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Hanceville Nursing and Rehab chapter of the Red Hat Society celebrate their completed community service project



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The Red Hat Society at Hanceville Nursing & Rehab poses with the items they collected to donate to the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

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Retired Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Baker becomes first resident of new veteran housing complex Connie's Cottages



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CRANE HILL, Ala. — It was June 22, when retired Army Staff Sgt. Clinton Baker prayed, "Lord, find me a home or take me home." The next morning, as he stopped at the Jet Pep in West Point, he did something a little out of the ordinary for him - he picked up the newspaper. He saw an ad for a new, fully furnished low-income housing opportunity for veterans in Crane Hill named Connie's Cottages. Thursday afternoon, Baker became their first resident.

Baker had wasted no time and answered the ad by calling the number and reaching Mr. Irv Jones. Jones, a resident of San Francisco, explained his vision at a groundbreaking ceremony in August 2019, "I'm from a faith-based perspective and I was watching some faith-based programming about two years ago. It was an organization out of South Carolina that was partnering with the Dream Center in Los Angeles. Observing that programming, they were introducing the fact that there were veterans either coming out of theater or out of the military all together and they were having difficulty finding affordable housing. Their perspective was to reach out and be a supportive arm."

On a visit to the Cullman County area to purchase an airplane, he and wife Connie fell in love with the area, especially the quiet serenity of Smith Lake.

Jones soon purchased a 5-acre wooded waterfront lot in Crane Hill and set his vision in motion to build Connie's Cottages for veterans and as a gift to his wife Connie, a four-time cancer survivor.

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Cullman Police Department to host 2021 Trunk or Treat event

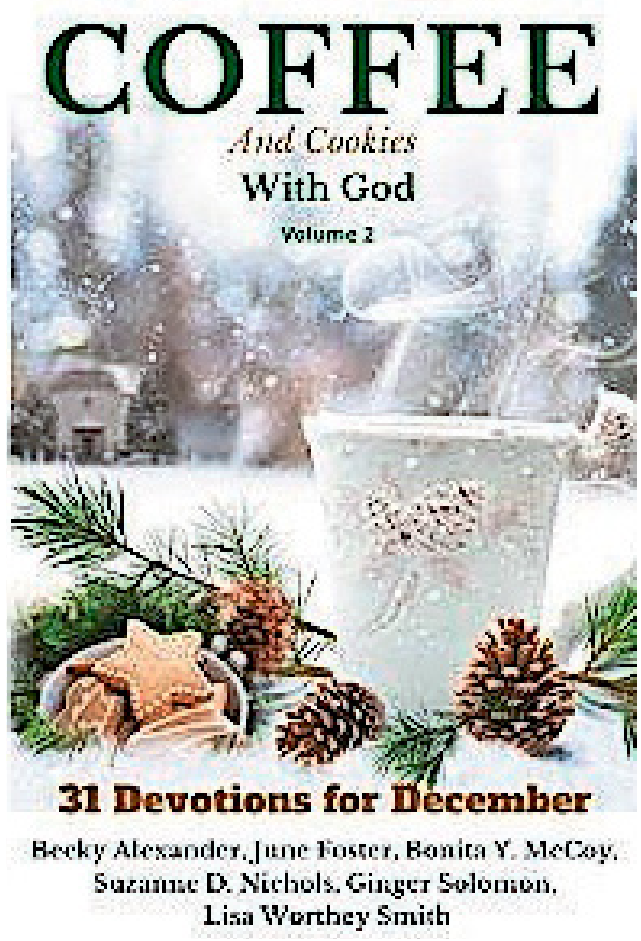
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported October 1, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Sept. 27
- burglary; illegal possession of prescription drugs; unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 1058
- harassment; Brooklyn Rd.
- assault; Hwy. 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; attempt to elude police officer; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1605
- assault; CR 148
- assault; Hwy. 31
- burglary; CR 564
- trespassing; CR 832
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1212
- harassment; CR 148
- burglary; Hwy. 157

Sept. 28
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; I-65 SB at exit 304
- theft of property; CR 1354
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; CR 568
- assault; CR 1759
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 942
- trespassing; CR 641

Sept. 29
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; CR 1609
- violation of protection order; CR 244
- domestic violence; CR 1292
- domestic violence; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 109
- trespassing; CR 461
- criminal littering; CR 1107
- theft of property; CR 316
- domestic violence; 1st Ave. SW
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1237
- reckless endangerment; CR 437
- menacing; CR 461
- theft of property; CR 578
- theft of property; CR 8
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 457

ARRESTS
Sept. 27 – 29
Beasley, Anthony R.; 50
- FTA- flight/escape
- FTA- larceny/theft- second-degree theft of property $1,500 to $2,500
- FTA- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- switched tag

Buckelew, Michael A.; 33
- burglary-residence-no force
- second-degree possession of marijuana

Cornelison, Ivey D.; 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Cranford, Mason A.; 37
- burglary- non-residence-force
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree possession of marijuana
- larceny/theft-utility tampering
- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Ellis, Stephanie J.; 39
- burglary-residence-no force
- illegal possession of prescription drugs

