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# City of Cullman breaks ground on OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The City of Cullman broke ground Thursday morning, Nov. 9, 2023, on the new OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center. The venue will be located adjacent to the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center and opposite the Field of Miracles in southwest Cullman.

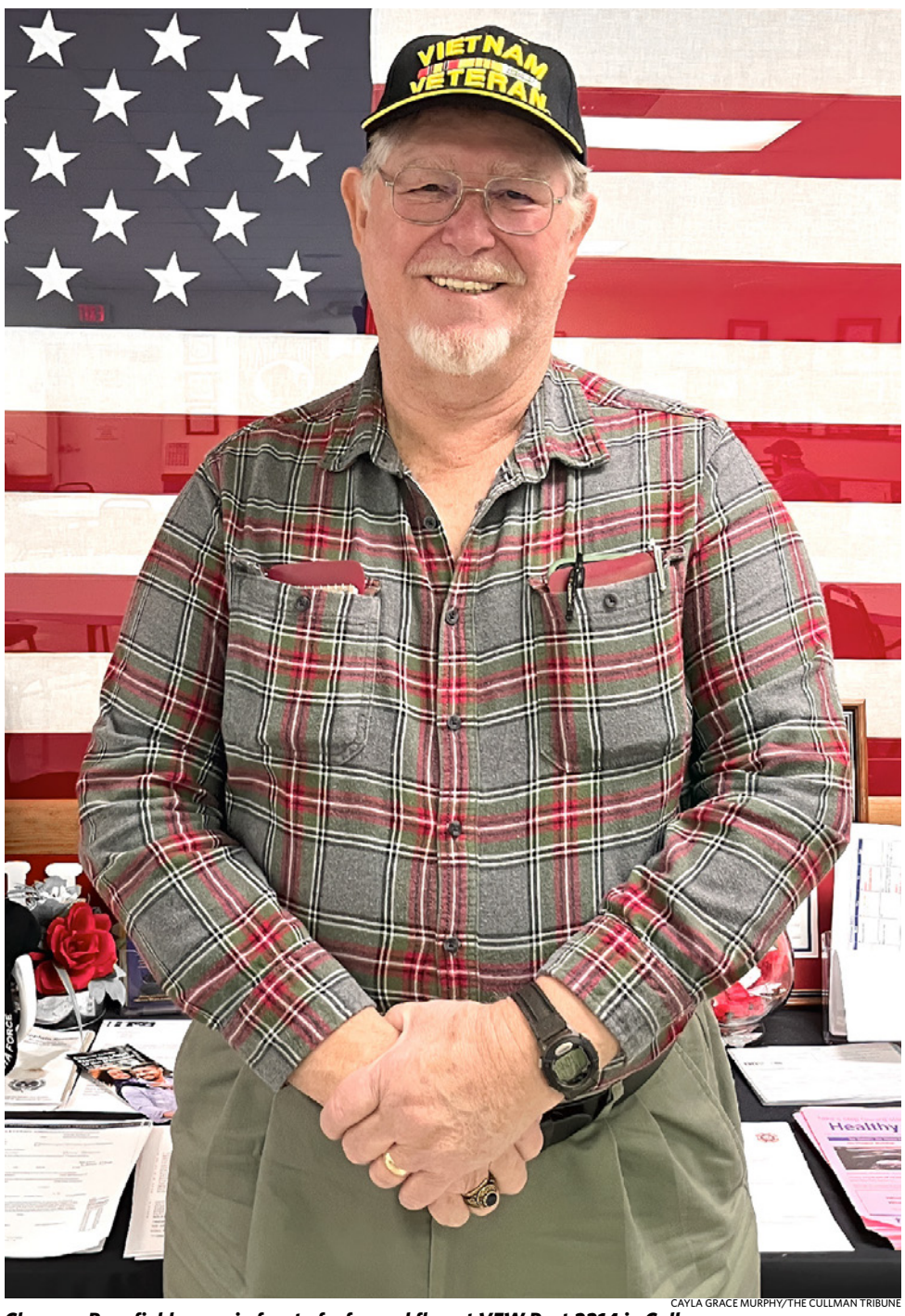
"This is a significant milestone for our community," said Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson. "It provides a much-needed large modern sports and events center that is versatile for all types of gatherings."

The sale of the old Cullman Civic Center to Desperation Church in 2019 set the stage for the current project. Anderson explained that the delay in starting the OmniPlex project was due to extensive planning, community input and learning from other cities' » PAGE 3


CULLMAN PARKS, RECREATION & SPORTS TOURISM
*A rendering of the new OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center*

– VETERAN SPOTLIGHT –

# Clarence Benefield



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
*Clarence Benefield poses in front of a framed flag at VFW Post 2214 in Cullman.*

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In celebration of Veterans Day, Tribune reporter Cayla Grace Murphy sat down with veterans at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 for rapid-fire interviews.

The Tribune will be publishing an interview every week for November.

**CLARENCE BENEFIELD**
United States Air Force Reserve 1965-1968
Deployment: Vietnam

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CRIME

# Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 10

**Cullman Tribune staff**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 10, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**Nov. 6**

- theft of property; CR 1059
- assault; CR 222
- domestic violence; Fairpark Ct.
- criminal mischief; CR 8
- theft of property; CR 831
- burglary; CR 1223
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 735
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 715
- violation of protection order; Tallyho St.

**Nov. 7**

- domestic violence; CR 1114
- domestic violence; CR 1763
- theft of property; Lovers Lane Rd.
- harassment; Loring St. SW
- domestic violence; CR 1130
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 7

**Nov. 8**

- burglary; CR 25
- theft of property; CR 431
- possession of controlled substance; CR 1605
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 W
- dog bite; CR 255
- domestic violence; CR 702
- dog bite; CR 1619

**ARRESTS**

**Nov. 6 – 8**

**Aldridge, Ronnie B.; 41**
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- destruction of property by prisoner

**Bagwell, Dachery D.; 31**
- FTA- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- FTA- burglary-non residence-no force
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

**Barnett, Santanna M.; 33**
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Berryhill, Danny; 40**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Bolt, Samantha L.; 32**
- assault-harassment

**Brown, Cody W.; 32**
- possession of methamphetamine

**Garcia, David A.; 31**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Gerelds Jr., Christopher K.; 28**
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

**Harris, Phillip D.; 38**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- assault-harassment

**Hayes, Taylor L.; 20**
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Jenkins, Jerry T.; 28**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Keller, Dylan V.; 48**
- stalking-repeated following of another
- assault-reckless endangering

**Lee, Justin L.; 27**
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance
- FTA- operating vehicle with improper tires
- FTA- improper lights

**Marsh, Thomas M.; 45**
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

**Netherton, Brandon H.; 45**
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

**Nichols, Charles L.; 60**
- FTA- possession o dangerous

**Perkins, Rusty L.; 45**
- violation of domestic violence protection order

**Phillip, Grace; 41**
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**Purifoy, Antonyio Donell M.; 33**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (6 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA- promote prison contraband
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications
- FTA- lane change without property signal
- FTA- criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)

**Ramey, Shelton W.; 48**
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

**Reyes, Brisa A.; 21**
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

**Silguero, Gidget O.; 48**
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**Nov. 5**
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

**ARRESTS**

**Nov. 8**

**Reneau, Daryl W.; 51**
- theft of property-4th degree

**Lawhorn, Tamekia J.; 43**
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Hinton, Anginette; 59**
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

**Ozbolt, Kelly S.; 36**
- harassment

**Belcher, Benjamin M.; 58**
- public intoxication

**Swann, Kierian L.; 18**
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

# Arrowhead RV Park hosting Thanksgiving food drive through Nov. 22

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**CRANE HILL, Ala.** — This Thanksgiving season, one local business is giving back to the community in the way it feels is most needed. Arrowhead RV Park is collecting food items to distribute across the county to bless families in need for Thanksgiving.

Property and Restaurant Manager Terrie Burke said, "There's so many people out there that don't have much, and our community (park residents) is doing this for the community."

Burke plans on putting together food boxes to distribute to local families; she said she already has a handful of nominated recipients.

"There's personally a few families that I know, and if there is a family in the community that may need help, please let me know," she said. "Whatever we have left over we will distribute to the pantries across the county, and there are local churches that are also doing food boxes that will have our remaining items."

Alabama is no stranger to food insecurity. Many residents cannot afford enough food to feed themselves, often visiting food banks and utilizing community assistance programs. The Alabama Department of Public Health reports that Alabama is the fifth poorest state in America with 23% of children and 17% of adults without access to nutritious foods. Mortgages, medications and other expenses are typically paid first; grocery budgets are often the first to face cuts.

Arrowhead RV Park will be accepting donations of non-perishable items that families can immediately use such as packaged or canned goods, dried beans, jellies, peanut butter, pasta, rice and other pantry staples. Donations can be dropped off at Arrowhead or TnTee's, a local small business in West Point acting as a liaison between the community and Arrowhead by offering its space as a drop-off point. If transporting potential donations is an issue, Burke said she will arrange a pick-up to ensure every family in need can have a warm meal on Thanksgiving.

"They're (TnTee's) supporting us and keeping a drop box at their location and they are going to assist me in coming to pick up the food if you can't get it to us," she said. "They'll be doing drops to us here once a week."

Arrowhead RV Park is located at 671 County Road 941 in Crane Hill. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. till 4 p.m.

TnTee's is located at 141 County Road 1242 in Cullman. Hours of operation are Tuesdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

# Watwood (from Front)

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman County School Board at its Nov. 9, 2023, meeting approved Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette's recommendation to hire Elizabeth Watwood as the next principal of Hanceville Middle School. Watwood replaces Dr. Kellie Tanner, who was recently named the school improvement/EL coordinator for the district.

Watwood is a Hanceville native and graduate. She is a National Board Certified Educator who taught middle school math at both Hanceville Middle and Hartselle Intermediate before entering administration.

Watwood is currently the assistant principal of Hanceville High School, and previously served as assistant principal of Holly Pond K-8. She is a graduate of Wallace State Community College and Athens State University and obtained her Masters and Educational Specialist degrees in administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

"I am so excited and blessed to have the opportunity to serve in this role at Hanceville Middle School," said Watwood.

