beneficiaries of some very solid blocking by the Bulldog Offensive Line. Mather took it in the for the 1-yard touchdown run with only six seconds left in the half. The Eli "Curly" Howse extra point was good, and the score was tied at 7 at the half.

The Bulldogs received the second half kickoff and picked up right where they left off. Addison picked up a couple first downs then the dreaded penalty bug struck, and Addison was facing a second down and 26 yards to go from their own 30-yard line. Coach David Smothers called a pass play from the tight formation and quarterback Christian "Ice Man" Roberts found a streaking "Touchdown" Tommy Lee Daniel down the seam. Roberts made a beautiful throw and Daniel made an exceptional fingertip diving catch down to the Aggie 31-yard line. The play was good for a first down and 39 yards. Brian "Boo Boo" Berry capped the drive off with a 2-yard touchdown run putting the Dawgs up 13-7. Howse was good on the extra point and at the 4:34 mark of the third quarter the hometown Bulldogs had pulled ahead 14-7.

The Aggies quickly returned the favor by marching 57-yards for the touchdown. The Aggies quarterback Coleman found his brother Brett Coleman on a fourth and 3 play from the Bulldog 36-yard line. The pass play was good for a touchdown and the Aggies had pulled to within one. The Aggies then went for two instead of taking the tying extra point and the two-point play was no good. This left the score Addison 14, Hamilton 13 with 2:31 to go in the third quarter.

After an Addison punt, Hamilton took over at the Bulldog 49-yard line and it only took them five plays for the go-ahead touchdown. Coleman found Bryant Loving in the back of the end zone for Coleman's third touchdown pass of the night. Loving made a fantastic grab after Addison defensive back Berry had appeared to knock the pass down. Loving caught the deflection for the score. The Aggie two-point play was good but an unsportsmanlike penalty on the Aggie receiver for spiking the ball after the score would turn out to burn the Aggies on the next play. Hamilton led 21-14 with 11:08 to go in the game.

The Aggies had to kick off from their 20-yard line after the 15-yard penalty and the Bulldogs made them pay. Daniel took the line drive kick-off at the Bulldog 30-yard line and then scorched the Aggies for a seventy-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. The two-point play was good, and the Bulldogs had pulled ahead 22-21 with 10:56 left.

The Dawgs forced a three and out and the Aggies punted back to Addison. Addison then began a time-consuming drive of 16 plays going 56 yards. This drive took seven minutes and twenty seconds off the clock. Addison thought that they had salted the game away with a Roberts to Jed "Wizard" Wilkins 18-yard touchdown pass, but it was called back for a penalty. The Aggies held Addison on fourth down and took over the ball with no timeouts and 2:10 seconds to go in the game.

After a short pass for eight yards, Colman tried to find a receiver down the middle of the field, but Brody Dollar picked the ball off and sealed the Bulldog victory. Addison closed the game out with the victory formation and came away with a hard fought 22-21 win.

Addison moves to 5-4 (2-3 region). Hamilton drops to 4-5. Addison hosts Sulligent next week in a huge region showdown with the winner claiming the fourth seed in the region and going to the playoffs while the loser stays home.

Unofficial stats

Addison had 56 running plays for 211 total yards. Addison had eight pass plays for 50 total yards. Addison had 64 total plays for 261 total yards. Hamilton had 19 running plays for 69 total yards. Hamilton had 20 pass plays for 166 total yards. Hamilton had 39 total plays for 235 total yards.

Addison's Roberts had three completions in seven attempts for 50 yards.

Addison was led in rushing by Tuggle with 10 carries for 47 yards, Jacob Hardin had nine carries for 41 yards and Mather had 10 carries for 36 yards and a touchdown. Berry had four carries 27 yards and a touchdown.

Daniel led the receivers with one catch for 39 yards. Tuggle had a catch for 8 yards.

The Addison defense was led by Mather who had six tackles, Dollar had five tackles and an interception. Cordell Barnett had three tackles and Wilkins had three tackles.

Daniel added a 70-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 14-15

Wanda Jean Quick, 72, of Cullman
Funeral service for Wanda Jean Quick, 72, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 16, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Hopewell Cemetery, with Rev. John Garrison officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 - 11 a.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Quick family. Mrs. Quick passed away Thursday, Oct. 14, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born July 4, 1949, to Joe Monroe and Ethelyn Burrow Creel. She was a homemaker who loved cooking, canning, sewing, quilting for her family, keeping her grandchildren and she loved the I Love Lucy Show. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother: Gary and sisters: Betty and Glenda. Survivors include her sons: Scott (Sonia) Quick, William (Sabrina) Quick and Danny (Heather) Quick; daughters: Brenda (Keith) Rasco and Dana West; sisters: Martha Creel and JoAnn Creel; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; family and friends.

