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House Plant Collective announces Cullman pop-up

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Calling all green thumbs! House Plant Collective has announced a plant-loving pop-up in Cullman on Sept. 18, with their Plant Bus. The pop-up will be hosted by Dreher's Cocktail Bar and Restaurant, located at 216 First Avenue SE, from 3-6 p.m.

House Plant Collective owner Jessica Watts told The Tribune, "House Plant Collective was started in 2020 as a home-based passion project. I had the dream, and planned in 2019, and just before launching the business, COVID hit. After starting by selling online, House Plant Collective shifted from pop-up events in the business into our first brick and mortar location in the Avondale Neighborhood of Birmingham, and recently opened our second location in downtown Tuscaloosa in July 2021."

Dreher's co-owner Christine Chamblee also spoke on how hosting the event came about, sharing, "Plants being one of my hobbies, and a lot of my staff are being into plants, we thought it would be a fun thing to go check out, so we made the trip together. We got to see the store and the Plant Bus, and it looked like a lot of fun."

Chamblee continued, "They [House Plant Collective] made a post saying they were looking for different locations to have pop-up shops, and so I just reached out to them. –We always like to do fun, different, new events that Cullman does not typically have. So, yeah, I reached out to them, and they said they would love to come here."

There will be plant-themed cocktails at Dreher's to keep the theme throughout the event, such as Prickly Pear Margarita, Cool as a Cucumber and more. With some employees contributing different plants, flowers and accessories of their own, the speakeasy-style restaurant will take on home-grown touches of greenhouse flair.

Watts shared a bit about the Plant Bus's mission, saying, "House Plant Collective is [both] a mobile plant shop in a converted school bus, and a house plant store, located in the Avondale area of Birmingham and downtown Tuscaloosa, offering a variety of tropical house plants and botanical goods. At House Plant Collective, our mission is to connect a community of plant enthusiasts and provide the education you need for your plants to thrive. Whether you are new to the plant world, or consider yourself a plant expert, House Plant Collective is here to find the perfect fit for you."

For more information about House Plant Collective, visit http://www.houseplantcollective.com/.

– EDUCATION –

CCPS helpers celebrate 'brown day' in a special way



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Wednesday, Cullman City Primary School celebrated their Kindergarten Color Day with brown. All kindergarten students were encouraged to dress in brown to participate, but two kindergarteners, twins named Cash and Camber, took it just a bit further.

Cullman City Primary School Principal Trisha Culpepper shared the details of the day, saying, "Every year, at the beginning of kindergarten, our classrooms have color days. This is a very exciting time for our kindergarten students and these color days mark the beginning of school for us.

This year, for 'brown day,' twins Camber and Cash May dressed up like UPS men because their dad works for UPS. Our Student Resource Officer, Sully, saw the two young men being dropped off, and when we had our daily UPS delivery, he coordinated getting this picture."

She continued, "In the next few weeks, our students will be studying community helpers and we will tie in this story with our unit. I know the UPS driver was delighted to be a part of our color days here at CCPS! We have the most community support for our school, and we really appreciate everyone's kind words and thoughtfulness. Even though we have safety precautions for COVID-19, our students and staff are hard at work, learning, playing and laughing together."

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Two-vehicle wreck claims lives of two Cullman men

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– CRIME –

Half pound of meth seized by CCSO Friday morning



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Rodney Lang Smith » PAGE 8

Downtown Grill catches fire, closed until further notice

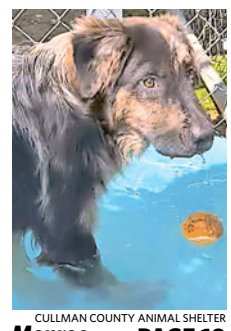


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 2 - 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported September 2, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 30

- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 831
- domestic violence; CR 509
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1583
- shooting into occupied building; CR 64
- burglary; CR 1391
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- assault; CR 735

Aug. 31

- theft of property; CR 613
- assault; CR 1612
- trespassing; CR 831
- harassment; CR 64
- theft of property; CR 842
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 S
- criminal mischief; CR 1223
- theft of property; CR 385
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1145

Sept. 1

- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; Day Gap Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1154
- theft of property; CR 463
- criminal mischief; CR 1825
- theft of property; CR 1635
- assault; CR 735

ARRESTS

Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

Duke, Keelen Lee; 40

- FTA- Probation Violation-unlawful possession of controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Hankins, Joshua James; 32

- unlawful breaking entering vehicle (no theft or damage)

Hicks, Justin Terry; 27

- FTA- illegal possession of alcohol
- FTA- second-degree possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Perkins, Jessie Ray; 37

- assault-child abuse-simple-family (3 counts)

Sisk, Justin Wendell; 33

- Probation Violation-forgery-other objects

Smith, Kristian Edward; 26

- second-degree possession of marijuana
- possession of dangerous drugs

Bowden, Crystal Reshay; 37

- DUI (alcohol)

Clay, Cody Lemark; 33

- Grand Jury- larceny/theft-theft- Grand Jury arrest warrant

Conley, Clark; 43

- Grand Jury- Sex Offense-incest with minor
- Grand Jury- Sex Offense-rape-strong arm
- Grand Jury- Sex Offense-sodomy with a girl-strong arm

Dooley, Tyler Dwight; 27

- Grand Jury-flight-escape (2 counts)

Dyar, Johnny Brant; 78

- Grand Jury- no political paid ad
- Grand Jury- no ID printed ad
- Grand Jury- use of official positon or office for personal gain (3 counts)

England, Nathaniel Clay; 20

- Grand Jury- unlawful breaking entering vehicle (no theft) (2 counts)
- Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia

McDuffee, Michael James; 40

- Grand Jury- unlawful breaking entering a vehicle (no theft or damage)
- Grand Jury- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more
- Grand Jury- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500

Moody, Ballard Oshea; 28

- Grand Jury- larceny/theft
- Grand Jury- buying/receiving stolen property $1,500 or more

Raymond, Robert Allen; 41

- assault-harassment

Villa Jr., Antonio; 41

- public intoxication
- criminal trespass

Bagwell, Natasha Marie; 31

- Grand Jury-assault-aggravated assault- non-family-gun (2 counts)

Guthery, Daphane Audrianna; 21

- Grand Jury-burglary-non-residence-force
- Grand Jury-theft from residence
- Grand Jury-receiving stolen vehicle

Johnson, Christopher Shane; 34

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Lowe, Brittney Shea; 33

- Grand Jury-drug trafficking
- Grand Jury-possession of drug paraphernalia
- Grand Jury-promote prison contraband (drugs)

Sears, Christian Blaine; 21

- assault-aggravated assault non-family-other weapon (4 counts)
- assault-simple assault

Sears, Kevin Blaine; 45

- Grand Jury-assault-aggravated assault non-family-gun (5 counts)

Skinner, Joshua Joel; 40

- Burglary-residence-no force

Stuckey, Adam Nicolas; 36

- Grand Jury-first-degree sexual abuse

York, AJ James; 26

- Grand Jury-burglary-non-residence-force
- Grand Jury-larceny-theft from residence
- Grand Jury-possessing stolen property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 1

- third-degree theft of property; Canna Bliss; 2nd Ave. NW; miscellaneous
- fourth-degree theft of property; Shoe Show; Marktplatz Ctr. SW; shoes; $50
- fourth-degree theft of property; third-degree criminal trespass; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $298
- fourth-degree theft of property; ALDI; Cherokee Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $54
- third-degree domestic violence-harassment; person; McNabb Dr. SW

Sept. 2

- harassment; person; Ave. E SE
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; pressure washer; $259
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Lessman St. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Lee Ave. SW; purse and contents, pistol damaged window

ARRESTS

Sept. 1

Pace, Kenneth D.; 35

- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (4 counts)
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- fail to signal
- FTA- driving without driver's license (2 counts)
- FTA- switched tag

Barnett, Terri C.; 28

- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespass

Gray, Paul J.; 55

- public intoxication

Sept. 2

Walker, Travis R.; 22

- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- run red light
- FTA- fail to yield
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation

Brown, Christopher L.; 46

- third-degree burglary
- first-degree criminal mischief

Childers, Joseph M.; 38

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Flanigan, Broderick D.; 27

- third-degree domestic violence

Gray, Paul J.; 55

- public intoxication

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Sept. 3, 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)

- Change in Cases: -22.7% (No update available)
- Positivity in Tests: 22.4%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,862
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 315,576 (+ 10,422 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,181
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 5,112 (+ 101 since Wednesday)
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 18.1%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,591
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 5,140 (+ 195 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 93 (+ 3 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,779
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 322
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 92,535
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 20,744
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 2,629

Vaccine details (updated Tues, Thurs)

- Doses Delivered to Alabama: 5,909,105 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,486,735 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 3,993,798
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,322,620
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,798,542
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,422,370 (No update available)

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, at 7.7%. This is equal to the percent positivity recorded April 3, 2021, 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 healthcare 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.

COVID-19 update from Cullman Regional

On Sept. 1, Cullman Regional Medical Center released the following COVID-19 update:

Cullman County is in the High-Risk category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional current situation

- 77 COVID-19 positive patients, 12 of whom are on a ventilator
- Continue to be vigilant in mask wearing and social distancing. Everyone should continue to follow precautions to prevent the spread of infection – wash hands, socially distance and wear a mask when you cannot social distance.

Below is the Alabama Department of Public Health data on hospitalizations statewide.

COVID Vaccine Clinic – new location

- The Cullman Regional COVID vaccine clinic has moved to the hospital's mobile unit, which is located in the parking area of Professional Office Building 3 on the east side of campus. This location is most easily accessed through the hospital's main entrance at the traffic light off U.S. Highway 157.
- Clinic hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. No Thursday appointments are available. When you arrive, please pull up to the mobile unit and a staff member will give you further instructions.
- All first-dose vaccines are administered in the new location as of Monday, Aug. 31.
- Patients who received their first dose at Cullman Regional Urgent Care can return to Urgent Care for their second dose or can schedule their second dose appointment online at https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
- Third dose vaccines for immunocompromised individuals are being administered in the new clinic location in the parking area of POB 3.
- When booster shots are available, they will be administered in the new clinic location in the parking area of POB 3.
- Vaccines are administered by appointment only. To schedule a vaccine appointment visit https://cullmanregional.com/cullman-regional-vaccination-clinics/?swcfpc=1.
- If no appointments are available, please check back the following day as we post additional appointment openings regularly.

