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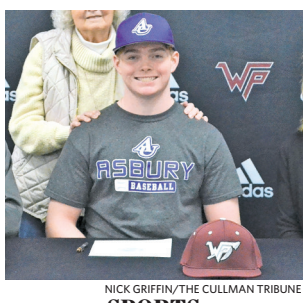
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# David Nassetta named Cullman police chief

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — At its meeting Monday, Dec. 5, the Cullman City Council named David Nassetta the next chief of the Cullman Police Department (CPD), filling the spot left vacant after longtime Chief Kenny Culpepper's retirement on Dec. 1.

Nassetta shared, "I am very excited to have the opportunity to lead the men and women of the Cullman Police Department. I can't say that there isn't a little nervousness mixed in with that excitement, as I am taking over a position that has been very capably filled by Chief Culpepper for the last 34 years. He's been a vital part of the department, as well as the community, in so many ways."

A 1993 graduate of St. Bernard Prep School, Nassetta began his career in public service in 1996 as a reserve police officer with CPD. After his graduation from Auburn University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in Criminology, Nassetta was hired full time by CPD as a patrol officer. In 2014, he was promoted to sergeant, then moved to Investigation in 2016. Soon after, in 2018, Nassetta was promoted to lieutenant, serving as the traffic unit lieutenant then investigation lieutenant. He was appointed assistant police chief earlier this year upon the retirement of Craig Montgomery.

During his tenure on the force, Nassetta has worked as a task force officer for the Bureau of Alco- » PAGE 2



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
*Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta*

# 'All of the residents love mom'

## Shirley Rhodes celebrates 23 years at local assisted living community




SHARLOTTE OLIVER
*Shirley Rhodes, 76, recently celebrated her 23rd work anniversary at The Neighborhood at Cullman assisted living community.*

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman's Shirley Rhodes was recently honored for her more than two decades of service at The Neighborhood at Cullman (formerly Morningside of Cullman) assisted living community. Rhodes celebrated her 23rd work anniversary at the facility.

Over the years, Rhodes has been named Employee of the Year and Employee of the Month several times, her daughter Sharlotte Oliver told the Tribune.

"Her husband and my father, Doyse Rhodes, passed away in 2003. He and my mother always worked side by side for years doing drywall," Oliver said. "My mom had been working for a few years when my dad passed away; my mom started this job 23 years ago. A memory that I hold onto is » PAGE 3

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## CCSO Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo returns Dec. 9-10

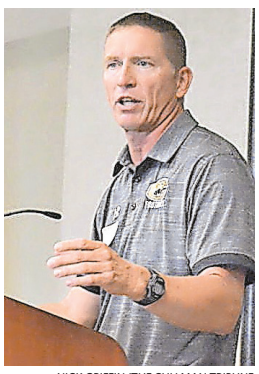
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## Bearcats Head Coach Oscar Glasscock retiring after 4 seasons



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
*Cullman Head Football Coach Oscar Glasscock is retiring after coaching the Bearcats for four seasons.* » PAGE 6

PREP FOOTBALL

## Meek's Powell selected as ALFCA 1A Coach of the Year




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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Dec. 5

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Dec. 5, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Dec. 1**
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1212
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1422
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 625
- harassment; Co. Rd. 109
- menacing; Co. Rd. 1492
- harassment; Co. Rd. 52

**Dec. 2**
- theft of property; Hwy 278 E
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1435
- theft of property; Hwy 278 E
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Doc Clemmons Rd.
- menacing; Pleasant View Rd.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1807
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437
- burglary; Co. Rd. 652
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 264

**Dec. 3**
- domestic violence, menacing; Co. Rd. 568
- trespassing; Hulaco Rd.
- intimidating witness; Co. Rd. 1354
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 625
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1098
- burglary; Co. Rd. 162
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1625
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 392
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 437
- domestic violence; Colony Rd.

**Dec. 4**
- harassment; Co. Rd. 939
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 216
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 54
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 310
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1435
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Co. Rd. 565

**ARRESTS**

**Dec. 1**

**Anthony, Cory D; 30**
- assault-domestic violence-harassing communications 3rd degree

**Elliott, Joshua D; 38**
- Probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

**Garmon, Jayson A; 25**
- possession of dangerous drugs-opium or derivative
- selling/distribution of dangerous drugs

**Holt, Tammy W; 55**
- Probation violation-possessing stolen property

**Hopper, Cody R; 32**
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

**Karns, Timothy A; 57**
- sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

**Marcum, Dennis R; 43**
- Violation of release order-burglary
- Violation of release order-possessing stolen property

**Dec. 2**

**Bagwell, Dachery D; 30**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Chambers, Tiffany C; 32**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-resisting arrest
- FTA-obstruction of governmental operations
- FTA-running red light

**Holland, Braxton D; 23**
- FTA-driving while suspended
- FTA-contempt of court
- FTA-speeding in construction zone

**Jackson, Timothy R; 43**
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Kuykendall, Zackary R; 32**
- FTA-burglary-residence-force
- FTA-criminal mischief
- GJ-sex offense-failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement
- Probation violation-sex offense-rap-strong arm

**Parker, Jimmy N; 49**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Perminova, Yaroslava; 42**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Phillips, Jimmy C; 60**
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

**Rusnak, Kevin W; 38**
- FTA-making false report to law enforcement

**Sawyer, Thomas K; 41**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-attempting to elude law enforcement

**Sharpley, Trevor L; 28**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-reckless endangerment

**Sherrell, Cameron D; 25**
- FTA-larceny/theft
- FTA-resisting arrest
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-disorderly conduct

**Dec. 3**

**Black, Scotty L; 43**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Brunnet, Jackie M; 39**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Childers, Joseph M; 39**
- FTA-burglary
- FTA-public intoxication

**Gill, Christopher A; 33**
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-open container-alcohol in vehicle

**Hamby, Cory W; 34**
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- larceny/theft

**Holmes, James D; 58**
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

**James, Joseph M; 40**
- FTA-no seat belt

**Kunze, Cody W; 29**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

**Martinez, Nicole L; 40**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-negotiating worthless instrument

**Phillips, Gary R; 42**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Whitlock, Corey D; 47**
- FTA-driving while license suspended
- FTA-driving under the influence of combined substances

**Dec. 4**

**Duncan, Micah A; 27**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of marijuana

**Farley, David J; 46**
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer

**Gaddis, Jennifer A; 38**
- FTA-public intoxication

**Harper, James L; 23**
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

**Martin, Tabatha L; 37**
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- obtaining dangerous drugs with forged/altered prescription
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- tampering with evidence

**Richards, James H; 35**
- FTA-promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-larceny/theft

**Richards, Jenna M; 35**
- FTA-making a false report to law enforcement

**Sanders, James D; 44**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-domestic-menacing-knife
- attempting to elude law enforcement

**Stallings, Christi L; 42**
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol
- FTA-following too close
- FTA-lane change without proper signal
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

**Swann, Laura R; 43**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Walker, Cathy D; 61**
- FTA-driving while license suspended

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Dec. 1**
- theft of property-4th degree; WalMart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $74

