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Battleground's Daniel White's melons break records...again



DANIEL WHITE

Daniel White's watermelon "Don's" weight of 288 lbs. set a new state record for the largest watermelon ever grown in Alabama.

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Something to cluck about



HEATHER HANKEY

Brayden Hankey, 9, poses with his award-winning pumpkin. His pumpkin, which he decorated as a chicken, won first place in the painted pumpkin category at the Cullman County Fair. "He had no idea he won money until he heard the words 'You can pick up your check on Sunday,'" his mom, Heather Hankey, laughed. By: Wendy Sack

PET OF THE WEEK

Help Rambler find his forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Rambler

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Think Pink luncheon focuses on breast cancer awareness

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CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cancer survivor and Cullman Regional Foundation Executive Director Maria Stanford with her son, Jack.

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional hosted its "Think Pink" luncheon recently at Top of the Town in Cullman. In conjunction with breast cancer awareness month, the luncheon provided attendees with information on a variety of women's issues. Free health screenings including cholesterol, glucose and bone density were available, as well as resources for weight management, skin care, mammograms and many others.

Cullman Regional's Vice President, Marketing & Public Relations, Lindsey Dorsey wanted to create a fun event for women to get together for fellowship, food and fun, as well as spotlight the many resources available in the Cullman area pertaining to women's health and wellness.

According to Dossey, "Over 100 women registered for the luncheon and we are thrilled. We want to do more events away from the Cullman Regional campus that are fun yet informative for women. We are excited that so many are here today."

The luncheon's guest speaker was Cullman Regional Foundation Executive Director, Maria Stanford, who shared her experience of discovering a lump in her breast at age 33. She is now 13 years cancer-free.

Stanford said, "I don't have a family history of breast cancer. I was only 33 years old when I received my diagnosis. I hadn't even started the annual mammograms. I was 33 years old, married to Steve Stanford. We had a 3-year-old daughter, Mary Katherine, and a 1 ½-year-old Jack at the time."

Stanford gave credit to Jack, now a freshman at Cullman High School, for saving her life in December 2004, saying, "I went to take a nap with my son. I laid down on my left side and my right hand kind of fell to the front of my chest. I felt a knot and I thought, this isn't right, but went on to sleep with Jack."

Stanford waited until after the busy holiday season before going to see her doctor. Her first appointment with Dr. Glori Short would take the family on a new course. Stanford was diagnosed with three malignant lesions.

She recalled, "I'll never forget hearing Dr. Nicholas say, 'You have breast cancer. You'll need to see the surgeon right away.' I ended up floating to the top of the room

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4th annual Caring for Cullman concert set for Oct. 18

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Vinemont man dies after weekend crash

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CULLMAN – A Vinemont man died as a result of an early Sunday morning automobile crash. Alabama State Troopers identified the man as Brandon Adam Hamm, 33.

The single-vehicle wreck happened at approximately 4 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018 in the 2600 block of County Road 1212 in the community of Battleground. Troopers said Hamm was not wearing a seatbelt.

Hamm was indicted in May 2018 by a Cullman County grand jury in the death of Mortimer Jordan High School volleyball coach Kelsey Marie Treadaway, 31, of Kimberly.

Treadaway, the daughter of Alabama Rep. Allen Treadaway, R-Morris, was killed on Feb. 25, 2018 when the 2010 Toyota Camry she was driving was struck from behind by a 2007 Chevrolet pickup driven by Hamm,

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CULLMAN REGIONAL FOUNDATION

Book fair at Cullman Regional Oct. 15-16

Cullman Regional Foundation

CULLMAN – The Cullman Regional Foundation would like to invite you to the Collective Goods and Book Fair at Cullman Regional on Monday, Oct. 15 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Col. Cullmann Room in the Community Education Center of Professional Office Building II.

"We are excited to host the fundraising event this fall," said Maria Stanford, Foundation executive director. "There will be a variety of books for sale, including electronics, home goods, kids' gifts and more."

Stanford encourages the community to participate as it's a good way of preparing in advance for Christmas.

A percentage of the sales will support the Foundation and will allow for departmental grants to be awarded at Cullman Regional.

To get more information on the two-day event, contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE)
)
PETITION OF KELLY WILLIAM) CASE NO.: AD2018-090
CRAWFORD AND CHAVONNE)
RENEE SCHULTZ CRAWFORD)

FOR THE ADOPTION OF
K.A.W., MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JOHN CODY WILLIAMS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF K.A.W., A MINOR CHILD, BORN TO MIKAYLA ABNER

A Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Petitioners Kelly William Crawford and Chavonne Renee Schultz Crawford. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, Post Office Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

DONE THIS 21st day of September, 2018.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF *
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BRITANY RIGGS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. TO ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE FATHER:**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY DANIEL MOSLEY AND ASHLEY MOSLEY, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERKOF THE PORBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS THE 21st DAY OF September, 2018.

DANIEL MOSLEY & ASHLEY MOSLEY
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Arrest reports: Oct. 5-7

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Oct. 5-7, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Smith, Evon J., 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- insurance violation
- expired tag
- failure to register vehicle

Smith, Carron D., 56
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication

Smith, Teresa L., 48
- third-degree theft of property

Thursby, Kayla S., 32
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)

Ross, Brandon J., 25
- fourth-degree theft of property

Short, William A., 44
- public intoxication

Turley, Lindsey N., 27
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Allaire, Richard L. Jr., 58
- first-degree theft of property

Pendergraft, Unique N., 26
- providing false information to law enforcement
- FTA- third-degree theft of property

Stanbery, Christian H., 28
- obstructing government operations

Brooks, Bama S., 22
- harassment

Richter, Mark E., 48
- third-degree burglary
- third-degree criminal mischief
- violation of a protection order
- third-degree attempted burglary

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

EDUCATION

Mini Term II registration Wednesday, Oct. 10, classes begin Oct. 11

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Registration for Wallace State Community College's fall semester Mini Term II classes takes place Wednesday, Oct. 10 and Thursday, Oct. 11. Classes begin Oct. 11. Wallace State has a variety of options, including online courses, for students to register for during the second mini term. Mini Term II classes are eight-week courses and conclude on Dec. 12.

Mini Term II classes with availabilities on the main campus are Criminalistics, English Composition II, United States History II, Precalculus Algebra, Precalculus Trigonometry, Calculus III and Freshman Seminar – Orientation.

Online or hybrid courses offered are Intro Computer Logic/ Program, Microcomputer Applications, Principles of Microeconomics, English Composition 101, Music Appreciation and Human Growth and Development.

Classes at the Oneonta campus include Intermediate College Algebra and Human Growth and Development.

The complete Mini Term II class schedule is available online at www.wallacestate.edu/current-schedule.

Registration information is available online at www.wallacestate.edu. For more information, call Lion Central at 256-352-8236 or (1-866-350-9722).

For more information about Wallace State, visit www.wallacestate.edu.

Rambler (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week:

Rambler is a textbook Mountain Cur, the oldest distinctly American dog breed, right down to his natural bobtail and high-set rear dew claws.

Curs were bred as outdoor working and hunting dogs for the frontier and are known to be fiercely loyal to and protective of their humans.

Rambler is a medium-size, medium-energy pup who's approximately 1 year old. With the right human, he could be just about anything: a companion, comfort, therapy or hiking dog.

Ruttkay said he has "impeccable manners during bath time, floats on his leash, eagerly comes when you ask him and has spatial awareness." (That means he respects your personal space!)

Overall, said Ruttkay, Rambler's "a swell guy."