Additional community locations providing vaccines

- Pfizer
- CVS – Hanceville
- CVS – South Cullman
- Walgreens – North Cullman
- Walgreens – South Cullman

Moderna

- Borden Family Pharmacy
- CVS – North Cullman
- Heritage Pharmacy - Dodge City
- Heritage Pharmacy of Cullman
- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Publix
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount
- Wal-Mart – Hwy 157
- Wal-Mart South

Johnson & Johnson

- McSwain's Pharmacy
- Medical Arts Apothecary
- Specialty Pharmacy
- Village Discount

Visiting Cullman Regional

As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

These restrictions include:

- All visitors must check in and complete a temperature check at the front desk.
- Masks are required for employees and visitors regardless of vaccination status.
- Only one visitor is allowed per adult (16 or older) patient in all hospital departments except the Emergency Department*. (Two visitors allowed per minor patient ages 15 or younger.)
- COVID-19 positive patients will not be allowed to have visitors.
- All visitors must be over the age of 16.

Please remember that visitor hours are from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily.

Visitors to the Cullman Regional Medical Group Clinics must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status and only one visitor is allowed per patient or two visitors per minor under the age of 16.

***Emergency Department restrictions**

- Due to the influx of COVID positive cases and out of an abundance of caution, no visitors are allowed in the Emergency Department. Limited exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis. In those limited exceptions, we will only allow (one) visitor/caregiver who will not be allowed to rotate with any other visitor during the patient's stay in the Emergency Department to limit unnecessary exposures.

We appreciate your compliance with these regulations to keep our staff, patients and families safe.

Stay up to date on all of the information by following us on Social Media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or visit https://cullmanregional.com/coronavirus-2/ for more information.

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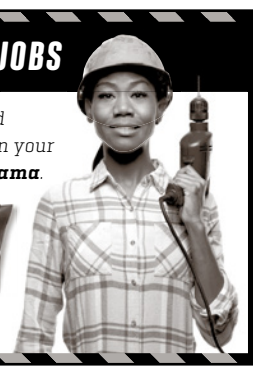
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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study

• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. 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 Saint Joseph Drive 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.

• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas

• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC

• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

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

• 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

• 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.

Cullman County Cattlemen's / Cattlewomen's Association Sandwich Sale

• Sept. 3-4 - On Sept. 3-4, Cullman County Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Associations will be preparing Ribeye Steak Sandwiches in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $7 donation. Add chips and drink for $1 each. Serving on Friday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Employers are invited and encouraged to treat their employees to a great sandwich!

• Ladies, after work, don't go home to cook - Come by and get sandwiches for your family.

• Place orders in advance by calling Edwin Calvert at 256-339-9869 (before 9 p.m., Sept. 2) Contact number in the parking lot: 256-339-9869

• Will accept debit and credit cards and will have a drive-thru lane.

• COME OUT AND ENJOY A GREAT SANDWICH AND HELP US PROMOTE BEEF!

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 onsite, 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 & ParaLee 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 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.

Crauswell, Rollo, Mosely Reunion Cancellation

The Crauswell, Rollo, Mosely reunion which was to be held at the Moody Center in Hanceville on Oct. 2, 2021 has been canceled. Hopefully COVID will go away, and we will get together on the first Saturday in Oct. 2022 at the same place.

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West Point downs Lawrence County 14-7 on the road

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Tribune Correspondent

MOULTON, Ala. — On a warm and muggy night, the West Point Warriors traveled north on state route 157 to take on the Lawrence County Red Devils. West Point looked to get back into action after last week's game was canceled due to Covid protocols. West Point entered the evening with a 2-0 record while Lawrence County was 0-1 but the Warriors left with a 3-0 record after topping the Red Devils 14-7.

West Point took the opening kickoff and gained 20 yards on the first run by Kelton Washington. The Warriors were soon threatening when they got deep inside Red Devils territory. An untimely holding call stalled the drive when Eli Folds didn't complete a fourth down pass and Lawrence County took over on their own 28-yard line.

The first quarter ended with both teams having drives stall due to penalties. The Red Devils continued their second drive into the second quarter. Aided by a defensive pass interference call against the Warriors, the Red Devils were deep in West Point territory. The West Point defense stiffened, and Lawrence County faced a fourth and one from the West Point 25. A low snap caused quarterback Parker Frost to inadvertently put his knee down and the Warriors took over on their own 30-yard line.

Quarterback Eli Folds wasted no time to put the Warriors on the scoreboard with a 70-yard touchdown run. Omar Segundo's extra point was good and West Point led the ballgame 7-0 with 8:46 left in the first half.

The Red Devils got excellent field position when Wyatt Dutton returned the ensuing kickoff for 27 yards. Frost completed a 32-yard pass to Alandis Johnson. Two plays later, Austin Williams scored on an 11-yard run. Williams then performed double duty as he got the successful extra point kick and tied the ballgame 7-7 with 6:56 left in the first half.

After a punt by West Point, Lawrence County's next drive was stopped by an interception by Suyeta DrowningBear and returned the ball near midfield. Both teams were unable to score, and the first half ended tied 7-7.

Lawrence County punted to start the second half after running seven plays. West Point got their first possession on their own 39-yard line. On the sixth play of the drive, the Warriors faced a fourth and six when Folds completed a 17-yard pass to Isaac Hoffpauir for a first down. Strong running by Washington got West Point to the 2-yard line where Folds completed the scoring drive with a 1-yard run. The drive consumed most of the third quarter and with 36 seconds left in the third quarter West Point extended their lead to 14-7.

Lawrence County continued their next drive into the fourth quarter. A 33-yard run by Arnold Alexander put the Red Devils in position to answer the touchdown by the Warriors and tie the game. First and goal from West Point's 5-yard line had Lawrence County in position to potentially tie the game. Two incomplete passes and a false start penalty had the Red Devils facing a fourth and goal from the 7-yard line. Williams was stopped after a 6-yard run and the Warriors completed their successful goal line stand. Just when it looked like West Point would run out the clock, penalties once again came into play and the Warriors had to punt the ball giving the Red Devils another chance to tie the game. After forcing Lawrence County into third and 14, a defensive pass interference call gave the Red Devils new life in West Point territory with a first down. West Point's defense rose to the occasion again when Frost was sacked on fourth down with under a minute to play in the game. The Warriors ran the clock out and headed home with a 14-7 victory.



BILL PIPER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

West Point's Kelton Washington (5) posted 158 rushing yards in the Warriors' 14-7 win at Lawrence County Friday night.

After the game Warriors Head Coach Don Farley said,

"Another down to the wire game between Lawrence County and West Point. Less than 10-point victories the last few years," Farley said. "Our defense stepped up when needed. Our offense came through to help give us the win."

The Warriors ended the game with 269 yards of total offense led by Washington's 158 yards on 24 carries. West Point travels to Boaz next week for another region game with their record at 3-0.

Vinemont drops region tilt with J.B. Pennington 49-6

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT, Ala. — An injury plagued Vinemont Eagles team hosted the JB Pennington Tigers to open region play Friday night and unfortunately for Eagles fans, Pennington handed the Eagles a 49-6 loss.

The Eagles held tough in the first quarter forcing a punt and a turnover on downs, but on the first play of the second quarter Pennington defense forced a fumble and took it to the endzone putting the Tigers up 7-0 with 11:47 remaining until halftime. Vinemont fumbled the ball away on their next possessions ultimately resulting in a touchdown pass to put the Tigers up 14-0 with 7:02 remaining in the first half.

The next Eagles possession didn't get any better as Pennington blocked a punt resulting in a 21-0 led for the Tigers with 5:03 remaining until halftime.

On the next play the turnover bug bit the Eagles once again, and once again Pennington capitalized driving down and adding to the led, 28-0 with 3:30 remaining in the opening half.

The Tigers added another score in the final seconds of the half, making the score 35-0 headed to the locker room.

Two plays after coming back on to the field for the second half the Tigers found the endzone to add to the lead making it 42-0. After another punt by the Eagles Pennington tacked on another score with 7:30 remaining in the third quarter to make the score 49-0.

Midway through the fourth quarter Toby Hill found the endzone for the Eagles on a 4-yard run to give you the final score of Pennington 49, Vinemont 6.

The Eagles fall to 0-3 on the season with the loss and they'll be looking to bounce back next week when they travel to Carbon Hill for another regional matchup.



CHRISTY PARKER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Eagles fell to J.B. Pennington at home Friday night 49-6.

Holly Pond drops region opener to Oakman 45-0

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — After winning their first two games by a combined score of 84-0, the Holly Pond Broncos looked to keep it going when they hosted Oakman in their region opener on Friday night. Unfortunately for the Holly Pond faithful, the Broncos were on the wrong end of a shutout this time, falling 45-0 to the Wildcats.

On Holly Pond's opening possession, they had some success running the ball behind Landon Perkins and Andy Light. The Broncos were looking at a fourth-and-two from the 45 and they tried a fake punt, but Austin Marsh got stuffed for no gain, giving the ball to Oakman. Holly Pond, though, forced a quick three-and-out and looked for more success on their second possession.

Perkins picked up 17 yards and a first down on the Broncos' first play, but a chop block on the next play backed Holly Pond up 15 yards and were later forced to punt.

That was the scene for most of the first quarter as both teams kept the game scoreless.

After a Bronco punt, the Wildcats found the end zone on just three plays as a 16-yard touchdown pass gave them a 6-0 lead with 1:29 remaining in the opening quarter. 20 seconds later, Oakman returned a Perkins interception 31 yards for the score as that made it 12-0. It was penalties galore on the next series.

The Wildcats got called for a personal foul on a second-and-six play from the 36-yard line, but the Broncos then got called for a false start on the next play.