**Dec. 2**
- duty upon striking unoccupied vehicle; damage to 2021 Jeep Compass; $500
- harassment; Main Ave. SW
- theft of property-4th degree, criminal trespassing-3rd degree; WalMart; Hwy 157; general merchandise: $365
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Hwy 278 E
- theft of property-4th degree; Dollar General; Town Square SW; drink; $2
- burglary-3rd degree, criminal mischief-3rd degree, unlawful breaking and entering vehicle; 4th St. SE; damaged property
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Schneider Rd. SE; miscellaneous
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Ave E SE; miscellaneous

**Dec. 4**
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree; Boatright Apartments; Hickory Ave SW

**ARRESTS**

**Dec. 2**

**Fanning, Nathan D; 38**
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-disorderly conduct
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

**Ragsdale, Whitney N; 31**
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

**Sawyer, Thomas K; 41**
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

**Sherrell, Cameron D; 25**
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- FTA-driving without license
- FTA-duty upon striking unoccupied vehicle

**Dec. 3**

**Brown, Lila D; 26**
- receiving stolen property-1st degree

**Contreras, Leopoldo R; 38**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession with intent to distribute controlled substances

**Gill, Christopher A; 33**
- FTA-driving without license
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-driving under the influence
- FTA-vehicle entering from private road
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-switched tag

**Dec. 4**

**Duncan, Micah A; 27**
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances

**Gaddis, Jennifer A; 38**
- FTA-public intoxication

**Gonzalez, Moises V; 20**
- driving under the influence

**Lay, Rachel L; 31**
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree

**James, Joseph M; 40**
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Read, Alexander T; 36
- GJ-theft of property-1st degree
- GJ-computer tampering

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Nassetta (from Front)

hol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in narcotics, as a firearms instructor and as a member of the tactical unit.

"I am so very grateful to the city council and Mayor (Woody) Jacobs for giving me this opportunity. Finally, I can't thank everyone enough for all the support I have received," Nassetta continued. "From the folks I work with to all my friends and family – I can't count the phone calls and well wishes I have received. It's a great motivator for serving a community that means so much to me."

# Rodeo (from Front)

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**VINEMONT, Ala.** — This weekend will mark the eighth year that Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry has hosted the Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo, a tradition started by other administrations, and carried on by Gentry.

"The rodeo is the very heartbeat of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. It is more than just a rodeo. It is a time for families to be together and create memories that will last a lifetime. It strengthens a common thread that weaves throughout the communities of Cullman County," said Gentry.

Despite its growth, Cullman County is an agricultural community and area children continue to grow up wanting to be cowboys, according to the sheriff.

"Walk down the hallways of our schools; you will find cowboy boots and Wranglers. The rodeo is a very special piece of what makes Cullman County great," said Gentry.

The Special Needs Rodeo is one of the most important pieces of the rodeo, according to the sheriff. This year it will be on Thursday, Dec. 8, beginning around 8 a.m.

"It is one of the things that everyone at the sheriff's office looks forward to every year," said Gentry.

When asked what those attending can expect, Gentry said fans should expect a great time and great show.

"4L and Diamond S Rodeo Company always put on a fantastic show. This is a full-blown rodeo event: roping, barrel racing, clowns and entertainment, and of course – bull riding," he said.

Gentry was quick to note that with the support of an overwhelming number of sponsors, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office is able to donate to the special needs programs of all the schools in Cullman County.

In 2022, the sheriff's office donated $15,500 to Cullman County Schools and Cullman City Schools. Over the past eight years, the rodeo has allowed the CCSO to donate a total of $124,000 to the schools.

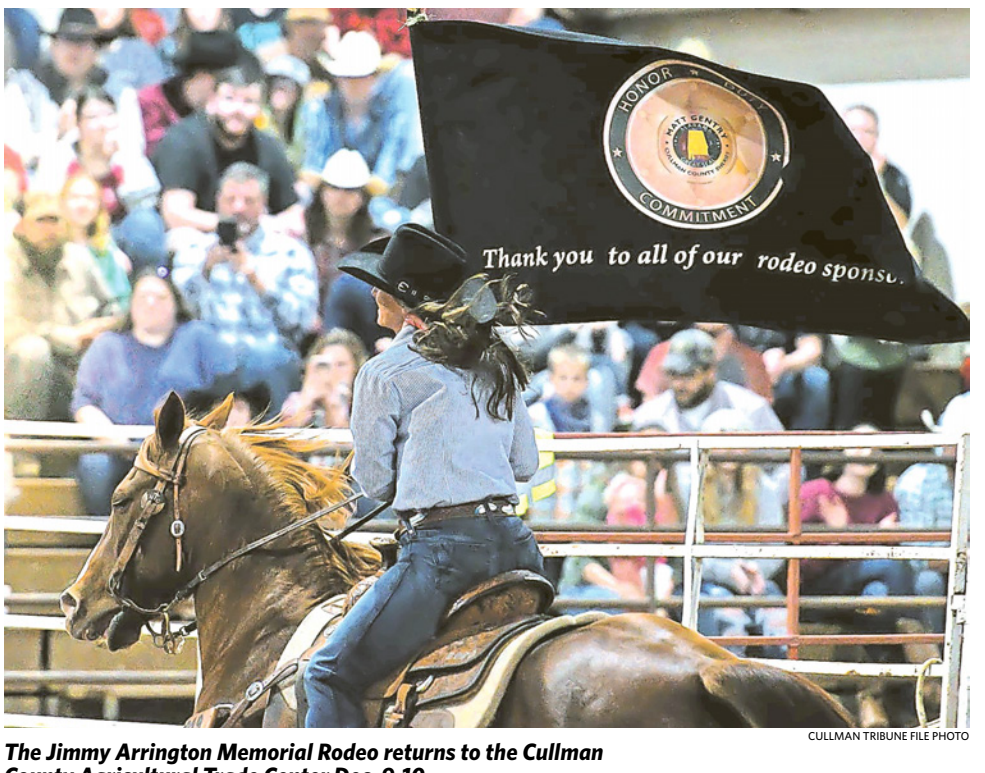
In addition, the funds raised also help provide much need equipment for the men and women at the sheriff's office. This includes rifles, body armor, body cams and vehicles.

"This year is expected to be an exceptional rodeo. Friday and Saturday night will provide fans with a championship level rodeo," said Gentry.

For those who cannot attend in person, Gentry is once again making the rodeo available via livestream. This is the third year that rodeo has been presented in this format. It will be available on the Cullman Sheriff Facebook page, as well as on Spectrum cable channel 180.

"It is such an honor and a privilege to be the sheriff of Cullman County. Businesses, organizations and individuals have given both their time and financial support to make the rodeo possible. The massive crowds and overwhelming support of our citizens is also unmatched. For this, I am humbled and extremely grateful.

"As I have said many times, the office of the sheriff does not belong to me; it belongs to the citizens of Cullman County. Only together can this office and this community be successful," said Gentry.




CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

***The Jimmy Arrington Memorial Rodeo returns to the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center Dec. 9-10.***

**At a glance**

**Special Needs Rodeo**
- Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8 a.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center

Rodeo
- Friday, Dec. 9-Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center
- Gates will open at 5 p.m., with the kids' scramble at 7, and rodeo starts at 7:30
- Tickets will be sold at the door. No pre-sale tickets. Adult $10, child/student $8, 6 and younger are free. CASH ONLY! An ATM will be available on-site as organizers are unable to process credit/debit cards at the venue.

