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Sportsman Lake Winter Wonderland officially open for season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 21st annual Sportsman Lake Winter Wonderland is officially open for the holiday season (see days and hours below). The ribbon was cut on the outdoor Christmas light display on Friday, Nov. 17.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport said 247 cars came through the venue on opening night, which was the culmination of weeks of work for this team.

"It took us about six weeks of work to hang and display our 1.5 million lights we are featuring at the park," Davenport said.

Two new photo/selfie stations are featured this year, along with several nativity scenes and even a Sasquatch, according to Cullman County Parks and Recreation Marketing Director Sara Morgan.

The Winter Wonderland is open through » PAGE 8



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport, center, cuts the ribbon officially opening the 21st annual Sportsman Lake Winter Wonderland Friday, Nov. 17.

– VETERAN SPOTLIGHT –

Ken Brown



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ken Brown poses in front of a framed flag at VFW Post 2214.

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In celebration of Veterans Day, Tribune reporter Cayla Grace Murphy sat down with veterans at Cullman's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 for rapid-fire interviews. The Tribune will be publishing an interview every week in November.

COL. KEN BROWN (RETIRED)

United States Air Force, 1965-1991

Deployments: Vietnam, Tel-Aviv

CGM: What do you remember most about the day you enlisted?

KB: It was uneventful, I just knew when I got out of college I wanted to go in the Air Force and make it a career. So I enlisted; well, I didn't enlist, I got selected to go to officer candidate school. I came in the Air Force and went directly to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. I went through Officer Candidate School – my first assignment as a second lieutenant was strategic air command up in Michigan – and went from there.

CGM: Can you describe a funny moment from boot camp?

KB: It's an abbreviated boot camp. It's nowhere near as bad as the en- » PAGE 2

Karma's Express opens on Main Ave.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Karma's Barista Dae Spradlin hands an iced "Kurt Kobean" coffee out the window of Karma's Express on Main Avenue.

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CCBOE, Premier Bank team up to offer surprise attendance bonuses

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Gudger receives statewide leadership award



CONTRIBUTED

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R- Cullman, (center) was recently recognized as 2023 Alabama RC&D Senate Leader of the Year by the Alabama Association of Resource, Conservation and Development (AARCD) Councils.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 20

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 20, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Nov. 16
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1141
- criminal mischief; CR 469
- using false identity to avoid arrest; attempt to elude police officer; CR 1551
- burning during drought emergency; criminal mischief; CR 932

Nov. 17
- domestic violence; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 1191
- domestic violence; CR 790
- trespassing; Hwy. 67
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; Hwy. 157

Nov. 18
- domestic violence; theft of property; Lick Creek Rd.
- possession of marijuana; CR 437
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- criminal mischief; High School Rd.
- criminal mischief; CR 1251
- theft of property; CR 1714
- possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 W
- criminal mischief; CR 747

Nov. 19
- domestic violence; CR 565
- obstructing governmental operations; CR 490
- domestic violence; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 1043
- theft of property; CR 370
- burglary; CR 1154
- stalking; trespassing; Lick Creek Rd.
- trespassing; harassment; CR 569
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1343
- domestic violence; CR 601
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 223

ARRESTS

Nov. 16 – 19

Beverly, Chandler F.; 22
- FTA- reckless driving

Bevington, Brian A.; 56
- FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies
- FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Chandler, Rodney N.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cornelison, Ivey D.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Elliott, Mathew R.; 41
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Garrett, James E.; 26
- Grand Jury- assault-torture/willful abuse of child-family

Gilbreath, Eric D.; 43
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)

Grant, Steven L.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harvell, John R.; 31
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Hogan, Randall D.; 67
- assault-simple assault

Keller, Dylan V.; 48
- stolen vehicles-auto theft
- forgery-other objects
- assault-harassment

Knight Sr., Brandon; 41
- Probation Violation-assault-child abuse-simple-family (2 counts)

Marsh, Thomas M.; 45
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

McDuffie, Michael D.; 32
- Probation Revocation-larceny/theft-pickpocket $500 less than $1,500

Nieves-Vega, Carlos A.; 39
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Ray, Kerry D.; 56
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Rouse, Zachari H.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- switched tag

Rowe, Randall E.; 61
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Smith, Timothy M.; 37
- public intoxication
- duty to inform law enforcement officer upon request when in possession
- obstruction governmental operations

Steele Jr., Timothy G.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wilhite, Blake D.; 31
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Yarbrough II, William; 33
- Probation Violation- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- attempting to elude police officer
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Yates, Allee Shae V.; 20
- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 17
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $144
- theft of lost property-4th degree; person; 1st St. SW; cash

Nov. 18
- theft of property-1st degree; person; Laurel Ln. SW; 2001 Ford Taurus; $2,500
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $96
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; CR 715 and 3rd Ave. SE

Nov. 19
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; tools; $328

ARRESTS

Nov. 17 – 19

Parker, Sammy D.; 19
- DUI-under 21

Hulsey, Christopher C.; 23
- Grand Jury- DUI
- Grand Jury- assault-1st degree
- Grand Jury- leaving scene of accident
- Grand Jury- driving while license suspended
- Grand Jury- run red light
- Grand Jury- fail to register vehicle

Moss, Jeremy H.; 34
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- expired tag

Thoma, Edward E.; 57
- FTA- resisting arrest (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)

Sellers, Robert J.; 47
- public intoxication
- disorderly conduct

Hill, Christopher S.; 47
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Beverly, Chandler F.; 22
- FTA- speeding

Brock, Thomas G.; 37
- FTA- expired tag

Wallace, Clint R.; 42
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle

Wilhite, Blake D.; 31
- FTA- driving without license
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- switched tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Vinemont seeking sponsors for inaugural Tinsel Trail

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The countdown to Christmas is on, and the Town of South Vinemont has announced plans for a brand new holiday event. Vinemont's inaugural Tinsel Trail will be set up at the Art Park, located behind the Vinemont Community Center. The Town is searching for sponsors for the holiday display.

A Tinsel Trail is traditionally a collection of decorated Christmas trees in one venue, on display and available for the public to enjoy.

Sponsors can bring joy, light and beauty to the community, all by doing something as simple as decorating a Christmas tree.

"We are so excited about adding a Tinsel Trail this year, it's going to be so fun. It will be on our walking trail at our Art Park, next to the new benches we have," said Vinemont Town Clerk Kayecea Sasser.

Art Park has undergone a massive makeover in recent years.

Renovations included new playground equipment, metal animal cut-out statues made by local business Vinemont Welding and Fabrication, a volleyball court and an upgraded walking path, as well as benches alongside the path marked as memorials of lost loved ones.

Sasser said she hopes locals who have a loved one's name on a memorial bench may consider sponsoring a spot on the Tinsel Trail.

"We're hoping those that have a bench already may want to put up and decorate a tree next to it, to honor that person," she said.

"If you don't have a loved one with a bench, this is a great way to promote your business."

Sponsorships are $100 if the Town provides the tree, or $25 if the sponsor provides his or her own tree.

Sponsors are responsible for providing their own 10-foot outdoor extension cord.

Lights and lighted accessories must be LED and be able to withstand prolonged outdoor weather.

Setup will take place Dec. 1-6; trees will be taken down Jan. 2-8.

Vinemont's Tinsel Trail will be on display beginning Dec. 9.

Interested sponsors should call Vinemont Town Hall at 258-737-5411, or find the registration information online at www.townofsouthvinemont.com/post/tinsel-trail.

Karma's Express (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Karma's Coffee House has officially thrown its hat in the ring of food trucks serving the Cullman area with its newest venture, Karma's Express. For those who are craving a more creative flavor combo than typical fast food iced coffees, but don't have the time to hit the charming brick and mortar location in the Warehouse District, it's a match made in heaven.

The endeavor was nearly a year in the making, said Magan Bartlett, events manager at Karma's Coffee House.

