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EDUCATION

‘Future teachers’

CCS career tech program training the next generation of educators

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — It’s no secret America is suffering from a shortage of teachers for the next generation, but a career tech program in Cullman City Schools is aiming to help address that need locally — and hopefully inspire some future educators to lead the next generation.

As part of Cullman City Schools’ expansive career tech offerings, the system offers a Teacher and Training program pathway, which allows students to learn about what’s involved in being an educator and prepare them if they plan to pursue that course of study in college.

The Teaching and Training Program provides an overview of teaching and learning theories, curriculum development, teaching techniques and instructional resources. The program is aimed at students interested in careers in elementary, middle and secondary education.

Students in the Teaching I, Teaching II and Internship classes are assigned a teacher and class for the entire year. This hands-on » PAGE 5

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Cullman Area Technology Academy holds open house



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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Area Technology Academy held an open house for their freshly renovated health science department Tuesday afternoon. The students stood full of expectation at their stations ready to explain each process and lesson to attendees.

First-year student Hannah Veres shared with The Tribune on her experience in her first nine weeks of the program at CATA, saying, “It is actually just really amazing. In the first year, we focus a lot on medical terminology. I think I am most looking forward to learning to take vitals, and maybe phlebotomy. My teachers are great, too. I am really just excited to be here.”

Representative Jeff Clemons and Cullman Economic Development’s Bradley Williams were in attendance and offered their ear to many young students as they discussed their procedures and protocols they are learning throughout CATA’s health science program, with stations such as EKG, CPR, Surgical Room, Elderly Care, Phlebotomy, Vital Signs and Medicine Cart provided.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette spoke with the visitors and shared his thoughts on the completion of the renovations at CATA, sharing, “This is probably the » PAGE 5

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Berlin names new councilman



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New Berlin Councilman Tony Duke, left, with Mayor Patrick Bates.

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CHRISTMAS

Giant bear sighting in Berlin means a merry Christmas is coming!



BERLIN VFD

Berlin VFD volunteers display the seven-foot F.A.O. Schwarz teddy bear that will be raffled on Dec. 4.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 20

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 20. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 13

- leaving scene of accident; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '08 Honda Accord; $5,000
- leaving scene of accident; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '19 Chevy Malibu; $500

Oct. 18

- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $50
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. SW; damage to '08 Ford Econoline; $500
- second-degree theft of property; person; miscellaneous
- harassing communications; person

Oct. 19

- third-degree theft of property; person; Ann St. NW; medication; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Oct. 18

Richards, Jenna M.; 34

- fourth-degree theft of property

Brown, Pamela A.; 55

- fourth-degree theft of property
- carrying pistol without permit

Richards, James H.; 34

- fourth-degree theft of property
- promoting prison contraband

Oct. 19

Park, Orion A.; 23

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Smith, Dustin L.; 28

- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Aaron, Benjamin L.; 42

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- no seat belt

Uselton, Adam L.; 31

- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Berlin (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Town Council on Monday evening approved Tony Duke to be its newest councilman, filling the vacancy left by the death of Bruce Bentley. Duke will be sworn in and assume duties at the November meeting. Mayor Patrick Bates said that he had spoken to the Bentley family to ask if any member had an interest in seeking the position, but that family members had declined. The council also named Councilman Donald Gunter as the town's new Mayor Pro Tem, a position vacated by Jimbo Quick on his departure from the council in September due to a change in residence.

Road work progressing

Mayor Patrick Bates told the council the resurfacing has been completed on county roads 1600, 1615, 1625 and 1626, along with 600 feet of County Road 1623. The council expects $150,000 in work on county roads 1600 and 1625 to be reimbursed by the state, while approximately $100,000 for work on the other two roads will come from town funds.

The council also approved a request from the Cullman County Board of Education transportation department to remove brush and overhanging limbs from the sides of County Road 1612. According to the CCBOE, the foliage hinders views down the road and makes passage of school buses difficult. The council also voted to change the loop at the end of that road to one-way traffic flow, following the direction typically used by the school bus. Bates said that converting to one way will allow the town to make drainage modifications to the sides of the road while remaining within its rights of way.

Bates also told the council that he is looking into a missing internet use tax payment the town should have received in October.

The Berlin Town Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at Berlin Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Policy (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission introduced a new policy on Tuesday evening stating all full-time campers, excepting lease storage rentals, must vacate Cullman County Parks by Jan. 31, 2022. The new policy also states that campers will not be allowed to reside at Cullman County Parks for more than 28 days, after which campers will have to vacate the park for a minimum of seven days. Director of Cullman County Parks and Recreation Doug Davenport made a recommendation to eliminate any full-time campers to give everyone the opportunity for different campsites.

The Commission approved the proposal by the road department to vacate a portion of CR 1266 which was used as a turn-around area, but has since been gated in.

The vacation will allow for creation of a new turn-around to prevent cars and service vehicles from using residents' driveways.

Cullman County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood stated, "We have received several complaints about people turning around in people's yards and driveways, knocking over cans, damaging mailboxes, etc." Chairman Clemons and County Engineer Bryan Cheatwood were authorized to sign a blanket right of way deed for CR 1266.

A memorandum of understanding was approved with Mid-America Health to provide mobile dental services to inmates at the Cullman County Detention Center at a cost of $2,200 per trip.

