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Restoring Women: recovery group shares stories

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman-based Restoring Women Outreach Inc. is defined by director Summer Burden as "a 12-step-based sober living program for women serving Cullman and its surrounding areas since 2011." The program graduated 10 participants in 2020 and looks forward to reporting more success this year.

Burden wanted to share some of her success stories over the next few weeks, beginning with "Whitney."

Whitney said, "I would like to share a story with you, to spread a little hope and inspiration for anybody out there struggling » PAGE 2



Restoring Women Outreach Board President Nancy Moore (left) and Restoring Women Outreach Director Summer Burden (right) celebrate Cullman's 2020 Recovery Awareness Month declaration. »

SUMMER BURDEN

– OKTOBERFEST –

Cullman's Oktoberfest starts Thursday



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Polkawagen's Kurt Heinecke helps kick off the 2020 Oktoberfest.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This Thursday evening, Cullman will kick off its 40th Oktoberfest at the Festhalle, tapping the kegs, striking up the band and kicking off the city's biggest celebration. But what is Oktoberfest, and why does Cullman observe it?

On Oct. 12, 1510, the royal family of Bavaria invited the citizens of Munich to a five-day public celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig to Princess Therese of Saxony-Hildburghausen, with festivities including a parade and horse races. A year later, the city repeated the celebration, adding an agricultural fair, and Oktoberfest was born. In 1818, the festival grew again with the addition of carnival booths. Over the years, other cities began to copy Munich's idea and Oktoberfest became a worldwide celebration of German heritage, not to mention a fair excuse to down a little beer and sausage.

Bavaria comes to Alabama

When Bavarian John Cullman established the settlement that bears his name in 1873, he invited his German countrymen to join him. As late as 1899, a visitor noted, "A stay in Cullman is the next thing to a trip to Germany. Everything is foreign."

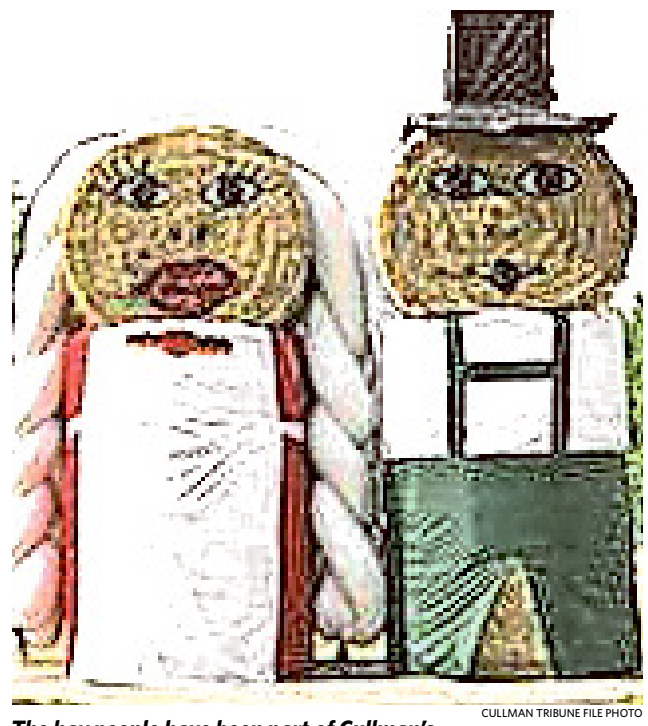
By the late 1890s, Cullman was holding "German Day" in June, marking the anniversary of the city's incorporation; though some sources also claim that a German Day was held in the fall. Whenever occurring, it was a one-day event featuring a parade, speeches and an evening ball. The celebration lasted at least through 1915, when a note in a Winston County paper said that Cullman's German Day had been held on June 10, adding with a touch of humor that President Woodrow Wilson (who had just taken a hard stand against Germany in the wake of the sinking of the Lusitania) had not been invited to the party. German Day seems to have faded away as Cullman made its way farther into the 20th century.

Over the years, Cullman became less German in its culture, taking more pride in its growing reputation as a progressive city. In 1939, the town adopted a new annual celebration that focused not on culture but agriculture: the Strawberry Festival.

Then came Cullman's centennial in the 1970s. Growing interest in the area's German heritage led to the 1976 opening of the Cullman County Museum in a reconstruction of Col. Cullman's home, an event attended by the Mayor of Frankweiler, Germany, John » PAGE 5

– OKTOBERFEST –

The people behind the Hay People



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The hay people have been part of Cullman's Oktoberfest celebration since 2000. » PAGE 3

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 27

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 27. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 23

- domestic violence; CR 205
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 SB rest area
- harassment; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; Henke Dr.
- theft of property; assault; CR 1033
- burglary; CR 384
- reckless endangerment; CR 813
- theft of property; CR 490
- theft of property; 3rd Ave. SW, Hanceville
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1114

Sept. 24

- domestic violence; CR 435
- assault; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 312
- unlawful breaking entering vehicle; Schwaiger Rd.
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- violation of protection order; domestic violence; CR 335

Sept. 25

- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; Beech Ave. SE
- criminal mischief; CR 775
- trespassing; CR 1224
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1437

Sept. 26

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 1242
- theft of property; CR 1343
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; menacing; CR 362
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 431
- theft of property; CR 653
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 W
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- unlawful possession of marijuana; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 23 – 26

Blood, Justin A.; 46
- sex offense- possession of child pornography (3 counts)

Jones, Hagen E.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

King, Heath A.; 21
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Oliver, Kimberlie A.; 25
- DUI (alcohol)

Prudhome, Melissa M.; 42
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Sheffield, Justin A.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Varden, Lydia A.; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Beatty, Ryan T.; 39
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bentley, Kenneth W.; 40
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Currington, Alexander L.; 18
- Judges Order/court appearance

Fuller, Autumn E.; 26
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Gordon, Brett M.; 28
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Gordon, Erica Sharee O.; 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hernandez, Armondo C.; 55
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Martin, William B.; 23
- second-degree possession of marijuana

May, Ryan W.; 40
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- violation of domestic violation protection order

McCay, Katie J.; 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Moreno Jr., Jonathan S.; 27
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- speed above 45 mph on county road

Ramey, Shelton W.; 45
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- reckless driving

Rohrscheib, Justin M.; 40
- burglary-residence-no force

Sanders, David E.; 33
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Keith A.; 41
- burglary-non residence-force

Swafford, Christopher J.; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann, Sheena Nicole; 37
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thomas, Marissa A.; 31
- FTA- promoting prison contraband

Ward Jr., John C.; 50
- Judges Orders- possession of dangerous drugs

Weaver, Alex G.; 23
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- obstructing police-interference with a domestic violence emergency call

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 24

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; miscellaneous; $300
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; stereo; $23

Sept. 25

- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; jacket; $27

Sept. 26

- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- third-degree criminal trespass; person; CR 1402
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; 2nd Ave. NE; damaged door; $200
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $106
- third-degree criminal trespass; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Sept. 24 – 26

Murchison, Melvin C.; 22
- DUI

Susskin, Kenya B.; 32
- FTA- public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA- public lewdness

Thomas, Marissa A.; 31
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass (2 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- improper lights

Johnson, Tanya L.; 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Oden, Hannah G.; 25
- Grand Jury- first-degree robbery
- Grand Jury- second-degree robbery
- Grand Jury- first-degree burglary

Moore, Jacob E.; 31
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- FTA- resisting arrest

Swafford, Christopher J.; 44
- fourth-degree theft of property

Sloan, Tyler W.; 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Hagen E.; 27
- third-degree criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Stories (from Front)

with addiction. Growing up, I was surrounded by addiction.