"I look forward to working with the students, staff and community to make Hanceville Middle the best it can be.

"Hanceville is my home, and both of my children attend Hanceville schools.

"I would like to thank Dr. Barnette, (Board Member) Mr. (Kenny) Brockman and the entire board for trusting me with this opportunity."

"With Dr. Tanner taking a different role in our system, we are very excited to announce Mrs. Elizabeth Watwood as the next principal at Hanceville Middle School," said Barnette.

"Mrs. Watwood is an excellent educator and leader that brings many years of middle school experience to this position.

"I believe she will lead this wonderful school community for many years to come."

Watwood will take over as principal on Jan. 2, 2024.

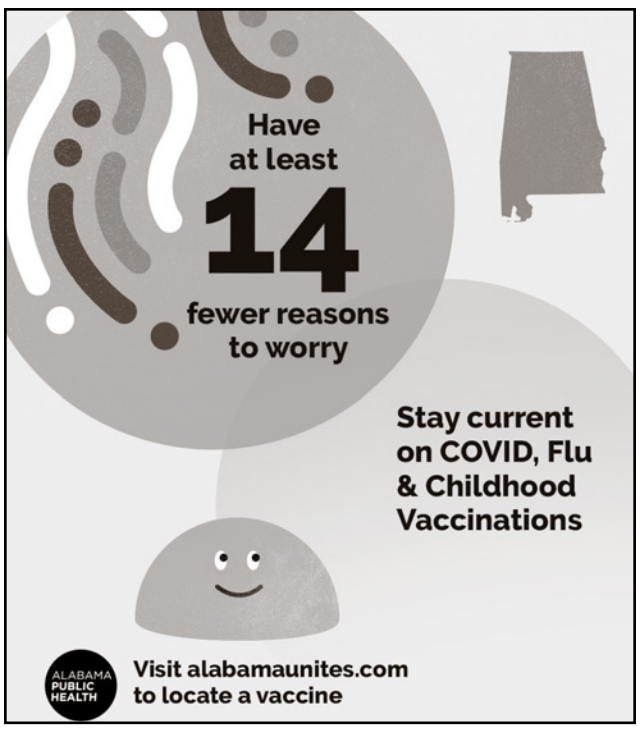



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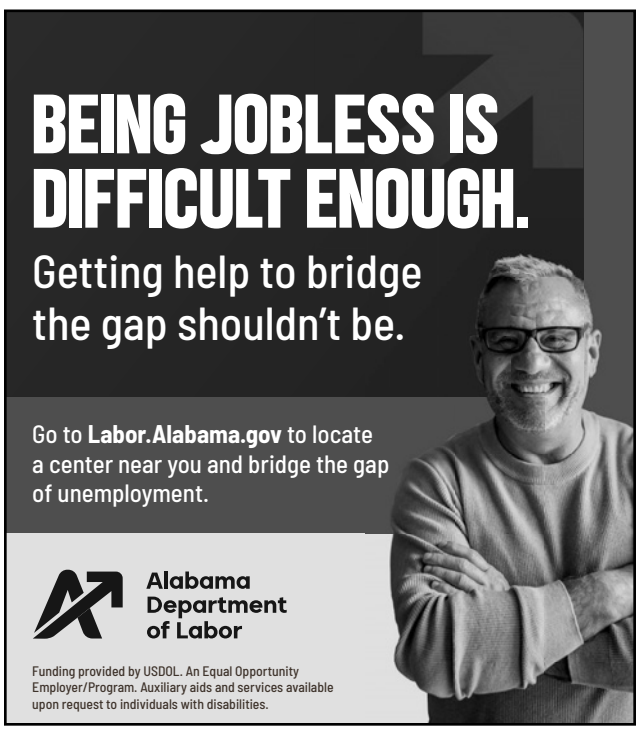
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**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.
• Saturday, Nov. 11 – 6-9 p.m. Youth hayride at Larry and Marti's house!
• Sunday, Nov. 12 - Prayer - 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, Nov. 12 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11. Foundry men graduation lunch after morning service.
• Sunday, Nov. 12 - 5 p.m. Healing service: Miracles, signs and wonders follow those who believe!

**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 Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo**
Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. $1 donation enters you to win door prizes. $1 donation benefits local charities.

**Seventh Street Baptist Church Evening of Music and Worship**
Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to this free event led by Frank Jones, pianist and host of the Gospel Jubilee, Oasis concerts and Sing-Agains. Come sing along and listen to hymns and spiritual songs. There will be refreshments afterward. A voluntary love offering will be accepted.

**The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting**
Monday, Nov. 13, at the Golden Coral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. Meeting begins at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting. Our guest speaker, Cris Alexander, who is a federal Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, will share needed new information regarding a change in plans. All members, as well as nonmembers, are urged to attend.

**Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show**
Monday, Nov. 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Peinhardt Conference Center. General admission is $10; students get in for $8. Purchase tickets at the door. All proceeds go to those in need for Thanksgiving meals through The Link of Cullman County.

**Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Pickup**
If you ordered cheeseballs from Grace Episcopal Church Women, your pickup will be Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call 256-734-2231.

**Cullman High School Class of 1963 60-Year Reunion**
Saturday, Nov. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, the first building on the left. The cost is $ 30 per person, payable at the door. (Pay in cash, please.) Prior to this, at 4, there will be a guided tour of the recently remodeled Cullman High School, for those who are able to attend. Please call Nancy Drake Weissend at 256-734-0696, to let her know if you will be attending, as well as any questions you may have.

# OmniPlex (from Front)

experiences to create a space tailored to the community's needs and one that serves as an economic catalyst.

Encompassing around 115,000 square feet, the OmniPlex will boast a flexible open space with the capacity to accommodate eight basketball courts, 16 volleyball courts and multiple pickleball courts. "Its spacious event area is designed to host a wide array of gatherings and competitions," Anderson detailed. Furthermore, the center will feature four medium-sized multipurpose meeting rooms and seven smaller ones, catering to various functions.

Anderson is confident in the center's economic benefits. "We anticipate our first-year economic impact to be approximately $35 million," he noted, drawing parallels to a similar facility in Rock Hill, South Carolina, which saw an economic impact of $55-60 million in its second year. The total construction cost for the OmniPlex stands at an estimated $20 million.

The name OmniPlex was chosen to reflect the center's wide-ranging purposes. "The term 'Omni' means 'All,' symbolizing our commitment to providing a space that embraces all games, gatherings and community members," Anderson concluded.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs echoed the sentiment, highlighting the communal effort behind the project. "We are deeply grateful for our community's support and patience throughout this extensive journey," Jacobs stated. "Many individuals have been instrumental in shaping what we believe will become one of the premier indoor sports and event spaces in our region. This venue promises to enhance our city's quality of life and boost our economy, and we couldn't be more excited about what lies ahead."

The OmniPlex is poised to become a cornerstone for community events and an engine for economic growth in Cullman. An estimated completion date is mid-January 2025.

# Benefield (from Front)

day you enlisted?
**CB:** I enlisted in Atlanta. There were six of us from Georgia. When they got that long hair cut off, I don't know where they went! Everybody got their head shaved almost, ya know. They (barbers) said, "How ya want it?" and went zip zip zip, cut them all alike.

**CGM:** Can you describe a funny moment from boot camp?
**CB:** Well, if you didn't do things just right, you'd have to go pick up cigarette butts off of everywhere. And it snowed! Some of them said it was like Cub Scouts...you just do what the man said. So I listened, and I tried to do what the man said.

**CGM:** What are some things you remember most about your deployment?
**CB:** I was over there for six months, and I wanted to go home. We lost a shipload of buddies. I talked our commander into letting me go home, so I hitchhiked home by aircraft from Thailand for a couple of weeks. I saw the family, and my wife-to-be, and hitchhiked back.

**CGM:** Do you have any advice for people transitioning back to civilian life?
**CB:** After going through hell over there, get back and get in church and thank the Lord that you made it back because we do have the greatest nation upon the face of the Earth. There's a lot of things a person takes for granted until they experience not having these things.

**CGM:** Do you have anyone you want to recognize or remember from your time in service?
**CB:** Well, I've got a brother now that he's already dead and gone but was instrumental in me going into the Air Force. He spent three years in England, and when he came home he sounded just like a Limey! His name was John Lewis Benefield.

**CGM:** Anything else you'd like to add for our readers?
**CB:** One thing that happened when I came back, in November of '68, we landed in San Francisco. And we did not get recognized. The only way we got recognized was people calling us baby killers, spitting at us and calling us ugly words. Of course, that didn't bother me. All of us don't think alike. I realized that was only a small little group of them. There are a lot of people back in Alabama who did appreciate what we did. But we should agree to disagree, respectfully.

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# Crash (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — A Hanceville teenager was killed in a hit-and-run incident Thursday night, Nov. 9. The victim was identified as Dakota R. Lamons, 19.

Authorities said Lamons was riding a bicycle along Alabama Highway 91 near County Road 501, when he was struck by a vehicle. The driver of the vehicle then fled the scene.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:46 p.m. about 8 miles south of Hanceville.

Alabama State Troopers said Lamon was thrown from the bicycle and pronounced dead at the scene.

Senior Trooper Brandon Bailey said, "At this time, we have limited information about the vehicle involved."

Troopers said the vehicle is believed to be a white Chevrolet Silverado or a GMC Sierra, model years 2007-2014, missing its entire passenger-side black mirror. Anyone with information about the vehicle or incident is urged to contact ALEA Troopers at 256-353-0631.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the ALEA Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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# Cullman Regional, Cullman Regional Foundation grant $250K to Good Samaritan Health Clinic

**Staff Reports**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Cullman Regional and Cullman Regional Foundation each approved $125,000 grants to the Good Samaritan Health Clinic for a total contribution of $250,000. The one-time grant is in addition to Cullman Regional's annual donation of more than $1.2 million in cash and service contributions to the clinic.

"As long-standing medical director of the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, I am happy to say that the consistent support we receive from Cullman Regional has been vital to the success the clinic has seen in providing much-needed primary care to our local uninsured population," said Dr. Jeremy Stidham. "This gift not only continues to pave the path upon which our clinic travels, but is also evidence of Cullman Regional's commitment to the enduring health needs of our local community. It highlights the uncommon foresight of our hospital's board as it anticipates the future needs of our local health care system." Good Samaritan offers an appropriate setting for non-emergent medical care and medication assistance for non-insured residents of Cullman County.

