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Cullman Christkindlmarkt unveils exciting new attractions, expanded ice rink

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Guests at this year's Cullman Christkindlmarkt can experience thrilling new attractions, including Alabama's largest Ferris wheel, a massive tubing slide and an expanded ice skating rink — all designed to bring holiday cheer to visitors of all ages.

"Cullman Christkindlmarkt has grown tremendously, and we're excited to bring even more festive fun this year!" said Nathan Anderson, executive director of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST). "Guests can look forward to Alabama's largest Ferris wheel, towering around 110 feet with a capacity of 144 people, offering a breathtaking view of the entire event."

Alongside the Ferris wheel, Christkindlmarkt-goers can experience » PAGE 7



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Daytime view of the expanded ice rink at Cullman's Christkindlmarkt

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'Everybody has the ability to be a superhero':

Local veteran organizes Veterans Golfer Appreciation event at Cross Creek



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local veteran Brad Davis organized a Veterans Golfer Appreciation Event at Cross Creek Golf Course Monday.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cross Creek Golf Course hosted a Veterans Golfer Appreciation event Monday, and the course was packed with players enjoying a perfect day for golf and contributing to a great cause. Local veteran Brad Davis led the charge in organizing the event and wanted to thank everyone who contributed to putting it together on short notice.

"JG's Campen Life RV Campground helped get money donated to cover a lot of the expenses and they covered the biggest majority of the food that we got so they're responsible for a lot of making this happen," Davis said. "Someone else I want to thank is Your Golf Super Store over in Huntsville. That's my home away from home. Anything I need they take care of me, so they give me stuff to raffle and give away at amazing prices."

Veterans had discounted green fee and holes 3, 10 and 13 featured closest to the pin competitions. Veteran winners received a Seminole Golf Course pin flag autographed by the legendary golf professional Bob Ford. Nonveteran players won a PING red, white, and blue hat. Hole 16 was a very special wager hole. Players could wager $20-$100 and if you birdie the hole, you double your money. As an added incentive to wager, everyone who participated was entered into a raffle for an Odyssey DFX 2-Ball putter.

Raffle tickets were available for $10 each and all proceeds went to the PGA HOPE organization.

Some of the prizes included:

- Mizuno S23 60° Wedge
- Mizuno S23 56° Wedge
- Tour Edge Hot Launch C524 driver
- Callaway Shield Umbrella
- Yeti Tumblr
- $50 gift cards for Top Golf
- 1 hour golf lessons at Steven DeBoer Golf Academy
- Mizuno Camo BR-D4C Cart bag
- Guided Kayak Fishing Trip from Chad Hoover Fishing ($500 value)
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Fairview honors local veterans



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Hanceville man killed in crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — A Hanceville man is dead following a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 3:25 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9. Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Jeffrey Horton, 63.

Troopers said Horton was fatally injured when the 2008 Ford F350 he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree. They said he later succumbed to his injures and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The crash occurred on County Road 648 near County Road 649, approximately 10 miles south of Hanceville, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Duck River Baptist hosting 20th annual Thanksgiving Community Meal Nov. 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Duck River Baptist Church invites the Cullman community to its annual Thanksgiving Community Meal on Wednesday, Nov. 13, beginning at 5 p.m. The church will serve a homemade, traditional Thanksgiving dinner, welcoming anyone in the community to enjoy the food and fellowship.

The Thanksgiving meal, now in its 20th year, is prepared and hosted by Duck River's dedicated Hospitality Committee, led by Brenda Lovell, fondly known as "Nana."

Volunteers will spend three days preparing the meal, which includes turkey and dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, mashed potatoes, slaw, rolls and a selection of desserts.

"Our hope is to provide a meal for those that are needful, but also provide a place to allow the community to sit together and fellowship together for one evening," said Nana. "We want to feed them physically and spiritually."

Duck River Baptist Church Pastor Caleb Elrod expressed gratitude for the dedicated team that makes the event possible, "1 Peter 4:10 says, 'As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.' We are blessed to have a host of men and women who use their gift of service to help others by cooking, cleaning, decorating, delivering and serving others where they are," he said.

The event is free and open to everyone.

Serving will continue until the food runs out. Duck River Baptist Church is located at 1027 County Road 775 in Cullman.

For additional information, contact the church at 256-352-2612 or info@duckriverbaptish.church.

Bread (from Front)

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BAILEYTON, Ala. — Bailey's Bread is set to host the Women's Whole Grain Conference on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-noon. The conference will take place at 622 Holcomb Road in Baileyton. This event is designed to educate women on the nutritional benefits of using freshly milled whole grains over processed white flour.

Bailey Falkner, owner of Bailey's Bread, hopes to reconnect women with the nutritional advantages of whole grains, as well as the meaningful process of making "real bread."

"Firstly, I am a woman who loves Yeshua. I am also a wife, mother of two beautiful girls and owner of Bailey's Bread, driven by passion and a love for feeding others.

"My goal is to reintroduce REAL bread, which is a reflection of Yeshua, Jesus, the Bread of Life," Falkner shared, describing her vision for the conference.

The event will feature an exploration of bread's history and how its nutritional value has been diminished through industrial processes.