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

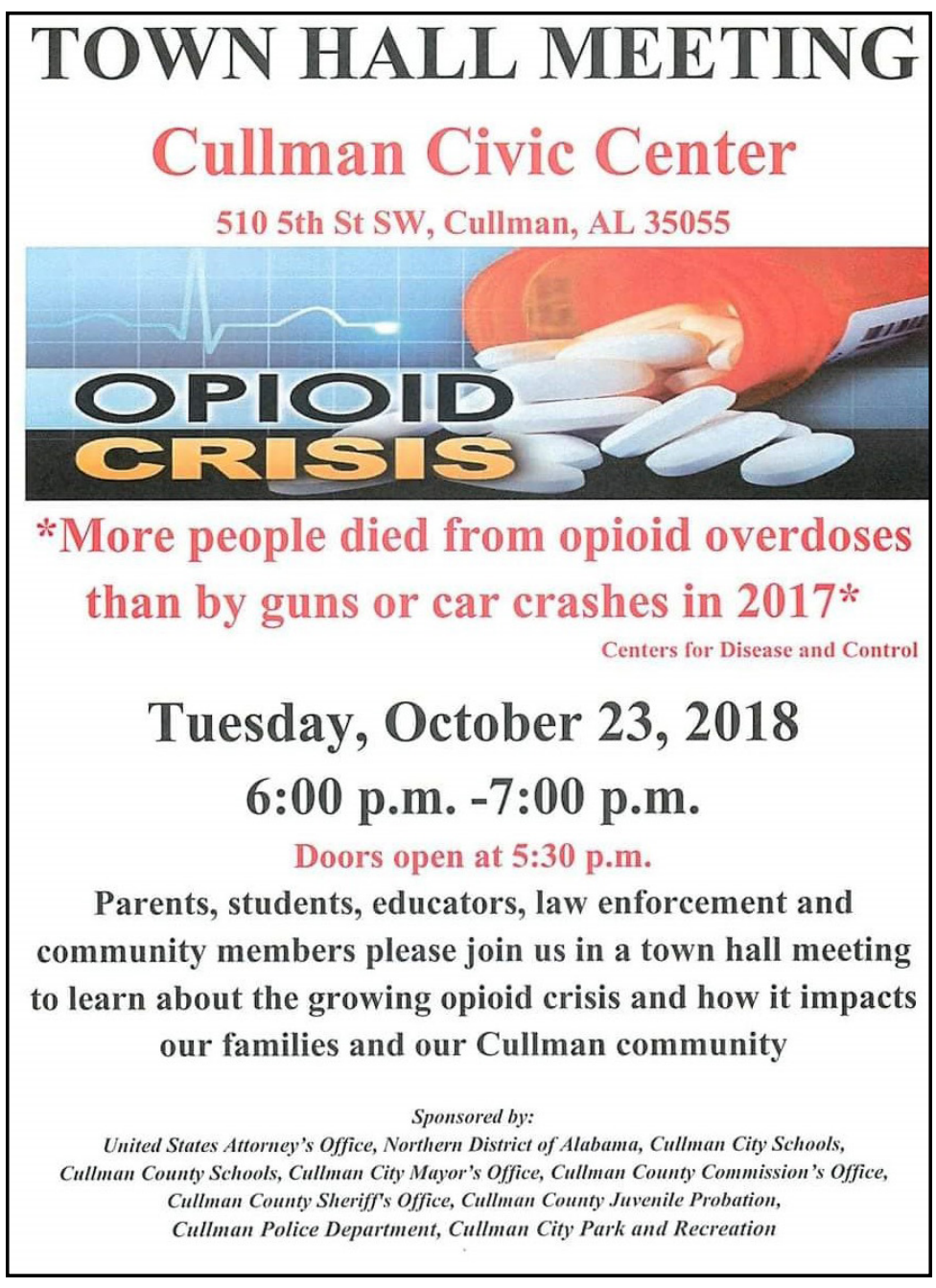
Rambler's adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

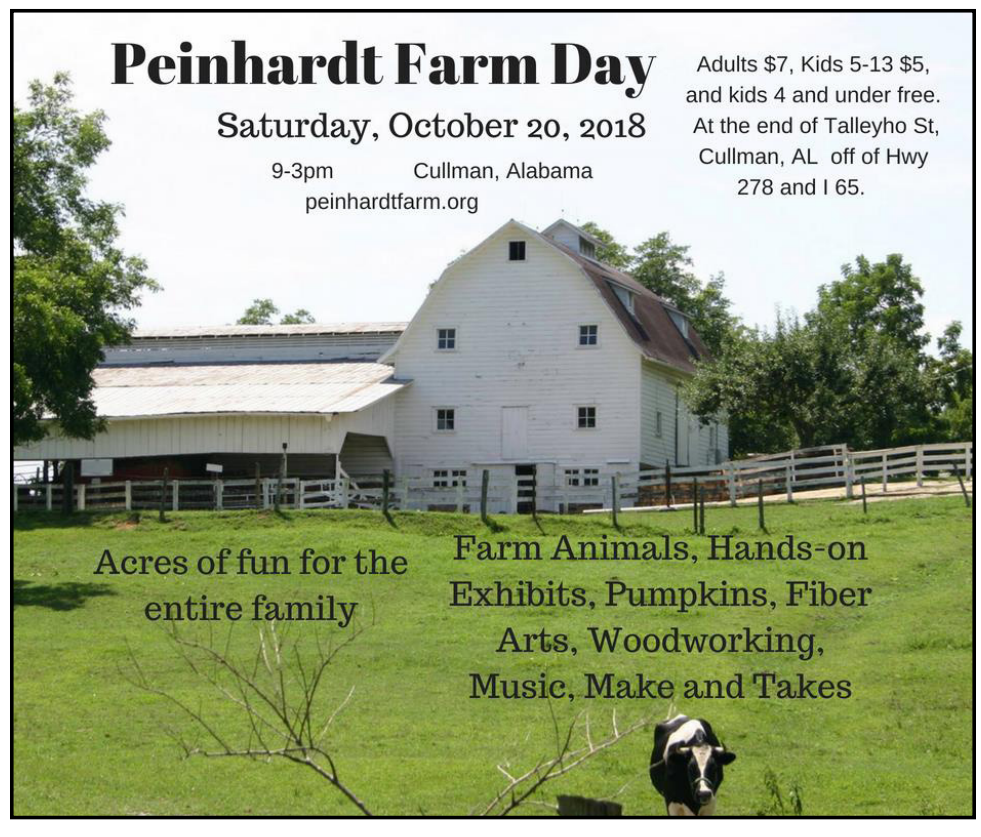
Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.











Greg, Jacob Pugh nab $10K grand prize at 5th annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest

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CULLMAN – There were plenty of prizes to hand out at Smith Lake Park Saturday afternoon. In all, 179 boats hit the water bright and early to compete in the fifth annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest. The top 40 finishers all took home cash prizes and the top boat took home the grand prize of $10,000.

This year's first-place finishers, nabbing the grand prize, were Greg and Jacob Pugh, with a total weight of 15.50 pounds. Coming in just behind them in second place and reeling in the biggest fish of the day at 5.69 pounds were Kyle and Luke Glasgow.

The Glasgows took home a $500 prize both for their big fish and finishing as the top parent-child team. The University of Montevallo's Cameron Glasscock and Garrett Whitney finished as the top college team in the field, weighing in at 9.43 pounds, while Sawyer Daniel and Cody Cox of Fairview took home the high school crown with a weight of 5.49 pounds.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Greg and Jacob Pugh took home first place and $10,000 at the fifth annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest, with a total weight of 15.50 pounds.

