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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Hanceville City Council discusses allocation of incoming American Rescue Plan funds

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The focus at Thursday evening's Hanceville City Council meeting was on how to best allocate the money expected from the American Rescue Plan. Hanceville is also expecting additional money from a recent settlement from Tyson. Mayor Kenneth Nail presented his ideas and suggestions to which the council supported.

Mayor Nail informed the council, "We found out that you can't use COVID money to pay against the new senior citizen building because there's already a federal grant there." After learning that the money could not be used for the senior center, Nail shifted his focus to the Hanceville Civic Center, which has served as the main location for distribution of food and other COVID-19-related items throughout the pandemic. The civic center is also the location the City of Hanceville uses for storage of PPE and other inventory pertaining to emergency COVID response.

For those reasons, Nail said, "I feel like we could use the COVID money for that building." The city has spent much of the past year renovating and making major improvements to the civic center and Nail » PAGE 10

– EDUCATION –

'Back in the saddle'

New Holly Pond Bronco Marching Band Director Steven Porter excited for 2021 season



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Holly Pond Band Director Steven Porter poses outside the school's band room.

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — As the Holly Pond Bronco Marching Band performed last Friday, they did so under the direction of their new leader. Steven Porter recently took over the Holly Pond Band program and he is excited about returning to Cullman County. Porter had previously served as the director of bands at Hanceville.

Porter had been looking to return to directing after establishing a choir program at Monrovia Middle School in Madison County when an unexpected opportunity was presented. "It was a whirlwind because it was so fast," Porter said. After searching for an open position over the summer, Porter got a call the week before band camp was scheduled to begin for the Bronco band.

After working out an agreement with Monrovia, Porter arrived in Holly Pond and the short time to prepare has been challenging, but he was certainly up for it. He said, "Coming in like that, it's not a good idea to start a new show. They had already spent time on it, so we just went with what we got." Their 2021 show is titled "Respect" and features songs by Lady Gaga, Aretha Franklin, Billie Eilish and Taylor Swift. "The songs used, everyone can have their own interpretation, but I think it's more about respecting a person for their individuality because everybody's different," Porter explained.

The Holly Pond Band has 28 members ranging from grades 7-12. Porter has hopes of growing the program and believes that being able to teach music at Welti two times a week, as well as teaching the 6th and 7th grades bands each day, will help facilitate that growth. With 10 sixth-grade band students this year, he is already encouraged.

Porter said, "The idea is to just keep it going, give a hook and give them » PAGE 6

WEATHER

Hurricane Ida: major storm system will impact north Alabama Monday and Tuesday

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– CRIME –

Cullman man arrested for reckless murder in 2020 crash case



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Two-week mask mandate at CMS, EES due to increase in COVID-19 cases

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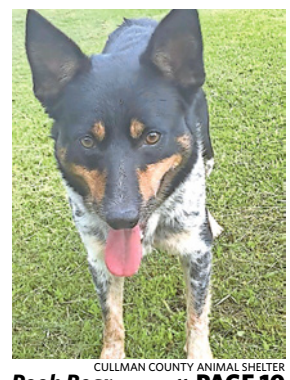
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported August 27

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported August 26, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 23

- criminal mischief; CR 617
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1568
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 1114
- domestic violence; CR 461
- theft of property; CR 1355
- criminal mischief; CR 1772
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 867
- harassment; CR 57
- Violation of Protection Order; Austin Dr.
- Violation of Protection Order; CR 1447
- burglary; CR 1603
- criminal mischief; CR 649
- domestic violence; CR 1515
- burglary; Schwaiger Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1809
- unlawful possession of marijuana; attempt to elude police officer; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1242

Aug. 24

- domestic violence; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 1371
- domestic violence; CR 532
- theft of property; CR 1777
- burglary; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; CR 1185
- using false identity to avoid arrest; Hwy. 278 W

Aug. 25

- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 92
- theft of property; CR 1225
- theft of property; CR 1354
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- criminal mischief; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 143
- domestic violence; Willowbend
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- criminal mischief; CR 1101
- harassment; CR 143
- domestic violence; Willowbend
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Sportsman Lake Rd.;
- criminal mischief; CR 587
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; CR 1809

ARRESTS

Aug. 23

Brown, Thelbert Eugene; 61
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Cook, George Charles; 57
- possession of opium or derivative

Grimmett, Larrydale Dewayne; 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- Sex Offense- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Jenkins, Jerry Taylor; 26
- second-degree bail jumping- buying/receiving stolen property (2 counts)

Meyer, Damon Paul; 25
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- attempt to elude a police officer
- resisting arrest
- run red light

Murphy, Zachary Walker; 35
- Probation Revoked- sex offense-electronic solicitation of a child

Tucker, Trey Dekota; 25
- Obstruction- Violation of a Domestic Violence Order

Weeks, Jarrett Shane; 46
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Williams, Stacy Jo; 43
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500

Aug. 24

Cowgill, Ricky Joe; 67
- ex-felon in possession of a firearm

Cryer, Justin James; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 county)

Gollihue, Maria Harret; 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hamby, Cory Wayne; 33
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Hollis, Amanda Ann; 48
- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

James, Michael Wayne; 45
- Probation Revoked- sex offense-rape-strong arm

Jenkins, Jerry Taylor; 26
- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card

Mikeal, Morgan Brianna; 19
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Moctezuma, Reyna Nicole; 23
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Aug. 25

Amick, Kevin Bartley; 47
- Probation Revoked- assault-aggravated assault-domestic-menacing

Binns, Isaac Noble; 26
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- traffic speed above 45 mph, County Road

Boatrite, Dolly Crystal Lacy; 29
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Brown, Chad William; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Chambers, Melissa Ann; 42
- Probation Revoked- unlawful breaking entering vehicle

Cupp, Austin Nathaniel; 30
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Goerner, Kimberly Renee; 31
- fraud-identity theft (3 counts)
- illegal possession of credit/debit card (6 counts)

Hall, Jackson Matthew; 30
- FTA- sex offense-rape-strong arm
- Motion to Revoke Bond-sex offense-rape-strong arm
- FTA- sex offense-sodomy-with a girl-strong arm
- Motion to Revoke Bond-sex offense-sodomy-with a girl-strong arm

Lance, Heather Shawn E.; 23
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Light, Jonathan Kendrel; 39
- negotiating worthless instrument (2 counts)
- FTA- harboring a fugitive
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Miller, Demetri Owen; 27
- FTA- assault-harassment

Moctezuma-Ramirez, Lawanda; 53
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Mooney, Cheranda Rita; 35
- FTA- using false identity to avoid arrest/hinder prosecution

Morton, Ronald James; 51
- Probation Revoked- forgery-checks (3 counts)

Neal, Dustin Ray; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peace, Phyllis Ann; 61
- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Sandlin, Dallas Chase; 23
- FTA- driving while license suspended (2 counts)

Turner, Bridgette Marne; 38
- public intoxication

Weller, Stacey Shay; 43
- buying/receiving stolen property less than $500

Whitfield, Nathan Wayne; 38
- Violation of Court Order

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 23
- harassment; person

Aug. 25
- fourth-degree theft of property; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous

Aug. 26
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; third-degree criminal trespass; person; Logan St. SW
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

ARRESTS

Aug. 25

Uselton, Johnathan S.; 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (23 counts)
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag

Pack, Malcom D.; 58
- FTA- driving without driver's license

Evans, David E.; 41
- FTA- driving without driver's license (2 counts)

Walker Jr., Jackie L.; 25
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- chemical endangerment of child

Coots, Steven R.; 49
- fourth-degree theft of property

Aug. 26

Neely, Zachary G.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Billy D.; 59
- FTA- speeding

Fine, Laina M.; 32
- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Parker, Jordan B.; 26

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Aug. 27, COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK) No updates available

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes

Along with decreases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, ADPH will be updating its dashboard less frequently. Effective June 7, the Data and Surveillance Dashboard will update Monday, Wednesday and Friday; the Vaccine Distribution Dashboard will update Tuesday and Thursday and no weekend updates will be made. Additional information may be provided in the future as ADPH gathers more data on the pandemic.

*The dashboard has been redesigned to help people better understand the current transmission levels in their communities and the impact of COVID-19 in Alabama. The moving 7-day sum is updated daily instead of weekly--instead of a 3, 7 and 14-day average, the dashboard will provide a 7-day moving sum for cases. The 2020 and 2021 breakdowns of cases and deaths will be provided - not just a total sum over both years.

Case details (Updated Monday, Wednesday and Friday) No updates for these numbers available

- Change in Cases: -22.7% (No update available)
- Positivity in Tests: 23.3%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,841
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 292,987
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,178
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 4,975
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 16%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,591
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 4,506
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 88
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 2,162
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 346
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 92,610
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 21,566
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,887

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs) (No updates for these numbers available) No updates for these numbers available

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 5,749,585
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,444,315
- Doses administered: 3,872,795
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,261,564
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,736,441
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,305,270

Alabamians in Phases 1a, 1b and 1c (including those 12 and older) are now eligible to receive a vaccine.

View the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan at: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

Variants of SARS-CoV-2 continue to circulate in Alabama and pose a significant threat of increased disease. Variants of concern reported, as of July 9, are Alpha (820 cases), Beta (2 cases), Gamma (31 cases) and Delta (56 cases). These variants are more transmissible, specifically the Alpha and the Delta, and some variants have less response to treatments such as monoclonal antibodies.

Percent positivity escalates

Alabama's current statewide percent positivity for COVID-19 has increased to its highest level since February 2021, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, when vaccines had not been readily available.

Percent increase in COVID-19 cases

The number of COVID-19 cases reported in Alabama has risen 39% from June 26 - July 9. The best way to prevent getting the highly infectious and easily transmissible Delta variant or any other strain of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated as quickly as possible. The vaccines we have are highly effective and their benefits far outweigh any risks. Only a very small percentage of deaths due to COVID-19 are among the fully vaccinated population.