Haynes, Tami H.; 40
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Speakman, Tyler L.; 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of synthetic narcotic
- attempting to elude a police officer

Davis, Michael C.; 32
- privacy-criminal trespass/remain in/on premises

Duke, Keelen L.; 40
- probation violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Giadrosich, Serra E.; 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- negotiating worthless instrument

Johnson, Jordan R.; 25
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing-gun

Kelsey, Marianne L.; 40
- FTA- receiving stolen property
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- traffic-follow too close
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Nugent, Donald G.; 50
- sex offense-failure of adult to sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Scott, Jeffery L.; 42
- interference with custody
- disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace/affray

Scott, Tyra A.; 43
- interference with custody
- disorderly conduct/disturbing the peace/affray

Webb, Tonya M.; 42
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Boatright, Jimmy S.; 49
- Judges Order- DUI (alcohol)

Corbin, Christopher L.; 50
- possession of methamphetamine

Emanuel Jr., Edward J.; 43
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- improper tail lights-trailer
- FTA- no liability insurance

Overton, Dustin D.; 24
- FTA- possession of marijuana
- FTA- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer

Pugh, Ashley C.; 22
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Swann, Austin A.; 26
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Witcher, Ronald G.; 62
- possession of methamphetamine

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Sept. 30
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; 1st Ave. SW

ARRESTS
Sept. 29
Pugh, Ashley C.; 22
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespass
- FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Sept. 30
Brown, Michael W.; 50
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- driving while license revoked

Tubbs, Corey L.; 31
- DUI

Wilbourn, Victor C.; 29
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Jenkins, Jerry R.; 51
- FTA- driving without driver's license

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CRIME

Hanceville man arrested for child porn

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office announced on Monday the arrest of a local man for possession of child pornography.

Cullman County Investigators worked with the national task force, Internet Crimes Against Children, to investigate reports of cyber crimes.

This investigation led to three grand jury indictments handed down.

Justin Aaron Blood, 46, of Hanceville was arrested Thursday, Sept. 23, and charged with three counts of possession of child pornography.

Look for updates at CullmanTribune.com.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Justin Aaron Blood

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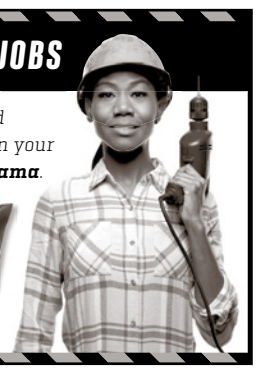
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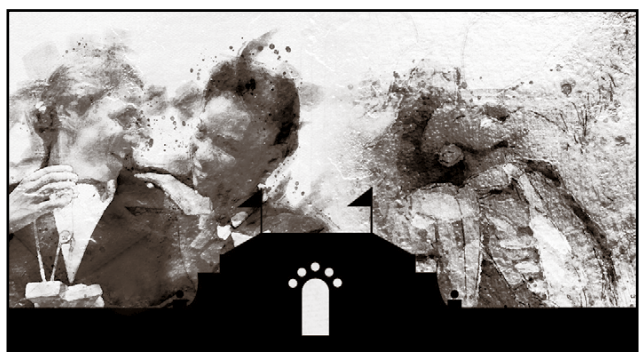
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"Come to the Well" Community Women's Bible Study
• Tuesday mornings at 10 at the Hebrews Cafe at East Side Baptist Church, 1111 Third St. SE in Cullman
• Please wear a mask/face covering.

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 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Mondays-Fridays: 5 Points Food Outreach - CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19
• 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.
• Sunday 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! 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.
• Saturday Sept. 18 from 9-11 a.m. Drive-thru food bank. Bring an ID.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
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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
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Agriplex Children's Summer/Fall Camp Programs
• 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.

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 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.

St. Paul's Oktoberfest Youth Fundraiser
Oct. 9 – Join us for pretzels, brats and more! Hosted by St. Pauls' Youth as a fundraiser for their 2024 trip to Germany. Saturday, Oct. 9 starting at 4 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church gym. Tickets are $10 and are available at the church office.

Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting
• Oct. 12 - The Cullman County Republican Women's Meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. at the VFW building located at 112 Veterans Drive SW, Cullman, AL 35055.
• The guest speaker for our Oct. 12 meeting will be Lynda Blanchard, candidate for US Senate. Also, Dave Ozment, of the Foundry Ministries, will be making omelets for everyone.
• The public is encouraged to attend.

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Cullman edges Decatur at home 17-14

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After hammering Mars Hill on their home field last week, the Bearcats were back in Oliver Woodard Stadium Friday night for a regional matchup against the Decatur Red Raiders. Cullman jumped out to an early 14-0 lead, but the Decatur battled back to make things interesting. After scoring a late defensive touchdown and recovering an onside kick, it took an interception by Jamar Kay on the game's final play to secure a 17-14 win for the Bearcats.

Cullman took advantage of a couple of early turnovers to take the lead, including an interception by Dylan Sessions.

