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Barnette announces 2024 candidacy

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In a significant announcement at the Cullman County Republican Party breakfast this past Saturday, Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette officially declared his intention to run for election. Barnette was appointed to the role by the Cullman County School Board in 2016. Last November, Cullman County voters decided the superintendent position should be an elected one. The 2024 Primary Election will be held March 5.

"I intend to qualify to run for the position that I currently hold.

"I am an educator, not a politician, putting what's best for kids at the forefront for the past 28 years," stated Barnette.

Bringing with him a wealth of experience and dedication, Barnette, according to those who know him, is a steadfast advocate for education in the community.

Barnette is not a newcomer to the field of education. This year marks 28 years in the educational system, with his jour- » PAGE 5



SHANE BARNETTE

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette with his wife, Kristi »

Warnke retires after nearly 4 decades of service



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Cullman Police Capt. Jeff Warnke, left, retired this week. He is pictured with Former Police Chief Kenny Culpepper.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A familiar face with the Cullman Police Department decided to replace his badge with a retirement pledge this week. Captain Jeff Warnke has served as a law enforcement officer for more than 37 years.

"Counting my reserve time and full time with Cullman Police Department, Decatur Police Department and Montgomery Airport Police Department, I have a total of 37 years, 11 months, one week and one day in service," Warnke said.

"One thing I will truly miss is my law enforcement brothers," he said. "I was taught to trust my partner with my life, and I have served alongside some true leaders – honorable and capable men."

When asked about career moments of true impact, Warnke recalled one that stands out.

"There are so many memories throughout the years it's hard to pick from, but probably the most memorable was Wednesday, April 27, 2011, when the EF-4 tornado roared through downtown Cullman," Warnke said. "I was on duty as sergeant alongside Lt. JP White, and we were monitoring the weather on television due to the earlier tornado that had struck the golf course and the Hanceville area. When WBRC Fox 6 Chief Meteorologist JP Dice mentioned a very severe storm over Smith Lake we both » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and Incidents reported Oct. 9

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 9, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 3

• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $784

Oct. 4

• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

Oct. 6

• theft of property-3rd degree; Lowe's; Cherokee Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $918
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $57

Oct. 7

• criminal mischief-3rd degree; Gold Mark Apartments; Gold Mark Ct. SW; damaged property; $100
• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Cornerstone Beverages, Inc.; 2nd Ave. SW
• assault-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE

Oct. 8

• theft of property-1st degree; Walgreens; 2nd Ave. SW; cash

ARRESTS

Oct. 6 – 8

Olszowka, Dax M.; 20
• criminal mischief-3rd degree

Watts, Jesse W.; 39
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Garner, Sheena M.; 62
• public intoxication

Duke, Jason P.; 37
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)

Villa, Joseph S.; 52
• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- fail to register vehicle
• FTA- driving while revoked (4 counts)
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- improper muffler

Linley, Ramona Y.; 24
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
• FTA- driving without license

Delmore, Brandon B.; 22
• attempt to elude police officer

Baker, Joshua C.; 38
• possession/receiving controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• criminal trespass

Bevington, Brian A.; 56
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- carrying brass knuckles

Belcher, Benjamin M.; 58
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Lamons, Dakota R.; 19
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- speeding

Oliver, Michael A.; 46
• obstructing justice giving false identity
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- obstructing justice giving false information to law enforcement

Swann, Larry J.; 59
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- driving without license
• FTA- fail to register vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Parks (from Front)

Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

The Alabama State Parks System offers some of the very best places to see the state's awe-inspiring fall foliage, and there's still time to plan a trip to experience the magic of Alabama's fall colors. The SmokyMountains.com 2023 fall foliage predictor envisions peak color in Alabama to arrive in late October through early November.

The peak fall foliage season first arrives in Northeast Alabama before moving south and westward.

"Gorgeous fall colors can be found here in Alabama, and our State Parks provide some of the most easily accessible areas to view fall foliage," said Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR).

"Some people prefer visiting the Smoky Mountains or going to Vermont or New Hampshire, but I promise you that Alabama offers fall color that rivals any place in America. I invite everyone to stay close to home and see it right here in 'Sweet Home Alabama'."

With that in mind, here's a look at some prime spots to see the leaves change at Alabama State Parks:

DeSoto Falls at DeSoto State Park

DeSoto Falls, located near Mentone about seven miles from the main park, features a 107-foot waterfall, picnic area and historic A. A. Miller Dam. For fall foliage, though, walk down approximately 50 steps to the railed overlook, which offers a sweeping view of the falls and the surrounding forest. Don't forget about the iconic little red boathouse across from the picnic area, which is one of the state's most photographed fall foliage spots. The 3,502-acre park provides a variety of lodging, including mountain chalets, log and rustic cabins, motel rooms and an improved campground with 94 full-hookup sites. Learn more about DeSoto State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/desoto-state-park.

Buck's Pocket State Park

One of the most secluded of the 21 State Parks, Buck's Pocket is located in tiny Grove Oak and features some of the most picturesque views of autumn leaves found anywhere in Alabama. Breath-taking fall color can be seen from just about anywhere inside the 2,000-acre park. The park's campground features 23 RV campsites, as well as 11 primitive camping sites. Other overnight accommodations are available 13 miles away at Lake Guntersville State Park. Learn more about Buck's Pocket State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/bucks-pocket-state-park.

Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge atop Taylor Mountain

The view from the observation deck at Lake Guntersville State Park Lodge offers a panoramic view of the 69,000-acre Guntersville Lake. The park offers plenty of other amenities, including hiking, birding, and an 18-hole golf course, but the breath-taking views take center stage each fall. There are plenty of overnight choices, from cabins near the lake, chalets on the ridge-top, the resort lodge on the pinnacle of Taylor Mountain, and the modern campground for RVs. Learn more about Lake Guntersville State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/lake-guntersville-state-park.

Cheaha State Park

Surrounded by 400,000 acres of the Talladega National Forest and Cheaha Wilderness, it's impossible to pick the best spot to view fall foliage at Cheaha State Park, located in Delta. There's Pulpit Rock that offers a moderate hike to get there. There's the Bald Rock Boardwalk, which offers easy accessibility. There's also Bunker Tower, located at the state's highest point at 2,413 feet. Don't forget the view from the Vista Cliffside Event Center. Each location at Cheaha offers unique and memorable scenery. Cheaha's rock cabins and A-frame chalets provide amazing views, and the park also has lodge rooms, primitive camping near the highest point, and primitive camping near Cheaha Lake. Learn more about Cheaha State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/cheaha-state-park.

North Plateau Loop Trail at Monte Sano State Park

Fiery foliage can be found throughout the 2,140 acres of Monte Sano State Park in Huntsville, but the North Plateau Loop Trail offers an easy hike and amazing views. The trail also provides an especially captivating sight from O'Shaughnessy Point. The Monte Sano Lodge offers one of the state's most serene settings, and the park also had 14 rustic cabins perched on the mountain and 89 improved campsites available for overnight guests. Learn more about Monte Sano State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/monte-sano-state-park.