By supporting Good Samaritan with significant financial contributions, Cullman Regional helps to extend care beyond its walls and increases access to quality healthcare in the community.

"Good Samaritan serves as a health care safety net for our community," said Charna Brown, Cullman Regional chief nursing officer and Good Samaritan board member. Supporting its mission and its patients this way makes good sense."

The hospital's annual donation of $1.2 million helps cover a variety of expenses for the clinic including a full-time nurse practitioner who is the only employed provider at Good Samaritan.




# Ivey awards nearly $17.5M for improvement projects; Cullman County to receive $500K

**Staff Reports**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** — Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded nearly $17.5 million to provide improvements in 44 Alabama towns, cities and counties. The Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs) will enable local governments to pave or resurface roads, eliminate blight and drainage problems, improve water or sewer service and build or improve local community centers and playgrounds. Cullman County will receive $500,000 to resurface and provide drainage improvements on 2.6 miles of County Road 1490 in the Gold Ridge community.

"Community Development Block Grants annually assist our local governments with some of their most pressing needs and projects that may be out of reach of their own budgets," Ivey said. "I am honored to award these funds for projects that will make a positive impact in communities across our great state."

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

ADECA administers a wide range of programs that support law enforcement, victim assistance programs, economic development, water resource management, energy conservation and recreation.

"Many of those local governments that surveyed their most critical needs and took the time and effort to complete CDBG applications are seeing that hard work pay off with today's announcement," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in full support of these projects. I also encourage those governments that fell short of receiving funding to persevere and continue applying for these all-important funds."

CDBGs are awarded annually on a competitive basis and in several categories to ensure local governments of all sizes have opportunities to be awarded funds.

Those categories are Small City – populations of 3,000 and below; Large City- populations of 3,001 and above; County – awarded to counties for projects mainly in unincorporated areas; Community Enhancement – projects that extend beyond infrastructure improvement; and Planning Fund – projects that enable governments to map out goals, long-range plans and downtown revitalization projects.

**Those awarded grants by category are:**

**Small City**

- Centreville - $400,000 to rehabilitate a drainage system in a densely populated low-income area on the city's west side along Maple and Mill streets.
- Collinsville - $400,000 to replace damaged sewer lines and manhole covers to get the system in compliance with state environmental regulations.
- Cordova - $368,000 to demolish and clear about 30 dilapidated structures in the downtown area.
- Glenwood- $400,000 to construct a new pumping station for the sewage system which serves more than 200 customers.
- Kinston- $400,000 to rehabilitate several occupied houses throughout the town. Property owners are required to provide matches for improvements made as part of the program.
- Level Plains- $400,000 to provide water system improvements involving connecting residents with inadequate water pressure with larger water lines in the area along Center Street.
- Lynn - $397,000 to install new water lines along Long Street and Third Avenue West and add four fire hydrants.
- McKenzie- $400,000 to rehabilitate sections of the town's water system and resurface several streets.
- Nauvoo- $305,463 to demolish and clear two dilapidated structures - the old junior high school and a vacant church— both in the downtown area.
- Notasulga- $281,522 to improve the town's water system by installing cutoff valves throughout the system to minimize water flow disruption.
- Orrville - $400,000 to resurface about 1.4 miles of city streets including Academy Street Connector, Pine Street, Church Street and Dallas County Road 68/120.
- Parrish- $400,000 to improve four city streets and improve drainage along those streets.
- Pine Hill - $400,000 to install larger water lines in the Sandpit Road community to increase water flow and firefighting capabilities. The project will also involve resurfacing the road.
- Susan Moore - $400,000 to replace water lines along Wilson Chapel and Burgett roads.
- York - $400,000 to resurface and repair along numerous streets in the town.

**Large City**

- Atmore - $500,000 to provide storm drainage improvements in northeastern Atmore in an area around Carver Avenue.
- Calera - $500,000 to rehabilitate the sewer system in the southwestern quadrant of the city. The project involves replacing sewer lines and replacing and renovating manholes.
- Childersburg - $500,000 to improve the city's sewer system by replacing six key sewer lift stations and other advances to prevent backflows of sewage.
- Daleville- $177,210 to demolish 10 dilapidated structures mostly along Daleville Avenue.
- Haleyville - $500,000 for street and water system improvements on three housing authority properties.
- Headland- - $500,000 to rehabilitate several occupied houses and to resurface Boynton Street.
- Loxley- $500,000 to replace old sewer lines and manholes on the city's west side along North Holley Street.
- Ozark- $375,168 to resurface Hull Street, West Parker Street, West Reynolds Street, Boykin Avenue, Simmons Avenue and Troy Street.
- Selma- $500,000 for housing rehabilitation and dilapidated structure demolition in the neighborhood bounded by Voeglin Avenue, Marie Foster Street, Philpot Avenue and Washington Street.
- Valley Grande - $500,000 to resurface Merrifield, Overlook and Hillandale drives.

**County**

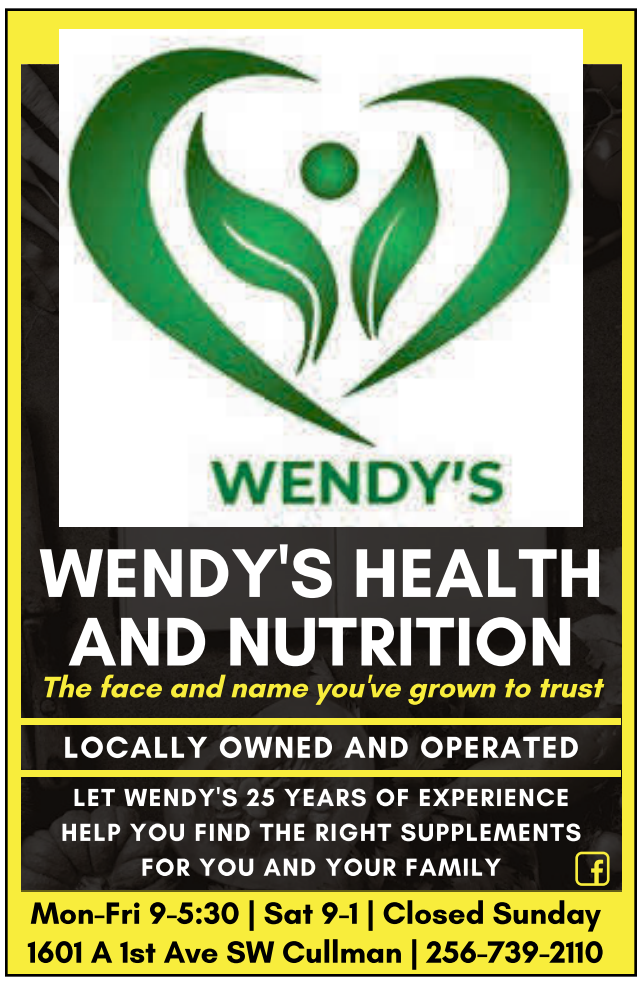
- Chilton County - $400,000 to extend public water service to more than 100 residents along Chilton County Roads 16 and 26 in the southwest part of the county.
- Cullman County - $500,000 to resurface and provide drainage improvements on 2.6 miles of Cullman County Road 1490 in the Gold Ridge community.
- Lowndes County - $500,000 to resurface Percy Johnson Road, Golson Road East and Collirene Cutoff Road.
- Montgomery County - $500,000 to rehabilitate 24 occupied houses in unincorporated areas of the county.
- Tuscaloosa County - $400,000 for the rehabilitation of nearly a dozen streets in the Holt community.

**Community Enhancement**

- Autauga County- $400,000 for the revitalization of Old Kingston Park in the Old Kingston community.
- Clayton - $400,000 to resurface all or part of North Armory Street and Oak Avenue, Jennings Street and Westfield Court and Petty Drive.
- Elmore (Town of) - $400,000 to construct a 2,000-square-foot community center to replace one that was closed for structural deficiencies.
- Fort Deposit - $400,000 to improve drainage in three targeted areas of the town.
- Gordonville - $400,000 to construct a community park that will include a walking trail, playground, tennis court and covered pavilion.
- Grove Hill - $400,000 to resurface Callier Street, Carter Drive, 4H Street, Ray Street, Ezell Street, Pritchett Street, Morris Street and Portis Street.
- Guntersville - $312,013 to renovate the weather-damaged community center which also serves as a senior citizen center.
- Millbrook - $166,500 to demolish and clear up to 15 abandoned and dilapidated structures throughout the city.
- Pike Road - $400,000 to construct an all-inclusive playground that is accessible to children of all abilities.
- Rutledge - $350,000 to demolish an abandoned water tower and other old and non-occupied structures in the town.
- Silas - $400,000 to construct a multi-use community park to be constructed on property at the intersection of Alabama Highway 17 and Choctaw County Road 6.
- Slocomb- $400,000 to resurface all or part of Railroad Avenue, Noma Road (Geneva County Road 91), South Kelly Street and East Cox Street.
- Talladega - $400,000 to demolish and clear up to 60 abandoned and dilapidated structures in the northwest part of the city.

Planning Fund

- Pine Ridge - $40,000 to develop a comprehensive plan outlining the town's goals, policies and needs for the next 10-15 years.






# Cullman County's Ryleigh Jordan places in Alabama National Fair Youth Sheep Show

## Alabama National Fair preserves decades of tradition

**Tanner Hood**
Contributor

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** – Smells of fresh pine shavings and a buzz of excitement hung in the air around Teague Arena as youth showmen and their parents prepared for the 70th Alabama National Fair. Exhibitors from across the state attended the annual event Oct. 6-15 to show off prize-winning livestock while displaying their hard work, practice and showmanship.

"Showing is an 80-year family tradition for us," said Destinee Bearden Patterson, whose children participated in the Youth Dairy Show. "The smiles, family and camaraderie the dairy show brings are like a big family event for us. We call this our dairy family reunion."

Patterson said it is essential for livestock shows to continue, even if their popularity has waned.

The Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance annually sponsor livestock shows at the Alabama National Fair, one of many fairs supported by state and county Farmers Federations each fall.

The shows are months – or even years – in the making. Many exhibitors raise animals from birth or purchase them at a young age. Exhibitors grow them into the appropriate size and train them to be shown around other livestock and properly presented before judges. Showmen, like Jackson Cleary, learn a host of life skills preparing for the showring like animal husbandry, correct technique and sportsmanship.

"I've put blood, sweat and tears into this for two years, quite literally," said Calhoun County's Cleary.

Cleary exhibited the Supreme Champion Gilt, which was also the Commercial Grand Champion Gilt in the Youth Swine Show. A gilt is a female pig that has not had a litter. Cleary is a senior at Weaver High School and is the Alabama FFA Central District Treasurer.

"With showing swine, I've learned about patience, work ethic and determination. It teaches you life skills and about agriculture," Cleary said. "For everything to finally pay off after two years means a lot."

Cleary's passion for agriculture is reflected in Sarah-Jane French, a professor of practice for youth livestock programs at Auburn University. French's position was created through funding from the Alabama Legislature in 2022 with support from the Federation.

"It's vital livestock shows continue to happen because they are important to exhibit livestock but the main reason why we're here is for the kids," French said.

"It raises kids to be respectful, work hard, examine the details of what goes into taking care of animals and about sustainability so it's a necessity we preserve this industry. The Alabama National Fair is a family thing and tradition instilled in the kids where they come to make memories."

Like French, Patterson believes livestock shows are about more than just exhibiting animals.

"Whether it's a dairy cow, chicken, pig or sheep, these kids are learning sportsmanship, how to win and lose gracefully," Patterson said. "Livestock shows allow us to put the animals in front of the public and show them where their food comes from. It's something we must preserve."




ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION AND ALFA INSURANCE

***Ryleigh Jordan of Cullman County exhibited the Hair Reserve Breed Champion Ewe in the Youth Sheep Show at the Alabama National Fair Oct. 14 in Montgomery. Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance sponsored youth livestock events at the fair. Kraig Bowers of Indiana judged the show. Jordan is pictured with Federation Executive Director Paul Pinyan.***

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

# West Point falls in opening round at No. 2 Ramsay 50-0

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**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — The West Point Warriors traveled to Birmingham Thursday night to battle No. 2 Ramsay at Legion Field and the Rams were in control from the opening whistle. Ramsay built a 28-0 lead in the first quarter, stretched it to 50-0 by halftime and cruised in the second half on its way to a 50-0 win over the Warriors.

The Rams took just two plays to score on their opening possession and take a 7-0 lead.

The Warriors responded with a nice-looking drive on the ensuing possession but on third and long, Ramsay intercepted a pass and took it back 45 yards for a touchdown, making it a 14-0 game with just under eight minutes to play in the first quarter.

A 4-yard touchdown pass extended the lead to 21-0 later in the first and just before the end of the period, the Rams returned a punt 65 yards for another score to make it a 28-0 game going into the second quarter.

A 28-yard touchdown run extended the lead to 34-0 early in the second quarter and on the next West Point possession, a safety tacked on two more points for Ramsay and put the Rams in front 36-0. A 13-yard touchdown run gave Ramsay a 43-0 lead midway through the second and the Rams found the end zone one more time just before the end of the half to make it a 50-0 game at the break.

With the clock running in the second half, neither team was able to get any more points on the board and West Point' season came to an end at Legion Field with a 50-0 loss to Ramsay.

The Warriors will lose several key players to graduation in May but after earning their first playoff berth in three seasons, West Point will look to build on that momentum going into next year.




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*West Point's Parker Marks (12) sprints past a defender during the Warriors' 50-0 loss at Ramsay Thursday night.*

# UAB to face Navy on Veterans Day in Annapolis

**Ted Feeley**
UAB Athletics

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — It will be a special scene for the UAB football team on Saturday when the Blazers play at Navy on Veterans Day. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT on CBS Sports Network.

Coming off a 45-42 victory over Florida Atlantic, the Blazers look to win back-to-back conference games for the first time this season and aim for their first road win of the year.

The FAU victory was the first of four wins in a row needed to make a bowl game and the Blazers must defeat Navy this weekend, followed by wins vs. Temple and North Texas to achieve bowl eligibility for an eighth straight season.

**Who:** UAB (3-6, 2-3 AAC) at Navy (3-5, 2-3 AAC)

**Where:** Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium – Annapolis, Md.

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 11 – 3:30 p.m. ET/2:30 p.m. CT

**Watch:** CBS Sports Network

**On the Call:** John Sadak (play-by-play), Randy Cross (analyst), Sheehan Burch (sideline)

**Listen:** 94.5 WJOX

**On the Call:** David Crane (play-by-play), Bryant Turner (analyst), Landrum Roberts (sideline)

**Series:** First Meeting

**WHAT TO WATCH FOR:**

• Quarterback Jacob Zeno and running back Jermaine Brown Jr. lead UAB into Saturday's contest after spearheading an offensive attack last week that had a season-high 614 yards. Zeno is the reigning AAC Offensive Player of the Week while Brown Jr. was named to the Paul Hornung Award Honor Roll.

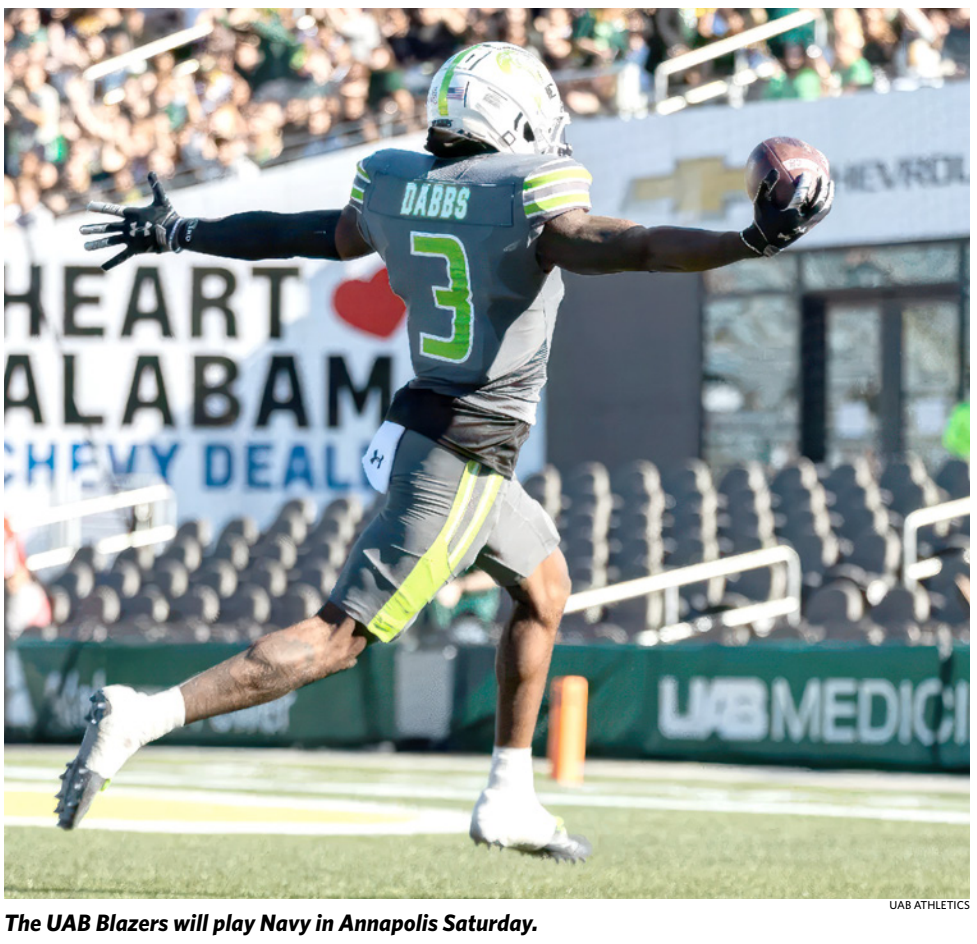
• Zeno is coming off a career performance in which he threw for an FBS school record 484 yards and five touchdowns against Florida Atlantic. Along with earning AAC Offensive Player of the Week, he was named to the Davey O'Brien Great 8 list and earned a Manning Star of the Week. He finished the game completing 29-of-35 passes and also engineered the first game-winning drive of his collegiate career.

• Zeno continues to be one of the top quarterbacks in the nation, ranking third nationally in completions per game (27.3), fourth in completion percentage (75.4) and 10th in passing yards per game (298.6). He is just one of two quarterbacks in the nation along with Bo Nix of Oregon to rank top 10 in all three of those categories. He enters the Navy contest 25 completions shy of setting the single season completions record.

• Brown Jr. needs 59 yards against Navy to become UAB's career leader in all-purpose yards. The fifth-year senior is one of the most dynamic all-purpose players in the country and ranks 15th nationally in all-purpose yards (126.2). Over his last six games, Brown Jr. is averaging 155.5 all-purpose yards per game and is coming off a career-best 210-yard performance against Florida Atlantic.

• A third school record could potentially fall on Saturday as Amare Thomas is six catches away from setting the UAB freshman record for single season receptions. Thomas has 44 catches and needs four more to crack the overall UAB top 10, and six more for ninth place and the freshman record which was set by Frantrell Forrest who had 49 receptions in 2007.

• Fellow wide receiver Tejhaun Palmer is coming off a career performance against Florida Atlantic in which he had career bests in catches (nine) and receiving yards (179) to go along with the game-tying touchdown in the fourth quarter. Palmer is having an outstanding season with 36 catches for 609 yards and five touchdowns, which are all career highs.




UAB ATHLETICS

*The UAB Blazers will play Navy in Annapolis Saturday.*

• Defensively, The Blazers had a pick-six from Kendall Johnson in the win against FAU, along with a critical pass breakup from BJ Mayes on third down with two minutes left which gave the ball back to the Blazers for the game-winning drive. Mayes continues to be one of the top cornerbacks in the league, ranking fourth in pass defended at 1.11 per game (eight PBU, 2 INT).