A 64-yard touchdown run from Kay put the 'Cats in front 7-0 and not long after that, Ryan Skinner broke free for a 37-yard touchdown run to stretch the lead to 14-0 midway through the opening quarter.

However, the Red Raiders were able to put a drive together late in the first quarter and capped it off a with a short touchdown pass on the first play of the second to make it a 14-7 game.

Both teams had trouble moving the ball for most of the second quarter until Decatur began to pick up yards late in the period and drove into Bearcat territory with just under a minute remaining in the half.

That's when Kay picked off his first pass of the night near the home sideline and Cullman took over possession with a minute to play in the opening half.

The 'Cats went into the locker room with a 14-7 lead over the Red Raiders at the break.

Points were hard to come by again in the third quarter. Both defenses had found their footing and were taking control of the game, but the Bearcats were able to drive deep into Decatur territory in the final minute of the third.

However, they were unable to move the chains on third down and Nate Zills knocked a 30-yard field goal through the uprights to give Cullman a 17-7 advantage with 30 seconds to play in the quarter.

The 'Cats were in control for most of the final frame and after forcing the Red Raiders to turn the ball over on downs with less than three minutes on the clock, the game appeared to be over.

That's when a Decatur defended flew into Cullman's backfield, intercepted a pitch and took it 70 yards the other way for a touchdown.

After the extra point, the Red Raiders trailed just 17-14 with just under a minute remaining in the game.

Decatur then recovered an onside kick to regain possession near midfield with 36 second on the clock and one last chance to tie things up.

However, the black & gold defense kept the Red Raiders out of field goal range and Kay picked off his second pass of the night near the goal line on the game's final play to ice a 17-14 win for the Bearcats.

Kay finished the night with two interceptions and a 64-yard touchdown run. Skinner finished with 58 yards and a touchdown on the ground, Drew Conway posted 37 rushing yards and Zills caught a pair of passes for 18 yards to go with his made field goal.

Cullman improves to 5-2 with the win and will be back on the road next week to take on Columbia in another region game.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Jamar Kay celebrates after securing the game-winning interception for the Bearcats in their 17-14 win over Decatur Friday night.

Knights hang on to defeat Pell City 17-6

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ARAB, Ala. — After handline Brewer last week, Arab returned to its home field Friday night for regional showdown against Pell City. An early safety gave the Knights an edge over early and their performance on the defensive side of the ball kept the Panthers' offense in check for most of the night, helping pave the way for a 17-6 win.

After a scoreless first quarter, a safety gave Arab a 2-0 advantage early in the second quarter.

The Knights were able to find the end zone later in the period to stretch the lead to 9-0 and Arab's defense held Pell City scoreless in the first half to make it a 9-0 game at the break.

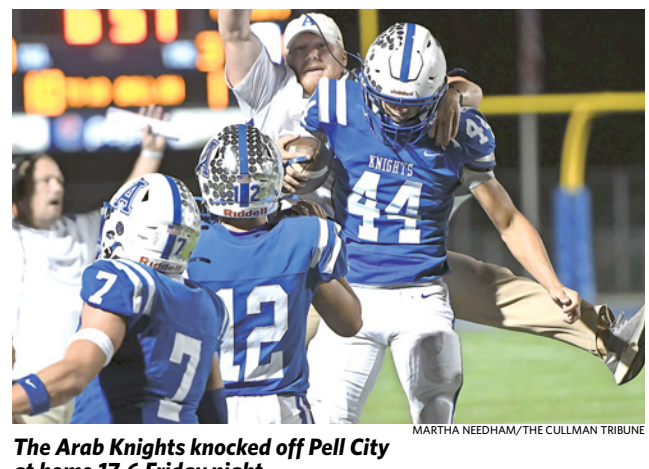
Neither team had much offensive success in the third quarter and the Knights went into the final frame leading the Panthers 9-0.

Arab was able to find the end zone early in the fourth quarter and a successful two-point conversion made it a 17-0 game.

However, Pell City responded quickly and put six points on the board to cut the lead to 17-6 with just under four minutes remaining.

The Knights bowed up defensively and those were the only points the Panthers could come up with. Arab held on to win it 17-6.

The Knights improve to 6-1 with the win and have a huge regional matchup at home against Oxford next week.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Arab Knights knocked off Pell City at home 17-6 Friday night.

West Point blows past Crossville 43-6

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WEST POINT, Ala. — After collecting a 14-6 win on the road over Hayden last week, the West Point Warriors returned home Friday night to host Crossville in their homecoming matchup. The Warriors built a big lead early in the opening quarter and kept Crossville at bay in the second half to secure a 43-6, region win over the Lions.