Joe Wheeler State Park

The park's location along First Creek of the Tennessee River in Rogersville means the brilliant fall colors begin practically at the water's edge, and just about any place near the water offers brilliant fall scenery. That includes every lodge room, which features a private balcony and full view of the river. Brilliant colors can also be viewed from the marina, beach area and on the golf course. Don't forget about the drive from U.S. Highway 72 to the park, which can be one of the state's most scenic drives each autumn. Joe Wheeler's campground also offers views of the water, and the park also offers lakeside cottages and cabins. Learn more about Joe Wheeler State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/joe-wheeler-state-park.

King's Chair Overlook at Oak Mountain State Park

Legend has it that the site got its name because of the large rock outcropping resembling a chair, which allows hikers to sit on it like a monarch. The hike to get to King's Chair isn't easy, but it's worth it for the long-range view, especially during sunrise or sunset. The park's cabins at Lake Tranquility also offer beautiful fall colors, as does the switch-back drive up to Peavine Falls along Peavine Falls Road. As the state's largest state park with 11,632 acres, Oak Mountain offers plenty of other fall foliage viewing opportunities with more than 100 miles of trials, but the vista from King's Chair often ranks among park visitors' favorite spot. Learn more about Oak Mountain State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/oak-mountain-state-park.

Dam Trail at Lake Lurleen State Park

The two-mile trail takes hikers along the bank of spring-fed Lake Lurleen, which is located near Tuscaloosa. Like at Joe Wheeler, the foliage's reflection in the crystal clear water makes the view twice as nice. The park offers 91 modern campsites, providing the perfect complement to a 250-acre lake and more than 20 miles of trails. Learn more about Lake Lurleen State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/lake-lurleen-state-park.

Cathedral Caverns State Park Campground

The cave tours take center stage year-round at Cathedral Caverns, but the fall colors push into the spotlight each autumn. The new 25 full-service campsites offer everything an RV camper needs, and the surrounding forest offers gorgeous fall color. In addition, the drive to Cathedral Caverns offers some spectacular views, especially from the scenic overlook in nearby Grant. The park has also added The Cabins at the Caverns, providing a "tiny home" experience for adventurous travelers. Learn more about Cathedral Caverns State Park by visiting www.alapark.com/parks/cathedral-caverns-state-park.

The truth is that picturesque fall color can be found at all 21 Alabama State Parks, including the ones outside of the Appalachian foothills. Keep eye on social media posts to find peak periods in your local area.

Glamping is now available at five state parks – Monte Sano, Lake Guntersville, Chewacla, Cheaha and Wind Creek, all of which provide spectacular fall foliage viewing options.

Three parks – Lake Guntersville, Monte Sano and Wind Creek – also offer zipline courses, which offers visitors with unique opportunities to actually get up in trees and see fall colors upclose.

With more than 700 lodge rooms, 2,600 sites for RVs and primitive camping, and 200 cabins, chalets and cottages, it's easy to find a perfect place to stay at one of the Alabama's 21 State Parks to view fall foliage or simply book a family getaway.

"As the weather cools and the leaves change, we know many people will want to visit our State Parks, especially those in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains," State Parks Director Greg Lein said. "We definitely have some of the best places to see fall colors, and it's gratifying to see so many families visiting our parks during this time of the year."

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

1995 Chevrolet/GMT-400, Vin.#1GBHC34K6SEZ15982

This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Rolands Frame and Auto Repair, 61 County Road 1487, Cullman, Alabama 35058 on Friday, November 3, 2023.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Holly Pond will be holding a Public Hearing to review its application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), and to make available to the public the contents of the associated Environmental Information Document (EID).

The EID may be reviewed at the Guy Hunt Library & Museum during Hours of Operation: Tuesday (10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.), Wednesday (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.), Thursday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Friday (1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.).

These documents include project information and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the Town of Holly Pond sanitary sewer system including resolving the infiltration and inflow issues, upgrades to sanitary sewer pump stations to ensure they operate more efficiently, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant to meet the needs of the regulations set forth by the governing body.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform customers of the Town of Holly Pond of the proposed actions, discuss the estimated cost associated with the projects, and to address citizen concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library & Museum, located at 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond, Alabama 35083.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the office of InSite Engineering, LLC, 205-733-9696.

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain correction mortgage executed by CAROL HOLMES to DON WARNKE dated October 13, 2016, and recorded in Mortgage Book 1801 Page 1 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on October 20, 2023, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055, the following described real property in the County of Cullman, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

A part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the southeast corner of the NW1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence S 83°49' W a distance of 791.0 feet to a point; thence N 2°00' W a distance of 508.00 feet to a paved county road; thence northwesterly along the south edge of the said paved county road a distance of 105.0 feet to a point; thence S 2°00' E along a straight line to a point which is 105.0 feet from the south quarter-quarter line; thence at a right angle west along a line parallel to the south quarter-quarter line for a distance of 360.0 feet to a point; thence at a right angle south along a line parallel to the east boundary of the tract herein conveyed for a distance of 105.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the south quarter-quarter line; thence at right angles east along the said quarter-quarter line a distance of 465.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed. The above described property is conveyed subject to the right of way heretofore conveyed to the State of Alabama. The land herein conveyed being 2.0 acres, more or less.
ALSO: Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence S 89°05'37 W 791.30 feet to an existing iron, thence N 2°00'00" E 105.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set, thence S 99°05'37"W 88.11 to an existing iron and the point of beginning, thence S 89°05'37"' W 50.10 feet to an iron capped rebar set, thence N 2° 00' 00" E 466.74 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the South R.O.W. of County Road No. 1476, thence S 42°51'02" E 70.95 feet to an Iron 1/2" capped rebar set on said R.O.W., thence S 2° 00' 00" W 413.90 feet back to the point of beginning containing 0.5 acres more or less. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T-9-S, R-2-W, Cullman County, Alabama.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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, Oct. 11 - 7 p.m. Children & youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Thursday, Oct. 12 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck supper and game night
• Friday, Oct. 13 - 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! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Friday, Oct. 13 - 7 p.m. Youth Rally
• Sunday, Oct. 15 - Prayer Groups - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Oct. 15 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Oct. 15 - Soup and Chili Fundraiser, free drinks , desserts and entertainment following morning service.

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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

Cullman County Fair
Through Oct. 14 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. The county fair is a classic rural sight to see, with exhibitions, livestock showings, pageants, classic carnie food and rides for even the most seasoned thrill seeker. People from all around have been coming to this fair since 1954, come see why for yourself!

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. All are welcome.

Peinhardt Living History Farm Days
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon rides and demonstrations of all kinds, it's a must-visit for any history buff.

Pleasant View Homecoming Service
Sunday, Oct. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start singing again about 1:30 that afternoon. We will have singing featuring 2nd Mile from DeKalb, Mississippi. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Cigar Room of Sophia's Restaurant at Stone Bridge Farms. All retirees from the field of education are invited. Our scheduled guest speaker has just canceled, so please be prepared to join in a "Member Share" program with a recent educational experience just in case we don't find a replacement. For more information: mjcjcera@gmail.com

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, in Cullman. Meetings are every third Friday, January through October. The next meeting will be on Jan. 19, 2024. For more information contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch
Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church 100th Homecoming Celebration
Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, AL 35057. Praise and worship, including a historical presentation by Alabama Baptist. Fellowship meal at noon. Pastor is Gary Waddell.