The first play of the second quarter saw the Wildcats get called for a horse collar tackle and Perkins picked up a huge first down on a fourth down play, then later on, Oakman got called for a face mask, which put the Broncos at the 30-yard line.

But they couldn't take advantage as Light got stopped short of the first down on fourth down.

After an Oakman punt, the Broncos coughed the ball up and the Wildcats recovered. Oakman quickly took advantage of the turnover as they scored on a 25-yard touchdown pass and Holly Pond found themselves down 18-0.

Another Holly Pond fumble saw the Wildcats find the end zone once again as a six-yard touchdown pass made it 26-0.

Neither team found the end zone after that as the Broncos went into the locker room down, 26-0.

Hunter Farr recovered an Oakman fumble on the kickoff to start out the second half for Holly Pond and they found themselves in excellent field position at the 30-yard line.

But they quickly went backwards after that and were forced to punt.

Oakman found the end zone on a 17-yard touchdown pass and later returned a 65-yard punt for a touchdown. They added the final score of the game in the fourth quarter on a one-yard touchdown run. Holly Pond kept battling throughout the whole night, but in the end, the Wildcats proved to be too much for the Broncos as Holly Pond was on the wrong end of a 45-0 shutout at the hands of Oakman.



ANDREW KNEDLIK/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Holly Pond Broncos fell to Oakman at home 45-0 Friday night.

Perkins finished with 26 yards rushing on the night for Holly Pond (2-1, 0-1) and Light added 23 yards on the ground. Farr recovered a fumble for the Bronco defense and Kadin Suryono picked up a pair of sacks on the night. The Broncos will look to bounce back next Friday night on the road as they will take on J.B. Pennington in a huge region game.

Hanceville falls in shootout at Fultondale 44-36

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After knocking off Vinemont in the season opener, Hanceville took the week off last week to gear up for Friday night's road trip and region opener against the Fultondale Wildcats. The Bulldogs got up on the Wildcats early, but Fultondale was able to put points on the board and rally to come back and defeat Hanceville in a shootout, 44-36.

Zac Campbell connected with JT Davis from 4 yards out to put the Bulldogs in front 6-0 midway through the first quarter and Brosnan Ward punched one in from 7 yards out to make it a 12-0 game with just over a minute remaining in the opening quarter. However, Fultondale was able to answer with a touchdown before the start of the second quarter and cut the lead to 12-8 going into the second.

The Bulldog defense got in on the fun in the second quarter when Brady Cleek scooped up a fumble and took it back 20 yards for a touchdown to stretch the lead to 18-8 early in the second quarter. Fultondale continued to respond, scoring another touchdown and adding a safety to cut the lead down to 18-17 with just over three minutes remaining in the first half. That's when Campbell broke free for a 60-yard touchdown that put Hanceville on top 24-17 going into the halftime break.

The Wildcats found the endzone once again to tie things up at 24 early in the third quarter and tacked on another score to pull ahead 31-24 with around two minutes to play in the period. Campbell came up with another big play, scoring on a 57-yard run to make it a 31-30 game but Fultondale took the ensuing kickoff back for a touchdown to extend its lead to 38-30 going into the final frame.

After another Wildcats touchdown made it 44-30 with less than five minutes to play, Campbell ran in his third touchdown of the night from 16 yards out to cut the lead to 44-36 but the Bulldogs couldn't come up with the ensuing onside kick and Fultondale held on to defeat Hanceville 44-36.

Campbell posted four touchdowns in the loss, three on the ground and one through the air. Hanceville falls to 1-1 with the loss and will be back home next week to host Dora in another regional matchup.

Hartselle pulls away to defeat Cullman 35-14

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Bearcats were back home under the lights at Oliver Woodard Stadium to host another big rival Friday night. The first half between the 'Cats and the Tiger was neck and neck, but Hartselle was able to take advantage of turnovers and big plays to pull away in the second half and take the region win over Cullman 35-14.

Hartselle took the game's opening kickoff and after driving down the field and getting into scoring range, a fumble out of the back of the endzone gave possession to the Bearcats on the 20-yard line. Cullman took advantage of the turnover, putting together a methodical drive of its own and capping off a scoring drive with a 9-yard touchdown run by Noah Kee. The extra point from Nate Zillis gave the Bearcats an early 7-0 lead. The Tigers answered quickly, tying the game at 7 early in the second quarter with a 12-yard touchdown pass.

However, Cullman was able to respond and capped off another long scoring drive with a 1-yard QB sneak by Ryan Skinner that made it a 14-7 game with just over seven minutes to play in the first half. Hartselle's offense was able to answer once again, scoring on an 8-yard run to tie the game back up at 14 with just over three minutes remaining in the second quarter. The Bearcats were forced to punt the ball back to the Tigers with 1:33 on the clock and a 48-yard touchdown pass gave Hartselle a 21-14 advantage going into the halftime break.

Cullman was well on its way to finishing another long, time-consuming drive with a touchdown, but a fumble gave the ball back to the Tigers inside their own 10-yard line midway through the third quarter. The black and gold defense forced Hartselle to punt the ball away but the 'Cats' offense turned the ball over on downs with just over eight minutes left in the game and the Tigers were able to add to their lead. Hartselle fumbled the ball going into the endzone but was able to recover its own fumble in the endzone to put another touchdown on the board and pull ahead 28-14 with less than four minutes remaining in the game. After recovering their own onside kick, the Tigers punched in another rushing touchdown from 10 yards out to wrap up a 35-14 road win over the Bearcats.

Jake Dueland led Cullman with 127 yards on 18 carries. Tyler Owens added 59 yards on 16 carries and Drew Conway posted 31 yards on seven carries. Skinner and Kee each scored touchdowns for Cullman in the loss.

The Bearcats fall to 1-2 on the season with the loss and will be back on the road next week to take on Buckhorn.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman QB Ryan Skinner dives into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown during the Bearcats' 35-14 loss to Hartselle Friday night.

Good Hope hammers Ashville 40-7 in region opener

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — After last week's game was canceled due to Covid-19 cases, the Good Hope Raiders were able to get back on the field Friday night to host a regional showdown with Ashville. The Raiders got it done in all three phases against the Bulldogs and picked up a 40-7 region win to improve to 1-1 on the season.

This cool night started great for Good Hope. The Raiders won the toss and deferred to the second half. Ashville receiving the opening kickoff and three plays into the Bulldogs' opening drive, they fumbled the football in the endzone and Good Hope's Taz Bartlett recovered it to score a touchdown and the Raiders took an early, 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

Good Hope's defense forced Ashville to punt, and the Raiders got the ball back. 6 plays later, Ethan Anderson broke free for a 45-yard touchdown and the Raiders moved in front 13-0 going into the second quarter.

Ashville got the ball back and held it for most of the second quarter, but the Raiders' defense ended the drive with a blocked field goal attempt.

The Raiders took advantage quickly and three plays later, Anderson got loose for a 54-yard touchdown, stretching the lead to 20-0 going into the halftime break.

With a 20-point lead at the start of the second half, Tanner Malin ran the opening kick of the third quarter all the way back for a touchdown to give the Raiders a 27-0 advantage.

The Raiders' defense left Ashville scoreless once again, giving the ball back to the dangerous Raiders offense and they found the endzone once again to bring their lead up to 34-0 late in the third.

Ashville was finally able to get on the board in the fourth quarter, but Good Hope made up for it when Anderson ran in his third touchdown of the night to cap off a 40-7 region win for the Raiders.

After the game, Good Hope Head Coach Alan Scott was happy with the way his team came together and played a complete game against the Bulldogs.

"I was very proud of our effort tonight and the way we responded to the adversity we faced the first couple weeks of the season," Scott said.

"I felt as though we executed well in all three phases of the game.

"Hopefully this helps us as we prepare for the remainder of the season."

The Raiders will be on the road next week to take on Haleyville.

2nd half surge leads Guntersville past Fairview 34-19

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — In what could prove to be the battle for first place in the region Fairview ran out of gas in a slugfest that was much closer than the final score would tell. Guntersville used the combination of a bruising running game and west coast style passing game to keep the sticks moving and put the Aggies away late 34-19.

This game would open with some stingy defense as the Fairview opening drive would end with a turnover on downs in Wildcat territory, followed by back to back three and outs by Guntersville and Fairview. Guntersville would capitalize on a couple Aggie miscues including a key missed tackle on third down, which was followed by a busted coverage deep ball that was stopped at the 1-yard line after senior safety Parker Martin sprinted out of his coverage to save the touchdown. A play later, however, the Wildcats would find the end zone and go up 7-0.

After a slip on the kickoff pinned the Aggies on the 11-yard line they responded with their own big drive lead by Martin and senior running back Tyler Simmons. Martin would cap the drive off with a 10-yard sprint to the end zone, but the extra point would be missed, and Fairview trailed 6-7 midway through the second quarter.

After the Fairview defense forced a punt, the offense went right back to work from their own 27. Sophomore Eli Frost would take off for a 28-yard run. A few plays later Martin would find Caden Jennings for 24 yards, which set up the Aggies in the redzone for the second time of the time. On a second and four play, Martin dropped back only to have pressure force him up and out of the pocket where he delivered a strike to fellow senior Mickey Chambers for an 11-yard touchdown and a 12-7 lead.

Guntersville would respond by going into their two-minute drill and quickly move the ball into Fairview territory. With seconds remaining in the half a deep ball was delivered that looked to be a touchdown until Martin, a two time all state defensive back, sprinted across and broke up the pass. Fairview would go into the half with a 12-7 lead over their region rivals.

The Wildcats seemed to come out with a simple gameplan: pound the rock with their big, bruising running back, who broke tackles all throughout the night, and hit quick outs and hitches when needed.

With the ball to start the second half Guntersville would come out with a nine play, 75-yard drive that give them a 13-12 lead, one they wouldn't give up the rest of the night.

In what may have been the key drive of the game Fairview responded with their own 10 play, 64-yard drive. Disaster seemed to strike when a low snap went flying over 10 yards past Martin, who would pick it up and making five miss for a huge play that kept the drive alive. Unfortunately for the Aggies the drive came down to a 4th and 1 where Simmons would get hit in the backfield for the turnover on downs.