Christopher Wayne Morgan, 55, of Crane Hill
Christopher Wayne Morgan, 55, of Crane Hill, passed from this life Oct. 11, at his residence. A memorial service will be Saturday, Oct. 16, 10:30 a.m. at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Westover, Alabama (Old Highway 280). Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Morgan family. Mr. Morgan was born June 3, 1966, to Sanford Erskine and Ruth Ann Herrick Morgan. He loved his family, grandkids, his dog River and his horses Lone Star and Dakota. Mr. Morgan served as a police officer in Shelby County and for the city of Helena for 17 years. He loved the lake and driving his big diesel truck. His favorite song was "The Sound of Silence." He was preceded in death by his mother: Ruth Ann Morgan; one sister and his dog River. Mr. Morgan is survived by his father: Sanford Erskine Morgan; his soulmate: Debbi Warren; two sons: Austin (Krystain) Morgan and Chase (Alyssa) Morgan; two brothers; two sisters; grandchildren: River Morgan and Wynter Morgan; his favorite nephew: Jeremy (Jennifer) Chance and their children: Halie and James and a host of family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Kelvin Rex Hathcote, 51, Blountsville (Updated)
A graveside memorial service for Kelvin Rex Hathcote, 51, Blountsville, will be Sunday, Oct. 18, at 2 p.m. at Bethlehem Methodist Church on Glory Hill Road. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hathcote family. Mr. Hathcote passed away Oct. 1. He was born Feb. 27, 1970. He is survived by his mother: Hellon Kelley; father: Joseph Hathcote; daughter: Alexis Hathcote; sisters: Joann (Greg) Caudle, Vicky West; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A blast from my past that I didn't expect

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This past weekend, I had the joy of performing at a festival called "Music in the Park," in Geraldine, Alabama. Several groups and soloists, along with myself as Bro Billy Bob, were on stage during the day. Several local authors sold their literary works too, as did I. Geraldine is about 15-miles from my hometown of Rainsville, where I spent my first 20 years. I hoped I might see some old friends there, perhaps whom I had not seen in a while. Wow! Did I get a surprise!

The event was put on by the city and Mayor Chuck Ables, as well as Donna Feazell, owner of IC Radio there. I have known the mayor and several of his family members for quite a long time. Donna Feasell has hosted several area radio and television shows, which I have appeared on.

She is currently the host of a television and radio talk show called "Your Afternoon Drive Home." She was the emcee of Saturday's event. I expected to see both of them, and probably some of their family members, but I saw several others whom I had not anticipated

One such couple was Gerald and Lamesa Bowman. They were there promoting and selling their series of children's books called "Simon the Weenie Dog."

I was their pastor in Fort Payne, almost 40-years ago. I have seen them several times since then, but always glad to see them again.

Another lady, who looked familiar but I couldn't place her, walked up the me.

As I often do at this age, I was thinking I should know her. She said, "You did my wedding." She was not a member of my church, but her parents were. She and her husband were one of about a dozen couples I married one summer back in the 90s, when I was a pastor in Rainbow City. I had not seen them since those days.

Craig White, a long-time friend who now serves as a pastor in Pisgah, was there. I've seen Craig periodically through the years and even done programs at his churches. It's always good to see friends like him.

While I was on stage, I spotted my cousin Tony Wood, and his wife Erika, in the crowd. I did not recognize the man with them.

After I finished, I went back to speak to them. Tony introduced the man as Jim Spears, his cousin on the other side of his family. Jim said he lived up the mountain a piece, in the community of Pea Ridge.

My mind went back, way back, to a time when I had less wrinkles and more hair, and sang rock-and-roll.

I recalled a young man named Jimmy Spears, from that same area.

He and his brother had sat in with our rock band several times at rehearsals and jam sessions.

I remembered that he played drums and had long blonde hair. The man sitting across the table from me last Saturday did not look anything like the young man I remembered, but that had been almost 50-years ago. Much to my shock, it was him!

We had not seen or heard from one another in all those years! Needless to say, we had much catching-up to do and we did. He had lived in Alaska for many years but had moved back to the mountain a few years ago.

What a blessed joy it is to meet up with those old friends from our past. There is an old gospel hymn titled, "There's No Better Friend than Jesus." How true that is. He never leaves us nor forsakes us!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1920, 1930

From the Files of 1920

The new sheriff of Cullman County appointed by Governor Thomas E. Kilby is Mr. J.W. Lambert of the Welti Community. Mr. Lambert is 37 years old, was born and reared in Carroll County, Georgia. Mr. Lambert's family is composed of himself, Mrs. Lambert and two daughters.

Reverend Z.A. Dowling, a widely known minister of the Methodist Church, died on Saturday. Mr. Dowling was the father of Herndon G. Dowling, the popular principal of the Cullman County High School. The funeral was conducted by Reverend E.M. Glenn, a brother of Mrs. Dowling.

Successful applicants for teachers license for life – Mariglen Cornelius, R.P. Johnston, James Albert Keller, Marvin Killingsworth, Oron Patrick South and Mary Wigley. First – Joseph G. Martin, Second – Hester Bailey, Ara Leona Bailey, Beauford A. Bradford, Sister Mary Donahue, Mrs. Ruth D. Edwards, Agnes Guthery, Alice Hicks, Mattie Mae James, Mrs. Ethel Leak, Nellie Livingston, Mrs. B.H. Nunnelley, LuElla Oden, Bessie Pate, Ella Rice, Hattie Elizabeth Robertson, Hettie Scroggins, Annie Wigley, Alma Yarborough, Third – Mrs. Effie Clark, Alice Edwards, Bessie Holmes, Augusta Keller, Lillie Box, Lula Mae Taylor, Henry M. Tillery, Clara Tomerlin and Gertrude Mary Tomerlin.