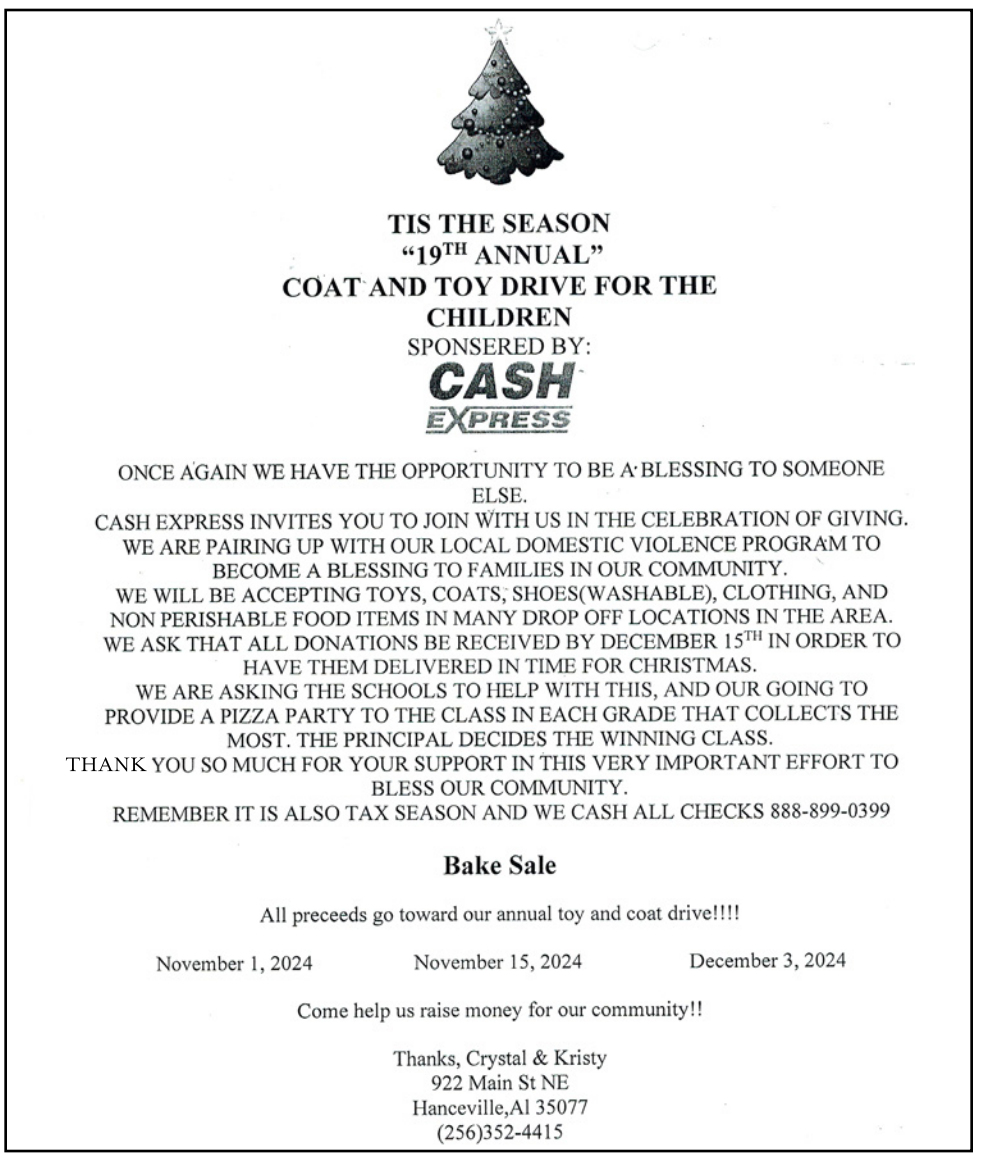
Participants will also enjoy a tasting of various whole-grain breads made by Bailey's Bread, including French loaves, Sesame Challah, Ancient Grains Sourdough and Pumpernickel Rye.

"I am extremely appreciative and eager for our conference to inspire and enlighten more women, wives and mothers, sharing life-altering insights and truths that have been overlooked, uncovering wisdom from ancient paths, restoring a precious inheritance, nourishment," Falkner added.

Bailey's Bread, a cottage bakery in Arkadelphia, provides flavorful, nutritious breads to the community.

Bread lovers can place orders, visit pop-up shops or find Bailey's products at the Festhalle Farmer's Market during the market season.

For more information about the conference, contact Bailey's Bread at baileyfalkner98@gmail.com or follow Bailey's Bread on Facebook. Bailey's Bread is located at 110 County Road 24.



Veteran (from Front)

value)

- Free rounds of golf from Cross Creek

As a disabled veteran, Davis had trouble finding relief from many of his struggles until he began playing golf three years ago and eventually became involved with PGA HOPE.

"I'm 100% disabled with PTSD, depression, anxiety and daily suicidal ideations and I found gold about three years ago now. Nothing has ever really stuck with me, and I've never been able to concentrate to do anything for very long, so I started playing for about a month and then I started looking for military organizations that do stuff with veterans and found PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere)," Davis said.

"They teach veterans, disabled or not, how to play the game over the course of eight lessons. The lessons are all done by certified PGA pros that have gone through adaptive golf training, so they know how to work with single amputees, double amputees, the blind and others and I've actually attended the training just to see what it was like."

PGA HOPE has been a great resource for Davis, and he wants to help the organization reach more people here in Alabama.

"Recently I've actually been in the process of becoming an ambassador. I've done three speaking engagements so far. There's one PGA HOPE chapter so far in the state of Alabama and it's the one I started here at the (Steven DeBoer) Golf Academy and just this past week all the PGA pros from all the Robert Trent Jones courses got certified as PGA HOPE instructors," Davis said. "So, we're really excited about that. I love sharing the game and sharing the change that PGA HOPE has put into my life. I'm a pretty open book. I feel like maybe God has given me an ability to talk about a lot of the things that have happened to me so I can help others."

Cross Creek's Head Golf Pro Ches Harris was glad they were able to get the event organized in time for Veterans Day and was happy to see the community show its support for a great cause.

"Being a PGA member, it really means a lot to see the proceeds going to an organization like PGA HOPE is awesome and Brad is a prime example of what it can do," Harris said.

"We've had close to 11 people play so far today and it got shared a lot on social media, so I think people were excited about it. Then the people who didn't know about it that have come in today and saw that they were getting free hot dogs and door prizes and things like that have been excited about it too."

Reflecting on how golf has changed his life, Davis reflected on one of his darkest days and shared that it was the game of golf and more importantly, the people he has met since he began playing, that saved him. Now, Davis wants to use the game of golf to help save people himself.

"A few months ago, I was supposed to go down to Dothan to speak and had probably one of my worst days ever. I went by the store and got half a case of beer and had all my prescription pain medicine with me. I went to my dad's grave and drank all 12 of them to give myself the courage to go through with it and I had reached out to a few people to tell them I appreciated everything they'd done for me and one of the people was Ches (Harris) here. He told me 'No, it's not time yet. You've got your stories to tell, and you've got people to help.' So, I tell everyone man if I can save one person through the game of golf, I'm a happy man," Davis said. "You see that I'm covered in comic book tattoos and that's why I tell people that everybody has the ability to be a superhero in someone's life. Whether it's making them smile when they're having a bad day, helping them on the side of the road when they're broken down or in a car accident sitting there bleeding, everybody has the ability to be a superhero. And maybe this is my calling to go save some lives."

LEGALS

Pursuant to Alabama Code 32-13-1, Earl's Body Shop will offer for sale at Public Auction the following vehicles on January 9th, 2025 @ 7:00am

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2008 Kia Spectra, Vin#KNAFE121585545890
2016 Nissan Rogue,Vin# KNMAT2MT8GP662762
2011 Volvo XC90, Vin#YV4952CZ6B1582436

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 December 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
F.L.F., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-600.03**
a minor, DOB: 08-10-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KAGUN DAVID FULLER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on August 10, 2023, to Kimberly Taylor Farmer by the 3rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of October, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
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STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN
NOTICE OF COMPLETION

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Struthers Recreation, LLC - 220 Applegate Trace – Pelham, AL, Contractor, has completed all work on – **THE CULLMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL – PLAYGROUND, 900 HOEHN DRIVE, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.** All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named Contractor. All claims should be filed within 30 days of the final publication of this notice.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by **Rachel Dawsey, Executive Director**, at the office of North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Tallyho Street, Cullman, Alabama 35055, until **2:00 PM CST**, **Thursday**, **December 5, 2024,** for **North Alabama Agriplex Extension,** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

A cashier's check or bid bond payable to **North Alabama Agriplex** in an amount not less than five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than $10,000, must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and Payment Bonds and evidence of insurance required in the bid documents will be required at the signing of the Contract.