# 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 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! Pickup 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, Dec. 7 - 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, Dec. 8 - 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc.
• Thursday, Dec. 9 - 7:00 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 at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Sunday, Dec. 11 - Southern Gospel Singing 5 p.m. Everyone invited!

**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). The 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.

**20th Annual Sportsman Lake Park Winter Wonderland Christmas Light Display**
Now through Dec. 30. Guests can drive through the magical display from 5-9 p.m. on open dates: Dec. 7-11, 14-23, 26-30. Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Returning this year will also be the Christmas train, horse and carriage rides, snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and more. The last day for train rides is Dec. 23. The park will be closed Christmas Eve and Day. Dec. 26-30 will be drive-through only. Sportsman Lake Park is located at 1544 Sportsman Lake Road NW in Cullman. Find out more at www.facebook.com/SportsmanLakePark.

**4th Annual Christmas at the Grotto**
Come and experience the beauty of Br. Joseph's work at night surrounded by lights and music! We have expanded this unique holiday experience throughout the grounds and have added several dates, including more horse carriage rides! On Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 we will expand the event to include live musical performances, food trucks, kids' rides around St. Bernard's campus and horse-drawn wagon rides along a beautiful, decorated path in the woods! Refreshments will be available every night. Make your plans to visit now!

**Dates:**
• Dec. 9-10 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 11, 15 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec. 16-17 – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec. 19,20,21,22 – 5-9 p.m.
• Dec 23. – 5-9 p.m. (wagon rides)
• Dec 26 – 5-9 p.m.

**Admission:**
• Adults – $10
• Seniors – $8
• Military/Veterans/First responders – $7
• Teens (13-17) – $8
• Children (5-12) – $7
• Children younger than 4 – free
• Wagon rides Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $10
• Kids' rides Dec. 9,10,16,17,23 – $5

The Ave Maria Grotto is located at 1600 St. Bernard Dr. in Cullman.

**Cullman Women Sing Concert**
Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church in Cullman. The concert is free. We will be presenting Christmas music.

**Cullman Regional Foundation's Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Ceremony**
Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at St. John's Christ Hall. This year's event is dedicated in honor of Dr. Peter Crisologo and in memory of Cullman Regional Hospice patients. Giving a gift of love for $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree atop Cullman Regional as a tribute to someone special. The program will also include special Christmas music by area artists. Donations may be contributed throughout the entire holiday season, and gifts received by Monday, Dec. 5 will be included in the special ceremony. Donate online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.

**Senior Movie Day- "Miracle on 34th Street"**
Friday, Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Free popcorn, drinks, coffee and cookies. For seniors ages 55 and older.

**Cullman Christkindlmarkt**
• This German Christmas tradition will be one for the whole family to enjoy year after year. You will find hand-made gifts, activities for the kids, food and drink, and of course SANTA! Don't miss all the feels of Christmas at this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt at the Festhalle downtown.
• Friday and Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 11 a.m.- 8 p.m.
• Sunday, Dec. 11, 1-5 p.m.

**Huge, Gigantic, Very Big Book Sale**
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE. All items 50 cents each.

**Good Hope Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park**
Saturday, Dec. 10. The parade begins at 2 p.m. at Good Hope High School and ends at Good Hope Municipal Park for Christmas in the Park from 3-5 p.m. with food, activities and Santa.

**Fairview Lions Club Christmas Parade**
Saturday, Dec. 10, at 4:30 p.m. at Randall Shedd Park in Fairview. The parade will start lining up at 3:45-4 p.m. at the turnaround by the school and start at 4:30 and will end at the park. Anyone is welcome to participate. We will have a lighting of the tree with carols being sung, the reading of the Christmas story, free hot chocolate and cookies. Bring the kids because Santa will be there! For more info, call Kita at 256-358-8805 or William at 256-385-5596

**Inaugural Supper with Santa**
Saturday, Dec. 10, from 5-6:15 p.m. at Frio's Gourmet Pops. Enjoy pancakes, patty sausage and a picture with Santa. A Christmas donation will be made to Curt's Closet. Limited tickets. Email cullman@friospops.com to RVSP.

**Santa a Jack's in Dodge City**
Monday, Dec. 12, from 5-7 p.m. The restaurant is located at 325 Alabama Highway 69 S, Hanceville, Alabama 35077. Jack's will host Santa for a special evening of holiday cheer and hand-made Southern food. Families are invited to a free visit with Santa for pictures while enjoying Jack's Southern homestyle menu among festive decor and a warm fire.

**Holly Pond Homemakers Club Christmas Celebration**
Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. Bring a covered dish and gift of food (snacks, ~ $10).

**Free Christmas Meal for Seniors**
Thursday, Dec. 22, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. There is no charge for the meal, but the City of Hanceville is limiting it to 250 people. So please RSVP at 256-352-9830 ext. 123.Senior Outreach will be providing entertainment, and we will have guest speakers and door prizes! The event starts at 10:30 and food will be served at 11:30. To donate money or door prizes, please contact the number above! Thank you to everyone involved in the planning, donations, preparation of food and spreading the word about this lunch for seniors. We want to make sure nobody goes without a Christmas meal.

**Weight Loss Support Group**
Thursday, Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m. in the Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157. 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.

# Mom (from Front)

her taking all of the Christmas decorations we had to decorate with her to work—she used them outside. You see, my mom and dad always decorated their home heavily in Trimble on Highway 222. It was the highlight in our area for many years. I would even dress as Santa and would stand and wave at cars as they would drive by. They really both enjoyed doing that."

Rhodes is responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the residents' apartments at The Neighborhood at Cullman– some days in excess of 10 units, Oliver told The Tribune.

"When she started she was a resident assistant, meaning she helped with baths, laundry, etc.," Oliver said. "Now she cleans them top to bottom – dusting, vacuuming, etc. Mom has always been a hard-working lady. She believes if people can try to continue to work, it will truly make a big difference. Mom being 76 years old and working five days a week is a blessing. Up until last week, she has been doing 12-hour shifts. She says, 'Never give up and always do your best and the hard work will pay off.'"

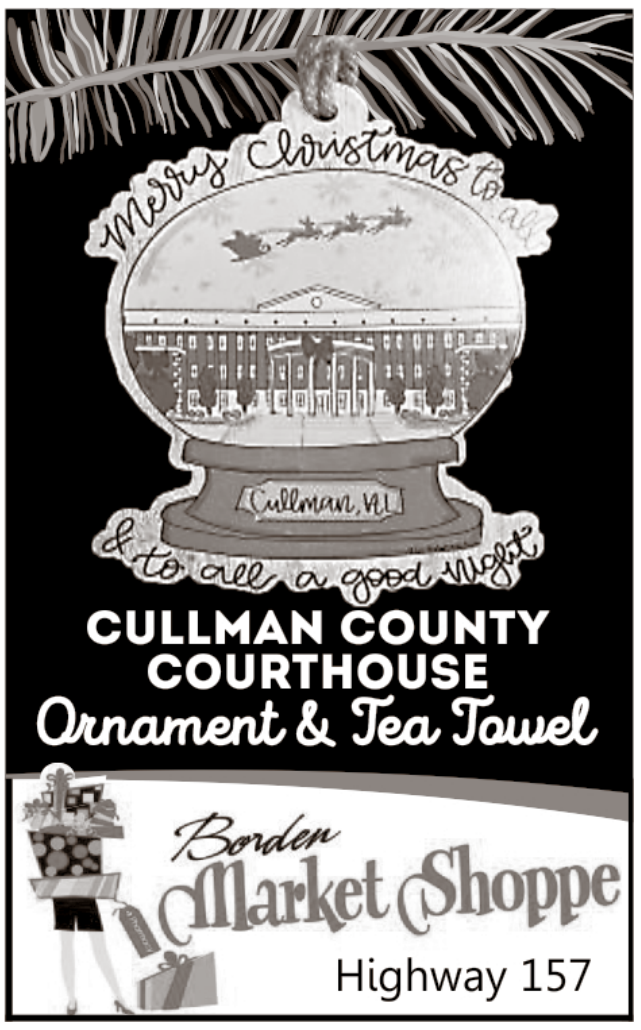
Oliver said that when her dad passed away, it was hard on her mom, but working consistently helped her become who she is today.

