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Annual Veterans Day program honors local veterans

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The annual Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration returned to Cullman Regional Airport Saturday. It was a rainy day, which meant the cancelation of some planned WWII B-17 Bomber Flying Fortress and Vietnam UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) helicopter rides and a demonstration by Skydive Alabama, but that didn't put a damper on attendance.

Hosted by the Cullman Elks Lodge, the celebration featured a patriotic concert by Redstone Army Band, a free lunch for veterans and their spouses, military equipment displays from WWII to Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom, a P-51 Mustang/ Mustang car show, D-Day 1944 C-47 aircraft display, a Navy dive bomber display and more.

The opening ceremony saw Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs thanking local veterans and their families on behalf of the » PAGE 8



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U.S. Marine Corps veterans Earl Porters and Robert Turner pose for a photo at the Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration at Cullman Regional Airport Saturday, Nov. 5. »

Agent 'Ghost' begins special mission

Hanceville Elementary welcomes service dog



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Left: Hanceville Elementary students and faculty with Ghost; Right: Hanceville Elementary's new service dog Ghost

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Students, faculty and staff at Hanceville Elementary School were treated to a surprise Monday when Service Dogs Alabama visited the school to deliver a new facility service dog. Ghost will join the students on campus each day to provide comfort and assistance.

The students were previously informed about a new faculty member, but not told that they would be getting a new service dog.

The students assembled in the elementary gymnasium, separated into their "families" of Honor, Loyalty, Integrity, Resilience, Character and Respect, encouraged through the districtwide families initiative begun earlier this year.

The initiative's goal is to promote school connectedness.

Each group has also adopted its own community service learning projects.

Hanceville Elementary Principal Stacie Olinger informed the students that their new faculty member had the qualities and requirements needed to be a member of their "secret service" family.

She said, "Our new faculty member has had extensive training- two years' worth of training. We will have a resume posted soon on our website.

"He's had many past missions he has completed. His family history- he is unmarried, he has no children; however, his parents were both in the service, as well as his three brothers."

Olinger opened the floor for a motion to accept the new "agent," Ghost, a 4-year-old Labrador Retriever, who the students unan- » PAGE 6

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs' Edgeworth, Vinemont's Lemons win state titles, Cold Springs captures 1A-2A State Championship

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Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth (left) and Vinemont's Ethan Lemons (right) won individual state championships in Moulton Saturday morning. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 7

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 7, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 3

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1422
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 471
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 1411

Nov. 4

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 19
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1600
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 19
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy 157
- trespassing, disorderly conduct; Co. Rd. 222
- giving false information to law enforcement officer; I-65 SB MM 316
- harassment; Co. Rd. 617
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 437
- harassment; Co. Rd. 765
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 944

Nov. 5

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1371
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 1719
- theft of property, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 216
- receiving stolen property; Co. Rd. 831
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 216
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB MM 314
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1134
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 222

Nov. 6

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278 E
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy 231
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 616
- domestic violence; Hwy 91
- criminal mischief; I-65 SB MM 304
- unlawful possession of marijuana; East RR Ave. N.E. Hanceville

ARRESTS

Nov. 3

Casimiro, Heldred E; 42
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

Farmer, Rachel N; 30
- Probation violation-possessing forged instrument

Flick, Ronald W; 48
- sex offense-sexual abuse of child less than 12-years-old

Ford, Brandon L; 49
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Ford, David L; 44
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Henson, Lesley M; 31
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Lance, Heather S; 24
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Little, Tommy L; 49
- Probation revocation-assault-simple assault
- Probation revocation-violation of domestic violence protection order

Loggins, Ashley N; 36
- Bail jumping-possession of drug paraphernalia
- Bail jumping-possession of dangerous drugs
- Bail jumping-driving while license suspended

Martin, Toney C; 36
- GJ-larceny/theft

Oden, Hannah F; 26
- criminal mischief
- larceny/theft

Pace, Hunter L; 24
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia

South, James P; 35
- FTA-ex-felon in possession of firearm

Tanner, Rebecca L; 54
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Walker, Courtney L; 48
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of marijuana

Nov. 4

Cable, Stacy R; 38
- bail jumping-possession of drug paraphernalia
- bail jumping-attempting to elude police officer

Copeland, Cameron K; 24
- giving false identification to law enforcement officer

Hall, Dixie D; 38
- possession of dangerous drugs

Mann, Jacob C; 26
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Marti, Jason B; 50
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McDonald, Shannon A; 41
- plea agreement-burglary-residence-no force
- plea agreement-buying/receiving stolen property

Oden, Billy E; 29
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Parker, Christina M; 48
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Pearson, Juwan I; 25
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-passing forged instrument

Peterson, Ashley S; 39
- larceny/theft-shoplifting
- larceny/theft-theft of property

Phillips, Benjamin T; 37
- plea agreement-unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- plea agreement-larceny/theft-shoplifting

Ponder, Christina M; 41
- assault-harassment

Smith, Daniel S; 27
- plea agreement-possession of dangerous drugs

Stillwell, Guy L; 55
- USMS drug offense

Swindall, Emma R; 23
- FTA-buying/receiving stolen property

Vinci, Sean J; 32
- possession of dangerous drugs
- operating vehicle without insurance

Nov. 5

Aragon, Dale J; 25
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Creel, Patrick S; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-pedestrian under the influence

Dill, Kelly; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Harvell, Candace W; 35
- FTA-obstruction-governmental operations

Kilpatrick, Justin K; 34
- receiving stolen property

Lawson, Therman L; 46
- possession of marijuana

Moreno, Jonathan S; 28
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Oden, Cary J; 27
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Parris, Ethan B; 30
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-tinted windows

Stricklin, Martin W; 54
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-larceny/theft-theft of property
- FTA-possessing stolen property

Nov. 6

Burney, Kenneth R; 55
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Creekmore, Crystal M; 42
- assault-domestic-simple-family

Curl, Joanie K; 42
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Denson, Melvyn T; 50
- public intoxication

Griffin, Heather N; 31
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Hanners, Curtis R; 55
- FTA-improper lane usage

Herold, David J; 35
- public intoxication

Kelso, Dustin A; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-improper lights

Lynn, Christine M; 29
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Martin, Jordan A; 26
- FTA-non-support-child

McCurdy, Joshua E; 21
- FTA-driving without license in possession

McLeod, Natalie N; 41
- possession of marijuana

Owens, Chad M; 38
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Ray, Samantha L; 25
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Stillwell, Logan J; 24
- possession of dangerous drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 3
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Cullman Shopping Center

Nov. 4
- leaving scene of accident; Hwy 157; damage to 2014 Chevy Silverado
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $70

Nov. 5
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $72

Nov. 6
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Logan St. S.W.
- leaving scene of accident; 4th St. S.W; damage to 2015 GMC Terrain
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $209

ARRESTS

Nov. 4

Aragon, Dale J; 25
- FTA-insurance violation

Bailey, Tammra L; 35
- Domestic violence-3rd degree

Brannon, Thomas J; 36
- attempting to elude police officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cable, Stacy R; 38
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Peterson, Ashley S; 39
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Peterson, Teresa J; 59
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Puckett, Amber; 39
- FTA-public intoxication

Stripling, Keith S; 42
- domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

I-65 closures in Limestone County Nov. 8-11

ALEA
Contributor

DECATUR POST – At approximately 8 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, through Friday, Nov. 11, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will close the ramps to and from Interstate 65 southbound at Exit 347 (Huntsville Brownsferry Road/Alabama 304) in Limestone County. The closure will be from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Additionally, traffic on Huntsville Brownsferry Road will experience delays due to lane closures and brief stoppages. Motorists are advised to use alternate routes. The nearest alternate exits are Exit 351 (U.S. 72) in Athens and Exit 340 (Alabama 20/I-565) at Decatur and Huntsville.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY

I-65 closures in Cullman, Blount counties Nov. 8-10

ALEA
Contributor

DECATUR POST – From Tuesday, Nov. 8, through Thursday, Nov. 10, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) will close the right northbound lane of Interstate 65 from the Cullman County-Blount County line to the 295 mile marker, a few miles south of Exit 299 at Dodge City, for roadway maintenance.