From the Files of 1930

The Good Hope 4-H Club met January 20 at the school. Mrs. Rounds called the meeting to order. A demonstration was given on making bound buttonholes and inset pockets. Each member made a bound buttonhole at the meeting. Officers were elected for the year as follows: President – Bertie Young, Vice-President – Estelle Methvin, Secretary – Morris Hendrix, Treasurer – Mullie Phillips, Yell Leader – Vondalie Tillmon, Song Leader – Ella Calvert, Local Club Leader – Bertie Yount and Sub-Leader – Ella Calvert. The club has 24 members.

Mayor M.L. Robertson was elected President of Parker Bank and Trust Company for the ninth time. He has been connected with the bank for 30 years.

J.H. Edwards was candidate for sheriff of Cullman County in 1930. He moved to Cullman in 1921, from Georgia. Mr. Edwards is 45 years old. He has a wife and six children and has served as Chief Deputy Sheriff with A.A. Rollo for three years.

POET'S CORNER

Little Boy Blue | By: Eugene Field, 1850-1895

The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and stanch he stands;
And the little toy soldier is red with rust,
And his musket molds in his hands.
Time was when the little toy dog was new,
And the soldier was passing fair;
And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue
Kissed them and put them there.

"Now, don't you go till I come," he said,
"And don't you make any noise!"
So, toddling off to his trundle-bed,
He dreamt of the pretty toys;
And, as he was dreaming, an angel song
Awakened our Little Boy Blue
Oh! the years are many, the years are long,
But the little toy friends are true!

Ay, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,
Each in the same old place
Awaiting the touch of a little hand,
The smile of a little face;
And they wonder, as waiting the long years through
In the dust of that little chair,
What has become of our Little Boy Blue,
Since he kissed them and put them there.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

OCT. 16 – SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

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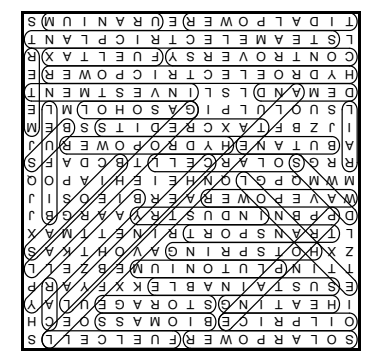
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
OCTOBER 16, 2021

365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The JOY to the Max Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

The Reynolda House Museum of American Art in Winston-Salem, NC is our destination for "The Joy to the Max Birthday Party." Completed in 1917, this 34,000-square-foot historic home was created for Katherine Smith and R.J. Reynolds, founder of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Reynolda is one of the few well-preserved, surviving examples of the American Country House movement. (2250 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106)

Inside the house, you'll find not only more than 6,000 historic objects, but also a collection of world-renowned American art spanning 250 years. The art treasures include important works by Georgia O'Keefe, Romare Bearden, Martin Johnson Heade and many other greats.

Andre' Leon Talley, a North Carolinian, who inspired Reynolda House for our event, has selected favorites by American fashion designers featured in "Vogue" magazine for display, and German-American artist Peter Max welcomes us to a temporary show of his classic paintings including portraits of former U.S. Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush. The centerpiece of "The Joy to the Max Birthday Party," is an eight-foot-tall Peter Max painting of the Statue of Liberty which was originally unveiled in the White House Rose Garden by former first lady Nancy Reagan.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy as we join our party for drinks and appetizers in The Lord and Burnham Greenhouse. The conservatory, completed in 1913, holds an impressive collection of plants from around the world, including, of course, flowering tobacco, orchids, bromeliads, cacti and tropical plants.

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

Oct. 16—ANDRE' LEON TALLEY is a fashion journalist and the former creative director and American editor-at-large of "Vogue" magazine. He is the author of "The Chiffon Trenches: A Memoir." Talley is the subject of the award-winning documentary film, "The Gospel According to Andre'."

Oct. 17—EVEL KNIEVEL (born Robert Craig Knievel) was a stunt performing dare devil and entertainer. Over the course of his career, he attempted more than 75 ramp-to-ramp motorcycle jumps. Kneivel was inducted in the Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

Oct. 18—CHUCK BERRY (Charles Edward Anderson Berry) is known as the "Father of Rock and Roll." The singer/songwriter/guitarist refined and developed "rhythm and blues" elements into rock and roll distinction with such songs as "Maybelline," "Roll Over Beethoven," "Rock and Roll Music" and "Johnny B. Goode." This music pioneer was one of the first inductees in the "Rock & Roll Hall of Fame."

Oct. 19—PETER MAX (born Peter Max Finkelstein) is a German American artist known for using bright, bodacious colors. He is one of the most important pop artists of our time. Max evolved from a visionary pop artist of the 1960s to a master of neo-Expressionism, and his techniques with vibrant color have become part of contemporary American culture. He is an environmentalist, vegan and supporter of human and animal rights.

Oct. 20—LEWIS GRIZZARD (Lewis McDonald Grizzard, Jr.) was a writer and humorist, known for his southern demeanor and bemused commentary on the American South. He started his career with the esteemed "Atlanta Journal-Constitution" and became the sports editor for that newspaper when he was 23 years old. Grizzard also published 25 books, including collections of his newspaper columns (e.g. Chili Dawgs Always Bark at Night), expanded versions of his stand-up comedy routine—and the autobiographical bestseller, "If I Ever Get Back to Georgia, I'm Going to Nail My Feet to The Ground." One of my personal favorite Grizzard books was his collected essays on relationships, "If Love Were Oil, I'd Be About a Quart Low."