West Point struck early when Kelton Washington punched in his first touchdown of the night to give the Warriors a 6-0 lead and Ashton Thrailkill carried in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

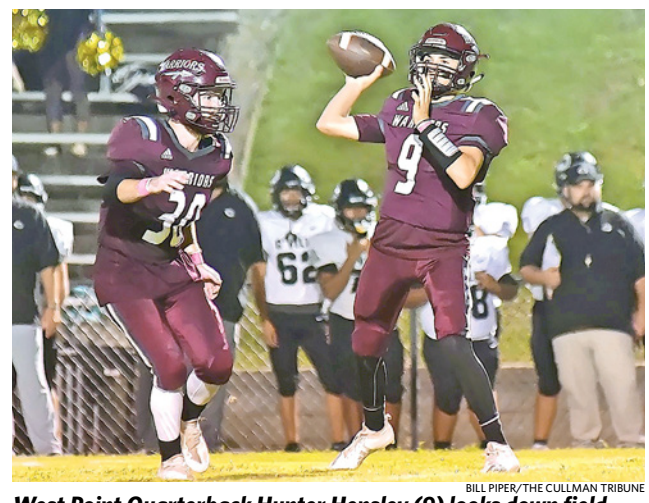
Washington's second touchdown of the night, followed by a two-point run from Garit Roberson stretched the lead to 16-0 and Brian Cornelius found the end zone from 2 yards out to make it a 23-0 game with just over two minutes to play in the opening quarter.

Suyeta DrowningBear burst through the line and sprinted for a 60-yard touchdown to put the Warriors on top 30-0 at the start of the second quarter.

Washington's third touchdown run of the night extended the West Point lead to 36-0 and the Warriors were able to put another score on the board before the break to make it a 43-0 game at halftime.

West Point took its foot off the gas in the second half and the Lions were able to get one touchdown on the board but couldn't chip away any more than that and the Warriors went on to collect a 43-6 win.

The Warriors improve to 4-2 win the win and will be back home next week to take on Sardis.



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West Point Quarterback Hunter Hensley (9) looks down field during the Warriors' 43-6 win over Crossville Friday night.

Hanceville falls to Oneonta at home 34-6

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — After picking up a 26-13 road win over Locust Fork last week, the Hanceville Bulldogs returned to Ray Talley Stadium Friday night for a regional showdown with Oneonta. Unfortunately for the home crowd, the Redskins built a big lead early over the Bulldogs and never gave it up, pulling away to defeat Hanceville 34-6.

Oneonta jumped out to a 13-0 lead early in the opening quarter and was able to find the end zone one more time before the start of the second to make it a 20-0 game.

The Bulldogs weren't able to get anything going offensively and the Redskins tacked on two more touchdowns in the second quarter to make it a 34-0 game at the halftime break.

With the hot clock running in the second half, Hanceville still trailed 34-0 at the end of the third quarter.

Brosnan Ward got loose from 30 yards out and scored to cut the lead to 34-6 but the Bulldogs couldn't chip away any more than that and Hanceville fell to the Redskins 34-6.

The Bulldogs drop to 2-4 with the loss and will be back on the road next week to take on Etowah.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Hanceville Bulldogs fell to Oneonta at home 34-6 Friday night.

Good Hope knocks off Etowah 20-19

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ETOWAH, Ala. — The Good Hope Raiders made the trip to Etowah for a massive region game Friday night and found a way to come out on the winning side of a 20-19 thriller to improve to 5-2 on the season and remain unbeaten in region play.

The blue devils received the opening kickoff and they don't take anytime to score on their opening drive giving the their first lead of the night 6-0 from a raiders blocked extra point.

The raiders couldn't get the ball moving and had to punt right back to Etowah with momentum pushing the blue devils way they were able to drive down to the raiders 26 yard line but the Raiders' defense shows up with a 4th and short stop giving the raiders back the ball on their own 26 yard line a couple of plays later Ethan Anderson runs one in from 60 yards out giving the raiders the lead 7-6 early in the second quarter.

The Blue Devils gambled on a fourth and inches play but were stopped short by Good Hope and turned the ball over at their own 39-yard line.

The raiders were able to find the end zone four plays later when Tanner Malin ran it in from 9 yards out to stretch their lead 13-6. Still early in the second quarter, the Raiders and the Blue Devils each traded defensive stands, but Etowah was able to squeeze in one more to cut Good Hope's lead to 13-12.

The Raiders went into the halftime break with the lead and received the ball to start the third quarter. An interception gave Etowah the ball on Good Hope's 22-yard line, but the Raiders' defense was able to pull off a stand at the goal line.

The Raiders were still not able to get any offense going and were forced to punt from their own 29-yard line. The Blue Devils' offense was able to quickly score and regain a 19-13 lead at the end of third quarter.

Good Hope ate up almost half the fourth quarter on their next possession and regained a 20-19 lead after a 1-yard touchdown run from Malin. It was the defenses turn to step up next and they did just that to secure a massive, 20-19 region win for the Raiders.

After the game, Head Coach Alan Scott was proud of the way his team fought on the road,

"I am so proud of our players for their effort tonight."

Good Hope improves to 5-2 with the win over Etowah and moves atop the Region 6 standings. The Raiders will be back home next week for another regional showdown against Fultondale.



MADDIE MCKENNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Jager Burns (4) carries the ball during the Raiders' 20-19 win at Etowah Friday night.

