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New Extension Coordinator Dr. Kira Sims brings her skills to Cullman County

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Dr. Kira Sims began her new position as the Cullman County Extension Coordinator in July following Tony Glover's retirement. In her first months, she has been familiarizing herself with Cullman and various people in the local farming community, elected officials, clients of the extension and other Extension agents. Sims says, "So far, everyone I've met has been very supportive of Extension and wants to continue to see it thrive in Cullman County."

Cullman County Extension is a part of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System which is the primary outreach organization for the land-grant mission of Alabama A&M University and Auburn University. The system delivers research-based educational programs in agriculture, forestry, wildlife, etc., with extension offices in all 67 Alabama counties.

Sims' background and interest in horticulture has been invaluable to her in this new position. She has achieved two degrees in horticulture from Auburn University and a Ph.D. in horticulture from North Carolina State University. Sims worked as an Extension agent in North » PAGE 9


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Dr. Kira Sims

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Local couple gathers Christmas toys for children in coordination with CCSO



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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office was honored to welcome Angelia Selvage and John Cox earlier this week to share the most recent status for donated toys for the Christmas season.

According to Sheriff Matt Gentry, for several years, they have worked to gather toys for children locally in need and presented them to the Sheriff's Office.

"This year marked their biggest donation yet," Gentry said. "The Sheriff's Office is proud to partner » PAGE 10

PREP FOOTBALL

Fairview knocks off No. 9 Russellville to advance to 1st quarterfinals since 1994


MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Fairview running back Tyler Simmons (24) scored a touchdown on the ground and through the air in the Aggies' 35-21 win at Russellville Friday night. » PAGE 4

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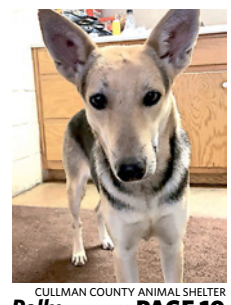
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CRIME

Two men arrested following vehicle theft Sunday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Sunday, Nov. 7, Cullman County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a report of two individuals pushing a vehicle down the road in the Vinemont area.

The vehicle, which had been reported stolen from Hartselle, was located by deputies, abandoned.

Jason Surrett, 26 of Hanceville, and Allen Guilbert, 25 of Vinemont, were located walking not far from the abandoned vehicle.

Cullman County deputies and investigators found sufficient evidence to determine Surrett and Guilbert had been the subjects pushing the vehicle earlier that evening.

Both were arrested and charged with receiving stolen property in the first degree. Both men were also arrested for outstanding warrants.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Allen Guilbert



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Jason Surrett

CRIME

Cullman church suffers multiple thefts

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CULLMAN, Ala. — According to a statement made by Cornerstone Revival Center, the catalytic converters were cut out of their three church vehicles sometime last week.

"At some point between Sunday, Oct. 31 in the afternoon and Friday, Nov. 5 in the morning, a criminal (or criminals) came to our church and cut the catalytic converters out of all three of our church vehicles," the statement read. "We didn't realize any of this happened until we went to use the church van for our youth on Friday night."

The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation.

The church shared that unfortunately, they've seen this happen multiple times in their area. Recently, a car lot in town was a victim of the same crime. Churches and other local establishments alike have been vandalized.

Cornerstone shared that they want to be a voice of encouragement to every church, business and homeowner.

"Pay attention to your surroundings, be aware of your facilities/dwelling and If you see something, say something," Cornerstone said. "This is not to invoke fear in the community or generate negativity. Simply to bring awareness in effort to prevent this from happening anywhere else in our community. This was ours. There were not any suspects and no surveillance cameras unfortunately."

Cornerstone Youth Pastor Jordan Fitzgerald said repairs have already been made to the vehicles.

"We have a morning service and an evening service on Sundays," Fitzgerald said. "The vans were used that Sunday morning and afternoon. So, the crime had to have been committed at some point after the Sunday evening service and prior to Friday morning. Our midweek service is on Tuesday night and the vehicles were not used for that service. If the crime had happened on Monday, it would have gone unnoticed.

"The only other thing that may be worth mentioning is that we were able to locate a yellow Dewalt reciprocating saw blade next to the vehicles. The blade was turned into the sheriff's office as evidence."

If you have any information, please contact the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 12

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported November 12, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 8

- domestic violence; CR 216
- menacing; harassment; CR 572
- theft of property; CR 1233
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1087
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S

Nov. 9

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of sawed off rifle; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 738
- violation of protection order; 2nd Ave. SE
- theft of property; Red Hill Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 246
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 1098

Nov. 10

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; CR 594
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 231
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; Sarah St.
- trespassing; CR 1669

November 11

- harassment; 1st Ave. S, Garden City
- reckless endangerment; Hwy. 69 N
- trespassing; CR 1736
- domestic violence; CR 1716
- menacing; CR 1141
- burglary; Ward Hill Rd., Hanceville

ARRESTS

No arrests reported by CCSO

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 6

- fourth-degree theft of property; Hobby Lobby; Town Square SW; miscellaneous; $33

Nov. 10

- first-degree theft of property; first-degree criminal trespass; first-degree criminal mischief; City of Cullman; Hwy. 31 N; miscellaneous; $5,200
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; 3rd St. SE; damage to '09 Chevy Impala; $350
- second-degree theft of property; person; Veigl Village Ct. SW; medication; miscellaneous
- third-degree theft of property; Ulta Beauty; Cullman Shopping Center; general merchandise; $1,327
- third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW

Nov. 11

- third-degree domestic violence; person; Seven Bark Dr. NW
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $6

ARRESTS

Nov. 10

Shearin, Amanda N.; 30

- FTA- third-degree theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- expired tag (3 counts)
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Drinkard, Laccie A.; 27

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Lewis, James B.; 42

- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Marion, Chasey R.; 37

- third-degree criminal trespass
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (4 counts)

Nov. 11

Johnson, Jenifer M.; 35

- DUI (combined substance)
- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

HEALTH

Cullman Regional receives Community Partner Award from UAH

Jennifer Malone
Cullman Regional

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — University of Alabama in Huntsville College of Nursing Graduate Program has chosen Cullman Regional as the recipient of its annual Community Partner Award. The award is in recognition of Cullman Regional's continued commitment to provide nurse practitioner students important precepting opportunities despite the extraordinary challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Nursing is the backbone of health care," said Charna Brown, RN, chief nursing officer at Cullman Regional. "We commend these students for continuing their education in nursing and are grateful for the opportunity to contribute to that learning."

Cullman Regional Clinical Educator Kelly Burnham, RN, attended the recent UAH Graduate Student Awards Program to receive the award. She works with multiple schools to provide student nurses with hospital-based training opportunities. For nurse practitioner students, these opportunities are necessary to earn an advanced degree and to be eligible to sit for the national certification exam.

"Most hospitals recognize the importance of providing these opportunities, especially when there is a nursing shortage," said Burnham. "We're also looking at it as an opportunity to showcase Cullman Regional and share what a great place it is to work."

On average, Cullman Regional hosts 125 graduate and undergraduate student nurses each semester for on-site group clinical training with their instructors and individual preceptorships with Cullman Regional staff nurses.

INDUSTRY

City of Cullman lists current employment opportunities

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman currently has available employment opportunities with the Utilities Board, Street Department, Police Department and the Sanitation Department.

City Human Resources Director Michelle Bates acknowledges that the city government jobs have been affected by the national labor shortage. She says, "It is harder to hire more qualified candidates right now than it has been."

However, the city of Cullman has been luckier than most when it comes to the labor shortage. The city has still experienced growth during the pandemic.

Bates says, "We haven't had positions open that we have been unable to fill. Fortunately, we've not had some of the difficulties that the surrounding areas have had with workforce.

"I'm hoping as the pandemic continues to improve, that will improve the workforce for us as well."

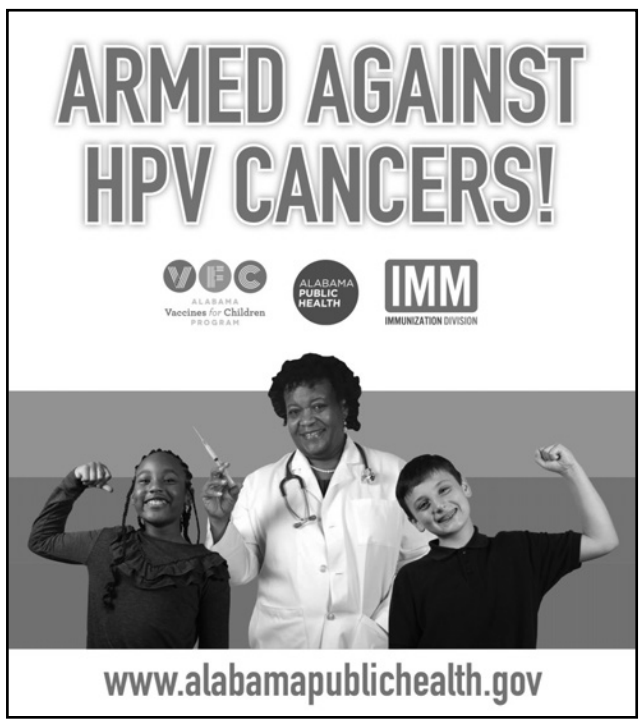
The current openings are:

- Executive Assistant of the CEO of the Utilities Board for the City of Cullman,
- Concrete Worker/Finisher
- Administrative Clerk (Records) for Police Department
- Utility/General Services Worker
- Equipment Operator for Sanitation Department
- Equipment Operator for Cullman Street Department

All positions are full-time opportunities and accompanied by medical insurance among other benefits. All open positions and full descriptions can be viewed on https://cullmanal.gov/jobs/.