Bid Documents may be obtained from Datatek Reprographics, 2108 Island Circle, Huntsville, AL 35801, upon deposit of $250.00 per set, which will be refunded in full on the first 2 sets issued to each general contract bidder submitting a bona fide bid, upon return of documents in good condition within ten days of bid date. Other sets for general contractors, and sets for subcontractors and dealers, may be obtained with the same deposit, which will be refunded as above, less cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution.

A **Pre-Bid Conference** will be held at 1714 Tallyho Street, Cullman, Alabama on **Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 10:00 AM.**

Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect; the bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying his or her current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owner's judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

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Annual Lights of Love program to honor Jerry Lawson

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Regional Foundation's Dr. Herman C. Ensor Lights of Love Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at St. John's Christ Hall. This year's event will be dedicated to the memory of Cullman Regional Hospice patients and in honor of Jerry Lawson.

Giving a gift of love of $20, $40, $60 or more places a light on the Christmas tree at Cullman Regional as a tribute to someone special.

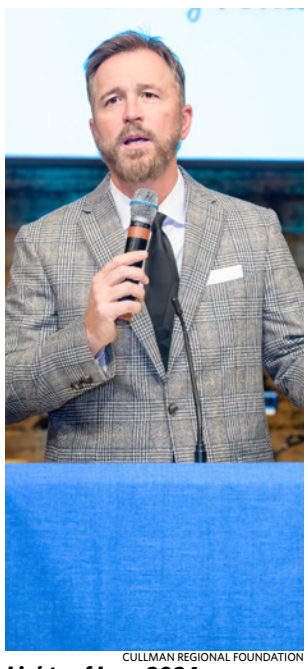
The tax-deductible gifts help support the Foundation's mission of advancing health care services at Cullman Regional.

Special acknowledgement cards are sent to those who have been honored and to the families of those being remembered.

"Special music during the program will be provided by Daystar Praise Team at which time individuals will be recognized," said Maria Stanford, Cullman Regional Foundation executive director. "This event is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend."

Donations may be contributed throughout the holiday season and gifts received by Dec. 9 will be included in the special ceremony. Contributions may be made in memory or in honor of individuals.

Donate online at www.cullmanregional.com/foundation/events or call the Foundation at 256-737-2565 for more information.



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Lights of Love 2024 honoree Jerry Lawson, past president of the Cullman Regional Foundation

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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First 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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Nov. 13 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Betty Hays at 256-338-3728 for pickup.
• Friday, Nov. 15 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Nov. 17 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 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.
• Saturday, Nov. 16 - 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thanksgiving meal in to-go box and food bank holiday box

Church Events: At the Foot of the Cross Church
• 2 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road, on the left
• Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Singing with Joyful Noise, 2101 County Road 1435, Vinemont

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 the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph St. Everyone welcome. Contact person Porsia Anderson 256-737-7557.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. Unity 4. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond, on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986 or 256-590-1501. Everyone is invited.

Cullman Christkindlmarkt
• Depot Park, 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055
• Nov. 21-Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. | Open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christmas Pyramid Lighting
Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. Cullman Christkindlmarkt comes to life with the lighting of Christmas Pyramid. The Grand Opening of the Christkindlmarkt is a celebration of the Christmas season, led by the Cullman Community Band and joined by family and friends from Cullman and beyond. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christkindlmarkt Parade
Friday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 p.m. One of Cullman's favorite traditions, the Christkindlmarkt Parade is filled with local organizations, businesses, bands and more! Help us welcome in the Christmas season with this seven-block parade extravaganza. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Christmas Tree Lighting
Friday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. Immediately following the Christkindlmarkt Parade is the South's Largest Tree Lighting Show. Featuring a mesmerizing light show and fireworks that is always one of the most memorable events of the year. Join us for this free event with James Spann, Santa Claus, The Grinch, Buddy the Elf and special musical guest as we light the Christkindlmarkt Christmas Tree. Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com.

Tinsel & Timber
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Brighter (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — This Thanksgiving, local restaurant Hele Bowls will be opening its doors to provide free Thanksgiving plates to anyone in need.

Owner Sarah Morrow said the restaurant will be providing free, gluten-free Thanksgiving plates, which is not its normal menu-style items.

"While it won't be our usual bowls, each plate will be made with the same care and quality we're known for," Morrow said.

"I'm doing this to show our community just how much we care. It's also important to me that my kids experience the joy of helping others and see the impact a warm meal and a friendly smile can have.

"In our family, we believe that if we love you, you're family — and to us, that means everyone."

Meals will be served on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, from noon until the food runs out.

Morrow said they will be serving meals starting at noon until the food runs out. The Butcher Shop in Vinemont is donating smoked turkey.

"We hope to make this Thanksgiving a little brighter for those who are in need," she said.

"We truly love supporting and giving back to our community any way that we can."

Hele Bowls is a nutritional and diet inclusive restaurant featuring fresh ingredients, organic and 100% gluten-free with dairy-free and vegan options.

It offers ready-to-eat meals for pickup or delivery.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Fairview, Good Hope, Meek advance to round 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – We had seven local teams in the field when this year's state football playoffs kicked off Friday night and three of them earned wins to punch their tickets to round two. The Fairview Aggies fended off Carver Birmingham 15-12 to improve to 10-0, the Good Hope Raiders raced past Hatton 42-12, and the Meek Tigers made a goal line stop in the final two minutes to edge Hubbertville 14-8.

Fairview 15 – Carver Birmingham 12

After capping the regular season undefeated a week ago, the Fairview Aggies were back home at Dafford Smith Stadium Friday night to kick off the 5A playoffs against Carver-Birmingham. Fairview went into the locker room leading 9-6 at halftime and fended off the Rams in the second half to advance to round two with a 15-12 win.

A touchdown run put the Rams in front 6-0 midway through the first quarter but on the ensuing possession, a 3-yard touchdown run by Kolt Redding tied the game at 6 just before the start of the second. The Aggies drove the ball deep into Rams territory just before halftime and Redding knocked a field goal through the uprights in the final seconds of the quarter to give Fairview a 9-6 lead at the break.