COVID-19 hospitalizations increase

As of July 14, 341 persons were reported hospitalized as a result of COVID-19 disease. On July 3, 179 persons were hospitalized due to COVID-19. Increases in numbers of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are the result of low vaccine rates and unvaccinated persons not following preventive measures for themselves such as wearing masks, good hand hygiene and social distancing. So long as Alabama has such low rates of vaccination, cases will continue to rise, posing risk of illness and death from COVID-19, as well as threatening the ability of our health care system to treat all Alabamians.

Make vaccination a priority

This July 14, 4,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered in the state. At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe, effective and free vaccine shields vulnerable people and saves lives.

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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third Street SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings-Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Classes- Wednesday-Sept. 1 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man" , Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Small group classes for adults, children and youth at 10 a.m. Praise and worship and message at 11 a.m.
• Mondays-Fridays-Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m. – noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m. – noon Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry, and Spirit Life Church.
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• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper Al 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts for children ages infant-18 yrs. to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on November 15th for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
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Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

Festhalle Farmers Market
• 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from April – October
• Stop by to shop the freshest produce from Cullman-based farms.
• For more information, call 256-590-5009 or send an email to mgraveman@cullmanrecreation.org

Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• Aug. 26 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Solar Power: Celebrate the new solar panels producing electricity at the Agriplex with hands-on activities powered by the sun.
• Sept. 4 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club County Fair Crafts: Create handicrafts that can be entered in the Cullman County Fair and win prizes!
• Sept. 10 - 10 a.m., Little Farmers "The Very Hungry Caterpillar": Explore the miracle of the butterfly life cycle through the beloved Eric Carle classic.
• Sept. 30 - 9 a.m., Heritage Homeschool Harvest & Seed Saving: Harvest the falls bounty at the Agriplex and save seeds for your very own collection. We will pick, taste and learn how to preserve the harvest.
• Oct. 2 - 9 a.m., Farm Kids Club Pumpkin Patch: Pick a pumpkin out of our patch and join us for some fall-themed fun! We will play games, have snacks and carve a pumpkin.
• Saturdays, beginning at 9 a.m. at Festhalle Farmers Market, Power of Produce: Kids up to age 12 can sample fresh produce while earning market money (pop bucks) to buy produce from local farmers.

Agriplex Adult Programs
• Aug. 31 - 6 p.m., Living Landscapes Growing Berries & Grapes: Retired Auburn Experiment Station Director Arnold Caylor will be back at the Agriplex sharing his vast knowledge on growing berries and muscadines best suited for our region.
• Sept. 9 - 6 p.m., Cowboy Cooking - Cooking with a Dutch oven: Local ranchers Greg and Emily Anderson from Sullivan Creek Ranch will be demonstrating how to cook over an open fire.
• Sept. 13 - 6 p.m., Learn to Sew Projects for the Kitchen: This will be a fun class making things to use in your kitchen.
• Sept. 14 - 6 p.m., Heritage Skills Raising Pigs: Learn the basics of raising pigs for your family.
• Thursdays: noon – 1 p.m., Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, summer family special of $10 per family. Ages 10 & up, must be able to follow along with class. No registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

Country Legends Rediscovered Exhibition
• Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.
• Through Aug. 31. Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
• Holly Pond High Class of 1961 Reunion
• Aug. 28 - Holly Pond High class of 1961 will hold their 60th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 28, beginning at 4 p.m. Price is $20 per person. Llocation is the HPHS lunchroom. For more info call 256-739-5044 or 245-734-7899. Hope to see everyone.

Fairview Lions Club Labor Day Celebration
• Sept. 6 - The Fairview Lions Club is having a Labor Day Celebration, parade and car show on Sept. 6 at the Randall Shedd Park in Fairview from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Registration for car show starts at 8 a.m. and is $15.
• Awards will be given out at 2 p.m. Vendors are welcome (excepting ready-to-eat food vendors) for $10 a spot. Concessions available. Parade starts at 11 a.m. with lineup at the Clinton Barbee ball field at 10 a.m. Anyone wanting to participate in the parade will be welcome. Lifesouth Bloodmobile will be on-site, as well as a city helicopter and inflatables for the kids. Come join us! For more info, call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

Goodwin Family Reunion
• Sept. 6 – Monday, Sept. 6, in Dodge City Town Hall basement, beginning 11 a.m.
• Benjamin and Victoria Howlett Goodwin Descendants: William A (Bill) & Mary Goodwin Tubbs, Ran & Para-Lee Goodwin, Aycock George & Parthenia Calvert, Goodwin Ross and Dovie Calvert Goodwin, Joe & Bertha Calvert Goodwin/Delta Calvert Goodwin Bert and Minnie Gray Goodwin
• Please bring a covered dish, family photos and stories. For more information, contact Jerry Goodwin at 256-595-2598 or Kathy Calvert at 256-708-7940

Pleasant View Singing
Sept. 19 - Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have their regular third Sunday night singing on Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. featuring "Sonlife Quartet" from Chattanooga, Tennessee. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

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Fairview pulls away from Vinemont 56-28

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Fairview Aggies Friday night in their second straight county matchup to open the season. After a very tight first half, 28 unanswered points by the Aggies helped them pull away and claim a 56-28 road victory. The Eagles played the Aggies tough in the first half but a rash of second half injuries were too much for Vinemont to overcome.

Fairview received the opening kickoff and quickly jumped out to an early 7-0 lead when Tyler Simmons broke free for a 23-yard touchdown run with 9:35 left in the opening quarter. It didn't take long for Vinemont to answer right back on the ensuing kickoff when Colby Miller raced 98 yards for a touchdown. With 9:19 remaining in the first quarter Fairview held a 7-6 lead.

Fairview extended their led to 14-6 after Tyler Simmons found the endzone from 1 yard out with 7:04 left in the first quarter. The ensuing possession Vinemont found success on the ground, with 4:44 still left in the opening quarter Colby Miller scampered for an 11-yard touchdown to cut the led to 14-12. Once again, the Aggies quickly found the endzone when four plays later Eli Frost gave the Aggies a 21-12 lead with 3:30 to go in the first quarter with an 11-yard touchdown run.

The Eagles pounded the ball, a lengthy drive, capped off by a 1-yard touchdown run by Brody Speer cut the led to 21-20 with 9:23 remaining until halftime. Parker Martin extend the Aggies led, 28-20 with 5:20 left in the opening half, with a 6-yard run. With a minute and a half to go before halftime Colby Miller found the endzone from 22 yards out, after a successful 2-point conversion the game was tied at 28 apiece. Fairview capitalized on a short field as Parker Martin gave the Aggies a 35-28 halftime led thanks to a 1-yard plunge with just 20 seconds left on the clock until halftime.

Vinemont received the second half kickoff but a turnover on downs gave the ball right back to the Aggies. With 3:57 left in the third quarter, Martin found Bryson Chamness for a 19-yard touchdown to extend the Aggies' lead to 42-28. Three plays later, Vinemont coughed up the football. On the very next play Jameson Goble caught a 33-yard pass from Martin to extend the Aggies lead to 49-28 with 1:53 to go until the final quarter. After forcing a three and out, the Aggies got the ball back and with 7:30 remaining in the game Martin hit Caden Jennings on fourth down for a 19-yard touchdown to make it a 56-28 game. Neither team found the endzone again and Fairview collected a 56-28 road victory over its county rival.



CHRISTY PARKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Fairview Aggies defeated Vinemont 56-28 Friday night to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Fairview will return home for a big region opener against Guntersville next week and the Eagles will be back on their home field for their own regional matchup with J.B. Pennington.

Holly Pond handles Cold Springs on the road 31-0

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

BREMEN, Ala. — Tonight was Senior Night for the Cold Springs Eagles as they hosted the Holly Pond Broncos in their home opener. The Eagles looked to pick up their first win of the season, but unfortunately for them and the Cold Springs fans, it wasn't meant to be as Holly Pond had a solid game on the ground and their stout defense helped them pick up a 31-0 win over the Eagles.

Cold Springs started out its opening series by running the ball as Josh Winfrey picked up a first down on their third play of the game, but Holly Pond's defense stiffened and forced the Eagles to turn the ball over on downs. Holly Pond got the ball in excellent field position at the 44-yard line, but they couldn't do anything with it as Cold Springs' Tyler Lively sacked Austin Marsh on third down and forced the Broncos to punt. That ended up being the theme for the rest of the quarter as there was no score after one.

Both teams punted to start out the second quarter, and Holly Pond scored on just the second play of its next series as Andy Light found a huge hole up the middle and scored on a 53-yard run to give the Broncos an 8-0 lead with 8:47 remaining in the first half. The Eagles finally got something going on its next series as a Tucker Philbeck pass to Winfrey helped them get past midfield and later on, a Bronco face mask penalty put Cold Springs at the 27-yard line. Victor Laurentius helped the Eagles get to the nine-yard line, but they fumbled on the next play and Holly Pond recovered the ball at the one. Later on, the Eagles' Seth Williams recovered a Bronco fumble, but Philbeck got sacked to end the first half and the Broncos took an 8-0 lead into the locker room.

Holly Pond started out the second half strong offensively as Landon Perkins found Nik Goodwin for a 31-yard gain, then Perkins picked up 20 more yards on the ground as that put the Broncos at the 12-yard line. But the Eagles' defense settled down after that as they forced a turnover on downs. Holly Pond got the ball after yet another Cold Springs punt and the Broncos found the end zone on its third play of the series as Perkins scored on a 28-yard run to increase the Bronco lead to 16-0 with 6:52 remaining in the third quarter. Holly Pond's Kadin Suryono recovered an Eagle fumble at the 47-yard line, and they got off to a very rough start offensively as two penalties and a sack had them backed up at the 26-yard line. But Perkins worked up some of his magic as he got pressured, but found some room on the left side, avoiding a few tacklers, before finding the end zone on a miraculous 74-yard touchdown run to make it 24-0.