Oct. 21—CARRIE FISHER was a writer and actress. She is best known for playing the character, Princess Leia, in the "Star Wars" flicks for which she was nominated for four Saturn Awards. She also acted in the films: "Shampoo," "The Blues Brothers," "When Harry Met Sally," "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "The Women." Her writings include the semi-autobiographical, "Portraits From the Edge" and the nonfiction book, "Wishful Drinking."

Oct. 22—JEFF GOLDBLUM (Jeffrey Lynn Golblum) has acted in some of the biggest blockbuster movies of all time. He has also chosen to portray unconventional characters in small budget, indie, arty films. His film work includes: "The Big Chill," "Invasion of the Body Snatchers," "Jurassic Park," "Igby Goes Down" and "The Grand Budapest Hotel." Goldblum is the pianist in the jazz band, Jeff Goldblum and the Mildred Snitzer Orchestra.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE JOY TO THE MAX BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"People need to be edited; life needs to be edited. I need to be edited."—Andre' Leon Talley (I'm betting this is my SUPERB editor, Olivia Law's, favorite quote in this entire, monthslong series, so far.)

"Bones heal, pain is temporary and chicks dig scars."—Evel Knievel

"It's gotta be rock and roll music, if you wanna dance with me."—Chuck Berry

"I never know what I'm going to put on the canvas. The canvas paints itself. I'm just the middleman."—Peter Max

"I don't want life to imitate art. I want life to be art."—Carrie Fisher

"I know a lot of people who are educated beyond their intelligence."—Lewis Grizzard

"Oh yeah, oohing and ahhing, that's how it always starts, but later there's the running and screaming."—Jeff Goldblum



UNSPLASH



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"Luxury is...to able to take control of one's life, health and the pursuit of happiness in a way that is joyful."—Andre' Leon Talley

"If a guy hasn't got any gamble in him—he isn't worth a crap."—Evel Knievel

"Of the five most important things in life, health is first, education or knowledge is second and wealth is third. I forget the other two."—Chuck Berry

"Don't worry about mistakes. Making things out of mistakes, that's creativity."—Peter Max

"It difficult to think anything but pleasant thoughts while eating a homegrown tomato."—Lewis Grizzard

"Sometimes you can only find heaven by slowly backing away from Hell."—Carrie Fisher

"As soon as you're interested in what is good taste, then you're in bad taste land already. What's comfortable and what represents your life, what's unique and individual about you, that's style."—Jeff Goldblum

"I love people—it is not the fashion, it is the people in fashion I love."—Andre' Leon Talley

"If you fall during your life, it doesn't matter because you're never a failure if you try to get up."—Evel Knievel

"I'm a millionaire, but I cut the grass. And each time I cut it, it's my grass."—Chuck Berry

"If I didn't choose art, I would have been an astronomer."—Peter Max

"In the south there's a difference between 'Naked' and 'Nekkid.' 'Naked' mean you don't have any clothes on. 'Nekkid' means you don't have any clothes on and you're up to something."—Lewis Grizzard

"If my life wasn't funny, it would just be true, and that is unacceptable."—Carrie Fisher

"I like a pickled cucumber. A regular cucumber I'm not so interested in."—Jeff Goldblum

"Drekitude is the lowest point in the lowest ebb. It could be your look. It could be your shoes. It could be that you're standing wrong. Drekitude is a total, total, total hot mess."—Andre' Leon Talley

"I can say The Lord's Prayer in 10 seconds."—Evel Knievel

"I would sing the blues if I had the blues."—Chuck Berry

"Whatever your joy is, go after it."—Peter Max

"There is no such thing as being too southern."—Lewis Grizzard

"I feel very sane about how crazy I am."—Carrie Fisher

"My life has been transformed by great teachers all the way."—Jeff Goldblum

"My grandmother and Diana Vreeland (legendary editor of "Vogue" magazine) had similar ways of appreciating luxury because they both believed in the importance of its most essential underpinning: polish."—Andre' Leon Talley

"Anybody can jump a motorcycle while riding a motorcycle. The trouble begins when you try to land it."—Evel Knievel

"I grew up thinking art was pictures until I got into music and found I was an artist and didn't paint."—Chuck Berry

"I love meeting life halfway."—Peter Max

"The game of life is a lot like football. You have to tackle your problems, block your fears and score your points when you get the opportunity."—Lewis Grizzard

"Instant gratification takes too long."—Carrie Fisher

"I love the ocean. Boats, not so much."—Jeff Goldblum

MENU FOR "THE JOY TO THE MAX BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Carrie Fisher Instant Gratification Taco Dip (rachelraymag.com)

SALAD—Chuck Berry B. Goode Salad (kristineskitchenblog.com)

ENTRÉE—Lewis Grizzard Southern Fried Chicken Gizzards (food.com)

SIDE DISH—Jeff Goldblum Fried Pickled Cucumbers (allrecipes.com)

BREAD—Evel Knievel Daring Hot Jalapeno Bread (recipeland.com)

BEVERAGE—Andre' Leon Talley New, Old-Fashioned Cocktail (see below)

DESSERT—Peter Max Colorful Gummy Bear Jello Cake (scrumdiddlyumptious.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—In his memoir, "The Chiffon Trenches," fashion icon, Andre' Leon Talley, captures 50, sublime years of style-making from the pages of "Vogue" magazine to the runways of Paris. See the fashion world from its most glamorous to most cutthroat moments.