Later in the third quarter, a 10-yard touchdown run by Jake Harper extended the Aggie lead to 15-6 midway through the period. However, a Carver touchdown pass on the following possession trimmed the lead to 15-12 with 3:29 to play in the third.

The Rams put together another good drive later in the quarter but an interception by Redding cut the scoring opportunity short and gave the ball back to the Aggies. Leading 15-12 with three minutes remaining in the game, Fairview's defense stopped the Rams on fourth down to preserve the lead and made one more stop in the final minute to secure a 15-12 win and a spot in round two.

Harper led the way on the ground with 121 yards and a touchdown on 26 carries. Redding finished 9/17 through the air with 79 yards and added 41 yards and a touchdown on the ground. Jace Stevens caught six passes for 52 yards in the win.

The Aggies will be back home this week to host Leeds in round two.

Good Hope 42 – Hatton 12

The Good Hope Raiders were back home taking on the Hatton Hornets in the first round of the 4A state playoffs Friday night and after a tight first half, Good Hope broke things open in the second half, scoring four times to pull away with a 42-12 win and move on to the second round.

Good Hope recovered the onside kick to start out the game, and after picking up a first down on a run by Mason Drake, the offense stalled. Their punt attempt got blocked, and the Hornets took over in great field condition at the 25. A 16-yard pass on third down gave them a first down at the 14, but a pair of penalties put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

A nine-yard pass from Tyler Cone to Carter Rutherford gave Good Hope a first down. Three plays later, Cone kept the ball and evaded multiple Hatton defenders on his way to a 57-yard score to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead with a little over three minutes to go in the opening quarter.

A pair of big passes by the Hornets quickly put them at the five, then they scored on the next play to cut it to 7-6. A punt gave the ball back to Hatton and picked up 35 yards on a fake punt attempt to keep their drive alive. Two plays later, though, Cone picked off an errant pass at the 26.

Runs by Ryker Hancock, Drake, and Cone quickly put the Raiders past midfield. Cone broke free for a 37-yard run two plays later as that put them at the seven, then he scored on the next play to make it 14-6 with less than three minutes to go in the first half.

The Hornets' passing game quickly got them to the 20, but the Raider defense stiffened after that, as Callahan Lindsey collected a sack on fourth down to help keep the score at 14-6 going into the locker room.

Good Hope pounded the ball right at Hatton's defense to start out the second half, as Cone collected a pair of first downs during the drive. After finding Parker Johnson for 11 yards, Cone kept it on the next play and muscled his way through multiple Hornet tacklers to score from 27 yards out to push their lead to 21-6 with 6:42 remaining in the third quarter. The Raider defense quickly forced a turnover on its next series, as Drake picked off a Hatton pass and returned it all the way to the one. Cone punched it in on the first play to increase their lead to 28-6.

Hatton quickly moved the ball down the field and ended up scoring on a 33-yard run to cut it to 28-12. Good Hope quickly answered on its next series, as Cone found Tucker Malin for a 32-yard score to make it 35-12 late in the third quarter. Cody Stevens recovered a Hornet fumble on the ensuing kickoff, and they added yet another score, as Cone again connected with Malin for a 33-yard touchdown to stretch their lead to 42-12. The younger players got a lot of playing time after that, and Good Hope ended up defeating Hatton, 42-12, to move on to the second round.

Cone finished with 164 yards on 16 carries and four scores and went 5/8 for 93 yards and two more touchdowns. Malin collected a pair of receptions for 65 yards and two touchdowns. Drake picked off a pair of passes, and Cone added one of his own. Stevens recovered a fumble.

Good Hope will travel to take on Anniston in the second round of the state playoffs Friday night.

Meek 14 – Hubbertville 8

The Tigers rode a 7-game win streak into their first-round playoff matchup with Hubbertville and they kept things rolling Friday night with a 14-8 win over the Lions, punching their ticket to round two.

Both defenses came to play in this one and neither offense was able to get anything going in the first half. With the game still scoreless at the start of the third quarter, Hunter Wyatt took a handoff into the end zone for a touchdown to put Meek up 6-0 and the ensuing two-point conversion made it 8-0. Hubbertville hit back quickly, scoring a touchdown and a two-point conversion on the next possession to tie things up at 8 midway through the third.

The score remained tied at the start of the fourth quarter until Wyatt's second touchdown of the night gave the Tigers a 14-8 lead with less than four minutes remaining. The Lions put together a nice drive and kept the chains moving on the ensuing possession, but Meek's defense held them out of the end zone on fourth down with just over a minute to play to secure a 14-8 win.

The Tigers extend their winning streak to eight games, and they'll be on the road this week to play Wadley in round two.



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Jake Harper (14) led the Aggies with 121 yards and a touchdown in their 15-12 win over Carver Birmingham Friday night.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Tyler Cone (5) posted 164 yards and four touchdowns on the ground in the Raiders' 42-12 win over Hatton Friday night.

Milroe's 4 rushing touchdowns lead No. 11 Alabama to 42-13 rout of No. 13 LSU

Alex Thompson
UA Athletics

BATON ROUGE, La. — No. 11/11/11 Alabama football, led by quarterback Jalen Milroe, rolled to a definitive 42-13 win over No. 15/14/13 LSU on Saturday night in Death Valley.

Milroe showcased his talents in the primetime contest, compiling 185 rushing yards on only 12 carries while tying his career-high with four rushing scores. The redshirt junior quarterback added 109 yards through the air on 12-of-18 passing. In the backfield, Justice Haynes and Richard Young each found the end zone, while Jam Miller led all Alabama players with 50 receiving yards on five receptions.

The Crimson Tide defense was fueled by linebacker Jihaad Campbell, as the junior racked up 12 total tackles, including three for loss and 1.5 sacks, to go with a forced fumble, one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry.

Deontae Lawson was responsible for seven tackles, including one for loss, and recorded a key interception inside the Tiger end zone. Malachi Moore also managed seven tackles from his safety position, while fellow safety Bray Hubbard notched an interception to go with his four tackles and a pass breakup.