"When I got about 14, I acquired the 'I can't beat them, join them' attitude and I started putting substances in my body. I started skipping school, failing grades and eventually gave up on my academic career all together.

"By the time I was 16, I had been arrested on felonies; put on juvenile probation. I dropped out of school. This rocked on for many years of my life.

"I've been to prison twice, got multiple charges, been placed on probation, diversion and could never comply.

"I really thought that this was just the hand life had dealt me and then I was unlucky.

"I've hung out with rough crowds, been at the wrong place at the wrong time and had all but given up on my life. I was not a great mother to my children and lost so much precious time with them."

The gift of desperation

Whitney continued, "I truly believe in the gift of desperation in my life, because I've been to prison, I've been to jail over and over, and that never stopped me. I lost my children; that didn't slow me down. If anything, it made me worse. But I finally got tired - tired of the jail cells, tired of lawyer visits, tired of not seeing my kids on Christmas. I was so desperate for something new that I was willing to give something else a try.

That something else was Restoring Women Outreach.

"I have to give credit where credit is due," said Whitney. "Restoring Women Outreach plays a huge part in my recovery. They taught me what stability is, what it's like to have a routine, what it's like to be OK with yourself. Recently, I just acquired my GED. I work a full-time job.

"I currently go to college. I get my kids on the weekends. And I have peace today. I really do believe that it takes what it takes for each individual and eventually you do get tired. I thank God every day that I got tired."

For more about Restoring Women Outreach, visit www.restoringwomenoutreach.org or www.facebook.com/Restoring-Women-Out-reach-Inc-507636689278874/ or call 256-727-6531.

Drive (from Front)

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My best friend of nearly a decade visited me this past week. He lives in Mississippi and though we try to have face-to-face visits as frequently as possible, life gets in the way sometimes and we most often end up on a Facetime call. Thank you, 21st century.

On the final evening of his visit, we were reminiscing on the first vehicles we owned; his family's well-loved white pickup that he dubbed, "Greta," and my long since gone old car "Gertrude" that I bought about nine months after getting a job immediately following my 16th birthday. He smiled as he joked about my driving, saying, "Like a bat out of hell. As soon as that gear is shifted, you are gone." With a small group of us, it appeared that he was not the only one in agreement on that thought. Someone else piped up, "She still drives like that." And honestly, we all had a good laugh about it.

A following morning, I came across something online that read, "Casual does not work for me. When I love, it is fierce. It is my soul. It is all I have, and everything I know."

There was no one listed for the quote, or I would give credit in a heartbeat. I did not write that, but goodness I wish I had because I felt it in my bones, and it clicked.

I love the same way I drive. Not so much like a "bat out of hell" anymore, but still very much with my foot on the gas. I set my sights, and there I go. I will not even pretend like I am in complete control of it all the time.

There have been moments where I have felt like I am trying to stop the bullet train that is my heart, but there are not really any brake lines to love, are there? We just hold on and go.

My grandmother used to joke that speed limits or stop signs were merely "suggestions." Obviously, this is not true. But it makes me smile a little more when I put it all into this hypothetical perspective.

My heart does not know what speed limits or stop signs are. There was no written test or six-month permit for this. Not for me, or anyone.

And so, we love, because that is what we do. It does not have to be romantic, but it can be.

Your heart can make the pedal meet the floorboard when your best friend has a bad day, and little is on your mind aside from making it better.

You would do whatever you had to just to make them smile. It can be when you meet someone new and suddenly, you could not stop yourself from falling even if you wanted to. It can be random acts of kindness for people you may never see again.

When learning to drive an actual vehicle, I was told by my Driver's Ed teacher that we had to learn to be both offensive and defensive drivers. "Take your opportunities as they arise but guard yourself against the crazies who don't care who they hurt."

I promise he was talking about driving, but that reads so much differently to me now. Coach P, you were right, because some of these people are reckless.

The world will never make it easy to have a good heart. You will be beaten down, pushed aside, dismissed, belittled, lied to, or any assortment of things. It will leave marks, but they will heal. I do not mind that there have been a few accidents, maybe a lot more than a few. That is a risk I have always known comes along with the ride.

I do not plan to leave this world with anything less than scrapes, scratches and scars covering my heart. You should not either. Those bumps and bruises serve as a reminder that despite whatever happened, we chose the best parts of ourselves still to give. Love like a "bat out of hell" is sometimes what the world needs.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

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: 13.2%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,264
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 402,384 (+ 6,169 since Friday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,183
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 6,842 (+ 134 since Friday)
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.:7.5%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,589
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 7,070 (+ 153 since Friday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 129 (+ 1 since Friday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,923
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 144
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 67,347
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 8,872
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,512 (No update)

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) No updates available

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,356,555
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,687,975
- Doses administered: 4,239,065
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,422,388
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,946,935
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,668,580

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

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

Variants of SARS-CoV-2

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

Percent positivity escalates

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

Make vaccination a priority

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.

People (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Each fall, Cullmanites mark the times with colorful mums around downtown, and the annual appearance of the hay people is a public reminder that Oktoberfest is almost here. The two practices share a common origin.

In 1999, Cullman residents Pat and Philip Clemmons traveled to Germany and brought back the traditions that have become seasonal staples for the community.

"My parents loved Oktoberfest and were also active members of St. John's Church," said Nancy Moore, the Clemmons' daughter. "It was my mom's dream to make Cullman look festive. She would bring mums to downtown businesses to help decorate for Oktoberfest."

Moore also recounted that Cullman's first hay people were assembled with hay from her parents' friend's farm, clothes from her uncle - who owned a sewing factory and had experience making dog clothes before this - and hats and hair made by a group of women from their church.

"My mother had been very involved in Oktoberfest," Moore remembered. "The hay people were a group effort, and she was very good at getting volunteers together."