She explained how the setup of the secondary location benefits current Karma's customers and will hopefully bring more in by being more accessible for those on the go – or those trying to avoid waiting on a train next to the coffee house's original location.

"Karma's Express is our second location, and it's a trailer setup designed for it to be drive-through," she said.

"The best way is to enter off of Main Avenue, drive up, order, and we'll make the drink as you wait."

For those in even more of a rush, Bartlett hinted at online ordering coming soon to Karma's Express, with the option to join the drive-through line to pick up, or simply park and walk to the window that handles foot traffic.

Bartlett said while the menu is limited due to space in the trailer, patrons can expect all those delicious drinks Karma's is known for – along with some new ones exclusive to the trailer.

"We pulled all of our best-sellers, so we've got all your favorites and barista-crafted!

"We've added a few exclusive items for the trailer, like Sugar and Spice (a drink with spiced brown sugar) and Ripped Van Winkle (cold brew mixed with vanilla protein)," she said.

Sausage balls, protein bites and typical coffee-pairing fare like muffins and cookies are on the menu, too.

"We also have our fan-favorites of our food items, the grab-and-go type of things along with our express Amazebowl!" exclaimed Bartlett.

Bartlett said while the move has been fun so far for the baristas and management, the food truck and trailer biz has not been without challenges.

Yet, the folks who make Karma's, Karma's are keeping on, and have persevered to keep delivering a creative and unique coffee experience.

"They've been great team players.

"Of course, this is a huge learning curve, so props to anyone in the food truck industry," she laughed. "We're learning something new every day!"

Karma's Express is located at 1635 Main Ave. SW, behind City Park Mini Golf. It is open Monday through Friday, 6 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Brown (from Front)

listed guys! It was 90 days. Why are we focusing on boot camp? Oh, I don't remember anything really funny about it (laughs); it was a lot of pushups and running and getting in shape, a lot of people screaming and yelling in your face. I think the (most fun) time was drinking at the Officer's Club, which we were now allowed to go to, after we graduated! Then we were scattered to the four winds and off on our own experiences.

CGM: What are some things you remember most about your deployments?
KB: Well, the first deployment was to Vietnam for a year. That was probably the worst year to be in Vietnam, when Tet happened – the Communist Tet Offensive. I flew in support of the Marines up in Khe Sanh. You probably won't know any of this, but Khe Sanh was a Marine Corps base that was in the northern part of Vietnam that was completely surrounded by the enemy.

We had to fly in and drop them supplies and provide air support to keep the bad guys from overrunning them. Then we had the Tet Offensive where they attacked our base, but the base that I was at, Da Nang, was rocketed just about every night.

We lost a lot of good people in those attacks. It was kind of a grim year. I was only in the military for two years when I went to Vietnam, never had been overseas before.

The second deployment I did was when I was captain, down to Tel Aviv, Israel, during the 1973 mid-east war (1973 Arab-Israeli War).

I was an intelligence officer and my job was to brief the aircrews about what the threat was going down and coming back from Israel. I was down there for a couple of weeks with the Israelis on the ground, in Tel Aviv, 50 years ago, right now, today. (Author's note: this interview was recorded Oct. 17, 2023). History is repeating itself.

CGM: Do you have any advice for people transitioning back to civilian life?
KB: I'm very honored to be here as a member of the VFW, and be in the company of the guys who are the real heroes, which I don't consider myself to be.

It's one thing to be on a base, getting three square meals a day and sleeping in a bed, as opposed to being out in the field, seeing your buddies getting killed next to you, getting shot at up close like a lot of these guys were. It was a different type of experience for me than it was for a lot of these guys.

If you don't belong to the VFW, or the DAV or the American Legion, you really should. We have to keep our numbers up to lobby Congress for continued benefits for all these kids who are coming back from combat zones with PTSD or other conditions that need to be taken care of. I mean, it's $30 a year. Get involved. Get off the couch, come in, you know? Be a part of it. It's a band of brothers and sisters.

We don't just sit around and talk about war stories, but we make an effort here in our community to take care of our fellow veterans.

One of our mottos here is "Continue to serve." You can continue to serve your country, your community and your fellow veterans by being a member of a veterans association.

CGM: Do you have anyone you want to recognize or remember from your time in service?
KB: Most of them were my mentors who were older than me, and they're all gone now. I mean, I'm 81. Most of these guys were WWII vets that were ranking officers and enlisted people when I was in that helped me in my career. They've all passed away at this point.

CGM: Anything else you'd like to add for our readers?
KB: I'm very proud to have served my country. I think everybody that I know that's a veteran here in the county, whether they're a member of an organization or not, is also proud.

A lot of them don't want to talk about it. I find the older they get, the more they want to talk about it. I belong to a hospice program here in Cullman and my job is to go out and visit veterans who are coming down to the end of the line, and thank them for their service, interview them, talk to them about what they did in the military.

I have a lot of wives and family members follow me out to my truck after it's over and say, "I've been married to him 60 years and I've never heard any of that." I give them a final salute, and a lot of them say, "I haven't saluted anybody for 70 years!"

I want to say, I went to Vietnam for a year and I came home. A lot of guys in WWII, they left, and didn't come home until the war was over. A lot of the younger people now that were in Iraq or Afghanistan went for two or three tours – seven months to a year, times two or three. What I saw in a year was bad enough, what they've had to go through two or three times is really bad.

That's why we have such a problem with post-traumatic stress. That's why it's so important to get these people help.

So, the band of brothers and sisters here and the veterans organizations can do that, help them get the benefits they maybe aren't getting that they should be getting, help them get a PTSD shot that costs $800 but we can get it for free. They need to take advantage of coming in and letting us help them because that's what we're here for.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

Baileyton Bargain Days
First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Women's Ministry cooks for victim services. No bible classes; enjoy time with your families!
• Thursday, Nov. 23 - Happy Thanksgiving!
• Friday, Nov. 24- Celebrate Recovery canceled this week.
• Saturday, Nov. 25 - Youth Iron Bowl Party
• Sunday, Nov. 26 - 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. 26 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points area. Call Guy Sunter at 727-215-9092 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

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.

Winter Wonderland at Sportsman Lake Park
• Check out a variety of still and moving light displays, then hit the concessions stand for a warm cup of hot cocoa or a photo op with Santa Claus!
• The attraction is open 5-9 p.m. Nov. 24-Dec. 29 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays until Dec. 13). It will transition to a drive-through only experience Dec. 26-29.
• Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Attractions include the Christmas train ($5 per person), horse and carriage rides (select nights at $5 per person), snow machine, photo booth, hot chocolate and additional Christmas entertainment.

Christmas at the Grotto
The spirit of Christmas has returned to the Ave Maria Grotto. Visit and enjoy Brother Joseph's creations, completely decked in lights. The attraction will be open every Friday and Saturday, some Sundays, and Dec. 26-27 beginning Friday, Nov. 24. Friday, Dec. 15, and Saturday, Dec. 16, will be even more magical as food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides and even Santa Claus! It's an experience you won't want to miss!

Dates
• Nov. 24-25, 30 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 1-2 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 8-10 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 14 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 15-16 – 5-9 p.m. (food trucks, kids' rides, wagon rides, Santa Claus)
• Dec. 21-23 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)
• Dec. 26-27 – 5-9 p.m. (kids' rides)

Admission
• Adults - $10
• Seniors - $8
• Military/veterans/first responders - $7
• Teens (13-17) - $8
• Children (5-12) - $7
• Children younger than 4 - free
• Wagon rides on Dec 15,16 - $5
• Kids' rides every night of event - $3

Fairview Lions Club Turkey Shoot
Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Day, at 7 a.m. at the Clinton Barbee Park (old pool field) on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Shots are $5 a shot, turkeys, hams and bacon. We will also be drawing for a camo Charles Dale 12-gague pump shotgun and case to be given away that day. Tickets available at the shoot. Tickets are six for $5 or $1 each. Bring your favorite gun; shells will be provided. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Weihnachtspyramide/ Christmas Pyramid Lighting
Friday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. near Depot Park. The Weihnachtspyramide will be on the grounds of the Cullman County Museum.