With 84 yards to go Guntersviile would use their balanced attack to march down and eventually find the endzone on a 20-yard touchdown pass for a 20-12 lead going into the 4th quarter. After a Fairview interception Guntersville then looked take advantage of the short field. Finding themselves with a key 4th and 4 a quick out route would move the sticks and the drive would be finished off with a 23-yard touchdown run to put the Wildcats up 27-12.

When it felt like the excitement of the game was leaving the stadium, Martin would ignite the crowd on an option to the left, where he'd fake the pitch, make a cut across the field, and outrun the Wildcat defense for a 60-play touchdown that would get Fairview within a possession at 19-27.

In what would be Guntersville final drive, Simmons, who also plays linebacker would force Guntersville to earn every yard with hard hit after hit.

Fellow linebacker Cale Foster would deliver a tremendous hit on the Guntersville running back, that would again fire up the home crowd.

Ultimately, the Wildcat offense gassed the Fairview defense, who simply couldn't get off the field on third down. With 20 first downs, 63 plays, and 400 yards of offense from Guntersville, they were able to put the game away on one last touchdown that put them up for a final score of 34-19.

Martin completed 12 of his 17 passes and finished with 279 total yards of offense, including 150 rushing yards, three total touchdowns and one interception. Simmons would add 67 on the ground on 15 carries, while Frost added another 53 yards on five carries. Chambers would finish with four receptions, 27 yards, and a touchdown. Jennings had two catches for 40 yards, while a host of other Aggies would add to the Aggie air attack including Jameson Goble, Bryson Chamness, and Dalton Payne.

Despite dropping to 2-1 on the season (0-1 in the region), a second straight year hosting the first round of the playoffs is still very much alive. They may have lost this early test, but Fairview showed they can hang with the best as they went blow for blow with the reigning region champion. They will look to bounce back next week, going back on the road to Douglas for another region matchup.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview running back Tyler Simmons (24) finished with 67 yards on 15 carries in the Aggies' 34-19 loss to Guntersville Friday night.

Arab picks up 20-7 region win at Fort Payne

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FORT PAYNE, Ala. — After dropping a tight game on the road against Guntersville last week, Arab was back on the road Friday night looking to bounce back with a region win at Fort Payne. The Knights were able to do just that, putting together a stellar defensive performance and collecting a 20-7 win over the Wildcats.

Fort Payne struck first to take an early, 7-0 lead over Arab but the Knights were able to respond. Ed Johnson connected with Spencer Strickland near the pylon to tie the game at 7 early in the second quarter and that score held going into the halftime break. Arab added to its lead in the second half when the Knights blocked a Fort Payne punt and ran it into the endzone for a touchdown that made it a 14-7 game with just over three minutes to play in the third quarter. The 7-point lead held for most of the final period, but Ed Johnson found Wes Johnson in the endzone from 23 yards out for another passing touchdown that made it 20-7 with just under three minutes to play.

Neither squad was able to find the endzone again and Arab held on to defeat the Wildcats 20-7. The Knights improve to 2-1 on the season with the win and will be back home to host Scottsboro in another region matchup next week.

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365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Crazy for Loving You Birthday Party

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America has loved "Grandma" Moses and her art from the moment we saw one of her joy-giving paintings. For "The Crazy for Loving You Birthday Party," we're at the Bennington Museum (75 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont) which holds the largest public collection in the world of paintings by Grandma Moses, the great 20th century folk artist who painted joyful scenes of rural life embodying a sense of an idyllic America.

Anna Mary Robertson "Grandma" Moses (1860-1961) started painting in her 70s and within years was one of America's most famous and beloved artists. Moses spent most of her life in Eagle Bridge, New York, just 15 miles northwest of Bennington, Vermont.

In 1972, the Bennington Museum purchased the schoolhouse in which Moses studied as a child along with objects related to her life, including her early needlework, an 18th century tilt-top table she painted with landscapes and used as her painting table, art supplies, her paint-stained apron and a large collection of photographs and documents.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy the minute we enter the Grandmas Moses gallery of the museum and Patsy Cline beckons us to a long farm table decorated with Vermont-grown plants and veggies set for our special guests at "The Crazy for Loving You Birthday Party."

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:

Sept. 4—BEYONCE' (Beyonce' Giselle Knowles-Carter) is a singer, songwriter and actress. The Houston, Texas native is one of the world's bestselling recording artists, having sold 118 million records worldwide. She has won 28 Grammy Awards, 26 MTV Video Music Awards, 31 Black Entertainment Television Awards and 17 Soul Train Music Awards. In 2020, "Billboard Magazine," ranked her as the highest-earning Black music-maker of all time.

Sept. 5—BOB NEWHART is a stand-up comedian and actor known for his deadpan and slightly stammering delivery style. He came to fame in the 1960s with his album of comedic monologues, "The Button-Down Mind of Bob Newhart," which is enduringly joy-giving. His two, major television shows involved the situation comedies of Newhart being a Chicago psychologist named Robert Hartley on "The Bob Newhart Show" and then as a Vermont innkeeper, Dick Loudon, on "Newhart."

Sept. 6—JEFF FOXWORTHY is a comedian, actor, writer, producer, television personality, radio personality and author. The Atlantan is best known for his "you might be a redneck if..." one-liners. He is a member of "The Blue-Collar Comedy Tour" foursome with "Larry the Cable Guy," Bill Engvall and Ron White. He starred in the sitcom, "The Jeff Foxworthy Show," hosted the television quiz show, "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" and for three seasons, hosted, "The American Bible Challenge."

Sept. 7—GRANDMA MOSES (Anna Mary Robertson Moses) was a late-blooming, folk artist who began painting at age 78. Her art has been shown in top galleries and museum worldwide. One painting, "Sugaring Off," sold for $1.2 million in 2006. About her work, a "New York Times," art critic wrote: "The simple realism, nostalgic atmosphere and luminous color with which Grandma Moses portrayed simple life and rural countryside won her a wide following. She was able to capture the excitement of winter's first snow, Thanksgiving preparations and the new, young green of oncoming spring."

Sept. 8—PATSY CLINE was a singer. And, WHAT A SINGER! She is considered one of the most influential vocalists of the 20th century and was one of the first country music stars to cross over to pop music. She first gained national recognition singing, "Walkin' After Midnight" on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts." Her "greatest hits album" sold over 10 million copies in 2005. Patsy Cline's childhood home in Winchester, Virginia has been restored and opened as a museum in 2005 for visitors and fans to tour. Willie Nelson wrote Cline's immortal hit, "Crazy (for Lovin' You)."

Sept. 9—ADAM SANDLER is an actor, comedian and filmmaker. He was a cast member on "Saturday Night Live" from 1990 - 1995 before going on to star in many Hollywood films. His films have earned more than $2 billion at the box office. Sandler's comedic films include "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore," "Big Daddy," "Mr. Deeds," "50 First Dates," "The Longest Yard," "Click," "Grown Ups," "Just Go with It," "Grown Ups 2," "Blended," "Murder Mystery" and "Hubie Halloween." Many of his films have been critically panned but others, like "Punch Drunk Love" and "The Meyerowitz Stories" garner high praise.

Sept. 10—ARNOLD PALMER was a professional golfer widely regarded as one of the greatest and most charismatic in the sport's history. His humble background and plain-spoken popularity helped change the perception of the sport from an elitist, upper-class pastime of private clubs to a more populist sport accessible to all on public courses. Palmer was one of the originals first inducted into the "World Golf Hall of Fame."

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE CRAZY FOR LOVING YOU BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"I'm a workaholic and I don't believe in 'NO.' If I'm not sleeping, nobody's sleeping."—Beyonce'

"There's gratification in making somebody laugh. It's a wonderful sound."—Bob Newhart

"If your mother doesn't remove the Marlboro from her lips before telling the State Trooper to kiss her ass, you might be a redneck."—Jeff Foxworthy

"I look back on my life like a good day's work. It was done and I am satisfied with it."—Grandma Moses

"If you can't do it with feeling—don't."—Patsy Cline

"It's hard to soar with the eagles when you're surrounded with turkeys."—Adam Sandler

"It's a funny thing, the more I practice the luckier I get."—Arnold Palmer

"I don't like to gamble, but if there's one thing I'm willing to bet on, it's myself."—Beyonce'

"All comedians are anarchists. Our job is to make fun of the existing world."—Bob Newhart

"Watching a baby being born is like watching a wet St. Bernard coming through the cat door."—Jeff Foxworthy

"People should take time to be happy."—Grandma Moses

"I recorded a song called, 'I Fall to Pieces" and was in a serious car wreck. Now, I'm worried because I have a brand-new record and it's called, 'Crazy.'"—Patsy Cline

"I finished a big book the other day—421 pages. That's a lot of coloring when you think about it."—Adam Sandler

"Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you."—Arnold Palmer

"If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow."—Beyonce'

"My stammer got me a home in Beverly Hills, and I'm not about to screw with it now."—Bob Newhart

"You might be a redneck if you missed 5th grade graduation because you had jury duty."—Jeff Foxworthy

"If I hadn't started painting, I would have raised chickens."—Grandma Moses

"It's important I surround myself with people who make me happy."—Adam Sandler

"Hit it hard, go find it and hit it hard again."—Arnold Palmer

"Never let success go to your head. Never let failure go to your heart."—Beyonce'

"But I really believe that if you have the ability, there is an obligation to make people laugh."—Bob Newhart

"I hope someday we can stamp out illiteracy in America. Of course, you'll have to kill a lot of my relatives to do it."—Jeff Foxworthy

"I would never sit back in a rocking chair waiting for someone to help me."—Grandma Moses

"I never wanted to get rich—just live good."—Patsy Cline

"Give yourself time to figure out what you're good at and what you're not good at."—Adam Sandler

"What others may find in poetry or art museums; I find in the flight of a good drive."—Arnold Palmer

"The most alluring thing a woman can have is confidence."—Beyonce'

"I wish I could relate to people I'm related to."—Jeff Foxworthy

"Hanukkah is...the festival of lights, instead of one day of presents, we get eight, CRAZY nights."—Adam Sandler

"You must play boldly to win."—Arnold Palmer

THE MENU FOR "THE CRAZY FOR LOVING YOU BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Jeff Foxworthy Redneck Sausage Dip (yummly.com)

SALAD—Bob Newhart Food Psychologist Pepper and Goat Cheese Salad (thefoodpsychologist.com)

ENTRÉE—Grandma Moses Turkey in the Straw Noodles (cooks.com)

SIDE DISH—Beyonce' Beer-Battered Put-A-Ring-On-It Onions (allrecipes.com)

BREAD—Patsy Cline Crazy Bread (allrecipes.com)

BEVERAGE—The Famous Arnold Palmer Half-Tea and Half-Lemonade Drink (see below)

DESSERT—Adam Sandler 50 First Dates Cake (mybakingaddiction.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—Picture puzzles have been hugely popular during the "COVID lockdowns" and one with a painting by Grandma Moses could be so sweetly engaging. Try Amazon for "Grandma Moses puzzles," as simple as 35 pieces and as intricate as 1000 pieces. My personal, joy-giving favorite is "A Beautiful World."