PREP FOOTBALL WRAP-UP: week 7

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CULLMAN – As the regular season starts to wind down, teams across The Tribune's coverage area are still fighting for potential playoff spots, and wins are at a premium now more than ever. Several teams still have plenty of region games in front of them and if they can get hot at the right time, can make a run to the postseason. Last Friday saw most local teams go down, so this week will be critical for those that need to bounce back.



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Several Bronco defenders team up to bring down the Hornets' ball carrier in Holly Pond's 36-10 win over Locust Fork.

(6-1) Good Hope 27 – (6-1) Northside 42

The Raiders were on the road last week and faced the toughest opponent on their schedule so far this season. The Rams' defense gave Good Hope a lot of problems in the first half, including a safety when the Raiders were pinned down on their own goal line. The Rams led it 23-6 at the half. Good Hope was able to generate more offense in the second, with quarterback Bailey Quick and running back Matt Dixon combining for three touchdowns. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to keep pace with Northside, and the Rams pulled away 42-27. The loss drops the Raiders to 2-1 in the region, but they'll have a chance to climb in the standings this week when they host (2-4) Haleyville.

(1-6) Hanceville 12 – (5-0) Midfield 70

Not unlike Good Hope, the Hanceville Bulldogs may have run into their toughest opponent on the road last week, too. Bulldog running back R.J. Evans scored on the opening possession, but Midfield responded with 38 unanswered points in the first half. Quarterback Bo Joles scored for the Bulldogs on their first possession of the third quarter, but the Patriots kept them out of the end zone the rest of the night, pulling away to a 70-12 final. Hanceville will have some extra time to regroup and prepare this week for when they host a very good Fultondale team on Oct. 19.

(5-2) Holly Pond 36 – (2-5) Locust Fork 10

The Broncos were one of two local teams to come out on top last week and they did it in convincing fashion at home against Locust Fork. The Hornets played Holly Pond close in the first half, trailing just 14-10 at the break, but the second half was dominated by the Broncos. Holly Pond scored three times in the third quarter before draining the clock in the final quarter to seal the 36-10 win. Defeating Locust Fork moves the Broncos to 2-2 in the region with a lot of important games in front of them. They'll start by traveling to Blountsville to face J.B. Pennington.

(2-4) Vinemont 12 – (5-1) Fultondale 33

The Eagles had their hands full at home with the Fultondale Wildcats last week. Despite playing a physical game for four quarters, Vinemont wasn't able to keep up the Wildcats and fell 33-12. The Eagles' offense had a lot of trouble moving in the first half, but on the other side of the ball, Vinemont held Fultondale to just 13 points and stay within two possessions at halftime.

Senior safety Dustin Moore took a Wildcat pass 98 yards the other way in the final seconds of the first half, but a penalty on the return kept Vinemont off the scoreboard. Fultondale was able to generate more explosive plays and points in the second half, pulling away in the third quarter.

The Eagles found the end zone early in the fourth on a 2-yard keeper from quarterback Jack Hill. They were able to score again on the final play of regulation when Hill hit wideout Lucas Miller for a 10-yard touchdown, but it wasn't enough to lift them over the Wildcats. Vinemont will have to turn around quickly this week and get ready for a road matchup with Locust Fork.

(3-4) Cullman 16 – (5-1) Athens 19 (OT)

Two late field goals were the difference in this matchup between the Bearcats and the Golden Eagles, one at the end of regulation and one to end it in overtime. Junior running back Jayden Sullins found the end zone on the first possession of the game to give the 'Cats a 7-0 lead right out of the gate. Points were at a premium in this contest. Athens broke loose for a 60-yard touchdown at the start of the second quarter to tie the game, but Cullman was able to put together a go-ahead scoring drive just before the half. Sophomore quarterback Max Dueland hit Peyton Colvard for a 12-yard touchdown to go into the locker room with a 13-7 lead. Early in the fourth quarter, the Golden Eagles returned a punt 80 yards to tie the game at 13, but an excessive celebration penalty backed them up 15 yards for the extra point attempt.

The kick was no good and the game remained knotted at 13. The 'Cats got the lead back with just over two minutes to play when Luke Andrews knocked a 21-yard field goal through the uprights. Athens answered by quickly moving down the field and getting within the range of their kicker, Cesar Sanchez. Sanchez's 30-yard attempt was good as time expired and sent the game to overtime tied at 16.

The 'Cats were sacked on third down of their opening overtime possession and fumbled the ball over to the Golden Eagles. Sanchez connected on a short field goal just a few plays later to give Athens a dramatic 19-16 win. The loss moves Cullman to 1-2 in the region with one of the toughest teams on its schedule coming to town next week in Muscle Shoals.

(2-4) West Point 20 (5-1) Jasper 54

Another tough road matchup we saw last week was the West Point Warriors traveling to take on the team at the top of the Region 7 standings, the Jasper Vikings. The Warrior defense had a lot of trouble containing the Vikings on offense, allowing 592 total yards on the night. Quarterback Rylan Jones collected two touchdowns on the ground while running back Hunter Persall added one of his own for the Warriors' offense, but it wasn't enough to keep up with Jasper. The loss moves West Point to 0-4 in the region with another solid team in Dora coming to town this week.

(2-4) Fairview 12 – (6-0) North Jackson 78

Difficult road games were the theme all across the area last week. Like the Warriors, the Aggies traveled to play the top team in their region as well. North Jackson is outscoring its opponents 383-63 so far in 2018 including three 70-plus point performances.

Fairview actually jumped out to an early lead when Dante Dumas returned the opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown. It was all Chiefs after the opening kick. North Jackson responded with 37 unanswered points to take a big lead early. Aggies quarterback Dayne Black cut into the deficit with a 5-yard touchdown run but Fairview still trailed 50-12 at the half. North Jackson continued to pull away in the second half, bringing the final to 78-12. The Aggies drop to 1-3 in the region and they'll be back on the road this week when they travel to face West Morgan.

(3-4) Meek 36 – (2-4) Brilliant 14

The Tigers picked up a big region win on homecoming last week as they jumped all over Brilliant in the first half to take a 30-0 lead into the break. Gabe Jones scored the first points for Meek on the defensive side of the ball with an interception he returned for a score, and not long after that, Nelson Martin stretched the lead with a 28-yard touchdown that made it 16-0.

Jones ran one in from 43-yards out to make it 22-0 in the second quarter and a 12-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Stuart Waldrep to wideout Caleb Aaron made it 30-0 before halftime. Brilliant scored twice in the second half to cut the lead to 30-14 but it was too little too late for the visiting Tigers. Jones scored again from 37-yards out to ice the homecoming win 36-14. Meek is now 1-3 in the region with three critical games remaining on the schedule, starting this week when the Tigers travel to take on Pickens County.

(5-2) Addison 8 – (5-2) Colbert County 35

The Bulldogs traveled to take on a tough Colbert County Indians squad last week and the running back on the other sideline, Ethan Smith, gave Addison problems early and often. Smith finished with 382 yards and two touchdowns in the Indians' win. Addison running back Weston Smith scored from 3 yards out to cut the lead to 21-8 going into the break. Unfortunately for Addison fans, the Bulldogs weren't able to get back on the scoreboard and Colbert County was able to pull away 35-8. The loss drops Addison to 2-1 in the region with a home game against Tanner coming up this Friday.



YOUTH FOOTBALL: Week 7 scoring roundup

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CULLMAN – Week seven of Cullman County youth football is done, and the teams are looking toward the playoffs as we head into the final weeks of the regular season. Here's how week seven shaped up.