There are other job opportunities listed for Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department, and Cullman County government jobs. Applications can also be found for Cullman City and County schools.

The City of Cullman also lists future openings. Applications will be kept on file for 12 months for consideration should one of the following positions become available or should testing for one of the following positions be scheduled. These positions are also listed on https://cullmanal.gov/jobs.







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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 Street 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 Street 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.
• 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
• 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 years, to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on Nov. 15 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.

Miércoles de Despensas
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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.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts fall – spring performances

The Nutcracker Clara's Dream
• Nov. 19-20, 7 p.m., Nov. 21, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring: Allegro Dance Theatre and Ballet South
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Christmas Spectacular
• Dec. 9, 7 p.m.
• Featuring: Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts programs
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Night of Jazz
• Feb. 10, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Faculty and Friends
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
• March 18-19, 7 p.m., March 20, 2 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring Wallace State Theatre
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Dazzle Me, Disney!
• April 7-9, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Wallace State Singers
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

Big Band Dance
• April 15, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts
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Dance Spring Showcase
• April 22, 7 p.m.
• Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre
• Featuring the Allegro Dance Theatre
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Spring Under the Stars
• April 26, 7 p.m.
• Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts (bring lawn chairs, blankets etc.)
• Featuring the Wallace State Concert Choir and Concert Band
• Info: 256-352-8277, jessica.chairez@wallacestate.edu

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.
• 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
• 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.

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.

35th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
Nov. 13: The 35th Annual Ho! Ho! Ho! Christmas Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be Saturday, Nov. 13 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Depot Park (309 First Ave. NE Cullman, AL). This is a fundraising event for Cullman Caring for Kids. Entry fee is $20 or donation of a new toy valued at $20. Awards will be presented to the winners. For more information, contact Sonya Smith Talley at 256-200-4548 or Edith Smith at 256-734-8726.

2021 Jones Chapel Merry Market Craft and Vendor Show
Nov. 13: The 2021 Merry Market Craft show will take place Saturday Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Jones Chapel Community Center (96 County Road 940, Cullman, AL). Along with original booths, there will be food trucks, inflatables and games. Local businesses and churches are invited to attend and set up a booth. The vendor fee is $25. For more information, call 256-615-5611.

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.

Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show
Nov. 19 – 20: The Vinemont Band would like to invite everyone to the annual Vinemont Band Booster Craft Show Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Cullman Church of Christ (4345 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL). Admission is free. It will feature 60+ vendors, door prizes and concessions. For more information, contact Miranda Reeves at vbbcraftshow@gmail.com or 256-531-6509.

Pleasant View Singing
Nov. 21: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Nov. 21, at 6 p.m., with "The Coffmans" from Kentucky. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately two miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

Christmas in the Park
Nov. 26: The City of Arab is hosting Christmas in the Park nightly 5-9:30 p.m. from Nov. 26 - Dec. 31 at Arab City Park (844 Shoal Creek Trail, Arab, AL). Over 2 million display lights to walk through! Lighting ceremony will be Nov. 26 at 6 p.m. Admission is free! Santa will be in the park Nov 26 - Dec. 18, Fridays and Saturdays only, from 6-9 p.m. in Arab Historic Village, which will also feature food trucks, live music and more! Admission is $6, with ages 2 and under free. For more information, call 256-586-6793 or visit https://www.arabcity.org/

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.

32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Dec. 4: The 32nd Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at noon in downtown Hanceville, rain or shine. Entries are now being accepted. The theme is First Responders: God's gift to their community. For more information, contact Tonya Godbee at 256-531-8992 or Amy Moctezuma at 256-339-9900 or by email at hancevillecivitan@gmail.com.

Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 4: The Berlin Fire Dept. will be hosting a pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 7 p.m. – noon at the Berlin Community Center (3309 U.S. Highway 278, Cullman, Alabama). Plates are by donation and will enter you into a drawing to with a 7-foot Teddy bear.

Christkindlmarkt
Dec. 10-11: Join in on a newer Cullman holiday event, the Christkindlmarkt, on Friday, Dec. 10 - Saturday Dec. 11 in Downtown Cullman. This event will sport many different vendors set up German style in small wooden tents. This will be the perfect way to finish out your Christmas shopping!

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Good Hope topples No. 4 Northside 35-21 to advance to quarterfinals

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NORTHPORT, Ala. — After edging Central Florence at home in the opening round of the state playoffs last week, the Raiders hit the road Friday night to play No. 4 Northside in round two. Turnovers and explosive plays were the keys for Good Hope in this one as quarterback Tanner Malin and running back Ethan Anderson combined to run for five touchdowns in an impressive, 35-21 win over Northside. With the win, the Raiders have secured a spot in the quarterfinals for the just the fourth time in school history.

The Raiders won the toss and deferred to the second half, so the Rams' offense was the first to take the field. Northside was able to convert a pair of fourth downs on its opening drive before eventually punching one in from 2 yards out to take a 7-0 lead over Good Hope with just under five minutes to play in the first quarter. After a squib kick, the Raiders took over possession near midfield looking to answer the early score but an interception by the Rams cut the drive short after just three plays. A few plays later, Northside lined up to go for it on fourth down once again, but the pass was broken up by Paydon Bagwell and Good Hope got the ball back at its own 35-yard line.

On the first play of the next Raiders' drive, Ethan Anderson took a handoff 65 yards to the house as the first quarter came to an end and after Robert Rodriguez's extra point, the score was knotted at 7 going into the second.

The Rams began to drive back down the field, but a fumble recovered by Briley Mattox gave the ball back to Good Hope around the 50-yard line. A big run from quarterback Tanner Malin got the Raiders down inside the Northside 25-yard line and on fourth down a few plays later, Malin took off from the 17-yard line and dove for the pylon to score and put Good Hope on top 14-7 midway through the second quarter.

The Rams put together a solid drive following the Malin touchdown and got the ball into Raiders' territory with just over two minutes remaining in the first half. Northside moved down inside the 15-yard line with less than a minute on the clock, but Good Hope's defense held on fourth down once again and the Raiders maintained a 14-7 advantage going into the locker room at halftime.

Good Hope received the ball to start the third quarter and Malin found Jager Burns downfield for a big gain to move the Raiders across midfield. Malin continued to lead the offense deeper into Rams territory and Anderson capped off the scoring drive with a 7-yard touchdown run. Rodriguez's extra point was good and with just over eight minutes to play in the third, Good Hope led Northside 21-7. Anderson flashed his defensive skills on the Rams' next possession when he pulled down an interception, but the Raiders fumbled to give the ball right back to Northside two plays later and the Rams took over inside Good Hope's 10-yard line.

Two snaps later, Northside scored from 3 yards out to cut the lead to 14-7 midway through the third quarter.

A big run up the middle by Anderson gave the Raiders a first down to start their next possession and Malin sprinted in for a 41-yard touchdown run on the next play to answer the Northside touchdown and make it a 28-14 game.

The Rams were able to string some first downs together on their ensuing drive and finished a scoring drive in the end zone to cut the Good Hope lead to 28-21 with less than two minutes remaining in the third. A pair of big runs from Anderson and Malin moved the Raiders across midfield to start their next possession and a pair of Northside penalties helped Good Hope drive even further into Rams' territory. Malin ran down inside the 15-yard line to give the Raiders another first down and Anderson took the next carry into the end zone from 14 yards out untouched and extended Good Hope's lead to 35-21 early in the fourth quarter.

Northside drove back down inside the Raiders' 30-yard line on the ensuing possession, but Good Hope's defense stuffed the Rams on fourth and short to get the ball back with around eight minutes on the clock. The Raiders moved the ball out near midfield but were forced to punt the ball away and Northside's offense came back onto the field with just under six minutes remaining in regulation. However, a Rams fumble was recovered by Good Hope just a few plays into the drive and the Raiders got the ball back with a chance to run out the clock. Good Hope was forced to punt the ball back to Northside but managed to take a couple minutes off the clock with the possession.

The Rams came back out onto the field, hoping to cut into the Raiders' lead and they were able to get into scoring range but Burns intercepted a pass in the end zone with less than a minute to play and iced a massive, 35-21 win for Good Hope. Malin took a knee to wrap things up and the Raiders are advancing to the third round of the state playoffs for the first time since 2018.

Good Hope will return home next week to square off against Madison Academy in the 4A State Quarterfinals.