"The Joy to the Max Birthday Party" moved to the billiards room at the Reynolda House for a dinner surrounded by the colorful, Americana paintings of Peter Max. Southern storyteller, Lewis Grizzard, shared some jokes, among them, this story I'd heard him drawl in the bar of The Grand Hotel in Point Clear, Alabama:

"One mornin', a fellow wakes up, looks out his window and sees a gorilla in a tree. He thinks, 'Oh My Sweet Jesus in Heaven, I've got a gorilla in my tree. How am I evuh gonna get that thang down?' So, he looks in the Yellow Pages and finds 'Gorilla Tree Removal Service.' The fellow calls 'em up and says, 'I've got a gorilla in my tree, can y'all help me get it down?' The man who answered the phone says, 'Yeah, it'll cost you $55 and I'll be there in about 10 minutes.' Sure nuff, about 10 minutes later, the fellow shows up in a pickup truck. In the back of the truck, he had a dog named Lamar, a pair of handcuffs and a shotgun. And, he said, 'Now, you're gonna have to help me, here. This is how it works. I'm gonna climb up in your tree. And, I'm gonna shake the tree and the gorilla is gonna fall down out of the tree. When he hits the ground, Lamar here is gonna run over and bite the gorilla on his privates. Then, when the gorilla puts his hands down to cover his privates, you put these handcuffs on him and I'll haul him outta here.' The fellow says, 'Well, awright, I'll do that. But, lemme ask you this, what is the shotgun for?' The man says, 'That's very simple. In the unlikely event the gorilla shakes me outta the tree, you shoot Lamar.'"

After that, Jeff Goldblum pounded the piano while Carrie Fisher, Andre' Leon Talley and Evel Knievel duckwalked and Chuck Berry rocked out:

"You know my
temperature's risin',
The jukebox's blowin' a fuse.
My heart's beatin' rhythm
And, my soul keep-a
singin' the blues.
Roll over Beethoven,
And tell Tchaikovsky
the news."

ANDRE' LEON TALLEY NEW, OLD-FASHIONED COCKTAIL

INGREDIENTS

- 1 sugar cube
- 2 dashes Angostura bitter
- 2 ounces bourbon
- Orange twist

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Muddle the sugar cube and bitters with one bar spoon of water at the bottom of a chilled rocks glass. Add bourbon. Stir.

2. Add one large ice cube, or three or four smaller cubes. Stir until chilled and properly diluted, about 30 seconds. Slip orange twist on the side of the cube.



Shop (from Front)

Justin Graves
NARCOG

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Local entrepreneurs are getting an opportunity to showcase their wares in downtown Hanceville.

The Decatur-Morgan Entrepreneurial Center is hosting a pop-up shop circuit event in Hanceville on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Hanceville Downtown Merchants Association, Nolan Bradford and the Mud Creek Festival.

This is the second event in the E-Center's pop-up shop circuit, which aims to promote small businesses and tourism in Cullman and Morgan counties.

The E-Center's first pop-up shop event was held in September in downtown Falkville.

The pop-up shop circuit is part of the Project Rebound Initiative, which the North Central Regional Council of Governments helped the E-Center fund through the assistance of an $86,880 USDA Rural Business Development Grant.

Through Project Rebound, the E-Center will coordinate with rural communities in the region to provide special small business events intended to promote small businesses and tourism in rural small towns.

For more information about NARCOG and the Project Rebound Initiative, visit https://www.narcog.org/ or follow the agency on Facebook @narcogal.

Vendor list

- No Limits / Book Tour
- SipOology Tea
- Redline Leather Works
- Homemade by Lala
- Plunder Jewelry
- Chalk It Up-Rock Creek Designs
- Buttered Up Soap Company
- Bama Beaver
- Screen Printing and Tumblers
- Operation Handyman
- Decatur-Morgan E-Center
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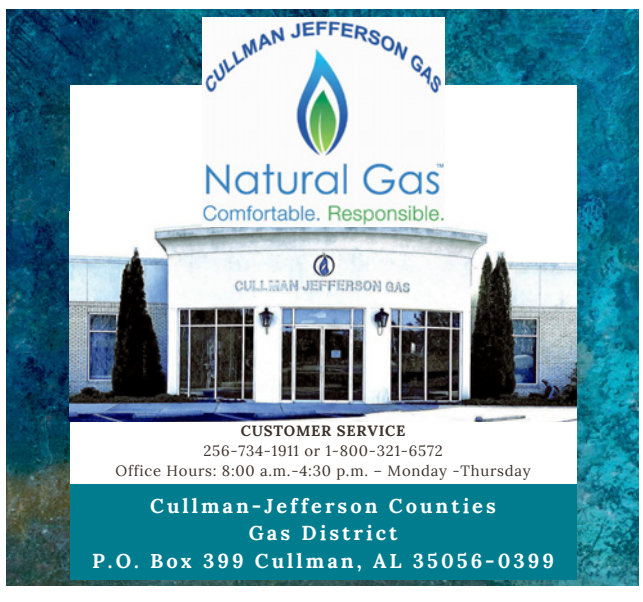




















EDITORIAL

The Policies of Starting Over: The Final Policy

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There are few things that we are in constant opposition to than change. As I began this column, I envisioned something quite a bit different from what has emerged now six months later. This could not be less of a complaint. In fact, I am abundantly grateful simply for having the opportunity to share my first editorial column with the community I grew up in, because now I have gotten to grow up here again.