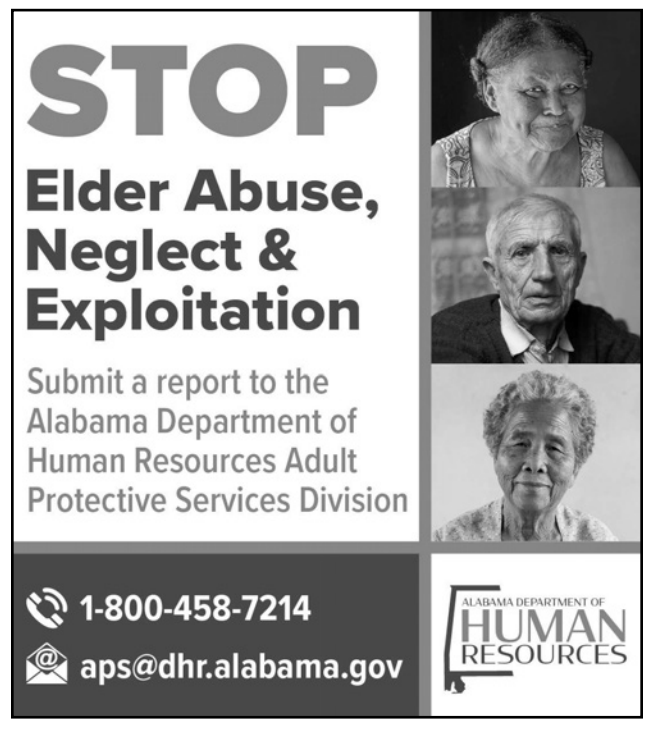
The Cullman County Detention Center will be allowed to contact the Mid-America Health to dispatch a mobile unit when they have up to 14 inmates in need of dental care.

The cost would come to approximately $157 per inmate. Cullman County Administrator John Bullard stated, "Currently, we pay $100 per extraction, but this will save the deputies having to carry them off-site, so there will be better security, plus reducing potential overtime for deputies."

The council recognizes:

- Denise Caudle retiring after 14 years from Smith Lake Park.
- Don Newman retiring after 10 years from Sportsman Lake Park.
- Jeremy Jackson retiring after 25 years from the road department.
- The annual premium for the Volunteer Fire Workers' Comp was set at the amount of $12,967.
- The commission approved final change order for plumbing and electrical at CARTS Bus Wash and approved payment of invoice in the amount of $20,242.50.
- The commission authorized the abatement of Previous Years Taxes in Bankruptcy/Litigation and Insolvents.
- The surplus of furniture from the revenue department and Commission on Aging will be sold on GovDeals.
- ACCA Worker's Compensation was renewed through Sept. 30, 2024.
- Chairman Clemons was authorized to sign a three-year agreement with ESRI for software in the amount of $165,000.
- Commissioner Watson was authorized to appoint Terry Bentley to replace Dorothy Maddox on the E-911 board. The term is set to expire Sept. 1, 2024.
- Chairman Clemons was authorized to sign an updated ACH agreement with Premier Bank for payroll direct deposit.
- Chairman Clemons was appointed to the Investing in Alabama Counties Operations Council.
- The commission approved three-year agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management in the amount of $61,716.24 per year and authorized Chairman Clemons to sign all related paperwork.
- The commission approved the proposed plat Open Range Subdivision, a minor subdivision containing 22 lots located on CR 1663 and CR 1664.
- The commission ratified Extension of Bid #1316 for motor oil, transmission fluid, hydraulic oil and grease to: W.H. Thomas Oil & McPherson Oil for one year.
- Extension of Bid #1289 for emulsified asphalt to Ergon through Oct. 14, 2021 was ratified.
- Bid #1364 for corrugated plastic pipe was awarded to Bear Concrete Products, Ferguson Waterworks and ADCO Pipe & Supply LLC based on price, availability and vicinity.
- Bid# 1365 for emulsified asphalt was awarded to Ergon Asphalt and Emulsions.





COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 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: 7.5%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,223
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 426,766 (+ 1,690 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 8,123 (+132 since Monday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 4.2%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,590
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 7,775 (+ 32 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 163 (+ 2 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,342
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 57
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 44,057
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 3,321
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 625

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No Updates Available

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,691,825
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,835,225
- Doses administered: 4,421,716
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,496,352
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,058,357
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,856,600

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.