Holly Pond hammers Tarrant 59-6

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Tarrant Wildcats made the trip to Holly Pond to face The Broncos. It was a beautiful night for football at Thomas Michelfelder field and Head Coach Mark Cornelius had his Broncos well prepared for the game.

Holly Pond received the opening kickoff and the Wildcats tried to catch them off guard with an onside kick. The Broncos took advantage of the good field position as Nik Goodwin opened up the scoring for Holly Pond and with 8:06 left in the first the Broncos lead 7-0.

Tarrant was unable to move the ball against the powerful Bronco defense and it turned the ball over on downs when a fourth down pass attempt fell incomplete, giving the Broncos the ball at the Wildcats' 40.

The Broncos gained 3 yards on a run up the middle and then they had a 37-yard touchdown pass called back due to holding.

The Broncos found themselves on their own 43, facing third down and long but Landon Perkins broke free for a 57-yard touchdown run, his first of the night, and Holly Pond moved ahead 13-0 with 6:22 left in the first quarter.

Before the half, Perkins tore off another 52-yard run for a touchdown and Kadin Suryono and Andy Light joined him in the end zone before the break to give Holly Pond a 32-0 advantage at halftime.

Tarrant received the second half kickoff but failed to get a first down.

Perkins picked up right where he left off, scoring on two more touchdown runs of 45 yards and 56 yards to add to the lead in the third quarter before the junior varsity took over.

With Sawyer Olinger leading the junior varsity of Holly Pond, he ran one in from 14 yards out to make it a 52-0 game with six minutes left in the final period.

Tarrant did manage to put up six points on the board in the final five minutes of the game, but Holly Pond's Damon Raymond answered with a 78-yard touchdown run with 3:59 left in the game to cap off a dominant, 59-6 victory for the Broncos.

Holly Pond improves to 3-3 with the win and will be back home next week to face Winfield.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Holly Pond Broncos dominated Tarrant at home 59-6 Friday night.

Fairview takes 21-18 thriller at Boaz

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BOAZ, Ala. — In a game that looked like it could end up a blow out several times, Fairview's defense had to muster up one last stop followed up by a game sealing first down to defeat a Boaz team that simply wouldn't go away 21-18 on the road. Fairview survived bad calls, several mistakes and yet find themselves now 5-1 on the year and 3-1 in the region.

The opening drive of the game for the visiting Aggies was cut short after an interception on the fourth play of the drive. The Boaz Pirates found a wide open receiver on the next play to jumpstart a nine play, 78 yard touchdown drive. A 12-yard run would put Boaz up 6-0, and the score would remain that after a blocked PAT.

Senior quarterback would bounce right back leading his team's drive 64 yards in 11 plays. He'd account for a total of 61 of those yards during a drive where the Aggies twice found themselves facing fourth down. After converting on both Martin capped off the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run. After the PAT Fairview took a 6-7 lead.

Following a quick three and out by Boaz, Martin went right back to work completing 3 passes to senior Dalton Payne for 34 yards. Senior Tyler Simmons would add 18 yards to the drive, before Martin once again ran it in to stretch the lead to 14-6.

Fairview's defense would force a second straight three and out on the next Pirate possession. Martin would rip a big run on the opening play of the drive only to be called back due to a holding call, the first of many calls (or blown calls) against Fairview to come. That drive turned into a three and out as well for Fairview.

Boaz would then go right to work before the half where they'd find themselves on a 3rd and 3. After getting the first down on the play the runner would clearly cough it up, where an Aggie jumped on it. Seconds after the play was finished, the ball was blown dead and given back to the Pirates. However, as they say on the playground, the ball don't lie. Fairview would then stop Boaz on four straight plays and the Aggies went into the half leading 14-6.

Martin picked off the Pirates QB on the third play of the second half. Fairview used a balanced attack to get themselves to the 1-yard line, where they'd be stuffed on 4th down. Another Boaz three and out would give Fairview the ball back once again only to again be stopped on 4th down.

Fairview's defense would continue it's dominance forcing it's 4th three and out of the game and this is where running back Eli Frost would start to come alive. Limited to only a few carries in the first half Frost would rip off back to back 20 yards runs which set up for a 14 yard touchdown pass from Martin to Jameson Goble putting Fairview up 21-6 after Guyton's third made PAT.

Just when the blowout seemed to be starting you could hear whispers of the famous Lee Corso, "Not so fast my friend." Boaz would respond with a 50 yard touchdown strike on a deep ball on the drive's fourth play. The PAT would bounce off the left upright keeping it a two-possession game with Fairview on top 21-12. Now into the fourth quarter Boaz executed a perfect onside kick that gave Boaz the ball back at midfield.

Fairview would again stop Boaz on 4th down but a miscue on the following possession led to another interception by Boaz in Aggie territory. The Pirates didn't waste the opportunity this time going all 49 yards into the end zone. Fairview would block another PAT which gave us a 21-18 Aggie lead that they'd desperately be clinging to.

In a game where momentum was shifting to the home squad Eli Frost quickly would quiet the crowd breaking tackle after tackle on a 61-yard run that put Fairview back in the redzone. Unfortunately, the Aggies redzone troubles would continue when Martin had to throw a long 4th down pass, and it fell into Boaz hands.