Good Hope Outlaws 34 (6-1), Cold Springs 0 (2-5) (Fireplug)
Good Hope started the series with a shutout of Cold Springs in the fireplug game.

Good Hope Outlaws 16 (6-1), Cold Springs 8 (4-3) (Wee-Wee)
The Outlaws' Wee-Wee squad improved to 6-1 after a close victory over the Eagles.

Good Hope Outlaws 34 (3-4), Cold Springs 0 (0-7) (Pee-Wee)
The Outlaws finished off their series sweep of the Eagles in dominating fashion.

Good Hope Raiders 32 (6-1), West Point 6 (4-3) (Fireplug)
The Raiders started their series strong, dominating West Point on both sides of the ball.

West Point 20 (4-3), Good Hope Raiders 6 (2-5) (Wee-Wee)
A late Warrior touchdown with less than a minute to go in the game helped them seal their victory over the Raiders.

Good Hope Raiders 14 (6-1), West Point 6 (6-1) (Pee-Wee)
Good Hope jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead at the half over West Point thanks to a rushing touchdown by Landon Bagwell and a touchdown pass from Ayden Black to Bagwell. West Point, behind a long touchdown run by Joshua Shannon to start out the second half, cut it to 14-6.

Vinemont 14 (6-1), Hanceville 0 (1-6) (Fireplug)
The Eagles shut out the Bulldogs in their first game of the series.

Vinemont 22 (4-3), Hanceville 0 (1-6) (Wee-Wee)
The Eagles' Wee-Wee squad followed that shutout with one of its own.

Vinemont 24 (4-3), Hanceville 0 (Pee-Wee)
Vinemont finished off its series sweep of the Bulldogs in a shutout.

Cullman Bearcats 34 (3-4), Cullman Cyclones 0 (0-7) (Fireplug)
The Bearcats shut out the Cyclones to begin the series.

Cullman Cyclones 36 (7-0), Cullman Bearcats 0 (4-3) (Wee-Wee)
The Cyclones returned the favor in their Wee-Wee matchup against the Bearcats.

Cullman Bearcats 28 (6-1), Cullman Cyclones 0 (4-3) (Pee-Wee)
The Bearcats finished the series 2-1 after their shutout victory over the Cyclones.

Holly Pond 22 (6-1), Fairview 0 (1-6) (Fireplug)
Behind two touchdowns by Hunter Tolbert, a touchdown by Grayson Baggett and a strong defensive effort, the Broncos picked up win no. 6 on the season.

Fairview 34 (3-4), Holly Pond 8 (0-7) (Wee-Wee)
The Aggies won in dominating fashion over the Broncos in the Wee-Wee matchup.

Holly Pond 28 (4-3), Fairview 6 (1-6) (Pee-Wee)
Holly Pond won the series 2-1 for the day after defeating Fairview.



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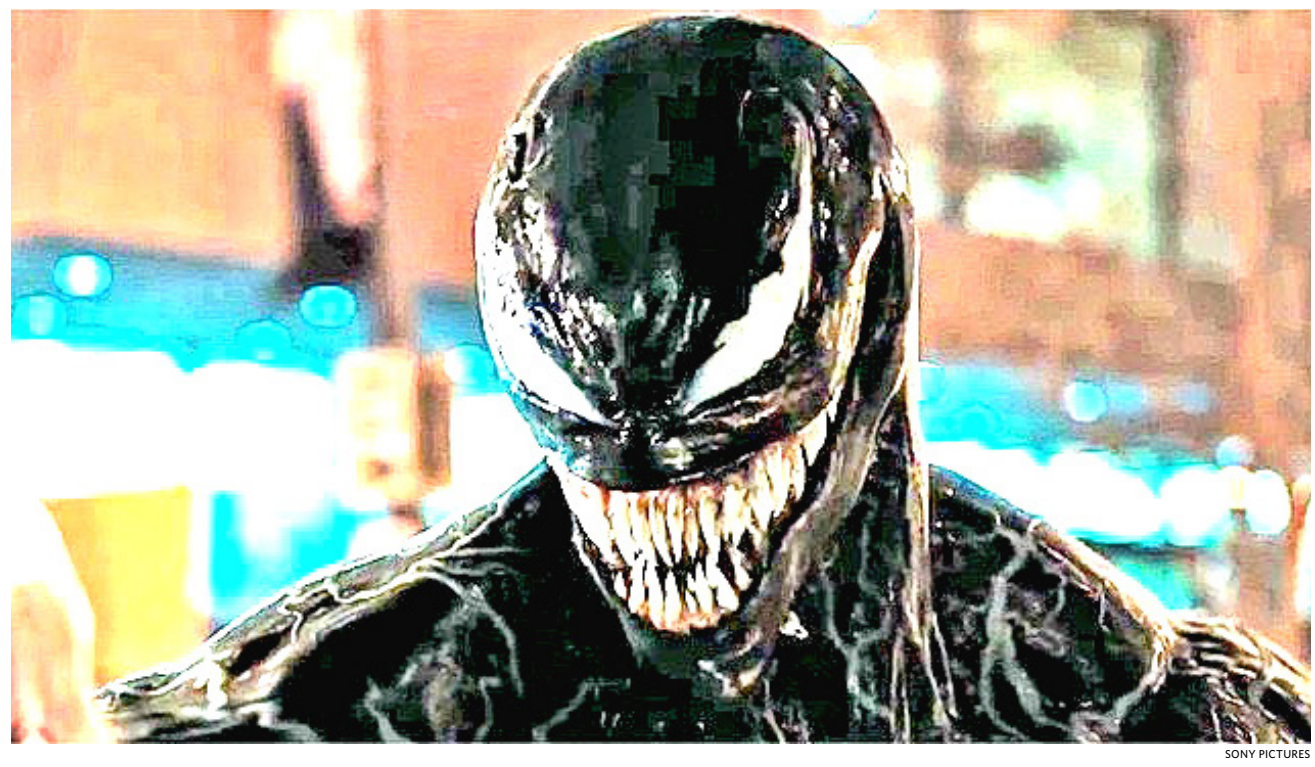
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MOVIE REVIEW

Hardy saves lackluster 'Venom'; 6/10

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"Venom" is directed by Reuben Fleischer and stars Tom Hardy as Eddie Brock/ Venom. This is the latest edition in the modern wave of comic book genre films, but unlike some of the ones that have come before it, "Venom" is seemingly two movies sharing one screen the same way our main character and the symbiote creature are sharing one body.

For those who aren't familiar with this character already, Venom is one of the most famous recurring Spider-Man villains. As he grew in popularity he shifted into more of an anti-hero role and has been known to fight alongside Spider-Man from time to time. The challenge for this film is that Spider-Man is currently wrapped up in the Marvel Cinematic Universe and isn't available for this Venom solo movie. Most of the interesting things about Venom come directly from his relationship to Spider-Man, so Fleischer had a tall task in front of him. Fortunately, we have Hardy in the lead role, which is always a good call.

Hardy brings an energy to the character of Venom that the rest of the film can't match up to. As a result, everything involving Eddie and Venom, particularly their growing friendship, is very entertaining, while the plot, set up and other characters we have to follow feel like filler we have to get through until we can get our two main characters back on screen.

For those reasons, it's hard to say whether or not this movie is actually good. If you enjoy Hardy's oddball performance like I did, then at least half of this film will really entertain you. Hardy also provides the voice of Venom, and Hardy's ability to act against himself is something to see. It's funny, endearing and by the end of the film you're really rooting for Eddie and Venom to get it done. If Hardy's performance doesn't work for you, as many others have said, you may really dislike this one.