Notes

- Jalen Milroe has now rushed for 16 touchdowns this season, surpassing Jalen Hurts' 13 rushing scores (2016) for the most by an Alabama quarterback in a single season.
- Already owning the career record for most touchdown runs by a quarterback, Milroe's 29 career rushing scores tie him with Brian Robinson Jr. and Tony Nathan for ninth-most in program history.
- Milroe finished the night with 185 rushing yards, the most in a single game in his collegiate career.
- Milroe joins Shaun Alexander as the only players in program history with multiple games of at least four rushing touchdowns.
- Milroe's 72-yard rushing touchdown is the longest touchdown run of the redshirt junior's career and is his longest rush since scampering for 77 yards against Arkansas on Oct. 1, 2022.
- Milroe ended with a 15.4 yards per carry mark, the fourth-best figure in Alabama history by a player with a minimum of 10 carries.
- In his two career starts against LSU, Milroe has totaled 668 yards (340 rushing, 328 passing) with eight rushing touchdowns.
- Saturday marks Milroe's 10th career multi-rushing touchdown game and third-career game with at least three rushing scores.
- The Tide's signal caller has managed at least one rushing touchdown in eight of nine games this season.
- Milroe's extended touchdown runs of 72 yards and 39 yards now give the Crimson Tide 20 touchdowns of 20-plus yards this season (10 runs, 10 passes).
- Alabama produced 311 rushing yards on Saturday, marking the second time the Crimson Tide has eclipsed 300-plus rushing yards this season.
- With 420 yards of total offense, the Crimson Tide has now eclipsed 400-plus yards in five of nine games this season.
- Kalen DeBoer moves to 7-2 in his debut season at Alabama, with three of those wins over top-25 teams.
- Jam Miller's five receptions and 50 receiving yards are both career-highs for the junior tailback.
- The Crimson Tide defense has forced at least three turnovers in four consecutive games.

How it happened

First quarter

- 10:49 - UA | Jalen Milroe found the end zone on the Tide's opening drive, scoring from 39 yards out to cap an eight-play, 75-yard drive. (7-0, Alabama)
- 9:00 - LSU | The Tigers concluded a six-play, 44-yard drive with a 23-yard field goal. (7-3, Alabama)
- 2:06 - UA | Justice Haynes' 1-yard rushing score punctuated the Crimson Tide's season-long 15-play drive, a possession that encompassed nearly seven minutes. (14-3, Alabama)

Second quarter

- 8:26 - LSU | The Tigers trimmed the lead to one possession after connecting on a 43-yard field goal, ending a seven-play, 64-yard drive. (14-6, Alabama)
- 2:35 - UA | Following a Crimson Tide takeaway, Milroe found the end zone for the second time, crossing the goal line form 10-yards out. (21-6, Alabama)

Third quarter

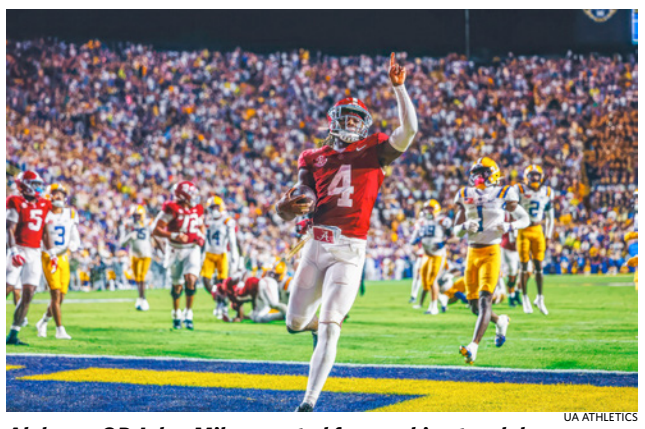
- 5:05 - UA | Following Deontae Lawson's interception deep in Alabama territory, Milroe took advantage of the turnover and picked up his third rushing score of the game from 19 yards out to cap an eight-play, 80-yard drive. (28-6, Alabama)

Fourth quarter

- 14:50 - UA | Milroe continued his career-day on the ground, as his fourth rushing score resulted in a 72-yard scamper to paydirt, ending a quick, four-play, 85-yard drive. (35-6, Alabama)
- 2:07 - UA | Richard Young closed a nine-play, 47-yard drive with an 8-yard rushing score. (42-6, Alabama)
- 0:11 - LSU | The Tigers lone touchdown of the night came in the form of a 12-yard touchdown pass. (42-13, Alabama)

Up next

- Alabama will return to Tuscaloosa, as the Tide will host Mercer on Saturday, Nov. 16.
- The Crimson Tide and Bears are scheduled for a 1 p.m. CT kickoff on ESPN+/SEC Network+.



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Alabama QB Jalen Milroe posted four rushing touchdowns in the Crimson Tide's 42-13 win at LSU Saturday night.

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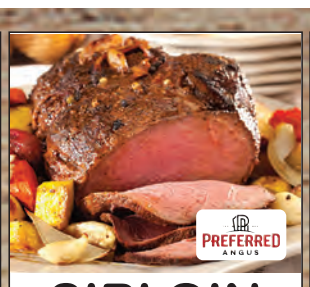
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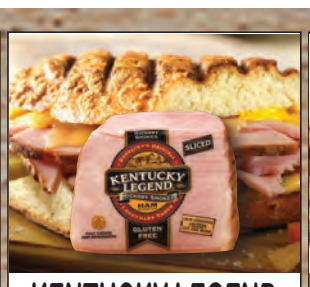
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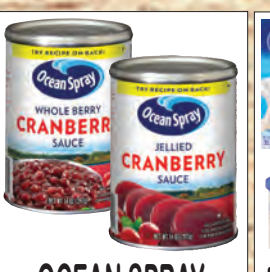
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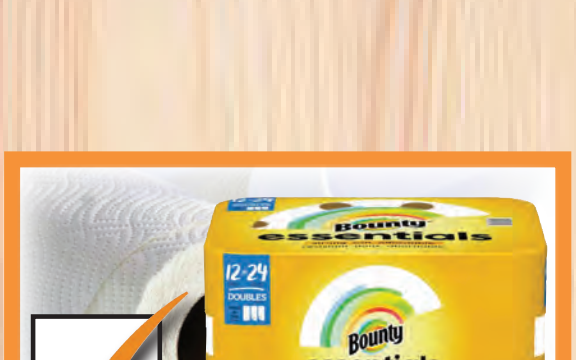




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West Point's Jaelyn Faulkner posted 24 points in the Lady Warriors 70-31 win over Susan Moore Saturday.

PREP BASKETBALL

Fairview, West Point earn wins at 5th annual Fairview Tip-Off Classic

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The fifth annual Fairview Tip-Off Classic was hosted at Fairview High School Saturday, and we had several local teams in the field. West Point got things started with a dominant, 70-31 win over Susan Moore, Good Hope dropped its game to Lauderdale County,63-42 and Fairview ended the night by knocking off Susan Moore 59-49.

West Point 70 - Susan Moore 31 (Game One)

Camryn Faulkner got the scoring started for West Point with a layup, then a rebound and putback by Laklin Shadix made it 4-0. A steal and a layup by Kealie Harbison gave them a 6-0 lead. Baskets by Shadix and Patton Fell made it 10-2, then five straight points by Jaelyn Faulkner stretched their lead to 15-4. The Lady Warriors ended up taking a 15-7 lead into the second quarter.