Boaz would have the ball with just under 3 minutes to play and one timeout. With Martin fuming on the defensive side of the ball Boaz heaved a long jump ball that Martin would attack and secure on the way to a possible game saving play for his second interception of the night.

Now Fairview would need just one first down to ice the game. Following a Simmons 9-yard run Martin would head 26 yards for the game sealing touchdown, only for yet another flag to be thrown against Fairview. Simmons would then fight for 6 more yards and on 3rd and 6 Martin would gain them all sealing the nail-biting win in a key region matchup.

In a game that easily would have been a blowout, Head Coach George Redding had this to say about his team's ability to handle adversity,

"We knew Boaz would bring energy. They're a team that plays with a lot of emotional, but we've talked all year about not just being in the storm but being the storm," Redding said. "So, with all the highs and lows of this game I'm just proud of our guys for holding on. We have to improve in the redzone. Any team that's going to do anything in the playoffs has to be more efficient in the redzone than we were tonight."

Martin, who finished with finished 12/21 and 195 total yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions on the defensive side of the ball added,

"We knew this would be the toughest place we play all year," Martin said. "It wasn't pretty, but I'm thrilled we came out with a win. We just have to keep improving."

The hero of the second half and really of the game, Eli Frost, finished with 153 yards on 17 carries, with 147 of those in the second half alone. When asked about his big night and clutch performance down the stretch he said,

"It's not about me. It can be tempting, but we just have guys out there playing hard, making blocks, doing everything they can to help me run the ball when I get it so I'm just thankful for my teammates," Frost said. "And when my number is called, I'm just going to give it everything I've got."

Now poised to snag second place in the region, Fairview will travel once again next week for another regional matchup against the Crossville Lions.



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The Fairview Aggies edged Boaz in a 21-18 thriller on the road Friday night.

Vinemont falls at Winfield 41-8

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WINFIELD, Ala. — The Vinemont Eagles traveled to take on the Winfield Pirates in a region matchup Friday night but unfortunately for Eagles fans, The Pirates came away victorious 41-8 on homecoming.

Winfield received the opening kickoff and after allowing one first down, the Eagles' defense stepped up to force a punt. Seven plays later, Brody Speer put the Eagles up 8-0 with a 32-yard touchdown with 6:55 remaining in the opening quarter. The Pirates returned the ensuing kickoff all the way down to the Vinemont 6-yard line and scored on the first play of the possession to tie the ballgame at 8 with 6:31 remaining until the second quarter.

On Vinemont's next possession, a fumble led directly to a Pirate touchdown and with 6:13 remaining in the opening quarter, the Pirates gained a 15-8 lead. Early in the second quarter, Winfield added to its lead with a long touchdown run to make the score 21-8.

The Pirates tacked on 20 more points in the quarter to make the score Winfield 41, Vinemont 8 at the halftime break.

In the second half both teams struggled to find any offense as neither team managed to find the endzone for the remainder of the ballgame, bringing the final score to 41-8 Winfield. Vinemont falls to 2-4 with the loss and will be back on the road next week to take on Susan Moore.



CATHY MCSWAIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Vinemont Eagles fell to Winfield on the road 41-8 Friday night.

Meek downs Marion County at home 34-14

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ARLEY, Ala. — Meek had last week off to prepare for Friday night's regional matchup with Marion County and the Tigers didn't disappoint. Meek jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the opening quarter and after taking a 20-8 lead into the half, pulled away from the Red Raiders to win it 34-14.

A pair of early touchdowns put the Tigers on top 14-0 with just over two minutes to play in the first quarter, but Marion County managed to get on the board on the final play of the period.

After a successful two-point conversion, the Red Raiders trailed just 14-8 going into the second quarter.

Meek responded and punched another touchdown into the end zone with 8:36 to play in the second to go up 20-8.

The Tigers' defense kept Marion County off the board in the second quarter and went into the halftime break with a 20-8 lead.

Midway thought the third quarter, Meek put six more points on the board to extend its lead to 26-8 with just under six minutes remaining in the third.

The Tigers held that lead going into the fourth quarter and added to it early in the period, making it a 34-8 game with around 10 minutes left to play.

The Red Raiders were able to find the end zone once again shortly after Meek's touchdown but couldn't get any closer than that and the Tigers collected a 34-14 region win over Marion County.

Meek improves to 4-2 this season with the win and will be on the road next week to face the Lynn Bears.

PREP FOOTBALL

Addison picks up 37-13 win at Cold Springs

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BREMEN, Ala. — Addison traveled to Bremen to take on the Cold Springs Eagles in a region game as only one team could snap their respective losing streak. The Bulldogs had a big night on the ground and on defense as they rolled to a 37-13 road win over Cold Springs.

The first three possessions saw three punts as both teams played stout defense early on. The second Cold Springs' punt was short, and it put Addison in excellent field position at the 23-yard line. On just the third play of the series, Justin Mather found the end zone on a 12-yard run to give the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead.