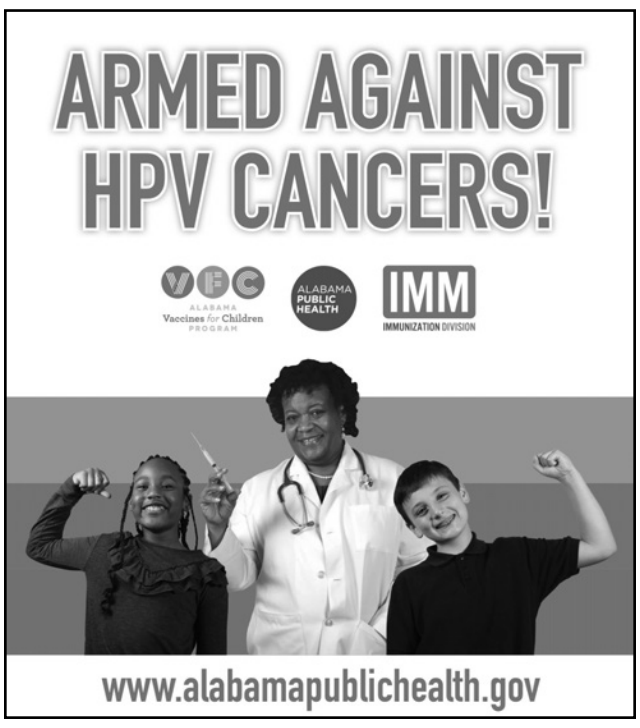
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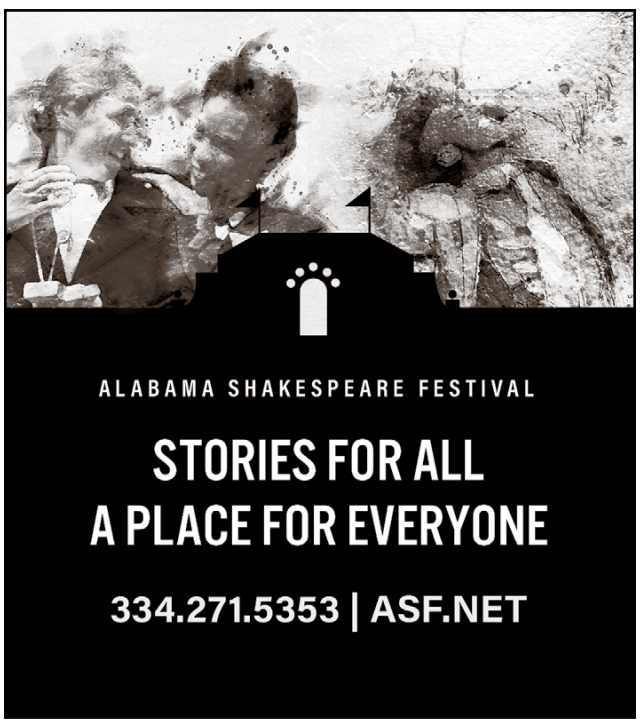
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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"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 St. Joseph Dr. 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. 20, 7 p.m.: Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man", Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• Oct. 23, 6-10 p.m.: Youth movie night 12-19 years old. Hamburgers, hotdogs, smores, Nerf gun wars. Free to everyone. Bring your friends and enjoy food and fun!
• Oct. 24, 9 a.m.: Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. , 11 a.m. Message "EMPOWER ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Oct. 24, 10 a.m.: Haleigh Holt shares her experience with the destruction of domestic violence during Domestic Violence Month. Bring a friend and learn more about this tragic trend and how to help someone you know.
• 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 pick-up. 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 years, to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on Nov. 15 for December pick-up. 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 take-out 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 program
• 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 $10.00.
• 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 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 Alabama 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.

Nightmare in Vinemont
Oct. 22-23, Oct. 29-30: A haunted attraction located at the Cullman County Agriculture Center (17645 U.S. Highway 31 Cullman, AL 35058). Opened on the weekends of Oct. 22-23 and 29-30 from 7 p.m. – midnight. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 10 and under.

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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 on 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.

Westminster Assisted Living Drive-Thru Trunk-or-Treat
Oct 29: Stop by Westminster Assisted Living (1020 Olive St. SW, Cullman, AL) on Friday, Oct. 29. for some candy from 4-5 p.m.

Halloween Drive-Thru
Oct. 29: The City of Good Hope is hosting a Halloween drive-thru on Friday, Oct. 29 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. and hosted at 135 Municipal Drive, Cullman, AL 35057. Costumes are not required, but are strongly encouraged.

Hanceville Fall Festival
Oct. 31: On Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m., bring your kids to the Hanceville Fall Festival in downtown Hanceville.

Halloween Cruise-In and Trunk-or-Treat at Depot Park
Oct. 30: Starting at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at Depot Park, don your costumes for the trunk-or-treat (car decoration encouraged) and check out the car/truck show. There will be a 50/50 cash raffle at 7:30 p.m. This event is free to the public.

Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center Trunk-or-Treat
Oct. 30: Hosted by the CWAC in their front parking lot, there will be inflatables, music, games and, of course, candy. It will be from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30.

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association Howl-O-Ween
Oct. 30: Howl-O-Ween is a pet friendly event and Halloween costume contest on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 5-9 p.m. at First Avenue SE between Third and Fifth Street. Costumes for both pets and owners are encouraged. The entry fee is $5 or a bag of dogfood. There will be carnival rides, games, music, food and plenty of candy. The Cullman Animal Rescue will also be there will several of their furry friends that are up for adoption.

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.
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The Refuge Fall Festival
Oct. 31 – Event time is 6-8 p.m. at The Refuge Church (1115 U.S. Highway 278 E., Cullman, AL 35055)

Redeeming Grace Church Trunk-or-Treat
Oct. 31: Redeeming Grace (7549 County Road 222) is hosting a trunk-or-treat event for all ages on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 4-7 p.m. stop by for lots of popcorn and candy.

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. Carry outs 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.

31st Annual Cullman Area Christmas Open House
Nov. 12-14: The 31st Annual Cullman Area Christmas Open House will be Nov. 12-14 at the Warehouse District. This is your one-stop-shop to do all of your Christmas shopping. Visit https://www.cullmanopenhouse.com for more information.

Cullman Elks Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo
Nov. 13: Come out and support a great cause. All money goes to Elk Christmas charities. Hosted at the Cullman Elks Lodge (1525 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman, AL) on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets for door prize drawings are $1 per ticket.

Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland
Nov. 19 – Dec. 30: This annual Cullman event is returning this year, featuring thousands of lights, Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. A new addition is the Winter Wonderland Christmas Shop. Times are 5-9:30 p.m. For a more detailed schedule or for more information, call 256-734-3052.

Christmas at the Grotto
• Nov. 26 – Dec. 31: Christmas at the Grotto will return this season at the Ava Maria Grotto. The Grotto will open for special evening hours to allow visitors to tour the Grotto grounds which will be decorated with thousands of lights. This year, there will also be barbecue, music and even horse-drawn carriage rides Dec. 17 and 18. Admission prices for adults - $6, students - $3, with children under 3 are free.
• For more information, visit http://www.avemariagrotto.com.