At one time, there were displays set up all-around Cullman - in front of the courthouse, the hospital, Mitch Smith Chevrolet, Bill Smith GMC -but the number had to be brought down to just two: the one downtown and the one in Depot Park.

Evelyn Cox, one of the volunteers who has worked on the project since the very beginning, said that the Clemmons family used to pay for all the supplies themselves.

"Usually, Nancy will call us around May to make sure we have the materials we need, and the City of Cullman pays for everything," Cox stated. "But back then, Pat and Phil were the ones who provided everything."

Cox has helped with cutting the fabric for the clothes since 2000, and she recalled that much of the process to make the hay people has stayed the same over the years.

The clothes are made by Elk River and then sent to Cullman for the hair to be stuffed and braided.

Pat and Phillip Clemmons passed away in 2008, after which the Moores decided to continue the traditions to honor their memory. For everyone involved in the hay people project today, keeping the tradition alive is not only a celebration of Oktoberfest, but also maintaining the couple's legacy. Even the notes that Nancy uses to plan were what her mother used from the beginning.

Moore expressed gratitude to Restoring Women's Outreach for their help in making the hair and hats, saying, "Sobriety has been a big part of my life - I've been sober for seven years - and I've been very fortunate that I've had the ladies from Restoring Women's Outreach to help me make the hats and stuff the hair. These ladies have helped for several years, and I want them ladies to know how much I appreciate them and the work that they do for the community."

After all the accessories are finished, the clothes are put onto the bales, then Nancy Moore's husband Steve Moore stacks the hay and Ellen Fulmer paints on their cheerful smiling faces.

Each year Moore continues to sell gorgeous mums to businesses and individuals leading up to Oktoberfest. The mums and hay people help set the mood for the celebration.

Moore said, "I wanted to keep selling the mums in honor and memory of my mom."

For Cox, the continuation of the hay people is "a tribute to Pat Clemmons. Oktoberfest was a very special thing to her. It was one of her projects, so we just try to honor her as best as we can."

Christy Perry contributed to this article.

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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.
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach -CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. 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.
• Sept. 29, 7 p.m.: Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man", Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• Oct. 3, 9 a.m.: Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pick-up. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. 11 a.m. Message "LEAD ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Oct. 10, 10 a.m.: Come join us and hear our special guest-Jeanette Taylor-talk about her deliverance from domestic violence. October is Domestic Violence Month.
• Oct. 30: 4-8 p.m. FALL FESTIVAL -games, prizes, bouncy houses, free candy and free food. Bring your children and enjoy the fun!
• 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! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL, 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• 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 Nov. 15 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. 30, 9:00 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.

Friends of The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County 5K Run
Sept. 24-30: The 2nd Annual Book It Virtual 5k Run/Walk and One Mile Fun Run will take place from Sept. 24-30. Registration is $25. To register, please visit www.ccpls.com or call 860-818-7601.

Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department Pancake Breakfast
• Oct. 2 - This Saturday, Oct. 2, Holly Pond Fire Department will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 6:30-9:30 a.m. Donations will be accepted. Each plate will include a chance to win a free fire extinguisher. You can also sign up to receive free smoke detectors for your home.
• Please come out to meet and support the Holly Pond Volunteer Fire Department.

Pleasant View Fall Revival and Singing
• Sept. 27-29: Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church will have a fall revival, Monday-Wednesday, Sept. 27-29, starting at 7 p.m. Prayer band will be at 6:45. The evangelist is Adam Edmondson. Everyone is welcome.

Pleasant View Homecoming Service
Oct. 17: Our annual homecoming service will be Sunday, Oct. 17, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Singing will start back around 1:30 that afternoon, featuring "Bama Blu-Grace." Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to attend. We will not have service that night. 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.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies' 2nd Annual Little Pink Dress Benefit
• Oct. 5: The Little Pink Dress Benefit in Coming! Get out your pink and join us for the 2nd Annual Little Pink Dress Benefit!
• This year, we will be at Loft 212 Tuesday, Oct. 5. Doors open at 5:30 for social hour, with dinner to follow. Nick Canaday will be our entertainment and Christina Chambers will serve as emcee. There will be a live auction to close the evening, with Samual Tucker as our auctioneer.
• Come join us in support of a great cause. All proceeds benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc. Tickets may be purchased at Options, 2201 Second Ave. NW. Cullman, or online at: https://www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/. Call 256-347-5993 for more info.

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Cullman County Youth Football week 5 scoring recap

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CULLMAN, Ala. — We are now past the halfway point of the 2021 Cullman County Youth Football season and from here on out, they'll be some huge games with playoff implications on the line. Complete focus will be needed for every team if they want to get into the playoffs. The West Point Warriors hosted the Cold Springs Eagles, the Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Vinemont Eagles, the Fairview Aggies traveled to take on the Hanceville Bulldogs and the Cullman Cyclones traveled to take on the Cullman Bearcats.

Cold Springs Eagles at West Point Warriors
- Fireplug: Warriors 42 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 36 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 22 - Warriors 6

Vinemont Eagles at Holly Pond Broncos
- Fireplug: Broncos 36 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Eagles 30 - Broncos 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 24 - Broncos 6

Fairview Aggies at Hanceville Bulldogs
- Fireplug: Aggies 38 - Bulldogs 6
- Wee-Wee: Bulldogs 22 - Aggies 6
- Pee-Wee: Bulldogs 12 - Aggies 0

Cullman Cyclones at Cullman Bearcats
- Fireplug: Cyclones 44 – Bearcats 0
- Wee-Wee: Cyclones 36 – Bearcats 0
- Pee-Wee: Cyclones 50 - Bearcats 12

Week Six Schedule (October 2)
- Fairview Aggies at Holly Pond Broncos (9 a.m.)
- West Point Warriors at Cullman Bearcats (4 p.m.)
- Hanceville Bulldogs at Cold Springs Eagles (9 a.m.)
- Good Hope Raiders at Vinemont Eagles (4 p.m.)



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The West Point Warriors defeated the Cold Springs Eagles, 36-0, in the Wee-Wee game.

No. 1 Alabama Beats Southern Miss, 63-14, Saturday night

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – The No. 1/1 University of Alabama football team recorded its 100th-consecutive triumph over an unranked opponent under head coach Nick Saban Saturday night, defeating Southern Miss 63-14 at Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Quarterback Bryce Young set a school record for the best completion percentage in a single game (with a minimum of 20 completions), completing 20-of-22 (.909) against the Golden Eagles. Young threw for five touchdowns and 313 yards against the Golden Eagles.

Highlighting the Crimson Tide's nine touchdowns on the night were two kickoff returns by Jameson Williams who became the first Alabama player in school history to achieve that feat in a single game.