The Eagles looked to answer on its next series, but after picking up a first down on an 11-yard pass from Seth Williams to Victor Laurentius, Cold Springs coughed up the ball and the Bulldogs' Connor Smith fell on the loose ball at the 36.

Big runs by Eli Howse (19 yards), Mather (10 yards) and Will Tuggle (10 yards) quickly put Addison at the seven-yard line and Jack Wilson found the end zone two plays later on a hard-nosed two-yard run to increase the Bulldog lead to 12-0 with 11:01 remaining in the first half. The Eagles countered with a big series of its own as Dylan Smith, Hank Harrison and Laurentius picked up huge first downs during the drive.

Laurentius and Harrison each converted on a huge fourth down conversion during the drive.

After the second fourth down conversion, Seth Williams rolled right and found Winfrey; he broke a couple of tackles and made a nice spin move before finding the end zone on a 31-yard score as the Eagles made it a 12-6 game with 4:25 remaining in the first half.

Addison looked to answer on its next series. They were faced with a first-and-23 from the 37-yard line after a block-in-the-back penalty, but that didn't faze them one bit as Jed Wilkins found Howse for 11 yards and two plays later, Wilkins scampered for 12 more and a first down.

The Bulldogs would find the end zone to end the first half as Mather scored on an 18-yard run to make it 18-6 at the half.

There would be only one touchdown in the third quarter and that was on Addison's opening drive of the third quarter. Mather got 57 yards on the ground during the series, which ended with him finding the end zone on a 12-yard run as that increased the Bulldogs' lead to 25-6. Wilkins scored on a 14-yard run in the fourth period.

Cold Springs put up their final score of the game on a two-yard run by Laurentius, but the Bulldogs' Jacob Mauldin scored the final touchdown of the game for Addison on a 32-yard run. The Bulldogs snap their three-game losing streak with a 37-13 win over the Eagles.

Mather finished with 103 yards on just 10 carries and three scores for Addison (4-3, 2-2). Wilkins added 42 more on the ground and a touchdown. Mauldin scored on the 32-yard run. Tuggle added 57 more on the ground. Smith finished with a fumble recovery for the Bulldogs.

Williams finished 7/11 for 89 yards and a touchdown for Cold Springs (0-6, 0-3). Winfrey added 40 receiving yards and a touchdown. Laurentius ended up with 33 rushing yards and a score, while Smith ended up with 40 rushing yards.

Addison will travel to take on Lamar County next Friday in what will be another huge region game for the Bulldogs, while Cold Springs will host Midfield as they look to pick up their first win next Friday.

Project (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The ladies of the Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Red Hat Society (RHS) were all smiles Friday morning as they sat outside in their finest red hats. The ladies had spent the last weeks working on their latest community project - collecting items to donate to the Cullman County Animal Shelter. The items were delivered to the shelter by staff late Friday morning.

Hanceville Nursing and Rehab activities director Shirley Hays helped the ladies start their own chapter of the Red Hat Society about six months ago. She said, "It's an organization to get together and give back to the community. This time, we picked the animal shelter."

Vera Albertson, a resident and member of the RHS, explained their decision to help the animals. She said, "My granddaughter owns Prestigious Pets and she got everybody into it." All the ladies love animals and were split evenly over which they love more, cats or dogs.

Ms. Ruth Brigham was passionate in her response as to why she wanted to help the animal shelter. "To help these lonely, forgotten, ill-cared for, abandoned and lovely animals that will be your friend forever. I don't know how you could not love a dog. You've got a friend forever," she explained.

The ladies collected a variety of items for the shelter including food, treats, litter, blankets and cleaning products.

The RHS members urged family members, friends and staff to donate to their efforts. They hope to meet soon to determine their next project for the upcoming holiday season.



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Percy (pictured) loves all the gifts from the Hanceville Nursing & Rehab Red Hat Society.

Grant (from Front)

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College was awarded a five-year $2.1 million Title III grant by the U.S. Department of Education that will enhance student success through Pathways Linking U to Success.

Project PLUS is geared to helping students complete a certificate or degree.

"We know that students benefit from earning a post-secondary degree or credential through improved employment opportunities and increased lifetime earnings potential, and the effect is generational. Families and communities, our state and nation also benefit," said Dr. Vicki Karolewics, president of Wallace State.

"Wallace State has long been committed to student success.

"Our student success rates are among the highest in the country and have resulted in our being named a three-time Aspen Prize semi-finalist, and an Achieving the Dream Leader College, but there is so much more we can do to ensure every student has the resources and support they need to make success possible.

"This grant, which we are so honored to receive, will truly help us move the needle."

More than half of the college's first-time freshmen are academically underprepared, economically disadvantaged and/or first-generation college students.

Institutional and published data suggests that these students are most likely to drop-out, stop-out or fail, resulting in low retention, graduation, transfer and employment rates.

Project PLUS is an integration of interventions from What Works Clearing House's InsideTrack Coaching and Single Stop USA's Community College Initiative, Achieving the Dream's Holistic Student Supports and Complete College America's Pathways to Success.

It includes shifting the frontline success advising and financial aid staff from a transactional relationship with students to that of a case management approach.