PREP FOOTBALL

Local teams preparing for region finales this week

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's regular season is coming to a close and the playoff picture is becoming a little clearer with each passing week. Several local squads have already secured postseason berths and are playing to improve their position while others are looking for a big win this week to earn their way in. Cullman, Good Hope, Hanceville, Holly Pond and Cold Springs will be on the road Friday night while Arab, Fairview, West Point, Vinemont, Addison and Meek will stay home to host region finales.

Cullman (7-2) at Muscle Shoals (7-1)
The Bearcats are putting together another excellent season and they still have a chance to host a playoff game in the opening round if they can knock off the Muscle Shoals Trojans on the road this week. The Trojans have lost just one game this season to the unbeaten Hartselle Tigers and have dominated most of their opponents, scoring nearly 40 points per game and allowing just 18 points per game. Cullman is riding a six-game win streak coming into the matchup and has been stellar on the defensive side of the ball, limiting opponents to 12 points per game. The 'Cats also defeated Muscle Shoals in a 30-29 thriller last season. Friday night's test will be one of the toughest of the season so far but if they can continue riding their momentum and shutting down opposing offenses, the Bearcats will have a chance to finish second in Region 8 and host the opening round of the state playoffs.

Arab (6-2) v. Springville (4-4)
The Knights dropped a heavy weight bout with Oxford a couple of weeks ago but after using a bye week to rest up and refocus, they'll be back on their home field Friday night for the region finale against Springville. Arab punched its ticket to the postseason earlier in the year but a win over the Tigers this week would secure a home game in the opening round. Springville edged the Knights 35-34 in the final game of last year's regular season so the Knights will be looking for some revenge when the Tigers arrive in Arab Friday night. The Knights have been smothering opponents all season, allowing just 11 points per game and if they put together another one of those performances this week, they'll have a great chance to take down Springville.

Fairview (7-1) v. Sardis (1-7)
The Aggies blew past the Brewer Patriots 55-14 last week and they're looking for a repeat performance when they host Sardis Friday night. Fairview will take on Sardis in the region finale this week and can secure a home game in round one with a win. This year hasn't gone according to plan for the Lions. They picked up their first win last week over Crossville but dropped their first seven contests of the season. Opponents are scoring 35 points per game against Sardis this year and the Aggies' offense is coming to town averaging 43 points per game. If Fairview's offense can continue to move up and down the field, the Aggies will have a good chance to pick up another win Friday night.

West Point (5-3) v. Guntersville (7-1)
Douglas pulled away late in the fourth quarter to defeat West Point last week, but the Warriors will have to regroup and prepare for one of their biggest games of the season Friday night. The top team in Region 7, Guntersville, is coming to West Point this week and the Wildcats should present one of the biggest challenges the Warriors have faced all season. Guntersville is putting up 44 points per game and has dominated nearly all of its other region opponents. West Point has been solid on the defensive side of the ball this year but hasn't had as much success finding the end zone on offense. It'll take the best performance that the Warriors have put together all season but if they can pull it off, they'll have a chance to knock off the high-powered Wildcats Friday night.

Good Hope (7-2) at Oneonta (8-1)
After dropping their season opener to West Morgan and having to forfeit their next game to West Point, the Good Hope Raiders have won seven straight and have been getting better each in their pursuit of a region title. All they need now is a win at Oneonta this week and they'll be this year's Region 6 champions. Good Hope hammered the Redskins 34-7 last season so Oneonta will be ready to play when the Raiders arrive Friday night. Good Hope is holding its opponents to fewer than 15 points per game this year, but the Redskins' offense has been putting over 33 points per game on the board. This week's matchup is sure to be another tight game for the Raiders but they have found a way to win tight games all year so if they can find it a way to do it again, they'll return to Good Hope Friday night as region champs.



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Fairview's Eli Frost (3), Arab's Wes Johnson (8) and Cullman's Noah Kee (22).

Hanceville (2-6) at Section (4-4)
The Bulldogs have dropped three straight and have scored just six points in their last three games combined so they're looking for a bounce back performance at Section this week. Hanceville dominated last year's game against the Lions 36-8. Section is much improved on the defensive side this season, limiting opponents to just 18 points per game so the Bulldogs will need to find their rhythm early if they want to keep pace with Section. Injuries have made it tough for Hanceville to be consistent on the offensive side of the ball but if the Bulldogs can get the running game going and limit the offense of the Lions, they'll have a chance to pick up another win and build some momentum going into the regular season finale.

Vinemont (3-5) v. Holly Pond (3-5)
The Eagles and Broncos are set to renew their rivalry Friday night and this year's meeting will have some playoff implications. Holly Pond's region record will keep it from the postseason this year, but Vinemont can still earn a playoff spot with a win over the Broncos this week. The Eagles won last year's matchup 38-12 and leads the all-time series 24-22. Vinemont has dealt with some inconsistency on the defensive side of the ball, allowing 34 points per game this season and Holly Pond is coming to town putting up 24 points per game. The Broncos and Eagles both have better records on the road than at home this fall so you would think the road team would have the advantage this week, but you have to throw out some numbers when you talk about rivalry games. Regardless of how the first eight weeks have gone, this week's meeting between Vinemont and Holly Pond is set to be another classic battle between county rivals.

Cold Springs (0-8) at Lamar County (6-2)
The Eagles' JV team capped off an undefeated season earlier this week, but this year hasn't gone according to plan for the varsity squad. Cold Springs is still looking for its first win and this week's road trip to Lamar County won't be an easy one. The Bulldogs have won four of their last five games coming into this matchup and have been holding opponents to just 11 points per game this year. The Eagles have struggled on the offensive side of the ball so far this season and will be up against a strong defense Friday night. It'll take a special performance on both sides of the ball but if Cold Springs can do that, it'll have a chance to pick up its first win of the season on the road.