Meek's playoff run ends with 21-14 loss to Woodland

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ARLEY, Ala. — After hammering R.A. Hubbard on the road last week and advancing to the second round of the state playoffs for the first time in 18 years, Meek's postseason run came to an end Friday night with a 21-14 loss to Woodland. The Tigers rallied from an early deficit to take the lead in the second half but a late score from the Bobcats allowed them to pull away and win it 21-14, ending Meek's postseason trip in round two.

Both teams traded punts and turnover-on-downs for most of the first quarter. After a Meek punt, Woodland found the end zone rather quickly on its next possession as a 49-yard run on just the third play of its series gave them a 7-0 lead with 2:16 remaining in the opening period. The Tigers looked to get going offensively but after two plays, they were faced with a third-and-11 from the 34-yard line. Quarterback David Tidwell found Jarrett Benson for an 18-yard gain, giving the Tigers a big first down. A personal foul on the Bobcats after the play ended pushed the ball to the 33-yard line. Back-to-back bruising run by Blake Miller gave Meek another first down at the 18-yard line, but they couldn't do much after that as they were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

The Tiger defense looked for a huge stand on its next series, but they got burned on a 68-yard pass and that put Woodland at the five-yard line. Two plays later, the Bobcats punched it in the end zone on a 1-yard run to increase the Meek deficit to 13-0 with 6:37 remaining in the first half. A turnover-on-downs and a punt later, the Tigers got the ball at the 19-yard line as they looked to find the end zone before the half. After Cam Deaver picked up a first down on a nine-yard run, Tidwell found Benson for a 25-yard pickup. After a short run, Tidwell found Benson once again as Benson looked to fight his way to the end zone, but he got tackled at the 11-yard line. The Tigers found themselves at the wrong end of a 13-0 score at the half.

Meek came out on fire to start out the second half. On the third play of its opening series, Ethan Grace broke free down the left sideline for a 41-yard gain and that put the Tigers at the 12-yard line. Four plays later, Grace found a huge hole up the middle and scored on a seven-yard run to cut the Tiger deficit to 13-8 with 8:26 remaining in the third quarter. Back-to-back punts gave the ball back to the Tigers as they looked to take the lead on its next series. Huge runs by Grace, Miller, and Cam Deaver helped Meek move the ball down the field as the Tigers quickly found themselves at the 10-yard line. Meek found themselves looking at a fourth down at the two-yard line, but Deaver came up just inches short of a first down and they turned the ball over on downs.

After a Woodland punt that landed at the 24-yard line, the Tigers stuck to their bread and butter as Miller picked up 20 huge yards on back-to-back carries before Grace found the end zone on a four-yard run to give Meek a 14-13 lead with 4:38 remaining in the game. But what happened on the Bobcats' next series left the entire Meek crowd in complete shock. On a 3rd-and-10 from the 38-yard line, Woodland's quarterback threw a pass to his wide receiver, who had two Tiger defenders covering him. Somehow, he made an amazing catch and took it to the house to give the Bobcats a 21-14 lead with 3:34 remaining. Meek looked to answer on its next series, but Tidwell's pass got intercepted. Meek had one more chance after the defense forced a turnover-on-downs, but a Deaver pass got picked off to end the game as the Tigers' dream season comes to an end at the hands of the Woodland Bobcats, 21-14.

Grace finished the game with 90 rushing yards and a pair of touchdowns. Miller added 58 yards on the ground, while Deaver ended up with 49 yards rushing. Tidwell finished with 97 passing yards. Benson added 70 yards on three receptions. The Meek Tigers finish the season 8-4, making it to the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 2003 and will look to have another memorable season in 2022.

Fairview (from Front)

Chris Pugh
Tribune Correspondent

RUSSELLVILLE, Ala. — Friday night was a special one for the Fairview Aggies. The purple and gold made the trip to Russellville to face the Golden Tigers in round two of the Class 5A State Playoffs and returned home with a 35-21 win and a spot in the quarterfinals for the first time since 1994. Friday night's win was also the 100th career victory for Head Coach George Redding. Redding was playing for the Aggies the last time they were in the third round of the playoffs and now he'll be returning as a head coach with 100 wins under his belt. It was a special night for Quarterback Parker Martin as well who posted four touchdowns in the Aggies' win.

Last week Fairview won a nail-biter that many didn't give them a chance to win and much of the talk this week was the same heading on the road to play 5A powerhouse Russellville. Fairview has one thing to say about that, "We're pretty good too!"

Fairview received the ball to start the game and used its powerful running attack to move the ball straight down the field, where senior running back Tyler Simmons capped it off with a 13-yard touchdown run. A rare miss on the extra point had the Aggies up 6-0. Russellville went straight to their own running game and put together a similar drive and went on top 7-6.

Fairview had an uncharacteristic three and out and kicker/punter Elijah Guyton boomed a 60-yard punt, pinning Russellville inside the 7-yard line. Russellville and Fairview would trade promising drives that ended with punts to keep the game 7-6 mid way through the second quarter.

Russellville, who uses a very balanced attack with weapons everywhere, used several big plays to grab a 14-6 lead on an 18-yard touchdown run. With momentum shifting the Golden Tigers had Fairview on a third-and-9 with a chance to get the ball back just before half, with the ball coming back to them to start the third. Senior receiver Bryson Chamness had different plans.

Chamness caught a pass and sprinted to the first down marker for a game changing first down, but that wasn't it. He went on to catch three straight passes, four total on the drive that had Fairview in Russellville territory with under a minute to play in the half.

Fairview wasn't catching any favors from the refs. Several penalties almost stalled the drive, but ultimately "the ball don't lie." Despite facing a second-and-25 at one point, Fairview was able to move the chains thanks a big catch by receiver Caden Jennings. Fast forward just a few plays and Fairview found itself on the 7-yard line with three seconds and a big decision to make. That's automatic range for Guyton, but ultimately Coach Redding felt they needed the touchdown. A bad snap flew over senior quarterback Parker Martin's head. He picked it up as the buzzer went off, scrambled around breaking tackles looking for someone down field, then delivered a laser to Simmons for possibly the biggest play of the season for the Aggies. A two-point conversion pass to senior do-it-all Dalton Payne tied it 14-14 at half.

Russellville received the opening kickoff of the second half and had a handful of explosive plays, but ultimately the stingy Aggie defense forced a turnover on downs behind a huge hit by senior Ethan Bice. The senior trio of Martin, Simmons, and Chamness went right back to work and put Fairview back into the redzone, where another bad call took them from fourth-and-1 to fourth-and-6 from the 12-yard line. Martin would take the snap roll to his left and find Jameson Goble open for a 12-yard touchdown and a 21-14 lead.

Just a few plays later Russellville's quarterback would unload a bomb down the field but found out the hard way who Fairview's free safety is. Martin, the two-time All-State defensive back, jumped up and picked off the pass and gave Fairview the ball at its own 16-yard line. Going into the fourth quarter The Golden Tigers got the ball back getting their own pick off a tipped pass. Flags would doom the drive and they'd again get a turnover on downs.

Sophomore sensation Eli Frost, who was played limited action offensively with an ankle injury, would rip off a big 22-yard run that also had a late hit tacked onto the end of it to put Fairview in the redzone. Martin would again find the endzone, this time from a yard out putting the Aggies up 28-14. Russellville wouldn't go away going straight down and scoring in just two minutes to pull within 7 with just over five minutes to play.

With vibes of last week, where a 16-point fourth quarter lead needed a two-point conversion stop to pull of the win, Holding the 7-point lead Fairview went back to their bread-and-butter Martin and Simmons and found themselves facing a third-and-3 on the Russellville 38. Martin would fake the handoff to Simmons and take off 38 yards to put the Aggies on top 35-21 with two minutes to play. One final defensive stop sealed the win and launched Fairview straight into the third round of the 5A playoffs.

Martin would finish 14 for 23 passing, totaling 230 total yards and four touchdowns. Simmons added 77 on the ground with a touchdown while Frost finished with 83 yards. Chamness grabbed a season high six receptions for 57 yards and Jennings, who had to get stitches for a cut arm this week, grabbed three huge catches for 45 yards.

As the clock hit zero, Ethan Bice nearly collapsed from the emotion, a much different side of the guy who was in the backfield all night making big plays.

"I'm just so proud of this team, the line, everyone," Bice said. "I've never been so close to people before. This team feels like family. I'm on cloud nine to be headed to the third round."

Chamness, who was part of the heroics at the end of the second half, added,

"The crowd was incredible," Chamness said. "They were so loud, and I was just feeding off it to do what I had to move the chains."

Coach Redding was excited to celebrate his 100th victory at Fairview but he's even more excited about the way his team is playing and seems to improve with each passing week.

"I'll tell you, 100 is great, but what I love is this team and what they're doing," Redding said. "We went into the game with a couple of tweaks on the offense to try and expose some things, but we had to go into half and make some more adjustments and our guys just executed. This team has shown everyone, all the doubters, that they belong!"