Running back Roydell Williams led all rushers with 110 yards and a touchdown on 11 attempts, followed by running back Jase McClellan, who totaled 97 yards on 12 rushes. McClellan also had one catch for nine yards and a touchdown. Tight end Jahleel Billingsley tallied 105 receiving yards on five catches, including one touchdown.

Defensive back Jordan Battle tallied seven total tackle to lead the UA defense, while defensive back DeMarcco Hellams and linebackers Christian Harris and Will Anderson Jr., secured five solo stops each. Hellman also snagged his first interception in a Tide uniform during the first quarter to cut short a USM drive.

Placekicker Will Reichard tacked on nine extra points during the matchup.

Postgame notes
- Alabama continues to lead the nation in home winning percentage, improving to a 279-54-3 (.834) record after its 63-14 win against Southern Miss.
- Head coach Nick Saban is 90-8 in home games at Alabama, including winning 60 of his last 63 contests at Bryant-Denny Stadium.
- Bryce Young tied for the second-most touchdown passes in a game with five against Southern Miss.
- His five touchdown passes ties Gary Hollingsworth (once at Ole Miss on Nov. 4, 1989), Tua Tagovailoa (three times, most recent vs. Southern Miss on Sept. 14, 2019) and Mac Jones (three times, most recent vs. Ohio State on Jan. 11, 2021).
- Jameson Williams recorded two touchdowns off a pair of kickoff returns against Southern Miss, marking the first time any Alabama player has ever scored on two kickoff returns in a single game.
- Williams' first kickoff return for a touchdown went for 100 yards to mark the eighth 100-yard kickoff return in program history. Tyrone Prothro was the latest Crimson Tide player to record a 100-yard kickoff return (at Kentucky on Oct. 9, 2004).
- Williams' two kickoff returns marked Alabama's 27th and 28th kickoff returns for touchdown in school history.
- Jaylen Waddle was the latest Alabama player to record a kickoff return for a touchdown at Auburn on Nov. 20, 2019 (98 yards).
- Alabama now has 83 non-offensive touchdowns in the Nick Saban era and three this season.
- Of the 83 non-offensive touchdowns, tonight's scores marked the seventh and eighth kickoff returns for a touchdown under Saban.
- Gary Martin was the last Alabama player to record a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the opening drive (at Miami on Dec. 7, 1963).
- After its 63-14 win against Southern Miss, the Tide has now scored 30-or-more points in 30-straight games.
- The Crimson Tide is one 30-point game away from tying UCF for the streak record. The Knights recorded 30-or-more points in 31-straight games from 2017-19.
- Alabama gained 608 total yards of offense against Southern Miss marking the 12th time in program history it has eclipsed the 600-yard mark in a game.
- The Tide has now gained 400-plus yards of total offense in 43 of its last 45 games

Player Highlights:
- Jameson Williams owns the two longest touchdown receptions of the season, after catching an 81-yard touchdown pass from Bryce Young.
- Roydell Williams became the first Crimson Tide player to record 100+ rushing yards this season, gaining 110 in the evening matchup.
- The sophomore running back recorded 102 of those yards in the first half (nine carries).
- Alabama's captains against Southern Miss were linebacker Will Anderson Jr., defensive back Jordan Battle and offensive lineman Evan Neal



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama QB Bryce Young (9) tossed five touchdowns in the Crimson Tide's win over Southern Miss Saturday night.

HOW IT HAPPENED

First quarter
- 14:46 – UA | Jameson Williams returned Southern Miss' opening kickoff for a touchdown.
- 09:41 – UA | Jahleel Billingsley caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Bryce Young to cap a seven-play, 45-yard drive.
- 03:00 – UA | Cameron Latu recovered John Metchie III's fumble on a 22-yard pass from Young, carrying it one yard into the Golden Eagles' end zone.

Second quarter
- 14:26 – UA | Roydell Williams carried the ball one yard for his first touchdown of the season, concluding a four-play, 60-yard series.
- 12:36 – UA | Recording the second-longest receiving touchdown of his young Alabama career, Williams connected on an 81-yard catch from Young.
- 05:26 – USM | Chandler Pittman caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Ty Keyes to close out a drive that lasted five plays and 46 yards.
- 00:15 – UA | Young completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Jase McClellan, concluding a 10-play, 97-yard series.

Third quarter
- 12:22 – UA | Latu recorded his second touchdown of the night on an 11-yard pass from Young to cap a four-play, 68-yard drive.

Fourth quarter
- 13:16 – UA | Williams scored his second touchdown of the night on an 83-yard kickoff return.
- 02:49 – UA | Rookie quarterback Jalen Milroe hits Javon Baker for a 24-yard touchdown strike, giving both their first Crimson Tide touchdown.

Up next
Alabama will return home to square off against Ole Miss for the conference home opener at Bryant-Denny Stadium Saturday, Oct. 2. The matchup is scheduled for a 2:30 p.m. kickoff on CBS.

Late touchdown pass lifts No. 23 Auburn past Georgia State

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – T.J. Finley's 10-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with 45 seconds left capped a 98-yard drive to give No. 23 Auburn a 34-24 comeback victory Saturday over Georgia State on Homecoming.

"I was proud of our guys to find a way to finish," Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. "We found a way to win. There's something to be said for that. It's not pretty, it's not perfect, but you found a way. That says a lot about this team."

Backed up at its 2-yard-line and trailing 24-19 with 3:23 to play, Jarquez Hunter gave Auburn breathing room with an 18-yard run.

Finley, who relieved Bo Nix in the second half, hit Kobe Hudson for 15 yards on third-and-11, then Finley rushed for 16 yards to cross midfield.

Finley connected with Elijah Canion for 12 yards to GSU's 30, then hit John Samuel Shenker for 19 yards to the 11 with 1:19 remaining.

Three plays netted 1 yard, setting the stage for Finley and Jackson's fourth-down heroics. Facing a GSU blitz, Finley avoided multiple rushers first by retreating, then stepping up in the pocket and firing to a leaping Jackson in the end zone to give Auburn a one-point lead in the final minute.

"I saw some pressure coming from the left side," said Finley, who completed five passes for 64 yards on the game-winning drive. "Shed did an amazing job coming open, catching the ball and coming down."

"It was wild," said Jackson, who made four receptions for 70 yards and the game-winning TD. "I told him I was going to make a play for him. I've been here four years, I've seen a lot of game-winning touchdowns, last-minute wins. It was crazy to make one of those and make a play for the team."

Finley hit Hudson for a 2-point conversion that gave Auburn a 27-24 lead, then after a GSU incompletion, Smoke Monday returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown to secure victory for the Tigers.