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting the Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Doors open at 6. A night of fun and great music with the Daystar Church Praise Team, and featuring the award-winning Triumphant Quartet. Tickets are $28 if bought in person at Yates-Chance Christian Bookstore, Borden Family Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Health Clinic or at the door. $28 if purchased online at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

Mt. Zion Church Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church (U.S. Highway 31 North next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont). Free event for community with hot dogs, inflatables, hayride, cake walk, games and face painting. Come and enjoy the evening.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.

Mt. Zion Church Food Bazaar
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Warnke (from Front)

silently got up and headed west to monitor the weather. It was a helpless feeling watching that tornado plow through the city, knowing there was nothing we could do to stop its advance.

"After it passed we were nonstop for two weeks straight without an off day. I went from managing four-five officers on my day shift to managing 150-200 officers from departments all over the state and out of state who came to help us. It was definitely a challenge."

Warnke said many colleagues influenced him over the years, through leadership, encouragement, knowledge and support, but two in particular.

"Probably two of the most influential people in my law enforcement career have been (Former) Assistant Police Chief Craig Montgomery and (Former) Chief Kenny Culpepper," Warnke said.

"They taught me how to be a good supervisor and a real leader of men. Both have a servant's heart and taught me to have the same."

When asked what his plans are for his retirement, Warnke said he will be enjoying something that has acted as a stress reliever for many years.

"As for hobbies, golf is my favorite, although I will be the first to tell you I am not very good at it," Warnke smiled. "Over the years it's been a good release, allowing me to think and blow off steam."


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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Good Hope shuts out Hanceville; Aggies, Broncos collect homecoming wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — There were some critical regional matchups for our local teams Friday night and with most of the regular season behind us, each game is becoming more important each week as we continue to get closer to the postseason. Good Hope handled Hanceville 28-0 on the road, Addison won a 12-0 slugfest over Meek and Fairview and Holly Pond both cruised to homecoming victories. Cullman, West Point, Vinemont and Cold Springs all took tough regional losses and will be looking to bounce back later this week.

Good Hope 28 – Hanceville 0

Both defenses came out strong to start the game, as the first three series saw three punts. Good Hope got the ball at the 20 to start out its next series and on third down, Colten Whatley found Tucker Malin for a 28-yard gain to put the ball at midfield. A holding penalty, though, would force them to punt a few plays later, but Hanceville mishandled the punt and Jordan Rainwater recovered the ball for the Raiders at the 20. Later on, an unsportsmanlike penalty on the Bulldogs, plus a short run by Malin, put the Raiders at the nine-yard line. Three plays later, Whatley found Hank Hudson for a three-yard score to give Good Hope a 7-0 lead with 11 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Marquies Leeth broke free for a 28-yard gain to start out the second quarter for Hanceville, but the Raider defense stiffened after that, and Leeth came up a yard short on fourth down. Both defenses forced a turnover on downs on their next series.

A sack by the Bulldogs on second down put Good Hope in a third-and-16 situation, but Whatley found Landon Bagwell for 19 yards to keep the series alive. Hanceville's defense looked to get off the field on third down, but the Raiders had other plans, though, as Whatley connected with Tyler Cone for a 50-yard score to give Good Hope a 14-0 lead with 1:57 left to go in the first half.

Hunter Black connected with J.T. Davis for 11 and 12 yards, respectively, to put the Bulldogs at the 39, as they looked to get in the end zone before the half. The Bulldogs were at the 31 after Black found Davis for three yards, but a holding penalty on the next play backed up to the 41, and they were forced to turn the ball over on downs to end the half. Good Hope took a 14-0 lead into the locker room.

Both defenses forced a punt to start out the second half. A penalty on the Raiders on the first play backed them up to the 43. On third down and 15 from the 43, Whatley found Malin for eight yards to put the ball at the 35. On the next play, Whatley threw a 35-yard strike to Carter Rutherford for the score, and the Raiders pushed their lead to 21-0 with 6:58 left to go in the third quarter. Back-to-back punts gave the ball back to the Bulldogs, as they started their next series at the 32.

Black found Boston Brewer for six yards, then on a huge fourth down play, Black connected with Davis for nine yards and a first down. Passes from Black to Drake Bentley (seven yards), Brewer (16 yards) and Davis (10 yards), put Hanceville at the 10, as they looked for their first score of the game.

As quick as a flash, though, they were forced to turn the ball over on downs once again. The Bulldogs' Eli Clements recovered a Raider fumble at the 24. A 16-yard pass from Black to Brewer had the Bulldogs at the eight-yard line, but once again, Good Hope's defense stood tall, and forced another turnover on downs.

Good Hope started its next series at the eight-yard line, and after being stopped just short on third down, a fake punt on fourth down allowed Cone to scamper for 13 yards and a first down. Two plays later, a pair of Bulldog penalties put the ball at the 39. On fourth down from the 32, Cone found a hole on the right side of the line and scored on a 32-yard run to make it a 28-0 lead for the Raiders with less than three minutes to go in the game. Another turnover-on-downs gave the ball back to the Raiders, and three kneel downs helped seal the 28-0 win for Good Hope.

Whatley finished 10/13 for 148 yards and three scores for Good Hope (2-5, 1-2). Rutherford finished with four receptions for 50 yards and a touchdown. Cone added 96 yards on the ground and a score and had a 50-yard touchdown reception as well. Hudson had a three-yard touchdown reception in the contest. Rainwater recovered a fumble for the Raiders. For Hanceville (3-4, 1-3), Black went 14/33 for 123 yards. Leeth finished with 60 rushing yards. Davis added eight receptions for 75 yards. Clements recovered a fumble for the Bulldogs.

Good Hope will be heading home for another huge region game next Friday night against Ashville and Hanceville will remain home for a big region game against Etowah.



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The Good Hope Raiders defeated Hanceville on the road 28-0 Friday night.

Fairview 35 – Ardmore 2

Fairview lost a fumble on its opening possession but after the Tigers and Aggies exchanged punts, an interception by Cade Yeager gave the ball back to Fairview's offense midway through the first quarter. The game remained scoreless going into the second quarter but a high snap into the end zone resulted in an Aggies safety and gave Ardmore a 2-0 lead. The Tigers were forced to punt the ball away on their ensuing possession and Fairview's offense was ready to answer. The Aggies finished their first scoring drive of the night with a touchdown run from Barrett York and Kolt Redding's extra point split the uprights to put Fairview in front 7-2.

It didn't take long for the Aggies to add to their lead. Alex Garcia recovered an Ardmore fumble deep in Tigers territory and two plays later, Carson Jones ran the ball into the end zone to make it a 14-2 game. Another Ardmore fumble was recovered by the Aggies and set up Jones' second touchdown run of the night with less than a minute remaining in the first half, allowing Fairview to go into the locker room with a 21-2 advantage at the break.

The Aggies started fast in the second half, extending their lead to 28-2 after a 35-yard touchdown run by Jake Harper early in the third. The Tigers then put together a long drive that took most of the third quarter, but Fairview's defense ultimately forced Ardmore to turn the ball over on downs and the Aggies took over possession with less than a minute to play in the period.

Harper ripped off another big run to move the ball down inside Ardmore's 20-yard line and three plays later, Jones punched in his third touchdown of the game to give Fairview a 35-2 lead with just over four minutes on the clock. The Aggies put in some younger players to finish the game and Braiden Brooks broke off a big run to gain the final first down Fairview needed to wrap up a 35-2 win over the Tigers.

The Aggies improve to 6-0 with the win and they'll be on the road next week to take on Brewer.