Camryn Faulkner drilled a trey from the right wing, then a layup by Harbison, followed by a rebound and putback by Kenadi Pagan gave them a 22-9 lead. Jaelyn Faulkner went off on the offensive end, scoring the final 11 points of the first half, as the Lady Warriors took a 33-12 lead into the locker room.

West Point kept adding onto their lead in the second half, as baskets by Camryn Faulkner and Shadix made it 38-12 in the third quarter. Jaelyn and Camryn Faulkner scored the next seven points to stretch West Point's lead to 45-20. A late basket by Harbison made it 47-25 going into the final period.

Baskets by Jaelyn Faulkner, Harbison, and Shadix stretched West Point's lead to 57-27 in the fourth quarter, and they went on cruise control after that, as they went on to roll past Susan Moore, 70-31.

Jaelyn Faulkner led the way for West Point with 24 points. Harbison added 15 points. Camryn Faulkner ended up with 13 points, and Shadix collected 10 points in the win.

Lauderdale County 63 - Good Hope 42 (Game Two)

Layups by Ava McSwain and Lexi Marshall gave Good Hope an early 4-0 lead, but Lauderdale County went on a 9-0 run to take a 9-4 lead. Sophie Konrad hit a floater, then a short jumper by Lucie Adams helped tie the game up at nine. Later on, a long jumper by Adams tied the game up at 11 going into the second quarter.

The Lady Tigers grabbed an early 17-13 lead in the quarter, but McSwain scored five straight points to cut it to 20-18 late in the first half. A late basket by Jolee McHan kept the deficit at two at 22-20 at the half.

Lauderdale County went on a 7-0 run to start out the third quarter, as their lead was now at nine at 29-20. A huge three-point by Ella Gossett, followed by a free throw from her, trimmed it to just five at 29-24. The Lady Tigers, though, answered right back with a 9-0 run to push their lead to double digits at 38-24.

McSwain drilled a short jumper, then corner threes from Marshall and McSwain cut it to 38-32 late in the third quarter. A trey from the right wing by Adams made it a 43-35 game, but a three from the Lady Tigers stretched their lead to 46-35 going into the final period. McSwain scored Good Hope's first seven points of the fourth quarter to cut it to 48-42, but it would be all Lauderdale County after that. The Lady Tigers went on a 15-0 run to end the game and ended up defeating the Lady Raiders 63-42.

McSwain finished with 21 points for Good Hope in the loss. Adams added seven points, and Marshall ended up with five points.

Fairview 59 - Susan Moore 49 (Game Three)

Darby Nichols got Fairview on the scoreboard with a pair of free throws, then Whitney Quick hit a basket in the paint to give them an early 4-0 lead. Davis Stidham hit a tough shot down low, and Quick drained a trey from the right wing to push the Lady Aggie lead to 10-2. Kailyn Redding hit a pair of free throws, and Peyton Defoor scored through a foul and ended up hitting the free throw to make it 15-2. Susan Moore cut it to 15-7, but Defoor drilled a three, and Stidham added a pair of late baskets, as Fairview took a 22-9 lead into the second period.

Stidham hit a three from the left wing, and Defoor added a pair of baskets to make it 29-12. Baskets by Redding and Defoor made it 34-17 at the half. The Lady Bulldogs cut it to 36-24 to start out the third quarter, but

Quick drained a three from the right wing, and Redding hit a basket in the paint to give Fairview a 41-24 lead. An 8-1 run by Susan Moore trimmed it to 10 at 42-32, but another basket by Redding and a trey by Lexi Golden made it a 48-35 game going into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Bulldogs didn't waste any time cutting even more into Fairview's lead to start out the quarter, drilling a pair of threes to make it a 48-41 game. They later hit another long-range shot to cut it to 50-44 with less than four minutes to go in the game. Stidham and Quick put a halt on Susan Moore's attempt at a comeback as they each hit a late three to push their lead to 56-45. Quick hit a pair of free throws, and Redding added one of her own from the charity stripe, as the Lady Aggies ended up knocking off the Lady Bulldogs 59-49.

Defoor led the way for Fairview with 14 points. Stidham wasn't far behind with 12 points, while Quick and Redding each posted 11 points in the win.

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Homes (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Share Club of Cullman Christmas Tour of Homes will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1-5 p.m. in the Cullman area.

This annual tour, a tradition since 1986, is a yearly favorite among those who enjoy taking in the latest in seasonal home décor and design.

Proceeds from the tour benefit various charitable organizations each year, and this season is no different. This year's beneficiaries will be Alabama Alternative Communication Services, the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, First Source for Women and Hospice of Cullman.

There are five stops on this year's tour, said Fundraising Chair T'aira Ugarkovich. "Each home is unique and brings its own spin to Christmas decorating.

"This event truly kicks off the Christmas season! We are grateful to the homeowners who are participating in the tour this year."

Share Club is a service organization, and members are dedicated to strengthening the community and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service.

Here's a look at the five homes on the 2024 Share Club of Cullman Christmas Tour of Homes.

Home of Jeremy and Jacy Hawkins

Completed in 2023, this two-story home offers modern luxury combined with spacious design. Boasting five bedrooms, the house provides ample space for family and guests.

The open concept living areas flow seamlessly into a gourmet kitchen equipped with state-of-the-art appliances.

Upstairs, the master suite is a true retreat, featuring a luxurious en-suite bathroom and a walk-in closet.

Outside, you'll find a beautifully landscaped garden surrounding a sparkling pool, perfect for relaxation and entertaining!

Home of Suzi Tillitski: Hanlin-Folsom House

The history contained within the walls of the residence, now known as the Hanlin-Folsom House, could fill the pages of numerous storybooks.

The residence is the former home of Governor Big Jim Folsom; it's where he lived during his two terms as governor.

The home has been listed in the National Register of Historical Places by the Alabama Historical Commission.

In January 2022, Suzi Tillitski purchased the property and now resides there with her two daughters, Elle and Lily.

The Hanlin-Folsom House is described as a 1.5-story clapboard bungalow with a steep gabled roof, side fencing gables and a large three-sash dormer.

Additions added after the original construction have expanded the floor plan to 8,000 square feet.

Home of Richard and Melissa Robinson

Built in 2021, this beautiful home located in the Montcrest subdivision and offers three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a large game room and a playroom for the kids.

Unique features of the home include shiplap walls, stained wood and coffered ceilings and in the washroom, a built-in doghouse for their sweet little fur babies.

You will enjoy the vaulted ceiling of the spacious screened-in back porch that overlooks the swimming pool and guest house!

Home of Jamie Nelson

This 1987 home features three bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. The charming Southern home has a beautiful selection of antiques and traditional furnishings.

A unique feature is the master suite, which encompasses the entire upstairs. Tones of turquoise and white fill the space that gives the feeling of a European spa.