Christkindlmarkt
• Immerse yourself in a German winter wonderland at Cullman's Christkindlmarkt at Depot Park. Every Thursday to Sunday, from Nov. 24 to Dec. 23, indulge in rich flavors of traditional German Christkindlmarkt Cuisine. Experience ice skating, carousel rides and cherished moments with Santa. Our market's heart lies in its authenticity, from carefully handpicked vendors to the preserved centuries-old tradition that best exemplifies true German craftsmanship. Treasure offerings from revered German manufacturers like Christian Ulbricht, Dregeno Seiffen, Engstler, Graupner, Knox, Richard Glässer, Ino Schaller, and Richard Sellmer—where each item is a testament to legacy and meticulous artistry.
• Hours are Thursdays 4-9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays 1-8 p.m.
• www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com

Christmas in Cullman Parade & Tree Lighting
Gather round the Warehouse District Friday, Dec. 1, as Cullman residents don their holliest jolliest best, boasting decked-out cars and trucks, each hoping to be better than the last and hoping to bring home bragging rights of first-place float. The parade begins at 5 p.m. and will travel north on First Avenue through the Warehouse District to Depot Park, where "The South's Largest Christmas Tree Lighting" will begin just after the parade, with Taylor Hicks and James Spann. Enjoy the Christkindlmarkt, ice skating rink, Christmas carousel and Kinderplatz Santa's Village!

34th Annual Cullman County Christmas Parade
Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon. The parade will travel from Wallace State down U.S. Highway 31 to Hanceville Fire Station No. 1. www.facebook.com/hancevillecivitan

Town of South Vinemont 2nd Annual Christmas in the Park
Saturday, Dec. 9, from 4-6 p.m. at the Vinemont walking trail/Art Park, 88 Ridgeway St. Santa Claus, cookies and hot chocolate.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Raiders, Lady Raiders take home openers over New Hope

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The Raiders and Lady Raiders of Good Hope hosted their first home games of the season against New Hope Friday night and both squads opened up their home gym with wins. The Lady Raiders raced past New Hope 79-50 to improve to 2-0 and the Raiders edged the Indians in an 83-80 shootout to remain unbeaten as well.

Good Hope 79 – New Hope 50 (Varsity Girls)

A steal and score by Bailey Tetro gave the Lady Raiders their first points of the game and Ava McSwain knocked down three shots from three-point range to keep Good Hope in front 11-5 later in the first. Ivey Maddox drilled three more triples to extend the lead and the Lady Raiders went into the second quarter leading 24-15.

A three-pointer from Heather Tetro and a pair of Maddox buckets made it a 31-15 game early in the second. Maddox's fourth three-pointer of the game gave Good Hope a 37-18 lead with two minutes to play in the half and Lexi Marshall scored on a fast break in the final minute of the period to put the Lady Raiders ahead 39-22 at halftime.

After an early basket from Charly Johnson, Bailey Tetro scored nine straight points for Good Hope to make it a 50-24 game. Emma Thompson buried a three to stretch the lead to 56-30 later in the third and Jolee McHan scored the next four points for the Lady Raiders to help build a 61-38 lead going into the final frame.

Another three-pointer from Heather Tetro made it a 64-40 game early in the fourth and after baskets from Maddox and McSwain added to the lead, Good Hope was able to cruise past New Hope the rest of the way and collect a 79-50 win.

Maddox led the Lady Raiders with 29 points in the win, followed by McSwain with 14 and Bailey Tetro with 13.

Good Hope 83 – New Hope 80

The Raiders knocked down 15 three-pointers in their win over New Hope Friday night and they needed every one of them to outpace the Indians. Tyler Cone and K'mal Bell each drained threes to cut New Hope's lead to 7-6 early in the first and Good Hope continued knocking down threes to keep the game tied at 14. Three-pointers from Cone and Bell each hit another three later in the first to keep the score knotted at 20 and following another triple from Cone in final minute of the period, Jacob Haynes scored with 30 seconds on the clock to give the Raiders a 27-25 lead going into the second.

Tucker Malin hit a jumper and Weston Hancock scored inside to make it a 32-31 game early in the second and after a scoring run from the Indians later in the period, Dakota Overton and Cone each hit three-pointers to end the first half and cut the lead to 46-41 going into the break.

Good Hope kept firing in the second half, starting with back to back three-pointers from Overton that trimmed the lead to 50-47. Baskets by Malin and Cone gave the Raiders a 53-50 lead midway through the third and Cone drained another three on the next possession to make it 56-50. A three-pointer by Bell stretched Good Hope's lead to seven later in the period and the Raiders went into the fourth quarter leading 67-62.

A Malin basket kept Good Hope in front 69-66 at the start of the fourth but the Indians were able to rally and tie things up at 74. Buckets by Malin and Bell kept the Raiders in front 79-76 with two minutes to play and in the final 32 seconds of the game, Bell knocked down three of his four free throws to secure an 83-80 win for Good Hope.

Bell led the Raiders with 25 points in the win. Cone added 20 and Overton finished with 17.



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Ivey Maddox led Good Hope with 29 points in its 79-50 win over New Hope Friday night.



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K'mal Bell led the Raiders with 25 points in their 83-80 win over New Hope Friday night.

No. 8 Alabama defeats Chattanooga, 66-10, on Senior Day

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The No. 8/8/8 Alabama football team downed Chattanooga, 66-10, on Senior Day Saturday afternoon inside Bryant-Denny Stadium. With the win, the Crimson Tide (10-1) earned its 10th victory of the 2023 season, stretching its NCAA record of consecutive 10-win campaigns to 16 straight.

Alabama piled up 574 yards of offense which included a season-best 315 yards on the ground - the most rushing yards for the Tide in a game since posting 317 at Arkansas in 2022. Four different Crimson Tide players gained 50 or more yards enroute to the win, led by Jam Miller's 77 yards on six totes.

In all, Miller, Ty Simpson (1-78 yards), Jase McClellan (6-62, TD) and Roydell Williams (7-52, TD) combined to account for 20 carries, 269 yards and 2 touchdowns, while averaging 13.5 yards per tote.

Quarterback Jalen Milroe had another productive outing, finishing with 197 yards through the air on 13-of-16 throwing and three touchdowns before being pulled early in the third quarter.

Jermaine Burton was the main beneficiary of Milroe's success, as he finished with 105 yards and a touchdown on three receptions.

Defensively, Caleb Downs stole the show with an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown to go along with his seven tackles and on pass breakup on the day. Jihaad Campbell led the Tide with 10 stops, including six solo stops and a pass breakup.

Senior Day

- Today's matchup against Chattanooga marked Alabama's Senior Day
- The Tide senior class improves to 48-5 record over the past four years, includes a pair of Southeastern Conference Championships and the 2020 College Football Playoff National Championship
- The seniors recognized were (alphabetical order): Jonathan Bennett (RB), Chris Braswell (LB), Jermaine Burton (WR), Zarian Courtney (WR), Justin Eboigbe (DL), Robert Ellis (TE), Kyle Flood Jr. (LB), Jaylen Key (DB), Trezmen Marshall (LB), Jase McClellan (RB), Caleb McDougle (DB), Seth McLaughlin (OL), Malachi Moore (DB), Will Reichard (PK), Quandarrius Robinson (LB), Charlie Skehan (TE), Jordan Smith (LB), Tim Smith (DL), Adam Thorsland (TE), Bennett Whisenhunt (LB), Roydell Williams (RB) and Sam Willoughby (WR).