"All of the residents love mom; they are like family," Oliver said. "She has a very bubbly personality, and to the residents, she truly is an angel. To us, she is our hero. She's very proud and will never admit to needing or wanting anything and will give anyone the shirt off her back.

"She really needs a vacation. I hope one day that can happen. She would love to go see Dollywood. I'm truly blessed to call her mom. She also has two grandchildren. Brandon Oliver, he works with Sprout Internet, and Brittany Oliver is a senior at Good Hope High School."

Oliver added, "She would encourage all to do something you enjoy because it is so rewarding, and you will enjoy everything you work for even more."


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# Moratoriums (from Front)

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**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall at a press conference on Monday, Dec. 5, announced he will not honor the request of Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to halt executions until a "top to bottom review" is performed on the State's execution procedures. Ivey's request came after two failed executions by the Alabama Department of Corrections on Sept. 22, 2022, and Nov. 17, 2022.

Marshall stated he personally witnessed "the depravity of those who take the life of another" at various crime scenes and visited with families after having lost loved ones. He said he has advocated for criminals to be put on death row.

"Insofar as I and my office is concerned, there is no moratorium, nor will there be, on capital punishment in Alabama," he said.

Marshall noted that the failed execution of Kenneth Eugene Smith on Nov. 17, 2022, was "not a travesty of justice for Kenny Smith, the twice convicted murderer who was scheduled to be executed that day, but it was for Elizabeth Sennett and for the members of her family."

Sennett was the victim of a murder-for-hire plot by her husband Charles Sennett, a Sheffield Church of Christ pastor, carried out by Smith and two others.

The attempted execution of Alan Miller on Sept. 22, 2022, was called off due to the inability of prison officials to access his veins. On Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022, Smith's execution was halted for the same reason.

Ivey requested the pending motions to reschedule the execution dates for two death row inmates be withdrawn by Marshall and that additional execution dates be held until a review of the Department of Justice's execution protocols was performed.

Marshall acknowledged the governor's request and stated he has not spoken with her about it.

In November, Alabama Department of Corrections Commissioner John Hamm stated, "I agree with Governor Ivey that we have to get this right for the victims' sake.

"Everything is on the table – from our legal strategy in dealing with last-minute appeals, to how we train and prepare, to the order and timing of events on execution day, to the personnel and equipment involved. The Alabama Department of Corrections is fully committed to this effort and confident that we can get this done right."

# Commission (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman Planning Commission at its Monday, Dec. 5, meeting approved site plans for various properties.

The commission approved plans for the former Texaco gas station property at 1667 Cherokee Ave. SW next to Mitch Smith Chevrolet, as well as for the former Werner's (now Ace of the South) property at 1115 Fourth St. SW.

The short-form subdivision and the proposed site plan for 4 Arrows Fitness at Bolte Road Southeast and Third Avenue Southeast (Old Hanceville Highway) was approved. The rezoning from M-2 to B-2 request for the property received a favorable recommendation and will move to Cullman City Council.

Final plat plans for The Reserve at Northridge-Phase II, off of Eva Road just north of Alabama Highway 157, and Kilpatrick Landing-Phase II, just north of Cracker Barrel off of Alabama Highway 157, were approved.

The property at Kilpatrick Landing-Phase II was noted to have potential issues with water runoff, but the project's representative, James Hayes Jr., stated, "We're fine with any of the comments from engineering. We'll be responsible if there's any problem with the drainage."

# LEGALS

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**VERIFIED PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND ORDER FOR RELEASE OF CONSERVATOR FROM BOND**

**TO: ELIZABETH ANN ALVIS**
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**ANGELA NICOLE THOMAS**
**ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES**

Please take notice that a *Verified Petition for Final Settlement and Order for Release of Conservator from Bond* has been filed by Nora Elaine Queen, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Rhonda D. Bruner. A hearing on said *Verified Petition for Final Settlement and Order for Release of Conservator from Bond* has been **SET FOR THE 12TH day of JANUARY, 2023, AT 11:00 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of December, 2022.

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# Marina (from Front)

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**CRANE HILL, Ala.** — Trident Marina on Smith Lake held its inaugural Christmas celebration Sunday. Organized by Trident Marina Group CFO/Owner Jeff Tolbert and Cindy Myrex of Lake Homes Realty, the event was filled with activities for children and adults to enjoy. Friend of the organizers and Smith Lake resident, David Bunn, volunteering as Santa Claus, made his entrance by boat, making an unforgettable occasion for the little ones in attendance.

Children had the opportunity to meet Santa, write him letters and get their picture taken. They could also take a hayride around the Marina, enjoy the bounce houses and partake in a hot chocolate bar. After dark, visitors stayed to watch the tree lighting and enjoy the beautiful scenery while being treated to hors d'oeuvres at The Grille at Trident Marina, as well as rock n' roll bingo. All activities were free.

The event was also used as an opportunity to collect toys, food and cash donations for families in need of assistance during the holiday season. Organizers plan to decide on local churches and schools as drop-offs for the donations. Coats were collected to be donated to Sacred Heart Church.

The first Christmas at Trident Marina saw more than 200 guests including 85 plus children who were able to tell Santa their Christmas wishes. The event began with the desire to add holiday cheer and décor to the marina. Organizers Tolbert and Myrex decided to host a tree lighting to kick off the holiday season and invite guests to the marina. Following the giving spirit of the season, the event grew to include a visit from Santa and donation collections.

Myrex said, "The driving force is to bring our community together and to have things that we offer here as a hub for our community."

Tolbert said the community has been generous to Trident Marina, so he wanted to give back. "We have such a big lake community and so many people forget about the lake from Labor Day till Memorial Day, so this is one of the things that we wanted to do to give back to the local kids."

Tolbert said that he and Myrex plan to make the event an annual occasional and are already planning for next year.




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***Santa Claus (David Bunn) welcomed more than 85 children at the inaugural Christmas at Trident Marina event Sunday, Dec. 4.***

# Christkindlmarkt (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman Christkindlmarkt is back for its second year beginning Friday, Dec. 9, and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 11 at Festhalle Marktplatz and in the Cullman Economic Development Agency parking lot at 200 First Ave. NE. The hours are Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m.