Grandma Moses thanked all for coming to the Bennington Museum and her eponymous gallery space. Her toast to the group was, "Life is what you make it. Always has been, always will be." Before Beyonce' joined her for a memorable duet, Patsy Cline offered this toast to the revelers— "Here's to those who wish us well and those who don't can go to Hell!"

Then, two of the greatest, American joy-giving songbirds ever, sang these lyrics, proving that sometimes it's the swooning memories of the trials of love that are the most beautiful:

"I'm crazy,
Crazy for feeling so lonely.
I'm crazy,
Crazy for feeling so blue.
I knew that you'd love me
as long as you wanted
And the someday, you'd leave
me for somebody new.
Worry,
Why do I let myself worry?
Wondering,
What in the world did I do?
I'm crazy for thinking that
my love could hold you.
I'm crazy for trying
And, crazy for crying,
And, I'm crazy for
loving you."

THE FAMOUS ARNOLD PALMER HALF-TEA AND HALF-LEMONADE DRINK

INGREDIENTS

- 5 fluid ounces prepared lemonade
- 5 fluid ounces prepared iced tea
- 1 cup ice

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill a tumbler with ice and pour the tea and the lemonade. Stir. Sip. Slake.

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Fire (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Downtown Grill, a restaurant on Fourth Street in Cullman, announced on their Facebook page that their business caught fire early Thursday morning.

According to their page, the business will be closed until further notice and will continue to update their customers regularly on the status of their restaurant.

"It is important for all of our customers and friends within the Cullman community to know that no one was harmed and that we are still assessing the structural damages to our building," the Facebook page assured. "Thank you to anyone who has ever eaten at our restaurant and enjoyed it, thank you to our community, family and friends. We look forward to serving you all again soon. We appreciate any and all prayers during this time."

Visit CullmanTribune.com for updates as information becomes available.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 2-3

James Alfred Gordon, Jr., 58, of Vinemont
Funeral service for James Alfred Gordon, Jr., age 58, of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Andrew Ball officiating and interment in Shady Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Gordon passed away Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Cullman Regional. He was born July 12, 1963, in Cullman, Alabama, to James Alfred and Edith Gordon. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Gary Allen Gordon. Survivors include his wife: Karen Lee Gordon; sons: James Gordon III and Joseph (Summer) Gordon; daughter: Betty Jo (Steve) Barnes; son: Lowell (Veda) Wolf; grandchildren: Valerie Barnes, Matthew Barnes, Boston Gordon, Jayleigh Gordon, Bryant Gordon, Trace Gordon, Gavin Pace, Janie Clair Pace, and Ezra Pace; nieces: Beth Gordon and a host of family and friends.

Bruce Holland Bentley, 55, of Cullman
Funeral service for Bruce Holland Bentley, age 55, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021, at Mount Olive Church with Chris Kitchens, Bobby Bentley and Charles Dickson officiating and burial at Mount Olive Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bentley passed away Friday, Sept. 3. He was born Sept. 30, 1965, to Frank and Gloria Jean Bentley. He was a former employee of Mitchel Grocery, former owner and operator of 278 Rock Grocery and currently worked at Cullman City Schools and the proud business owner of Berlin Hardware and Farm Supply. He was a member of the Berlin City Council. He was a loving husband, father and friend to many. He was preceded in death by his father: Frank Bentley, and his precious unborn child. Survivors include his wife: Judy Bentley; sons: Alex Bentley and Jacob Bentley; mother: Gloria Jean Bentley; brothers: Bobby (Angie) Bentley and Brian (Susan) Bentley; mother-in-law: Mary Sue Freeman; father-in-law: Leon Freeman and sister-in-law: Paula Freeman.

Debra Lynn Farthing Smith, 54, of Lynn
Debra Lynn Farthing Smith, age 54, of Lynn, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mrs. Smith was born May 30, 1967 in Fayette, North Carolina. Debbie was a very loving and caring person who loved her family, especially the grandkids. She enjoyed the outdoors, loved to talk and fellowship and she never met a stranger. She never wanted to say goodbye, it was always "see you later". Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 6, from noon – 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where the service will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Tim Edwards will officiate. Burial will be at Ephesus Baptist Church Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. Debra is survived by her husband: Donald James Smith; mother: Janet Sue Coffman; sons: Paul William (Amanda Shay Cason) Farthing and Kye Alexander Smith; daughter: Brandi SuAnn (David Henry) Sims; grandchildren: Brayden Paul Farthing, Elizabeth Pearl Farthing, Joel Bradley Farthing, Rylee Keith Mitchell, Henry Reid Sims, Tyler Ryan Sims and River Colt Sims; brothers: Don Richard Conner and John Matthew Coffman; sisters: Lisa Marie Farthing and Diane Michelle Bell and a host of nieces and nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father: Larry Eugene Farthing.

Sonja Kidd Jackson, 77, of Upshaw Community
Sonja Kidd Jackson, 77, of Upshaw Community, entered into rest Sept. 2, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. Mrs. Jackson was born Jan. 31, 1944 in Pettus, West Virginia. Visitation will be held Sunday, Sept. 5, from 2-3 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held at 3 p.m. Burial will be at Friendship Cemetery in Danville, Alabama (Lindsey Hall Community). Sonja is survived by her daughters: Melinda (David) Cleghorn, Gail (Steve) Tucker and Melanie (Ron) Wilhelm; brother: Ronald (Donna) Kidd; sisters: Carolyn (Robert) Workman and Debra Milam; sister-in-law: Marveline Burnett; uncle: Dencil (Carolyn) Compton; grandchildren: Amanda (William) Black, Haley Cleghorn, Nicholas (Tiffany) Cleghorn, Andrew (Wendy) Cleghorn, Hollie (Patrick) Waid, Megan (Jake) Whitfield, Christine (Tony) Williams and Steven Jackson Tucker; 15 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and a host of many loving family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years: Hershel Lee Jackson; father: Mack Kidd; mother: Gwendolyn Jackson; aunt: Wanda Wiley and a brother-in-law: James Locle Burnett.

Edna Buckner, 86, of Haleyville
Edna Buckner, age 86, of Haleyville, passed away Friday, Sept. 3, at Lakeland Community Hospital. Mrs. Buckner was born March 25, 1935, in Haleyville, Alabama. Mrs. Edna loved her family, loved traveling and loved going to Jacks. Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 6, from 6-9 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7. Brother Rayburn Whitman will officiate. Burial will be at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in the Wiley Branch Community. Edna is survived by her sons: Jerry (Terisa) Buckner and Rickey Buckner; grandchildren: Matthew (Tiffany) Buckner, Andrew Buckner, Ryan Buckner and Amy (Nick) Gilpin and great-grandchildren: Isabella Gilpin, Hutson Cole Buckner and Rylan Buckner. She was preceded in death by her parents: Henry and Lily Dodd and several siblings.

Bishop Gradon James 'Chick' Chandler, 93, of Hanceville
Graveside service for Bishop Gradon James 'Chick' Chandler, 93, of Hanceville will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 4, at Berlin Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Chandler family. Bishop Chandler passed away Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born July 14, 1928, to Franklin Edward Benjamin and Josie Campbell Chandler. Chick and Carla faithfully served the Church of God in various leadership capacities for over 70 years. Chick was well known by his fellow ministers and was a mentor to literally thousands of ministers over the years. He was preceded in death by his parents; his son: Galen James Chandler; sister and brother-in-law: Donnie and Frelon Harbison; brothers: Harry Chandler and Clois Chandler and brothers-in-law: Howard Barnett and Buddy White. Survivors include his wife of 72 years: Carla Jean Chandler; sons: Adriel (Naomi) Chandler and Edward (Carla) Chandler; daughter: Darla (Jerry) Shepherd and Dorinda (Dave) Moore; sisters: Eloise Barnett and Margie White; sisters-in-law: Wynell Chandler and Linda Chandler; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and host of family and friends. In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to Hall of Prophets, Gradon J. Chandler in Cleveland, Tennessee. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com

Burthel Mae Blackmon, 86, of Cullman
Burthel Mae Blackmon, age 86, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Sept. 1. Burthel was born July 22, 1935, in Alabama. Burthel is survived by her sister: Luvell (Arvil) Nix; her grandchildren: Scott (Amanda) Shoemaker, Stephanie (Jody) Marotz, Carly (Jaiden Philyaw) Wren and Kristin Chambers; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Burthel was preceded in death by her husband: Leelan Blackmon; her daughter: Amy Shoemaker; her son: Greg Chambers; parents: Newton Jasper and Lula Mae Handley Powell; her brother: Emmitt Powell and her sisters: Mary Powell, Hazel Chaney and Margie Wynn. A visitation for Burthel will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, from 1-3 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). A celebration of life funeral service to follow at 3 p.m. An interment will occur at Cullman City Cemetery (812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Blackmon family.