Carlton Drake, played by Riz Ahmed, is one of the more bland, forgettable villains we've seen lately, and for the type of character they wanted in the film, Ahmed comes off as miscast. Ahmed is an actor who can bring a lot of humor, energy and charisma to a character, but in this film, Drake is so toned down it makes you wonder why they cast the part the way they did. Michelle Williams is also on-hand as Anne Weying, a love interest for Eddie. Like Ahmed, Williams has very little to do here and doesn't make any real lasting impact on the plot. These two come off like they're in a different movie than Hardy. Their scenes, particularly Drake's, are a major tonal shift from the buddy comedy going on with Eddie and Venom.

Overall, I would say that if you're looking for a version of Venom that is accurate to the source material, that's not what you're going to get. For me, that was a positive, but for hardcore fans of Venom in the comics that may not be the case. Everything involving Eddie and Venom is fun to watch, including the action. The final battle gets pretty CGI-heavy and a little tough to follow, but that can be said about any comic book film. Venom's action is fast, intense and fun to watch so if you're also on board with Hardy's performance, you'll have a good time.

Griffin's score: 6/10

Records (from Front)

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent

Battleground resident Daniel White's melons are breaking records- again. One of this year's crop weighed in as the new state champion, a whopping 288 pounds, at the 2018 Pumpkin and Watermelon Weigh-Off at Bear Wallow Farm in Nancy, Kentucky in September.

White has been growing watermelons for several years. That in itself isn't unusual; a lot of Cullman farmers grow watermelons. What is different about White's melons is that it practically takes a forklift to get them off the ground. He's been growing these giant melons for five years.

He started the seeds inside his house around April 10 and then planted the plants outside the first week of May.

"After four consecutive years of babysitting watermelons from April to October, I decided to take 2017 off and got back to the melon madness for 2018," he said.

"Without a doubt the biggest thing I've learned the hard way is rabbit control!" he chuckled. "I've never had a problem with rabbits before this year so I didn't have any fencing around the melon patch. Toward the end of July rabbits started wreaking havoc on the plants. Every day I'd go out there and vines would be wilted where the rabbits had bitten them in half."

His solution was resourceful.

"I put radios out there to try to scare the rabbits off, but that didn't work, so I bought the rabbit repellent stuff, and that didn't work, either. Finally, I built a small chicken wire fence around the melons that held the rabbits at bay for the most part. I will have a rabbit-proof fence around the patch before the start of the 2019 season!" he vowed.

Each year White's goal melon weight is to beat his personal best.

"Mother Nature throws a multitude of issues our way from too much rain, insect problems, plant disease issues and of course, critters, so beating your personal best isn't always easy," he said.

White usually names the melons, mostly for tracking purposes, but it adds a little fun to it, too.

"I'm a huge older country music fan so when it came time to name the melons this year, the Statler Brothers came to mind. I've always been a fan of the Statler Brothers, The Oak Ridge Boys and that kind of music so it seemed to be a natural fit. We had the full Statler Brother lineup this year with Harold, Don, Phil and Jimmy all weighing well over 200 pounds each," he laughed.

The melons grew up listening to "Counting Flowers on The Wall" and other hits made famous by the Statlers.

Some folks say these melons are good to eat, but they're usually over ripe by the time Daniel cuts them. Some growers use sprays that are labeled for things like shrubbery so it's not safe to eat one because of that unless you know your grower or grow it yourself.

White advises that as far as fertilizer goes the main thing is to soil test and add amendments in the fall.

"Many things take several months to start working in the soil, so if you wait till spring, you're likely too late. I try to stay away from most synthetic fertilizer with these melons."

Kids are usually too fascinated by the melons to say much when they see them for the first time. However, White said that if he's learned anything after traveling to Kentucky twice in three weeks, it's that hauling 250-plu- pound watermelons down the Interstate is like a rolling circus.

"Folks will pass you and then back off so when you pass them, they've all got their phones out taking pictures of the melons sticking up above the sides of the truck bed," he laughed.

According to one source, White's watermelon holds seventh place in U.S. history for the largest watermelon at 288 pounds.

Fun facts about Daniel White's melons

- The largest melons by year, 2013-105 lbs., 2014-208 lbs., 2015-243 lbs. (broke the state record that year), 2016-237 lbs. (the seeds he saved out of the 237 grew the 288 this year).
- He took 2017 off and this year had 255 lbs., 238 lbs., 288 lbs. and still has one growing but it'll also be over 200 lbs.
- Daniel White's melon, "Don" is the 288 lb. state-record melon for this year.
- The world record melon was grown near Pigeon Forge in 2013. It weighed 350 lbs.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 9 - 12

Mrs. Mary A. Madsen, 81, passed away on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Arrangements are incomplete at this time but will be released by Cullman Funeral Home at a later date.

Amanda "Amy" Bolan of Cullman passed away on October 6, 2018 at UAB Hospital at the age of 53. She was born in Cullman on October 25, 1964 to Hollis Franklin and Jerlene Harris Phillips. She is preceded in death by her parents and a sister Sherry Ryan. Funeral services are Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Vinemont Baptist Church with Rev. Joey Smithson officiating. Interment will follow in Vinemont Baptist Cemetery. Survivors are: Husband: Ricky Bolan, Son: Landon Bolan, Sister: Holly (Heath) Keenum, Brother: Randy (Debra) Phillips and several other family and friends. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Pauline Carpenter Watson, 88, of Helicon Community, entered into rest on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Watson was born on January 18, 1930 in Lawrence County, Alabama. Pauline has been a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church for approximately 35 years. She was a wonderful mother to her children and an incredible seamstress and avid collector. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Nesmith Community, at 11 a.m. She will lie in state from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Brothers, Jr. Garmon and Donny Thomason and Tim Box will officiate. Burial will follow in Jones Chapel Cemetery. Pauline is survived by her loving husband of 70 years, Robert "Leon" Watson; daughters, Shirley Watson Grauberger and Kathy Dian Watson; brother, Robert Carpenter and his wife Mittie. She was preceded in death by her parents, Neal and Birtie Carpenter, and brother, Earl Carpenter.

Funeral services for Mr. Michael David McGriff, 60, of Cullman are Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Carlos Wilhite and Bro. Keith Whitley officiating, with interment in New Hope #2 Cemetery. Visitation on Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. Mr. McGriff passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, H.D. McGriff. He is survived by his mother, Joyce McGriff; sister, Theresa (Allen) Twilley; nieces, Jyme (Rusty) Jennings, Kristin (Jonathan) Owens and Sierra Mauter; great nieces and nephews, Devan Jennings, Carson Jennings, Taylor Owen, Tucker Mauter, River Owen and Willow Owen.

Funeral Service for Kelly Wade Hudson, age 71 of Cullman, will be at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Friday, October 12, 2018, at 12 p.m. with Malcolm Carter officiating and burial at Springhill Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hudson passed away on Sunday, October 7, 2018. He was born Thursday, April 3, 1947 to Bernard Hudson and Ruby Hudson. He is preceded in death by his parents; son-in-law Greg Thrower; one brother; and two sisters. Survivors include his wife, Melba Hudson; daughter, Julie Thrower; grandchildren, Garrett Thrower, Colton Thrower, Canaan Thrower, and Ezra Thrower; nine brothers and sisters; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Friday, October 12, at Cullman Heritage.