The Christkindlmarkt is an open-air market will feature live music, entertainment, activities for children, traditional German foods and beverages and homemade and handmade gifts.

The market is fashioned after similar Christmas markets that originated in Germany.

According to Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson, this year's market will be bigger than last year's.

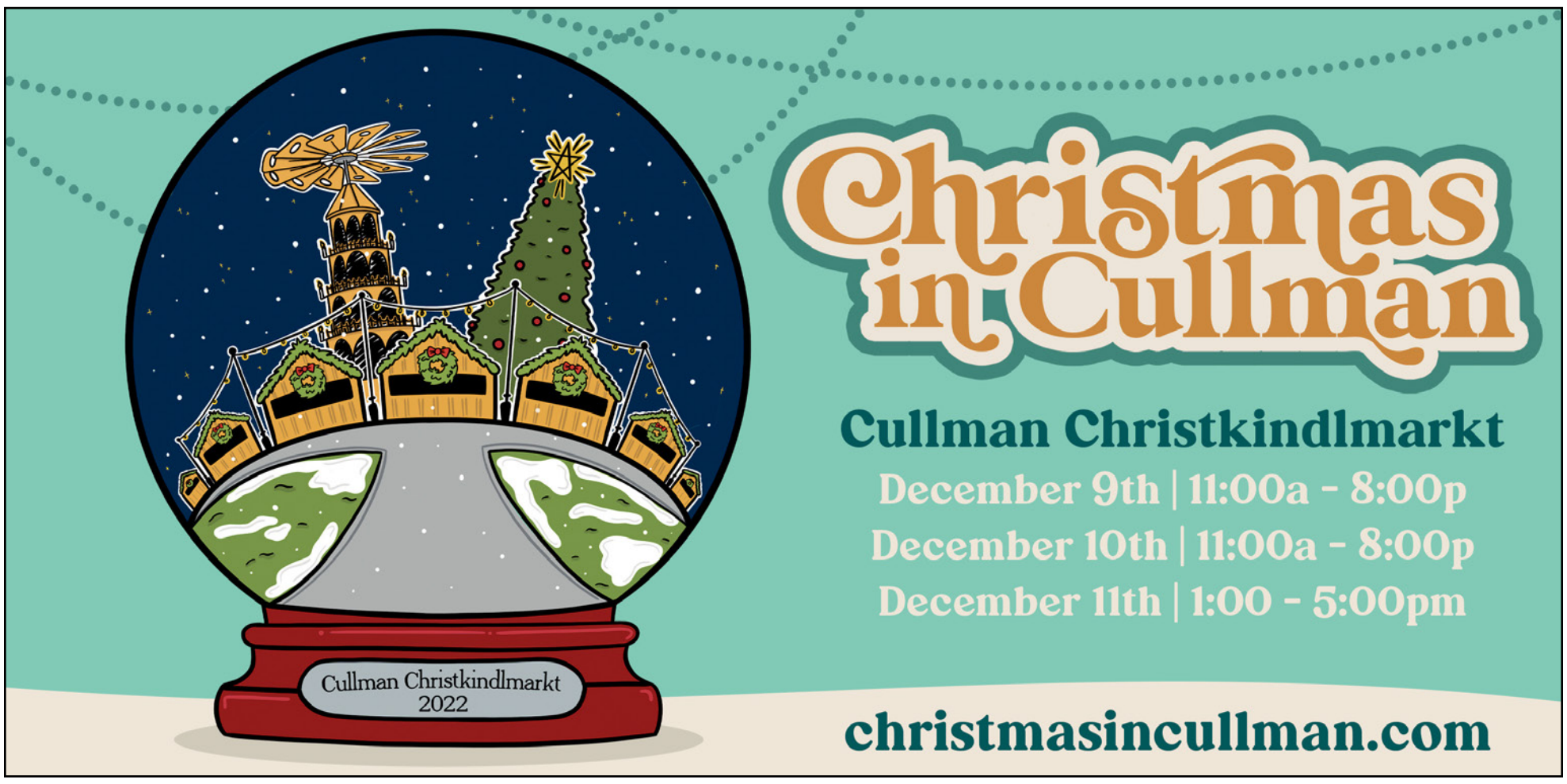
As of Monday, 31 vendors were signed up to participate.

Early markets were mentioned in the history books of Vienna, Munich and Frankfort, but Dresden's, in 1434, is considered the first authentic Christmas Market.

Christkindlmarkts (Christ Child Markets) in Nuremberg and Dresden attract approximately 2 million visitors each holiday season, and the Stuttgart and Frankfurt markets draw more than 3 million people every year.

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# West Point's McCoy signs with Asbury

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**WEST POINT, Ala.** — Thursday was a special day at West Point High School as friends, family, teammates and coaches filled the library to help one Warrior standout celebrate the next step in their athletic and academic career. West Point's Colton McCoy officially signed his letter of intent to continue his playing career at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky. With one more season left to play with the Warriors this spring, McCoy currently holds a .281 batting average, 19 RBIs, a .436 OBP, has caught 11 runners stealing and has recorded 193 innings behind the plate. He also earned first team All-County honors last season.

Colton was familiar with Asbury before the Eagles began recruiting him and when he visited campus with his family over the summer it made his decision even easier.

"I emailed Asbury last summer and I already knew about the college because my sister and brother in-law lived there, and I've always loved it," McCoy said. "We visited this summer, and I really loved the campus. I'm a big Christian too so I just love what they stand for as a college."

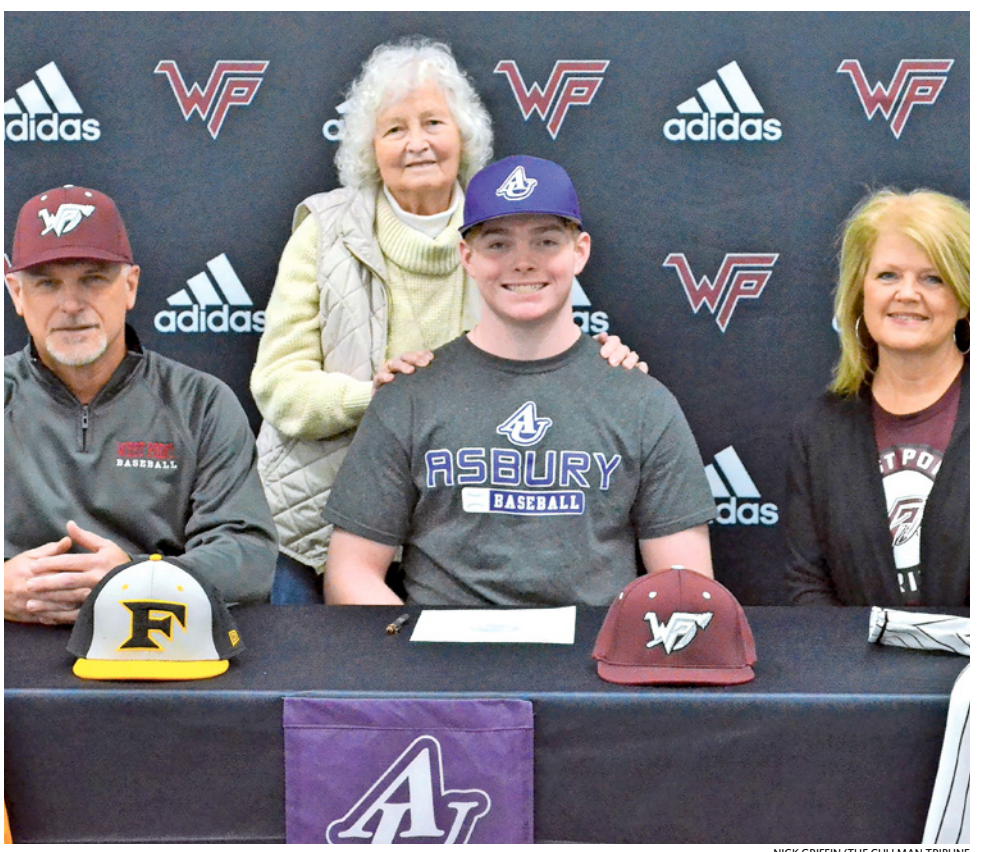
Warriors Head Coach Drew Bryson shared a few words at the ceremony, commending Colton for the work he's put in to earn this opportunity.