Notes

- Alabama's 66 points scored on the day were the most it has had in a game dating back to a 66-3 win over Western Carolina in 2019
- With today's victory, the Crimson Tide earned its 10th win on the year which extends its NCAA record for 10-win seasons to 16 straight
- Head coach Nick Saban finished the year 6-1 at home and improved to 108-9 (.923) at Bryant-Denny Stadium during his time at Alabama. That number includes a 104-6 (.945) mark since the start of the 2008 season.
- By converting the last three pass attempts in last week's game at Kentucky and his first 10 passes this afternoon vs. Chattanooga, Alabama quarterback Jalen Milroe completed 13 consecutive passes. That ties him for fifth on the school's all-time list and were the most consecutive completions since Bryce Young had 13 straight vs. New Mexico State in 2021
- Alabama recorded its 93rd non-offensive touchdown of the Saban era when Caleb Downs returned a third-quarter punt 85 yards to paydirt, while marking the sixth punt return for a score in the last seven years
- Will Reichard converted a 50-yard field goal in the second quarter, setting a school record in the process by converting his eighth field goal of 50 or more yards on the season
- The Crimson Tide scored 38 points in the first half which is the most points scored in any half on the year
- Alabama has now won 53 of its last 54 contests when scoring a touchdown on its first offensive possession of the game

HOW IT HAPPENED

First quarter

- 13:04 - UA | The Crimson Tide struck first when Jalen Milroe connected with Jermaine Burton for receiving touchdown capping a four-play, 67-yard drive in 1:47
- 09:27 - UA | Jase McClellan crossed the goal line for a two-yard rushing touchdown ending a five-play, 70-yard drive in 2:37
- 01:30 - UA | Roydell Williams found the endzone for an 11-yard score to close out an 11-play, 90-yard that took 5:59 off the clock

Second quarter

- 10:42 - UA | Milroe connected with Robbie Ouzts for a seven-yard receiving touchdown ending a three-play, 55-yard drive in 1:15
- 07:07 - UA | Will Reichard converted a 50-yard field goal to finish off a four-play, six-yard drive in 1:27
- 03:39 - UTC | Gino Appleberry gave the Mocs their first score of the day when he crossed the endzone after a 40-yard rush to cap a six-play, 75-yard drive in 3:28
- 01:01 - UA | Milroe found Malik Benson for a 20-yard receiving touchdown finishing off a five-play, 60-yard drive in 2:19

Third quarter

- 10:46 - UTC | The Mocs opened the second half with a 23-yard field goal from Clayton Crile ending a nine-play, 69-yard drive in 4:14
- 08:39 - UA | Justice Haynes crossed the goal line from one-yard out to finish off a six-play, 55-yard drive in 2:00
- 04:59 - UA | Caleb Downs electrified the crowd with an 85-yard punt return

Fourth quarter

- 13:04 - UA | Richard Young scored a touchdown when he plunged in from one-yard out to end a four-play, 80-yard drive in 1:12
- 03:17 - UA | Haynes finished off the scoring when he took it in from 33 yards out to paydirt to finish off a six-play, 54-yard drive take lasted 2:58

Up next

- Alabama will take on the Auburn Tigers next Saturday afternoon in Auburn, Ala.
- The contest will kickoff at 2:30 p.m. and be televised on CBS



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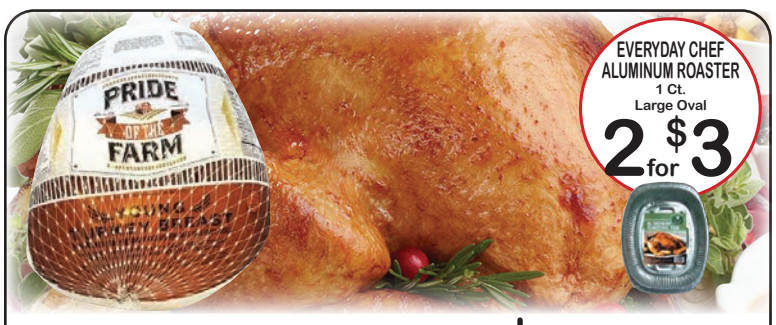
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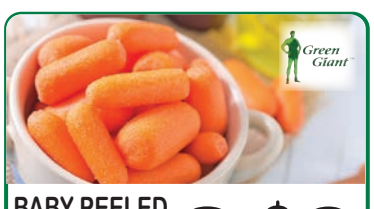


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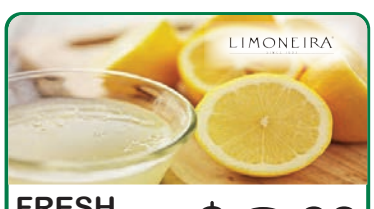


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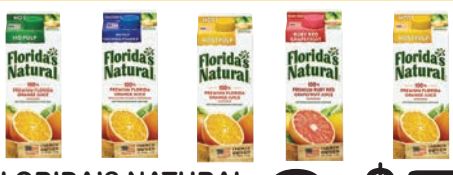
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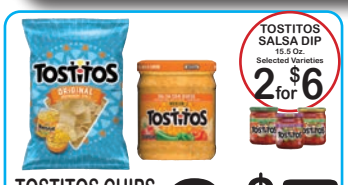


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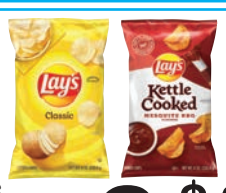


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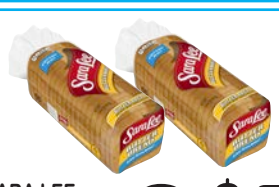
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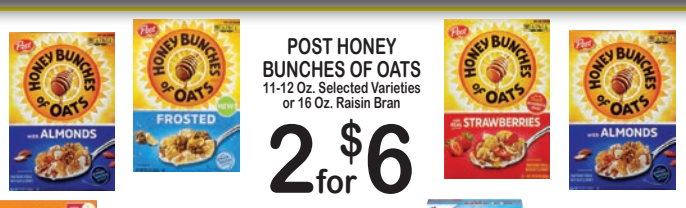
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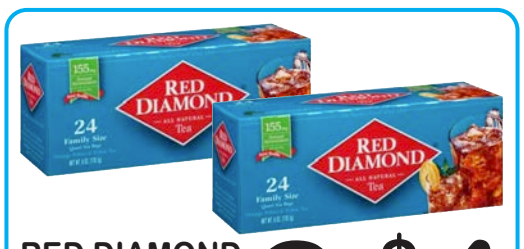
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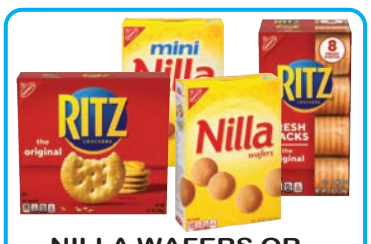
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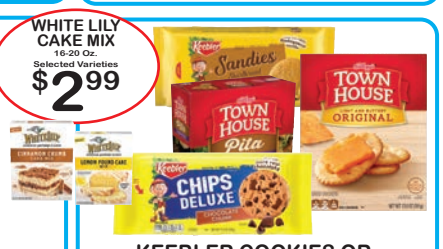


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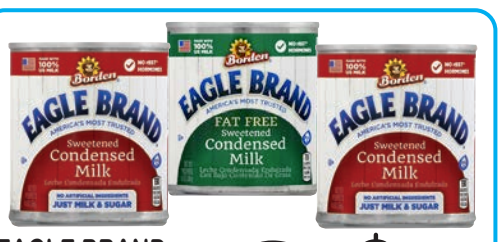
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15 Oz. Selected Varieties
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IDAHOAN CASSEROLE OR MASHED POTATOES
4 Oz. Selected Varieties or 1.5 Oz. Microwaveable Cups
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2 Ct. Turkey Size
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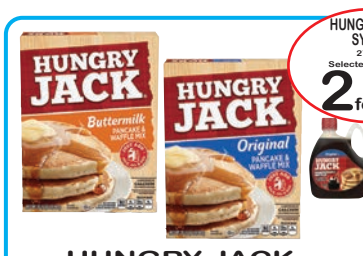