Cold Springs forced a fumble just before the third quarter ended as Hank Harrison got down all the way to the 15-yard line. But the tough Holly Pond defense didn't let Cold Springs do anything as Anthony Knopp sacked Harrison for a huge loss on third down and forced the Eagles to turn the ball over on downs on the next play. Austin Marsh added the final touchdown of the game for Holly Pond as he scored on a 68-yard run to put the final score at 31-0. This is the Broncos' fifth straight win at Cold Springs.



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond defeated Cold Springs 31-0 on the road Friday night to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Perkins finished the night with 133 rushing yards on just seven carries and two touchdowns. Marsh ended up with 66 rushing yards and a touchdown, while Light added 65 more on the ground and a touchdown. Damien Raymond and Kadin Suryono recovered fumbles for Holly Pond (2-0) and their defense held Cold Springs to 146 total yards offensively. This is the Broncos' first 2-0 start since 2018. Winfrey led the way for Cold Springs (0-2) with 99 yards rushing on 32 carries, while Williams and Harrison recovered fumbles for the Eagles. Both teams will start region play next week, as Holly Pond will host Oakman while Cold Springs will travel to Sulligent.

Addison collects 28-0 win at Lynn

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Tribune Correspondent

LYNN, Ala. — The Addison Bulldogs traveled to the far western corner of Winston County to take on the 1A Lynn Bears in a county series that Addison has dominated over the years. Addison was sluggish all night and came away with a 28-0 win over the Bears. Addison was penalized for 135 yards, more than Lynn's offense gained in the game, 134 yards.

The Bulldogs kicked off to the Bears and were given a gift as Lynn fumbled at their own 40-yard line giving the Dawgs wonderful field position. Jacob Hardin recovered the ball for the Bulldogs.

Addison gave the ball right back on the next play, as Christian "Ice Man" Roberts was picked off by Lynn's Cale Tittle, as Roberts was hit while throwing the ball.

The Dawg Pound Defense forced a punt and Addison took over at their own 35 with 9:55 to go in the opening quarter. Facing a 3rd and six from their own 39, Roberts rambled 61 yards for the score but wait, a yellow flag, this was to be a common occurrence on the evening. A holding penalty took the touchdown off the board.

A play later, Addison was able to convert a fourth down and continued their drive with Roberts and Will "The Thrill" Tuggle carrying the ball down to the Bear 28-yard line. Another Roberts beautiful 25-yard run down to the Lynn 3-yard line was, wait for it, called back again for another penalty on the Dawgs. This led to a Bulldog punt.

After getting the ball back on a Bear three and out, Addison began at their own 40-yard line. Eli "Curly" Howse gained 9 yards on a run then Roberts hit Justin "Rocky" Mather for 26 yards down to the Bear 25-yard line. Four plays later, Howse took it in from 3 yards out to give the Dawgs the lead. The 2-point conversion was no good and at the 58 second mark of the first quarter, Addison led Lynn 6-0.

The Bears and their passing attack gained their first first down of the game with a nice 17-yard pass completion putting the ball at the Bear 39-yard line.

The very next play Tittle tried to hit a Bear on a sideline route and that is when Roberts picked the ball off and ran the ball back 45-yards for a pick six. Again, the 2-point play failed and at the 10:34 mark of the second quarter, Addison led 12-0.

Lynn then had their only drive of the night, as they took possession at their own 10-yard line. Lynn then ran 18-plays getting down to the Bulldog 7-yard line. The Dawgs helped the Bears out with two penalties, both on fourth down attempts, to keep the Bear drive alive. Lynn missed a 24-yard field goal attempt in what would be their closest scoring opportunity of the night.

The half ended with Addison up 12-0.

Addison took the second half kick-off and Coach David Smothers decided to pound the ball on the Bears. Addison ran nine plays getting down to the Bears 3-yard line.

Tuggle did the heavy lifting on the drive as he carried the ball four times for 24 yards. The fifth carry was not the charm as the ball was stripped out of his hands as it looked like he was about to score. Lynn recovered and took over at their own 4-yard line. But a strange thing occurred, a yellow flag appeared and brought the ball back all the way to the Addison 39-yard line. It was a 60-yard penalty. Apparently, the officials called sideline interference on the Dawgs' sideline.

Addison took over and drove down for their final score as Zach Thompson took it in from 5 yards out. Mather scored the 2-point conversion, and this made the score, Addison 28 - Lynn 0. After another Roberts interception, Addison ended the game kneeling at the Bear 2-yard line. Final score; 28-0 Addison.

Unofficial stats: Addison ran 46 times for 315 total yards. Addison ran seven pass plays for 32 yards. Addison ran 53 total plays for 347 total yards. Addison had three turnovers and nine penalties for 135 yards.

Lynn ran 19 times for 20 total yards. Lynn ran 28 pass plays for 114 yards. Lynn ran 47 total plays for 134 total yards. Lynn had four turnovers and three penalties for 15 yards.

Roberts had three completions in seven attempts for 32 yards and two interceptions.

Roberts had 14 carries for 124 yards and a touchdown. Tuggle had 17 carries for 65 yards and a fumble. Mather had seven carries for 54 yards. Howse had four carries for 24 yards and a touchdown. Thompson had two carries for 12 yards and a touchdown. Hardin had two carries for 22 yards.

Mather had one catch for 26 yards. "Touchdown" Tommy Lee Daniel had one catch for 6 yards.

Defensively, the Dawgs were led by Roberts with five tackles and two interceptions. Jack Wilson had four tackles. Dawson Lemley had four tackles and a sack. Briley Holt, Mather, Brian Berry all had three tackles. Isiah Treece had three tackles and two sacks. Jed Wilkins had an interception. Hardin had a fumble recovery and two tackles.

Addison moves to 2-0 on the young season while Lynn drops to 0-1. Addison will host a huge region game next Friday night with region co-favorite Aliceville coming to A.G. Hicks Stadium. Lynn will travel to Marion County for its region opener.



Late score lifts Jasper over Cullman 20-16

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JASPER, Ala. — After shutting out Grissom at home in their season opener, the Cullman Bearcats hit the road Friday night to travel to Jasper for a rivalry showdown with the Vikings. The game was tight and heated for all four quarters, but a pair of turnovers and 125 penalty yards were too much for the 'Cats to overcome and Jasper sent the black & gold home with a 20-16 loss.

After punting on its opening drive, the Bearcats took the ball back after Dylan Sessions pulled down a leaping interception on the Vikings sideline. Cullman then struck first just before the end of the first quarter when Nate Zills knocked through a 34-yard field goal to put the Bearcats in front 3-0.

Jasper and Cullman traded punts after that but midway through the second quarter, the Vikings took a 21-yard sprint up the middle all the way to the house and took a 7-3 lead over the Bearcats with just over four minutes remaining in the first half.

The 'Cats were forced to punt again, and Jasper got one more toss to the endzone before time expired, but the Cullman defense knocked it down and the Vikings went into the locker room with a 7-3 lead over the Bearcats at the break.

The 'Cats received the opening kickoff of the second half, but their drive was stopped short after a fumble gave possession to Jasper. However, Cullman struck again on its next possession when Quarterback Ryan Skinner hit Kaleb Heatherly with a 19-yard touchdown pass.

After the missed extra point, the Bearcats led the Vikings 9-7 late in the third quarter.

The 'Cats defense forced another quick punt, and the offense took advantage immediately with a 54-yard touchdown run by Tyler Owens that stretched the lead to 16-7 with less than two minutes to play in the third.

Jasper was able to take advantage of some big plays on the ensuing possession and capped off a scoring drive with a 2-yard touchdown run that cut the lead to 16-14 at the start of the fourth quarter.

The Bearcats were forced to punt soon after, but the black and gold defense stood tall once again and forced another punt from the Vikings with just under eight minutes left to play. Cullman drove the ball deep into Jasper territory, chipping away at the clock in the process, but the Bearcats were stopped short on a 4th and inches play inside the Viking 10-yard line, giving Jasper one more chance to take the lead.

The Vikings opened up with a big pass play and collected more yardage on the ground to move in the red zone.

That's when from near the 20-yard line, Jasper ran a double pass in the backfield and a Vikings receiver hauled it in one with one hand at the goal line to score and put Jasper in front 20-16 with less than two minutes on the clock. The 2-point conversion was no good and there was still some time left for the Bearcats to try and answer but a fumble on the ensuing kickoff wrapped up a 20-16 win for the Vikings.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Jake Dueland (9) cuts past a defender in the Bearcats' 20-16 loss at Jasper Friday night.

Tyler Owens racked up 163 rushing yards and a touchdown on 14 carries in the loss. Jake Dueland added 26 yards on the ground to go with 54 yards receiving and Skinner finished 6/7 with 94 yards and a touchdown. Skinner also posted 43 yards on the ground.

Cullman will regroup and aim to bounce back next week against another rival when they host Hartselle.

Arab drops nail-biter at Guntersville 29-21

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GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — After hammering Albertville in their season opener last week, the Arab Knights hit the road for one of their biggest tests of the season this week. It was a neck-and-neck contest most of the way, but the Wildcats were able to pull ahead midway through the final frame and held on to their lead to defeat Arab 29-21.

A touchdown pass gave Guntersville a 7-0 advantage late in the first quarter and the Wildcats were able to maintain that lead going into the second. The Knights responded by punching in a touchdown run of their own to tie the game at 7 midway through the second quarter but a 60-yard pick six by the Wildcats in the final minute of the period put them back in front 14-7 going into the halftime break.

Things weren't going well for Arab to start the third quarter either. A muffed snap led to a safety and a 16-7 lead for Guntersville, but the Knights responded.