Carl James Thomas, 73, of Holly Pond
Carl James Thomas, 73, of Holly Pond, passed away on Sept. 1. He was born Nov. 11, 1947, in Cullman County, to Merrit Arnold and Lora Evelena Duke Thomas. Mr. Thomas was a member of Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church where he enjoyed worshipping his Savior. Carl worked many years as a machinist for General Dynamics. He was an avid Alabama football fan and enjoyed cheering on his team. Carl adored his dogs Cooper, Buddy and Milo, and he cherished his wife, children and grandchildren. He was loved greatly, and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Thomas is preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Curtis Thomas and Cecil Thomas and his sister: Francis Cothran. Carl is survived by his beloved wife: Ginger Thomas; son: Carl Thomas, Jr. (Cristie); daughters: Belinda Johnson (Teck) and Tracie Boyd (Jim); grandchildren: Drew Johnson, Bailey Johnson, Jesse Thomas, Levi Thomas, Emilie Boyd, Peyton Boyd, Jordan Mize (Harley) and Devin Mize (Gabby); brother: Jerry Thomas (Jerl); sister: Betty Kelley (Miles) and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services for Mr. Thomas will be 1 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Herman Lambert officiating. Burial will follow in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery where Teck Johnson, Drew Johnson, Brayden Boyd, Jim Boyd, Mark Thomas and Jordan Mize will serve as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the family two hours prior to services, from 11 a.m., until services begin at 1 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Thomas family.

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Addison edges Aliceville 19-18 in region opener

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — Addison hosted Area 5 region foe and 2A power Aliceville at beautiful A.G. Hicks stadium on Friday night. Addison came away with a hard fought 19-18 victory but what was more important than the victory was the heart that these Bulldogs showed as they were missing five starters and several coaches, to include Head Coach David Smothers. The missing players and coaches were all medically related and they should return next week.

Addison and Aliceville began the game a little tight as they went through several unsuccessful possessions and swapped turnovers. Addison's game plan was clear, they were going to run the ball down the Aliceville defenses throat, and everyone knew it. Addison lined up in a T formation, three running backs and two tight ends and pounded the football. They would throw only two passes all night and they dominated the time of possession.

On Addison's third possession of the first quarter, the Dawgs ran eight plays, all runs, with Justin "Rocky" Mather taking it in from 1-yard out.

Addison had taken over at the Aliceville 30-yard line after Yellow Jacket fumble. Eli "Curly" Howse and Mather carried the rock on five of the eight plays.

The two-point attempt was no good and at the 1:30 mark of the first quarter, Addison led 6-0.

Aliceville took over near midfield after the ensuing kickoff. The Yellow Jackets and their Cam Newton lookalike quarterback, Tyjarian Williams drove down to the Dawg 5-yard line.

After two Yellow Jacket penalties pushed the ball back to the Dawg 18-yard line, they were held on a fourth down try as Williams, 6'2" 230lbs, was tackled by Christian "Ice Man" Roberts to give the ball back to the Dawgs at the 7.

Addison looked like they were about to drive in for another score but after running twelve plays and getting down to the Aliceville 35-yard line, a fumble was picked up by Yellow Jacket Cornelius Burns who rambled 65 yards for an Aliceville touchdown.

The extra point was no good and at the 5:25 mark of the second quarter the score was all tied up at 6. This would be how the half ended with the score knotted at 6.

Aliceville's coach must have lit a fire underneath his Jackets, as they came out fired up. The Jackets took the ball at their own 35 and it didn't take them long to take the lead.

Using only six plays, the Jackets went 65 yards and took the lead on a Jeremiah Brewer 9-yard run. The two-point conversion was no good and at the 12:00 minute mark, Aliceville led 12-6.

It looked bleak for Addison as they fumbled the ensuing kickoff and Aliceville recovered at the Dawg 36.

Five plays later, the Yellow Jackets tacked on six more as Williams hit Kelby Taylor on a 6-yard slant pass for the score. The extra point was no good and at 6:40 of the third quarter it looked like the hometown Dawgs were sunk. Aliceville led 18-6.

No one would have blamed the Dawgs for losing heart. They were down multiple starters, missing coaches and were playing a very good team. But you would be wrong. This Addison team showed amazing heart and stamina.

Addison took over at their own 39-yard line and the drive that they needed to score on, they did. 12 running plays later, Mather steam rolled his way into the end zone for his second touchdown of the night. The Howse extra point was good, and the lead was cut to 18-13 with 1:24 to go in the third quarter.

The Dawg Pound Defense stood tall on Aliceville's next possession as they forced an Aliceville fumble that was recovered by Mac "Golden Locks" Cagle at the Yellow Jacket 6-yard line.

Two plays later, Roberts rolled in from three yards out for the touchdown. The extra point was no good and Addison had taken the lead 19-18 with 11:53 to go in the game.

Addison forced a Yellow Jacket punt on their next possession and the Dawgs took over at their own 22-yard line. The Bulldogs needed a time-consuming drive and they got one. Addison's drive started with 9:08 to go in the game and the Dawgs ran 15 straight plays getting down to the Jacket 20-yard line. The Dawgs converted three third downs and a key fourth down, but the drive ended at the Yellow Jacket 6-yard line but only 17.4 seconds were left, and the Jackets had no time outs left.



CINDY LUKER

The Addison Bulldogs defeated Aliceville 19-18 at home Friday night.

Aliceville is a quality team and has a history of winning so you knew they wouldn't quit, and they didn't. After two pass completions put the ball at their own 37-yard line, the Jackets had only time for one last play.

Williams cranked up a Hail-Mary pass which was completed 38-yards down the field all the way down to the Bulldog 25-yard line where Howse tackled the receiver ending the game.

This was one game where the Addison students, alumni and parents should be talking about for a long time. The game where the underdog and undermanned Bulldogs beat a good Aliceville team on grit, heart and determination.

Unofficial stats:
Addison had 65 total running plays for 305 total yards. Addison ran two pass plays for no yards. Addison had 67 total plays for 305 yards. They did fumble three times but had three rushing touchdowns.

Aliceville had three total running plays for 155 total yards. Aliceville ran 16 pass plays with eight completions for 119 yards. Aliceville ran 39 total plays for 274 total yards. Aliceville fumbled twice.

Addison's Roberts had 29 carries for 141 yards with a touchdown. Mather had 16 carries for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Howse had 10 carries for 51 yards.

Defensively, Addison was led by Hayden Holland with five tackles, Howse and "Touchdown" Tommy Lee Daniel with four tackles each. Briley Holt, Roberts and Jed Wilkins had three tackles each. Mather and Cagle each recovered a fumble.

Addison 3-0 (1-0) travels to Midfield for a region game next Friday. Aliceville hosts Sulligent in a region game. This win puts Addison in the driver's seat for the Region title.

Cold Springs drops region game at Sulligent 53-14

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SULLIGENT, Ala. — After falling to local rivals Meek and Holly Pond in their first two games of the season, the Cold Springs Eagles hit the road once again Friday night for a region showdown at Sulligent.

However, the Blue Devils scored early and often to take a big lead over the Eagles.

Cold Springs wasn't able to recover, and Sulligent held on to pick up a 53-14 region win over the Eagles.

The Blue Devils found the endzone three times in the opening quarter to take a 19-0 lead over Cold Springs going into the second.

Sulligent continued to add to its lead in the second, putting five more touchdowns on the board to stretch the lead to 53-0 going into the halftime break.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Eagles began to chip away at the daunting lead.

Josh Winfrey found the endzone for Cold Springs to make it a 53-7 game early in the fourth quarter and Winfrey ran in his second touchdown of the night just a few minutes later but it was too little, too late for the Eagles and Sulligent held on to take the region matchup over Cold Springs 53-14.

Winfrey finished with a pair of touchdowns for the Eagles in the loss.

Cold Springs falls to 0-3 on the season with the loss and will be off next week before hosting another regional showdown with Aliceville Sept. 10.

Meek collects 46-26 region win over Brilliant

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ARLEY, Ala. — After dropping a nail-biter in double overtime at Winston County last week, Meek returned home Friday night to open up region play against the Tigers of Brilliant. Meek dropped last year's meeting with Brilliant 55-30, but this year was a different story. The Tigers in black and orange got points on the board early to get in front of Brilliant and pulled away to collect their first region win of the season 46-26. A pair of touchdowns gave Meek an early, 14-0 lead in the opening quarter and the Tigers found the endzone two more times in the second quarter to stretch the lead to 30-0 at one point.

Brilliant was able to get on the board late in the second quarter and make it a 30-8 game going into the halftime break. Meek punched another one into the endzone midway through the third to pull ahead 38-8 and managed to stretch the lead to 46-8 late in the third quarter. Brilliant had some success getting points on the board in the final frame and cut into the lead but it was too little, too late and Meek held on to defeat Brilliant 46-26, earning its first region win of the season in the process.

Meek improves to 2-1 on the season with the win and will try to keep it going next week when the Tigers travel to South Lamar.

Wreck (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A two-vehicle wreck that happened on U.S. Highway 278 East at 5:35 a.m. on Friday killed two local men.

Bruce Bentley, 55, of Cullman and Patrick Mize, 24, of Cullman were the drivers of a Ford Galaxy and Ford Fiesta, respectively.

They were both pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick.

The wreck occurred near County Road 1466 and U.S. Highway 278 East near East Point Animal Hospital.

Neither driver had a passenger with them.

The Cullman police traffic homicide unit responded, and the wreck is currently under investigation.

The unit's members include Sergeant Joey Duncan, and officers Jonathan England and Hunter Potts.

Visit CullmanTribune.com for more information as it becomes available.

Meth (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff's Deputies spotted a suspicious vehicle at a closed business near the Gold Ridge community in the early hours of Friday morning.

The CCSO K-9 "Big" was deployed, and a "free air sniff" of the vehicle was conducted.

Big alerted on the vehicle and a search was conducted. Just over 0.5 pounds of meth was recovered from the vehicle along with drug paraphernalia.

Rodney Lang Smith, 32, of Cullman was arrested and charged with drug trafficking, possession of drug paraphernalia, assault/harassment (warrant).