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2 for $5

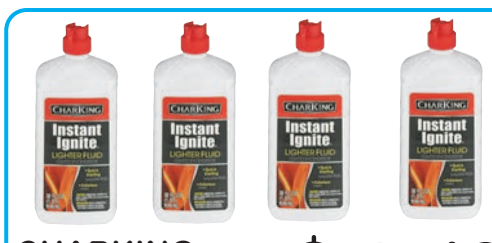
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6 Oz. Original
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32 Oz.
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18-48 Ct. Selected Varieties
2 for $7



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200 Sq. Ft.
2 for $6



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12-Inch, 50 Sq. Ft. Heavy Duty
$3.99



CHARKING CHARCOAL
15.4 Lb. Bag Original or Hickory
$7.99



CAT CAFÉ CAT FOOD
11 Lb. Bag Seafood Essentials
$7.99



CASCADE PLATINUM
or Actionpacs 11-25 Ct. Selected Varieties
$5.49

CHARMIN OR BOUNTY ESSENTIALS
18 Mega Rolls Bath Tissue or 12 Double Rolls Paper Towels
$14.99

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3 Box Family Size Selected Varieties
$5.99

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21.6 Oz. Original or Honey Berry Hula Scent
2 for $4

TIDE SIMPLY CLEAN & FRESH DETERGENT
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15 Lb. Bag Savory Blend
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11-19 Oz.
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6 Oz.
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8 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $3



JELL-O GELATIN OR PUDDING MIX
1-4 Oz.
Selected Varieties
4 for $5



HEINZ HOME STYLE GRAVY
12 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



BAKER'S CHOCOLATE
4 Oz.
Selected Varieties
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JET-PUFFED MARSHMALLOWS
10-12 Oz. Pkg. Regular or
Mini or 7 Oz. Marshmallow Creme
2 for $3



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9-14 Oz. Selected Varieties
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22 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$5.99 Ea.



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10 Oz. Original
or Low Sodium
$3.99 Ea.



KRAFT SALAD DRESSING
15-16 Oz.
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14 Oz. Bag
Sweetened
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11 Oz.
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VELVEETA CHEESE
2 Lb. Loaf
Selected Varieties
$7.49 Ea.



KARO SYRUP
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$2.99 Ea.



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10 Oz.
$2.29 Ea.



GREEN GIANT STEAM CRISP CORN
11 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4





LUCKY LEAF PIE FILLING
20-21 Oz.
Selected Varieties
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BETTY CROCKER SPECIALTY POTATOES
4-5.1 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



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16 Oz. Creole Butter
or Creole Garlic
$4.99 Ea.



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14 Oz. Chicken
or Beef
4 for $5



PAM COOKING OR BAKING SPRAY
5-6 Oz.
2 for $7



FAYGO SOFT DRINKS
12 Pk. 12 Oz. Cans
Selected Varieties
3 for $12



KEEBLER READY CRUST
4-9 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $5



REYNOLDS WRAP ALUMINUM FOIL
75 Sq. Ft. Regular or 50 Sq. Ft.
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1 Lb. Quarters
Original or Light
2 for $3



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Selected Varieties
4 for $5



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6.5 Oz. Original
or Extra Creamy
2 for $5





LOG HOUSE ALMOND BARK
20 Oz. Chocolate
or Vanilla
2 for $7



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8-10 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 Ea.



PET EVAPORATED MILK
12 Oz. Regular
3 for $5



PILLSBURY PIE CRUSTS
2 Ct., 14 Oz.
2 for $7



FOOD CLUB BUTTER
1 Lb. Quarters
Salted or Unsalted
2 for $9



LIPTON DRY SOUP MIX
2 Pk.
Selected Varieties
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3 Lb. Original or Butter Flavor
or 16 Oz. Extra Virgin
$8.99 Ea



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12 Ct.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7



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24 Oz.
MARY B'S
$2.99 Ea.







DEAN'S DIPS
12-16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $4



PILLSBURY COOKIE DOUGH
16 Oz.
Selected Varieties
2 for $7





KARO SYRUP
32 Oz.
Selected Varieties
$4.99 Ea.



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2 Lb. Extra Long Grain or
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SIMPLY DONE FOAM TRAYS
25 Ct.
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.87 Oz. Pouch
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McCORMICK GROUND CINNAMON
2.37 Oz. or 1.5 Oz. Cream Tartar, 1 Oz. Poultry Seasoning or 1 Oz. Red, Yellow or Green Food Color
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West Elementary's 'Winter Wonderland' Book Fair to greet students Nov. 27

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — West Elementary School students are in for a treat when Thanksgiving break ends and classes resume on Nov. 27. West Elementary Library Media Specialist Tere Kelly and Library Instructional Assistant Caroline Burress have been hard at work transforming their domain to transport students to a "Winter Wonderland."

"We have decided to host this year's book fair with a 'Winter Wonderland theme.' The tables will be decorated and snowflakes will hang from the air. We are hoping to create an environment that transports our readers into this magic land," said Kelly.

Book fairs have enticed many children and young adults into a love of reading, increasing literacy and as a bonus, raising funds for libraries.

Schools are able to use proceeds from book fairs to add new materials to their shelves, further enriching the lives and minds of developing readers.

Kelly said when looking for a book fair vendor, texts and materials that fall inside a student's price range is a deciding factor.

"The past few years we have chosen Crane Book Fairs as our book fair vendor," she said. "They carry numerous texts at a price point that is perfect for our students."

Whether it's a graphic novel about a superhero feline, a bookmark that smells like bananas or a "Guinness Book of World Records," every student is sure to find something that will open the door to another world and a love of learning.

"The West Book Fair is a magical land where books come to life, and kids get to pick out their very own treasures. The excitement is contagious – you can practically feel the buzz of anticipation in the air," Kelly smiled.

"The colorful displays, the smell of new books and the prospect of diving into new adventures – it's a kid's dream! They peruse through the book fair, pointing at books with wide-eyed enthusiasm, and the joy on their faces when they finally get to take their chosen purchases home is priceless. It's a bookworm's dream come true!"

West Elementary School's Winter Wonderland Book Fair begins on Nov. 27 and runs during school hours until Dec. 1.



TERE KELLY

West Elementary Library Media Specialist Tere Kelly and Instructional Assistant Caroline Burress prepare the library for the school's 2023 book fair, themed this year as "Winter Wonderland."

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Gudger (from Front)

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GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, was recently recognized as 2023 Alabama RC&D Senate Leader of the Year by the Alabama Association of Resource, Conservation and Development (AARCD) Councils during the Alabama Mountains Rivers and Valley (AMRV) RC&D Annual meeting, which was recently held at Guntersville State Park.

The award is given each year for showing leadership and dedication to the advancement of conservation and natural resources while promoting economic and community development growth in Alabama.

Gudger serves as Chairman of the Economic Development and Fiscal Responsibility Committee and sits on the Finance and Taxation and Education Committee, which is responsible for appropriating funding for educational services and programs in the state of Alabama. He plays an important role in prioritizing spending.

In 2023, RC&D contributed to more than 700 projects, serving approximately 1.3 million residents.

Gudger accepted the award on behalf of his Alabama Senate colleagues and recognized AARCD for its outreach efforts across the state of Alabama and the tremendous impact it has on improving overall quality of life.

"I'm honored to be able to receive this award on behalf of my colleagues because we all need to share in this success," said Gudger.

"We cannot do this without teamwork and I'm thankful to be on your team."

AARCD Executive Director Katie Conner thanked Gudger for his friendship and continued investment into the RC&D program which has made Alabama a national leader.

"Alabama RC&D is extremely blessed and have been put into a position where we are leading RC&D nationally," said Conner. "Other states recognize that the relationship between RC&D and the Alabama Legislature is special."

The RC&D program was established by the Agriculture Act of 1962 to provide a program that empowers rural people to help themselves.

RC&D areas include adjacent counties that have substantial natural resources to use for economic improvement and community betterment.

There are nine RC&D councils throughout the state. RC&D Councils in Alabama are nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations within the state that are designated 501(c) (3) entities by the Internal Revenue Service.