Trailing 24-12 in the second half, Caylin Newton blocked a punt that Barton Lester recovered in the end zone for a touchdown that cut GSU's lead to 24-19 with 4:44 left in the third quarter.

"The block by Caylin Newton was huge as far as momentum goes," Harsin said. "It gave us a chance to put points on the board."

Auburn's defense forced four consecutive three-and-outs while shutting out the Panthers in the second half.

Chandler Wooten made a career-high 12 tackles. T.D. Moultry recorded a career-high nine tackles, including two of Auburn's 10 tackles for loss.

Anders Carlson kicked four first-half field goals to account for Auburn's scoring before intermission.

"Anders kept us in the game," Harsin said.

After Georgia State took a 3-0 lead, Nehemiah Pritchett returned the kickoff 72 yards to set up Carlson's game-tying 41-yard field goal.

Auburn's defense delivered a three-and-out, leading to Carlson's 23-yard field goal that put the Tigers on top 6-3 after the first quarter.

The visiting Panthers produced three touchdown drives in the second quarter, the first on a 12-yard pass from Darren Grainger to Jamari Thrash to retake a 10-6 lead.

Carlson's third field goal, a 28-yarder, trimmed GSU's lead to 10-9 with 9 minutes left in the half.

Grainger threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Roger Carter to give Georgia State a 17-9 lead.

Carlson's fourth field goal with 2:54 left in the second quarter made it 17-12, but Tucker Gregg's 50-yard touchdown run gave Georgia State a 24-12 halftime lead.

Auburn (3-1) kicks off SEC play next Saturday at LSU at 8 p.m. CT on ESPN.

"It was exciting at the end to get that done, to make those plays to finish the game like we did," Harsin said. "Now we've got to take that into conference play. We'll build on that, we'll learn from the things we didn't do well, we'll go back to work on Sunday. We've got to make sure we're out there playing chess and not checkers."



Oktoberfest (from Front)

Cullman's hometown. In this atmosphere, an encounter with the Bavarian celebration was inevitable.

The Sacred Heart German Festival

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church was established in 1877, only four years after the settlement and three years after the incorporation of Cullman. In 1977, the church celebrated its first hundred years in the wake of the city's centennial while interest in all things German was still running high.

The one-day celebration, held in June of that year, was labeled a "German Festival" and featured an array of German foods (and American specialties like hamburgers for those with simpler tastes), banners decorating city streets, a poster contest for children at Sacred Heart School and Oktoberfest-style booths with carnival games. The event was successful enough to bear repeating and became an annual fundraiser for the school.

In 1982, the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association joined with Sacred Heart to create a weeklong fall celebration that culminated in the school's event. In that year, the German Festival became Oktoberfest, with one small difference from its Bavarian counterpart--there was no beer.

Dry Oktoberfest

In Cullman's early days, the city and county had their fill of beer, wine and liquor. The city had saloons and brewers with their own recipes. To the north, Vinemont got its name from its wine-producing vineyards, and John Cullman himself organized the Wine Company of Cullman. The area was known especially for its sweet wines.

That changed in the 1930s when, led by cultural shifts and Baptist ministers, citizens voted Cullman County dry. In 1982, the city's first official Oktoberfest featured root beer, a tradition that continues to this day. Along the way, Cullmanites would also sip "Octoberzest," a custom-brewed nonalcoholic apple cider. Some think that the dry celebration may have been the only official Oktoberfest in the world with no beer; carnival games, festivities, Miss Oktoberfests, wiener dog races, car shows and more, but no beer.

Cullman's was a small celebration, and many felt that the lack of beer was holding back both the event and the city. Cullman's dry status has been said to have negatively affected decisions to locate businesses and industries to the area, and rumors even circulated that Mercedes chose Tuscaloosa over Cullman for its Alabama auto plant because Tuscaloosa had alcohol.

Prost! ("Cheers!" in German)

Alcohol aficionados made several unsuccessful attempts at a wet Cullman over the years until Nov. 2010, when voters passed a measure to bring in alcohol on a basis somewhat more limited than many places. Cullman would see restaurants with bars, but not bars without restaurants, and on Oct. 5, 2011, Cullman would see real beer flow from the tap at Oktoberfest.

Since the first wet Oktoberfest, the event has lived up to pro-beer predictions, drawing crowds of over 10,000 for the big Saturday that closes the celebration.

Why is the hay wearing lederhosen?

A couple of Cullman's more visible Oktoberfest features are the pairs of giant hay people located downtown and at Depot Park. In 1999, Phillip and Pat Clemmons traveled to Germany and saw similar decorations at Oktoberfest celebrations there, so they returned with the idea and set to work on making the tradition a Cullman reality. In 2000, using hay from their own farm and help from friends and family, they set up hay couples at locations around town. Pat Clemmons also supplied the mums that were displayed all over Cullman around Oktoberfest. The Clemmons' children, helped by others, continued the tradition after the couple died in a plane crash in 2008.

Cullman honored the memory of Pat and Phillip Clemmons by declaring them the 2008 Burgermeisters. Their children carried out their duties.

Oktoberfest today

Today's Oktoberfest is one of the biggest annual events in Cullman, featuring live traditional and contemporary music, Miss Oktoberfest contest, farmers market, craft show, historical walking tours, wiener dog races and pet costume contest, children's activities, car show, 5K and 10K runs, food vendors and a biergarten. Several local churches also put on German dinners and other activities during the week.

Burgermeisters

A variety of men and women have served as Cullman Oktoberfest Burgermeisters, honorary mayors for the week, including:

- 1982 - Carl Stiefelmeyer
- 1983 - Bob McGukin
- 1984 - Ann Gregath
- 1985 - Hubert Richter
- 1986 - Jim Swofford
- 1987 - Raymond Yost
- 1988 - Pat Clark
- 1989 - Ralph Kreps
- 1990 - George Warnke
- 1991 - Greg Clark
- 1992 - Otto Evers
- 1993 - Dean Misegades
- 1994 - Jane Mize
- 1995 - Fred Hale
- 1996 - Rev. Robert Kurtz
- 1997 - Fred Abt
- 1998 - Rev. Harold Hermetz
- 1999 - Herman Bergner
- 2000 - Al Grobe
- 2001 - Larry Rowlette
- 2002 - Grady Griffin
- 2003 - Pat Kurtz
- 2004 - Donald Green
- 2005 - Judy Brown
- 2006 - Ernest Hauk
- 2007 - Pete Misegades
- 2008 - Phillip and Pat Clemmons (honored posthumously)
- 2009 - Roy Drinkard
- 2010 - Angie Jochum
- 2011 - Michael Sullins
- 2012 - Nancy Moore
- 2013 - Marsha Franks
- 2014 - Vicki Karolewics
- 2015 - Nicole Vance
- 2016 - Rev. John Richter
- 2017 - John Dean
- 2018 - Ben Harrison
- 2019 - Steve Moore
- 2020 - Steve Sides

Cullman High School teacher and coach Casey Harbin is Burgermeister for the 2021 Cullman Oktoberfest.