Midway through the third quarter, Ed Johnson broke free for a 72-yard touchdown run that cut the lead to 16-14 and gave the momentum back to Arab. However, the Wildcats were able to come up with an answer of their own and connected on a deep touchdown pass to extend their lead to 23-14 going into the fourth quarter.

Johnson found the endzone once again from 5 yards out to bring the Knights within two with nine minutes to play but Guntersville answered with another scoring drive and pulled ahead 29-21 with just over six minutes to play.

Arab was unable to get back in the endzone the rest of the way and the Wildcats held on to win a tight one 29-21.

Arab falls to 1-1 on the season with the loss and will be back on the road next week to take on Fort Payne.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Arab Knights fell to Guntersville on the road 29-21 Friday night.

Meek falls to Winston County in OT 28-22

Clayton Mehearg
Daily Mountain Eagle

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala. — Ryker Morgan scored from 10 yard out on Winston County's first play of overtime to give the Yellow Jackets a thrilling 28-22 overtime win over Meek at Malcolm-Blake Stadium in Double Springs on Friday night.

Meek forced overtime with a Cam Deaver touchdown run and 2-point conversion with 26 seconds left on the clock to make the score 22-22.

The Tigers were shut out on their opening possession of overtime, setting up Morgan's game-winning score.

Morgan finished with 155 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries for the Jackets (1-0).

He also completed 4 of 11 passes for 89 yards with a touchdown and an interception.

The game was back-and-forth all night. Winston County led 8-0 after a 52-yard pass from Morgan to Eli Edgil and a Morgan 2-point conversion.

Meek tied the game later in the first quarter with a David Tidwell 21-yard pass to Matthew Clark followed by a Deaver conversion run.

Both teams scored in the second quarter with Morgan scoring from 1-yard out and adding a conversion while Meek got an 83-yard touchdown pass from Tidwell to Jarrett Benson to make the score 16-14.

Morgan scored on a 21-yard run in the fourth quarter for the 22-14 lead.

For Meek (1-1), Tidwell was 13 of 18 passing for 196 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Benson cuaght three passes for 132 yards and a score.

Clark had two catches for 23 yards and a score and rushed 15 times for 73 yards.

The Tigers will be back home next week for their region opener against Brilliant.

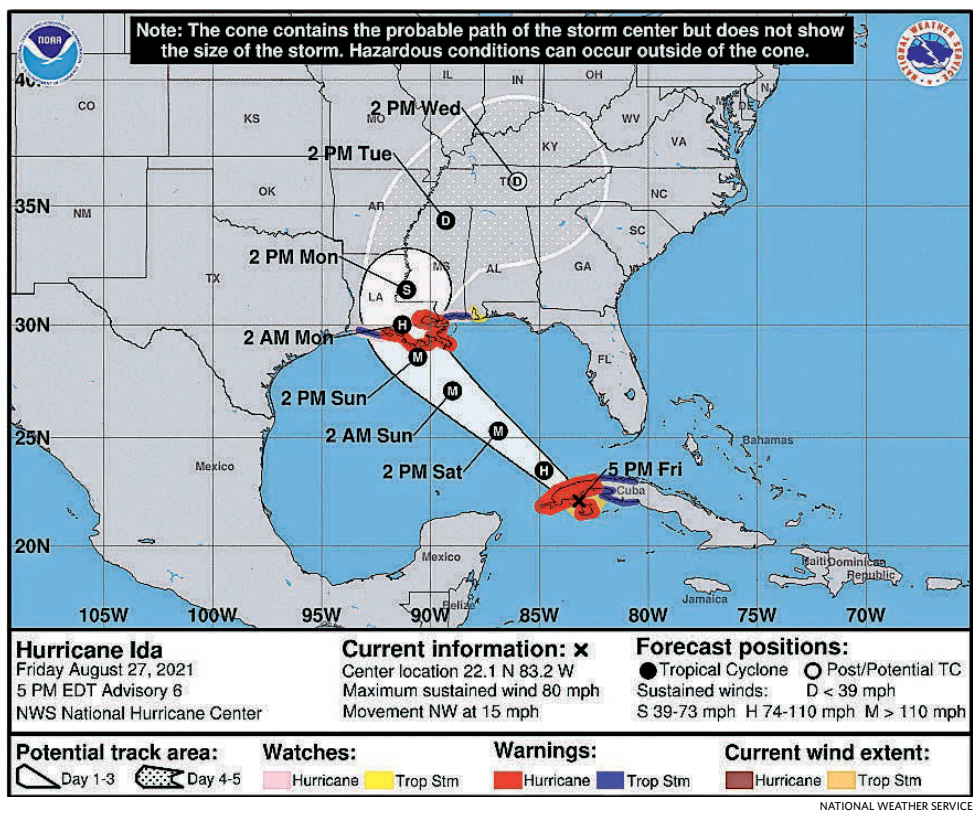
Ida (from Front)

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — As Hurricane Ida pushes through the Gulf of Mexico and a likely point of landfall on the Louisiana coast becomes clearer, National Weather Service forecasters warn that a probable major storm will impact north Alabama Monday night and through the day Tuesday. Flooding and tornadoes will be possible across the region, including Cullman County.

In the long term portion of the NWS Huntsville forecast discussion page, the forecaster wrote, "All eyes will be focused on what is now Hurricane Ida, which is expected to intensify into a major hurricane by landfall along the southeast Louisiana coast on Sunday night. Our impacts will start to ramp up late in the day on Monday, as cloud cover and rainfall from the outer feeder bands work their way closer to the Valley. This will moderate temperatures a bit on Monday, keeping highs in the mid to upper 80s. With the current forecast track, our main window for impacts will come from early Tuesday morning through Tuesday evening. It is important to keep in mind that even minor changes in the forecast track can result in significant forecast changes as far as rainfall and severe weather are concerned. For now, it looks like our main impacts will come from flooding and a few tropical tornadoes also look possible. Will have to keep our eyes on this system closely, as the track and intensity will likely change at least some over the weekend. Do not want to get too specific as far as rainfall amounts just yet, but want those in the Tennessee Valley to be prepared for potential flooding and review their severe/tornado safety plans."

Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little told The Tribune that her office is monitoring the storm and receiving regular NWS updates, paying special attention to potential developments Monday night and Tuesday.



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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Ringy-Dingy Birthday Party

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It's late-August and we are cooling off with the joy-giving, cool kids on a giant ice ring at "The Ringy-Dingy Birthday Party."

The United States has hosted the modern Olympic games, which started in 1896, in six locations: Atlanta (Summer, 1996), Lake Placid, New York (Winter 1932 and 1980), Los Angeles (Summer 1932 and 1984—and slated to host Summer, 2028), Salt Lake City, Utah (Winter, 2002), Squaw Valley, California (Winter, 1960), and St. Louis, Missouri (Summer, 1904).

"The Ringy-Dingy Birthday Party" has two, Olympic gold medalists, Scott Hamilton and Shaun White, who carried the famous flag with the five rings, and comic genius Lily Tomlin, who created the snarky character, "Ernestine the Telephone Operator," and her famous catchphrase—"One ringy-dingy...two ringy-dingy."

JOIN US

You feel the joy as you enter the Olympic ice-skating arena in Salt Lake City. At the 2002 Winter Games, 2,399 athletes from 78 nations thrilled audiences here for event after event, but we're betting our seven celebrants can compete for joy-giving gold.

HOORAY FOR THE JOY-GIVERS! (Note: The comments attributed to these famous joy-givers come from words they have written or said.)

PLEASE GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

Aug. 28—SCOTT HAMILTON (Scott Scovell Hamilton) is a figure skater and an Olympic gold winner. The signature move of this 5'4" athlete is a backflip, a feat that is not allowed under U.S. Figure Skating and Olympic competition rules, but he included in his exhibition routines as an amateur to give more joy to his captivated crowds. He is also recognized for his innovative footwork sequences. He is inducted into the United States Olympic Hall of Fame.

Aug. 29—MICHAEL JACKSON (Michael Joseph Jackson) is the most-awarded music artist in history. Rollover Mozart and give Elvis Presley the news. He was a singer, dancer and songwriter dubbed the "King of Pop." He began with his brothers in a group called "The Jackson Five," which was created and micro-managed by their demanding dad, Joseph. Michael Jackson popularized the dance crazes "moonwalk" and the "robot." He is included in these Halls of Fame: Rock and Roll, Vocal Group, Songwriters and Rhythm and Blues. His song hits include: "Thriller," "Billie Jean," "Got to Be There," "The Girl is Mine," "Bad," "Beat It," "Man in the Mirror" and my personal favorite title, "Ben."

Aug. 30—MOLLY IVINS (Mary Tyler Ivins) was a newspaper columnist, author, political commentator and humorist. Though born in California, she was raised in Texas and became an all-caps, TEXAN. "Forbes Media Guide Five Hundred" said this about her: "Ivins's pithy assessments of politics and life at large crackle with broad Texas humor. Combining her talent for culling information with razor-sharp wit, she throws a powerful knockout punch...Whether one agrees with her or not, Ivins's pen pierces both the brain and the funny bone."

Aug. 31—BUDDY HACKETT (born Leonard Hacker) was a comedian and actor. He suffered from Bell's Palsy as a child, the lingering effects of which contributed to his distinctive slurred speech and facial expression. His best remembered roles include Marcellus Washburn in "The Music Man," Benjy Benjamin in "It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World," Tennessee Steinmetz in "The Love Bug" and the voice of Scuttle in "The Little Mermaid." For his work in films, he was given a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Sept. 1—LILY TOMLIN is a comedian, actress, writer and producer. Her breakout role was on the variety show, "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In." She has been awarded an Emmy, a Grammy, a Tony, a Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award and given the Kennedy Center Honors.

Sept. 2—ROMARE BEARDEN was a world-class artist, author and songwriter. He worked with many types of media including cartoons, oils and collage. After his experience in the U.S. Army during World War II, he worked to express the humanity he felt was missing around the globe. "The New York Times" called Bearden, "the nation's foremost collagist." He was awarded the National Medal of Arts.