RC&D Councils are made up of residents in an RC&D area who want a better life for themselves, their children and future generations. RC&D Council representatives and alternates are volunteers who assist RC&D.

For more information, visit www.alabamarcd.org.

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On Monday December 4, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request – US Highway 278 West – Ag-2 to Ag-1
2. Short form subdivision – US Highway 278 West – 2 lots
3. Short form subdivision - 602 10th Avenue SE – Combine two lots into one lot
4. Short form subdivision – 109 2nd Avenue NW – 2 lots

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
H.W.)
A Minor Child, 06/05/2019)

CASE NO. JU 2022-401.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of H.W., born on or about 06/05/2019 to Caitlin Milligan, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of December, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 31st day of October, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 1st day of November, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

DOCUMENT 4

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
O.L.B.,) **CASE NO. JU-2023-619.01**
a minor, DOB: 04/18/2017)

NOTICE OF PETITION

JAYME LYNN BRITTON (HASTING), whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by December 5th, 2023 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. JU-2023-619.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25 day of October, 2023.

Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
Shelbie G. Hankey
101 Main Ave SW
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TO PUBLISHER: BEGINNING ON 10/31/23, **2023**, PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE THE MATTER OF:)
K.J.B.,) **CASE NO. JU-2023-618.01**
a minor, DOB: 08/13/2015)

NOTICE OF PETITION

JAYME LYNN BRITTON (HASTING), whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights by December 5th, 2023 or thereafter a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case No. JU-2023618.01 in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 25 day of October, 2023.

Clerk of Court

Petitioner's Attorney:
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
I.W.)
A Minor Child, 05/07/2021)

CASE NO. JU 2022-400.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of I.W., born on or about 05/07/2021 to Caitlin Milligan, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of December, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 31st day of October, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 1st day of November, 2023.
Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2023-000619.01
BRITTON OAKLEY LYNN)

ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother, J.L.B.H., of the child born on or about 4/18/2017, respond to the Petition of Attorney Shelbie Hankey for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 5th day of December, 2023 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in *The Cullman Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman, County, Alabama.

DONE this 13th day of October, 2023.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

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CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
) Case No.: JU-2023-000618.01
BRITTON KAYSON JAMES)

ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother, J.L.B.H., of the child born on or about 8/13/2015, respond to the Petition of Attorney Shelbie Hankey for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 5 day of December, 2023 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further ORDERED that this Order and notice be published once a week for four successive weeks in *The Cullman Tribune*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman, County, Alabama.

DONE this 13th day of October, 2023.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 18-20

Janice Annette Hinkle, 72
Memorial service for Janice Annette Hinkle, age 72, of Cullman, are incomplete at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Janice passed from this life on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023. She was born Oct. 13, 1951, to William Clark Griffith and Gladys Black Griffith. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Arnold Wayne Hinkle; niece, Bridget Monts. She is survived by her daughter, Kristy (Adam) Sparks; son, Bryan (Crystal) Staton; brothers, Jackie (Rhonda) Griffith, Timothy (Pauline) Griffith; sister, Teresa (Toby) Monts; Five grandchildren, Jamie Myers, Savannah Myers, Cameron Staton, Peyton Staton, Dalton Staton; a host of nieces and nephews; family and friends. Janice was a strong woman with a pure heart, who never had an enemy. She loved her grand babies so much and people called her the "world's nanny" because she cared for everyone like they were her own. She was a wonderful lady who will be missed so much. Family wishes to extend a special thank you to Janice's "3 amigos," her CNAs, Sasha Brisco, Ashley Hodges, and Rebeca Figueroa at Woodland Village Nursing Home. And they wish to say "Fly high Shawty" to Janice, as that's what they always lovingly called her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Michael Geroam Milligan, 73
Funeral service for Michael Geroam Milligan, 73, of Vinemont, was held Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Johnny Milligan and Matthew Milligan officiating. Interment will be held at Blair Congregational Methodist Church Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Michael Geroam Milligan passed from this life on Nov. 17, 2023. He was born on March 17, 1950, to Alvin and Thelma Dotson Milligan. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gary Milligan and Daryl Milligan. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy Milligan; sons, Johnny (Becky) Milligan, and Matthew Milligan, along with nine grandchildren. Michael dedicated his life to serving others. From serving in the United States Army honor guard to serving as senior pastor of over a dozen churches throughout his 40+ years of ministry. Countless lives were led to Jesus Christ. He was known as a loving and caring husband, a dedicated dad and "papaw" and he was so proud of his grandchildren. You always found Michael working or serving at the church. He enjoyed studying the word of God and spending time with his family. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

John Cleveland Livingston, 87
John Cleveland Livingston, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away on Nov. 16, 2023, at the age of 87. Mr. Livingston was born July 5, 1936, in Lawrence County, Alabama, to Paul Steven and Alma Birdie Jacobs Livingston. Mr. Livingston was a logger by trade. He was a member of Livingston Tabernacle Church in Hanceville, Alabama. John was talented and his love of bluegrass and country music led him to both play and sing. He passed his skills along to his grandson and taught him to play as well. John enjoyed camping and fishing with his wife before she passed away. He was a devoted husband and father, and he loved his daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren dearly. Mr. Livingston will be missed greatly by many. John is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Janice Campbell Livingston; sister, Pauline Williams; son-in-law, Roman Winfrey; and brothers-in-law, Paul Hudson, James Smith, and Wayne Williams. Those surviving Mr. Livingston are his daughters, Pamela Gaddy (Ricky), Janet Winfrey, Brenda McArthur (David); sisters, Effie Lee Hudson, Penny Ann Viot (Peter), Carolyn Smith; grandchildren, John David Gaddy (Brandy), Jana Kay Winfrey, Leigha Shay Winfrey, Sheila Marie Evans (Don); great-grandchildren, Marshall Dillon Gaddy, Dessie Musgrove, Alexis, Riker, Pheonix, Xander, Grayson, Lexi; and great-great-grandson, Waylen Cash. Funeral services held at the church on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, with Jason Williams and David Marler officiating. Mr. Livingston would lie-in-state an hour prior to services. Burial followed services in the adjoining cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Livingston family.

Boyd L. "Tyke" Browder, 68
Funeral service for Boyd L. "Tyke" Browder, age 68, of Cullman, will be Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Family will welcome friends from 11 a.m. until noon. Interment will be held at Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Browder passed from this life on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023. He was born Nov. 22, 1954, to Paul Browder and Bonnie Vanover Browder. He is preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marie Whatley Browder; son, Ronnie Browder; daughter, Wendy Boyles; grandchildren, Dustin (Savannah) Boyles, Marie Boyles; great-grandchildren, Alexandria Boyles, Maci Boyles, Averie Boyles, Jaxson Boyles, Hank Pope, Evelyn Roden, family and friends. Tyke was described by his loving wife as a sweet, quiet, and honest man who loved his family and grandchildren more than anything. He was a hard worker and good provider all throughout their 50 years of marriage and did everything he could possibly do for his family. He loved fishing and really enjoyed taking joy rides in the car and going on vacations with his family. He will be very missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Nelwin Annette Taylor, 85
Funeral service for Nelwin Annette Taylor, age 85, of Hanceville, will be Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at noon at Good Hope Baptist church, with Pastor Jim Sawyer officiating. Family will welcome friends from 11 a.m. until noon. Interment will be held at Shelton Grove Cemetery in Dodge City. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Taylor passed from this life on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023. She was born Sep. 22, 1938, to Oscar Pierce and Nellie Mallard Pierce. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, William H. Taylor; sister, Mary Cooksey. She is survived by son, William (Pamela) Houston Taylor, Jr. and Stephen (Jessica) Taylor; daughter, Freda (Reggie) Clarke; sister, Patsy Earnest; grandchildren, Kara McAnnally, Ryan Taylor, Ethan Taylor, Emily Taylor, Lauren Taylor, Elijah Taylor; great-grandchildren, Nate Taylor, Jake Taylor, Beau McAnnally. Annette, as he was known to all, was a member of Good Hope First Baptist church. She was an active singer in the choir and was a Sunday school teacher. She was a regular volunteer at church as well. Annette's passion was fishing. She was a wonderful fisherwoman and liked to go every chance she got. She was a very unique and independent woman who loved life and lived it to the fullest. She will be very missed by all those who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Patsy Plott-Jackson, 69
Funeral services for Patsy Plott-Jackson, 69, of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Jackson was born Dec. 23, 1953, in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away Nov. 19, 2023, in Hanceville, Alabama. Patsy grew up in the Spring Hill community. She graduated from West Point High school and later Wallace State College where she obtained her registered nursing license. She had a passion for working in the medical field that was only outshined by the passion she had for her family and friends. She made the most of every minute with the ones she loved. Her husband Bobby, her children, her grandchildren and her close friends that might as well have been family. Patsy lived and loved life big. The Flora-Bama, Cyclone football games, extravagant birthday celebrations, Alabama football, scary scooter rides in Mexico, making friends wherever she went, handing out nicknames, loving nasty music (No Diggity), wearing tie-dye like a pirate, drinking non-watered down margaritas, but mostly loving her family and teaching them how to love the right way. Mrs. Jackson is survived by her husband, Robert "Bobby" Jackson; children, Jennifer Jackson-Kilgo (Jerry), Jerod Jackson, Julie Jackson-Smith (Jonathan); grandchildren Alé Kilgo, Jackson Smith, and Emmie Smith. Mrs. Jackson was preceded in death by her parents, Burvel and Beatrice Plott; and her grandson, Jerrod Mitchell Smith.