This work will take place from about 8:30 a.m. to about 3:30 p.m. daily.

Please expect a lane closure and delays.

Reduce speed and be prepared to merge.

Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates accordingly.

Pedestrian (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Warrior man was struck by a train in Cullman Monday morning.

Cullman Police Department PIO Adam Clark identified the man as Jarod Moon, 33. The CPD said the man was lying on the railroad tracks when he was hit.

The incident happened at approximately 10:30 a.m. at First Avenue and Fourth Street Northeast. Moon was transported by helicopter to a Birmingham hospital.

Tarvin (from Front)

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – Leah Tarvin, 22, of Holly Pond, died Friday, Nov. 4, at UAB Hospital, a hospital spokesperson confirmed. Tarvin was struck by a vehicle Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, in a crosswalk near the Jacksonville State University (JSU) campus. She was airlifted to UAB from the scene.

The forensic sciences major graduated from Holly Pond High School, where she was drum major, in 2019. Tarvin was also proud trombonist in the JSU Marching Band.

Tarvin was previously employed by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST).

CPRST Athletic Director Ashley Dye shared with The Cullman Tribune, "In the short amount of time that I knew Leah Tarvin she had a positive impact on my life and that of her coworkers. She was always smiling, friendly and upbeat regardless of the situation.

"From a personal standpoint, the way she carried herself is something that I believe we should all strive for. Today we lost a lovely soul that will forever be missed not only by our Cullman Parks and Recreation staff, but also all that knew her."

Before going to JSU, Tarvin attended Wallace State Community College in Hanceville.

Friday night, the college posted: "Wallace State Community College mourns the passing 2021 WSCC Criminal Justice graduate Leah Tarvin.

"Leah was an outstanding student, who won State and National SkillsUSA crime scene competitions and played piano in the Wallace State Jazz Band.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends."

A prayer service in Tarvin's memory will be held at WildWater Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m. WildWater is located at 1707 Main Ave. SW Cullman.

Funeral arrangements will be posted when available.



CINDY TARVIN/FACEBOOK

Leah Tarvin

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph 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.

• 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 registration through Nov. 15 online only! Go to https://forms.gle/QmTtTVBUiTxTPZdZ9 or the Kids Loving Kids Facebook page and click on the registration form. NO late registrations can be accepted.

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. 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.

• Wednesday, Nov. 9 - 7 p.m. Children, youth, and adult "RULES of ENGAGEMENT," Bible Study Classes. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6 p.m. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.

• Thursday, Nov. 10 - 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc. Everyone welcome!

• Thursday, Nov. 10 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits, and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.

• Sunday, Nov. 13 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need salvation and deliverance.

• Sunday, Nov. 13 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings

Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link

• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055

• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

GriefShare Grief Support Group

• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., through Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW

• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Monthly Weight Loss Support Group

• WHAT: Cullman Regional's Bariatric Center of Excellence is now offering a monthly support group for individuals who have had or who are considering weight loss surgery.

• WHEN: Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.

• WHERE: Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157

• WHY: The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help facilitate a space where participants can share problems and solutions as well as encouragement to stay on the right path. For more information, call 256-735-5992.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church on 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. in Cullman. All are welcome.

American Legion Auxiliary Craft Sale

Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at American Legion Post 4, 181 Reid Road, Cullman. Be sure to come buy some fine hand-crafted items from us or one of our vendors. Vendors may rent a table for $10 each. Call 256-620-1334 for more info.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting

Monday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Holly Pond Event Center. We will be honoring our veterans! Ladies of the Club, Tavia Smith and Louise Scott, will supply refreshments. Please come and bring someone who is interested inworking with the Holly Pond Cemetery.

Turkey Bazaar and Spaghetti Supper

The annual Turkey Bazaar and Spaghetti Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be on Friday, Nov. 18, in the Family Life Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the supper, with the 'Spinning Wheel' for prizes to begin at 6:45 p.m. Prizes include turkeys, chickens, hams, bacon and eggs, "special" prizes and more! Supper plate tickets are $12 or four plates for $40. Everyone is invited to attend this fun and fast-moving evening at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in downtown Cullman!

"The Nutcracker"

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 7 p.m., 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Presented by Ballet South, directed by Brooke Desnoes and Wallace State Community College present The Nutcracker. Mrs. Desnoes was the first artistic director to bring this Christmas tradition to Cullman. Her stunning choreography performed by her outstanding company dancers brings more magic to the stage every year. Children and adults will love it! Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and younger. Purchase online at https://tinyurl.com/NutcrackeratWSCC.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing

Sunday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. The Unity 4 Quartet from Iuka, Mississippi will be featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986. Everyone is invited.

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Arab, Meek, Addison advance with round 1 wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The first round of the AHSAA State Playoffs is officially in the books and we have three local teams advancing to round two. Cullman, Vinemont and Good Hope each dropped their opening round road matchups at Gadsden City, Lauderdale County and Dora and Fairview's season ended with a loss to Guntersville at home. However, Arab, Addison and Meek extended their postseason runs with wins over East Limestone, Appalachian and Cedar Bluff. Meek and Arab will both return home to host Pickens County and Moody in round two and Addison will travel to take on Lynn.

Arab 54 – East Limestone 14

The Knights started out on defense and quickly forced a turnover-on-downs. Arab got the ball at the 46-yard line on its opening possession and on the second play, Aidan Cox found Drew Puccio for 17 yards and a first down at the 24.

Drake Franklin touched the ball on the final four plays of the drive as he ended it by scoring on a 15-yard run to give the Knights a 6-0 lead with 7:25 left in the opening period. East Limestone got a first down through the air, but a holding penalty pushed them back to the 39-yard line. The Knight defense came up with a huge play two plays later as Josh Roe picked off an Indian pass at the 38.

Cox picked up 20 yards on the quarterback keeper and on the next play, he found Spencer Strickland for an 18-yard touchdown pass to push Arab's lead to 13-0 with 5:09 remaining in the first quarter. East Limestone picked up some huge gains on the ground and through the air as a 14-yard run and passes of 38 and 13 yards quickly put them at the six-yard line.

They found paydirt two plays later on a 1-yard run to cut the Knight lead to 13-7. Arab quickly found the end zone on just the third play of its next series as Puccio connected with Brody McCain for a 56-yard score to make it a 20-7 lead for the Knights.

From the 37-yard line, Cox found Dakota NeSmith for a 21-yard gain, which put them at the 42. Franklin picked up 10 yards and a first down, then Hayden O'Reilly added eight more running the ball. Cox found Puccio for a 24-yard touchdown pass as that increased the Arab lead to 26-7.

East Limestone picked up a first down on an offsides penalty, then later added another one on a three-yard run. But once again, the Knight defense held their ground, forcing yet another turnover-on-downs.

A 29-yard pass from Cox to NeSmith quickly put Arab at the 36 and two plays later, Cox connected with Puccio yet again, this time for a 32-yard touchdown, as that pushed their lead to 33-6. The Knights took a 33-6 lead into the locker room.