Mrs. Mary V. Turner, 88, of Hanceville, passed away Thursday, October 4, 2018. She was born April 17, 1930, to Walter B. Leeth, and Mary O. Stewart. Visitation will be Thursday, October 11, at 5:30 p.m. Service will be Friday, October 12, at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church. She will lie in state from 11 a.m. until service time at 12 noon, with interment following in Colony Community Cemetery. Reverend Clarence Pitts, and Reverend Twitty will be officiating. Preceded in death by her parents; her husband; Leon Turner, and a son; Mervin Turner. Survivors include; her children, Phyllis (Anthony) Flannigan, Edwin Turner, Clifford (Elenior) Turner, Sharon Turner Nation, Anthony Turner, a brother; Charles Richard (Dorothy) Leeth, eight Grandchildren, and four Great Grandchildren.

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OPINION

Introducing: Community with Carol

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Tribune Columnist

I am excited to partner with the Cullman Tribune to write a new weekly series, "Community with Carol." This series will be focused on community awareness.

As a lifelong Cullman resident, I love my community!

I have owned and operated a successful local business. I founded and oversaw a local nonprofit that has changed the lives of my neighbors. This organization was also designed to give back to the community and help individuals become the best citizens they can be.

I am passionate about helping in my community and not only talking about change but doing the hard work to see change actually happen.

After my first political campaign ended I wanted to use the experience to help others.

On the campaign trail, I realized how truly blessed we are in Cullman. We have so many wonderful organizations and public service-minded individuals in our community.

Each week I will showcase a local organization or individual and give the community an overview of their services and contact information.

My hope is to motivate fellow citizens to get up, get out and get involved.



CAROL BERRY

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Concert (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Thursday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Cullman High School auditorium, Good Samaritan Health Clinic (GSHC) will host its fourth annual "Caring for Cullman" concert featuring Triumphant Quartet and the Wallace State Jazz Band.

Triumphant Quartet (Eric Bennett, David Sutton, Clayton Inman and Scotty Inman) performed as part of the regular cast at the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge from 2003 to 2008, then began touring all over the country.

Just this year, Triumphant Quartet won five fan awards from Singing News: Favorite Bass Singer: Eric Bennett, Favorite Album: "Thankful," Favorite Song: "Chain Breaker," Favorite Traditional Quartet and Favorite Artist.

Award-winning bass singer Bennett is a Cullman County native and graduate of West Point High School. If you know him or get to meet him, ask him about his new granddaughter. We're sure he'll be glad to share!

The Wallace State Jazz Band is known to local audiences for its annual Big Band Dance in Cullman, and performances at Oktoberfest. The band also travels, having performed over the years at both Disneyland in California and Disney World in Florida, Chicago and Las Vegas. Earlier this year, the band performed in Branson, Missouri.

The Caring for Cullman Concert was the brainchild of GSHC Executive Director Jolanda Hutson, who explained, "I came up with the idea for the Caring for Cullman Concert for couple of reasons. First of all, at the Good Samaritan Clinic we provide medical care to the Cullman community, and I wanted to have a concert and reach out to performers who have gone on to make it big in the entertainment industry, to come back to their hometown, to give back to their community."

According to Hutson, the event averages approximately $28,000 per year. With each uninsured patient costing the clinic an average of $500 per year to serve, this one event could provide services to 56 patients in the next year.

On Monday, Hutson shared, "We are excited to have Triumphant Quartet back for a fourth year as our headlining performers. Each year, those in attendance have been encouraged and entertained by their music and lively personality on stage.

"Each year, we invite local performers to join us for the opening act. When I approached Ricky Burks, director of bands and chairperson of the Fine and Performing Arts Department of Wallace State Community College, he was happy for the Wallace State Jazz Band to join the lineup."

Dixie Gospel Caravan's Mickey Bell to serve as Master of Ceremonies

Said Hutson, "Concert attendees are in for a special treat this year as Pastor Mickey Bell will be our guest emcee for the evening."

Bell is lead pastor of Grace Church in Bessemer and is the DJ/host of the Dixie Gospel Caravan show on WXJC Radio in Birmingham. As the former pianist for the southern gospel group The Nelons, he is a member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Bell is also a motivational speaker and comedian whose performances flow freely from humor to serious inspiration.

Bell said, "I jumped at the opportunity to partner with Good Samaritan to help the people of Cullman. I love working with people who have a heart for their community; that is why I am so excited about this event on October 18th."

GSHC medical director Dr. Jeremy Stidham

Dr. Jeremy Stidham, of Cullman Internal Medicine and Good Samaritan's medical director, talked to The Tribune at last year's event about what the clinic means for Cullman County.

"It's a good bunch of folks that work at the clinic, and they do a good job for the patients," he said. "And in turn, that does a lot for our community, keeping these folks healthy who otherwise wouldn't get any medical care at all. That's not only good for them, it's good for all of us. When patients are healthy to begin with, it makes them a lot easier to care for when they do get ill.

"That's probably my favorite thing about the clinic, actually, is that we are able to keep folks who would otherwise have no care at all healthy enough to do well when they get sick.

"In the past two years, the clinic has opened its doors a little wider to patients who need help. In years past, it's been a little bit of a closed community, where we accepted fewer patients than we should have. In recent years, we've been able to open those doors up to folks who may otherwise in the past not have been able to get into the clinic and that's something we're very proud of."

Your support needed

Hutson concluded, "I am grateful to the businesses, churches and individuals who have supported our event through sponsorships and promotion. Not only for this annual event, but also for the community's support throughout the year. As a nonprofit we rely in the support of the community to continue to provide medical care to the uninsured in Cullman County.

"I hope that you will make plans to join us. I promise you will laugh and be inspired at this fun event. And, best of all, you will be gratified in knowing that you are helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community who desperately need the medical services provided through Good Samaritan Clinic."

Tickets will be available for $15 at the door, or from GSHC, Borden Family Pharmacy, Heritage Pharmacy of Dodge City, The Added Touch Too and Yates-Chance Christian Bookstore. You can also order tickets online for $18 from www.goodsamaritancullman.com. For details, call 256-255-5965. If you are unable to attend but want to donate, visit the website above or call 256-775-1389, ext. 0; or mail donations to the clinic at 401 Arnold Street NE, Suite A Cullman, AL 35055.

Luncheon (from Front)

and not following what he shared from that point forward. I was in shock!"

Stanford had several surgeries before undergoing chemotherapy. The treatments resulted in her going into early menopause. A lymph node dissection revealed that her cancer had spread.

"I remember hearing that I had six positive cancer nodes. Because of having all the lymph nodes taken out, I have a daily battle with lymphedema of my right arm," said Stanford.

Stanford said she underwent a double mastectomy surgery and radiation treatments that lasted 10 weeks.

"I would take the last appointment of the day and would race over from work to see him (Dr. Vincent Karolewics) every day for 10 weeks!"

Stanford kept working throughout her battle. She shared, "It allowed me to somewhat control things professionally because everything in my personal life was out of control."

She credits her family, friends and faith for always being there for her and the family during the long ninth months that the Stanfords focused on Maria's battle.

Stanford fought back tears as she spoke of actions she took just in case.

"I wrote notes to my children, so they would have letters at different stages in their lives and even went to Monograms Plus and purchased items that Margaret Hamm was to give to the children, should something happen to me."

As she thought her battle was coming to an end, Stanford went through genetic testing at UAB that revealed that she was BRAC 1 and 2 positive making ovarian cancer her next obstacle.

Again, the holidays were upon them, so she waited. So, a year after the first cancer diagnosis, Stanford was facing another surgery. A visit to Dr. Short showed ovarian cysts and Maria would need a complete hysterectomy.