"I am extremely proud of how proactive and diligent our deputies are each and every day," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "I am also proud of our K-9 unit and the amazing work they continue to do. The K-9 program is a huge asset for us and the citizens of Cullman County."

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Liberty Learning Foundation hosted their official kickoff rally for Cullman High School's ninth grade class Thursday. With several programs already established in Cullman City Schools, the program being implemented with this year's freshman is the Citizen Promise Program. Cullman is the second pilot school for this program in the state.

The Citizen Promise Program assists students with more in-depth lessons on civics, character education, financial literacy and developing personal accountability when it comes to their futures. The program is cumulative and will develop each year until graduation. The Citizen Promise Program also offers opportunities for students to work with community mentors and develop their resumes.

Cullman High School Principal Kim Hall began the rally by welcoming all in attendance and the most honored guests, Cullman's ninth grade class. She asked the students, "How many of you have heard your teachers talking about a hard reset?"

As hands lifted across the room, Principal Hall continued, "After our pandemic education for the past year and a half, we decided that we needed to really reinforce what it means to be a Cullman High School student and a citizen in our community, and we are doing that by putting in levels of support for you that will reestablish this hard reset. And part of that is the Liberty Learning Foundation's Citizen Promise."

Executive Director of Liberty Learning Foundation Brett Johnson took the time to recognize Liberty Learning's Cullman County Community Alliance members and addressed the students, saying, "I want you to know that those partners in this crowd are here today because they came together with us to select Cullman High School, to select the ninth-grade class and to select every single one of you sitting in those chairs out there in that crowd today, to be the first students in North Alabama to take advantage of the Citizen Promise Program."

The Community Alliance members are:

- Alfa
- AlaTrade Foods Inc.
- Alabama Department of Education
- Regions Bank
- Alabama Power
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama
- City of Cullman
- Senator Garlan Gudger
- Cullman County Community Development Commission
- Merchants Bank of Cullman
- Freedom Insurance Agency
- Cullman City Board of Education
- The Cullman Tribune
- Cullman Cabinet
- Chick-fil-A
- Lazarus LLC.
- First Community Bank
- Apel Steel
- People's Bank
- Representative Randall Shedd

Senator Garlan Gudger was recognized for his outstanding support of the Citizen Promise Program in this district and also spoke, sharing "You all are the future of the city of Cullman and of the state of Alabama. We are excited to see you get all of the experiences through this program that no other students in North Alabama will be able to experience. That is something to be proud of. — This whole program is because of people that love America. They are patriotic, and they want you to understand the history of the Red, White and Blue. Ladies and gentlemen, I am excited that you get to go through this program."

Director Johnson returned to the stage to express his amazement with the Cullman community, saying, "We traveled the entire state of Alabama. We do all of these programs, especially at the elementary and middle school level, in all the school systems across the state, and I can honestly say that there is no community that has jumped out so quickly and wrapped its arms around this program and what we are about to experience with Citizen Promise like Cullman, Alabama.

"I just want you to know, when you go home to talk to your friends and family, I want you to know these are special individuals and you live in a special community."



ASHLYN GREY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guest speaker David Page addressed the students the importance of what it means to be a part of a community, and how our choices impact students and those around them.

He asked the students to consider the two coins they had received upon entering the auditorium, one labeled, "Yes" and one labeled, "No."

"Graduation seems like it's a lifetime away, but I am here to tell you that four years is nothing compared to the 30+ years that you have to think about, even now, moving into your life after graduation. And whether you are starting this journey just because you are wanting to continue to be great, the reality of the matter is that the greatest thing that you can do is graduate high school."

Page continued, "Here with the Liberty Learning Foundation, the City of Cullman and Cullman City Schools, we want to make a promise to you.

"That if you say, 'Yes,' and you choose the coin that says, Yes,' if you say, 'Yes' to the workforce, if you say, 'Yes' to the military, if you say, 'Yes' to college, if you say, 'Yes' to technical school – all that we are asking is that you say, 'Yes'— And if you say, 'Yes,' we promise you that we will do our best to help you achieve that goal."

At the end of the rally, the students were asked to hold one coin in each hand and told to think about making the personal choice to decide "Yes" and commit to the program and graduation.

As students exited, the buckets of "No" coins began to fill as the Class of 2024 made their silent promises, tucking "Yes" coins safely into their pockets and bookbags as they went.









LAW ENFORCEMENT

ALEA encourages everyone to end the summer safely this Labor Day weekend

ALEA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As the final holiday of the summer draws near, many Alabamians are preparing for an extended fun-filled weekend with friends, family and festivities on the state's busy roadways and scenic waterways. The Labor Day holiday is often recognized as a day off for many hardworking citizens; however, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency would like to remind everyone that you should never take a holiday off from being safe.

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Each year, ALEA Troopers see a significant increase in the volume of traffic on Alabama's roadways and those enjoying its waterways over the course of the weekend. While we want everyone to have an enjoyable and relaxing holiday, safety should always remain a top priority for all those who plan to travel. We ask everyone to avoid risky driving and boating behaviors that could possibly put you or your community in harm's way.Especially when our health systems are already taxed with treating COVID-19 patients."

Each year, the agency participates in a variety of national campaigns and safety initiatives to not only educate citizens, but to also eliminate the dangers associated with driving vehicles or operating motorcycles while impaired or under the influence of alcohol. On Tuesday, Aug. 31, Troopers joined local and state partners in Bremen and Columbus, Georgia, to kick off the 30th annual "Hands Across the Border" campaign.

The weeklong impaired driving enforcement initiative is held each year before the Labor Day holiday in an intensified effort with adjoining state partners to remove impaired drivers and keep our roadways safe.

"We are fortunate to have neighboring state law enforcement agencies that share the same commitment of removing impaired drivers to prevent deadly crashes. One of the most difficult and daunting tasks that an ALEA Trooper is faced with is conducting a death notification. If you choose to consume alcohol, please do so responsibly and have a designated driver or utilize a ride-share service," said Taylor. "For law enforcement officers, removing impaired drivers and boaters from the state's roadways and waterways is potentially one less family they must notify when their loved one has been fatality injured in an impaired driving crash."

This year, the official holiday weekend begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, and runs through midnight Monday, Sept. 6. Citizens should expect to see an elevated number of Troopers actively patrolling Alabama's roadways and waterways to conduct enforcement activities designed to reduce crashes and save lives. During the same travel period in 2020, ALEA's Highway Patrol Division saw over a 60% reduction in the overall traffic fatalities compared to 2019, while its Marine Patrol Division experienced zero boating deaths on Alabama's waterways.

"While the reduction in fatalities last year was a tremendous accomplishment, our mission aims to ensure everyone makes it safely to their destination. This cannot be accomplished without assistance from the motoring public," said Taylor. "Everyone can make a tremendous difference and contribute to the safety for all."

ALEA offers the following Five to Arrive Alive:

1. Prepare ahead of time. One of the simplest ways to avoid causing a traffic accident is to get your car regularly maintained and inspect your vehicle before a long trip. A tire failure can cause you to lose control of your vehicle and breaking down on a busy highway can be just as dangerous. Plan your route and adjust travel plans to accommodate busier than normal roadways.

2. Never drink and drive. Citizens should never drink and drive or operate a boat when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Alcohol and drugs impact your decision-making, coordination, reaction time and vision which makes you vulnerable to several hazards. If you do consume alcohol, do so responsibly and have a designated driver or safely utilize a ride-sharing service.

3. Obey the laws and avoid dangerous driving and boating behaviors. Do not go over posted speed limits, avoid following too closely and always buckle up. Alabama law now requires all occupants, front and back seat passengers to wear a seat belt. If enjoying the water, personal flotation devices (PFDs) should be available to all passengers. Children 8 and younger must wear them at all times when on the water.

4. Keep in mind Alabama's Move Over Law and use extreme caution in construction zones. For the safety of the traveling public, construction industry workers and maintenance crews, the Alabama Department of Transportation will have no temporary lane closures on the interstate after noon Friday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 6, at 11:59 p.m.

5. Stay off the water during inclement weather. Even though Hurricane Ida is long gone, summer thunderstorms are still a possibility. Monitor your local weather and avoid being outdoors during thunder and lightning.

Monroe (from Front)

Olivia Law
olivia@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter has love to spare these days, so Donna Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Monroe is a 1-year-old Australian Shepherd mix. He is a medium-energy gentleman who always minds his manners. Not only is he respectful of personal space, but he practices excellent leash skills. He is a big fan of toys and cooling off in the kiddie pool. This smart and cheerful guy is always up for a new challenge!

Monroe is sure to make a wonderful therapy, companion or reading 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 shared with us that recent POTW Gramps was adopted and has a new home in Huntsville!

Thanks to the whole community for making forever homes a regular destination for our furry friends.

LEGALS

PB MIN BK 199 PG 772 - 09/03/2021 10:56 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RONALD W. WATSON, SR., DECEASED CASE NO. PC2021-319

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF RONALD W. WATSON, SR., DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Steven C. Smith on the 2nd day of September, 2020, by the Honorable 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.

Steven C. Smith, Personal Representative (Administrator),

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
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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 *
ERVIN D. WEBB * CASE NO PC 2021-030
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

Patrick Caver
Attorney at Law
1210 Highway 31 N
Suite E
Hartselle, AL 35640

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.

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

PB ADT BK 59 PG 315 - 09/03/2021 11:12 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF M.J.H.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2021-054
D.O.B. 06/07/2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: MARISSA ANN THOMAS- BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF M.J.H.
MICHAEL COREY HOGAN- BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF M.J.H.

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

DONE THIS 3rd DAY OF September, 2021.

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

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

PB ADT BK 59 PG 318 - 09/03/2021 11:19 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF C.R.H.
A minor child. CASE NO.: AD2021-053
D.O.B. 02/26/2009

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: MARISSA ANN THOMAS- BIOLOGICAL MOTHER OF C.R.H.
MICHAEL COREY HOGAN- ALLEGED FATHER OF C.R.H.
AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.R.H.

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

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF September, 2021.