Sept. 3—SHAUN WHITE is a professional snowboarder and musician. He is a three-time Olympic gold medalist in half-pipe snowboarding (2006, 2010 and 2018) and holds the world record for the most X-Games gold medals and most Olympic gold medals by a snowboarder.

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE RINGY-DINGY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"The only disability is a bad attitude."—Scott Hamilton

"To give someone a piece of your heart is worth more than all the wealth in the world."—Michael Jackson

"Age has given me what I was looking for my entire life—it gave me, me. It provided me the time and experience and failures and triumphs and friends who helped me step into the shape that had been waiting for me all my life."—Molly Ivins

"As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices: Take it or leave it."—Buddy Hackett

"I always wanted to be somebody but now I realize I should have been more specific."—Lily Tomlin

"You don't paint what you see, you paint what you feel."—Romare Bearden

"I'm proud of the USA. We've done some amazing things. To wear our flag in the Olympics is an honor."—Shaun White

"The fact that I like to show off and be the center of attention really lends itself to figure skating."—Scott Hamilton

"I'm going to search for my star until I find it. It's hidden in the drawer of innocence, wrapped in a scarf of wonder."—Michael Jackson

"The essence of art is to recapture the fantasy and the imagination of a child again, but without the innocence of a child."—Romare Bearden

"Nice is a pallid virtue. Not like honesty or courage or perseverance. On the other hand, in a nation notably lacking in civility, there is much to be said for nice."—Molly Ivins

"My wife said to me, 'I want to be cremated.' I said, 'How about Tuesday?'"—Buddy Hackett

"The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat."—Lily Tomlin

"The artist has to be something like a whale, swimming with his mouth wide open, absorbing everything until he has what he really needs."—Romare Bearden

"Some people attach snowboards to their fee, very few attach them to their souls."—Shaun White

"I started skating and I kind of liked it that I could run rings around the guys who wouldn't pick me for basketball."—Scott Hamilton

"My attitude is if fashion says it's forbidden, I'm going to do it."—Michael Jackson

"You put down one color and it calls for an answer. You have to look at it like a melody."—Romare Bearden

"If his IQ slips any lower, we'll have to water him twice a day."—Molly Ivins about a Texas politician

"Don't carry a grudge. While you're carrying the grudge, the other guy is out dancing."—Buddy Hackett

"If trying harder doesn't work, try softer."—Lily Tomlin

"I think the way to become the best is to just have fun."—Shaun White

"Male figure skating is different than female figure skating; we're not America's sweetheart."—Scott Hamilton

"If you wanna make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, then make a change."—Michael Jackson

"The first rule of holes: when you're in one, stop digging."—Molly Ivins

"I grew up Jewish, but what makes a comedian has nothing to do with religion. Think of Red Skelton, Jimmy Durante, Jackie Gleason—all of them Catholics."—Buddy Hackett

"For fast-acting relief, try slowing down."—Lily Tomlin

"There's not really anywhere I can go without being recognized, but if I put my (carrot top) hair in a cap, that cuts the crowd in half."—Shaun White

"Everything that I've ever been able to accomplish in skating and in life has come out of adversity and perseverance."—Scott Hamilton

"I want to see how life can triumph."—Romare Bearden

"I try to be cynical but it's so hard to keep up."—Lily Tomlin

"In a world filled with hate we must still dare to hope."—Michael Jackson

"Most people got to like me because I made them laugh; when they didn't, I hit them."—Buddy Hackett

"If love is the answer, could you please rephrase the question?"—Lily Tomlin

THE MENU FOR "THE RINGY-DINGY BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Molly Ivins Texas Enchilada Ring (stylemotivation.com)

SALAD—Shaun White Fresh Snow Pea Salad (foodandwine.com)

ENTRÉE—Romare Bearden Chicken Cordon Bleu Crescent Ring (tasteofhome.com)

SIDE DISH—Lily Tomlin Veggie Ringy-Dingys (food.com)



BendigoArt.com/CullmanTribune.com

BREAD—Michael Jackson "King of Pop" Overs (allrecipes.com)

BEVERAGE—Scott Hamilton Ice Ring Punch (see directions for making the ice ring below)

DESSERT—Buddy Hackett Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Moonshine Bundt Cake (iambaker.net)

ONE TO GROW ON—The full script of the Tony-winning play, "SEARCH FOR SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE," which starred Lily Tomlin, is available in paperback.

It is a brilliant and JOY-GIVING social satire with penetrating insights into heavy subjects such as class struggles, various inequalities and gender politics. This Broadway stage show from 1985 is enduring, wise, hilarious and powerfully relevant all these years later.

"The Ringy-Dingy Birthday Party" entertainment was seven rings of humdinger fun and feats. Romare Bearden created a collage of all the celebrants with a background that was a ringer of the jazzy blues he used for his famous Harlem Renaissance musician series including museum-goers' favorite, "Out Chorus."

Michael Jackson "moonwalked" rings around the party venue performing a medley of his greatest hits.

Winter Olympic gold medalists, Scott Hamilton, wow-ed with a figure skating routine he choreographed to highlights from Wagner's "Ring Cycle" and Shaun White skateboarded rings and twirls around the ramped sides of the arena.

Lily Tomlin brought "Ernestine the Telephone Operator" at her ring-iest and ding-iest.

Her ultimate snark was delivered with this line, "How may I, in all humble servitude, be of assistance?"

Molly Ivins shared this story that when a friend visited her at a Texas ranch recently, Molly dreamed she, Molly, wrote the "Lord Of The Rings" trilogy and the friend told her she had been hallucinating. "Apparently," quipped Ivins, "I was Tolkien in my sleep."

This ring pun reminded Buddy Hackett of jokes from his Borscht Belt days and he ended "The Ringy-Dingy Birthday Party" with this ring of jokes:

"Back when I was married, my wife loved me so much that whenever she went out with her friends, she would take off her wedding ring and leave it at home, so she wouldn't lose it."

Hackett added, "The three rings of marriage are: engagement ring, wedding ring and...suffering."

Raising his glass to toast his fellow birthday, Buddy Hackett said, "Happy Birthday to all and let me tell just one more ring joke before the bell rings.—At a cocktail party, one woman noticed another wearing her wedding ring on her middle finger. The observant lady asked, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?" The other woman replied, "Yes, I am. I married the wrong man."

Let's ring in our new year, folks...and a ring-a-ding-ding!

HOW TO MAKE A SUMMERTIME PUNCH ICE RING
(Source: allrecipes.com)

1. Use a metal Bundt pan, a silicone Bundt pan or find a plastic/rubber ring mold online

2. Choose colorful, summertime fruits, berries, cubes of melons and chopped peaches

3. Add sprigs of summertime herbs like mint and rosemary

4. Layer the prettiest fruits first because when you flip the ice ring into your punch, that is what your guests will see first

5. Fill your ice ring with the punch you plan to serve

6. Freeze until solid and add to your punch bowl just before your summer gathering comes together

Porter (from Front)

something they'll latch onto. Let them know that they can do more than one thing."

One perception Porter hopes to eliminate is that students must choose between sports and band. Speaking of his days in high school band, he said, "We had a lot of guys who played sports in high school while they were in band.

"There is no reason why they can't. So many times, they want to make it band vs sports. It's not that. It's not that at all."

He continued, "While in high school, I think if we can work it out, let them experience different things. Band, music or anything you do with that; you are always able to play.

"The greatest thing about it in high school is there is no bench. In marching band, everybody does it. You don't have people on the sideline waiting to sub in if someone twists an ankle on the field. In a band, everybody performs."

On Friday nights, Porter hopes to have "anybody and everybody out there."

He added, "There are some cheerleaders now that don't even change uniforms. They just get out there and march. I would like to promote that. I think it's cool--take your shoulder pads off, get out there, march and play or just march in your cheerleading uniform."

Another aspect of the band that Porter loves is its inclusivity. He said, "The greatest thing about this is that everybody has a part in the win. Everybody has a part in the participation. Everybody has a part in the performance, and they can claim that."

For marching bands, October is contest time, though last year, few contests were able to take place. Porter said of this year's contest outlook, "They are in pencil!" He is hoping to take his band to perform at Hanceville's Mud Creek Marching Festival.

One thing Porter has been known for throughout his career is his choice of footwear at football games and contests.

How is he coming along with the green and gold? He smiled, "Not yet. The first thing my wife Sharon got me was a green and gold tie. I'm still working on the shoes."

Bronco fans can look forward to hearing some new stand tunes at this year's games. "We are bringing in some stadium rock and some classic rock stuff. We are trying to get some Rage Against the Machine and Offspring back in there; just some foot stomping stuff. Our generation are the ones in the bleachers now so we gotta be diggin' that stuff."

When we sat down with Porter, he was preparing the band for Friday's away game versus Cold Springs High School. He was looking forward to their performance and also seeing the Cold Springs Band perform. More than anything, he said, "I am excited to be back in Cullman County."

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Mandate (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — With positive COVID-19 cases among students continuing to increase in Cullman City Schools, a temporary two-week mask mandate is now needed at Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School to slow the spread. Per protocol, if students are properly wearing a mask they will not be asked to stay home and quarantine.

Both Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School have seen the number of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19 increase to above 5% — and both schools are reporting close to 20% of students absent due to quarantining as exposures and close contacts. A mask or facial covering mandate for students, employees and visitors on those campuses will be required from Monday, Aug. 30 until the end of the school day on Sept. 10. The mandate only applies at Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School.

"Before the start of school, we surveyed parents and employees to gauge their interest in a mask mandate at Cullman City Schools, and the majority were not in favor of a mandate at that time," Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "So we started school without a mask requirement, because we respect that right to choose. But the cases of COVID-19 at our schools have steadily increased, and we've reached the point where a mask mandate is the only option outside of temporarily shutting down these two campuses and shifting to virtual learning there for two weeks — and nobody wins when we have to shut down schools, so this is a way to target the hot spots we're seeing. Because if students are wearing a mask, they will not be sent home and asked to quarantine for exposure."