Holly Pond 50 – Gaston 14

The Bulldogs received the opening kickoff, but a strong Holly Pond defense shut Gaston down. Facing third down, quarterback Easton Albert dropped back to pass only to be sacked by Holly Pond's Jackson Smith. The Bulldogs were forced to punt but Cade Allbright burst through the line to block it and give the Broncos great field position at the 36.

Sawyer Olinger got the Broncos down to the 8-yard line and Jayden Holloway finished the drive in the end zone to give Holly Pond a 6-0 lead with 9:06 to play in the first. Gaston started its next possession on its own 35 but on first down, the ball sailed over Albert's head and Jackson Smith tackled him for a big loss at the Bulldog 11. The Bulldogs punted the ball away, but a Broncos fumble gave the ball back to Gaston at the Bronco 20.

The Bulldogs drove the ball down to the Bronco 4-yard line but on third down, a Bulldogs fumble was recovered by Lucus Carlisle recovers and gave the ball back to the Broncos.

Holly Pond's running game was hitting on all cylinders with Olinger, Boston Gibbs and Brody Howard all carrying the ball.

They drove the ball down to Bulldog 23 where Olinger called his own number and ran it in for the touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt was good and with 1:27 left in the first quarter, Holly Pond led 14-0.

The Bronco defense, led by Gibbs, stepped up big time early in the second quarter, forcing the Bulldogs to punt again.

This time the Broncos started on their own 31. Holloway, Gibbs and Howard each carried the ball for Holly Pond, moving the Broncos down to the Bulldog 37. Olinger caught the Bulldogs napping and expecting a run and he found a wide-open Fox Westall running down the left side for a 37-yard touchdown. Gibbs tacked on the two-point conversion and with 9:25 left in the first half, Holly Pond held a 22-0 lead over Gaston.

Later in the second, the Broncos drove the ball down to the 1-yard line where Howard scored another Bronco touchdown. Holly Pond went for two with Gibbs once again and he took the ball into the end zone to make it a 30-0 game with 1:28 left before halftime.

As the game clock and play clock were counting down to halftime. The referee told The Broncos they had to run another play.

Olinger lined up under center, took the snap, dropped back to pass and found Howard for a 69-yard gain down to the Bulldog 10. Olinger got the Broncos lined up and he took it in for another Bronco touchdown with six seconds left in the half to give Holly Pond a commanding, 37-0 lead at the halftime break.

To start the third quarter, Olinger scored on a 41-yard touchdown run to stretch the Bronco lead to 43-0. On Gaston's next possession they fumbled the ball away again and this time it was recovered by KyRain Grazer for Holly Pond.

The Bulldogs did manage to score twice on the Broncos in the third quarter, but Holly Pond's Coby McCoy scored the final touchdown of the night with 3:59 left in the game to bring the final score to 50-14 and wrap up the Broncos' first win of the season.

Holly Pond will look to stay in the win column next week with another home game against West End Walnut Grove.

Addison 12 – Meek 0

Addison kicked off and the Tigers began their drive at their own 39-yard line. Meek was led by diminutive quarterback freshman Evan McCay who is listed at the whopping size of 5'5" and 125lbs. Don't let his size fool you, this kid can play. He quickly became one of my favorite players. Meek moved the ball down to the Addison 35-yard line, using a mixture of Mr. Meek Tiger Cam Deaver runs and McCay passes. Deaver had 23 yards on the drive, but the Tigers were stopped on 4th and 8 from the Dawg 35 when a McCay pass fell incomplete.

Addison took over and ran three plays for 7 yards and were forced to punt. The Bulldog offense was foreshadowing how it would play the entire first half, as they could get nothing going on the Tiger defense in the first 24 minutes.

Meek took over at their own 4-yard line after a Jed Wilkins 54-yard punt. QB McCay found Jacob Smith wide open for a big 34-yard completion on 3rd and 10 to bring the ball down to the Addison 46-yard line.

The Dawg Pound Defense stiffened and forced a punt. The Bulldogs were able to partially block the punt and take over the ball at Midfield.

This is where one of the most unusual things I have seen in recent years occurred. Addison's Luker ran for 8-yards on first down to make it 2nd and 2 at the Tiger 42-yard line as the first quarter ended.

The officials, to start the second quarter misplaced the chains and instead of correctly showing 2nd and 2, Addison was showing, by the chains, to have 2nd and 4 to go. No amount of complaining from Addison's coaching staff or instructions from the home fans changed the official's minds.

On the very next play, Luker ran for 2 yards which would have resulted in a Bulldog first down, instead it made it 3rd and 2. The Tigers held Addison for negative yardage on the next two plays to take over possession of the football and stall the Bulldog momentum.

The remainder of the 2nd quarter was played out as both defenses kept their opponent's offenses in check. The closest anyone came to scoring was Meek had a drive where they got down to the Addison 34, but the drive stalled due to penalties. The half ended with both teams still scoreless.

Addison struck quickly in the third quarter. Starting at their own 15-yard line, Wilkins ran around right end and cut back to the middle and didn't stop running until he was in the endzone 85-yards later. The Addison touchdown came at the 11:34 mark of the 3rd quarter and after the two-point conversion was no good, Addison led 6-0.

Meek's next possession started off well as Deaver had runs of 4, 5 and 4 yards to give the Tigers a first down at the Tiger 47. McCay dropped back and tried to hit a receiver down the visitor sideline, but Kayden Dyson made a diving interception of the McCay pass. It really was an excellent catch by Dyson.

Meek's tough defense held the Dawgs and forced a punt. One Meek's first play, Addison's Jordan Hubbert forced a fumble from the Tiger ballcarrier, and the ball was recovered by Addison's Elijah Roberts at the Tiger 38-yard line.

Once again, Addison's defense had set the offense up, but the Tiger defense stepped back up and forced another Bulldog punt.

Meek's next drive showed promise, but several penalties stalled any momentum that the Tigers could muster and after 8 plays Meek was forced to punt.

Meek's next possession, after a Dawg punt, got down to the Addison 45-yard line but Addison stepped up and young Roberts picked off the Tiger pass.

Addison could do nothing with the turnover and punted again.

With 6:42 to go in the game, Meek took over at their own 30-yard line. On 3rd and 8 from their own 32, McCay found Hayden Smith for 14 yards and a first down. McCay harnessed his best Kyler Murray as the little guy scrambled all over the field and finally found Smith for the completion.

Later in the drive, Meek was facing a 4th and a long 4 at the Bulldog 48-yard line when McCay dropped back to pass but a heavy Bulldog pass rush forced McCay to run, and the little man ducked his head and was plastered by several Bulldog defenders. When the play was over, the Tigers had a first down.

The Addison defense rose to the occasion again and forced a 4th and 20 from the Tiger 47. This time, McCay got drilled just as released the ball by Bulldog Caleb Vintson forcing the ball to be incomplete.

Addison took over at the Tiger 47-yard line with 2:09 to go in the game. On Addison's second play of the drive, Mr. Jed "Wizard" Wilkins struck again. Wilkins galloped 47 yards for the game sealing touchdown to give Addison the two-touchdown lead. The two-point was no good and with only 1:12 to go in the contest, Addison stretched their lead to 12-0.

The game ended with Addison's Dyson picking off his second pass of the night.