Addison (5-4) v. Sulligent (4-4)
The Addison Bulldogs are right in the middle of a heated battle for playoff spots in Region 5 and a win this week over Sulligent would go a long way toward securing one of them. Addison knocked off 4A Hamilton in a 22-21 homecoming nail-biter last week so the Bulldogs should have some confidence coming into Friday night's matchup with the Blue Devils. Sulligent is coming off a 21-7 loss to Lamar County and like Addison, is in desperate need of a region win to improve its playoff resume. The Bulldogs are 3-1 on their home field this season while the Blue Devils are 1-2 on the road so if Addison can help extend that trend, it'll have a chance to pick up a crucial region win in the regular season finale.

Meek (5-3) v. Berry (2-6)
The Tigers are going back to the state playoffs for the first time since 2017 but before they turn their attention to that, they have a chance to pick up another win over a region foe Friday night. Meek will host the Berry Wildcats this week and will look to turn the tables after dropping last year's matchup in Berry 43-6. The Wildcats have lost four of their last five games and have struggled on the offensive side of the ball this season, scoring just 15 points per game. The Tigers are coming off a road loss to a strong Pickens County team but have won two of their last three and are unbeaten at home this season. If they can continue to control the game on their home field, the Tigers will have a good chance to pick up win number six and build some momentum before the postseason begins in a couple of weeks.

PREP FOOTBALL

Cold Springs JV routs Curry 42-0 to complete perfect season

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BREMEN, Ala. — The Cold Springs Eagles looked to make history on Monday night when they hosted the Curry Yellow Jackets and behind a huge night on the ground and a smothering defensive performance, they rolled past Curry 42-0 to cap off their first 8-0 season in school history.

Cold Springs got the ball to start off the game and Matthew Williams, Clayton Terry, and Tycen Kilgo helped the Eagles move the ball down to the 32-yard line. Mason Gable finished off the seven-play, 65-yard drive with a 32-yard quarterback keeper around the right side to give the Eagles an 8-0 lead with 4:51 remaining in the first quarter. Cold Springs forced a quick three-and-out and that ended up becoming a theme for their defense for almost the whole night.

The Eagles kept the ball on the ground in its second series as Williams and Gable wore out the Yellow Jacket defense. A Williams nine-yard gain gave the Eagles a first down and on the next play, Gable found Brady Phillips all by himself for a 32-yard score and that gave Cold Springs a 16-0 lead with 1:01 remaining in the first quarter. The Eagles got the ball after another three-and-out by Curry, and they continued to pound the ball on the ground as Williams, Terry, and Ethan Day each got a first down during the drive. Williams finished off the series with a hard-nosed six-yard score to increase the Cold Springs lead to 22-0.

After a turnover-on-downs by the Yellow Jackets, the Eagles found the end zone once again as Day found Tidus Light for a 19-yard score to make the score 28-0 and Light picked off a Curry pass to end the first half.

The Eagles added a couple of more touchdowns in the second half. Ethan Klar recovered a fumble to start out the second half for Cold Springs and later on, Cason Alexander scored on a two-yard run.

William Jackson capped off the scoring for the Eagles with a 1-yard run and the Cold Springs defense kept the Yellow Jackets off the scoreboard for the whole game as they ended up shutting out Curry 42-0 and finishing the season 8-0. The Eagles end the regular season with eight wins for the first time in school history.

Williams finished the night with 76 yards on 10 carries for Cold Springs (8-0). Gable added 43 more yards on the ground and a touchdown; he also went 2/4 for 39 yards and a touchdown. Alexander ended up with 18 yards rushing and a touchdown. Jackson added a touchdown as well and Day added a 19-yard touchdown pass.

2021 COLD SPRINGS JV EAGLES
#1 Mason Gable
#2 Tycen Kilgo
#3 Matthew Williams
#4 Ethan Day
#5 Cason Alexander
#6 Brady Phillips
#7 Bryant Davis
#8 Clayton Terry
#13 Hunter Garrett
#14 Tidus Light
#20 Kevin Puckett
#22 Levi Spinks
#23 Michael Earley
#24 Boston Archer
#25 Breannen Jiminez
#51 Jace Garrison
#53 Bennett Phillips
#54 Jadon Williams
#55 Zack Loyd
#56 William Jackson
#57 Isaiah Sheppard
#60 Kelton Phillips
#69 Eddie Maroney
#72 Trey Bailey
#73 Ethan Klar
#79 Jonah Davis



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Cold Springs' Matthew Williams finished with 76 yards rushing and a touchdown in the Eagles' 42-0 win over Curry.

CATA (from Front)

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The health science department is prepared to instruct and guide the next generation of students into the health field with the reconstruction of its flooring, walls and lights. Students will have access to brand-new equipment and a model operating room to practice skills that they could use in the surgical field. This allows Health Science Instructors Tracy Smith and Adriann Basch to teach their students about hospital practices within a classroom that feels, and operates, almost exactly like a hospital.

Basch shared, "We are excited, they are excited. I mean, Tracy and I, to have the opportunity to learn something like this in high school would be amazing. This is really preparing students. We are excited for them."



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CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Schools students work with other students as part of the district's Teaching and Training Program that aims to inspire and train up a new generation of educators.

Teachers (from Front)

process allows them to see different methods of instruction while taking on a more assistive instructional role in the classroom.

Students in the upper-level classes of the program have the opportunity to provide one-on-one instruction with students needing additional assistance, small group instruction, assist in whole class instruction and even lead classroom instruction.

"Ultimately, our goal is to develop strong teachers and leaders who will come back to the Cullman area to teach our students to be future teachers and leaders," Cullman High School's Amy Gleaton said.