With previously undefeated Alexandria falling, Fairview will be hosting the Parker Thundering Herd next week for a huge matchup in Cullman County.





Good Hope finishes first at Cullman County Cheer Competition

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LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Top row, left to right: Decia McClure, Kailey White, Mahayla Dillard, Natalie Scott, Ally Murray, Lexi Doss, Madison Lee, Cori Stevens, Lauren Falls; Bottom row, left to right: Ashlin Hamm, Raven Adams, Audri Patrick, Kayla Quick, Paris Stricklin, Allie Sartin, Rileigh Ray.

GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope High School hosted the 3rd Annual Cullman County Cheer Competition Nov. 6, where Good Hope Varsity took home the title.

GHHS head cheerleading coach Sydney Chappell said she was very proud of the competitiveness the team showed on Saturday.

The head Good Hope JV coach is Brandy Lowe, and the Middle School head coach is Ashley White.

"We are very excited for our teams' performances Saturday," Chappell said. "Our cheer program, as a whole, has grown a lot and become more competitive over the past few years.

"So much of that is due to the hard work of our athletes, including daily practices for the whole cheer season (which is year-round). Our girls work extremely hard and are truly a family, pushing and encouraging each other every day. Our school and administrators are extremely supportive of our cheer program, and that is what helps make it a success."

The winners were: Middle School GameDay Division; Good Hope Middle- Champion; Holly Pond Middle- Second place; Hanceville Middle- Third place and Honorable mentions: West Point, Vinemont.

The Middle School Traditional Division Champion was Good Hope Middle School.

The JV GameDay champion was Good Hope Junior Varsity.

The Varsity GameDay Champion was Good Hope High School Varsity. West Point Varsity finished in second place, while Fairview Varsity was in third.

The Honorable mentions were Hanceville, Holly Pond, Cold Springs and Vinemont.

The Varsity Traditional Champion was Good Hope Varsity, and second place was West Point Varsity.





WES students learning business, economics with 'Monopoly Mondays'

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — There's a reason Monopoly has remained a mainstay board game since the 1930s — it's fun, challenging, and includes some valuable and fundamental lessons about economics and business.

West Elementary School teacher Sharyn Hollingsworth brought those teaching points to her sixth grade class this year with Monopoly Mondays, where students jockey for Park Place and Boardwalk to learn a little more about how real estate and business works in the real world.

"We have just completed a study of big business during the growth of industry in the U.S. in the late 1800s and early 1900s. We discussed the factors of production and the accomplishments of ambitious businessmen such as John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie," Hollingsworth explained. "Students learned that Rockefeller used horizontal integration to build his empire in the oil industry while Carnegie used vertical integration to dominate the steel industry. Both men created a monopoly in their respective industries."

Hollingsworth was able to utilize some grant funds from the Operation Round-Up program to purchase five Monopoly games for use in her class, which served as a culminating activity for the course of study.

"The conversations after playing the game were priceless! My money-hungry sixth graders quickly learned the best way to make the most money and ultimately win the game is to own key properties like the railroads, the public utilities and, of course, Boardwalk," Hollingsworth explained. "As we reflected on our Monopoly Monday experience, I heard the same comments in every class: 'The more railroads I own, the more rent they have to pay me!,' 'I think my investments will pay off!' and 'The more expensive properties bring in the most rent.'"

Hollingsworth said the exercise allowed her students to acquire a better understanding of a monopoly in big business during the Industrial Age in the United States, and they learned beneficial financial life lessons — all while practicing social skills in a friendly competitive situation with their classmates.



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Students gathered around the Monopoly board

Vinemont Elementary collecting items for Thanksgiving Food Drive

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Elementary Student Council Thanksgiving Food Drive is well underway until Nov. 17. The student council will be collecting food items for families in need this Thanksgiving season.

"We are asking that students participate in this drive and bring some of the items listed for your grade level. We believe that we can all build a better community if we reach out and help one another. — Thank you for your help and generosity," said Vinemont Elementary in the announcement. Items will be open for collection Nov. 1-17.

Items for collection per grade level are listed as:

- Kindergarten – Canned green beans, corn, carrots or cranberry sauce
- 1st grade – Instant mashed potatoes or canned sweet potatoes
- 2nd grade – Canned greens, dried beans or rice
- 3rd grade – Jell-O mix, Jell-O pudding mix or cookie mix
- 4th grade – Boxed dressing mix or macaroni and cheese
- 5th grade – Cake mix or canned icing

Vinemont Band Boosters Craft Show to take place at Cullman Church of Christ Nov. 19-20

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Band Boosters will be hosting a Craft Show at Cullman Church of Christ, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 157 and Childhaven Road. The Craft Show will take place Nov. 19-20 and will last from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Original works are encouraged, but other items will be considered. Due to Health Department regulations, home processed canned goods can no longer be sold unless the booth renter can provide proof of a current Alabama food cottage law permit.

Rental fees for an 8' x 8' space and hallway spaces will be $60.000. Vendors must bring their own table and chairs; tables should be covered uniformly to the ground.

The building will open at 1-5 p.m. on Nov. 18 for setup, and additionally on Friday, Nov. 19, at 7 a.m. The organizers request that after unloading and before booth setup, all vehicles should be moved to the vendor parking lot. Additionally, there should be no use of tape, nails or tacks on the auditorium floors and walls. Each vendor is responsible for his/her own properties. The Vinemont Band Boosters are not responsible for loss or theft of items. Each booth should be manned at all times during show hours.

The Vinemont Band Boosters will also be serving a variety of foods, with all of the trimmings.

For more information before this community event, call Miranda Reeves at 256-531-6509, or Milli Keel at 256-962-3397. The Vinemont Band Boosters may also be contacted by email, at VBB-Craftshow@gmail.com.

Cullman County Schools encouraging participation in Substitute Teacher Orientation in January

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CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Cullman County Schools will be holding an orientation for 2022's substitute teachers on Jan. 11, 12 and 18. The orientations will be held in two different time sessions, the first being at 8-11 a.m., and the second from noon – 3 p.m.

This orientation event will be held at the Cullman County Board of Education, located at 402 Arnold St. NE.

All who are interested are encouraged to reach out to Anna Pace at apace@ccboe.org, or Jessica Pankey at jpankey@ccboe.org, to register.

LEGALS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman is in the process of closing their FY20 Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG Project #: LR-ED-PF-20-002). Funds from this grant were utilized to construct an access road and fire loop accessibility road at the new Reliance Worldwide Warehouse facility located on Ege Farm Drive in Cullman. As part of the close-out procedures the city will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Auditorium to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input. Any citizen who would like to attend the public hearing, but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Wesley Moore at (256) 775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Cullman is in the process of closing their FY19 Community Development Block Grant Project (CDBG Project #: LR-ED-PF-19-003). Funds from this grant were utilized to install a new traffic signal at the entrance of Cullman Industrial Park #2 which is located at the Intersection of State Highway 69 and 24th Street Southwest. As part of the close-out procedures the city will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Cullman City Hall in the Auditorium to discuss the close-out of this project and accept citizen input. Any citizen who would like to attend the public hearing, but has a disability which might require special materials, services, or assistance, should notify Wesley Moore at (256) 775-7109 at least three days in advance of the public hearing.

Woody Jacobs, Mayor

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

2001 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMZU67E51UC61288, tag #25AL263.

This vehicle will be sold on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 8:30 a.m., unless all towing, storage and repair fees are paid before sale date. The sale will take place at Ponder's Wrecker Service, 2600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, Alabama 35058.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN,) CASE NO PC 2021-120
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED AND
AMENDED PETITION OF ANN W. POPE FOR THE PROBATE OF THE WILL OF VIRGINIA M. SANDLIN, DECEASED

TO: PERRY WASHINGTON
PATRICIA G. GARREN
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition and Amended Petition of Ann W. Pope to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Virginia M. Sandlin, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 30th day of November, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

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

Done this the 28th day of October, 2021.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
RONALD GENE MOORE,) CASE NO PC2021-275
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CONSERVATOR AND GUARDIANSHIP AND FOR EMERGENCY LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: RONALD JASON MOORE
JOHN EDWARD MOORE
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

Please take notice that a hearing on the Petition for Appointment of Conservator and Guardianship and for Emergency Letters of Guardianship, filed by Kimberly J. Moore, Petitioner, is set for hearing on the **6th day of January, 2022, at 9:30 A.M.**. Before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

Done this the 10th day of November, 2021.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
LINDA SMITHERMAN ONEAL, * **CASE NO.: PC2021-388**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to REBECCA CAPPS FLYNT as Personal Representative of the Estate of LINDA SMITHERMAN ONEAL, deceased, on the 3rd day of November, 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.