Addison took the hard-fought win 12-0. Addison moves to 5-2 (4-1 region) and is off next week. Meek drops to 3-3 (2-2 region) and will travel to Shoals Christian for a huge region matchup for the Tigers.

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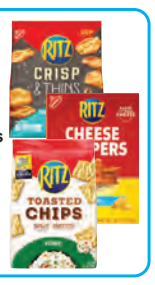
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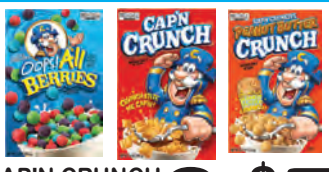




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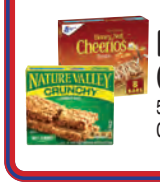




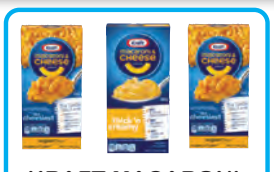
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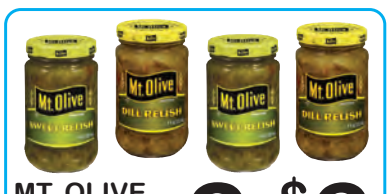
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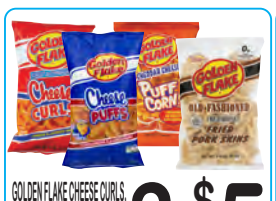
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133 fungal collections made at AMS 2nd annual Mushroom Faire

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BATTLEGROUND, Ala. — Despite chilly temps and competition with the opening week of Cullman County Fair, the Alabama Mushroom Society (AMS) saw a great turnout at this weekend's second annual Mushroom Faire at Camp Liberty in Battleground. The two-day festival was equal parts fun and informative, as nearby neighbors and travelers from all across north Alabama alike settled into the picturesque wild areas of Camp Liberty to forage and identify.

Among cooking demos, textile arts and informative speakers, attendees gathered at the outdoor amphitheater for the daily foray.

Spencer Lowery, guide of the second day morning foray, noted the walks were a bit more intensive than typical monthly forays hosted by AMS.

"These walks are for vouchering, so we're going to go out and take photos of the mushrooms in their habitat and get as much description as we can. We'll fill these slips out, and then head to the sequencing table," he said, gesturing to a stack of sequencing vouchers.

"We're really just aiming to expand our knowledge of what's here."

Alisha Millican, president of AMS, said that despite less-than-ideal conditions for identification, major headway was made in expanding the database of known fungi in North Alabama during the faire.

"We were able, despite very dry conditions, to make 133 fungal collections. All of these are being sequenced by the Ohio Mushroom DNA Lab and vouchered at the Herbarium at the University of West Alabama," said Millican, explaining that mushrooms have seasons just as typical flora. "The specimens give a great snapshot of what can be found at this time of year, in this area, and will contribute to the knowledge we have of fungi in Alabama."

Millican also noted the impact these gatherings have on budding scientists in the community, saying the family friendly nature not only fosters a positive environment for learning, but can also lead to some surprising – and historic – discoveries.

"Two of those collections were made by two children whose names will be down in perpetuity as collectors of these specimens," she said. "I showed them their collections under the microscope and could be planting seeds of interest that may impact their future careers and appreciation for the natural world!"

AMS will have a booth at Peinhardt Farm Days this weekend, Oct. 13-14, and will also be doing presentations at the Moss Rock Festival in Hoover next month, Nov. 4-5.

To stay up to date on future events hosted by AMS, visit www.facebook.com/AlabamaMushroomSociety.



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Host of the second day foray at Alabama Mushroom Society's Mushroom Faire, Spencer Lowery, describes characteristics of a mushroom to a foray attendee on Sunday, Oct. 8.

Barnette (from Front)

ney beginning at West Point High School where he served in various roles, including science teacher, coach and sponsor for the scholar's bowl and science teams.

Rising through the ranks, Barnette was principal of West Point Intermediate School when he was named superintendent in 2016. He is now celebrating his eighth year in the role.

He shared, "It brings me great joy to see my past students as good parents and leaders in the community. I do what I do because I love to see young people become successful."

During his tenure, Barnette said, he's witnessed and navigated through myriad challenges and changes within the education system, gaining insights into the complexities of managing finances, transportation and child nutrition for a large school district.

Through strategic initiatives and restructuring, he said, the system has successfully turned deficits into surpluses, enhanced transportation options and improved safety and accessibility for students across the county.

Barnette has actively championed career tech and STEM learning, creating opportunities for students at all grade levels to engage in hands-on experiences and competitions.

With an ambitious vision, he is aiming for a 100% graduation rate and ensuring that every student graduates with at least one college credit and one career tech credential or certification.

"Education is my mission field. I want to create even more opportunities for our students," he said.

"When we can reach these goals, our students can take on the world and truly be ready to reach any goal that they may set."

Acknowledging the challenges of managing aging facilities, Barnette said he is excited about the progress made so far in upgrading technology and infrastructure across campuses.

He emphasized that while there's much to celebrate, the work is far from over.

In the spirit of open dialog and collaboration, he extended an invitation to voters, particularly those who will be participating for the first time, to actively engage with him and the school system.

He emphasized the importance of community input and partnership in crafting an educational environment that not only responds to the immediate needs of students, but also prepares them for future success.

"I would like to encourage anyone that has recommendations, suggestions or would like to partner with our school system, to reach out to me. I am always open to hearing from the community," he said.

Having dedicated nearly three decades to education, Barnette and his wife, Kristi, who is also a seasoned educator, are lifelong residents of Cullman County, deeply invested in the welfare and success of its students and families.

They have witnessed their children attend and graduate from Cullman County Schools, participating actively in both school and church activities.

Reflecting on his journey, Barnette said, "Not only do we live in the best county and state, I believe we live in the greatest country in the world.

"On our worst days, we are still more blessed than most of the people around the world."

While leading any school system can be fraught with challenges, and Barnette acknowledged that the journey has not always been smooth – he highlighted the initial challenges of managing aging facilities and grappling with technology upgrades – he said that through proactive planning, securing funds and diligent work, significant strides have been made in providing state-of-the-art facilities for students.

Barnette said the most rewarding aspect of his role is witnessing the success of young people.

He shared, "The most rewarding part of my job is seeing young people succeed. We have developed a support system to help them overcome challenges and reach their goals."

With humility and transparency, he acknowledged that perfection is unattainable, but commitment to doing right by students is non-negotiable.

"I make mistakes, but I always try to do what's right by kids. I am extremely proud of our students, administration, faculty and staff," he said.

Cullman County voters are encouraged to actively participate and cast their votes with the future of the county's education system in mind.

According to Barnette, his candidacy offers a promise of stability, continuity and a proven commitment to educational excellence.

He said the community's support in the upcoming elections is crucial in sustaining and furthering the ongoing initiatives and improvements within the Cullman County Schools.

In his closing remarks, Barnette said, "I hope the people of Cullman County will go to the polls and vote for me so that I can not only continue the great things that are currently happening in our school system, but work to create more opportunities for their children."

The 2024 Primary Election will take place Tuesday, March 5, 2024. www.cullmancourts.org/elections.html.