"It has been more of a fantasy than a goal!," Harbin laughed. "My friends and I joked about being the Burgermeister for years, but I never really considered it a reality. Even in July, when someone said they nominated me, I responded with, 'Haha, well thanks but I doubt that will ever happen!' And here we sit."

Harbin spent time making public appearances and visiting sponsors leading up to Oktoberfest. When the festival starts, he will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

Said Harbin, "Mostly, I am there to keep things fun and entertaining for everyone!"

Harbin shared, "Being the Burgermeister means so much to me. Not only do I have the opportunity to represent my amazing family and their contributions to Oktoberfest over the years, but also to represent the incredible school system that has been such a big part of my life the last decade."

OKTOBERFEST 2021 SCHEDULE

Thursday

- Introduction of 2021 Burgermeister, 5 p.m.
- Biergarten opens, 5 p.m.
- Opening ceremony and tapping of the keg, 6 p.m.
- Miss Oktoberfest crowned, 6:30 p.m.
- Candlelight walking tour, 7 p.m.
- Cullman Community Band, 7-8 p.m.
- Polkawagen, 8-9 p.m.

Friday

- Senior Day at Festhalle, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Biergarten, kids' area, pumpkin patch open, 4 p.m.
- Polkawagen, 4-5 p.m.
- Pickle eating contest at main stage, 5 p.m.
- The Overtones, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- The Pine Hill Haints, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Cornhole tournament registration, 6:30 p.m.
- Paper airplane contest at kids' area, 7 p.m.
- Cornhole tournament at Festhalle, 7:30 p.m.
- Stein hoisting contest at main stage, 7:30 p.m.
- Avenue G Band, 8-10 p.m.

Saturday

- 5K and 10K registration, 7 a.m.
- Craft show opens, 9 a.m.
- Cullman Middle School and Cullman High School Choirs, 9-10 a.m.
- Oktofurfest (wiener dog race, costume contest, pet parade) opens, 10 a.m.
- Biergarten, kids' area, pumpkin patch open, 10 a.m.
- Imagination Library performance of "Coat of Many Colors," 11 a.m.
- Wallace State Jazz Band and Singers, noon-1 p.m.
- Ax throwing contest qualifier, noon
- Oom-Pah-Calypse, 1-2 p.m.
- Brat eating contest at main stage, 2 p.m.
- Pickle eating contest, 2 p.m.
- German car show, 2 p.m.
- Paper airplane contest at kids' area, 3 p.m.
- Polkawagen, 3-3:45 p.m.
- Cornhole Tournament at Goat Island, 4 p.m.
- Brez, 4-5 p.m.
- Lori Rayne Music, 5-6 p.m.
- Ax throwing tournament hosted by German Axe Throwing, 5 p.m.
- Stein hoisting and best dressed contests, 6 p.m.
- Round 2, 7-8 p.m.
- The Red Clay Strays, 8-10 p.m.

For more information or to register for events, visit https://www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.

Ashlyn Grey contributed to this article.

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12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Receive Handicraft, Sewing, Canning & Art entries in the Exhibit Building
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Set up Exhibit Booths for 4-H, FCCLA, FFA in the Exhibit Building & Commercial and Community Clubs in Buildings 3 & 4
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM Receive Handicraft, Sewing, Canning & Art entries in the Exhibit Building
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Cullman Electric Cooperative hosts 85th Annual Meeting

Brian Lacey
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Electric Cooperative hosted its 85th annual meeting Saturday morning at Northbrook Baptist Church. Though the crowd on hand was small due to the cancellation of the usual activities and entertainment, thanks to mail-in voting and registration, more than 5,400 members participated in this year's event.

During the business meeting, CEO Tim Culpepper gave an update on the co-op's Sprout Fiber Internet project. With Phase 1 on schedule to be complete next spring and more than 1,100 co-op members currently subscribed to Sprout Fiber Internet, the co-op is moving forward with plans to expand the service next year.

"The demand for Sprout Fiber Internet service has exceeded our expectations," Culpepper said. "Because we have reached our internet service goals so far, we are working on our 2022 Sprout expansion plan. One of the factors in deciding where to go next is the number of people in that area who express an interest in Sprout. If you are interested in becoming a Sprout subscriber, let us know by going online to https://cullmanec.com/sprout, complete the address search and submit your interest form. This data will be used to help us make strategic planning decisions, and to contact you when Sprout is available where you live."

Three seats on the Cullman EC board of trustees were up for election, and all three current board members were running unopposed. Phillip Garrison in District 1, Robert Tidwell in District 3 and Lisa Weeks in District 5 were elected to three-year terms.

Culpepper provided an update on co-op business over the past year, noting the co-op has added 720 members and 1,296 new service connections in the past 12 months. As a result of the co-op's good financial condition, there will not be a rate increase this year.

"Due to our workload and COVID, we have sometimes not been as timely in building services as we would like and as you deserve," Culpepper said. "We are working to make things better, but what a blessing that our community continues to grow and prosper and we are glad that we can be a part of that growth."

Culpepper also discussed the long-term power contract recently signed between Cullman EC and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

"TVA has agreed to invest substantial resources in its transmission systems to better serve our members," Culpepper said. "In return, Cullman Electric will, over the next several years, significantly upgrade four of our substations and will build a new substation at Berlin. These upgrades will greatly improve our reliability to you our members and give Cullman Electric one of the most modern efficient rural electric systems in the country."

All members who registered were entered into the door prize drawing. Joshua McKleroy won the grand prize 2008 Ford F-150 truck, and Timothy Woody won the $500 bill credit. The four $250 bill credit winners were Cynthia C. Parker, John M. Thomas, Carl Holcomb and Amanda Satterfield. The five $100 bill credit winners were Elaine Kreps, Richard L. Burks, Kimberly J. Hogeland, Bobby Henley and Mildred Bush.