• The Blazers will have to contend with Navy's rushing offense that averages an AAC-best 197.5 yards per game. However, Navy is only scoring 18.3 points per game which is 12th in the league. UAB is allowing 200 rushing yards and 38.1 points per game.

Following the game at Navy, UAB returns to Protective Stadium for the final time this season to host Temple on Senior Day. Kickoff is scheduled for 2 p.m. on ESPN+.

# Anchored by faith and family, Payton Thorne finds new challenge at Auburn

**Greg Ostendorf**
AU Athletics

**AUBURN, Ala.** — As the temperatures started dropping into the 50s and 60s this fall in Auburn, the students on campus started breaking out the heavy jackets. Payton Thorne had to laugh. That's still t-shirt weather where he's from in the Midwest. So, how did Thorne, a coach's kid from just outside Chicago, end up in the SEC as the starting quarterback at Auburn?

To answer that, you first need to understand who Thorne is and what it is that drives him.

First and foremost, it's his faith.

"My why every time I step out there is playing for my Heavenly Father and just trying to give back to Him what He's given to me," Thorne said. "It's been the No. 1 most important part of my life. My parents have instilled that in me. Just going out there to glorify Him and do all I can to be at my best."

For Thorne, though, where his why comes from is threefold. Faith might be the most important part of it and of who he is as a man, but his family has just as much to do with his motivation. There would be no football without his family.

"As I've gotten older and been able to see and understand more of what my parents have done for me, I just can't be more thankful for them and how they raised me and the things that they sacrificed for me growing up," Thorne said. "I feel like I owe it to them to put all I can into this and try to make the most out of it."

The last part of the why for Thorne is his will to succeed and his love for football. He is the ultimate competitor, and that extra drive, that fear of being average, is the reason he ended up at Auburn.

"I don't ever want to be average in life," Thorne said. "I've always loved football, and I've always wanted to be the best I can. I strive every day to get there. And I don't think I ever will get there, but if I keep striving every single day to get there – whenever I'm done, I'll be satisfied with however it ended."

Football is all Thorne has ever known. He was born in 2001. The very next year, his grandfather John took over as the head coach at North Central College, a Division III college in Naperville, Illinois. Thorne's father Jeff, who played quarterback at Eastern Illinois, joined his father (Payton's grandfather) as the offensive coordinator.

The father-son duo coached at North Central College the next 13 years. In 2014, John retired as the head coach and was replaced by his son Jeff who served as the head coach from 2015 to 2021 and guided the program to a Division III national championship in 2019.

"It was cool to see my grandpa and my dad – their vision for that program and everything they put into it – for them to get to that point," Thorne said.

"This year, (North Central College) is ranked as the No. 1 team in the country again. They built a powerhouse from the ground up. It's been cool to be a distant part of that, and growing up in that was cool all my life."

There are positives and negatives that come with being a coach's son. Obviously, there's a significant time commitment made by coaches at any level – from Division III to Auburn. That's time away from home.

"On Sunday, Monday and sometimes Tuesday, I wouldn't even see him at night," Thorne said.

"I'd be asleep before he got back home. Part of that did teach me what working hard looked like. I knew he wasn't putzing around."

At the same time, Thorne had some benefits growing up not afforded to most kids.

"You get to go shoot hoops whenever you want to at the gym," he said.

"You get to go play on a turf field whenever you want to. You get to sit in on meetings if you want to. My dad always took me on trips with him to visiting schools, so I got to experience all that my whole life. I got to watch him and my grandpa lead a team, and I've learned a ton from them."

After coaching 19 seasons at North Central College, six as the head coach, Jeff Thorne left following the 2021 season to be the offensive coordinator at Western Michigan in 2022. This year, however, he's not coaching at all. Instead, he's getting to watch his son play at Auburn.

"It's been awesome," Payton said. "It's been cool to have him as a full-time spectator. It's hard for him because he's not used to it. He's learning how to be a fan. I think he's done a good job so far. I definitely think he's enjoying it."

Thorne's father also tagged along on the road trip in the spring that ultimately concluded with a commitment to Auburn. The two were driving back from former teammate Jayden Reed's NFL Draft party in Miami and made a stop in Auburn to visit head coach Hugh Freeze.

Thorne had spent his first four years in college at Michigan State where he was a three-year letterwinner for the Spartans and a team captain in 2021 and 2022, but with that mentality of always striving to be better, he entered the transfer portal after last season. He wanted a new opportunity, a new challenge.

It just so happened that Auburn was in the market for a new quarterback.

"The first thing is just the Auburn name," Thorne said. "Growing up, understanding that Auburn is a huge brand, it's big-time football. It's one of those programs that it means something.

"And then Coach Freeze. He's an offensive head coach, a guy who has had success offensively and with quarterbacks. It really drew me here. I have a lot of respect for Coach. I got to see campus, see this facility, which is outstanding, and then just get a feel for these people down here – I love the people, I can't say it enough. It's been really nice."

It was a perfect match. Thorne signed with Freeze and the Tigers just days after his visit. Less than four months later, he was named the team's starting quarterback.

Through nine games this season, the graduate transfer has thrown for 1,269 yards and 10 touchdowns while completing 63.9 percent of his passes.

However, he's found a different gear the last two weeks, completing 37 of 53 passes for 424 yards and five touchdowns.

More importantly, Auburn has won both games, beating Mississippi State and Vanderbilt.

"It's been rewarding for sure the past couple weeks," Thorne said.

"I don't want to say that it's relief because we still have a lot in front of us that we want to accomplish. It's still a work in progress. But it definitely feels good for us as an offense to play better and play closer to what we expect to play and also get back-to-back wins."

Never satisfied. Never complacent. A true competitor in every sense.

"I put everything into this," Thorne said. "I would give just about anything to win. That's my mindset every day."

# Indictment (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** — The Cullman Circuit Clerk's Office on Wednesday, Nov. 8, posted the grand jury indictments against Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, listing 15 counts of use of office for personal gain.

**The charges include:**

- Separate counts of soliciting, instructing and causing former Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long to work on Nail's personal residence while on duty
- Separate counts of soliciting, instructing and causing Hanceville employee Joshua Howell to travel to Georgia in a City vehicle while on duty to work on a travel trailer owned by Nail
- Separate counts of soliciting and causing Hanceville employee Steve Gunn to travel in a City vehicle while on duty to haul lumber and other building supplies to Nail's residence
- Two counts of causing former city inmate Clint Mooney to work on Nail's personal residence while in city custody
- Two counts of causing former city inmate Seth Burney to work on Nail's personal residence while in city custody
- Two counts of causing former city inmate Anthony Perkins to work on Nail's personal residence while in city custody
- One count of causing former city inmate Anthony Perkins to work on a private Hanceville residence owned by Madison Brooke Lee on Clint Warren Street Northeast, while in city custody

Nail was released on a $150,000 surety bond, and prohibited from talking to any City employee "about his pending charges or any facts related to those charges" at the request of Alabama Ethics Commission Special Agent Chris McCay, who wrote in the bail recommendation that he had been informed that Nail had already approached two City employees.

**CHARGES AS THEY APPEAR IN THE INDICTMENT**

**COUNT 1**
The Grand Jury of said county charge that, before the finding of this indictment, The Grand Jury of said county charge that, before the finding of this indictment, KENNETH ELWIN NAIL, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, a public official, Mayor of the City of Hanceville, did intentionally solicit a public employee or public official, to-wit: Former City of Hanceville Police Chief Bob Long, to use or cause to be used equipment, facilities, time, materials, human labor, or other public property under Long's discretion or control, to-wit: equipment, time, materials, or human labor by ROUTINELY SOLICITING FORMER HANCEVILLE POLICE CHIEF BOB LONG TO PERFORM WORK ON NAIL'S RESIDENCE WHILE LONG WAS ON DUTY AS POLICE CHIEF, FOR NAIL'S PRIVATE BENEFIT AND TO MATERIALLY AFFECT NAIL'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Section 36-25-5(d) of the Code of Alabama

**COUNT 2**
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**COUNT 4**
The Grand Jury of said county further charge that, before the finding of this indictment, The Grand Jury of said county charge that, before the finding of this indictment, KENNETH ELWIN NAIL, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, a public official, Mayor of the City of Hanceville, did intentionally solicit a public employee or public official, to-wit: City of Hanceville employee Joshua Howell, to use or cause to be used equipment, facilities, time, materials, human labor, or other public property under Howell's discretion or control, to-wit: equipment, time, materials, or human labor by SOLICITING CITY OF HANCEVILLE EMPLOYEE JOSHUA HOWELL TO TRAVEL TO GEORGIA IN A CITY OF HANCEVILLE VEHICLE TO WORK ON A TRAVEL TRAILER OWNED BY NAIL AND HIS WIFE WHILE ON DUTY AS A CITY EMPLOYEE, FOR NAIL'S PRIVATE BENEFIT AND TO MATERIALLY AFFECT NAIL'S FINANCIAL INTERESTS, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Section 36-25-5(d) of the Code of Alabama

**COUNT 5**
The Grand Jury of said county further charge that, before the finding of this indictment, The Grand Jury of said county charge that, before the finding of this indictment, KENNETH ELWIN NAIL, whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, a public official, Mayor of the City of Hanceville, did intentionally use or cause to be used equipment, facilities, time, materials, human labor, or other public property under his or her discretion or control, to-wit: equipment, facilities, time, material, or human labor by INSTRUCTING CITY OF HANCEVILLE EMPLOVEE JOSHUA HOWELL WHO WAS UNDER MAYOR NAIL'S DISCRETION OR CONTROL TO TRAVEL TO GEORGIA IN A CITY OF HANCEVILLE VEHICLE TO WORK ON A TRAVEL TRAILER OWNED BY NAIL AND HIS WIFE WHILE ON DUTY AS A CITY EMPLOYEE SO THAT NAIL RECEIVED, OBTAINED, EXERTED CONTROL OVER OR OTHERWISE CONVERTED TO HIS PERSONAL USE OF HOWELL'S LABOR AND TIME, A CITY VEHICLE, AND CITY FUEL, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Section 36-25-5(a) of the Code of Alabama