Broadway in Birmingham: 'To Kill a Mockingbird' coming Nov. 14-19

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The American Theatre Guild is pleased to present the history-making production of "To Kill a Mockingbird," Academy Award winner Aaron Sorkin's new play, directed by Tony Award winner Bartlett Sher and based on Harper Lee's classic novel. Emmy Award-winning actor Richard Thomas is confirmed to star as Atticus Finch for the complete third touring season of the First National Tour. This production is part of the 23–24 Broadway in Birmingham series and will take the BJCC Concert Hall stage Nov. 14-19, 2023.

Tickets to Harper Lee's TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD are available for purchase at www.BroadwayinBirmingham.com, www.Ticketmaster.com and the BJCC Central Ticket Office.

Group ticket savings for 10-plus are available by contacting Groups@ATGuild.org.

Performances will be:

- Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 17, at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 18, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 19, at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch has been embraced by critics and audiences alike. His performance has been called "Easily the most powerful work I've seen from Richard Thomas" (BWW Charlotte), "A memorable performance rarely seen in a touring Broadway production" (Curtain Up Phoenix), and "Sheer perfection - this role was made to be played by Thomas" (Around the Town Chicago). The Buffalo News proclaims "Both modestly human and divinely heroic. All rise for Richard Thomas," and the Dallas Voice declares "Richard Thomas as Atticus Finch is at the height of his career." Complete casting will be announced later.

Set in Alabama in 1934, Harper Lee's enduring story of racial injustice and childhood innocence centers on one of the most venerated characters in American literature, small-town lawyer Atticus Finch.

The cast of characters includes Atticus's daughter Scout, her brother Jem, their housekeeper and caretaker, Calpurnia, their visiting friend Dill and a mysterious neighbor, the reclusive Arthur "Boo" Radley.

The other indelible residents of Maycomb, Alabama, are Bob Ewell, Tom Robinson, prosecutor Horace Gilmer, Judge Taylor and Mayella Ewell.

For more information, visit www.tokillamockingbirdbroadway.com.



Op-Ed: A parent's practical guide to the pumpkin patch

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Picture it: a verdant green field, speckled with hay, dotted with pumpkins of every shade. The air has a certain crispness to it. Faint music in the distance, interluded by the laughter of children as they ooh and ahh over which pumpkin to take home. A full-blown tantrum snaps you back to reality as your nap-deprived toddler flops on the ground at your feet in frustration that they can't lift a 20-pound pumpkin into their stroller – and yes, it has to be THAT pumpkin.

Going to the pumpkin patch is a family rite of passage in the fall, some say as American as apple, er, pumpkin pie.

Where would we be without coordinating Instagram-worthy outfits, perfectly posed candid family photos and gorgeous gourds to carve, paint or set on the porch next to a mum? Whether it's your first time to the patch with your little one or you're a seasoned pumpkin patch professional, you're sure to learn something from this list of tips and tricks to surviving the patch with the family dynamic intact.

1. Plan ahead

While an impromptu trip to the patch can be exciting, it can also lead to major disappointment. Take some time to scope out the patches in our area and see which one checks all your family's boxes, as many patches offer different types of experiences. Are you looking for a simple patch for a photo-op, or more of a carnival-style experience to entertain multiple kids? Is handicap or stroller accessibility a factor for you? Is there a budget constraint? Planning ahead will ensure the experience is as painless – for your family AND wallet – as possible.

2. Dress for the occasion

We all want that perfect fall family candid shot to add to our mantle, but make sure to check the weather the day of your visit before leaving, especially given how unpredictable Alabama weather can be this time of year. No kid wants to run around in a thick sweater in 80 degree heat, or spill their hot chocolate on their T-shirt because they're shivering in 55 degree winds. The perfect fix for this? Bring one outfit for pictures, and a separate more comfortable outfit for play. You'll get those Insta-worthy shots, and they'll be able to get down and dirty in the patch without ruining that boutique outfit you bought just for family photos.

3. Bring your own lunch

Lunch for parents and multiple kids can add up anywhere, but especially on family outings like a pumpkin patch. And, if your kids are picky, who knows if they'll even finish the $10 cheeseburger and fries? If weather (and the patch!) permits, pack a hearty picnic lunch for the fam to save more room in the budget for fun treats the kids will actually finish, like funnel cakes, fried pies and hot cocoa.

4. Set the ride home for success

With all the stimulating sights, sounds and scents of the pumpkin patch, your kids are sure to be as exhausted as you are by the end of it, especially if they skipped a nap to bring home their prized pumpkin. Consider turning on a calming playlist or packing some sensory fidgeting toys, small blankets or book for the ride home to give your kids a chance to decompress and re-regulate before you arrive home.

5. Let kids be kids

Finally, let kids be kids. They'll definitely pick a pumpkin twice their size. They'll ask for every overpriced, artificially sweetened treat that catches their eye. They'll roll in the dirt and do somersaults off the hay bales... that's their job. In all the proper gatherings of the holiday season, the pumpkin patch is the one place where kids can let loose. Let them!



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After much fussing and even taste tests, a dirty-faced River Jane Murphy-Burns chooses her pumpkin from The Great Pumpkin Patch located in Hayden, Alabama.

BOOK REVIEW

'The Longmire Defense' by Craig Johnson

Cathy Lay Mayor
Tribune Contributor

Walt Longmire is back for another adventure in Absoroca County, Wyoming. Walt is the longtime sheriff in his hometown. He is a former college football player and ex-Marine who has returned home and uses his detective skills to solve crimes in the small town. This is the 19th novel in the series, but newcomers will not have any trouble jumping into the story. And longtime readers will enjoy learning about Walt's family history.

While Walt is recuperating from his last adventure, he is asked to help locate a missing woman. The location of the search reminds Walt about a story his father told him about an elk hunt that took place in the 1940s. Walt's father went on the hunt with his father (Lloyd) and some of Lloyd's friends. During the hunt Big Bill Sutherland, the state accountant, is shot and killed. The killer and the rifle have never been found.

While searching for the missing woman, Walt finds a custom-made .300 H&H Magnum rifle that he recognizes as the same type his grandfather had. Walt sends the rifle to the crime lab. It is identified as Lloyd Longmire's and is the weapon used in this very cold case.

Walt had a difficult relationship with his grandfather, and he finds it easy to imagine his grandfather killing someone. He begins an investigation. He starts with talking to Jules Belden, the local cemetery expert. They go to the grave of Bill Sutherland and find that the casket is empty. Shortly after finding the body is missing, Jules is shot. This makes the cold case hot. Walt speaks to a childhood friend, who now works for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. This conversations stirs up more memories. As Walt works the case it becomes evident a large amount of money is involved. Walt is soon pressured by powerful people to drop the case. Walt has a strong sense of right and wrong and will not halt his investigation.

Like all of Longmire's books, this is a novel of twists and turns that keeps the reader guessing. Craig Johnson has a captivating writing style. He weaves a story of Wyoming, a mystery and delightful characters. He brings Wyoming scenery to life. His descriptions of the plains and mountains are fabulous. Johnson provides the reader a delightful cast of supporting characters. Walt's best friend is Henry Standing Bear, who owns The Red Pony Bar and Grill. Ruby is his faithful dispatcher. The former sheriff, Lucian Connally, is a longtime friend of Walt's who can still beat him in chess. Victoria Moretti (Vic) is one of Walt's deputies, who is from Philadelphia and does not quite fit in with the cowboy lifestyle. Even though Walt does not use a computer or own a cell phone, he always prevails over the bad guys. Walt is the cowboy equivalent of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan or Clive Cussler's Dirk Pitt.