"We know that not all students in our program will become teachers. However, this program also builds a sense of community and service of others. Our students also find confidence within themselves as they assist others in their process to success."

The Teaching and Training program began four years ago and has grown to include 87 students.

The program also features a partnership with Wallace State Community College to offer dual enrollment credit for the Child Development course within the program at no cost to students through a WSCC Workforce Development grant.

"Like many other states, Alabama is experiencing a teacher shortage and a renewed focus has been placed on the recruitment of new talent to pursue careers in the education field.

"Our Teaching and Training program's number one goal is to grow the future educator talent pool," Lindsay Brannon, Cullman City Schools Secondary Curriculum and CTE coordinator, said.

"We do this by utilizing a combination of classroom instruction and work-based learning that provides students with principles of effective teaching and training practices.

"Students learn to plan and direct individualized instruction and group activities, prepare instructional materials and complete other responsibilities of teachers, paraprofessionals or other educational personnel."







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Sighting (from Front)

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BERLIN, Ala. — The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department has come up with a novel idea to help some families in need this Christmas: a seven-foot tall, teddy bear from the F.A.O. Schwarz toy store in New York, valued at $1,000 and provided by an anonymous donor, will be raffled on Dec. 4. The proceeds will go to help selected families with children in Welti, Fairview and Holly Pond elementary schools. All three schools have families who live in the Berlin fire district.

"Our goal this year is to sponsor about four families from Fairview, Holly Pond and Welti elementary schools with not only Christmas, but if the need be—based on each family's situation—a holiday meal and/or groceries," said Shelby Teichmiller, the Berlin VFD's social media coordinator.

Raffle tickets are $1 each or six for $5 and are available at the Berlin VFD and Berlin Town Hall.

Get ready for breakfast!
Berlin VFD will also host a pancake breakfast at the Berlin Community Center on Dec. 4 from 7-10 a.m. before the raffle drawing.

Plates will be available for a donation, and all proceeds will go to the same charitable project.

Kids who come to breakfast can get their pictures taken with Santa.

The bear will be on display at the Berlin VFD's annual trick-or-treat night on Saturday, Oct. 30.

For more information or to make a donation to the cause, contact the fire department, call or text 256-531-8585 or 256-798-6751.

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CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2021-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLORIA SIMS TENBARGE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Andria D. Sims on the 5th day of October, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Andria D. Sims
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA *
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* CASE NO. PC2021-373

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BARBARA JEAN CARDEN, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned, CHRISTINA RENEA GARNER SANDERS, on the 20th day of October, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dated this the 20th day of October 2021.

Christina Renea Garner Sanders
CHRISTINA RENEA GARNER SANDERS
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Justin D Lackey A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Hometown Lenders LLC its successors and assigns dated June 3, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2016, in Book 1789, Page 293 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 333, Page 741 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 5th day of November, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 19-20

Thomas (Tommy) Lambert, 65, of Cullman
Thomas (Tommy) Lambert, age 65, of Cullman, Alabama, took his last earthly breath on the evening of Monday, Oct. 18, in his home and woke up in the arms of Jesus. Tommy was born Feb. 6, 1956, in Birmingham, Alabama to A.C. and Erma Railey Lambert. Mr. Lambert's relationship with Jesus was the most important part of his life. Tommy served the local church faithfully throughout his life, and most recently he was a member of Desperation Church. Tommy loved his wife Leigh Ann for 40 years—they were best friends. He was the kindest, most encouraging and forgiving person she has ever known. Together they had two daughters, Julie and Jill, who he loved more than anything, and he made sure they always knew it. Priscilla and Max, Tommy's grandchildren, were the absolute lights of his life. To know him was to love him, and he will be missed by so many beyond measure. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Oct. 22, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow at 2 p.m. at Forest Crest Cemetery in Irondale. Dr. Evan Akins and Rev. Sam Hollis will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Gary Lambert and James Lambert and sisters: Sara Beth Long and Linda Williams. Survivors include his wife of 40 years: Leigh Ann Lambert; daughters: Julie (Evan) Akins and Jill (Jordan) Meggs; sister: Charlotte (George) Allcorn; grandchildren: Priscilla Akins and Max Meggs; nieces, nephews, family and friends.

William (Billy) Edwards, Jr., 52
Mr. William (Billy) Edwards, Jr., son of William (Bill) Edwards, Sr. and Mary Louise Edwards was born Aug. 21, 1969. He transitioned Oct. 18. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, at Colony Community Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, at Hanceville Funeral Home. He leaves to cherish his memories a loving wife: Venicia Edwards; two daughters: Xandria Minnitt and Alexia Edwards; a brother: Clarence Webster; a sister: Cynthia Coleman; an uncle: Charles Webster; an aunt: Ethel Mae Webster; his in-laws: Rev. Odis and Jo Anne Minnitt; a sister-in-law: Beverley Webster and a brother-in-law: Vincent (Ilia) Minnitt. William was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Eugene and Will Webster.