**COUNT 6**
The Grand Jury of said county further charge that, before the finding of this indictment, The Grand Jury of said county charge that, before the finding of this indictment, KENNETH ELWIN NAIL., whose name is otherwise unknown to the Grand Jury, a public official, Mayor of the City of Hanceville, did intentionally use or cause to be used his official position or office to obtain personal gain for himself or a family member, by SOLICITING AND CAUSING CITY OF HANCEVILLE EMPLOYEE JOSHUA HOWELL WHO WAS UNDER MAYOR NAIL'S DISCRETION OR CONTROL TO TRAVEL TO GEORGIA IN A CITY OF HANCEVILLE VEHICLE TO WORK ON A TRAVEL TRAILER OWNED BY NAIL AND HIS WIFE WHILE ON DUTY AS A CITY EMPLOYEE SO THAT NAIL RECEIVED, OBTAINED, EXERTED CONTROL OVER OR OTHERWISE CONVERTED TO HIS PERSONAL USE OF HOWELL'S LABOR AND TIME, A CITY VEHICLE, AND CITY FUEL, and such use and gain were not otherwise specifically authorized by law, in violation of Section 36-25-5(a) of the Code of Alabama

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**COUNT 9**
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**COUNT 10**
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**COUNT 11**
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# LEGALS

**Public Meeting Notice**

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below: 1 Stop Food and Fuel, Inc, 1617 4th Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Retail Beer Off Premises, Retail Table Wine Off Premises.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF C. M. M.**
**A minor child.** **CASE NO.: AD2023-071**
**D.O.B. 07/05/2012**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: JEFF DAVID MASSEY AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD C. M. M., BORN JULY 5, 2012 TO REBECCA LYNN KIMBRIL MEFFORD**

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

DONE THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2023.

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW
Suite E
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

PB MIN BK 220 PG 57 - 10/26/2023 11:35 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2022-404

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PHILIP KEITH DAVIS, deceased.**

**NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT**

TO: THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF PHILIP KEITH DAVIS

It is ORDERED by the Court that this matter be set for hearing on the 29th day of November, 2023, at 9:30 am to consider the Petition of the Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Discharge.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice of this hearing.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Done this 25th day of October, 2023

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith, Esquire
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
256-734-4721

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-03 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak. Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 03**
**AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: N31, LLC.

Parcel 1: Lot 3A. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 141.81 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 3A of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential District.

Parcel 2: Lot 6. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 4.24 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 6 of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District to R-4 Residential District.

Parcel 3: Lot 7. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 15.16 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 7 of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District to R-4 Residential District.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as R-4 Residential District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 27th day of November, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

WALKER BROTHERS LTD, * *
PLAINTIFF, * *
VS. * CASE NO. CV 2023-900303 *
CHRIS BURGESS and CANDACE BURGESS, * *
DEFENDANT * *

**NOTICE**

The Defendants, Chris Burgess and Candace Burgess, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title filed by Walker Brother LTD on or before the 26th day of December 2023, or, thereafter, a judgement by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2023-900303 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 24th day of October, 2023.

LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF C. D. M.**
**A minor child.** **CASE NO.: AD2023-072**
**D.O.B. 07/05/2012**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

**TO: JEFF DAVID MASSEY AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD C. D. M., BORN JULY 5, 2012 TO REBECCA LYNN KIMBRIL MEFFORD**

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

DONE THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2023

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW
Suite E
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * *
STANLEY RAY HARPER, * CASE NO.: PC2023-016 *
Deceased. * *

**NOTICE OF HEARING**
**PETITION FOR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY**

TO: MICHAEL SHANE HARPER,
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

*The Petition for Sale of Personal Property* filed by Toni Jenkins, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney of record, Dan J. Willingham, has been scheduled for the **29th day of November, 2023, at 10:30 a.m**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 25th day of October, 2023.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Dan J. Willingham
Fuller, Willingham & Carter, LLC
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-734-2023

PB WIL BK 119 PG 598 - 10/26/2023 10:39 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA**

IN RE: The Estate of *
JULIAN R. CAMPBELL, * CASE NO. PC 2023-339
Deceased. *

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Martha Ann Campbell as Personal Representative of the Estate of Julian R. Campbell, deceased, on the 26th day October, 2023, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Martha Ann Campbell
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
Attorney for Personal Representative

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

PB WIL BK 119 PG 609 - 10/26/2023 10:55 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-336

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BILLY HERSHEL WOOD, DECEASED.

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Kassie Wilson on the 26th day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kassie Wilson, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sharon H. Barrett
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
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# Cullman's 33rd annual Christmas Open House Nov. 10-12

**Cheyenne Sharp**
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — When the Hay People disappear and the Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration is over, Cullman locals know that can only mean one thing: Christmas Open House is upon them. Each year the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the Cullman Area Christmas Open House, allowing participating businesses to showcase their giftable items and generate business to kick off the busy holiday shopping season. Events will be held all weekend long, around various businesses and popular spots.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on Friday Nov. 10, in the Chamber of Commerce breezeway, drink hot cocoa and snap the perfect holiday picture with Santa until 5.

Children's activities, pop-up shops and other entertainment options will be open and take place until 6; inside the Chamber of Commerce building there will be a $10 drop-in Sips and Strokes class hosted by Cullman's own Emily Bussman, allowing guests to craft the perfect ornament for their Christmas tree.

On Saturday, Nov. 11, festivities in the Chamber breezeway will begin at 10 a.m., with Santa and hot cocoa available until 1 p.m. and pop-up shops until 4. The Chamber Express Show will also make its rounds to a handful of spots, stopping at the Chamber breezeway at 10:30 a.m., Festhalle at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and rounding out the tour at the Hanceville Public Library at 3:30 p.m.

For the very first time, Christmas Open House will feature a Cookie Crawl. The first 200 participants who arrive at the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, Nov 11 at 10 a.m. will receive a ticket (one ticket per household). Each ticket buys recipients a cookie box and the ability to fill the cookie box by visiting multiple businesses around Cullman County.

Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Programs and Events Paige Clabo said, "This is a brand new event that we are bringing to the Chamber this year." The Hartselle Chamber of Commerce has included a community Cookie Crawl in its Christmas Open House for years, bringing new life and business to small shops. Clabo continued, "After speaking with (Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce President) Joey Orr, we thought this would be a great opportunity to draw people from the city to the county and to also be able to feature more of our community businesses during this time."

A list of participating businesses can be found at www.cullmanopenhouse.com. Look for the cookie beside participating businesses to locate the cookie stops around Cullman.

The final day of the Christmas Open House begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12, again in the Chamber breezeway, with Santa available for photos until 3 p.m., and pop-up shops open until 4.

All Christmas Open House children's activities and crafts are free to the public, including photos with Santa and hot cocoa. Parents and caregivers will need to take their own photos, as there will be no professional photographer on-site.

The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce is located at 301 Second Ave. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. Find out more at www.facebook.com/cullmanopenhouse.

# 'The Nutcracker' to be performed at Wallace State Nov. 17-19

**Dalton Bright**
Wallace State

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Wallace State Community College's Allegro Dance Theatre will partner with Ballet South and the Cullman Community Young Singers to present the beloved classic, "The Nutcracker," for three performances at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Audiences will have the opportunity to experience the show on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m.

This will be the fourth year that "The Nutcracker" is presented at Wallace State Community College. The production is led by Brooke Desnoës, dance instructor at Wallace State and founder of Ballet South.

"The idea for our production of 'The Nutcracker' has always been to bring together the Cullman community together in various forms to learn, work and to collaborate," said Desnoës.

"Hours of rehearsals, helping hands from grandparents who sew, families carpooling and considerable laughter are needed to produce this wonderful holiday classic."

The show will feature over 80 performers this year. Thirty pre-professional dancers from Wallace State's Allegro Dance Theatre and Ballet South, 25 community cast members, 26 young singers and numerous volunteers work behind the scenes to make the production come to life.

"Our goal is to give spectators and performers a truly memorable experience," said Desnoës.

"I am very proud of all our performers and excited to share with the public their artistry and professionalism this year."

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and under and can be purchased in advance at www.balletsouth.booktix.com or at the door.

**Other upcoming performances from Wallace State Performing Arts programs include:**

- "Christmas Spectacular," Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts program
- Broadway Night Cabaret, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, by the by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts program
- Spring Dance Showcase, March 21 at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by Allegro Dance Theatre
- Wallace State Singers Spring Show, April 11-13, at the Betty Leath Haynes Theatre



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*Dancers perform during the 2022 production of "The Nutcracker" at Wallace State Community College. This year's showings will be on Nov. 17-18 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre of the Garlan E. Gudger Student Center.*

# WSCC Dental Hygiene students showcase clinical research presentations

**Dalton Bright**
Wallace State

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Students in the Wallace State Community College Dental Hygiene program recently showcased their clinical research presentations in the Bailey Center Auditorium. After months of preparation and research, the students were able to display their hard work to an audience of peers and faculty.

"The second-year dental hygiene students selected 12 topics related to new techniques, technology, or best practices. They researched their topics and presented their findings to fellow students as well as over 100 of our program's alumni, faculty and guests," said clinical instructor Susan Brewer.

Following registration for the event, the names of attendees were drawn at random and door prizes were awarded. There were just over 200 people in total in attendance, many of whom were alumni.

"Our Clinical Research Presentations are an annual continuing education event hosted for our alumni," said Brewer. "I am so excited to see so many of them in attendance here today."

The presentations are put on as a continuing education (CE) event for practicing hygienists to attend. Dental hygienists in Alabama are required to have 12 hours of CE credit yearly.

The subjects of the presentations ranged from traditional dental hygiene topics to more complex, interpersonal topics. Some of the presentation topics included oral cancer, fluoride, laser therapy and sealants. Also, among the topics presented were the effects of vaping on the oral cavity, overcoming dental anxiety and safely dealing with mental health as a dental hygienist.

Dental hygiene students Lesli Acosta Belford and Ashton Mariner shared a presentation titled "The Pregnant Hygienist."

Belford and Mariner interviewed actual pregnant dental hygienists and included their suggestions on ways to mitigate issues commonly associated with pregnancy, from issues such as back pain to the federal law protecting the rights of pregnant employees.