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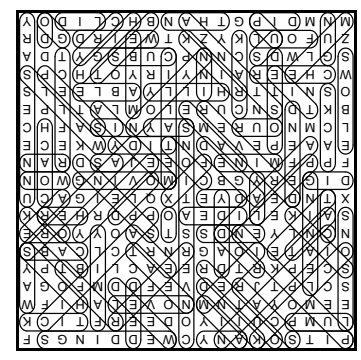
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TERRI CASEY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2020-900139.01**

DARYL BRANCH,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Daryl Branch, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Terri Casey's Petition to Modify and Rule NISI by November 22, 2021 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2020-900139.01 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 17th day of September, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Shelbie G. Hankey
412 1st AV SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

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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 NANCY HAYES, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2021-199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Karli Huddleston, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Hayes, Deceased, on the 24th day of September, 2021, by Tammy Brown, Probate Judge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Karli Huddleston
Personal Representative

Josh O'Neal
Attorney for the Personal Representative
200 2nd Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

CIRCUIT COURT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:IN THE
GLENDA LYNETTE LOPEZ
PLAINTLFF,
vs.
CARLOS LOPEZ,
DEFENDANT, CASE NO: DR 2021- 900055.00

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION
TO CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Defendant Carlos Lopez, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Glenda Lynett Lopez's petition for divorce and other relief by the 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021

or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No: DR 2021 - 900055.00, Lawrence County Circuit Court, Moulton, Alabama, U.S.A.

Done this the 22ND day of September 2021.

/s/
Hon, Sandra Ligon,
Lawrence County Circuit Clerk

Petitioner: Glenda Lynnette Lopez

Hon. John Eric Burnum
Attorney for Plaintiff Glenda Lynette Lopez
14414 Court Street
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2021-290

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA FAY HUDSON, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed by Brenda Gail Hudson McGriff and Margaret Darlene Hudson McGinnis on August 13, 2021.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 10th day of September, 2021.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 27

Luis Angel Estrada Lopez
We're born, we live, we pass. We all know this, but sometimes we don't realize how short that time frame is. Four weeks ago, Grandpa was playing competitive pickleball. The following week, he got COVID-induced pneumonia. On Sept. 8, Grandpa met Jesus face-to-face. Sept. 8 is my sister's birthday. Fifty-five years ago, Grandpa took a leap of faith and moved from Puerto Rico to New York City to pursue a bright future. As a baseball player for a New York Yankees affiliate team, he decided to take the college route. He went into the medical field and became a well-respected director in radiology for decades. He lived an adventurous and successful life, but taking care of his family, friends and the people around him was always a top priority. One of the Hebrew names given to God in the Old Testament is Jehovah Jireh, which in English, translates to "The Lord will Provide." I don't know anyone who reflects this quality of God stronger than my Grandpa. While sipping on his Spanish tea, I can hear his message to us... "Go and show God's love to others until we meet again." What a legacy you left behind! I called my sister to comfort and wish her a happy birthday. This is what she said, "There couldn't be a better birthday present." "He's with Jesus!" We love you! We want to thank the doctors, nurses, staff at CRMC, Pastor Andy and Leah Heist, Desperation Church family, the pickleball team and all of our friends for the love and support. We are forever grateful! From the family of Luis Lopez: Luis Lopez celebration of life will be Saturday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m. Desperation Church is across from Depot Park.

Gregory Niles Segars, 60, of Cullman
Funeral service for Gregory Niles Segars, 60, of Cullman will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Joppa Church of God. The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the service. The interment will be in Etha Baptist Cemetery. Bro. Jimmy Hamaker will officiate the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Segars family.

Noel Reveles, 44, of Brilliant
Noel Reveles, 44, of Brilliant, passed away Saturday, Sept. 25, at Northwest Medical Center. Mr. Reveles was born June 21, 1977, in California. A memorial service will be held Friday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. at Brilliant Church of God. Brother Greg Webb will be officiating. Noel is survived by his wife: Tracy Davis; children: Carmen Marie Davis-Reveles, Elijah Noel Davis-Reveles and Noelia Marie Davis-Reveles; his father: Raul Reveles; his stepmother: Malena; siblings: Jacqueline, Michelle, Gennevive, Nuvia, Miguel, Raul, Ivan Juan and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother: Carmen Maria Salas.

Stanley Wayne "Bird" Twilley, 70, of Vinemont
Mr. Stanley Wayne "Bird" Twilley, age 70, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 21. Bird was born Dec. 18, 1950, to Alva Mae McFadden and Ozelle Bonnie Twilley. Bird, as many knew him by, was loved by everyone, never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to everyone he met. He began his career as a truck driver and later became an entrepreneur of many trades. He was a true adventurist that lived life to its fullest. From bungee jumping, scuba diving, rock climbing, skydiving and riding his Harley, to flying planes--he never missed an opportunity to experience life. He was a member of the Falkville Masonic Lodge, and an active member of New Life Church in Falkville, who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and his cat, Callie. Bird is survived by his wife of 51 years: Mazzie Twilley; his daughter: Tara (Fred) Yarbrough and his daughter Stacey (Jonathan) Smith; grandchildren: Taylor (Bradley) Glass, Kayla Yarbrough, Baylee Yarbrough, Savannah Smith and Maverick (Leigha) Smith; two great-grandchildren: Presley and Hadley; his siblings: Charles Douglas Twilley and Patricia (Gary) Makemson and his brother: Randy Dale Twilley. Bird was preceded in death by his father: Ozelle Bonnie Twilley, his mother: Alva Mae McFadden and his brother: Robert Joseph Twilley. A celebration of life visitation for Bird will be held Wednesday, Sept. 29, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 1 p.m., officiated by Bro. Phillip Hardin. Burial will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. A special thank you to Comfort Care Hospice of Cullman County. In lieu of flowers, Bird was an advocate for saving the wildlife, please feel free to make donations to your favorite animal shelter or conservation. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Agnes Irene Mills, 90, of Cullman
Agnes Irene Mills, age 90, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Friday, Sept. 24. Agnes was born Nov. 28, 1930, in Alabama. A celebration of life visitation for Agnes will be held Thursday, Sept. 30, from 11 a.m. - noon at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055). A celebration of life funeral service will occur Thursday, Sept. 30, at noon. (1901 Second Ave., NW, Cullman, AL, 35055). An interment will occur at Cullman City Cemetery (812 Ninth Ave. SW, Cullman, AL, 35055).

Savanna Layne (Terry) Davis, 23, of Trinity
Savanna Layne (Terry) Davis, 23, of Trinity, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, Sept. 23. Her visitation will be on Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 10-11 a.m. at Roselawn Funeral Home. A graveside service will follow at 11 a.m. in Roselawn Cemetery. She was a beloved wife, daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece, sister-in-law, friend and teacher and her passing has left an immense hole in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. She is remembered as a loving, funny, kindhearted and incredibly motivated woman. Savanna loved the Lord above all else and was no doubt called to be an educator. She was incredibly passionate about her students and truly loved making an impact in their lives. All of those who knew Savanna experienced her graciousness and her contagious smile was always a rainbow in someone's cloud. She graduated from Vinemont High School in 2016 and earned her bachelor's degree in education from Athens State University in May 2021. Savanna was a second grade teacher at Vinemont Elementary School following in her mother's footsteps. Savanna enjoyed traveling and new adventures, especially with the love of her life Jonathan. She was one of the most creative and crafty people, and always sought to make others feel better. She is survived by her husband: Jonathan Davis; parents: David and Audrey Terry; brother: Jackson Terry; grandmother: Anna Sue Hosmer; aunt and uncle: Susan and Sean Persall; aunt: Cindy (Baron) Cantrell; cousin: Coleton Persall; father-in-law and mother-in-law: Dennis and Katrina Davis; sister-in-law: Kendra (Chris) Love; brothers-in-law: Christian (Felicia) Davis and Timothy Davis; niece: Brooke Bolling and many friends, colleagues and students whose hearts she touched.