Ophelia Fields, 89, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Ophelia Fields of Hanceville, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Colony Community Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Ophelia Fields was born March 15, 1932, in Colony Alabama. On Dec. 26, 1949, she married James Cleophus Fields, Sr., and to this union, 12 children were born; five stillbirth, seven survived. She took pride in staying home and raising her children. When the coal mines shut down, she sought a public job and started her career at Golden-Rod Broiler, Poultry Processing Industry to help with the expense of raising children. She ended her public working with Americold Compressor Industry until she retired. During those years, Ophelia taught herself to drive—and a driver she was! At an early age, she became a member of Pleasant Grove CME Church. In 1968, the church made a move and became known as Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. She played a number of roles in the church: church school secretary, church treasurer and faithful choir member to name a few. But most importantly, Ophelia had a relationship with God. Ophelia was also known to have a beautiful penmanship. On Oct. 19, at her home in Colony, Alabama, she answered the call to join her beloved Cleophus in eternal rest. She is preceded in death by her parents: Mural and Eddie Vaughn; all her brothers; husband: James C. Fields, Sr.; daughter: Geri (Henry) Brank and son: Maylon Jerome (Willie Rose) Fields. Willie Rose – A devoted and loving daughter-in-law until the end. She leaves behind one daughter: Natalie Regina DeMoss; four sons: Odis Lee (JoAnn) Minnitt, Howard Louis (Rosemary) Fields, James C. (Yvette) Fields, Jr. and Terry Wayne Fields; 28 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Virginia Mae Long-Gunter of Bremen
Funeral services for Virginia Mae Long-Gunter of Bremen, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Dorsey Creek Cemetery in Bremen. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. at the funeral home on Friday prior to the service. Mrs. Gunter was born August 24, 1929, in Jefferson City, Missouri to Everett and Lucy (Gerling) Long. She died at her residence in Bremen on Oct. 19. Survivors include her children: Donna Jean (Porter) Bryant, James Long, Charlotte Ann (Marlin) Bailey, Mary Elizabeth (Galin) McClendon, Michael Larry Gunter, George Edward (Rachel) Gunter, Lillie Diane (Perry) Lloyd and Kimberly Lorraine (Briana) Gunter; 33 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Gunter was also preceded in death by her husband: Thomas Edwards Gunter Sr.; children: Patricia Louise Oden, Horace Calvin Oden, Sherry Lee Anderson and Thomas Edward Gunter Jr.; grandchildren: Keith Oden, David Bryant, Michael Wayne Gable and Draik Lanier; great-grandchildren: Christopher Gable, Michael Gable and Tristan McGill; siblings: Virsil Long, Vernon Long and Maurceen Weldon and a son-in-law: Jimmy Kilgore.

Herman David Ruth, 74, of Hanceville (Updated)
Herman David Ruth, 74, of Hanceville, passed from this life Oct. 18, at his residence surrounded by family. A memorial service will be Friday, Oct. 22, at the Christ Lutheran Church from 3-6 p.m. Mr. Ruth was born Jan. 17, 1947, to John Pershing and Irene Edson Ruth. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Ruth family. Mr. Ruth was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers: Michael and John Ruth. He is survived by his wife of 56 years: Marion Evans Ruth; sons: Michael (Angie) Ruth and Jason (Regine) Ruth; daughters: Rebecca (Randy) Mraz, Dawn Ruth, Amanda Ruth and Justin Skidmore and Joyce Molett; sisters: Kitty Ruth and Danielle Skinner; grandchildren: Jessica Nerada, Justin Ruth, Josh Ruth, Jake Ruth, Austin Bell, Ty Duke, Destiny Hancock, Ciara Hancock, Alyssa Lacy, Dakota Lacy, Jayden Skidmore, Mikaela Ruth, Sadie Ruth, Abby Molett and Peyton Molett; great-grandchildren: Arabella Nerada and Lexie Arnold and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Sherry Ann (Lynn) Tankersley, 64, of Cullman
Sherry Ann (Lynn) Tankersley, age 64, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Sherry was born May 16, 1957, in Cullman, Alabama to Travis Wayne and Rebecca Ann Lovvorn Lynn. She is preceded in death by her father and a nephew: Grant O'Neal Wise. Sherry worked at and retired from Americold in Cullman Alabama. A visitation for Sherry will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A funeral service will occur Thursday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055) with Rev. Alton Bailey officiating. An interment will occur Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021 at Ebenezer Cemetery (2245 County Road 1242, Vinemont, AL 35179). Survivors are husband: Harold Coby Tankersley; daughter: April Dawn Hayes; son: Chad (Rendi) Tankersley; mother: Rebecca Ann Lynn; sister: Judy Kay (Keith) Wise; grandchildren: Jessica Cheyenne Hayes, Trenton Richard Hayes, Roxie Jane Tankersley and Evelyn Grace Tankersley; niece: Lindsey Howard and nephew Patrick Tankersley. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Rhonda Gail Wood, 60, of Holly Pond
Rhonda Gail Wood, 60, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Oct. 18. She was born in Tennessee Oct. 20, 1960, to Rayburn Delker and Kathryn Hooper Needham. Mrs. Wood enjoyed crafting and making floral arrangements. She also enjoyed puzzles and she loved animals. Rhonda and her husband of 41 years had two children together and she loved her babies, as well as her grandchildren. Family was the most important thing to Rhonda. She loved and was loved, and she will be greatly missed. Rhonda is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her beloved husband: Bobby Ray Wood; son: Bobby Gene Wood and wife Tonya; daughter: Tiffany Russell and husband Josh; grandchildren: Brandon Wood and wife Karissa, Hailey Wood, Elijah Russell, Jake "Cash" Russell and Cheyanne Westcott; great-grandchildren: Jayden Wood, Jasman Joiner and Crymson Martinez; sister: Becky Weaver and husband Bobby; nieces: Bridgette Shelton and Kimberly Walton; great-nieces: Raven Johnson, Kaylee Johnson, Kylee Walton and Madison Walton and a host of family and friends. Funeral services for Mrs. Wood are 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22, at Zion Grove Baptist Church, where Rhonda was a member. Burial will follow in Zion Grove Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the church on Thursday evening, Oct. 21, from 6-8 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Wood family.