Craig Johnson is a New York Time's best-selling author of this long-running mystery series; "Longmire" is also Netflix series. His books have won many awards, including the Wyoming Historical Association's Book of the Year, the Western Writers of America Spur Award, the Mountain and Plains Book of the Year, Publishers Weekly Best Book of the Year and the Will Rogers Award for Fiction just to name a few. I have read all of his books and highly recommend the series.

Cathy Lay Mayor grew up in Cullman and graduated from Cullman High School in 1976. She says when she writes book reviews, she tries to remember what Mrs. Gilbert taught her in 11th-grade English. She lived in Dothan for more than 30 years and is married with three adult children and six grandchildren. She retired to Panama City, but still calls Alabama home.



Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2023 youth football regular season is winding down and some teams had an opportunity to clinch a spot in the playoffs on Saturday. The Cold Springs Eagles hosted the Good Hope Raiders, the Vinemont Eagles traveled to take on the Cullman Bearcats, the West Point Warriors hosted the Fairview Aggies and the Hanceville Bulldogs traveled to take on the Holly Pond Broncos.

Good Hope at Cold Springs
- Fireplug: Raiders 44 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 40 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Raiders 26 - Eagles 14

Vinemont at Cullman
- Fireplug: Eagles 36 - Bearcats 20
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 26 - Bearcats 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 27 - Bearcats 0

Fairview at West Point
- Fireplug: Aggies 26 - Warriors 0
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 20 - Aggies 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 27 - Aggies 0

Hanceville at Holly Pond
- Fireplug: Broncos 24 - Bulldogs 0
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 30 - Bulldogs 0
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 20 - Bulldogs 7

RECORDS AFTER WEEK SEVEN

Fireplug:
- Vinemont (6-0)
- Good Hope (5-1)
- Fairview (5-1)
- Cullman (3-3)
- West Point (3-3)
- Holly Pond (2-4)
- Cold Springs (0-6)
- Hanceville (0-6)

Wee-Wee:
- Good Hope (6-0)
- West Point (5-1)
- Holly Pond (4-2)
- Fairview (4-2)
- Vinemont (3-3)
- Cullman (2-4)
- Cold Springs (0-6)
- Hanceville (0-6)

Pee-Wee:
- Vinemont (6-0)
- West Point (5-1)
- Cullman (5-1)
- Holly Pond (4-2)
- Good Hope (2-4)
- Fairview (2-4)
- Cold Springs (0-6)
- Hanceville (0-6)

WEEK EIGHT SCHEDULE (OCT. 14)
- Cold Springs at Hanceville (9 a.m.)
- Holly Pond at Vinemont (9 a.m.)
- Good Hope at Fairview (4 p.m.)
- West Point at Cullman (4 p.m.)

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 7-9

Vira Darleen Hancock-Baker, 86
Funeral services for Vira Darleen Hancock-Baker, 86, of Canal Winchester, Ohio will be 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Julian Swann will be officiating. The burial will follow at Addington Chapel Cemetery in Bremen, Alabama. Visitation for the public will be on Monday from noon until 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home prior to the service. Mrs. Baker was born on June 13, 1937, in Cullman County, Alabama to the late John Hancock and Cora Freeman. She passed away on Oct. 5, 2023, at her residence in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Survivors include her children, Bobby Baker (Gloria) and Phil Baker (Donna); grandchildren, Josh Baker (Alicia), Courtney Baroody, Ashley Grizzaffi, and Jonathon Mueller; 12 great-grandchildren; and her sister, Judy Swann. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Baker was preceded in death by her husband, William Robert Baker; and daughter, Patricia Mueller.

Alyne Barnett Williams, 94
Alyne Barnett Williams, age 94, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023. Alyne was born in Hanceville, Alabama on Sept. 15, 1929, to W.B. and Willa Mae Garner Barnett. She is preceded in death by her husband: Charles Afton Williams and her parents. A visitation for Alyne will be held Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. An interment will occur Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Gardens, 1591 Gadsden Highway, Birmingham, AL 35235. Survivors are: daughters: Carol Williams (Gene) Green, Cullman, Alabama and Kay Williams (Frank) Smith, Charlotte, North Carolina, son: Charles Alan Williams, Owens Cross Roads, Alabama, brother: Wilburn Dyrel Barnett, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Williams family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Millard Franklin Guffey, 82
Millard Franklin Guffey, of Cullman, Alabama, was welcomed into the presence of our Lord and Savior on Oct. 6, 2023, at the age of 82. Mr. Guffey was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Feb. 14, 1941. At the age of nine, Millard fell in love with a pretty little girl named Natalie Golden and proposed to her. Nine-year-old Natalie was not looking for marriage, so she politely declined his offer. While Millard's love for Natalie never wavered, her love for him began to grow. At the age of nineteen, Millard and Natalie wed, and a love story written by God began to unfold over the course of their fifty- eight years of marriage. The two moved several times, rejoiced at the birth of each of their seven children, grieved the loss of one of those children, loved and spoiled grandchildren, and most importantly, they loved and served their God through each chapter of the story He gave them. Millard received the Holy Ghost on Mother's Day, May 8, 1960, and was a minister of the Gospel for over fifty-five years. He pastored the Brooklyn (Mt. Zion) Holiness Church for fifty of those years. As much as Millard loved his wife and children, serving the Lord was the most important thing in his life. He was gifted with an amazing bass voice, and he loved to sing. Millard enjoyed bird hunting, playing golf, and had a love for life that was evident in all he did. Millard was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and witness to the world of God's saving power. He will be missed greatly. Mr. Guffey was welcomed into God's presence by his wife of fifty-eight years, Natalie Guffey; mother, Kate Bell Guffey; son, Millard Franklin Guffey, Jr.; sisters, Dorthy Nell Guffey, Wanda Moon, Oma Roach, Lula Bowen; and brother, Vester Guffey. He is survived by his children, Cara Guffey, Keith Guffey (Diana), Carmon Ryder (Tom), Dionne Smith (Jason), Paula Kilgore (Kevin), Dana Guffey; grandchildren, Logan Guffey (Tiffani), Landon Tweedie, Morgan Guffey (Leigh), Brian Kilgore, Tiffani Kilgore, Nathan Ryder, Jacob Ryder, Nathan Frasier (Magon), Derek Frasier (Jennifer); great-grandchildren, Natalie Ann Guffey, Lauren Frasier, Ethan Frasier, and John Frasier. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Monday evening, Oct. 9, 2023, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Guffey will lie in state on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, from noon until services begin at 1 p.m. Services will be held at the funeral home with Ronald Case and Tom Ryder officiating. Burial will follow in Brooklyn Cemetery where Jason Smith, Kevin Kilgore, Logan Guffey, Landon Tweedie, Bryant Roberts, and Brian Kilgore will serve as pallbearers, with James Golden and Ronald Patterson serving as honorary pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Guffey family.

Earl Douglas Finch, 66
Funeral service for Earl Douglas Finch, age 66, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Josh Marshall officiating; burial at Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Finch passed away on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Oct. 22, 1956, to Sam Finch and Anna Lee Finch. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Mike Finch. Survivors include his wife, Susan Finch; sons, Earl Finch, Dylan (Bailey) Finch, and James (Tonya) Finch; grandchildren, Natalie Finch, Kyleigh Finch, Paisley Finch and Lillian Finch; brother, Darrell Finch and a host of extended family and friends.