East Elementary School has a rate of 5.59% of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19 and Cullman Middle School has a rate of 5.08% of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19. For the sake of additional reference: Cullman High School has a rate of 3.35% of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19, West Elementary School has a rate of 2.88% of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19 and Cullman City Primary School has a rate of 1.76% of students absent due to testing positive for COVID-19.

System-wide, a total of 3.71% of students are absent due to testing positive for COVID-19, and system-wide absences specifically due to positive cases and close contact quarantining are just above 12% average at all schools.

During this two-week mandate at Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School, masks/facial covering will be mandatory while indoors on these two campuses. The exceptions to this mandate are as follows: individuals with a medical condition, when eating or drinking, when confirming identity and/or when exercising or engaged in an athletic/extracurricular school activity where social distancing cannot be maintained.

"While we respect the choice of parents in regards to masks, these preventative steps are necessary to keep schools open, keep students in school and slow the spread of COVID-19," Kallhoff said. "We appreciate everyone's support and cooperation as we navigate through this school year."

The quarantine protocol notes students who are a close contact to someone with a positive case of COVID-19 will not need to quarantine if they have no symptoms and are vaccinated, have no symptoms and tested positive in the prior three months or have no symptoms and were correctly wearing a mask.

An Open Letter from the Cullman County Medical Society To Our Valued Patients:

We have come together as your Health Care Providers to urge you to protect yourself, your neighbors and your loved ones in preventing the continued spread of Covid-19 by wearing a mask, washing your hands, social distancing and getting vaccinated.

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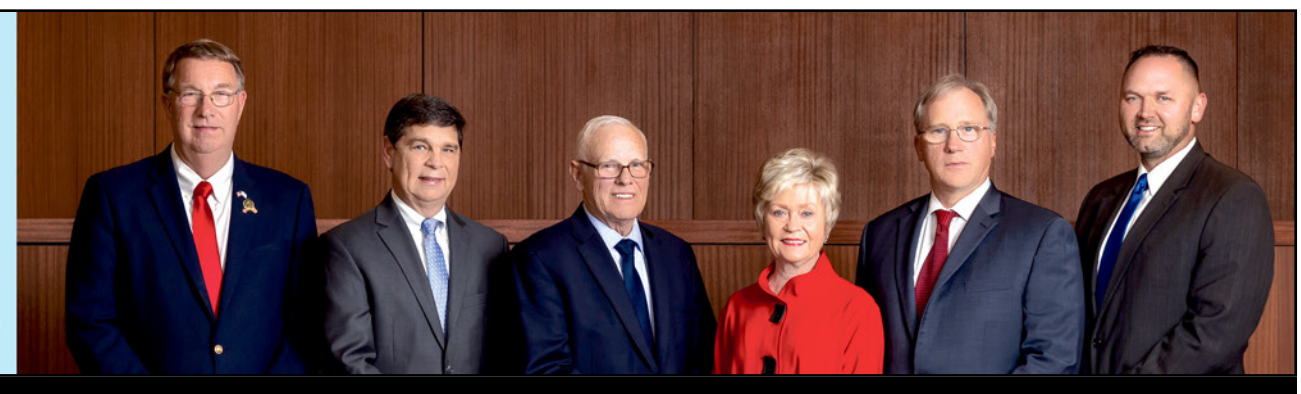
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L to R: Alexandria Spicer, Kden Malone, Gabrielle Hallmark, Titus Smothers

Tales of Your Tails Summer Writing Competition winners announced

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The winners of the Tales of Your Tails Writing Competition were announced at Cullman County Public Library on Wednesday. This competition took place over the summer and was hosted by The Friends of the Public Library. The deadline for submissions was July 15, and the young writers have been waiting patiently for the announcement of the winners.

President of the Friends of the Public Library Tanya Alcorn shared with The Tribune, "Tales of your Tails is a new summer youth writing competition that the Friends of the Library sponsored this year.

Renee Welsh, a member of the Friends group, has been instrumental in promoting this great program for our county's youth. Participants were instructed to write a unique animal story for submission. We had some wonderful entries and amazing winners. This is a program that our Friends group will continue to support the library for years to come. We want this program to inspire our young people to continue to make reading and writing a priority throughout their lifetime."

With four separate age categories, this ultimately encouraged more submissions. The winners from each category are:

- K – 2nd grade - Kden Malone with "The Unique Zoo,"
- 3rd – 6th grade - Alexandria Spicer with "Polly the Pink Armadillo,"
- 3rd – 6th grade - Titus Smothers with "Energized Max" and
- 7th – 9th grade - Gabrielle Hallmark with "The Walk."

Renee Welsh, essential to the construction of this program, shared a few words at the winners' announcement, saying, "Putting your thoughts on the paper is a spectacular way to message who you are. So, the fact that you were courageous and brave enough to put in words what your dreams were, even if they were made up, because it made so many people happy."

Cullman County Public Library Director Sharon Townsend spoke with The Tribune, saying, "I am just excited we had so many participants and we will definitely plan to have it next year during the summer.

"That is when they are out of school, and this really encouraged them to keep writing. Some even illustrated their own. It was precious."

Each of the winners received a 'Youth Writing Contest 2021' medal, an Award of Excellence Certificate and a $50 gift certificate.

Townsend gave the writers much to look forward to as she spoke, "We were thrilled with participation, and we fully plan to do it again next year."

Numbers (from Front)

Ty Watwood
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Cullman County Schools has more than 10% of its district students out of school due to a confirmed positive test, or due to a student being a close contact.

Student Data through 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27:

- COVID positive: 198
- Close contact: 820
- Total: 1,018 or 10.8%
- Current enrollment K-12: 9,425

The numbers above reflect a change in calculation criteria. Previously, unexcused absences were also included in calculations because many (but not all) of those absences were known to be students who are pending a test or are having symptoms. A lot of these instances are an example of a parent doing what they are supposed to do... keeping a child at home if they have symptoms. Once a parent confirms a positive test and notifies the school, that child is then factored into the positive number. The CCBOE appreciates those parents who are being proactive by not sending students with symptoms to school.

Regardless of the criteria, high numbers have been seen in Good Hope and at Parkside. Those campuses are closed as previously reported. Numbers are increasing across the district, and it is possible more campuses will go remote. While masks are not popular, they are strongly advised for everyone to wear. If your child attends a school where COVID percentages are over 15%, masks are required, which has been communicated by each individual school principal.

Cullman County Schools does not have legal authority to require infected or exposed persons to quarantine. That authority is through the Alabama Department of Public Health. The district, however, does have authority to prevent infected or exposed persons from entering school campuses. In a letter this week to superintendents, State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey said, "The ADPH has received reports that some school systems are identifying and then notifying close contacts but not excluding those persons from campus. If a close contact is identified, school systems are required to exclude them from campus." Cullman County Schools is following the state policy and will continue to identify close contacts and require a student or staff member to be off campus for 10 days from the date of exposure.

Child Development Center
Due to high COVID numbers, the Child Development Center will be closed beginning Monday, Aug. 30. The CDC will reopen Monday, Sept. 13.

In addition to three students testing positive and 43 students identified as close contacts, a total of 12 CDC staff members are out due to COVID (eight positive, four close contacts).









Murder (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — According to Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's Highway Patrol Division, troopers arrested Austin Edward Turrentine, 20, of Cullman at 11:38 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20.

Turrentine was arrested and charged with reckless murder, reckless manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide. The arrest is the result of a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 3:08 a.m. on July 24, 2020, and resulted in the death of 20-year-old passenger, Jesslyn Nicole Hood, of Cullman. Nothing further is available as ALEA Troopers continue to investigate.

Pooh Bear (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Pooh Bear is a 5-year-old Blue Heeler. He is a medium-energy cheerful guy who can always be found with a big smile on his face. He often displays attachment to his toys, and especially an affinity for any toy that rolls. He has many joys in his life such as frolicking through the summer grass, taking a dip in his kiddie pool, and most of all, being in the company of his people.

Pooh Bear will make someone a fantastic therapy, companion or hiking dog!

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 canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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.

Good news!
Ruttkay reported that recent POTW Waffles has been adopted! Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

Hanceville (from Front)

suggested finishing the windows and masonry work, as well as installing central air and heat to the portions of the building that are currently without.

The estimated cost of the final improvements are approximately $65,700. Nail added, "We are getting a lot of compliments on the building. It's something we can be proud of and now, we can have events in Hanceville where people don't have to be ashamed of folks from out of town showing up."

Nail also suggested a couple of drainage projects in trouble spots that are prone to flooding. Nail pointed out that flooding poses a threat to the well head and could potentially compromise the sewer lines if not addressed. The council approved laying new pipe and making other improvements from Blountsville Street to Cagle Street and a portion of Edmondson Road. The council approved the allocation of the American Rescue Plan money to the improvements.

In other business, the council approved the following:

• The surplus of the Hanceville Police Department's Investigator truck and the purchase of a new truck.

• Financing Hanceville Fire and Rescue's new fire pumper, expected to be ready in September, through Merchant's Bank and allowing Mayor Nail to sign any related paperwork.

Hanceville has a couple of major events scheduled for September. They will welcome Confederate Railroad and other musical guests to the Hanceville Music Fest and Veterans Memorial Park on Sept. 18. The concert is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. and tickets are currently on sale on https://www.eventbrite.com/.

Kids Night Out is scheduled for Sept. 25 from 6-9 p.m. at C.W. Day Park in Hanceville.