She said, "My body went through so much in a year. My spirit wasn't broken, just slightly bruised. I had the power of prayer and a family who loved me unconditionally.

"I had an army of work friends supporting me and a community who lifted me up."

Stanford recommended to everyone, "If you know of someone with cancer and you don't know what to do, just do something kind! Some need a meal, a ride to an appointment, a card, a visit or simply a prayer."

She encourages everyone to:

- Take time out of the beginning of each month and do an exam in the shower. Men should be checking too.
- Make sure you are having your annual mammogram.
- Follow up with a physician if you find something abnormal.

Crash (from Front)

according to Alabama State Troopers.

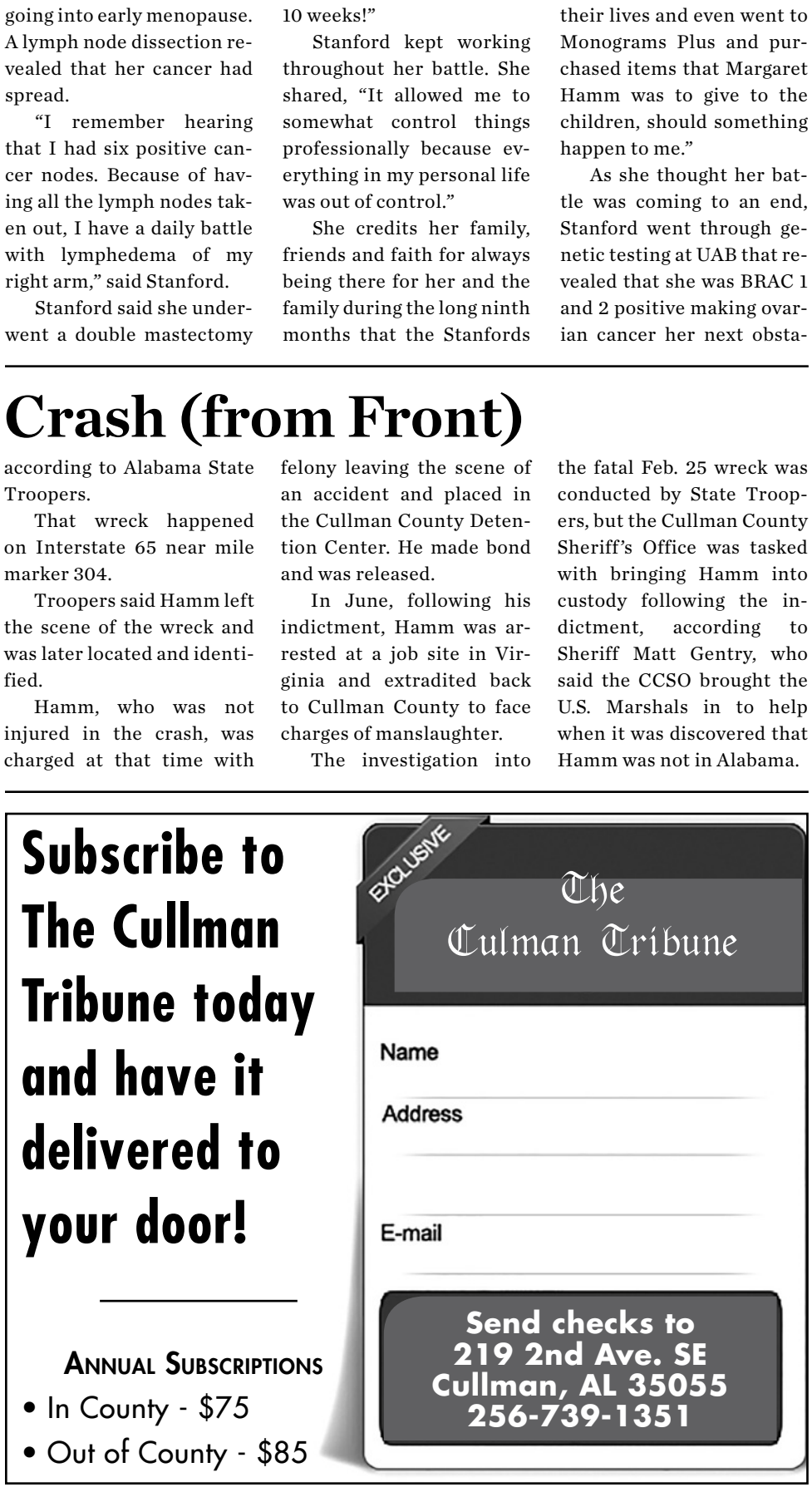
That wreck happened on Interstate 65 near mile marker 304.

Troopers said Hamm left the scene of the wreck and was later located and identified.

Hamm, who was not injured in the crash, was charged at that time with felony leaving the scene of an accident and placed in the Cullman County Detention Center. He made bond and was released.

In June, following his indictment, Hamm was arrested at a job site in Virginia and extradited back to Cullman County to face charges of manslaughter.

The investigation into the fatal Feb. 25 wreck was conducted by State Troopers, but the Cullman County Sheriff's Office was tasked with bringing Hamm into custody following the indictment, according to Sheriff Matt Gentry, who said the CCSO brought the U.S. Marshals in to help when it was discovered that Hamm was not in Alabama.





OKTOBERFEST 2018

Dogs big and small come out for Oktoberfest

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CULLMAN – Oktoberfest got a big boost of furry cuteness as dogs of all kinds turned out for the Cullman Kiwanis Club's K-9's-4-A-Kause event Saturday, with the popular Wiener Dog Races and several contests at Depot Park. The fundraiser delighted animal lovers while raising money the many programs the Kiwanis Club has to benefit children in the community.

Kiwanis sponsor area high school Key Clubs. Key Club members from Cullman, Fairview, Holly Pond and Addison were on hand to judge events and help with registrations and raffles.

The contestants sized up their competition, except Conrad the St. Bernard. He knew he had anything to do with size in the bag. Biscuit the beagle puppy could hardly wait as the festivities began while Lee McFee, the yellow retriever mix. seemed more interested in finding a shady picnic table to lie under.

Cullman Kiwanis President Steve Sides gave the go ahead to begin the escapades.

First up- Best Costume: While Lee McFee looked dapper in his traditional German attire, Oscar the basset hound was confident in his Superman costume selection.

Some late entries made the judging tough. Conrad took third place with his Ty Beanie Baby costume and Oscar took second for his Superman. Beretta the Doberman took first with her Buzz Lightyear costume complete with blinking lights.

Best Owner Lookalike winner was Sweet Pea, the long haired chihuahua and her mom, Carol Montgomery.

The Most Handsome contest once again came down to three crowd favorites: Conrad, Oscar and Lee McFee. Perhaps the judges deducted points for excessive drooling, which put Conrad at a slight disadvantage.

In the end, Lee McFee's flowing golden locks prevailed, resulting in a first-place ribbon for Lee and his mom Carol McFee. Oscar took home second with Conrad happily accepting third place.

Best Vocals would also go the Lee McFee with his impressive duet with mom Carol. Second place went to Conrad.

The much anticipated Best Trick and Most Tricks competitions followed. Lucy, the retriever mix, demonstrated a series of impressive commands. Beretta also knew several commands and the "high five" at the end. Sweet Pea, the chihuahua, showed off her dancing skills. As the heat of the day intensified, it appeared that Sweet Pea hoped her dancing would be enough.