Rebecca Caps Flynt
Personal Representative

Cynthia Umstead
Attorney for the Estate of Linda Smitherman O'Neal
1027 23rd Street South
Birmingham, AL 35205

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
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHARON DELANE WALKER * CASE NO PC 2021-377
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: LOU ANN EASTERWOOD AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will for Sharon Delane Walker has been set for the **1st day of December, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.,** before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama, at this time you may appear or if you have an objection to the Petition for Probate of Will you must make your objection known in writing and file said objection with this Court before the day and time of said Hearing.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 27th day of October, 2021.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

A team that wasn't supposed to win, but did

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Tribune
Contributor



I can still see that old wooden-cabinet-table-top radio. It only picked up A.M. stations, and there weren't even many of those, but I listened to everyone I could tune in, that played what I wanted to hear. When I was a kid, that old radio was my main transmitter of the Atlanta Braves baseball games. We had a television, black and white, but they only televised one or two baseball games per week. Those games did not include the Braves as often as I wished, so I listened on my radio, when I could pick them up.

I was 10 years old when the Braves moved to Atlanta. I don't think I had ever heard of them before that. They moved from Milwaukee. I wasn't even sure where Milwaukee was located, but I felt pretty certain that it wasn't in Alabama or Georgia.

Those two states, and Florida and Tennessee, were about as far as I had ventured at that time. The Braves brought with them a 32-year-old slugger named Hank Aaron.

I didn't know who he was either, but when I heard that he grew up in Alabama, I liked him. As I listened to him play, and occasionally watched on television, I loved what he did. I quickly learned that he was perhaps the best baseball player in the world at that time.

I loved the sound of the ball coming off his wooden bat. Many of those balls landed in the outfield bleachers. His greatest accomplishment was breaking Babe Ruth's home-run record. Aaron's 755 career homeruns stood as the record for 33 years.

He was chosen for a record 25 All-Star Games, and played in 24 of them. As great as "Hammering Hank" was, there was one thing that eluded him in Atlanta...they never won a World Series while he played there. He had won one in 1957 with the Braves in Milwaukee.

That World Championship title was not only elusive for the great Hank Aaron, it has been pretty elusive for all the Braves' teams. The Braves have played baseball for 117 years.

They've won the title only four times, and only two of those were after they moved to Atlanta.

They've broken our hearts several other times. Some of their best years were in the 1990s and mid-way through the 2000s.

By that time, I was watching almost every game in color on Ted Turner's TBS network. In the 1990s, they assembled perhaps one of the greatest starting-pitcher rotations in the history of the game. They won their division year after year, as well as numerous National League titles, but brought home the big trophy only one time.

After last year's heart-breaking lost to the Dodgers in the National League Championship Series, I said what I've said a multitude of times before... Just wait till next year. Well, this year didn't start off so well. Before the season began, on January 22, hero Hank Aaron died. Midway through the season, they had a losing record.

On July 10, Ronald Acuna, perhaps their best player, tore his ACL.

It looked like they wouldn't even win their division this year, much less win it all...but they did both! They entered the playoffs with the lowest-winning percentage of any playoff team. Hardly anyone believed they would go far, except the team, and they did. In fact, they went all the way.

Believe! In order to accomplish your goals in life, you must believe. Believe in God, believe in self, believe in others, and believe in your purpose. When no one around you gives you a chance, go out there and prove them wrong!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1930, 1936

From the Files of 1930

Clyde Gammon, of the Logan 4-H Club, has won a trip to the National Convention in Chicago. Clyde won the trip for producing 1,020 pounds of lint cotton, on one acre of ground. This was the highest yield of any 4-H boy in North Alabama.

S.H. Green is chairman of the Community Chest drive, which will be on December 9.

A fire on Wednesday damaged the Asa B. Fuller home.

The first snow of the winter fell about 6 p.m. on Monday.

Mrs. T.E. Johnson and Mrs. W.J. Nesmith spent Thanksgiving in Birmingham with Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Thompson and Miss Vonde Lee Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Assell, of Birmingham, spent Thursday here with Miss Emma Assell.

Miss Georgia Higgins is visiting relatives in Calera.

Miss Helen Glasscock attended the Howard-Southern game, in Birmingham, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Calloway area in Georgia at the bedside of Mrs. Calloway's mother, Mrs. Crutchfield, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Whatley announce the birth of a little daughter.

Charles Bilgere died, in Birmingham, on Friday morning and funeral services were held on Saturday at the Sacred Heart Church here.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee have arrived from Tampa, Florida, to take charge of the Alabama Hotel here.

From the Files of 1936

Electric washing machines are advertised by C.A. Stiefelmeyer for $44.00 for one model and $52.50 for the other model.

Doctor Sidney Morrow, of Birmingham, spent Sunday in Cullman as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Bess Morrow.

In the November 1916 election, these were elected: Probate Judge, Fred J. Buchmann (R), Circuit Clerk, O.S. Roden (D), Tax Collector, Lee Cochran (R), County Commissioners, L.A. Kelton (D), E.T. Knight (D), J.B. White (D) and J.A. Vickery (R).

Artie Thracher, of Panama is visiting relatives in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nesmith were the Saturday night guests of her brother, the Troy Phillips of Bethsadia.

Arvie Walker has bought a fine pair of mules.

Mr. Louis Freeman passed away at his residence, near Pine Hill.

POET'S CORNER

Winter's Gift | By: Randy C. Hale

We love the spring,
new life and green.
The birds with babies
in their eyes.

Summer warms us
through, as heavy
clothing we lay aside,
and walk with light
into the night.

Autumn, the oranges,
yellows, browns, and reds,
festive celebrations,
harvests of cotton
and hay.

Not many love the winter,
the chilling of our bones,
most trees bare as
skeletons beneath the
cold blue skies.

But may we embrace
wintertime, retrieving
our coats tucked away,
seeking our favorite
warm place.

Letting the crystal frost
and snowflakes fall,
watching icicles drip
from the window sills
like sand in an hourglass.

In all seasons, there is
life and death,
and winter declares this
strong and stiff,
reminding us the
temporal.

Keep the faith, that below
the frozen lake life awaits.
Soon, new cycles will
resume, green sprouts
peeking through.



TOM OSTERBUHR, BELLEVUE NEBRASKA

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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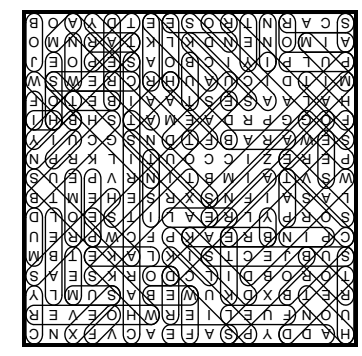
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The O Happy Day Birthday Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

"Oh Mickey, you so fine." At "The O Happy Day Birthday Party," we'll see ya round like a doughnut with Mickey Mouse, Georgia O'Keeffe, P.J. O'Rourke and Whoopi Goldberg as Sister Deloris sings, 'O Happy Day.'"

Our party destination is the "Concrete Donut." That's what a leading architectural critic called the giant, round, chunky building, the fantabulous Hirshhorn Museum, when it landed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. in 1974.

Gordon Bunshaft was the architect for the round-walled, concrete building which has no outside windows. It was actually considered controversial to place this Brutalist sculptural structure amid all the Greco-Roman inspired grandeur of D.C, and a newspaper headline of the time announced— "'Bun' Makes a Donut."

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at Independence Avenue and Seventh Street (20560) began with the widely admired collection of financier and philanthropist, Joseph H. Hirschhorn, and quickly became a leading voice for ground-breaking contemporary and modern art created by Americans. Among the treasures of the founding works is "Black Hills with Cedar," a 1941 oil painting Georgia O'Keeffe created in New Mexico on-site at the Jicarilla Apache reservation.

JOIN US...

The Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden is FREE and open to the public 364 days each year. It is one of the most visited museums of modern art in the United States. You feel the joy as you wind round the galleries, hear some lively tunes by W.C. Handy and see our party table boldly set with black, aqua and fleshy pinks echoing the lush colors of Ms. O'Keefe's masterpiece on the wall behind us.

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:

Nov. 13—WHOOPI GOLDBERG (born Caryn Elaine Johnson) is an actor and comedian. She is one of only 16 entertainers to win an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony (EGOT). She started her career onstage with her one-woman show, "Spook Show," which transferred to Broadway with the title, "Whoopi Goldberg." Her films include: "The Color Purple," "Ghost," "Sister Act" and its sequel, "Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit. Goldberg portrayed Guinan in the science fiction television series, "Star Trek: The Next Generation." Since 2007, she has co-hosted and moderated the daytime television talk show, "The View."

Nov. 14—P. J. O'Rourke (Patrick Jake O'Rourke) is an American political satirist and journalist. The Ohio native self-identifies as a Libertarian. He is the H.L. Mencken Research Fellow at the Cato Institute and a regular correspondent for "The Atlantic Monthly," "The American Spectator" and "The Weekly Standard." About this author of 20 books, the "Forbes Media Guide" said, "O'Rourke's original reporting, irreverent humor and crackerjack writing makes for delectable reading. He never minces words or pulls his punches, whatever the subject."