Helen Marie Holcomb, 91
Funeral service for Helen Marie Holcomb, age 91, of Baileyton, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Nicky James officiating; interment in Bethel United Methodist Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Holcomb passed away on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born April 27, 1932, to Elip Lige Buckelew and Omie Versie Buckelew. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvel Holcomb; parents; and brothers, Ottis (Geraldine) Buckelew and Afton (Rose) Buckelew. Survivors include her daughter, Anita (Bill) Nelson; son, Tony (Rita) Holcomb; grandchildren, Jacy (Kelly) Douglas, Jared (Sarah) Thompson, Jody (Elen) Thompson, Andrea (Daniel) Gullion, Gregory (Mallory) Holcomb, Jeffery (Amanda) Holcomb, Jason (Kim) Nelson, Cory (Danna) Nelson, and Miranda (Mark) Sahrhage; and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Travis Dewayne Powe, 46
Funeral service for Travis Dewayne Powe, age 46, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Phillip Wigley officiating; interment in Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 24, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Powe passed away on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at UAB Hospital. He was born Oct. 11, 1977, in Virginia to Randy Albert Powe and Elaine Leathers. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his sons, Damion Powe and Cameron Fox; daughter, Serenity Powe; mother, Elaine (Richard) Leathers; uncle, Richard Breed; two great aunts and several cousins; a host of family and friends; and special friends, James (Cassondra) Young and Johnny Chesser.

Sandra Joyce Albritton, 80
Sandra Joyce Albritton, age 80, of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, at her residence. She was born Jan. 9, 1943, in New York to Charles Robert Baker Sr. and Nellie Ivalou Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband, Johnny Albritton; daughter, Bonnie Cuppett; son, Paul Joseph (Jennifer) Kositzka; grandchildren, Ashley, Sara, Grace, Sean, and Brandon; great-grandchildren, Cole, Aries, and Finnley; brother, Charles Robert (Teresita) Baker Jr.; nephews, Thomas Scott Baker, Daniel Glenn Baker, Michael Vincent Baker, and Eugene Patrick Baker; and nieces, Cynthia Rae Malka Plummer and Lutricia Marie Flynn.

Sandra Garrison Burnham, 78
Sandra Garrison Burnham, 78, of Dellrose, Tennessee passed away on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023. Ms. Burnham is preceded in death by her parents, John Ray Garrison and Annie Bell Isom Garrison, husband of 20 + years, Bobby H. Burnham. She is survived by her son, Philip (Kasey) Burnham, Madison, Alabama; grandson, Bryce Burnham; brothers, Randy (Janice) Garrison, Cullman, Alabama, and Robert (Cindy) Garrison, Hoover, Alabama. Ms. Burnham moved from Madison, Alabama. in 2000 to the Dellrose community. She was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church and played the church piano. She was also a member of the (DAR) Daughters of the American Revolution, enjoyed the Literature Club and the Historical Society, she loved to quilt, golf, line dancing and helping others. Sandra loved her family, especially her grandson. Visitation will be Nov. 21, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Ardmore Chapel Funeral Home. A Graveside Service will be Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Holly Pond Cemetery, Holly Pond, Alabama. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Southern Care New Beacon Hospice of Huntsville, 200 Westside Square, Suite 440, Huntsville, AL 35801; in memory of Sandra Burnham.

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Dec. 29, weather permitting.

Check out a variety of still and moving light displays, then hit the concessions stand for a warm cup of hot cocoa or a photo op with Santa Claus!

The attraction is open 5-9 p.m. Nov. 24-Dec. 29 (closed Mondays and Tuesdays until Dec. 13). It will transition to a drive-through only experience Dec. 26-29.

Admission is $10 cash per vehicle. Attractions include the Christmas train ($5 per person), horse and carriage rides (select nights at $5 per person), snow machine, Santa's Photo Booth (opens after Thanksgiving (Take your own Photo for free or purchase a photo and Winter Wonderland frame for $5).

"Play in the snow and visit our concession stand for some hot chocolate, frozen Christmas slushes, milk and cookies, and other Christmas goodies.



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Gamer Geeks hosting free community Thanksgiving meal

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thanksgiving is a season of gratitude, family and feasting, but while many are slicing sweet potato pies and arguing with family over turkey wishbones, others may have nowhere to go to get a hot meal or be surrounded by community. Gamer Geeks Owner Michael Jensen hopes to make his store a place of comfort in the busy holiday season. This year, he's hosting a free meal on Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 23, from noon-4 p.m. Gamer Geeks is located at 2046 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Suite E, in Cullman.

When Jensen first opened his store in Warrior, he knew he wanted to find a way to keep giving back to the community that served him. With holidays being such a special time for family, and with many not having a place to go, Jensen decided to keep the store open to allow not only his customer base, but also the community at large to gather, feast and be merry.

"So my whole thought behind it is, we want individuals to have a place to come to and fellowship and eat in case they don't have family or friends that day. Maybe they get done with their family stuff and have nowhere else to go.

"We just don't want people to be alone that day," he said, explaining that over the years the Gamer Geeks Thanksgiving feast has grown exponentially, seeing upwards of 70-80 attendees throughout the day.

Jensen said it's not just the food that brings people in – though it is a full, decadently catered lunch of turkey with all the Thanksgiving fixins'.

"Generally on Thanksgiving a lot of people show up and play games, or sit in the corner and read. It's really just about being around other people," he explained, saying while some may drop in for a quick bite or to socialize, others stay for hours and play tabletop games like board games or any of the card games Jensen carries in his shop.

Jensen said after hosting the lunch for years, more and more people have shown up to support, giving monetary donations and bringing side dishes and desserts, potluck style.

"Every year people show up and donate to it. I thought, 'I'm just going to do this to help out a little bit,' and people really jumped on it!" he laughed.

Besides its annual Thanksgiving feast, Gamer Geeks also hosts myriad tournaments for different style games for a good cause, with entry fees so far totaling nearly $2,000 to help kids have a good Christmas. Jensen said the community continues to show up and support, but maintained he doesn't do it for the good publicity.

"We try to always give back. There was never a thought of, 'Hey, this is great advertising.' It was just the thought of helping people. But the bigger it gets, the more business comes in," he explained. "It shows how much this community cares."

Gamer Geeks' inaugural Thanksgiving feast at its Cullman location will be Thursday, Nov. 24, 2023, from noon-4 p.m. Attendees can expect food, fellowship and friendly competition if they choose to stay and play games.