Puccio continued his huge night as he returned the opening kickoff 85 yards to the house to make it 40-7. Another punt by East Limestone and another touchdown for the Knights as Franklin scored on a three-yard run to push their lead to 47-7. O'Reilly added a 15-yard score late in the third quarter for the Knights' final score of the night.

The Indians scored on a 27-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, but Arab was simply too much for East Limestone as they ended up routing the Indians, 54-14. This is their first season making it to 10 wins and their win also marked the first-ever playoff win at home for the Knights.

Addison 66 – Appalachian 22

Addison kicked off to the Eagles and after three plays the Eagles had lost 11 yards and punted. Brian "Boo Boo" Berry returned the punt 21 yards to the Eagle 25-yard line. It only took the Dawgs four plays to go the distance with Berry running it in from 2 yards out for his first touchdown of the night.

Berry also ran in the two-point conversion to give Addison the 8-0 lead with 8:13 to go in the first quarter. The four-play drive would be one of the longer scoring drives on the night for the Bulldogs.

The Eagles lived by the big play on this night and found one with a 47-yard bomb down to the Dawgs 1-yard line. Eagle QB Sean Curtis ran it in from a yard out and after the failed two-point try, Addison led 8-6 with 5:46 left in the first.

The Eagles forced Addison to punt and Josh "West Coast" Netherton boomed a 50-yadr punt all the way down to the Eagle 13-yard line.

The Eagles then drove into Addison territory with a consistent run game, their only sustained drive all night. Addison's Hayden "Big Play" Holland nailed the Eagle ball carrier forcing a fumble, which he recovered himself.

Two plays later Addison's Berry rambled 53 yards for his second touchdown of the night. The two-point was no good and Addison had increased their lead to 14-6.

Appalachian then used a tremendous catch and run from Curtis to Caydon Whittington for 55 yards all the way down to the Bulldog 7-yard line. Curtis then found Whittington from 5-yards out for the touchdown pass. The two-point was good, and the fans thought that they were in for a barnburner as the score was knotted up at 14.

On Addison's next play from scrimmage, Berry galloped 62 yards for his third touchdown of the night. The two-point was no good and the Dawgs had taken a 20-14 lead with 7:19 to go in the half.

The Bulldogs forced an Eagle punt and Mr. Berry returned the punt 60 yards all the way down to the Eagle 20-yard line.

Addison's Briley "Hit Man" Holt took the handoff and again, on Addison's first offensive play of the drive ran 20 yards for the touchdown. Holt also scored the two-point conversion and Addison led 28-14 at the half.

The Bulldogs got the second half kickoff and cashed it in for another touchdown. This time it was Briley "Snake" Hayes running it in from 45-yards out for the score. The point after was no good and with 10:04 left in the third quarter, Addison took a comfortable 34-14 lead.

On the Eagle's next possession, after a Caleb "The Animal" Vintson sack, Bradley "Big Foot" Willette intercepted an Eagle pass and huffed and puffed his way 40-yards for the pick six. It is always fun when a big ole defensive lineman intercepts a pass and rambles into the endzone. Holt scored the two-point conversion and Addison was pulling away at 42-14.



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Meek's Ory Frith (6) breaks a tackle during the Tigers' 46-6 win over Cedar Bluff Friday night.

The Eagles were very giving on this evening because on their next possession Netherton picked off the Eagle QB and returned the ball 79 yards, all the way down to the Eagle 12-yard line. Hayes found Wilkins in the endzone for a fourth and ten pass play from 12-yards out for the score. Hayes connected to Wilkins again for the two-point conversion and the rout was on as the score was now 50-14.

Appalachian wouldn't quit and were able to score on another long pass play. Garrett Helms found Cameron Vick 50 yards down the sideline for the score. The two-point was good, and the lead was cut to 50-22 with 2:14 to go in the third quarter.

After a Jed "Wizard" Wilkins 36-yard kickoff return down to the Eagle 29-yard line, Hayes found Brady "Big Poppa" Gilbreath for a 29-yard touchdown catch and run.

It was Addison's third offensive series of the night where they scored on the first play. Hayes ran in the two-point play and the Bulldogs were up 58-22 with 1:43 to go in the third quarter.

The Bulldog bench was cleared, and the young ones got to finish it out. Addison's defense scored again as Jaxson "Terminator" Williams tackled the Eagle running back in the endzone for a safety pushing the score to 60-22.

The young pups scored a touchdown of their own as Kaden Dyson took it in from 9 yards out for the last Addison touchdown. This brought the score to 66-22 and this is how it ended.

Meek 46 – Cedar Bluff 6

Facing fourth and two on its first possession, Meek extended its drive with a first down run by Blake Miller and a big gain by Ory Frith got the Tigers down into Cedar Bluff territory.

A few plays later, Cam Deaver got Meek on the board with a 2-yard touchdown run and made it a 6-0 game with less than five minutes to play in the first quarter.

The Tiger defense forced Cedar Bluff to turn the ball over on downs on the ensuing possession and Meek took advantage of the good field position. The Tigers capped off another scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown run and Miller punched in the two-point conversion to put the Tigers on top 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

Meek was able to get the ball back after forcing another turnover on downs and after another big gain by Frith got the Tigers in scoring position, he ran it into the end zone from 6 yards out to add to Meek's lead with less than a minute remaining in the first half. Deaver ran in the two-point conversion and the Tigers went into the locker room leading Cedar Bluff 22-0 at the break.

Meek maintained a 22-0 lead after a scoreless third quarter but extended its lead to 30-0 with another touchdown early in the fourth quarter. Cedar Bluff responded quickly to trim the lead to 30-6 but another Tigers touchdown made it a 38-6 game with just over seven minutes to play. Meek tacked on one more touchdown with just under three minutes on the clock and the Tigers held on to defeat Cedar Bluff 46-6.

Meek improves to 11-0 with the win and the Tigers will be back home next week to face Pickens County in round two.

'Live the high school experience': Eli Folds remembers his West Point years

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WEST POINT, Ala. — In this interview, I talked to former West Point football and baseball player, Eli Folds. Folds made a lot of great memories on and off the field at West Point.

"My favorite baseball memoriy has to be winning a crazy game at Toyota Field and clinching a playoff spot my junior year at Lawrence County," Folds said. "Honestly, any time I was playing at home, there isn't another feeling like running out of the tunnel. You can ask any other football player that and you'll be told the same thing. My favorite high school memories have to come from football season. Friday nights were like nothing you can imagine. I loved the pep rallies and the school spirit. I'll never forget rolling the trees with my friends after wins."

Folds played for some great coaches in football and baseball and took away so much from them.

"I was blessed to come through West Point, and I played for some amazing baseball coaches. They taught me so much, but most importantly, how to take on the things more important in life instead of just sports. I also learned how to keep a positive attitude and work really hard. They really wanted us to work hard and be tough and that there will be more difficult things in life that they helped prepare me for through sports," Folds said. "I loved the coaching staff. They preached to us about how football doesn't last and to cherish the times we were on that field."

Folds learned so much during his time at West Point and feels blessed to be a Warrior. He will deeply miss being at West Point this year.

"I feel like West Point just has the best community. I had a good relationship with my teachers and all of the faculty there. I learned a lot of important lessons throughout my years there," he said.

"I learned how to work hard in school, to not procrastinate, get ahead, and pay attention. They taught me ways to make it to college and I plan on being a teacher one day myself. I will miss the friendships and bonds I made with my coaches, teammates, and friends. The community there is great, and I could not have asked for a better high school experience."