"There's a lot of time that goes into this. Everybody sees signing day as the big moment but there is a lot of blood, sweat and tears and a lot of hours put in to get to this moment. So, we're extremely excited for you," Bryson said.

"I think this is our ninth guy since 2018 that's gone on to play at the next level. I always tell guys, this is not the end goal, this is where the work starts. We want to see you have a great senior year individually and as a team and we look forward to seeing you play at the next level. I love coaching you. You're a great kid, a hard worker and I love having guys like you, it makes my job easy."

Colton is excited to get his college career underway after his senior season but admits he'll miss his teammates and coaches who made him feel welcome when he arrived last year.

"I'm really going to miss my teammates and the program and I'm really going to miss the coaches. I moved here from Hartselle right before my junior year and they brought me in and accepted me with open arms," McCoy said. "They showed me what a really good program looks like and I just got to work."




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*West Point's Colton McCoy is joined by his mother, Tammy McCoy (left), his father, Jim McCoy (right) and his grandmother, Betty Jones (back) at his signing ceremony Thursday.*

# 'We may be small, but we are mighty': Good Hope twirler Jenna Crumpton enjoying junior year

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**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — Good Hope junior twirler Jenna Crumpton has now been in the Raider Band for five years and has had a great time with an amazing group of fellow band members. She has taken away so much from her time with the band.

"I have enjoyed twirling for the Good Hope Raider Band since seventh grade. We had lots of fun. It was a great line this year and we spent a lot of time together on and off the field. We have gotten really close. We work hard so we can be ready to put on a great show," Crumpton said. "I've learned there is so much that goes into being a part of a marching band. Band members really don't get the credit they deserve. I never realize how much hard work went into putting on a show. We get so much accomplished at band camp. It's amazing and I have much respect for our members. I've learned that being a twirler takes dedication and lots of practice. I twirl competitively and we travel a lot. You really have to put the work in."

Crumpton has been traveling to different colleges as she continues to perfect her twirling skills even more. She's had several band directors during her time at Good Hope and has learned so much from this year's director, Josh Anderson.

"I love learning from well-known instructors. It keeps it interesting and pushes you to work harder. There is nothing like twirling at Mississippi State and UAB. Having the opportunity to twirl on both of those fields meant so much to me. MTSU was great too. I can't wait for college tryouts at the end of my senior year. It's an exciting time for sure," Crumpton said.

"Each band director was different, and they had their own style of teaching. You learn to go with the flow. Mr. Anderson has been a huge blessing to our program. He is about doing things the right way. He has a genuine concern for each of his students. I hope he will be at Good Hope for a long time. It means a lot to have a teacher that is always in a good mood and that stays positive. He will definitely make the band grow. We may be small, but we are mighty."

Crumpton has soaked up so much from the upperclassmen before her and she worked on a lot during band camp.

"The first and second year, I was one of the babies of the group. The older kids really took us in and were good to answer any questions we had. I was close to Aaliyah Coleman. We have been good friends from day one. She always looked out for me. Our majorette captain, Avery Flynt, and I have twirled together since the youth league. Aaliyah is like the big sister I never had. Avery and I have the mindset of going the extra mile to do our best while also having fun," she said. "The first week, we worked on basics of marching because we had several new members. Then we learned our routines and set drill for half of our show."

Crumpton had the special privilege of competing in the Junior Olympics at the University of North Carolina and her experience was one that she will never forget.

"My experience was one I'll never forget. I have the best coach ever. Bess Willis is amazing. She pushes me to do my best and challenges my ability every practice. Having my twirl family there to cheer me on was great. I brought home some pretty nice medals: First place in basic solo, second in Freestyle, second overall in all-around twirling, third place in the parade strut, and third place on the baton. Participating in the AAU Junior Olympics made me want to work harder for next year." she said.

Crumpton has enjoyed her time with the band this season and has already set some goals that she wants to achieve for next season.

"My individual goal is to qualify for Nationals at Notre Dame again. My goals for band are to have the best senior year ever and get best in class awards with all-superior ratings again," she said.

"This marching season has been great. The band has sounded really good, and the majorettes had so much fun. We learned how to quick-fix routines when unexpected things happened. We got really good at that. What made this band so special to watch this year was the majorette line all twirled fire."



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*Good Hope's Jenna Crumpton.*

# Glasscock (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — After four seasons on the sidelines at his alma mater, Cullman High School Head Football Coach Oscar Glasscock has decided to retire. Glasscock led the Bearcats to four straight playoff appearances after taking over in 2019, compiling a record of 28-17.

"For me, it really just came down to a gut feel. It's time. It really is as simple as that. It just feels like the right time and this season was so much fun. This senior class especially was great, and it was a real player-led team. They just played so hard on Friday nights, and they practiced the same way," Glasscock said. "They're such good people and we had a lot of fun. The coaching room was awesome, and those guys did everything they could to help those guys achieve. It was just such a great year as far as being enjoyable and I know from coaching for 30 years that it doesn't really get any better than what we had this year."

Glasscock is happy to be stepping down in a positive situation but admits he'll miss coaching this group for another year. The Bearcats collected some big wins during Glasscock's tenure but what he'll remember the most about his time at Cullman is the relationships with his players.

"The culture is fantastic and the only reason I would've thought about staying longer is because the junior class is just as good a bunch of kids. It was really difficult to tell them I wasn't going to be their coach next year. You're always going to leave good kids, but they are really a very special group. The only thoughts I had about staying another year were because of them and the kind of kids they are," Glasscock said.

"The best thing to do is leave when its really positive. We had a great year and I'm going to have super memories, not just from this year but all the years, especially because of this group we had. The seniors, juniors and sophomores in this group just made it so enjoyable for me and that's what I'm going to remember about my experience at Cullman High School."

One of the things Glasscock is most proud of is the growth of the city school system's strength program. The program has helped local athletes develop physically but in addition to that, Glasscock has seen it help develop more unity across all sports.

"I think establishing the system-wide strength program has been a huge deal. That was something that wouldn't have been possible without the leadership of Dr. (Susan) Patterson, Kim Hall and Mark Britton," Glasscock said.