The Dental Hygiene program at Wallace State is an associate degree program that can be completed in five semesters. Wallace State's dental programs boast a top-notch reputation with an outstanding 90% licensure rate and an award-winning faculty.

One hundred percent of Wallace State students find employment in the field upon graduation with 80% finding employment within the first three months post-graduation.

The Wallace State Dental Hygiene Clinic specializes in providing preventative oral health care for members of the community at a discounted cost.

The clinic is located in the Health Science Building on campus and all treatment is provided by dental hygiene students who are supervised by dentists and the college's licensed dental hygiene faculty.

The care provided by student hygienists is also an opportunity for practical experience and counts as one of their clinical sessions.

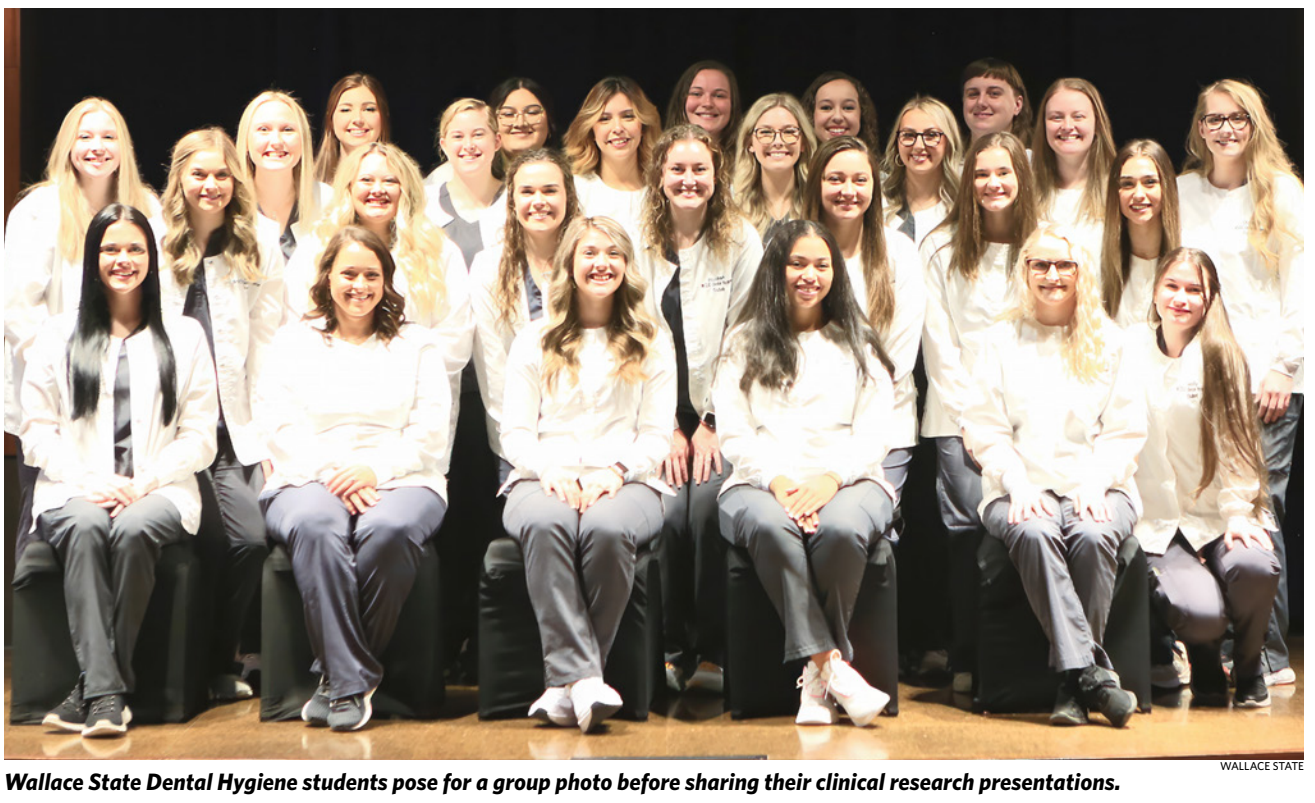
Adult dental cleanings are $30, but there is no fee for services provided to children aged 18 and younger or pregnant women. Cleanings at the clinic also include x-rays, a doctor's exam and fluoride treatment.

Through the Alabama Department of Public Health, free preventative services are offered to pregnant women and children 18 and younger.

Clinic days vary depending upon the semester. Appointment times are from 8-10:30 a.m. and noon-2:30 p.m. Please call 256-352-8300 to schedule an appointment.

The Wallace State Dental programs, which include Dental Assisting and Dental Hygiene, will hold an information session on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m., in the Health Science Building. Visit www.wallacestate.edu/dental/info-session to register for the event.

For more information on the Wallace State Dental programs contact Corey Weeks at 256-352-8300 or visit www.wallacestate.edu.



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*Wallace State Dental Hygiene students pose for a group photo before sharing their clinical research presentations.*

## LEGALS

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

# Childers (from Front)

**Cayla Grace Murphy**
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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – At its largest fundraiser of the year, Designer Bag Bingo, on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, 2023, the United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) announced Stephanie Childers as its new executive director. Childers is currently serving as the UWCC's resource development & outreach manager. She will replace outgoing Executive Director Waid Harbison, whose last day is Nov. 13.

When asked how she feels about the transition from her current position, Childers admitted a bit of hesitancy due to the impact Harbison has had over his last year of serving, but said she is excited to get started.

"I'm excited to get started. Waid is going to be some big shoes to fill for sure, but he's promised he'll hang around and come back when I need some help and let me lean into him a little bit," she explained, saying she's hoping the supportive atmosphere of the office will carry her through to success in her new role.

She also touted the willingness of the UWCC Board of Directors to step in and lend a hand.

"Our board is fantastic; they're great to step in and help too!" she exclaimed.

Childers shared that while she is happy in her current position and never expected it to lead to such a large leadership role, she is just excited to make a difference.

"I was just tickled pink to have an opportunity to give back to the community," she laughed.

"I'm blessed to have this opportunity, and I hope I can champion it well!"

While the role is so multifaceted it can be difficult to choose just one aspect to look forward to, Childers said she's pumped to serve her community in a new capacity.

"It's such a big role that it's hard to nail down one part of it, but giving back to the community is such a huge part of it," she said.

She explained that while she's always had a heart for the community, her passion was reignited with her son River attending the Cullman County Child Development Center.

She said she became very active in the PTO, and it fueled a drive to keep giving back to help meet the needs in the community.

"Seeing how that went, and getting to be involved...seeing what we're capable of if we've got the right direction was impactful," said Childers.

"I'm hoping I can give United Way that direction, too, to help it meet its full potential!"

Childers said she plans to maintain the current spirit of the UWCC, which involves being a switchboard for services and primary source for financial giving in Cullman.

"If you're struggling, there's somebody here to help you," she said. "That's the great thing about Cullman, too, is everyone has giving hearts."

To learn more about the United Way of Cullman County, visit www.uwaycc.org.




# Obituary Announcements: Nov. 9-10

**Ruby G. Everett, 80**
Ruby G. Everett, of Addison, passed away at Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at her residence. She was born June 4, 1943, in Haleyville, Alabama to Ray and Myrtie Lane. Ruby enjoyed gardening and singing with her family. Graveside service will be held on Friday, Nov. 10, 2023, at Fairview Cemetery in Addison at 11 a.m. Ruby is survived by her son, Rodney (Leslie) Sudduth; special grandson, Keith (Alison) Sudduth; 8 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brother and wife, Billy and Lora Lane; niece, Shelly Hess; and nephew, Brett Lane. She was preceded in death by her son, Steve Sudduth; first husband, Hershel Keith Sudduth; husband, Robbie Everett; great-granddaughter, Dallas Nichole Adams; parents, Ray and Myrtie Lane; grandparents, George and Eula Hammack, and Oscar and Willie Lane; and a host of other family.

**Kevin Rutledge Parks, 61**
Graveside service for Kevin Rutledge Parks, age 61, of Birmingham, will be Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at 3 p.m. at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Parks passed from this life on Monday, Nov. 6, 2023. He was born June 6, 1962 to Elmer Gene Parks and Jane Rutledge Parks Kerr. He is preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, S.D. Parks and Marie Champion Parks, Grady Rutledge and Clara Carter Rutledge. He is survived by his sister, Jeanne (Johnny) Reid; nieces, Kristin Marcrum, Brooke (Adam) Madison, Ashley (Wesley) Dabbs; great-nieces and nephews, Evan Marcrum, Cayman Brown, Cooper-Beckett Madison, Mason Dabbs, Paisley Dabbs. Kevin is well remembered for being a talented songwriter and a music lover. He was acquainted with celebrities such as Minnie Pearl, Barbara Mandrell, and Sonny James while he lived and worked as a physical therapist assistant at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. He loved to collect vinyl records and took much pride in them. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Terry Wayne Bates, 68**
Funeral service for Terry Wayne Bates, age 68, of Cullman, will be Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Family will welcome friends from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will be held at Bowman's Chapel cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Bates passed from this life on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023. He was born Dec. 14, 1954, to Floyd Donald Bates and Emma Jane Drinkard Bates. He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Johns Bates. He is survived by his son, Nicholas (Lori) Bates; brother, Randy (Glenda) Bates, Gary Bates, Ricky (Peggy) Bates; sister, Sheila (Krandell) Holloway; grandchild, Wilder Bates; nieces and nephews; family and friends. Terry enjoyed hunting and owned his own business for many years. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

**Christopher Bales, 49**
Graveside services for Christopher Bales, 49, of Bremen, Alabama. will be 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at Johnson Grove Cemetery. Visitation for the public will be Sunday, Nov. 12 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Bales was born on Dec. 7, 1973, in Birmingham, Alabama. He passed away Nov. 9, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Bales was a skilled carpenter and outdoor enthusiast who found joy in the simple pleasures of life. Whether crafting intricate designs or outdoor adventures like hunting, fishing, and off-roading, he lived with passion and dedication. Above all, his greatest source of pride and love were his two sons, who shared in his enthusiasm for life. He also took pride in the boys' sports and activities. Mr. Bales leaves behind a legacy of craftsmanship and the cherished memories created with his beloved sons. May his memory live on in the hearts of those he loved. Mr. Bales is survived by his parents, Norman and Teresa Bales; children, Cody Bales, and Cole Bales; mother of his children, Stephanie Bales; aunts and uncles, Del and Cindy Bales, Margaret and Roger Woodard, Barbara and Danny Williams, Nancy and Larry Veahman, Gerald and Ann Alvis. Mr. Bales was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lloyd and Louise Bales and Toppy and Luella Alvis. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Bales family.