The back of the home is all glass that overlooks the outdoor livings space that includes a pool and hot tub. Jamie Nelson enjoys decorating for the Christmas season and loves to entertain family and friends.

Stone Bridge Farms Villa Rica Home

This enchanting 3,264-square-foot home has personal craftsmanship with cedar lumber sourced from the lush forests of Oregon, infusing the space with natural beauty and warmth.

The house boasts five spacious bedrooms and five bathrooms.

It has a thoughtful layout for family gatherings and relaxation.

The outdoor space features a shimmering pool, surrounded by lush greenery, offering a private oasis for summer fun and tranquility.

More information

Admission to the Christmas Tour of Homes is $20. Tickets can be purchased at Cullman Cabinet/The Added Touch, J. Drake Salon & Spa, Monograms Plus, Three Pears or from any Share Club of Cullman member – see listing below.

More information about the homes, including addresses, will be provided on the ticket.

Share Club members selling tickets include:

Lee Adams, Jill Bradberry, Beth Caviness, Kristi Creel, Jackie Donovan, Paige Faulk, Kelsie Graffagnino, Paula Graham, Belinda Hagan, Lindsay Hall, Xonnie Hardiman, Lindsay Harrison, Loren Heatherly, Priscilla Henshaw, Johanna Johnson, Stephanie Jowers, Clara Kent, Vicki Knight, Katie Knop, Alice Lindsey, Jessica Lowry, Deborah McAfee, Cindy McGriff, Krista McGriff, Kathy Miller, Delane Milligan, Mary Leah Moss, Robyn Nance, Cindy Ponder, Susan Powell, Tamika Powell, Linda Price, Suzanne Quick, Carin Rains, Amy Ray, Laura Ray, Lauren Royster, Cheryl Rutledge, Jennifer Shugarts, Maria Stanford, Katie Stidham, Jennifer Tidwell, Lynsey Todd, T'aira Ugarkovich, Katie Waldrop, Mary Jane Waldrop, Bridgette Walker, Derinda Weathersby, Melinda Willingham, Judy Wise, Amy Wood and Shara Yerby.

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Fairview (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Fairview High School hosted its annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 8. Teacher and program organizer Whitney Haynes said there was a great turnout from local veterans.

"Our students are always so proud to invite friends and relatives that have served," Haynes said. "We hosted over 40 veterans today, plus members of their families as well. Col. Donald Fallin is an FHS (alumnus) and spoke to our middle and high school students today. It's always good to see the students stop and speak with our veterans after the program."

Fairview always tries to recognize local veterans and their service as well as share with Aggie students the importance of patriotism and honoring those who fought for our freedoms, Haynes shared.

"My grandfather, Charles Dixon, was a Korean War veteran," she said. "He always loved attending Veterans Day programs at his grandchildren and great-grandchildren's schools.

"I think it's really special to our veterans that we still see them and recognize all they have done for our country. Several years ago, Elliot Free came and spoke with our student body.

"I remember that being such a sweet day and sweet speech he shared. He passed away not long after. I just remember feeling honored that he could share his story with our students and faculty."

Haynes added, "Recognizing those people that have sacrificed so that we can attend school, in a safe community, should remain a priority for us all.

"I would like to thank the teachers, students, administrators and faculty that helped make our program today a success."

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Jones Chapel VFD gets new ladder truck

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. — The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department received its new ladder truck on Oct. 17.

Chief Clint Thrasher said the ladder truck is a Spartan Smeal.

"The ladder is 75 feet and the truck is classified as a 'quint,' meaning not only does it have a truck mounted ladder, but it also has a fire pump, a water tank, supply and attack hose and carries an assortment of ground ladders ranging from 10-35 feet" he said. "Basically it's a 'regular' fire engine with an aerial device mounted on top. During the last few weeks we have been having equipment installed. We had it re-striped and have been conducting training."

Thrasher said it is a very large truck so the department is currently making sure that everyone is properly trained and acclimated to it before putting it in service.

"A lot of people think of skyscrapers and big cities and such are for ladder trucks but in actuality we will be able to utilize it for elevated water for fires in large buildings or when a roof has collapsed and making it hard to reach from the ground," he said. "The ladder can be used to get on a rooftop of a house or business for ventilation and it can also be used in conjunction with our rope rescue equipment for a high point. This truck would have been very useful during our high angle rescue we responded to back in the summer."

Thrasher said the department often has to plan for worst case scenarios with outside the box ideas.

"There are very few ladder trucks in the county so not only will it help the citizens of Jones Chapel, but it will allow us to assist our neighboring departments in Cullman and Winston counties," he said.



CLINT THRASHER

The Jones Chapel Volunteer Fire Department's 75-foot ladder truck

Rink (from Front)

the Winterbahn, a thrilling 100-foot tubing slide, providing a rush of excitement for all ages.

"We're thrilled to offer these incredible attractions, along with more surprises that will make Cullman Christkindlmarkt 2024 unforgettable," Anderson said.

The popular ice rink is also seeing a significant upgrade.

"We heard a lot of exciting feedback about last year's popularity and crowding at the rink, so this year, we're thrilled to introduce an even larger ice skating space, sponsored by Traditions Bank," Anderson shared.

Now expanded to 6,400 square feet, this is not only Alabama's largest outdoor rink, but one of the most impressive outdoor skating destinations in the South, promising ample room for skaters to enjoy their time on the ice.

The ice skating cost ranges from $12 to $15 per session, including skate rentals, with a $4 discount available for those bringing their own skates. Sessions run for 90 minutes, with tickets sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

To accommodate visitors, a virtual queue allows skaters to explore other market attractions while they wait for their session.

"We're also actively exploring reservation options and hope to make this available soon, offering even more flexibility for our visitors," said Anderson.

He said Christkindlmarkt offers fun for the whole family with accessibility and affordability in mind. To assist younger or inexperienced skaters, skate trainer sleds are available for rental at $5 each, making it easy for everyone to join in the fun.

The Ferris wheel, sponsored by Coca-Cola, provides a fantastic opportunity for guests to take in the holiday lights from above for $9 per rider. Infants and toddlers can ride for free if they sit on their guardian's lap.

In addition to these exciting new attractions, the Cullman Christkindlmarkt features traditional German treats, unique holiday shopping, daily live entertainment and the iconic giant Christmas tree that stands proudly in the heart of the market.

"We're thrilled to invite everyone to experience the largest and most authentic Christkindlmarkt in the South, where every corner is filled with festive magic," Anderson said.

"The Cullman Christkindlmarkt promises an unforgettable holiday experience for all ages. We can't wait to welcome you to this special celebration of the season!"