What brought me here was ending the worst relationship and situation of my life. Someone who belittled and put me down daily. Someone who was cruel, dishonest and inconsistent. Essentially, tools which can best be used to destroy another person. I had to rebuild my own way of thinking, of living, of seeing my value and worth, and it has been the most incredible journey.

Learning how to embrace the differences as they come and to exist in the storms as they are happening has been one of the greatest lessons. When the water is rising, we only drown if we panic. Starting over is treading water, you just need to keep breathing.

Asking for help is hard, and sometimes the gravity of your pride and ego can be what drags you down, when all you ever had to do was let them go and release the weight.

It is all right to reach for someone besides yourself. We have only ever been human, and we have never been above needing one another. Do not allow yourself to stay in hell simply because the street signs have grown familiar, and you would rather not admit that you need directions to an out.

Needing one another does not represent weakness, or a lack of drive. In fact, our ability to love and be loved sets us apart.

Life can get busy, and money, bills and responsibilities can cloud our point of view so intensely that we forget that none of it can love us back and we were only really put here for each other.

We love for life to happen as we want it, when we want it, yet often, these ideals don't pan out. Life just happens and somewhere along the way, we convince ourselves that we are not where we should be, that we are not smart enough, or successful enough, or reaching the same milestones as everyone else. Patience here is key.

The simple reality is that there is always a purpose in even the most dismal phase of our lives. I was not meant to be writing this a moment before now because I would not have been the same person that is sitting here now. Had I acted on every whim of impatience, I would not have had as many opportunities to learn and grow as I have written this column.

A commonality I have found among nearly all who begin again is that at some point or another, we start to miss our roots. We try to revert because old habits die hard, and sometimes those habits feel like home, even when not healthy.

In the impatience for visible progress, the subsequent discouragement can make us want to throw in the towel entirely.

If there has ever been a moment that I wanted my writing to feel as if I were speaking directly to you, it is now. Do not go back. Do not turn around. I do not care how loudly your past bangs on the door, lock the deadbolt. There is no place for you in yesterday.

The last policy I wrote on forgiving oneself, and the experiences it takes to reach the final result. No matter how large or small, do not belittle trials and pain. A broken foot is worse than a sprained ankle but that does not mean you should walk on either. We are all just healing. Remember not to hold your humanity against yourself.

You can know every rule in the book. You could do it all perfectly, right down to the letter. Accepting change, asking for help, being patient, not turning back, forgiving yourself—you will have to take the first step.

Life will keep moving forward and it most likely will knock you down at some point or another. Those are the moments you will need to remember everything learned, the moments that you don't turn back, that you reach for help, that you forgive yourself for falling.

The Final Policy is this—despite everything you know, you have to let go of every single notion and idea of what you believe Starting Over is about to look like.

Change won't happen at all the way you thought it would, and that is going to be the best part.

Let go, it's going to be incredible. We got this.

– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

Milford Gay Wiggins

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Milford Gay Wiggins

Milford Gay Wiggins was born Sept. 25, 1923, in Cullman County. His parents were Arnold Henry and Flossie Minerva Wiggins and they resided in Holly Pond. At the age of 19, Milford enlisted in the United States Army at Ft. McClellan. He served during World War II and was attached to 172nd Infantry Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division.

Wiggins fought in the Pacific Theater in the campaign on New Guinea. Conditions on New Guinea, annual rainfall amounts can be as much as 300 inches per year, were dismal in the jungle area where most ground fighting took place. In an excerpt from history.army.mil, one veteran described conditions by saying, "It rains daily for nine months and then the monsoon starts."

The 43rd Division were sent to New Zealand for a period of rest and rehabilitation before returning to New Guinea on July 19, 1944.

On Dec. 28, 1944, Pfc. Milford Wiggins was listed as Missing in Action in Papua, New Guinea. He was declared deceased on Dec. 29, 1945, and his body was never recovered.

He received the Bronze Star and is now memorialized at Manila American Cemetery and Memorial Tablets of the Missing in Manila, Philippines.

Wiggins is also memorialized in his hometown at Holly Pond Cemetery, and honored on the World War II monument at Cullman's Veterans Memorial Park.

– VETERAN MEMORIAL –

Herman Newton Yates

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Herman Newton Yates

Herman Newton Yates was born March 12, 1924, in Cullman County. His parents, Thomas Newton and Rosie C. Yates, resided at Route 8 in Vinemont. At the age of 18, Herman registered for military service with the United States Marine Corps and served during World War II.

Yates fought in the Pacific Theater with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division. The USMC 3rd Division along with the Army's 77th Infantry Division fought the Japanese in the 2nd battle of Guam.

The battle took place from July 21, 1944, to Aug. 10, 1944. According to defense.gov, "Around 59,000 U.S. service members and a large number of native Chamorros faced about 18,000 Japanese. Fighting in the thick jungle and steep terrain was difficult for both sides, with about 3,000 U.S. troops killed and more than 18,000 Japanese dead when it was over."

"Although organized Japanese resistance ended Aug. 10, some 7,500 Japanese soldiers remained in the jungle for some time, and some continued to fight." It was during this resistance that Herman Newton Yates was killed in action on Aug. 24, 1944.