Gamer Geeks is located at 2046 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Suite E in Cullman. For more information, call Gamer Geeks at 256-981-5746.

ALEA dishes out safety tips for Thanksgiving

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Thanksgiving marks one of the busiest weeks of the year on Alabama roadways. This year, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges everyone to prepare to share the road with millions of other motorists as AAA predicts more than 49 million Americans will be driving during the upcoming holiday.

"There is nothing better than making memories with family and friends during this extended holiday weekend, even if it means driving for hours and traveling long distances," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said. "We encourage everyone to make sure your vehicle is travel ready, leave early to allow for heavy traffic, buckle up and never drive impaired. Your welfare and the safety of others this season starts with an individual commitment to responsible actions."

This year's holiday travel period begins at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22, and ends at midnight Sunday, Nov. 26. All available Troopers within ALEA's Highway Patrol Division will conduct additional enforcement details to ensure Alabama roadways are as safe as possible and prevent traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities. As always, motorists will play a key role in traffic safety and should obey speed limits, make sure everyone in the vehicle is properly buckled up and avoid texting and other distractions while driving. With a chance of rain and storms in the forecast for some parts of the state, holiday travelers can also check roadway conditions and live video feed from ALGO before leaving the house. Colonel Jonathan Archer, director of ALEA's Department of Public Safety, said, "As law enforcement officers, ALEA Troopers face a multitude of challenges as part of their job but notifying the loved ones of those killed in traffic crashes is truly one of the most dreaded responsibilities they have. We ask those traveling on Alabama roadways to make traffic safety a top priority and remember that you are the best gift you can give your family this holiday season."

According to data compiled by the Center for Advanced Public Safety (CAPS) in Alabama, 65 lives have been tragically lost during pervious extended Thanksgiving travel periods from 2018 to 2022. Since 2019, CAPS has recorded an overall decline in traffic related injuries and deaths, however, ALEA needs everyone's assistance to ensure that trend continues.

ALEA Troopers offer the following traffic safety tips for this Thanksgiving holiday:

Take breaks and rotate drivers during long trips. If you feel fatigued, pull over and stretch your legs, get something to eat or drink and make sure you are ready to continue your trip before getting back behind the wheel. Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges and never drive drowsy.

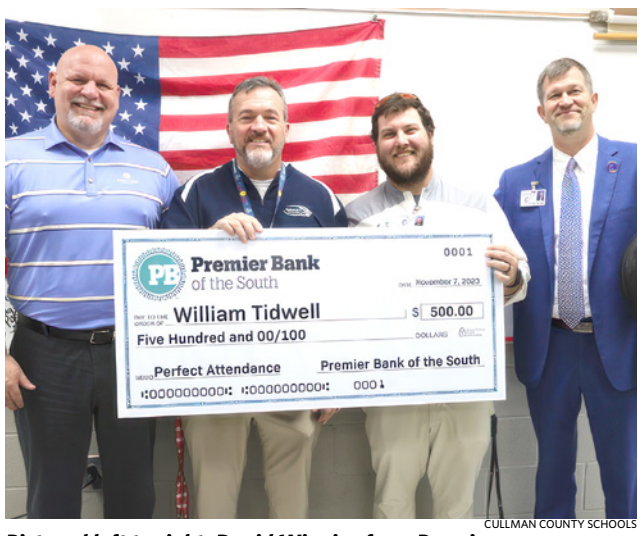
Use seatbelts and proper child restraints. Alabama's seat belt/child restraint law requires ALL passengers – no matter how old or which seat they are occupying – to be buckled up no matter how short the trip. Whether you are going across the state or just around the corner, buckle up.

Remember Alabama's Move Over Law. When approaching emergency or tow vehicles along all roadways, motorists must move over or slow down at least 15 mph below the posted speed limit if they are not able to change lanes.

Keep the left lane for passing only. Not only is it courteous driving and avoids impeding traffic, but Alabama law also requires slower traffic to keep to the right and to only use the left lane for passing (when posted). Motorists may drive for up to a mile and half in the left lane before moving back into the right lane.

Eliminate distractions while driving. Distractions include texting, utilizing a navigation system or other devices. Distractions endanger drivers, passengers and bystanders. Alabama law prohibits texting while driving as well as searching the Internet on a mobile device while operating a motor vehicle. In case of emergency, pull off the roadway in a safe location prior to placing a call.

You are the best gift you can give your family this holiday season. Practice safe driving habits and never drink and drive. Make alternate travel plans if you are consuming alcohol. Individuals younger than age 21 are prohibited from consuming alcohol, and it is illegal for anyone to have an open bottle of alcohol in a vehicle. To ensure teens and older children do not consume alcoholic beverages at various festivities, parents and other adults should closely monitor the situation.



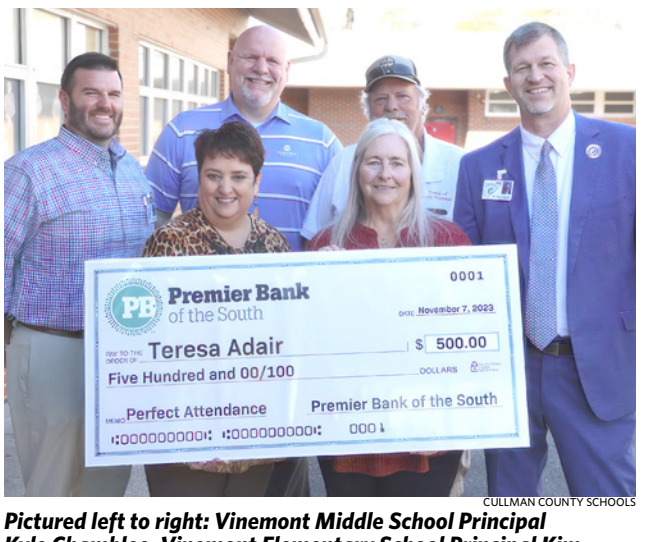
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Pictured left to right: David Wiggins from Premier Bank, Harmony School Principal Kevin Sullins, Harmony Teacher William Tidwell and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette



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Pictured left to right: David Wiggins from Premier Bank, Fairview Elementary School Principal Marty Hardman, Fairview Elementary School Custodian Samantha Drake and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette



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Pictured left to right: Vinemont Middle School Principal Kyle Chamblee, Vinemont Elementary School Principal Kim Brown, David Wiggins from Premier Bank, Vinemont Bus Driver Teresa Adair, CCBOE Board Member Mike Graves and Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette

Bonuses (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Good attendance is the foundation of doing well in school, and later in life, doing well on the job. Simply put, you can't perform well if you're not there. That is why Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and the Cullman County Board of Education partnered with Premier Bank of the South to help improve attendance.

Following the first nine weeks, the Central Office ran a report to see how many employees had perfect attendance. Of the 212, we randomly selected three to win a $500 gift card sponsored by Premier Bank.

"I was excited when Premier Bank approached me about partnering with them to provide incentives for attendance," said Barnette.

"We know that several schools offer incentives for students' attendance, but none offer incentives for employee attendance.

"At the end of this current semester, we will have another drawing for students and employees with perfect attendance."

The winners, again, were randomly selected. Congratulations to the following employees:

- Teresa Adair, bus driver, Vinemont
- Samantha Drake, custodian, Fairview Elementary
- William Tidwell, teacher, Harmony

"Premier Bank of the South is a hometown bank, meaning that we live, work and worship in our communities," said David Wiggins, director of marketing and public relations for Premier Bank of the South.

"We respect and value our educators, and all school employees, understanding the vital role that they have in shaping our citizens and communities of the future. We are proud to provide this attendance incentive for the employees of Cullman County Schools."

"Having good attendance is so important in school and the workplace," said Barnette. "Many business and industry leaders share about struggles with employee attendance, and if we can help model and support good attendance while students are in school, maybe it will help when they are in the workforce."