Cullman Christkindlmarkt will take place at Depot Park Nov. 21-Dec. 23, Thursdays-Saturdays, from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sundays from noon-8 p.m. It will be open seven days a week beginning Dec. 16 (closed on Thanksgiving Day). Get more information at www.cullmanchristkindlmarkt.com. Depot Park is located at 107 Arnold St. NW, Cullman.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 9-11

Jeffrey Louie Horton, 63
Funeral services for Jeffrey Louie Horton of Hanceville will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Greens Chapel Cemetery in Blount County. The family will welcome friends for visitation from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Jeffrey Horton, affectionately known by many as "Coach Goat," passed away on Nov. 9, in Hanceville. Born on Nov. 19, 1960, in Oneonta, Coach Goat was a devoted family man, a steadfast friend, and a community icon. His life was filled with a passion for sports, particularly football, and a boundless love for those around him—especially children. Coach Goat worked in the maintenance department for Cullman County Schools, dedicating the last decade of his career to Holly Pond School, where he became an irreplaceable part of the school community. Whether it was coaching sports, driving a bus at a moment's notice, or tending to the upkeep of school grounds, He was always the one you could call on. His selflessness, kindness, and dedication made him a fixture not only at Holly Pond but in the lives of everyone he encountered. Beyond his time at Holly Pond, Coach Goat spent previous years working with Lee Distribution and Webb Wheel, contributing his deep work ethic and compassion in every role he took on. Known for his warm heart and caring spirit, he was a staple in his community—someone people could count on without hesitation. Coach Goat's legacy is not just in the fields and halls he maintained but in the lives he touched with his kindness and generosity. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and countless students who were blessed to know "Coach Goat." He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. He was preceded in death by his father, James Horton; and grandparents, Lonnie Horton, Louell Tidwell, Jay Evans and Pernie Evans. Survivors include his loving mother, Ossie Horton; sisters, Joyce (Scott) Hodges and Polly Roberts; nephews, Drake Hodges, Jarrod Roberts, and Brody Roberts; great nephew, Zach Hodges; a host of cousins; and his beloved Holly Pond Community. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Horton Family.

James D. 'Smokey' Johnson, 76
Funeral service for James D. "Smokey" Johnson is Monday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Dustin Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service and interment will follow at Valley Springs Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Smokey was born on May 6, 1948, to Alton and Mabel Johnson. He passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at Woodland Nursing Home, surrounded by his loving family. He is preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Opal Johnson, Audrey McSwain, and Sheila Whatley; brother, Bodie Johnson. He is survived by his brothers, Tommy Johnson, Joe Johnson, and Danny Johnson; one sister, Hassie McCroy; nieces and nephews, Annette Graveman (Ricky), Dolly Johnson (Tracy), Phillip Johnson (Angie), Mossy Smith, Candy Smith (David Sizemore), Kathy Daniel (Richard), Larry McCroy (Dawn), Darrel McCroy, Tim McCroy, Rodney McCroy, Kenneth McSwain (Pat), Frances Tucker (John), Tammy Hesson, Rusty Whatley (Ashley), Brett Whatley (Holly), Tiffany Whatley Phillips (Tae); several great nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends. Serving as pallbearers are Kyle Smith, Nathan Johnson, Travis Brock, Wesley McSwain, Jeremy McSwain, and Brett Whatley. Family will always remember Smokey as a kind, giving, and loving person. He was always doing for others and did his very best at whatever he wanted to accomplish. He loved Corvettes and always wanted one. He was a very sweet and pure soul who will be missed greatly by those who loved him. If family or friends wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers to Valley Springs Church in Smokey's honor, please feel free to do so. Please visit www.cullmanfuneralhome.com to sign the online guestbook.

Betty Childers Pugh, 92
Graveside services for Betty Childers Pugh, 92, were held at Mt. Zion Cemetery on Nov. 10, 2024. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home facilitated the service. Mrs. Pugh passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, November 6th, 2024. Betty was born July 11, 1932, in rural Marshall County. She was a 1st grade teacher for many years at Vinemont. After retiring, she poured herself into volunteering for many groups. Her main goal in life was to bring as many people to the Lord as she could. Betty was especially proud of the songs and poetry she wrote, which were published in her book Beneath His Sheltering Wings. Betty was preceded in death by her parents and all her siblings, as well as her husband (Frank) and two of her beloved sons (Joel and Timothy). She is survived by her son Jeff Pugh (Gina). She is also survived by her grandchildren Amber Gentry, Brandi McKinney, Krista Debruhl, and Michael Pugh, as well as their respective spouses. Mrs. Pugh also had 14 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other special people in her life. The family would like to thank, on Mrs. Pugh's behalf, the special ladies at Westminster Assisted Living, for their compassionate care for the last 5 years.

Eva Faye Duffie, 81
Funeral Service for Eva Faye Duffie, age 81 of Logan, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Dan Cobb officiating, burial at Laodicea Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Duffie passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024, at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born Dec. 13, 1942, to Arnold Baker and Ruby Wright Baker. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband Doyle Duffie. Survivors include her daughter, Teresa (Jack) Rea; son, Gregory Duffie, grandchildren, Lacy Rea, Kent (Tabitha) Rea; great grandchild, Nathan Rea; sisters, Carolyn Amos and Linda Coots; brother, Aurthur Baker and a host of nieces and nephews.

Dortha Nell Hembree, 96
Dortha Nell Hembree, age 96, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2024. Services for Dortha will be held Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Moss-Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055. Family will receive friends for a visitation from 10 a.m. until the service time at 11 a.m., with interment to follow at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Westminster "Activity Funds" by contacting Mrs. Wanda at Westminster Assisted Living. 256-255-0361. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Frances Youngblood-McNutt, 101
Funeral services for Frances Youngblood-McNutt will be 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hanceville. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. The family will welcome friends for visitation on Saturday from noon - 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Frances Youngblood-McNutt, age 101, passed away peacefully on Nov. 8, 2024, in Hanceville, Alabama. Born on Dec. 29, 1922, in Greenwood, South Carolina, Frances led a remarkable life filled with service, knowledge, and love. A proud graduate of Lander College in 1944, Frances went on to contribute to scientific research as a chemist for the Tennessee Valley Authority in Florence, Alabama. Later, she found her calling in education, dedicating herself to teaching biology at Hanceville High School and Cullman High School, where she influenced countless students until her retirement in 1988. Frances is survived by her loving son, John Manly McNutt; daughter-in-law, Leigh Hudson McNutt; grandson, Samuel Manly McNutt; and granddaughter, Emily Ann McNutt. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edwin Howard McNutt; son, Kevin Anderson McNutt; parents, Sam Manly Youngblood and Helen Anderson Youngblood; as well as two brothers and one sister. Frances will be remembered for her dedication to science, her passion for teaching, and her love for her family. Her legacy lives on in the lives of those she touched and the family who loved her dearly.

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