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## BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

# I don't own an eight-track player anymore

**Bill King**
Tribune
Contributor



Once upon a time, long, long ago, in a distant galaxy...a Ford Galaxy, that is, I listened to music on an eight-track tape player. Back then we mounted them under the dashboard. That makes me old enough to have worn bell bottoms, the first time they were in fashion, and to have had bangs hanging down in my eyes. Anyone under the age of 50 has probably never owned an eight-track player. We thought the eight-track was the greatest invention since Silly Putty or the Slinky.

Before the arrival of the eight-track, we listened to music on radios, record players, and cassette tape players. Now we have CDs and digital music. Each and every one of those music players had their drawbacks. Back when it was on radio, we had to listen to whatever the stations played. The only way to change songs was to change stations, but in small-town USA we didn't pick up many stations. Many of the ones I could tune in didn't play the kind of music I wanted to turn on. My dad called my music, "long-hair music." He wasn't referring to classical music but to The Beatles, Beach Boys, or The Rolling Stones! Then, a wonderful thing happened. Dad bought us a record player. I could choose the records and the recording artist I wanted to hear. Dad could listen to Jim Reeves, and I could listen to Creedence Clearwater, but not at the same time. It was a portable set with the turntable, speaker and everything in a handy fold-up case with a carrying handle. The problem with a record player was that the records could get scratched. When they did, the needle would hit the scratch and jump back, causing it to play the same section over and over. That may have been how the so called "Seven-Eleven Songs" were created!

Many of the first songs I learned to play on guitar came from listening to a particular song on a record over and over until I figured out the vocals and guitar chords. That's why we sang such things as "I'll never leave your pizza burning," instead of "I'll never be your beast of burden," or "There's a bathroom on the right," instead of "There's a bad moon on the rise." After I had played back the same measure of music dozens of times, Mom often hollered back to me in my room to tell me that my record was hung up again.

Another problem with a record player was that we couldn't listen to it in the car. Even if our car had an electrical outlet, the bumps in the road would have caused the needle to bounce around too much. But, when the eight-track player came along, we didn't have to worry about the needle bouncing around because it had no needle. These days, I often listen to digital music on my cell phone, but I have also started a new collection of old vinyl. They come with interesting jackets too!

Long before we had any of those devices, people had to make their own music. That is still my favorite. I thank God for the gift of music and for the ability some have to sing and play musical instruments. Maybe we could slow down enough to sit down on a back porch and "pick and grin" a little, or maybe gather around a piano and harmonize along. My taste in music has changed through the years, and I listen to many genres now, but especially Chistian music. Music, after all, is a gift from God!

**Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).**

## HISTORY

# Files from yesteryear: 1936, 1950

**From the files of 1936**

Joe C. Sapp spent Monday in Birmingham.

Coroner J. Grady Moss has a sprained ankle.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray, of Hanceville, were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trichel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

Doctor and Mrs. C.E. Herrin and Doctor and Mrs. Alurie Culpepper will spend this week in Baltimore, Maryland at the Southern Medical Convention.

The Women's Missionary Society of Good Hope Baptist Church met at the church for the November meeting. Mrs. Essie Henry was elected president, Mrs. B.H. Reid, vice-president, Mrs. Stella Weeks, secretary, Mrs. Bessie (John) Christian, personal service and Mrs. D.E. Ryan, P.T.A.

Permanent waves $1.95 and up (advertisement)

Dry season threatens water.

The good old days are more old than good, but memory tends to eliminate the low spots.

**From the files of 1950**

Mr. J.E. Gray, Senior, who was employed by the Tribune in 1888 stopped by for a visit last week. John A. Johnson was editor when Mr. Gray started work for the Tribune. He now resides in Birmingham.

Cullman cheerleaders this year are Carolyn Miller, Shirley Fay Hamilton, Nancy Moore, Dale Tidwell and Bill Handley.

Mr. Dennis Blalock of Route One Hanceville brought by the Tribune some lovely sweet potato blooms, resembling the morning glory, with a dark purple center. Mr. Blalock has three acres of the blooming potato vines and says these are the first blooms he has ever seen in many years of farming.

Pat Buttram, son of Reverend and Mrs. J.W. Buttram, of Baileyton, was seriously injured last week in California when a prop cannon exploded and hit him in the chest. Mr. Buttram is making six movie pictures a year with Gene Autry and also has a television program. Pat is a brother of Reverend Gus Buttram, pastor of the Fairview Methodist Church.

Clyde Jerome Speegle is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Speegle. He was born on September 18th.

Mrs. Opal Wheeler has received word that her husband, Sergeant Wheeler was seriously injured in Korea on September 15th.

R.L. Baker of Baileyton has some fine Yates apples. Ad.

A 1949 Oldsmobile driven by Roy Richter of Cullman and a truck driven by Oscar Cordes collided close to the post office on Sunday afternoon. There was about $100 in damage to the Richter car about $25 to the Cordes truck.

C.J. Burkart suffered a stroke of paralysis, on his right side, as he sat at the breakfast table on Monday morning. He has worked at Kinney Brothers store in West Cullman for 25 years.

# POET'S CORNER

## Our Veterans | By: Randy C. Hale

To this great debt we firmly owe,
to those who represent us strong
and bold.
Who defend us in grave offense,
and protect our peace until the end.

Lay down their lives that we might
rest, our hopes for tomorrow
so firmly blessed.
We love our Veterans both here and far
for all they do for us and God.

Who have stood the test and braved
the storms, battled on land, in air
and sea?
That those who would oppose us—
would let our freedom be.

Thank you, from our hearts, for what
you've done for us—
the heroic, courageous and
sacrificial men and women
of the Great United States of America.

Our Veterans!

We Salute You!



# CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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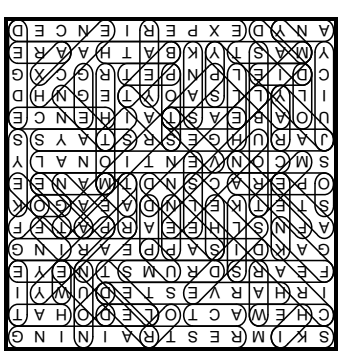
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STEPHANIE BLAIR

*Pictured (left to right) are bread winners Abigail Whitehead, Jana Woods, Abigail Tankersley and Makenna Howard.*



STEPHANIE BLAIR

*Pictured (left to right) are casserole winners Sierra Cranford, Zoe Marks, Lauryn Hoffman and Emma Hydrick.*



STEPHANIE BLAIR

*Pictured (left to right) are dessert winners Katelyn Evans, Chamaria Arrington, Miaonna Ward and Savannah Bischoff.*



STEPHANIE BLAIR

*Pictured (left to right) are pie winners Aleana Brantley, Natalie Taylor, Taylor Tolbert and Aidan Helms.*

# Students compete in 2023 FCCLA County Sweet Potato Cook-Off

**Stephanie Blair**
Contributor

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — On Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, various county school students met at the Alabama Farm Credit headquarters in Cullman for the FCCLA County Sweet Potato Cook-off. The event was sponsored by the Cullman Sweet Potato Growers Association, Cullman Farm-City, Pat Floyd, Doris Patterson and Alabama Farm Credit. Students competed in four categories: casseroles, bread, pies and desserts.

**Sweet potato casserole winners**

- First place: Sierra Cranford from West Point
- Second place: Zoe Marks from Good Hope
- Third place: Lauryn Hoffman from Holly Pond
- Fourth place: Emma Hydrick from the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA)

**Sweet potato bread winners**

- First place: Abigail Whitehead from Holly Pond
- Second place: Jana Woods from CATA
- Third place: Abigail Tankersley from Vinemont
- Fourth place: McKenna Howard from Vinemont

**Sweet potato dessert winners**

- Frist place: Katelyn Evans from Vinemont
- Second place: Chamaria Arrington from Hanceville
- Third place: Miaonna Ward from Hanceville
- Fourth place: Savannah Bischoff from Cold Springs

**Sweet potato pie winners**

- First place: Aleana Brantley from Good Hope
- Second place: Natalie Taylor from CATA
- Third place: Taylor Tolbert from West Point
- Fourth place: Aidan Helms from West Point

The sponsors and schools that participated were Stephanie Blair from Cold Springs High School, Amie Veal from CATA, Brittany Freeman from Fairview High School, Amanda Williams from Good Hope High School, Amy Chambers from Hanceville High School, Amelia Burke from Holly Pond High School, Renee Lee from West Point High School and Madison Bullard from Vinemont High School.

# Positivity (from Front)

**Cayla Grace Murphy**
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**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — While Thursday's Hanceville City Council meeting was short and sweet, Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail utilized a packed council chamber to make a brief statement of gratitude to those in attendance and in the community of Hanceville at large concerning the support he's been offered after charges of using his office for personal gain were filed against him this week.

"I just want to thank everybody for all the encouragement they've sent me and the prayers and cards they've sent my way," said Nail.

"I really appreciate it. I felt it. Nail reaffirmed his commitment to the city, continuing, "Y'all know I love Hanceville, and I really appreciate that positive feeling that I got."

The council approved a request from the Hanceville Civitan Club to shut down U.S. Highway 31 from College Drive to Fire Station Road on Saturday, Dec. 2, for the Cullman County Christmas parade. Lineup will begin at 9 a.m. with the parade rolling out at noon.

The council approved a bid from Xybix to provide new consoles for Hanceville's dispatch center; the consoles/desks are the same ones the Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office utilize.

The bid is $44,251.08. The Hanceville Police Department was awarded a grant from the 911 Board that will take care of $40,000 of the expense.

The Historical Preservation Commission asked the council to table appointing a new member until the next meeting; the council obliged.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, with work session beginning at 5 p.m. and meeting called to order at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.




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