Nov. 15—GEORGIA O'KEEFFE (Georgia Totto O'Keeffe) was a modern artist and known in art circles as "The Mother of American Modernism." She is best known for her many paintings of enlarged flowers. Her works are based on her personal style and interpretation of subjects rather than representational. The Sun Prairie, Wisconsin native studied at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is in Santa Fe, New Mexico where she lived and worked for decades.

Nov. 16—W.C. HANDY (born William Christopher Handy in Florence, Alabama) was "The Father of the Blues." He was a composer, musician, conductor and one of the most influential songwriters in the history of American music. The educated music man used elements of Southern folk music in his sophisticated compositions. Taking the blues tradition of regional music style, he was the first to publish the blues and thereby took the genre from a limited audience to international popularity.

Nov. 17—RuPAUL (RuPaul Andre' Charles) is a drag queen, model, singer, television personality and author. He has received 11 Primetime Emmy Awards for hosting the reality competition series, "RuPaul's Drag Race." He was included in "Time" magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World," and "Fortune" magazine called him "easily the world's most famous drag queen." RuPaul is indifferent to which gender-specific pronouns are used to describe him and once quipped, "You can call me he. You can call me she. You can call me Regis and Kathie Lee. I don't care! Just as long as you call me."

Nov. 18—MICKEY MOUSE (born Michael Theodore Mouse) is a cartoon character created by the Walt Disney Corporation. His debut was November 18, 1928 in the short film, and one of the first cartoon "talkies,"— "Steamboat Willie." He is one of the world's most recognizable characters, an anthropomorphic mouse who typically wears red shorts, large yellow shoes and white gloves. Mickey Mouse is generally seen with his girlfriend, Minnie Mouse, his pet dog, Pluto, his friends, Donald Duck and Goofy, and his comic nemesis, Pete. He is the first cartoon character to have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He is an honest and bodacious, American joy-giver.

Nov. 19—CALVIN KLEIN (Calvin Richard Klein) is an American fashion designer who gained international fame via the classic American apparel—jeans. Calvin Klein jeans grossed $200,000 in the first week they were in the stores. His company, Calvin Klein Inc., also gave his name to hugely successful fragrances, watches, jewelry and home goods. Klein, who grew up in the Bronx (New York City), graduated from the High School of Art and Design (Manhattan) and attended the Fashion Institute of Technology (Manhattan). He has received awards for menswear and womenswear by the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE O HAPPY DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"Normal is nothing more than a cycle on a washing machine."—Whoopi Goldberg

"The Three Branches of American Government: Money, Television and Bullsh*t."—P.J. O'Rourke

"It's not enough to be nice in life. You've got to have nerve."—George O'Keeffe

"Life is like a trumpet—if you don't put anything into it, you don't get anything out of it."—W.C. Handy

"If you want to be invited to the party, you better have something to bring."—RuPaul

"All you need is a little bit of magic."—Mickey Mouse

"It's fun wearing my label on someone's behind—I like that."—Calvin Klein

"Art and life are subjective. Not everybody's gonna dig what I dig, but I reserve the right to dig it."—Whoopi Goldberg

"Politics is the art of achieving prestige and power without merit."—P.J. O'Rourke

"Nobody sees a flower—really—it is so small it takes time—we haven't time—and it takes time, like to have a friend takes time."—Georgia O'Keeffe

"Setting my mind on a musical instrument was like falling in love. All the world seemed bright and changed."—W.C. Handy

"When you become the image of your own imagination, it's the most powerful thing you could ever do."—RuPaul

"To laugh at yourself is to love yourself."—Mickey Mouse

"The best thing is to look natural, but it takes make-up to look natural."—Calvin Klein

"What I am is a humanist before anything else—before I'm a Jew, before I'm black, before I'm a woman. And my beliefs are for the human race—they don't exclude anyone."—Whoopi Goldberg

"Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys."—P.J. O'Rourke

"If you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for a moment."—Georgia O'Keefe

"The blues is the sound of a sinner on revival day."—W.C. Handy

"In our subconscious, we all know we are playing roles."—RuPaul

"Sorry I was late, everybody. I had to stop by the bank. I was over-drawn."—Mickey Mouse

"What we do at Calvin Klein is fun—if you have any sense of humor at all!"—Calvin Klein

"I don't look like Halle Berry. But chances are, she's going to end up looking like me."—Whoopi Goldberg

"It remains to be seen which program will cause greater societal damage: China's one-child policy or America's one-parent policy."—P.J. O'Rourke

"I wish people were all trees and I think I could enjoy them then."—Georgia O'Keeffe

"My big ears indicated a talent for music. This thrilled me."—W.C. Handy

"Success is something between you and yourself. I think only you know where you've come from and how far you want to go."—RuPaul

"I'm crazy and I don't pretend to be anything else."—Calvin Klein

"I am where I am because I believe in all possibilities."—Whoopi Goldberg

"Not being a liberal, I have very little grasp of things that I know nothing about."—P.J. O'Rourke

"One day a hummingbird flew in—It fluttered against the window 'til I got it down where I could reach it with an open umbrella—when I had it in my hand it was so small I couldn't believe I had it—but I could feel the intense life—so intense and so tiny—you were like that hummingbird to me...And I am rather inclined to feel that you and I know the best part of one another without spending much time together...It is beautiful and pure and very intense, alive."—Georgia O'Keeffe

"Whenever I heard the song of a bird and the answering call of its mate, I could visualize the notes in scale, all built up within my consciousness as a natural symphony."—W.C. Handy

"We're all born naked and the rest is drag."—RuPaul

"I still drink vodka...I don't like grass, because it just makes me hungry."—Calvin Klein

"Drag is there to remind culture not to take itself too seriously. All of this is illusion."—RuPaul

MENU FOR "THE O HAPPY DAY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—P.J. O'Rourke Calamari O's (mylittleItaliankitchen.com)

SOUP/SALAD—Georgia O'Keeffe Ring of Fire New Mexico Chili (allrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—RuPaul Adult "SpaghettiOs" (bonappetit.com)

SIDE DISH—W.C. Handy Southern-Fried Onion Rings (yummly.com)

BREAD—Calvin Klein New York Bagels (sophisticatedgourmet.com)

BEVERAGE—Mickey Mouse Oreo Cookie Cocktail (see below)

DESSERT—Whoopi Goldberg O Happy Day Apple Cider Donuts (tasteofhome.com)



BendigoArt.com/CullmanTribune.com

ONE TO GROW ON—The 2022 Georgia O'Keeffe Wall Calendar from the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. features 12 unmistakable flower paintings by the American joy-giver. It's lots of up-close floral fabulosity for $14.99 at https://shop.nga.gov. After dinner, RuPaul introduced Whoopi Goldberg with her dragtastic name, Sister Deloris van Cartier, and got the group to be her backup choir for an energetic reprise of a "Sister Act 2" song, "O Happy Day," which rivaled the original by the Edwin Hawkins Singers. (Personal note: I just searched YouTube for this three-minute number by searching for "Whoopi Goldberg O Happy Day." I misted up with tears of joy and if you don't feel your spirit uplifted—you might want to check your pulse. Lord, for the joy-givers, we are thankful this Thanksgiving Month.)

Then, with a happy, "Meeska, Mooska," Mickey Mouse got the group to join him for apple cider doughnuts in the Hirshhorn Sculpture Garden.

"The O Happy Day Birthday Party" wrapped up the evening with all donning Mickey Mouse ears and singing:

"Who's the leader of the club
That's made for you and me?
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E.
Hey there! Hi there!
Ho there!
You're as welcome as can be.
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E.
Mickey Mouse!
(Donald Duck)
Mickey Mouse!
(Donald Duck)
Forever let us hold
our banner
High! High! High! High!
Come along and
sing the song
And join the jamboree!
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E
M-I-C -- See ya real soon.
K-E-Y—Why? Because,
WE LOVE YOU!