Euretha White Allen, 66, of Holly Pond
Euretha White Allen, 66, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Oct. 18. She was born in Cullman County, Alabama, July 30, 1955, to Joseph Roger and Lennie Euthera Brooks White. Ms. Allen was an avid reader. She enjoyed poetry, her TV shows and she always enjoyed visiting the ocean. She enjoyed working with her flowers as well. Ms. Allen loved her family and she enjoyed time spent with them. She adored her dogs, and her Nessie was her baby. Ms. Allen was a member of Arab Assembly of God and she enjoyed worshiping her Savior there. Ms. Allen is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Ronnie Lee White and sister: Betty Joan White Tankersley. She is survived by her brother: Edwin Roger White (Priscilla Sue); sister: Vickie White Rogers and husband Arlon and a host of nieces and nephews. A celebration of life for Euretha will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 24, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Allen family.

Hattie Luwanda Sizemore, 67, of Cullman
Hattie Luwanda Sizemore, 67, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Oct. 18. She was born April 22, 1954, to William Bill and Ruth Helen Phillips Brown. Luwanda was a member of Temple Baptist Church of Cullman. Mrs. Sizemore was blessed with many talents, and she enjoyed decorating her home, as well as baking and decorating cakes. She enjoyed fishing with her husband, and she loved being outside. Luwanda enjoyed being in the sun, and she also liked to swim. She was a cherished wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family and found joy in being with those she loved most. Luwanda was loved by many, and she will be missed greatly. Mrs. Sizemore was the widow of Ernest Lee Smith and was preceded in death by her parents as well. Luwanda is survived by her husband: Mike Sizemore; son: Matthew and Sarah Smith; daughters: Candie and Mark Graham and Miranda Trotter; grandchildren: Hunter Graham, Westen Graham, Sreela Graham, Sofiya Graham, Reagan Smith, Bryson Smith, Connor Smith, Craig Smith, Peyton Trotter and Trey Trotter; several brothers and sisters and a host of friends, neighbors and church family. Funeral services for Luwanda are 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 23, at New Hope #2 Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the church from 11 a.m., until services begin. In lieu of flowers, please consider helping others be able to learn of the Savior that Luwanda loved by donating to the Missions Fund of Temple Baptist Church. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sizemore family.

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EDITORIAL

Parenting – It's not a contest

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Here's a question for you: Why do we, as humans, feel the need to go completely overboard when it comes to everything to do with our children? Somewhere along the way, it seems we have forgotten the joy in simplicity. From over-the-top gender reveals to lavish birthday parties and even fancy postgame snacks—can we please take it down a few notches?

I am not suggesting that we stop celebrating life's milestones, but I am suggesting that we get a grip. Perhaps it is the need to present our lives as perfect on social media that has caused the world to go mad. Moms, I promise you that nobody is keeping score and there is truly no need to one-up the gourmet cupcakes Brayden's mom brought after last Tuesday's soccer game. It's not a contest! Take the orange slices! Secretly the other moms will love you for lowering the dang bar.

Some of the most amazing memories I have from childhood are my friends' birthday parties. Get this, the parties were in the backyard of whoever was having the party. We had cake, ice cream and Kool-Aid. We played games in the yard and we loved every minute. Once or twice, there was a birthday party at the skating rink and that was super cool. If that was happening, it was usually two or three moms getting together and having a joint birthday party for their kids' birthdays and sharing the cost.

We never had the elaborate affairs that have become today's ridiculous norm. Birthday parties have become a competition—a chance to flex and show off. It doesn't even seem to be about the kids anymore as much as it is about a "look at how great I am" Facebook moment. Birthdays should be about fun, not excess.

As my kids got older, I thought maybe the level of absurdity would diminish as yearly birthday parties kind of faded. Boy was I wrong. Now we are supposed to hire a photographer every three weeks to capture every single moment and accomplishment of our child's life. Nope! I'm not doing it. We literally have cameras in our hands at all times. Snap a pic or two and call it a day. I mean no disrespect to photographers because Cullman has some amazing talent but hiring a photographer because your sweet little dumpling made the honor roll seems a bit much to me.

Somehow, I managed to get my children through high school without losing my mind completely. I questioned myself many times when seeing some of the ways other parents documented or celebrated everything their children did.

Honestly, I couldn't afford even a fraction of what other parents were doing and at times, I felt lesser than as a parent. I worried that my children would think they were lesser than too and that's a pretty terrible way to feel. I wondered if other parents even considered the enormous pressure they were putting on other parents with their lofty doting.

Now, my son is finishing Marine boot camp and I joined a group on Facebook created to keep the parents of his company informed. I find myself trying to weed through the posts to make sure I am understanding everything but am constantly bombarded with posts by moms determined to be the parent who loves their son or daughter just a little bit more.

It seems having a candle lit or worrying yourself silly is not good enough anymore. These women have literally created shrines to their recruits in their home. Yes, shrines! The first mom posted her table and I guess it was cute - a pic, candle, a framed prayer. Fast forward 10 weeks and the most recent mom who posted has an entire wall, floor to ceiling, decorated to her soon-to-be Marine. It's like the world's most patriotic Hobby Lobby landed in her living room. I refuse to be that extra.

I guess it's possible my kids could be sparing their poor single mom's feelings, but they assure me that they always feel loved and they always know I am proud of them.

Not because I shower them with material praise, but because I shower them with loving and encouraging words, as well as my time. What I told them everyday in private is what mattered and it cost nothing. What I post on social media hardly impresses them nor does it carry the same weight. Besides, they think Facebook is dumb and for old people.

I really hope simple comes back into fashion soon. My personality and wallet just can't keep up with the world's desire to impress. I long for the days when two hours playing with your closest friends in the yard was enough and orange slices were just fine.



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