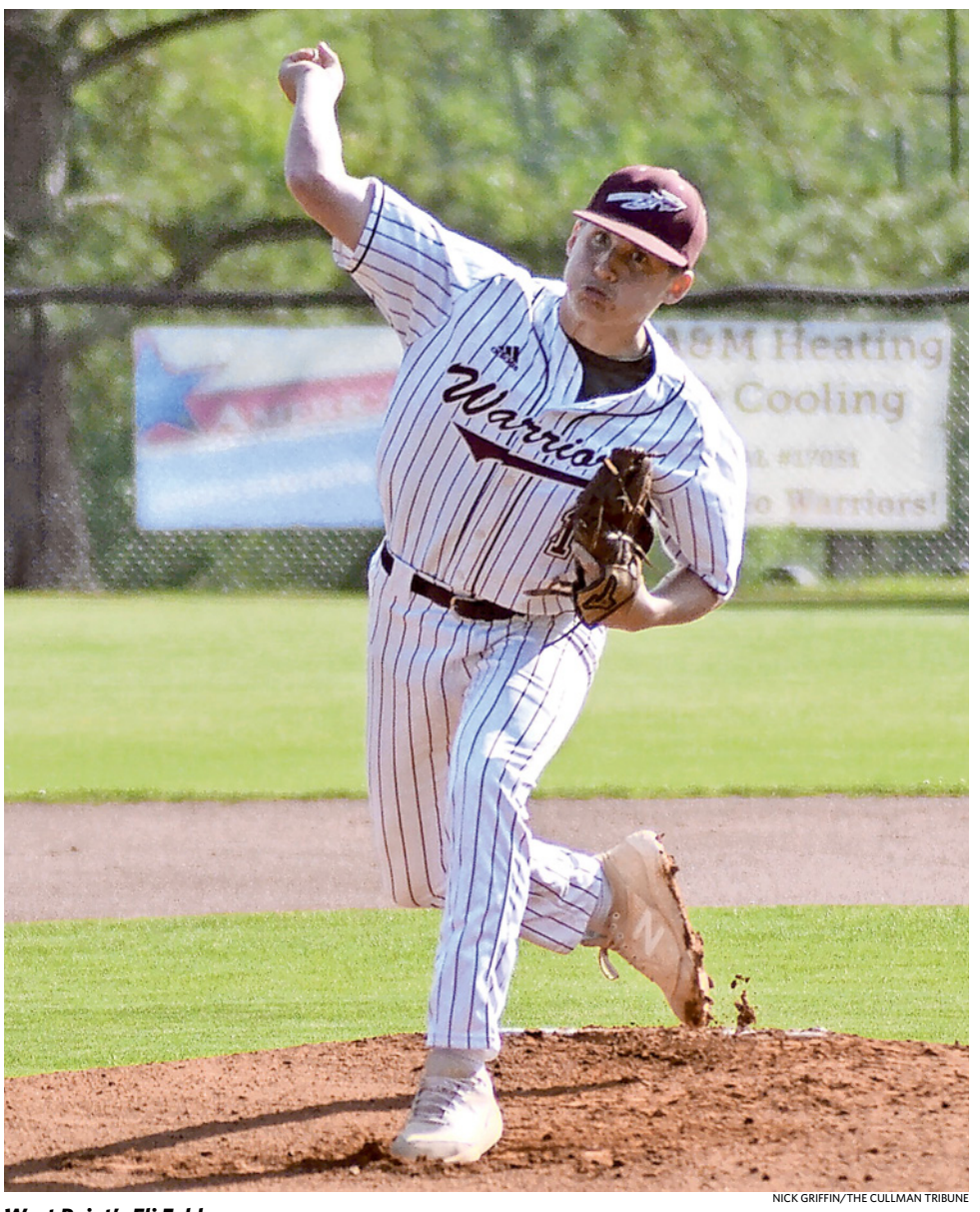
Folds will also miss being a leader to the younger players and they soaked up as much as they could from him. He gave some advice to the students that just started high school in August.

"I tried to have a positive mindset every day when we went out to practice, which is hard sometimes, but I felt like I did that. I tried to do what I can every day to help and build the younger players. I hope I made an impact on their lives and I will miss seeing and being on the field with those guys every day," he said.

"My advice to the students just starting high school is to have fun and live the high school experience. If you're thinking about doing something, do it, because my best high school memories came from doing extracurricular activities."

Folds played with a special group of guys in football and baseball, and they had a great bond during his time at West Point.

"Whether it was football season or baseball season, I felt like we were so tight as friends throughout those seasons. I feel like as a senior, I was close with the juniors all the way to the freshmen and those guys have always meant a lot to me and they always will."



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West Point's Eli Folds

WSCC Volleyball wins ACCC Championship, heading to NJCAA national tournament

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State won this year's ACCC Tournament Championship in Mobile this weekend.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College volleyball team earned its 13th conference tournament title in 14 seasons and their 23rd overall during this weekend's ACCC/NJCAA Gulf Atlantic District Volleyball Tournament held at the Mobile Civic Center. They also finished as runner-up for the district title, punching their ticket to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I National Tournament in Nov. 17-19 in West Plains, Mo. This will mark the 21st time they advanced to the national tournament.

"I am very proud of the team for playing well during the tournament," said coach Randy Daniel.

"We have improved a lot this season and have worked very hard to add another championship to our legacy. I'm extremely happy with the leadership displayed by all our sophomores; each of them played well. Our freshmen did a great job this weekend as well.

"This team has amazing chemistry and support for each other. I'm glad I have another opportunity to coach this team. They are a very special group of young women."

WSCC volleyball players Grace Allen, Lexi Shadix and Gracie Barksdale earned All-Tournament recognition.

Barksdale, a freshman from Cullman, led the team with 42 kills during the tournament, 14 in the ACCC Championship game against Bishop State Community College. She also contributed 12 digs and six blocks.

Shadix, a sophomore from West Point, recorded 34 kills, 22 digs and 19 blocks.

Allen, a sophomore from Smiths Station, recorded 29 kills during the tournament, six digs and 14 blocks.

Fellow starters Daisy Manasco and Anna Clare Hutto also made significant contributions during the tournament. Manasco, a sophomore from Fairview, had 36 kills and 47 digs. Hutto, a freshman from Moulton, recorded 95 assists and 33 digs during the tournament.

The volleyball team's conference championship marks the third ACCC championship for Wallace State athletics this fall. Both the men's and women's cross country teams earned conference championships Oct. 30 and will compete in the NJCAA Cross Country Championship this weekend in Tallahassee, Fla. The women head into the tournament ranked at No. 7 and the men ranked at No. 11.

All-Tournament Players

WSCC volleyball players Grace Allen, left, Lexi Shadix and Gracie Barksdale earned All-Tournament recognition at the ACCC/NJCAA Gulf Atlantic District Volleyball Tournament held at the Mobile Civic Center.

Championship (from Front)

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MOULTON, Ala. — This year's AHSAA State Cross Country Championships were hosted at the Oakville Indian Mounds in Moulton Saturday morning and a pair of familiar names returned home with state titles. Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth took home this year's 1A-2A State Championship after posting a blazing time of 15:53.30 and Vinemont's Ethan Lemons earned this year's 3A State Championship with another impressive time of 16:05.90.

Edgeworth's time was also good enough to help lead Cold Springs to this year's 1A-2A State Championship. Jayden Allred's second-place finish was also a big factor in the Eagles edging out Hatton to win this year's state crown.

In the girls' races, the Cold Springs Lady Eagles placed second just behind St. Luke's Episcopal thanks in large parts to great finishes by Paizley Whitlow (2nd), Macie Huffstutler (4th) and Reagan Parris (5th).

The St. Bernard Saints put together a fifth-place finish in the 1A-2A race and Holly Pond's Boys earned fifth place in the 3A competition as well.

LOCAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Cold Springs Boys
(1st place – 44 points)

- 1st – Ethan Edgeworth: 15:53.26
- 2nd – Jayden Allred: 17:08.05
- 11th – Sage Nelson: 17:51.58
- 15th – Justin Caffee: 18:04.26
- 18th – Josiah Walker: 18:15.48
- 29th – Blake Belcher: 19:02.43
- 60th – Logan Perdue: 20:14.96
- 126th – Brody Belcher: 23:47.04
- 130th – Blaize Anderson: 24:02.87

Cold Springs Girls
(2nd place – 103 points)

- 2nd – Paizley Whitlow: 21:04.28
- 4th – Macie Huffstutler: 21:13.53
- 5th – Reagan Parris: 21:16.76
- 61st – Leslie Jones: 24:32.12
- 65th – Claire Huffstutler: 24:35.18
- 67th – Daisy Mavers-Price: 24:40.64
- 71st – Kynzlee Garmon: 25:07.57
- 85th – Hayla Watson: 26:06.93
- 86th – Isabella Tolbert: 26:08.77
- 96th – Abby Livingston: 26:47.44

Holly Pond Boys
(5th place – 158 points)

- 16th – Matthew Putman: 18:08.03
- 19th – Joshua Putman: 18:15.64
- 20th – Travis Barnett: 18:33.85
- 45th – Kohl Horton: 19:42.63
- 79th – Emery Barnett: 21:10.68
- 104th – Carter Brewis: 22:26.45
- 106th – Wyatt Benefield: 22:35.13
- 146th – Jonah Shockley: 26:02.96

Holly Pond Girls
(9th place – 244 points)

- 9th – Caroline Lamoureux: 21:49.36
- 17th – Blakely Baggett: 22:26.73
- 91st – Violet Adams: 26:31.63
- 106th – Kalli Ham: 27:37.08
- 121st – Phoebe Jones: 28:54.35
- 131st – Kalie Bartlett: 31:17.14
- 137th – Clara Spitzer: 32:59.64
- 139th – Sydney Thomas: 33:03.51
- 141st – Ramey Hall: 33:20.50

Cullman Boys
(9th place – 268 points)

- 5th – Andrue Barnett: 16:16.37
- 66th – Lane Hopper: 18:13.66
- 74th – Jacob Taylor: 18:18.31
- 81st – William Nichols: 18:30.24
- 88th – Cadan Fales: 18:41.47
- 117th – David Manashirov: 19:17.88
- 118th – Graham Waldrop: 19:18.10
- 121st – Charlie Hinkle: 19:22.92
- 133rd – Brayden White: 19:40.11
- 140th – Dawson Helton: 19:47.07

Cullman Girls
(13th place – 314 points)

- 23rd – Mabry Free: 20:20.83
- 65th – Khloe Nalley: 22:23.30
- 91st – Bella Caretti: 23:25.80
- 97th – Addison Vogelaar: 23:35.10
- 117th – Audrey Floyd: 24:06.07
- 152nd – Lauren Cherry: 25:23.33
- 157th – Giselle Gibbs: 25:34.62
- 164th – Victoria Waldrop: 25:55.60
- 170th – Alexa Chavez: 26:20.26
- 172nd – Clare Martin: 26:24.84

Arab Girls
(9th place – 244 points)

- 11th – Grace Gosline: 19:35.92
- 70th – Nora Cooper: 23:30.43
- 74th – Mallory Maze: 23:33.47
- 75th – Allie Lusk: 23:34.73
- 86th – Charlee Holoman: 24:16.78
- 112th -Rylee Taylor: 25:50.59
- 113th – Ragan Barnes: 25:55.45
- 115th – Mattie Wisener: 26:02.51

Arab Boys

- 56th – James Hyche: 18:21.94

Fairview Girls

- 95th – Carrington Chambers: 24:50.49

Fairview Boys
(12th place – 375 points)

- 38th – Alex England: 17:42.91
- 78th – Parker Gutierrez: 18:51.13
- 89th – Jacob Hankins: 19:18.58
- 149th – Jackson Haynes: 22:30.67
- 159th – Logan Race: 27:47.75

West Point Boys

- 10th – Rene Moreno Tovar: 16:27.30

Good Hope Girls

- 12th – Rudi Derrick: 20:46.23

Good Hope Boys

53rd – Drake Nichols: 18:57.64

St. Bernard Boys
(5th place – 150 points)

- 17th – Jiovany Aguilar-Arriaga: 18:05.53
- 22nd – Cash Daly: 18:22.71
- 29th – Sean Daly: 18:57.43
- 40th – Cole Bissot: 19:30.03
- 57th – Parker Guthery: 19:59.57
- 95th – Cesar Hernandez: 20:59.33
- 118th – Luke Daly: 22:33.37

St. Bernard Girls

- 11th – Madilyn Kerber: 21:16.83

Vinemont Boys
(7th place – 214 points)

- 1st – Ethan Lemons: 16:05.90
- 10th – Brady Johnson: 17:34.63
- 56th – Andrew Landreth: 19:58.66
- 89th – Brayden Harbison: 20:53.23
- 117th – Michael Black: 22:31.64
- 125th – Dekota Crider: 22:57.28

Vinemont Girls

- 46th – Whitney Quick: 23:01.54

Addison Girls

- 19th – Charlotte Vayda: 22:31.73





OPINION

OP-ED: The importance of career and technical education

U.S. Sen. Tommy Tuberville
Contributor

For high school students, choosing a career path can be a difficult decision. They weigh many factors, such as personal interests, the rising cost of higher education, earning potential and accessibility of job opportunities. And in recent years, the challenging economy and job market have left many students uncertain about taking their next steps. A 2019 survey found that only about half of our high school students feel prepared for the workforce.

November is National Career Development Month, reminding us of the importance of equipping our students to unlock their potential as they enter the workforce. Career development begins in the classroom.

Just as athletes spend the off-season prepping and practicing prior to stepping on the field, career development should begin prior to students stepping into their first job. Our schools should prioritize practical education and career development resources for America's students. We need their skills and talents to grow our economy and lead us into a more prosperous future — and certain skills can be taught prior to graduating high school.

For example, Career and Technical Education (CTE) and Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSO), such as Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), are great tools for our students, by preparing them to successfully launch into their careers.

These organizations expose students to unique development opportunities and help them sharpen their leadership, critical thinking and communication abilities. In addition to classes where they learn real-life concepts, students can explore their interests through rigorous competitions and conferences.

As a former FFA officer, I can personally attest to the positive impact the organization made in my life. I'm proud to see many students continue to benefit from similar experiences.

Whether students choose to attend a four-year university, pursue a two-year technical program, or immediately enter the workforce after high school, their CTE experiences teach them valuable skills they'll carry with them for the rest of their careers.

These skills in turn fulfill critical employer needs. A recent study found that 77% of employers hired an employee because of their CTE experience. Not only are CTE students increasing their career opportunities, but their salaries as well — data from the U.S. Department of Education shows students who participated in CTE courses have higher median incomes than their counterparts who did not.

Advanced education is not the only remedy for workforce shortages — we need Americans who are prepared to work in all sectors of the economy, especially the skilled roles that power our industries.

To continue fueling economic growth in our state, we must ensure we have adequate training and pathways to good-paying jobs. We must do more to support our CTE faculty, students and programs so that Alabama maintains its strong workforce.

I hope more students will take advantage of the CTE courses and find a way to expand their skills and interests through participation in CTSOs. Thanks to our teachers, chapter advisers and dedicated Career and Technical Education faculty for empowering our students to take advantage of the many opportunities available to them. Your work is key to securing a bright future for our state.

Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Alabama, is a member of the Senate Armed Services, Agriculture, Veterans' Affairs and HELP Committees.

Celebration (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Senior United States military veterans are invited to the Active Adult Center on Wednesday, Nov. 9, from noon-3 p.m. for a Veterans Day celebration honoring their service to our country and its residents. Boxed lunches will be provided by Southern Eats at noon.

West Elementary fifth-grade students will hold a ceremony for the attendees at 1 p.m. providing the children the opportunity to give back to and express gratitude for their local military heroes.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson shared, "We are proud to have the fifth-grade West Elementary students at the Active Adult Center Veterans Day celebration.

"We always look forward to celebrating those who have sacrificially given so much for the sake of keeping this great country free and the best place to live."



ACTIVE ADULT CENTER/FACEBOOK



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Skate Depot is located along Second Avenue Northeast between the Cullman Police Department and Depot Park. The grand opening is slated for Saturday, Nov. 12.

Skate Depot (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After years of planning and the release of the project's final design in April, the grand opening for Skate Depot, Cullman's new skatepark, will take place Saturday, Nov. 12, from noon-3 p.m. The park is located along Second Avenue Northeast between the Cullman Police Department and Depot Park.

Professional skateboarder Jake Wooten, originally from Tennessee, will have his board in-hand and show the crowd the potential that can be achieved at Skate Depot.

The 2018 Vans Park Series Tour Huntington Beach stop winner is noted for his energetic and gifted style.

Entertainment will be provided by Mykael V, a DJ who has worked with the NFL and NBA and traveled the globe glorifying God with his mixer and two turntables. His reputation for empowering young people to live their lives honoring God is well known.

The new skatepark was designed by Los Angeles-based design firm Spohn Ranch, and construction started soon after the unveiling of the plans by lead project designer Adam Eichorn.

Spohn Ranch's specialized construction team completed its portion of the build while the City's team completed the finishing touches.

"We have an exciting grand opening in store for this Saturday," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson.

"A lot of hard work has been poured into making sure the skate community has a place to develop their talent and we couldn't be more proud of the result."

Ghost (from Front)

imously approved.

Ghost was welcomed to pick one of six bins representing one of the family initiatives.

He gave a nod to handler Jessica Reeves next to the Character bin, selecting that family and causing a chorus of cheers from the group ready to welcome him.

Reeves, a counselor, will be Ghost's primary handler, along with special education teacher Kim Warren.

Reeves spoke to the students about how they will need to behave around Ghost and what to expect from him.

"His job here at school is to help you guys be successful.

"He may be doing that by letting somebody pet him who is having a bad morning; he may do that by laying on somebody's feet who is really nervous about a test.

"Your duties for how to take care of Ghost are pretty simple: you're going to love on him, you're going to be good to him, but you're also going to understand that he has a job to do."

Ghost will be living with Reeves, who said he is "very well behaved."

He will make classroom visits, but teachers will also have radios they can use to request his presence when a child needs him.

Cullman County Schools Mental Health Services Coordinator Karen Pinion said the school has had five applications on file with Service Dogs Alabama and has been waiting for three years to get their own dog.

"The (Alabama) State Department (of Education) recognizes them and cuts the grant funding for these dogs to be in schools, so this has been a long process," she said.

"They are trained in women's prison facilities, so when COVID happened, dogs couldn't go in and they can't come out, so its typically not this long of a wait."

Reeves and Warren have trained for five days to catch up with the training Ghost has received for two years.

Pinion said that Ghost will likely be working at the school for the next six years.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF D.A.B.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 05/30/2019

CASE NO.: AD2022-092

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JORDAN LEE BROOKS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD D.A.B. BORN MAY 30, 2019, TO MAKENZIE CHEYENE PERKINS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Amber Alana Perkins and James Kevin Beasley, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 17th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CARRIE COLEMAN,
Plaintiff

Vs.

Case Number: **DR-2022-000328.00**

KEN COLEMAN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Ken Coleman, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Carrie Coleman's Complaint for Divorce by January 3rd, 2023 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000328.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 31st day of October, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
CARRIE COLEMAN
1642 COUNTY ROAD 362
CULLMAN, AL 35053

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2022-084

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF BYRON BROWN and LEISA M. BROWN TO ADOPT J.C.L.F., a minor child born on August 26, 2022.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: TYLER JORDAN GADDIS AND ANY UNKNOWN FATHER OF J.C.L.F. WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of J.C.L.F., a minor child (born on August 26, 2022, to Shayla Marie Ford), was filed on the 23rd day of September, 2022, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Byron Brown and Leisa M. Brown. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 4th day of November, 2022.

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Commission (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The City of Cullman Planning Commission on Monday had several public hearings and subdivisions on its agenda. All agenda items were approved with no opposition from the public or commission members.

Public hearings were held with subdivisions approved for:

• North Ridge subdivision, located north of Alabama Highway 157 and off County Road 1402, for Phase II lots 141, 142, 102 and 103.

• Property located on Eighth Street Southwest between Main Avenue Southwest and Eighth Avenue Southwest. The property is located on the south side of Eighth Street Southwest.

• Portion of Lee Avenue Southwest north of Graham Street to a B-1 zoning district.

• Property on Hays Drive Northwest and Old Highway 157 Northwest

• Rob and Mary Werner and the new owners of Werner's requested the property on Fourth Street Southwest between Hickory Avenue and Austin Avenue be subdivided.

• Rezoning of 1106 Second Avenue Northwest from M-1 to B-2.

In other business, the 2021 I-Codes and 2020 National Electric Code were adopted.

An annexation request for a City-owned property on Alabama Highway 69 across from Yutaka was approved.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 5-7

Barbara Jo Hart, 74
Barbara Jo Hart, 74, of Cullman, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 2, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born July 28, 1948, to Doug and Jo Hart who she dearly loved and cared for until their passing. She is survived by her son, David Helms, daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Jason Zinsmeister and her two grandchildren, Noah and Chloe Zinsmeister. Also surviving are her sisters Dorothy Spruell (Wayne) and Becky Hudson (Michael) and her brother Doug Hart (Ann). A beloved member of the UAB community for 25 years, Barbara was well-known for her creativity, talents in the kitchen and wry sense of humor. She painted in acrylics and watercolors and made a mean coconut cake with cherry sour cream filling (her brownies have been baked in kitchens round the world). She kept her beloved friends and family on their toes with her quick-witted antics. Her quiet, unshakeable faith in God was a true comfort to all who knew her. A celebration of life funeral service for Barbara was held Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of Barbara's life reception followed in the Fireside Room. A graveside service occurred at 4 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

Charlene Clark Sibley, 87
Charlene Clark Sibley, age 87 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at her residence. Charlene was born on Jan. 9, 1935, in Winston County, Alabama. She married Billy C.D. Sibley on July 3, 1953, and was married for more than 60 years. She loved her family, church (Union Grove Missionary Baptist), gardening, flowers, and getting visits from her grandkids. A visitation was held Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, from noon-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Haleyville, where the service was held at 2 p.m. Burial followed at Hillcrest City Cemetery. Brother Keith Hood will officiate. Charlene is survived by her daughter, Renee Sibley Ward (Ronald Ward); sons, Randall Sibley (Lee Ann) and Greg Sibley (Cherie); sister, Lockcile Clark Elkins (Elbert); brother, J.D. Clark (Barbara); grandchildren, Kim Burleson (Barry), Brandy Crittenden (Jarrod), Tammy Dozier (Shane), Kevin Ward (Meagan), Trace Lawrence (Scott), Sarah McDonald, Scott Sibley, Justin Sibley (Jennifer), Ashley Clark and Audrey Sibley; and great grandchildren, Briley and Parker Burleson, Alyson Crittenden, Karley and Brody Dozier, Kylee Freeman, Baylee, Noah and Sam Ward, Siler Lawrence, Owen McDonald, Cassidy and Hillary Taylor, Christian Sibley and Grayson Sibley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy C.D. Sibley; parents, David and Lora Willis Clark; sister, Maycene Tacket; and her brother, Lawson Clark.