Yates is now buried alongside his younger sister Myrtle, who died shortly before her second birthday, at Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery in Cullman, County. Yates is also honored on the World War II memorial at Veterans Memorial Park in Cullman.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
EMERSON CLARK (EC) ALSTON, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-343**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to ANITA ALSTON KILPATRICK as Personal Representative of the Estate of EMERSON CLARK (EC) ALSTON, deceased, on the 13th day of October, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Anita Alston Kilpatrick
Personal Representative

R. Eric Summerford, Sr.
Attorney for Personal Representative
701 2nd Avenue
Decatur, AL 35601

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

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF A.M.G.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 02/21/2007
CASE NO.: AD2021-060

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SARAH JEAN MARTIN, NATURAL MOTHER OF A.M.G.
WILLIAM JAMES GORSE, II, ALLEGED NATURAL FATHER OF A.M.G.
UNKNOWN FATHER OF MINOR CHILD A.M.G

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DONE THIS 7th DAY OF October, 2021.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF S.I.M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 01/27/2009
CASE NO.: AD2021-059

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: SARAH JEAN MARTIN, NATURAL MOTHER OF S.I.M.
UNKNOWN FATHER OF MINOR CHILD S.I.M.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
CML, * **CASE NO.: JU 20-038.04**
a minor, DOB: 01-02-2020. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

JEREMY JOHNSON, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on January 2, 2020, to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd by the 6 day of November, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 24 day of September, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
DUSTIN HEMBREE and
LONNA HEMBREE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

A.L.D., A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12-18-2012

CASE NO AD 2021-063

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO CATHRYN JEANICE DEMPSEY

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Dustin Hembree and Lonna Hembree, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 29th DAY OF September, 2021.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month with guest speakers, campus events

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recognized Hispanic Heritage Month with events this week at both the main campus and at the Oneonta site.

Wallace State alums Juan Chavez, the first Latino deputy to work for the Blount County Sheriff's Office, and Dr. Paul J. Fontanez, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, current deputy director for Architecture Assessment with the Missile Defense Agency at the U.S. Department of Defense, and presently enrolled in the WSCC helicopter pilot training program, each presented to students, faculty and staff in Hanceville on Monday.

Chavez, an Oneonta native, became Blount County's first Latino deputy in 2018 after initially assisting years earlier with the sheriff's office as an integral translator during a murder case. Chavez graduated Wallace State with an engineering technology degree, but rapidly fell in love with the potential of a law enforcement career after aiding the case. He also works for the Oneonta Police Department.

"That incident changed my career path. I'm very thankful (Blount County) District Attorney Pamela Casey saw the potential in me and encouraged me to consider a career in law enforcement," Chavez said.

"My goal is to make a positive impact on my community, and that includes improving the language barrier between the Hispanic community and the law enforcement agencies. Strong communication builds trust between the two."

Chavez's career advancement has allowed him to work in multiple roles for the department. He ultimately wants to continue his progression and work as a federal agent for the U.S. Marshals Service.

Chavez, who also earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Faulkner University, encouraged Wallace State students to choose their friends wisely and to take advantage of opportunities on campus that will help forge their career paths.

"I'm a first-generation college student and didn't have many family members to ask questions about college to when I was a student. I learned about the Success Coaches on campus at the time, and that helped me tremendously," Chavez said.

Fontanez, who has earned two master's degrees and a doctorate, urged Wallace State students to never lose the willingness to learn new things.

"Learning never ends. The second you stop learning is the second you stop growing," Fontanez said.

"The pursuit of academic excellence in higher education is an aspect of my heritage that has not only shaped me but has also profoundly shaped my family.

"Don't ever stop learning. Like a bulldog, grab it by the teeth and don't let it go. Always seek to improve yourself."

Fontanez earned a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

He followed with a master's degree in systems management from Capitol Technical University and a master's in systems engineering from George Washington University.

Fontanez also maintains a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy with an emphasis in Economic Development from George Mason University.

Fontanez said his heritage and his faith have shaped his educational pursuits and the dedication to be the best person he can be for his spouse, children, family and peers.

For Fontanez, the month-long celebration recognizes the Hispanic Americans who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country, state and communities.

It highlights those individuals who have made advancements in science, technology, mathematics, business, arts and skilled trades, and acknowledges the rich culture that makes up the tapestry of the nation and Alabama.

"Those values aren't unique to Hispanics. They should be a part of every American, regardless of creed, ethnicity or background. You must have those values—a moral compass and drive. That drive can't be for selfish reasons.

"The drive needs to be for the purpose of serving others, serving your community, families and fellow man," Fontanez said.



WALLACE STATE
La Jefa radio station 98.3 FM visited Wallace State-Oneonta's campus on Tuesday night.

While working for the Missile Defense Agency, Fontanez is pursuing his flight credentials at Wallace State with hopes of using those skills to fly overseas for missionary work.

Wallace State's Culinary Arts program served scallop ceviche to those in attendance on Monday and introduced a Hispanic Heritage-themed menu for its weekly Wednesday lunches served on campus.

The current menu choices will be served each Wednesday for three weeks and include vegetarian grilled sweet potato and spicy slaw, posole, verde carintas and el complaciante del multitude.

At the Oneonta site on Tuesday night, Wallace State hosted an Open House at the Technical Center and a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. La Jefa 98.3 FM conducted a remote broadcast for the event.

The popular Chinito's taco truck made stops at both campuses.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 each year to recognize the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society.

Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have consistently helped make our country strong and prosperous.

"Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope" is the theme for 2021. It invites everyone to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It also encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past and will continue to make in the future.

For more information about Hispanic Heritage Month, visit https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov.