THE MICKEY MOUSE OREO COCKTAIL
(Source: TipsyBartender.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 3 ounces vodka
- ¾ ounces white chocolate liqueur
- Oreo cookies
- Vanilla ice cream
- Garnish: Whipped cream, cherry, Oreos

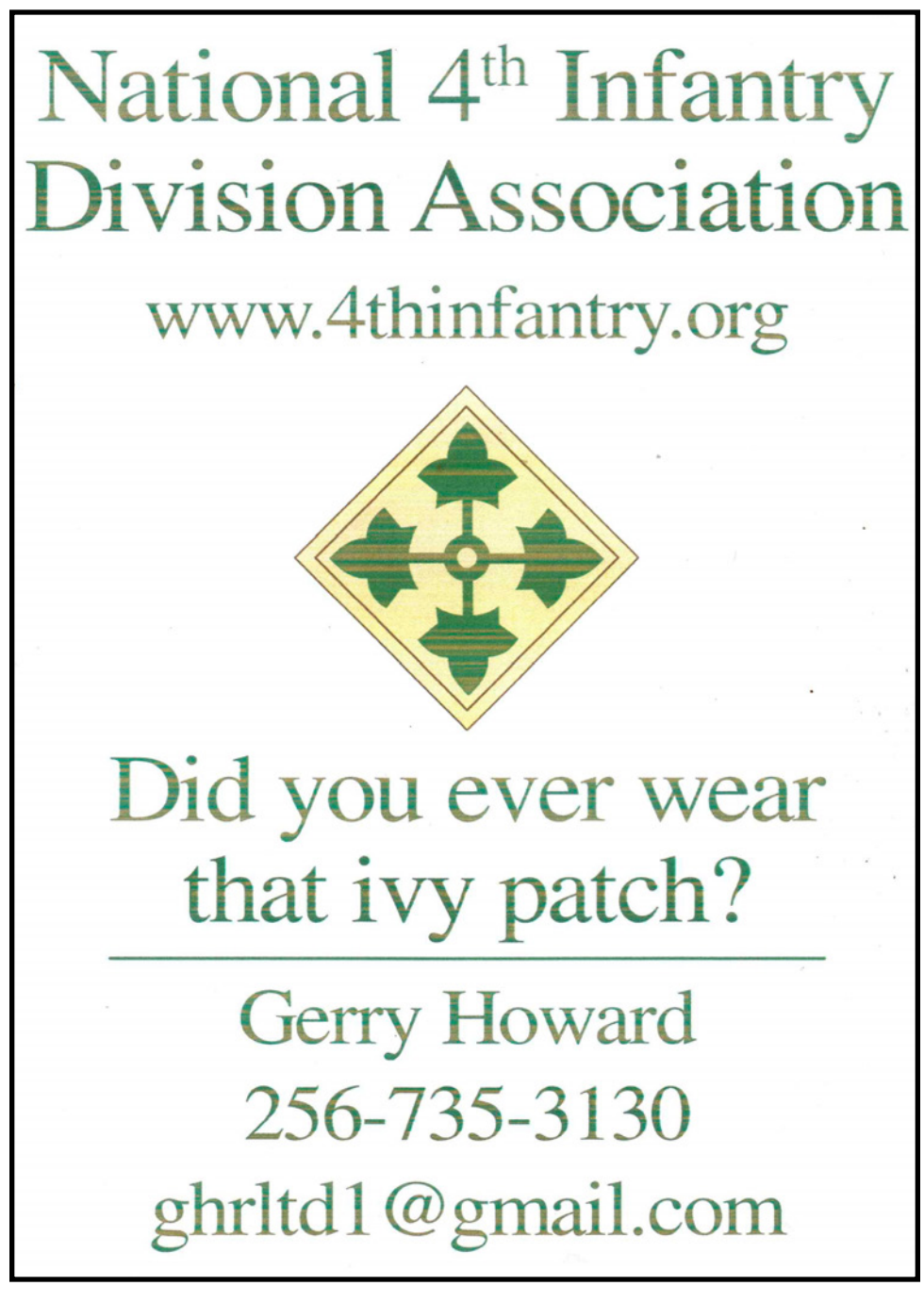
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place five Oreo cookies into the base of a jar. Add vodka and muddle well. Shake well and let sit for a few minutes.

2. Place 1 ½ ounces of the Oreo-infused vodka mixture into a blender and add white chocolate liqueur and vanilla ice cream. Blend thoroughly until smooth.

3. Pour the blended mixture into a hurricane glass and top with whipped cream.

4. Garnish with two Oreo (ears) and a cherry to make a Mickey Mouse face.



Sims (from Front)

Carolina before coming to Alabama, so she brings extensive knowledge and experience to her new role at the Cullman office.

Sims talked about how welcomed she has felt coming to the Cullman Extension, saying, "We've had a lot of new faces come into the Cullman County Extension office and changes made, but there has been one consistency that has made my transition into this role smooth, and that is my administrative associate, Beth Glasscock. Her time and experience in Extension has been invaluable to me. I appreciate the warm welcome and support she has given. I appreciate the support of all those I have worked with over the last few months and look forward to building those relationships over the next several years!"

One of the upcoming programs the Extension office is planning is the Master Gardener Volunteer training class this spring, offered both in-person at the County Extension office and virtual options.

The classes will be held on Thursdays beginning Feb. 3 - May 5 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration is currently open online at (https://www.aces.edu/go/2022springMGclass).

There is an early bird discount of $150 through Dec. 19, after which the registration price goes up to $200 until it closes on Jan. 23. Sims says, "We are looking for participants that have an interest in gardening and learning more about a variety of topics including trees, vegetables, turfgrass, soils, pest management and more. Many of the current Master Gardener volunteers also love the social aspect – learning and working along-side people that share their interest in gardening." If anyone has questions about the class, they can call the Cullman Extension office at 256-737-9386."

Sims has helped to plan several programs in the upcoming year through partnerships with North Alabama Agriplex, Wallace State and Extension offices in the region. To stay up to date on the upcoming programs and events follow Cullman County Extension on Facebook or subscribe to their e-newsletter (https://www.aces.edu/go/subscribecullman) that comes out every other month.























Luncheon (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office announced that approximately 100 people were in attendance at their joint celebration in honor of the Marine Corps birthday and Veterans Day.

This year marks the 246th anniversary of the establishment of the Marine Corps and the seventh year the Sheriff's Office has celebrated the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day with a luncheon.

"It is an honor and a privilege to have so many veterans with us," Sheriff Matt Gentry said.

"This is always one of the highlights of our year here at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

"Everyone, especially our youth need to be reminded of all the sacrifices that have been made by so many. I would like to personally thank all of our veterans for their service and their sacrifice."

Polly (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares the Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Polly is a 1.75-2-year-old Shepherd mix. She is a medium-energy gentle gal who is a perfect lady while on a leash and demonstrates respect for your personal space.

She absolutely cherishes time with her people and is more than happy to cuddle up in your lap if you let her.

Polly's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs. Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!
Ruttkay shared with us that recent Pet of the Week Skippy has found his permanent home! Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

Toys (from Front)

with wonderful citizens like Angelia and John, and will make sure their generous donation gets to those in need."

According to the CCSO, Angelia Selvage runs the entertainment venture Dead End Haunted Trail during the Halloween season, and the proceeds go to help pay for the toys. They have given these donations to the Sheriff's Office for the past five to six years. This year they brought a trailer full of toys.

"We love giving back to our community. We first started in 2014 and since then have grown," Selvage said. "We first opened our haunted trail in 2014, then again in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020 and this year was our biggest year. We do it for the kids during the month of October so they can have fun every Friday and Saturday nights. We make everything kid-friendly at the trail. I was raised to where if my own children can't be somewhere then I don't go, and that's why we do what we do."

She and her husband John Cox said they don't have a gift request list per se; anything that is donated is appreciated.

"If anyone would like to get involved, all we ask is that the toys be in decent condition or new," Selvage said. "The toys don't have to be expensive; we appreciate the donations and can be purchased anywhere. If all things go as well as our haunted trail event that we did in October, we will attempt the 'Dead End Haunted Trail Christmas Edition' this year. Our open date is Nov. 27 and we will be opened Dec. 3, 4, 10, 12 and 17-18.

"The admission will be new toys that will be given to the sheriff's office. The only thing we ask is if there are any stuffed animals, please keep all tags attached. We want to be able to turn all donations in before Christmas. If you would like more information, please feel free to call me at 256-347-9361."

"I have often said, we live in the greatest county in the state of Alabama," Gentry said. "It is our citizens that continue to make me proud to be a part of Cullman County. The level of support, selflessness and giving in this county is unmatched."

For more information, or to donate, visit: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1962365247384581.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Nov. 12, 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: 4.6%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,889
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 450,947 (+1,395 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,190
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 8,744 (+16 since Wednesday)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 3.1%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,576
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 8,312 (+53 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 171 (+0 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,051
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 33
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 43,747
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 2,010
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 291

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 7,128,615 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,996,945 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 4,821,481
- Additional doses administered: 263,568
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,559,711
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,104,728
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 3,131,670 (No update available)

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.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 11-12

Ricky L. Calvert, 71, of Cullman
Graveside service with military honors for Ricky L. Calvert, 71, of Cullman will be Monday, Nov. 15, at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, AL with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Visitation will be Sunday evening at the funeral home from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Calvert family. Mr. Calvert passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Vanderbilt Hospital. He was born July 8, 1950, to O.V. & Violet Calvert. Ricky was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He served his country in the United States Army and was a Vietnam veteran. He retired after 37 years from AT&T. He loved farming and working with his cattle. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife: Karen Calvert; daughters: Lori (Kevin) Schnittker and Lisa Stevens; step-daughters: Callie (Grant) Schaefers and Cassie (Wes) Coffee; brother: Byron (Sherry) Calvert; sister: Brenda (Frank) Flautt; grandchildren: Cori and Cody Stevens, Cole and Cloe Shelton, Allen and Liam Schnittker, Alysa, Alyia and Alyvia Schaefers; family and friends.