Thomas A. Leggett, Jr., 76
A Memorial Worship Service for Thomas A. Leggett, Jr., age 76, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at East Side Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Leggett passed away on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at his residence. He was born Dec. 24, 1946, to Thomas A. Leggett Sr. and Burma Reid Leggett. Thomas dedicated over 53 years of his life as a Minister of the gospel, serving in both Methodist and Baptist churches. He received his education from Murphy High School in Mobile, Alabama, and went on to complete his undergraduate studies at Mobile College. Thomas further pursued his passion for ministry by obtaining a master's degree in divinity from New Orleans Theological Seminary and a doctorate in ministry from Luther Rice Seminary. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Richard B. Leggett. Survivors include his loving wife of 39 years, Angela Leggett; four beautiful daughters, Allison (Paxon) Jeancake, Carrie (Corey) Naccari, Ashley (Clint) Pugh, and Brooke (Jacob) Leggett; four grandchildren, Laura Camille Jeancake, Allison Naccari, Mallory Jeancake, and Vincent Naccari; a sister, Barbara (Matt) Gaston, a sister-in-law, Peggy Leggett; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Betty Sue Jackson, 54
Betty Sue Jackson, 54, of Cullman, passed from this life on Oct. 8, 2023, at her residence. No services are planned at this time. She was born Oct. 11, 1968, to Alford Ray Jackson and Linda Jewel Herring Jackson. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jackson family. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son, Michael Jackson; daughters, Latasha Parker, and Lakeisha Jackson; brother, Milton Ray Jackson; sister, Verna Marie Jackson; grandson, Andrew Parker; family and friends. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be posted to www.cullmanfuneralhome.com for the Jackson family.

James H. Hall, 85
Funeral service for James H. Hall, age 85, of Cullman, will be Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Hall passed away Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at UAB Hospital. He was born Sept. 3, 1938, to Ramey Hall and Era Erdie Johnston Hall He was an Army veteran and was employed at Montesanto for 28 years. He loved going on vacation to the mountains. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Minnie Duke, Beatrice Estes, Bonnie Gorham, and Marie May; brothers, Billy Joe Hall, and Bobby Hall. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Pearl Hood Hall; brothers, Millard Hall, and Marston Hall; special niece, Lynn Jones; special grandchildren, Zadie, Kyleigh, Rylee Jones; Godchildren, Gregory and Natalie Duke; a host of nieces and nephews; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Jill Stone-Green, 47
Funeral services for Jill Stone-Green, 47, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Wayne Wisener will be officiating. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Thursday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Green was born on Oct. 25, 1975, to Donald Stone and Paula George. She passed away on Oct. 6, 2023, at her residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include her children, Christian (Jessica) Green, and C.J. (Sarah) Green; step-children T. J. Wildmon, and Katrina Pressley; grandchildren, Brayden Green, Weston Green, Chip Green, Cru Green, Brantlee Green and Rosie Green; siblings Jeremy (Dee) Stone, and Josh (Jessi) Stone; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, family and friends; and her fur baby, Sophie. She was preceded in death by her father, Wayne Stone; in her love, Randy Morgan; and the father of her children, Chip Green.

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Chase (from Front)

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CULLAMN, Ala. — A Morgan County woman with pending criminal issues with a local business was served warrants on Sunday, Oct. 8, sparking a two-county car chase.

Vivian Draper, 64, of Danville, was approached by Cullman County Sheriff's Office deputies in the Good Hope community on Sunday, due to active warrants against her.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said Draper tried to flee the scene, resulting in her vehicle colliding with a CCSO investigator's car and narrowly missing pedestrians.

Draper led investigators on a chase from Cullman County into Morgan County. She was eventually stopped by multiple law enforcement vehicles near her Danville home. She was arrested and booked into the Cullman County Detention Center on charges of criminal mischief and attempting to elude a police officer, as well as two counts of unlawful entry/remaining on premises.


CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Vivian Draper

"I would like to thank all local law enforcement departments and agencies who assisted in making the arrest," said Gentry.


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Infusion Wellness & SPA Owner Whitney Cheatham shows off her reception area.


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– LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT –

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Infusion Wellness & SPA's new brick-and-mortar location is open, and although some offerings are familiar favorites, many are unique.

Owner/Operator Whitney Cheatham said, "Infusion Wellness & SPA is the first clinic in Cullman specializing in IV therapy and various wellness services. We believe that every individual is unique and beautiful, and our goal is to help you feel that way too. Whether you're looking to improve your health, enhance your features or simply relax and destress, our team is here to support you on your journey."

Tried and true spa services are offered and performed by licensed professionals in a beautiful, clean, calm atmosphere. Massages, aesthetics and Botox are among the most recognizable spa services on the menu. Unique services include weight loss management, vitamin injections and IV therapy drips recommended for several ailments.

Cheatham founded her business in 2022, and, she said, she desired a crossover between her passion and her career. "Having a background in cosmetology, as well as nursing, made me realize the importance of taking care of both the body and mind. This realization led me on a journey of research, planning and dedication to bring this vision to life. Infusion Wellness & SPA is more than just a business; it's a reflection of a personal journey, and a commitment to helping others lead healthier, more balanced lives."

Cheatham describes her wellness spa as "a unique experience where you can come in, relax and unwind."

She said, "We offer many different services for both men and women of all ages! Apart from IV therapy, we provide vitamin injections, weight loss management, nutritional coaching, cold plunge sessions with a hot tub option, aesthetics, massage therapy, halotherapy, Botox parties and more."

Wellness spas and vitamin infusions have been slowly gaining popularity, but Infusion Wellness & SPA is the first of its kind in the Cullman area. It offers infusions for hydration, collagen infusions for skin and hair and even an electrolyte hangover relief infusion. The infusions and solutions Cheatham uses are complex combinations of vitamins and minerals administered to the body intravenously, bypassing the digestive system, and allowing more vitamins and minerals to reach the body's cells and tissues. The benefits are practically immediate. They are also able to boost energy and immunity. Effects are long-lasting, with repeat visits only about once a month for recurrent problems.

Cheatham said new services will soon be available. "We will be able to provide 3D body scans with the device called STYKU. This device will measure all parts of your body and measure your water weight, bone weight, adipose tissue, and tell you if you are at risk of cardiovascular disease."

Cheatham will also offer hormone replacement therapy. "HRT is a medical treatment that replaces hormones in the body that have declined due to age or medical conditions. It is used to treat symptoms of menopause in women, low testosterone levels in men and other hormonal imbalances. It can also be used to prevent osteoporosis and help aid in weight loss."

Infusion Wellness & SPA also champions Obagi Skincare, which categorizes its skincare products into Transformation Systems, based on damage and problem areas. Obagi Skincare systems include formulations for targeting acne, dark spots, wrinkles and scars.

Cheatham said she strives to create a warm, welcoming and relaxing environment, saying enthusiastically, "Everyone is welcome and we hope everyone enjoys our products and services as much as we enjoy offering them!"

Infusion Wellness & SPA is located at 116 Second St. SE. A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. Call 256-595-4529 or visit www.facebook.com/InfusionWellnessSPA or www.infusionwellness.co for more information.

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