The next Hanceville City Council meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in Hanceville City Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2021-030
ERVIN D. WEBB *
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Floyd J. Webb,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Ervin D. WEBB**, deceased, on the 19th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Floyd J. Webb
Personal Representative

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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary having been granted to **Michael Dewayne Still,** Personal Representative of the Estate of **Martha Faye Still**, deceased, on the 10th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Michael Dewayne Still
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2021-101
DANNO PATRICK MAHAFFEY., *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MONICA ANN BENTLEY as Personal Representative of the Estate of DANNO PATRICK MAHAFFEY, deceased, on the 11th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Monica Ann Bentley
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Personal Representative
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC-2021-155
LAWRENCE JAMES SWEARINGEN *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to KAYLA MARIE DAVIS, as Personal Representative of the Estate of LAWRENCE JAMES SWEARINGEN, Deceased, on the 12 day of August, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Kayla Marie Davis
Personal Representative

Kimberly H. Drake
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC 2021-292
TRAVIS LATREY BANKS *
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Annisa Deanne Banks,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Travis Latrey Banks**, deceased, on the 25th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Annisa Deanne Banks
Personal Representative

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
MARY LEE DRAKE, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2021-284

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MARY EDITH BLACK, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY LEE DRAKE, deceased, on the 11th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 11th day of August, 2021.

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO.: PC2021-078
HUEY KENNETH MCALPIN, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DOUGLAS C. MARTINSON, II as Personal Representative of the Estate of HUEY KENNETH MCALPIN, deceased, on the 9th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Douglas C. Martinson, II
Personal Representative

Douglas C. Martinson, II
Attorney for Petitioners
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
* CASE NO. PC2021285
CULLMAN COUNTY *

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RODNEY STEVEN WYNN, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Heather Sunshine Wynn on the 12th day of August, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Heather Sunshine Wynn
Personal Representative

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Pull up a pew and listen for a while

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



One of my "too many" hobbies is woodworking. Lately, I've been building benches. Most of them are three-to-four-feet long, but last week I received an unusual request. A lady wanted to know if I could build a twelve-footer for her, with a back, and armrests on each end. My first thought was that would be an awfully-long bench. My first inclination was to say no. Then, after giving it some thought, and sketching out a drawing, I agreed. I love a good challenge. After I finished, I stared at my latest project and thought, "That thing looks like an old-fashioned church pew." Then I thought about how much things have changed since those old days.

Much about the modern-day church is quite different from the church of my younger years. Where we sit is one of the changes. Actually, I should say what we sit on, because many worshippers still sit in the same place they have sat in for the past 134 years! Well, maybe not quite, but maybe their great-grandparents sat there, and it has passed down through the generations. They are like the tree planted by waters, they shall not be moved! We might get by with changing the music or the Bible translation, but don't sit in someone else's seat.

One man was told by a little lady that we would have to move, because he was sitting in her husband's seat. He apologized and did as she asked. Later, he noticed that her husband never came in to take his seat. After the service he inquired if her husband was okay. The lady replied, "Why, what do you mean? He's been in heaven for fifteen years!"

Where we sit may not have changed, but what we sit on quite possibly has. It seems that pews are slowly fading away and being replaced by chairs. I do see a few advantages to this newer trend. Pews are a little harder to get into, especially since they begin to fill up from the ends, rather than the middle. Remember, people don't like to move, so the late comers have to step on toes and trip over knees and purses on the floor. What is especially embarrassing is tripping over all those obstacles and landing in someone's lap!

Individual seats are also a little more comfortable than pews. Of course, modern pews are more comfortable than the old-style ones. They were usually hard wood, with no cushions or padding. It was terribly hard to fall asleep on those things during the pastor's sermons; however, some managed to do the seemingly impossible. Back in those days, preachers were much louder than today's version. Even if you did manage to fall asleep on those pews, the preacher would hit one of those loud points and wake you right up!

Some of those old-unpadded pews were made with several long-narrow boards, on which we parked ourselves. If we shifted our weight the wrong way, those boards could bind together and pinch the sitter like a crab on a beach. That was painful enough to even cause Sister Scowl to shoot up out of her pew and shout out loud. Back in the day, folks might think she had moved by the Spirit and revival might break out, when in reality, she had only been moved by a pinching pew!

I've reached the conclusion that no matter where we sit, what we sit on, what we sing, or how we sing it, if we worship God, that's what matters most. Do try to stay awake, however, and if the pews are older, watch out for pinches!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1930

From the Files of 1950

In observance of Youth Week, in Cullman, a group of high school and college students became city officers for a day on Tuesday.

They were Mayor Barbara Gaddy, of Sacred Heart Junior College, City Clerk, Margaret Ussery, of Sacred Heart Junior College, Councilwomen Ollie Carden, of Sacred Heart Academy, Councilman Asa Blalock, of Cullman High, Councilman Victor Hagman, of Saint Bernard High, Chief of Police George Humphrey, of Saint Bernard Junior College, Councilman Frank Turbyville, of Saint Bernard College, Fire Chief Bill Knight, of Cullman High and Councilman Bill Martin, of Cullman High.

The new 1951 Studebaker is being displayed this weekend by the Owen Walker Motors.

G.C. Chapman, chief of police, if attending an FBI school in Tuscaloosa for two weeks.

Several in the North Vinemont area are enjoying fresh pork since the cold weather came.

Little Karen Maddox of Birmingham spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Grimes.

Willie Kellum, a pioneer resident passed away on November 11. Funeral services were held on Monday at Providence.

Miss Pauline Wildmon and J.D. Latta were married on November 18.

The rulers of the annual Harvest Carnival at Hanceville, on November 11, are Elementary King Kenneth Bland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thelbert Bland and Queen Elaine Clapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clapp, Senior High King, Charles Doggett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Doggett and Queen Fay Eitson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Eitson and Junior High King, Robert Creel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Creel and Queen Ramona McAnnally, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville McAnnally.

From the Files of 1900

Leroy D. Box of Beat 12 was in the City on Monday.

Jeff Griffin and family left for Oklahoma on Wednesday.

Miss Adeline Timpe is behind the counters at the Hustler.

Doctor R.H. Baird spent several days in Birmingham recently.

County surveyor John Nesmith was here a few days ago.

Doctor W.H. Martin, of Hanceville, was in the city this week.

County Health Officer Yielding, of Walter, was here on Wednesday.

POET'S CORNER

Tiny Shoes and Legos | By: Randy Hale

Dancing Barbie's on pins of time,
angels quietly wait.
When tiny tea cups stay in a box,
and girls grow up to date.

Hot wheel cars in the dark,
in closets corner shelves, and
spongy darts lost in cracks,
toy guns all by themselves.

And you father or a mother,
have soaked it all inside,
as little boys turn into men,
and daughters to glowing brides.

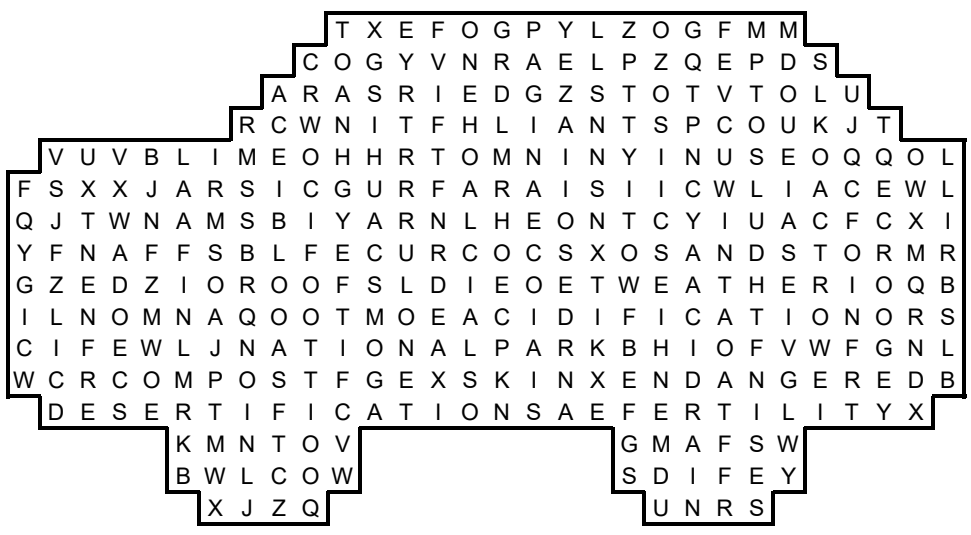
If you could live it once again,
you would, don't you think,
and little legos, and tiny shoes
into your feet could sink.

Yes, bear that pain with all
the joys, the scattered toys
around, to have that little girl
once more or little boy so proud.

Untitled
By: Greg Cheshire

**Polite Ticks,
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Forever Unlasting.**

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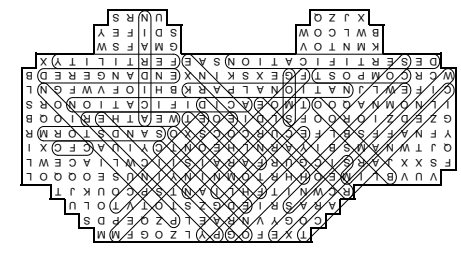


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EDITORIAL

The Policies of Starting Over: Forgiving yourself

Ashlyn Grey
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I have never been able to see the forest from the trees. At 5'2, I have needed to stand on my toes to see the top of most things for as long as I can remember, and it seems life often travels the same direction. One of my closest friends in the world still calls me 'oblivious,' in the kindest way possible, of course. This is to say that, if life is a traffic light, then I manage to miss most of the signals that would normally tell me to turn the other direction.

The number of situations that I have gotten myself into because I ignored the details is unbelievable. Things that should have been obvious just flew under my radar. I let myself become colorblind in the face of every red flag, and that in itself is an incredibly difficult thing to confront.

Once we acknowledge that we have been refusing to see the issues, rather than unintentionally missing them all, we have little choice but to either approach the problem with the intent of resolution, or we slip back into the relentless cycle of willing ignorance. So, what happens next?