"They really spearheaded that and when they were recruiting me to take this job that was something I thought was non-negotiable. I asked them to trust me on it that it would build a lot of unity among the different sports and that's exactly what's happened. So, I'm extremely proud of the strength program here and I'm extremely proud of the unity we have amongst the coaching staffs of all the sports. I think it's a real tribute to those three leaders."

Having played their way into the postseason in each of Glasscock's four years, the Bearcats took care of business on the field more often than not. But the win Glasscock is most proud of came off the field.

"Our big thing this year was that none of this matters if we're not good people and I think the kids really bought into that. They understood that everything is related. You can't be a champion on the field but be a suspect character in the classroom or in how you treat other people and I think this group as much as any other really understood that and embraced it. That's going to serve them well in their lives," Glasscock said.

"I had great kids all four seasons and I think the majority are going to be proud that they played in this program and learned life lessons from it. Establishing a culture takes time and there's no quick fix to it. That's why it took this long to kind of get it to where we felt really good about it so those are the biggest accomplishments. Our kids are tough, they're smart and we have a great culture."

**From Cullman City Schools**

Cullman City Schools is ramping up the search for its next head football coach, fresh off the retirement of head coach Oscar Glasscock, who has led the Bearcats varsity program for the past four seasons.

Cullman High made four playoff appearances and notched its first post-season win as a Class 6A program under Glasscock's leadership. He retires with a 28-17 overall record at CHS.

"We appreciate everything Coach Glasscock has done for Cullman football and Cullman High School," Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "In the time I've worked with him, I've been impressed with the relationships he has with his players, but more importantly his focus on character building with student athletes. On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors."

Cullman City Schools Athletic Director Mark Stephens added that Glasscock's tenure "bridged the gap" to carry the program to where it is now: "Our football program needed his leadership and calm and stable demeanor."

Looking ahead, Cullman City Schools will post the opening for its head varsity football coach and anticipates a statewide search for the role.

"We anticipate a great amount of interest. Cullman is an attractive job for head football coaches because of the great student athletes, premiere facilities, administrative and board support and tremendous community support," Kallhoff said.

"Up next we'll gather input from some of our stakeholders to discuss the future direction of the comprehensive football program in Cullman City Schools and keep this in mind as we interview for and hire the next head football coach at Cullman High."

The board hopes to approve its next football coach in January, giving Glassock's successor plenty of time to hit the ground running for the 2023 season.

# Powell (from Front)

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**ARLEY, Ala.** — This football season at Meek High School was one for the record books and the Tigers still have more hardware coming their way. This weekend, Head Coach Houston Powell was selected as the Alabama Football Coaches Association Class 1A Coach of the Year after leading the Tigers to their first 10-0 regular season in school history and posting 11 wins for the first time since 1986. Meek played its to the second round of the playoffs where the Tigers fell to Pickens County 44-36. The Tornadoes went on to represent the North in the Class 1A State Championship Game last week.

Meek averaged over 44 points per game offensively this season while holding its opponents to just 13.8 points per game and finished with an average margin of victory of over 30 points.

Powell is humbled to receive this recognition for what the Tigers were able to accomplish this season but knows that it wouldn't be possible without the support of so many around him.

"This is an incredible honor for me as a coach. It's a coach's dream to receive such a high honor.

"I'm saying that none of this would be possible without an incredible staff that works extremely hard for our program to be successful," Powell said.

"We have a great group of young men that work hard and desire to be great in all that we do as a program.

"We also have a great community of support, and our football atmosphere is amazing because of them. Meek is a special place and I'm so proud that Meek football is gaining the recognition they all deserve."

Eight seniors will be graduating in May but with a lot of familiar faces set to return next season, the future remains bright for the Tigers.

# Obituary Announcements: Dec. 3-5

**Vester Richard Cranford, Sr., 92**
Funeral service with military honors for Vester Richard Cranford, Sr., 92, of Cullman will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Valley Springs Cemetery, Rev. Tim Box officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cranford family. Mr. Cranford passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 7, 1930, to Ray and Icie Cranford. He was a member of Valley Springs Baptist Church. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was in the Secret Service. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Carolyn Wynell Cranford; son, Vester Richard Cranford, Jr.; brother, Vernon Cranford and two sisters, Louise and Laura. Survivors include his daughter, Denise Love; brother, Victor (Lois) Cranford; sister, Lorene Hamilton; grandchildren, Candice (Ryan) Stewart, Tony Love, Austin Cranford, Marinda (Kyle) Phelps; great-grandchild, Addison Stewart.

**Elton Alford Jack, 88**
Elton Alford Jack, age 88 of Haleyville, Alabama passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at his residence. Elton was born Jan. 6, 1934, in Haleyville to Joseph Virgle Jack and Bertha Elizabeth Berry Jack. He was a Deacon at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church and a Mason of F & AM of the Grand Lodge of Haleyville. A visitation will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville with funeral services to follow at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Dennis Steward and Zachary Smith will officiate. Interment will follow in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Elton is survived by his wife, Margaret Jack; daughter, Phyllis Jack; grandchildren, Amanda Smith Thomas and husband Jason, Kayla Smith Jennings and husband Ben, and Zachary Smith and wife Rosalyn; great grandchildren, Jackson Hightower, Adaline Smith, Remington Smith, Aniston Smith, and Baby Colton Jennings on the way; brother, Wilton Jack and wife Truby; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Virgle Jack and Bertha Elizabeth Berry Jack; sister, Agnes Tidwell; brother, Elbert Jack; and great grandson, Jayden Thomas. Pallbearers will be Zachary Smith, Ben Jennings, Jackson Hightower, Jeff Jack, Keith Jack and Gaylon Tidwell.

**Calvin Thomas Bailey, 89**
Calvin Thomas Bailey, age 89, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Calvin was born in Cullman. Calvin is survived by his beloved wife, Carol Bailey; his beloved daughters, Rhonda Bailey and Marsha Bailey; his grandsons, Jeremy (Amy) Hailes, Jeffrey Hailes; his granddaughter, Macy (Matthew) Crane; his great grandchildren, Ava Marie Hailes, Emma Grace Hailes, Troy Gannon Hailes; and his sister, Eloise Jackson. Calvin was preceded in death by his parents, Finis Unis and Zonie Campbell Bailey; and his sister, Lee Cook. Calvin loved his family and will be missed by many. He was a hard worker, who loved farming. Calvin will be buried at Mt. Zion cemetery at a later time.