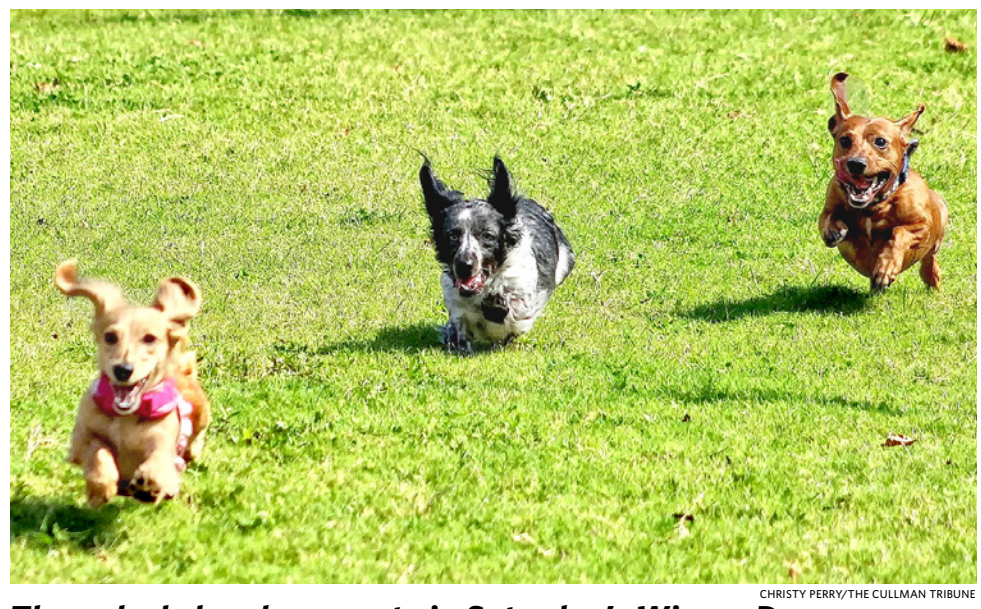
For best trick, It was a first place for Lucy, second for Beretta and third for the lovely Sweet Pea.

For Most Tricks, that las- second high five elevated Beretta to victory while Lucy graciously settled for second.

Lucy also took first for Worst Hair but that didn't stop her as she went on to win first place for Prettiest Dog. Biscuit the beagle puppy took second, and Nilla the labradoodle, accompanied by her mom Kristen Campbell, finished third.

The dogs all did a "pawsitively" wonderful job!! After a 20 minute water break and prize drawings, the main event was ready. Crowds lined the Kiwanis Wiener Dog Arena. Three preliminary heats would determine which three wiener dogs would advance to the championship race.

Heat 1 was a close race! All three weenies ran as fast as they could, but it was Buster who took the victory by a wet nose. Heat 2 was an exciting race with young Pickles running a perfect race. Heat 3 was perhaps the most thrilling of the heats. The three racers didn't exactly race as much as they played, posed for photographs, met the cheering fans and got to know their fellow competitors. In the end, it was Axel who finally decided someone had to win.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Three dachshunds compete in Saturday's Wiener Dog Races at Oktoberfest as part of the Cullman Kiwanis Club's K-9s-4-a-Kause event at Depot Park.

The championship would feature Buster, Pickles and Axel. It was a clean race, and a photo finish determined that Buster edged out Pickles and Axel by a hair.

The mix breed championship was a race between Oscar the basset and Biscuit the young beagle puppy. In the end Oscar's focus and determination resulted in victory. After a rocky start, the spunky Biscuit did put together an impressive finish.

In a post-race interview Buster's owner, Dennis Weed, was proud of his boy. "Buster is 12 years old, but he still loves to run and chase balls in the yard."

Pickles' owner, Leanne Underwood, was proud of her 3-year-old wiener dog.

Axel's family, Roman and Darlene Gore, was also proud, saying, "Axel didn't have the best qualifying heat. He wanted to run and play with his new friends. He did great in the final. We all had a great time!"

Saturday's events helped raise money for the Kiwanis Club, which offers two scholarships to each school in the area with a Key Club chapter. The Kiwanis have many annual events to raise money to provide books for Head Start programs in Cullman City and County schools, holiday food baskets, Knapsacks for Kids ministries and Hope Horses, Inc.

Goat Island Brewing celebrates Oktoberfest with 3 more medals

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CULLMAN – After seeing its official brew for Cullman's 2018 Oktoberfest take a silver medal in the nation's largest craft beer competition two weeks ago, the guys at Goat Island Brewing had one more achievement to celebrate as the festival got underway: three more medals in Alabama's largest competition, the Alabama Craft Beer Festival & State Championship, held Sept. 29 in Florence.

Peace, Love, and Hippieweizen

Goat Island CEO Mike Mullaney shared, "This is the third year they've had an Alabama Craft Beer Championship, and it's a beer festival too, in Florence. And so, the Hippieweizen got a gold medal. It's the first time I think we've entered it; and certainly, if not, it's the first time it's ever gotten any kind of award. We're real excited about, of course, getting a gold medal with the Hippieweissen."

"Peace, Love, and Hippieweizen" (the brew's full name) is a heffeweizen, or German wheat beer, described on Goat Island's website as "light and refreshing. The perfect beer for our hot Alabama weather."

Special edition "Thrill Hill Vanilla Porter"

Mullaney explained, "And then we barrel-aged the Thrill Hill Vanilla Porter for six months in a barrel of whiskey from John Emerald down in Opelika; that's a craft distillery here in Alabama.

"They gave us their empty (barrels), and we did six months with the Thrill Hill. And we entered the barrel-aged Thrill Hill, and it won us a silver."

Mullaney said Goat Island has sent the barrels back to John Emerald, where they will be re-used to produce Thrill Hill aged whiskey at the distillery; he said the two businesses plan to do more barrel swapping in the future.

"Thrill Hill Vanilla Porter" is a complex brew with a slightly higher than usual alcohol content, described as "dark, decadent and delicious, but it is not a heavy beer. It is lighter in body than you would think and has a nice malty background."

Richter's Pils

Mullaney continued, "And then the pilsner, for the third year in a row, medaled. And it got a bronze this year. We came home with a matched set (of medals): one of each!"

"Richter's Pils" is a golden pilsner based on an original recipe found among the effects of William Frederick Richter, one of Cullman's early German citizens and proprietor of Richter's Saloon, in the attic of a downtown Cullman building.

The official description says that the brew "has a great grainy malt flavor from the German Pilsner malt, and a clean hop bitterness from the German hops and the lagering process. This is Goat Island Brewing's flagship beer."



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Col. Cullmann watches Goat Island's Mike Mullaney secure the handle to the Duck River Dunkel tap at the Oktoberfest opening ceremony Wednesday evening.

Two weeks ago, Goat Island gained national attention with a second-place silver medal finish for its "Duck River Dunkel" in the "Munich-Style Dunkel or European-Style Dark Lager" category at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, Colorado, the largest beer competition in the United States.

Wallace State basketball joins in on Cullman County Fair fun

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CULLMAN – On Sunday afternoon, Wallace State Community College basketball players Kendall Cotner, Lorenzo Gatling, Deshawn Ridley and Joshua Scott tried their luck shooting hoops on the midway at the Cullman County Fair. It was challenging, as are most carnival games, but the players' collection of prizes showed that they were up to the task. The fun continues at the Cullman Fairgrounds through Oct. 13.



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Wallace State basketball players Kendall Cotner (left), Joshua Scott (back), Lorenzo Gatling (front), and Deshawn Ridley (right) doing "whatever it takes" to take home an impressive midway haul.