Pamela Kaye Mann, 69
Pamela Kaye Mann, age 69, of Chelsea, Alabama passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Kaye was born in Cullman, Alabama. Kaye is survived by her husband of 51 years, Kenneth Mann; her daughter, Aundrea M. (Eric) Snyder; her sister, Vicki (Mike) Gilbreath; her aunt, Jan Hand; her grandchildren, Sophia, Stella and Oscar Snyder; and her niece, Shona Gilbreath. Kaye was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Sue Smith and her stepfather, Albert Smith. Kaye was an exemplary nurse who was loved by all her patients. Kaye's favorite duty as a nurse was caring for newborns and working in the nursery. Kaye loved Jesus and her family. Her family loves her, finds peace, and rejoices knowing they will see her again. A celebration of life visitation for Kaye will be held Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, from noon-1 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW., Cullman, AL 35055. Following the celebration of life visitation will be a celebration of life graveside service at 2 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Kenneth Allen Underwood, 80
Funeral service for Kenneth Allen Underwood, 80, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Center Grove Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Delbert Freeman will officiate. Visitation will be Monday evening at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m. and Tuesday morning prior to the funeral. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Underwood family. Mr. Underwood passed away Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at his residence. He was born Aug. 14, 1942, to James Luther and Della Mae Graves Underwood. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Franklin Underwood; sisters, Allie Green, Geneva Hyatt, Betty Fay Wade, Sue Frith, Rosa Lee Underwood. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Charlotte Underwood; son, Wayne (Martha) Underwood; brother, Billy Ray (Pam) Underwood; sister, Arlene (Phillip) Dussault; sister-in-law, Jerry Nell Schnittker; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Denise Patton Lovett, 58
Denise Patton Lovett, of Cullman, passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at Cullman Regional. She was born Jan. 16, 1964, to Cecil Patton and Lillian Pearl Pitts. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Danny Patton, Carl Clifford Patton and Micheal Allen; sister, Vickie Kyser; nephew, Jamey Bryant; and niece, Danielle Patton. Survivors include her sons, Andrew (Lakisha) Lovett, Patrick (Hanna) Lovett and Leslie (Latasha) Lovett; grandchildren, Brindlee Lovett, Lily Lovett, Amelia Lovett, Dawson Lovett, Jackson Lovett, Reese Lovett, Maddie Lovett, Macie Lovett, Makylah Lovett and Mila Rose Lovett; fiancé, James "Jim" Mitchell; sisters, Charlotte Compton and Diane Keenum; and a host of nieces and nephews. The family request that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. "God saw she was getting tired And a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her And whispered, 'Come with Me.'" With tearful eyes we watched her suffer And saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, We could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.' A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Arthur Junior Arrington, 78
Arthur Junior Arrington, 78 of Addison, passed away Nov. 5, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 14, 1944, in Jasper Alabama. Arthur was the owner and operator of Arrington RVs for more than 40 years. He loved antique cars, Waffle House, James Dean, and most of all his kids and grandkids as his family was his life. A visitation was held Nov. 7, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home – Addison. A funeral service will be held Nov. 8, 2022, starting at 2 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Church where a burial will follow at the adjoining cemetery. Brother Tim Box and Brother Tommy Hamby will officiate. Arthur is survived by his daughter, Cindy Arrington Pichelmayer (Tim); partner, Gayle Roland; son-in-law, Tommy Hamby; daughter-in-law, Teresa Chambers; grandchildren, Kerri Baldwin, Tai Chambers, Behre Trammell, Chris Turner, Brooke Cruce, Harley-Rae Taylor and Rayna Taylor; great grandchildren, Boston, Warren, Rex, Jayleigh, Colin and Riley; and his fur babies, Lucy and Acey. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin Arrington and Ruth Darnell; wife, Sue Chambers Arrington; son, Fred Chambers; daughters, Angie Hamby and Tracy Taylor; and brother, Billy Ray Arrington. Special thanks to Christine and Eric Nix and Tabitha and Kyle of Southern Hospice Care and everyone else that helped care for him.

Dolores 'Dee' Lucille Jordan, 87
Funeral service for Dolores 'Dee' Lucille Jordan, 87, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from noon-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Jordan passed away Nov. 5, 2022, at The Folsom Center. She was born Aug. 31, 1935, to Daniel James and Veronica Racz Foley. She was a member of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother, Harry Foley. Survivors include her son, Dale (Barb) Jordan; daughter, Jenny (Dan) Durkin; six grandchildren, Michael (Susan) Dedonato, Danny (Anna) Durkin, Joey Durkin, Dale Jordan, Jr., Jessica Jordan, Cassandra (Doug) Eaton; eight great-grandchildren, Justin, Joseph and Jimmy Dedonato, Celena Mills, Easton Durkin, Emily Jordan, Zoey Jordan, Sloan Jordan; great-great grandchild, Willow Back; family and friends.

Janet Louise Hales, 66
Janet Louise Hales, 66, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Nov. 6, 2022. Janet was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sept. 4, 1956. Ms. Hales loved knowledge. She enjoyed reading and did so often to keep her mind sharp. Janet also enjoyed crafting. Ms. Hales loved her family and her grandbabies were her joy. She will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Ms. Hales is preceded in death by her parents; her siblings; and her husband, John Anthony Hales. Janet is survived by her children, Scott Stewart (Kandace), Theresa Staton (Steve), Brandy Hales; grandchildren, Ashley Salter (Trey), Samantha Adams, Zac Dawson (Amber), Alexandria Adkins, Keegan Stewart and a soon to be born grandchild; great-grandchildren, Annabelle Salter, Abigail Salter, Amelia Salter, Logan Salter, and Dixson Adams. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hales family.

Charles "Sonny" Cashion, 85
Funeral Service for Charles "Sonny" Cashion, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeff Harper officiating. Visitation will be from noon-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Cashion passed away Friday, Nov. 4, 2022. He was born Aug. 16, 1937, in Tennessee to Charles William Cashion and Billie Mae Cannon.He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Cashion; son, Charles Edward (Toni) Cashion; daughter, Melissa (Tony) Salinas; stepdaughter, Tammy (Kevin) Ryan; sister, Faye Cashion; nephew, Terry (Michele) Cashion; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many family and friends.