Patricia Ann Creel, 74, of Baileyton
Patricia Ann Creel, 74, of Baileyton, passed away Sept. 25. She was born at home in Baileyton on Sept. 24, 1947, to Lewis and Naomi McGriff Camp. Mrs. Creel worked as an insurance clerk at Woodland Hospital for 33 years. After her retirement, she enjoyed gardening. Patricia loved to travel, and she enjoyed spending time with her family as well. Patricia is preceded in death by her parents; brother: Trennon Camp; sister: Evelyn Pattillo and a granddaughter: Hanna Gay. She is survived by her husband of 57 years: Dwayne Creel; son: Tim and Amanda Creel; daughter: Kristy and Mike Gay; sister: Betty Flack; grandchildren: Tehryn Creel, Jordan and Skyler Creel, Bayli and JP Patterson, Hayden Gay, Easton Gay and Creslee and Robert Parris and great-grandchildren: Kenzie, Harlow, Tucker, Belle, Zayden, Joplin, Payden, Sawyer, Rylie, and Ellyson. Funeral services for Mrs. Creel will be held at Welcome Baptist Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 28. Patricia will lie in state from 10 a.m., until services begin at 11 a.m. Bro. Jerry Lake and Bro. Terry Blakenship will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Friends may visit with the family at the funeral home on Monday evening, Sept. 27, from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in memory of Patricia to St. Jude's. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Creel family.

Ronald Wesley "Runt" Thompson, 60, of Cullman
Funeral service for Ronald Wesley "Runt" Thompson, 60, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Union Hill United Methodist Cemetery and Rev. Clifford Barger officiating. Visitation will be Thursday at the funeral home from noon - 2 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Thompson passed away Saturday, Sept. 25, at his residence. He was born March 5, 1961, to Curtis and Mary Nell Bryan Thompson. He was a loving son, brother, father and grandfather and great-grandfather. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his sons: Billy (Brittany) Thompson and Josh Wallace; daughters: Amanda (David) Douglas, Kylie (Wes) Thompson and Camee (Sherman) Sapp; brothers: David (Dot) Thompson and Mark Thompson; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

George Franklin Johnson Sr., 93, of Cullman
George Franklin Johnson Sr., age 93, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Sunday, Sept. 26. George was born Sept. 7, 1928. George was preceded in death by his sister: Alice L. Johnson; his sister: Hattie McCormick; his sister: Annie Mae Newman, his brother: James Roosevelt Johnson; one grandson; four great-grandsons; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. A visitation for George will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28, from noon – 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055). A funeral service will occur Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel (1901 2nd Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055) with Rev. Phillip Doss officiating. An interment will occur Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Bethel Baptist Cemetery (Battleground--Blair Community, Cullman, Alabama). Survivors are daughters: Stella Mae Phelps, Mary Ann (James) Prestridge, Annie (Gary) McGhee and Peggy (Wayne) Murphree, sons: George Jr. (Danni) Johnson and Paul (Tiffany) Johnson and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and other family. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Johnson family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — Local students and parents will have a chance to learn more about the college and career opportunities available in Cullman County at the upcoming Cullman City Schools/Wallace State Community College Career & College Exploration event.

The event is set for Monday, Oct. 11 from 3-6 p.m. It will be hosted at Cullman High School in the front lobby, Tillman Hall and the library. College planning seminars are also scheduled for 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Cullman High School auditorium. The event is open to families of students in grades 6-12.

"This is a great way for parents and students to find out about all the fantastic opportunities offered at Wallace State, as well as some of the careers you can have at local businesses and industries," Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff said. "It's an opportunity for students planning to attend college to get more information about those next steps, and for students looking to enter the workforce to see which certifications and career opportunities are available."

Local business and industry partners, as well as representatives from Wallace State Community College (Liberal Arts, Health Science, Applied Technology, and S.T.E.M.) will be available to provide hands-on demonstrations of various programs and fields of study that can lead to future employment and careers.

Students can explore and learn about dual-enrollment opportunities, careers in nursing, mechatronics, aviation, electronics, robotics, welding, machine tool technology and S.T.E.M.

Attendance incentives (gift cards and more) will also be provided through random drawings the following school day for students who attend.

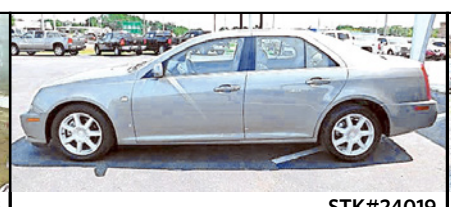




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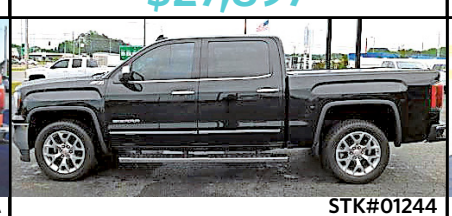

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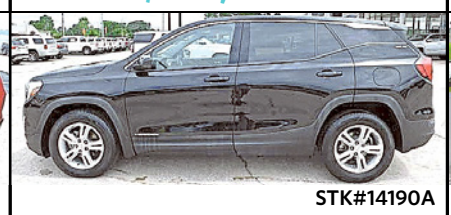

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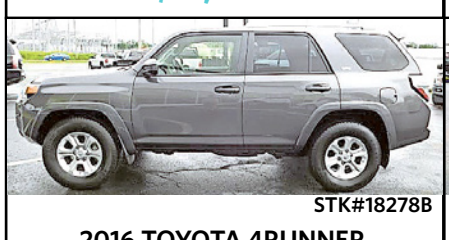

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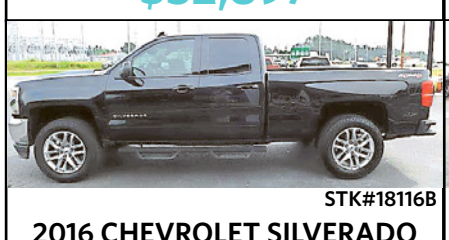

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