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

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
200 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
BLAJ, * **CASE NO.: JU 21-035.02**
a minor, DOB: 01-18-2021. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

Randy Eugene James, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, filed by Kelly Ergle and Mundi L. Ergle in regards to a minor child born on January 18, 2021 to Sara Jade Denton, by the 11th day of October, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 1st day of September 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

Petitioners:
Kelly Ergle and Mundi L. Ergle

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Petitioners
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
BLAJ, * **CASE NO.: JU 21-035.02**
a minor, DOB: 01-18-2021. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

Sara Jade Denton, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights, filed by Kelly Ergle and Mundi L. Ergle in regards to a minor child born on January 18, 2021 by the 11th day of October, 2021, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 31st day of August, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioners:
Kelly Ergle and Mundi L. Ergle

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Note to Publisher: Publish this item once a week for 4 consecutive weeks beginning on 9/4/2021.

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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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 *
TRAVIS LATREY BANKS * CASE NO PC 2021-292
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

Johnathan F. Austin
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 321173
Birmingham, AL 35212

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.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE ESTATE OF)
)
WILLIAM F. SELF) CASE NO.: PC2021-306
)
Deceased)

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 25th day of August, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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.

CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN SELF

Billy W. Jackson
JACKSON & WILLIAMS
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

It's off to work we go

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Most everybody knows the classic Disney song from Snow White. You may have sung it a thousand times, but like me, you may have been singing it incorrectly. Until recently, I thought the seven dwarfs were singing, "Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to work we go." There have even been a few times when I have headed out the door going to work while singing that little tune. Sometimes I was singing it because I was excited to go do the work I loved to do, and sometimes I sang it trying to psych myself up to go. Do you know that the actual lyrics are not "It's off to work I go," but instead, "It's home from work we go?" No, I'm not kidding. Now, don't go listen to the song, because you can hear it either way. Look up the written lyrics. If you watch the movie again, they were working, mining diamonds, and then the clock struck 5:00. They left the mine, locked the door behind them, and sang "It's home from work we go."

Now, honestly, in your real life, with your real job that probably is not working in a diamond mine, which way do you sing it? We've been working ever since Adam and Eve were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.

We may have been complaining about having to work every since then too. I'm sure there are days when perhaps we all hate their job, but having a job and the health, ability, and skills to work a job, are a blessing.

My parents lived through The Great Depression. Many Americans in those years would have given their right arm to be able to say, "It's off to work we go."

For practically all my adult life, my work has been some kind of ministry. That is my life's calling. For 30 years I served as pastor of churches. Since 2007 I have led an association of Baptist churches.

As I think back over all the jobs I've done, going all the way back to my childhood, I've worn many different hats. Here are some of the jobs I've done through the years, and gotten paid to do them.

I landed my first paying job at around the age of 11. I worked in my dad's coal and building supply store before that for room and board, meals and clothes!

With pay, I've been a yard cutter...with a boy-propelled push mower, cotton picker, car detailer, auto body and paint worker, co-owner of an auto body and paint shop, gas station attendant, high school custodian and maintenance man, warehouse stock boy, house/school/apartment painter, drywall hanger/finisher, carpenter, woodworker, musician/singer, comedian, author, and columnist.

After my dad's business closed, my oldest brother opened a paint-and-body shop in that building. I began working for him when I was 13, and did that kind of work until I was 20.

Like most do, I started as a sander, taper, and Bondo finisher. After doing that for about a year, my brother taught me to spray paint. By 16, I did much of the painting. The other men got the cars ready while I was at school, and I came in and painted.

After high school, Fred Ledford, my lifelong friend, and I, opened our own shop, where we taught ourselves to do customized paint work. I attended classes at our local community college during that time too.

We have a long holiday weekend coming up, to celebrate work. To have a job and be able to make a living, is indeed a blessing. Have a happy Labor Day!

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

HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the Files of 1900

R.W. Riley of Joppa was here on Monday.

A.J. York attended the sheriff's convention, in Montgomery, this week.

Doctor J.S.O. Whitson, of the "Free State of Winston" was visiting friends here this week.

I.C. Gay will take a position with a wholesale house, in Birmingham, next month.

Joseph Minor of Vinemont died on Monday.

Mrs. Laura Bates has returned to her home in Aubry, Texas.

George Stiefelmeyer, of Canada, has accepted a position with C.A. Stiefelmeyer and will make his home there.

Reverend J.H. Harbison, of Bremen, is attending the Baptist Association, in Tuscaloosa, this week.

Doctor J.M. Lovett, of Bessemer, has located in Cullman, to practice dentistry.

Eggs are now up to 16 cents per dozen and cotton is bringing 9 cents per pound.

From the Files of 1930

An American Legion Auxiliary as organized here on Sunday afternoon. Officers elected were: Mrs. Herman J. Stewart, president; Mrs. William Bellar, first vice-president; Mrs. George Henry Young, second vice-president; Mrs. Aloy Imbusch, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. J.E. Marion, historian; Mrs. H.M. Windsor, chaplain and Mrs. Herman McCalman, sergeant-at-arms.

Carl Peinhardt, captain of the Cullman High football team, broke his leg, at team practice, Wednesday afternoon.

Ludie House, 23, son of Reverend and Mrs. W.O. House, was killed in an automobile accident in Akron, Ohio and funeral services were held at Holly Pond on Thursday.

Clarence Sharpton is now a student a Berea College, in Kentucky.

Professor and Mrs. R.E. Moore are building a beautiful new home, in South Park.

Both the ladies of St. John's Church and Christ English Church will serve Thanksgiving dinners, this year.

Miss Mattie Carter was guest speaker, when twenty members of Coterie met at the home of Mrs. J.C. Martin, on November 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fegrentz, of Ohio, are visiting relatives, at Longview, this week.

Three students of Good Hope Junior High made the honor roll this month. They are Lena Woodall, Edna Stewart and Hazel Freeman.

POET'S CORNER

The Panther | By: Rainer Maria Rilke, 1875-1926

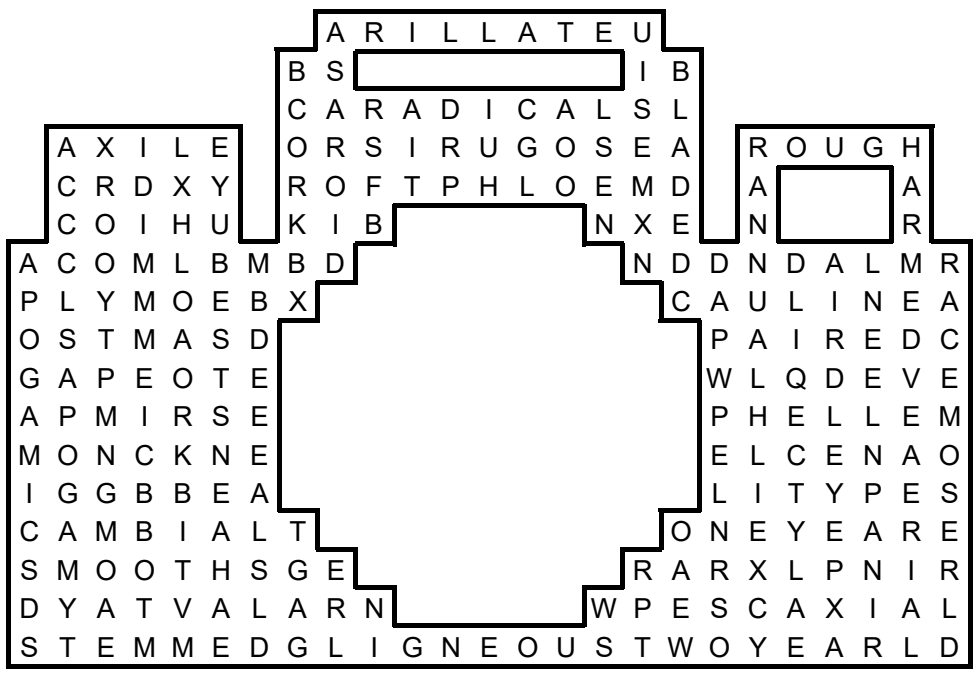
His vision, from the constantly passing bars,
has grown so weary that it cannot hold
anything else. It seems to him there are
a thousand bars; and behind the bars, no world.

As he paces in cramped circles, over and over,
the movement of his powerful soft strides
is like a ritual dance around a center
in which a mighty will stands paralyzed.

Only at times, the curtain of the pupils
lifts, quietly--. An image enters in,
rushes down through the tensed, arrested muscles,
plunges into the heart and is gone.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

SEPT. 4 - BOTANY



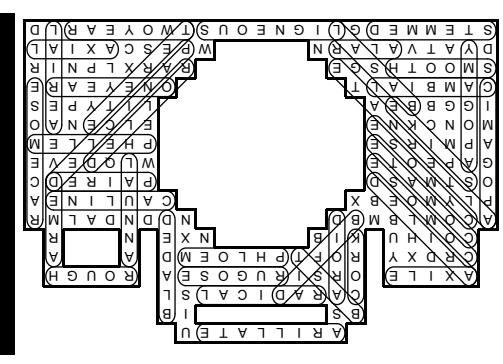
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Cullman City Schools COVID-19 case update

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Schools system has a total of 70 students absent due to a reported positive case of COVID-19 as of Friday, Sept. 3, according to the latest school attendance data.

West Elementary School reported 21 positive student cases, Cullman High School reported 16 positive student cases, East Elementary School reported 16 positive student cases, Cullman Middle School reported nine positive student cases and Cullman City Primary School reported eight positive student cases.

The current report of quarantine-related absences (either from exposure or positive tests) are as follows: Cullman High School reported 38 absences, West Elementary School reported 36 absences, Cullman City Primary School reported 36 absences, East Elementary School reported 22 absences and Cullman Middle School reported 14 absences.

Both Cullman Middle School and East Elementary School currently have a temporary two-week mask requirement on campus due to an increase in COVID-19 cases during the first few weeks of the school year. Per protocol, if students are properly wearing a mask, they will not be asked to stay home and quarantine. The requirement remains in effect on those two campuses until the end of the school day on Sept. 10.

Cullman City Schools has a total current enrollment of 3,234 students.