**Helen Marie Dahlke, 89**
Funeral Service for Helen Marie Dahlke, age 89, of Cullman, were at noon Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor John Bussman officiated, burial was at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until noon Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2022, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Ms. Dahlke passed away Saturday, Dec 3, 2022, at Cullman Long Term Care. She was born March 10, 1933, to Carl Fredrick and Alma Margaret Dahlke. She was preceded in death by her parents; and brother, James Dahlke. Survivors include her sisters, Frances Dahlke and Betty Dahlke; brothers, Edward (Glena) Dahlke and Michael Dahlke; sister-in-law, Jean Dahlke; and a host of extended family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

**Franklin Taft Reid, 85**
Taft Reid passed away at Cullman Hospital on Nov. 21, 2022. He was born to Cannie Taft and Lavelle Helms Reid on June 18, 1937. He is survived by two children: Luke Taft Reid and Amy Reid Flowers, both great sources of pride for him. He was also proud of his beautiful granddaughters, Ashley Reid and Taylor Flowers. Taft's siblings include GInnie Reid Higginbotham, Ronald Reid (deceased) and Johnny Reid. His two nieces and five nephews will remember his sense of humor and his passion for Ford products, books about the Civil War and country music songs. Taft was a resident at Westminster Assisted Living for the last six months where he received the best of care and where he interacted with other residents as well as the capable staff. Taft Reid served four years in the U.S. Army and National Guard. Mr. Reid was an Expert Motor Mechanic and worked at Birmingham Motors until his retirement to his farm where he enjoyed gardening, hunting and entertaining his friends. A graveside memorial service is planned for Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Union Grove.

**Clifton Ray Sheats, 77**
Funeral Service for Clifton Ray Sheats, age 77, of Falkville, was at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, burial was at Cook Cemetery. Visitation was from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Sheats passed away on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, at Cullman Regional. He was born Sept. 7, 1945, in Alabama to Rubert and Mildred Sheats. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughters, Taylor Sheats and Madison Sheats. Survivors include his wife, Rhonda Sue Sheats; son, Jason (Monica) Sheats; daughter, Keitha (David) Sullivan; grandchildren, Peyton Sullivan and Avery Sullivan; brother, Ralph (Deborah) Sheats; brother, Larry Sheats; and sister, Sonya Terry.

**James Donald Segers, 76**
Funeral services for James Donald Segers was at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Wendell Peterson and Josh Nation officiated. Burial followed the service at Duck River Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Mr. Segers was born on Nov. 12, 1946, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Leamon and Vernie Lee (Glenn) Segers. He died at the age of 76 on Dec. 2, 2022, at his residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Mr. Segers retired with The United States Postal Service after serving a total of 40 years. He spent 18 years working in the city of Birmingham and 22 years in Cullman. Survivors include his wife, Sue Segers; children, David (Sonya) Segers, Brian (Nicole) Segers, Stacy (Jay) Arnold, Dana Ray (Stuart Gwin) and Kelly (Josh) Nation; grandchildren, Taylor (Justin), Chloe (Will), Dawson (Caidyn), Braden (Jacee), Haylie, Sophia, Henry, Riley, Anna and Susanna; great grandchildren, Brynlee and soon to be Jettson; and a brother, Lee Segers Jr.

**Dorothy Emilee Duke Vickers, 91**
The Funeral Service for Dorothy Emilee Duke Vickers, 91, of Riverside, California, will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2022, at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Reverend Steve Rodgers will officiate the service. The interment will follow in the Oak Level Baptist Cemetery. Mrs. Vickers was born July 21, 1931, to Ellie Ray and Flora Mae Wright Jetton. She passed away Nov. 24, 2022, at her residence in Riverside, California. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ellie Ray and Flora Mae Wright Jetton; her husband of 39 years, Harvey Preston Duke; her daughter, Connie Cochran; grandson, Jason Gourdine; sisters, Inez Haynes and Faye O'Brian. Mrs. Vickers is survived by her daughters, Linda (Anthony) Gourdine, Brenda Collins, Wanda (Robert) Earl, Dianne (David) Elethrop; stepsons, Andre and Tony; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

**James "Skip" Burwell Urquhart III, 78**
James "Skip" Burwell Urquhart III, age 78, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Skip was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Skip is survived by his wife of 32 years, Catherine Urquhart; his daughters, Susan Wilhelm, Melanie (Toby) Williams, Katherine Urquhart, Stephanie (Joe) Jowers, Shannon Lewis; and his grandchildren, Claire Wilhelm, Caleb Williams, Rebekah Williams, Catie Jowers, Jamie Jowers and Addie Jowers. Skip was preceded in death by his parents, James Burwell and Eva Marie Williams Urquhart II and his first wife, Eleanor Urquhart. Skip traveled the world as a child, while his dad served our country in the Navy. Skip went on to graduate from Duke University and went to graduate from Georgia Tech with his Masters. He was a Space Rocket Engineer, for 45 years, where he was a part of all the Apollo Missions, Saturn 5, and a part of the space engineering program on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville. The graveside service will be Monday, Dec. 12, 2022, at noon at the Elmwood Cemetery, 501 Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, South Carolina. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Mike Oliver Lewy Body Research Fund at UAB Hospital online at https://www.uab.edu/medicine/home/give or by mail at UAB Gift Records, Mike Oliver Lewy Body Research Fund, AB 1230, 1720 Second Avenue S, Birmingham, AL 35294-0112.

**Paul F. Kontzen, 71**
Memorial Visitation for Paul F. Kontzen, age 71, of Crane Hill, will be from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Kontzen passed away Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at Shepherd's Cove Hospice. He was born January 11, 1951, to Joseph and Frances Kontzen. He served as a Director of Nuclear Medicine at Cullman Regional and at Parkway Hospital. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Kontzen; son, Aaron Kontzen; parents; and brother, Eric Kontzen. Survivors include his son, Matthew (Candice) Kontzen; grandsons, Keaton Kontzen and Kash Kontzen; and brother, Michael Kontzen.

**Doris Rhodes Lindsey, 77**
Funeral Service for Doris Rhodes Lindsey, age 77, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Perry Knight and Ralph Andrews officiating, burial at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mrs. Lindsey passed away on Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at her residence. She was born Jan. 18, 1945, in Decatur, Alabama, to Lawson Rhodes and Elvia Howell Rhodes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Dixie Lindsey; parents; and sister, Faye Higginbotham. Survivors include her daughter, Regina Lindsey; son, Rodney (Denise) Lindsey; grandchildren, Braxton (Stephen) Easter, Canaan Jones, John Steele Jones, Kayley Lindsey, Colton Lindsey, Callahan Lindsey, Molly Dunaway and Scott (Ashley) Hannah; brother, Frank Rhodes; and sister, Joyce Moates.

**Demaris C. Fortenberry, 96**
Funeral Service for Demaris C. Fortenberry, age 96, of Eva, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, interment in Union Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service. Mrs. Fortenberry passed away Monday, Dec. 5, 2022, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born March 16, 1926, in Eva, Alabama, to George C. Childers Sr. and Bessie Bates Childers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward J. Fortenberry; parents, George C. Childers Sr. and Bessie Bates Childers; sisters, Evilee Fortenberry, Averine Holmes, Mildred White, and Jimmie Lou Gable; brother, Cleburn Childers; and great-granddaughter, Darbi Winkworth. Survivors include her son, Johnny E. (JoAnn) Fortenberry; daughter, Ellen (William) Faurot; grandchildren, Susan (John) DiJulio, John Mark Faurot, Heather (Josh) Tucker and Jonna (Graham) Winkworth; great-grandchildren, Nicholas DiJulio, Sophia DiJulio, Justin Faurot, Dylan Faurot, John Hunter Tucker, Maggie Grace Tucker, Caden Winkworth, and Lucas Winkworth; brother, G. C. Childers; sisters, Annie Ruth Boyd, Barbara Frost and Gayle Frost; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

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## Christmas in Cullman Tree Lighting Celebration

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## Breakfast with Santa at VFW Post 2214

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