EDUCATION

Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development forges first Truck Mechanic Registered Apprenticeship in partnership with ACTION Resources

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Center for Career and Workforce Development has forged its first Truck Mechanic Registered Apprenticeship in partnership with ACTION Resources. This is the first competency-based Truck Mechanic program registered by the Alabama Office of Apprenticeship.

The champion company for this program, ACTION Resources, which has a facility in Hanceville and Birmingham and Mobile headquarters, is a specialized freight transportation provider, shipping bulk chemicals and hazardous waste, among other heavy haul cargo across the country. It's also a national logistics and environmental services leader.

Each academic year, ACTION Resources will select students from the Wallace State Diesel Technology program to serve as an apprentice at the facility, and Colby Quinn has been selected as the 2021 apprentice.

"This partnership is a huge opportunity for us as an employer, given the current market for technicians. There's a shortage for technicians and skilled trades right now, and it's imperative to get people engaged while they're in college and invested in the trade," said Mike Schramm, director of Maintenance for ACTION Resources.

"We want to instill our company values through this apprenticeship and hope the students evolve into technicians for us for a long time. We're excited to begin with one student and look forward to expanding it in the future."

Wallace State's Diesel Technology program is fresh off the launch of its Diesel by Distance program, and the Truck Mechanic apprenticeship provides another valuable opportunity for students to earn and learn through the Diesel by Distance method.

"This apprenticeship guarantees training on the job, as well as college training at our facility.

"This program is here to produce employable and skilled workers. Our industry partners know they can count on Wallace State to fill technician needs," said Jeremy Smith, Wallace State's Diesel Technology department chair.

Through registered apprenticeships, Wallace State students are eligible to have their tuition, books and other program needs paid for while also earning a college degree and a livable wage.

Schramm added he's been impressed with the current Wallace State graduates working at ACTION.

"They have a good grasp and comprehension of the competencies that's needed inside our facility. They're fantastic employees," Schramm said.


WALLACE STATE
Wallace State's Diesel Technology students are highly sought while in the program and after they graduate.

Multiple employers are signing up to join the Truck Mechanic Registered Apprenticeship coalition, which will provide additional apprenticeship opportunities for Wallace's State's Diesel Technology students.

For more information about ACTION Resources, visit https://www.actn.com/www

For more information about apprenticeships and other work-based learning programs at Wallace State, contact Christina Holmes at 256-352-8120 or christina.holmes@wallacestate.edu.

HEALTH

Wallace State hosting flu shot clinics Oct. 19-21

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will host flu shot clinics Oct. 19 - 21 from 9 a.m. – noon each day in room 200 of the School of Nursing and Center for Science building.

Shots will be provided for free with those showing proof of insurance, and $27.44 for those without insurance. Payment should be made with cash or check.

The Center for Disease Control recommends everyone six months and older get a flu vaccine, especially people who are at higher risk. Flu vaccines help reduce the burden of flu illnesses, hospitalizations and deaths on the health care system each year. This year, all flu vaccines will be designed to protect against the four flu viruses that research indicates will be most common.

People should also take preventative actions to stop the spread of germs. Those actions include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Limit contact with others if you are sick
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Wash your hands often or use an alcohol-based hand rub
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with viruses that cause the flu
- Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other necessities

While seasonal influenza viruses are detected year-round in the United States, flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter. The exact timing and duration of flu seasons varies, but influenza activity often begins to increase in October. It's encouraged you get a flu vaccine before the end of October.

Visit https://www.cdc.gov/ for more information about the flu vaccine and prevention.

Hires (from Front)

ementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Yarbrough began her teaching career at Cold Springs Elementary. "It is my pleasure to serve Cullman County Schools as director of federal programs," said Yarbrough. "I am committed to collaborating with stakeholders, creating partnerships and building relationships to foster continued growth within Cullman County Schools." Yarbrough earned her bachelor's degree from Athens State University, her master's degree from Alabama A&M, and her Educational Specialist degree in Elementary Education and Educational Administration from the University of Alabama.

Tonya Cupp, director of instructional programs

Tonya Cupp has worked in Cullman County since 2017, and most recently as principal of Good Hope Primary. As director of instructional programs, Cupp will lead all areas relative to curriculum and instruction. Cupp began her teaching career with Cullman City Schools before becoming assistant principal and later, principal of Arab Elementary School. "I look forward to working with this outstanding leadership team," said Cupp. "Together, we will elevate Cullman County Schools to the next level." Cupp earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama, and her master's degrees in Elementary Education and Instructional Leadership, as well as her Educational Specialist degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Brad Williams, technology coordinator

Brad Williams began his career with Cullman County Schools in 2004, serving as one of the first computer technicians in the district. He later worked as a senior-level technician with Mountain Brook City Schools before returning to Cullman County in 2015 as the Instructional Technology Systems support specialist. He has served as a network administrator for the past two years. "I am honored to serve as the next technology coordinator for Cullman County Schools," said Williams. "I want to thank Dr. Barnette and the Board for giving me this opportunity. I am very excited to lead our team as we serve our administrators, teachers, staff and students and provide them with the support they need to be successful."

"While our newly hired administrators have big shoes to fill, I know they are up to the challenge," said Dr. Shane Barnette, Cullman County School superintendent. "They each have proven leadership experience, love the students of Cullman County and are ready to help lead our school system to continued greatness."

Orr, Yarbrough, Cupp and Williams will transition into their new roles Nov. 1.