Andrew Jackson Brown, Jr., 47, of Cullman
Andrew Jackson Brown, Jr., 47, of Cullman, passed from this life Nov. 10, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Brown family. Mr. Brown was born Oct. 21, 1974, to Andrew Jackson Sr. and Betty Ann Robertson Brown. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother: Michael Brown and a niece: Anna Mar Brown. Mr. Brown is survived by his wife: April Lee Brown; two sons: Andrew Jackson Brown, III and Spencer Lee Brown; one daughter: Gabrielle Elaine Brown and a host of family and friends.

John Paul Dishman, 71, of Cullman
Funeral service for John Paul Dishman, age 71, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Johnny Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dishman passed away Wednesday, Nov. 10, at his residence. He was born April 13, 1950, in Tennessee to John Samuel Young and Imogene Parson. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister and three brothers. Survivors include his wife: Edith Dishman; son: Johnny (Stephanie) Dishman; daughter:, Della (Jim) Hampton and Christa (Billy) Overton; grandchildren: Ashley (Stephen) Knott, Skyler (Sam) Smith, Jonathan Dishman, Seth Dishman, Jessica (Forrest) Sears, Rebecca Overton and fiance Nate Drinkard, Angelina Hampton and Olivia Overton; great-grandchildren: Cheyanne Knott, Zaydee Zehr, Brayden Knott, Avery Knott, Zophia Zehr, Brantley Stevens and Conrad Sears and sister: Debby (Carl) Pieplow.

Shelia Thomas, 63, of Holly Pond
Shelia Thomas, 63, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 10. She was born May 29, 1958, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Verbon and Ethel James Miller. Mrs. Thomas worked in the health care industry. She was employed by both Oxford Health and assisted living in Hanceville before her retirement. Shelia enjoyed visiting the Smokey Mountains and she was fond of red roses. She loved her family and was a devoted wife and mother. Shelia will be missed greatly by those who loved her. She is preceded in death by her husband: Gilbert Wayne Thomas, Jr.; father: Verbon Miller (Ruth Miller) mother: Ethel Cox (Floyd Cox) and brother-in-law: Jerry Lamar. Shelia is survived by her son: Joshua Thomas (Jessica); sister: Mary Dean Lamar; brother: Douglas Miller (Sandra); sister-in-law: Patricia Ann Thomas; nieces and nephews: Kristy White (Phillip), LeAnne Evans (Drew), Brad Lamar, Ashley Davis (Tim), Anthony Lamar (Bethany), Kim Sharpton (Wade), Paul Miller (Letha) and Patrice Thomas and 13 great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral services for Mrs. Thomas were 1 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. James Burnham officiated. Burial followed in Hopewell Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas family.

Jimmie Dean Carnell, 80
Jimmie Dean Carnell, a loving sister, aunt and friend to many, went to her heavenly home on Nov. 10, from Cullman Regional Medical Center. A gifted musician, she spent over 65 years as pianist for Holly Pond Baptist and United Methodist churches. Now she is playing for a heavenly choir. Jimmie Dean was born Sept. 11, 1941, to Julous Orbin and Bessie Gilley Carnell. She was a lifetime resident of Holly Pond and was a fifth-generation member of Holly Pond First Baptist. Miss Carnell moved her membership when she began playing piano at the Methodist Church. She was a graduating member of the Holly Pond Class of 1959, and she went on to Jacksonville State University, where she majored in music. Jimmie was a member of DAR, the Holly Pond Homemakers and Holly Pond Senior Citizens. She wrote "News from Holly Pond" for the Cullman Tribune for many years and was also the Society Editor for the Cullman Times for eight years. Miss Carnell began giving piano lessons in 1968 and unlocked the gift of music for many students. She shared her talent with many, and she enjoyed playing the piano for the East Cullman Baptist Association "Prime Time Singers." She was an Avon representative, currently, and had been selling Avon since 1966. Jimmie Dean loved the Lord, her family, friends, her cat "Socks," her books and the Atlanta Braves. She is preceded in death by her parents: Julous and Bessie Carnell. Jimmie Dean is survived by two loving sisters: Julia C. Floyd (Walter) and Nancy C. Horton (Lane); six nieces and nephews: Gina Webb (Doug), Candance Floyd (Paul Auffant), Tony Marks (Susan), Drew Floyd (De), Nathan Horton and Gennifer Baker and seven great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Miss Jimmie Dean are 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Holly Pond First Baptist Church, with Brother Dwight Kidd and Brother Benjamin Smothers officiating. Miss Carnell will lie in state from noon until services begin. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Friday evening, Nov. 12, at Holly Pond Funeral Home, from 6-8 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carnell family.

Rosina "Marie" Ratliff, 77, of Carthage, Missouri
Rosina "Marie" Ratliff, age 77, of Carthage, Missouri passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 10. Marie was born Aug. 7, 1944, in Long Beach, Mississippi. She was preceded in death by her father: Finley Scarborough; mother: Alma Dindinger Scarborough Bailey and a brother: Richard Scarborough. Marie is survived by her daughter: Melissa K. (Keith) Moore; stepdaughter: Robin Bridges; sisters: Kathy (Kelly) Moore and Gloria Jones; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The graveside celebration of Marie's life will be Sunday, Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Wanda LaRae Davis, 62, of Cullman
Funeral services for Wanda LaRae Davis, 62, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, at Moss Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until time of service. Wanda was best known for her caring heart, welcoming smile and most of all, her immense love for her family.. Her proudest accomplishment was being an adored grandmother, lovingly called "Buh" by her six grandchildren: Jackson, Harrison and Callahan Bentley, and her "trips": Blayklee, Hayes and Houston Overton. Wanda was the happiest when caring for others and playing with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. She is survived by her daughters: Carrie (Chad) Bentley and Danielle (Blake) Overton and their father: Omar Davis, as well as a large, loving, extended family and many wonderful friends. Pallbearers will be her sons-in-law, grandsons and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Curt's Closet: P.O. Box 942, Cullman, AL 35056.

Laura Lee Chumley, 56, of Cullman
Funeral service for Laura Lee Chumley, age 56, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 14, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with interment in Enon Baptist Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Chumley passed away Thursday, Nov. 11, at Cullman Regional. She was born Dec. 23, 1964, in Cleveland, Tennessee, to Arthur and Lorretta Early Lemons. She was preceded in death by her parents and sister: Rita Massingill. Survivors include her daughters: Crystal Waldron and Brittany Hamm; son: Keith (Laura) Chumley; grandchildren: Hayden Monger, Hannah Monger, Cade Waldron, Bella Hamm, Brayleigh Hamm, Shaun Chumley, Colton Chumley and Zayne Chumley; sister: Karen Rudolph; brother: Alan Lemons; nieces: Tina Moller and Sandra Pope and dog: Angel.

Frederick" Freddy" William Nothdurft, 73, of Cullman
Frederick" Freddy" William Nothdurft, age 73, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Thursday, Nov. 11. Frederick was born March 17, 1948, in Cullman Alabama to Fred William and Nettie Rose Schlosser Nothdurft. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Germany. He worked at The Cullman Fire and Rescue Department and retired as a Captain. He is preceded in death by his parents and a grandchild: Meagan Hosch. Funeral services are Sunday Nov. 14, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. Interment will follow services at Cullman Memory Gardens. Survivors are wife of 54 years: Kay Owens Nothdurft; daughter: Jennifer (Bo) Speer; sons: Lee (Paula) Hosch and Chris (Brandi) Nothdurft; brother: Ted (Debbie) Nothdurft; grandchildren: Alex (Dakota) Massey, Eli Speer, Cassidy Speer, Brooklyn Nothdurft Haley Baugh and Miranda Holland; great-grandchildren: Kensie and Kelsea Massey, Bailee Martin and Tinslee Likos and Sawyer Alpin. Visitation is Sunday, Nov. 14, at Moss Service Funeral Home from noon until service time at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to your favorite charity. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Nothdurft family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

John Michael Edgemon, 57, of Jackson
John Michael Edgemon, age 57, of Jackson, passed away Saturday, Nov. 6. He was born Wednesday Sept. 30, 1964, in Atlanta, Georgia to the late John Ed Edgemon, Jr. and Sharon Faye Huffman Edgemon, who survives. Other survivors include his children: Lisa Edgemon and Micah Matthews of Forsyth and Michael Edgemon of Jackson; two grandchildren: Cohen Matthews and Carsen Matthews; siblings: Cindy and Bud Smith of Locust Grove, Mary Lynn and Mike Overbey of Jackson and Pam Edgemon and Adam Liesmann of Monticello; several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Graveside funeral services were Thursday, Nov. 11, at the Holly Pond Cemetery in Holly Pond, Alabama at 2 p.m. Pastor Bud Smith officiated. The family received friends Wednesday, Nov. 10 at the funeral home. Haisten Funeral Home of Jackson is serving the Edgemon Family.

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10AM - 5PM
CHRISTMAS PICTURES
FESTHALLE FARMERS MARKET

10AM - 2PM
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES
DESPERATION CHURCH (NEW CAMPUS)

11AM - 1PM
BALLOON ANIMAL ART
WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

3PM - 5PM
SANTA PICTURES
WAREHOUSE DISTRICT

SUNDAY

1PM - 5PM
SANTA PICTURES
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