In my experience, when you choose to act, suddenly, the red flags come back far more vibrant, more scarlet than crimson.

As reality sets in, it's a feeling similar to waking up from a dream you cannot really remember.

There are flashes, you might hear variations of the story, but you may never completely understand what happened here, although you were once a star of the show.

As I have mentioned before, I once got to a point where I avoided mirrors because I did not recognize myself anymore, but once I 'woke up', the only thing I felt for the woman in the mirror was anger. I hated her for allowing me to find myself here, only to have no choice but to come to terms with the fact that I was so vehemently angry with my own reflection.

It is normal to be angry when you look up for the first time in forever, and you feel heartbroken at where you find yourself. It is OK to feel sad or hurt at first, and it is all right to feel angry with yourself, so long as you keep moving. The shame of meeting your rock bottom can be heavy enough to hold you there like gravity. And if you let it, it will.

Guilt and self-blame grow as quickly as Kudzu in the last breath of summer and are thrice as deadly. If you are not careful, you will find the vines winding across your ankles, leaving you with no place left to run. You have to run. When the anger and grief come, they will begin to grow around you. These grow at a crawl, softly stoked, but always reaching.

The only way out, is through—and the only way through, is by forgiving yourself for getting lost here in the first place. When you stay angry and you never allow your emotions to recover from their furious boil, it will turn your heart.

It will change the way you give and accept kindness and love, robbing you of any sense of familiarity within the word 'joy'. This is not where you, or I, were ever meant to end up, even if the way we got here was only by walking backward.

You took a wrong turn, you missed the right exit, and, yeah, it is frustrating to have to take so many steps back just for the opportunity to begin all over again, but if you are starting from the mindset of change, then you won't find yourself at rock bottom. You are beginning from experience. You are worth more than all the cruel things you have ever allowed your heart to believe about yourself in the light of your mistakes.

Making peace from pain is never easy, but it is possibly the most crucial step of beginning again. When you do not feel like you deserve forgiveness, forgive anyways. Grace is one of those things, you know, when you feel like you have given everything, give a little more.

When the dust settles and the storms do finally pass, the next adventure could be the best yet. And don't you know what they say about adventures? The more daunting that first step is, the more worth it everything is that happens after.

So, when it is time, and you have learned to love the scars on your heart for the treasure map they have become, take a deep breath, and prepare for the next green light.

IN MEMORIAM

THIS MEMORIAL DEDICATED TO CHRISTOPHER ALAN REECE BY HIS LOVING FAMILY

Christopher Alan Reece, 48, was owner/operator of Chris's Auto Repair. He was born Sept. 9, 1972, and passed away Monday, Aug. 16. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Chris's memorial was held at Victory Baptist Church on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 11 a.m. and Bro. Keith Whitle officiated. He was survived by his children: David Reece and Heather Reece; two brothers and one sister.He was loved and will be missed.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 26-27

Wanda Gay Mays, 64, of Cullman
A funeral service for Wanda Gay Mays, 64, of Cullman will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with burial following at Rice's Chapel Cemetery in Bremen. Rev. Jared Jackson will officiate. A time of visitation will begin at 6 p.m. at the funeral home on Sunday, Aug. 29. She is survived by her husband: James Mays; daughters: Tara (Eric) Twilley, Sandy (Jonathan) Brinson, Jennifer (Isaac) Smith and Chris McClure (father of Jennifer Smith's children); Britney (Spencer) Crawford and Diane (Terry) Rape; sister: Lisa Alexander; nine grandsons; eight granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; a host of nephews and nieces and best friend: Debra Smith. She was preceded in death by her first husband: J.D. "Bimbo" Goodwin Jr; second husband: Von Roberts; son: Joel Derrick Goodwin; two brothers; one sister and parents: Alvin and Mary McGraw Alexander.

Willard Dwain Smith, 85, of Hanceville
Willard Dwain Smith, age 85, of Hanceville, Alabama, died Aug. 25. He is survived by his wife: Loretta Smith; sons: Gary Wayne Smith (Lisa) and Billy James Smith and his grandchildren: Skyler Wayne Smith, Daltin James Smith and Coltin Phillip Smith. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Aug. 31, from noon - 1:30 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The graveside celebration of Willard's life will be Tuesday, Aug. 31, at 2 p.m. at Center Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Gussie Retha Taylor, 92, of Gardendale
Gussie Retha Taylor, age 92, of Gardendale, Alabama passed away Tuesday, Aug. 24. Gussie was born March 8, 1929. Gussie was a member of Central Baptist Church. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who dedicated her life to the care and support of her family. Gussie was preceded in death by her parents: Wayman and Evie Stapp; her loving husband: Elijah Rufus Taylor and seven siblings: Iree Dooley, Dorothy Petty, LaBelle Stapp, Jeneva Powell, Arzel Danley, Victor Stapp, and J.C. Stapp. Gussie is survived by one son: Dale Taylor; two daughters: Susan Rogers and Sandra Franklin; two grandchildren: Brandy Franklin and Nan Hughes and her husband: Scott Hughes; two great-grandchildren: Hope Hughes and Faith Hughes and several other family members and friends. A graveside service for Gussie was held Friday, Aug. 27, at Oakwood Memorial Gardens in Gardendale, Alabama.

Josiane Marie Marsh, 88, of Hanceville
Josiane Marie Marsh, 88, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away Thursday, Aug. 26. Josiane was born Dec. 25, 1932, in Rabat, Morocco. Josiane is survived by her husband: John Marsh; her daughters: Myriam (Joel) Fontaine, Anita (Mark) Walker and Nadine (Roger) Kornegay; her grandchildren: Julian Fontaine, Evan Fontaine, Sarah (Wesley) Holmes, Michael (Brandi) Kornegay, Nathaniel (Carla) Kornegay, Timothy (Katie) Kornegay, Rebecca (Bruce) Kornegay-Dixon, Andrew Kornegay, Jonathan Kornegay, Samual Kornegay, Laura Kornegay and Elizabeth Kornegay and her great-grandchildren: Annabelle, Elijah, Evelina, and Judah Holmes, Chandler Kornegay-Dixon and Benjamin Kornegay. Josiane was preceded in death by her parents: Eugene Louis and Marie Eugenie Bernardin Detterer and her great-grandchild: Obidiah Holmes. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Marsh family.

Mary Frances Stapleton, 74, of Cullman
Funeral service for Mary Frances Stapleton, 74, of Cullman will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 28, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Cullman City Cemetery and Bro. Robert Finley officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Stapleton family. Mrs. Stapleton passed away Thursday, Aug. 26. She was born Nov. 10, 1946, to C.M. and May Brown Looney. She loved the Cullman County Senior Center and the people there. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband: Robert Stapleton and her brother: Sonny Looney. Survivors include her children: Charles R. (Brandy) Stapleton, Junior and Autry Stapleton, Steve and Diane Stapleton; brother: Johnny (Effie) Looney; grandchildren: Brandon (Michaelene) Stapleton, Tiffany (Corey) Byrne, Truker Stapleton, Heather Stapleton, Justin Stapleton, Elizabeth Watson and Victoria (Caesar) Perez; 22 great-grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at https://www.cullmanfuneralhome.com/obits.

Bruce Allen Shipp, 60, of Hanceville
Funeral service for Bruce Allen Shipp, 60, of Hanceville, Alabama, will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 31,at the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends from noon – 2 p.m. prior to the service. Bro. Ronnie Cason will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to be serving the Shipp family. Mr. Shipp passed from this life Aug. 25, 2021 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born June 24, 1961, to Thomas Ray and Allene Vivian Reeves Shipp. He was a family man who loved his grandkids and hotrods. He was preceded in death by his father: Thomas Ray Shipp; daughter: Crystal Humanes; son: John Cunningham; sister: Janice White and granddaughter: Kameren Cunningham. Mr. Shipp is survived by his wife of 33 years: Wendy Shipp; son: Patrick Cunningham; two daughters: Brandy Mitchell and Candace Helms; two brothers: Thomas (Kathy) Shipp and Ersie Shipp; two sisters: Judy Shipp and Lucy (Jimmy) Brown; grandchildren: Landon Cunningham, Kayden Cunningham, Trey Cunningham, Keleb Cunningham, Connor Helms, Harley Helms, Ashton Mitchell, Auburn Cunningham, Kallie Cook, Brook Legg and Seth Burney; great grandchild: Jenna Ellen Marie Cunningham and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.Memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared with the Shipp family at https://www.cullmanfuneralhome.com/obits.

Linda Jeanne Hendrix, 72, of Cullman
Linda Jeanne Hendrix, age 72, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 25. Linda was born Feb. 12, 1949, in Decatur Alabama to Everet and Irene Fortenberry Grant. She is preceded in death by her parents; grandchild: Owen Speegle; sister: Jo Ann Blythe and brothers: Gerald Grant, Donald Grant and Ricky Grant. Funeral services are Saturday, Aug. 28, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Perry McCrevy officiating. Interment will follow services at Bowman Chapel Cemetery. Survivors are daughter: Monica (Kevin) Speegle; son: Chris Caudle; grandchildren: Olivia Speegle and Charlie Speegle and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 28, at Moss Service Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until service time at 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Hendrix family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Melissa Crews Brown, 56, of Haleyville
Melissa Crews Brown, 56, of Haleyville entered into rest Wednesday, Aug. 25, at her residence. She was born Aug. 13, 1965, in Pensacola, Florida. No services are planned at this time Melissa is survived by her daughter: Kaitlan (Jonah) Phelps; her son: Grant Brown (Dianna Del Femine); three grandchildren: Charlie and Lucille Phelps and Shaina Brown; her aunt and best friend: Rae Walker; special niece: Lindsay (Tony) Hoxie; father of her children: Rick Brown and a host of other nieces, nephews and beloved friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Robert and Edith Walker Crews; an uncle: Gordon Walker; a brother: Billy Crews and an aunt: Billie Davidson.

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