Tommy Horton, 81
Tommy Horton, Sr. 81, left this world to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, Nov. 6, 2022. Even though a failing heart and cancer took him away from this world, his loving heart left a beacon of light for all in the community and his family. Funeral service will be Friday, Nov.11, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Ryan Baptist Cemetery in Montevallo. Rev. Jimmy Aaron and Rev. Earnest Stone will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday evening at the funeral home from 5-8 p.m. Tommy was born to Lowell and Zora Thomas on Jan. 27, 1941, in Shelby County, Alabama. He joined the Marine Corps serving his country for several years. Destined to be an entrepreneur, Tommy found great success in all his chosen endeavors. He moved to Northwest Indiana and worked diligently at the Roofer's Local 26 in Hammond, Indiana, and went on to own his own Roofing Company known as "Tommy Horton & Son's Roofing." Tommy was the definition of a "Christian Man" His word was his bond. He was highly respected in his chosen profession and known for his honesty and fair business values. Tommy's love for Jesus was evident in his daily personal and professional conduct. He served as a Deacon, song leader and Sunday school teacher for many years. Tommy went door to door in his community telling others about Jesus, planting the seeds of Salvation to many. He allowed Christ to guide him with his family and was responsible for leading his children to knowing Christ as their personal Savior. In 1970 Tommy met and married the love of his life Ruth (Thrasher) Horton. His love for Ruth was evident during their 52 years of marriage. Through good times and bad they leaned on each other and uplifted each other in prayer. Tommy and Ruth were inseparable throughout the years. Tommy and Ruth had seven children, 32 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and he played a monumental role in all their lives as a Christian man. Humble and hardworking, straightforward yet compassionate, Tommy epitomized the quintessential gentleman, as a businessman, loyal friend, Christian and a devoted family man. He had many joys in life, including playing the piano and guitar, being a prankster, Alabama Football and fishing; however, his greatest joy of his life was his family. He was a loving Husband, Father and "Pawpaw," and his ultimate pride and joy were his grandchildren of whom he loved dearly. Tommy is survived by his beautiful wife, Ruth Horton along with his children; Della Lesko (Frank), Tommy Horton (Mallory), Tanya Horton, Sylvia Stewart (Jeff), Curtis Horton (Tina), Rachel Horton; Tommy Lance (Phaidra), Martin Horton, Ruth Rice (Tyler) and Trinity Horton. He had 32 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his daughter Tina Horton, father Rev. Lowell Thomas and mother Zora Thomas "Lucile." A Season for Everything To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past. A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away. Ecclesiastes 3:1-6, 14-15

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‘They love you no matter what’

Stephanie Fortner discusses therapeutic farm experience



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Stephanie Fortner poses with one of her lionhead rabbits at Fortner Farms.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond’s Fortner Farm, owned by Stephanie and Benny Fortner, is a petting zoo that welcomes visitors to learn about the wide variety of animals on the farm, including goats, pigs, mini zebus, cows, emus, baby doll sheep, mini donkeys, a mini pony, bunnies and chickens.

Visitors are advised that they will get dirty and to dress accordingly, said Stephanie Fortner “We get in the pasture; we don’t feed through the fence.”

Fortner works with each of her animals from the time they are babies to get them used to being around people. “From day one you’ve got to start messing with them,” she said.

She picks them up and pets them so they are familiar with people; however, she said, she does keep some of the animals away from children if she feels the animals could inadvertently cause harm.

On one side of the farm are the mini pony and donkeys which are slightly more dangerous to be around due to their propensity to kick. Kids can feed them through a fence.

Fortner said all of her animals love attention. “They’re all hungry all day long. It doesn’t matter how many people you have out here, they’re hungry.”

The farm got started in October 2020. “We started it because I had stage 4 ovarian cancer, so my husband started this so it’d get me out of bed because I was so tired all the time,” said Fortner. “I’ll be on chemo the rest of my life. I have a form of narcolepsy and chemo, so I have everything fighting against my fatigue.”

Fortner was diagnosed in 2018 and had to leave her medical coding job, but she said she loves being the “mom” to all of her animals.

Her 2-year-old Nigerian goat Hawk was the first to join the farm. She bottle fed him from infancy and said she learned that she loved the purpose she felt when taking care of him.

“Hawk was the first animal on the farm and then from there we just started buying different ones and I was like, ‘Well I’d really like to share with the community,’ because it was good therapy for me,” she said.

Fortner was 30 years old when she had her son and then learned she was unable to have more children.

“My favorite is the baby stage, but they grow up just like a regular baby would and have attitudes,” she smiled. “But it just got me knowing that they needed me- not that my 14-year-old son doesn’t need me, but a baby needs you more.”



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Hawk, a 2-year-old Nigerian goat, cheeses for the camera at Fortner Farms.

Fortner said creating this family of 30-plus animals has been a rewarding and relaxing experience for her. “They don’t have any opinions and they love you no matter what,” she laughed.

The farm has been growing in popularity. Fortner took some of her animals to the Cullman County Fair and a few church events. She said she will likely have some field trips set up in the summer when there are more babies.

Fortner Farm sits on 14 acres and is always acquiring new animals. Fortner’s business card says, “New animals added every day that my husband turns his head!”

There are no set hours at the farm and visits are by appointment only.

“I don’t have a set schedule because I don’t want to look at it as a job. I still want to love it and have it be therapeutic for myself as well as share with the community,” Fortner said.

To learn more about Fortner Farm or to schedule a visit, go to www.fortnerfarmalabama.com. Guests are welcome to make appointments to visit the animals. Entry is $10 a person.



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Program (from Front)

community.

“Let’s take a moment to acknowledge those families, also, of the service members and veterans who shoulder the weight of the war and the burdens and sacrifice back home,” Gudger said. “To all the mothers and fathers, spouses, children of our military men and women, thank you. Your love and support and resilience are the backbone of this nation and must never be forgotten.”

He also recognized the Elks Lodge and the Cullman VFW for donating their time and resources to support local veterans. He noted recent local and state efforts to make stellate ganglion block (SGB) shots available to those suffering from PTSD. Gudger said vets suffering with PTSD previously had to spend around $1,250 for SGB treatment. Now, thanks to a state-funded pilot program, eligible veterans can be treated for free.

Noted Clemons, “We have around 7,000 veterans that are living in Cullman County and that’s amazing to know that we have that many veterans here that have protected our democracy and freedom and our way of life.”

“We’re blessed to live where we live,” said Jacobs. “I’m proud of this community – the standards, values that we have – but we only get to keep those because of our military guys.”



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Recognitions

Organizer Gwen Parker from the Cullman Elks Lodge recognized several local veterans in attendance, including 102-year-old WWII veteran **Julian Campbell**, who served as a B-26 medium bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Airforce and flew 40 combat missions. He had the distinction of being the oldest pilot in attendance.

Robert Turner was a U.S. Marine in Vietnam where he served in an Amtrac unit delivering Marines and ammunition to the battlefield and evacuating the wounded. He was twice wounded himself when his vehicle hit enemy mines. He received two Purple Hearts.

Tom Barnes is a graduate of the United States Military Academy West Point and trained as a U.S. Ranger. He served as an artillery spotter in Vietnam. He was wounded when his chopper was downed by enemy fire and received a Purple Heart.

Clarence Benefield served in the U.S. Air Force as a helicopter door gunner. He flew 126 combat air missions over South Vietnam. His unit performed Special Forces insertions, rescues and reconnaissance missions.

Mitchell Ward served in U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier America as it conducted strike operations in Vietnam. He stood beside the Douglas SBD Dauntless dive bomber and spoke about the life aboard a carrier during the war.

Brian Monk served in the U.S. Army National Guard in Iraq from 2007-2008. He was a convoy commander ensuring protection for infantry during the movement of personnel and supplies through the country. He is the current commander of Cullman VFW Post 2214.

Clyde Johnson served as a convoy driver and a door gunner in Iraq. He spent five years with the 20th Special Forces group deploying to various regions including Afghanistan. He represented the U.S. Army Special Forces community.

Candance Reppond served with the U.S. Army as an intelligence specialist in Afghanistan where she flew arial reconnaissance and participated in ground support missions. She represented all of the Afghanistan war veterans.

Don Fallon also graduated from West Point. He completed Ranger and Pathfinder training before deploying as a platoon commander in Desert Storm. He later transferred to branches in Army aviation and joined the special operations community. He was involved in the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips from Somali pirates and served eight combat tours. He represented the U.S. Army aviation community.