Success Advising expands to include the intervention elements recommended in What Works Clearing Houses' InsideTrack Coaching model throughout the student lifecycle. It implements Achieving the Dream's Holistic Student Supports Redesign and revises student onboarding to include success predictors.

The project also updates both adjunct and full-time faculty professional development to better support student success.

Project PLUS's success will be determined by steady improvements in each of the following student success milestones: fall-to-fall retention, successful completion of 30 or more semester credit hours and degree/certificate completion within the time frame allowed for federal financial aid, known as the 150% rule.

This work complements recent initiatives related to student success, including the college's designation as a Caring Campus, success advising through the Center for Student Success and the addition of work-based learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Students interested in starting college this fall still have time to enroll at Wallace State. A second eight-week mini-term begins Oct. 14.

Learn more at https://www.wallacestate.edu/.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Friday, Oct. 1, 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: 12.1%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,359
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 409,961 (+ 3,511 since Wednesday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 7,205 (+ 191 since Wednesday)
- 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): 7,299 (+ 75 since Wednesday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 146 (+ 12 since Wednesday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,516
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 113
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 58,193
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 7,043
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,232

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)
- Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,401,385 (No update available)
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,712,465 (No update available)
- Doses administered: 4,305,070
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,447,730
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 1,988,328
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,688,920 (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.

Cullman Regional COVID-19 update, Sept. 29
Cullman County is in the High-Risk category for overall level of community transmission.

Cullman Regional current situation
- 45 COVID-19 positive patients, six 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, wear a mask when you cannot socially 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 (POB) 3 on the east side of campus. This location is most easily accessed through the hospital's main entrance at the traffic light off 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

Monoclonal antibody therapy locations:
According to the ADPH, if given early to higher risk people, monoclonal antibody treatment has shown to reduce the amount of coronavirus in your body lessening symptoms and the likelihood you would need to be hospitalized. If you test positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact to a positive case, call your health care provider immediately to ask about treatment. Treatment must be provided within 10 days of exposure, symptom onset or within 10 days of date tested if positive and asymptomatic.

You can locate Monoclonal Antibody Therapy locations in Alabama by visiting the ADPH website https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/3cf139afbb754309a1f3bd07bb1fe198.

Visiting Cullman Regional
As a reminder, Cullman Regional upholds visitation restrictions in accordance with CDC 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 age 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 CullmanRegional.com/covid19 for more information.

Courtesy Mary Beth Sellers, Cullman Regional

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Building boats that don't float

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



As far back as I can remember, a wooden raft rested at the bottom of Ivy Creek. On days when the water was clear, my oldest brother's homemade raft was easily visible. He made it about halfway to the other bank, before his pride-and-joy started down!

I suppose seeing that crude miniature-Titanic replica resting on the bed of our creek, spurred my own attempt at shipbuilding and sailing. I was about 11, when my buddy Ken and I built our raft.

I realized the usefulness of wooden-shipping pallets long before they became popular building material. Since pallets resemble a small raft, Ken and I thought we could skip a few steps in building our vessel.

We added a few boards in the blank spaces, tied on empty jugs for extra floating capability, and set sail. For years to come, our raft rested on the floor of Ivy Creek, on the opposite side of the bridge from my brother's raft.

Ken volunteered to be the skipper, while I bravely watched from the bank and cheered him on.

With our raft on the water, Ken put one foot on deck, but before he could get the other one onboard, the raft began to drift toward the other side.

He looked like a gymnast doing a split! With great support of his effort, I almost split my side as I howled with hysterical laughter as Ken came up wet! We discovered that pallets make better club houses than they do boats.

Fast forward about a half-dozen years, when Fred Ledford tried his hand at floating on the waters.

This time it was on Jim Scott's Pond, which was located directly in front of my house. What began as a leisurely day of wetting-a-hook, ended up as a comical day of wetting-a-Fred. As I cast my brand-new rooster-tail lure, I demonstrated my skills in angling (actually dangling). I had hoped for a big bass, but instead, I caught a low-hanging tree limb. We called those "limb breams!"

I tugged on the line until it snapped and left my rooster tail dangling above the water. It was far enough out that I couldn't reach it from the bank, and the tree limbs were too small to climb.

As we pondered our dilemma, we spotted Mama's number-two washtub nearby. We reasoned that it would float, and could be used as a boat from which we could retrieve my lure. It looked like a one-man boat. My mind went back to Ken and the raft, so I volunteered Fred to be the skipper of the wash tub. We learned a couple of things that day. First, washtubs don't float when manned.

Second, the middle of March is not a good time to test out a washtub boat. Third, a sunken tub with a boy in it is almost as funny as a sunken raft with a boy on it.

My shiny rooster tail dangled from that limb for quite some time to come.

For years, I held out hope that a big bass might jump out of the water and grab hold of it. Of course, that never happened, but I sniggered a little every time I saw it.

Noah built perhaps the largest boat anyone had ever built at that time.

People probably laughed at him, like I laughed at my friends, but they laughed before he set sail. Noah, with directions from above, built a giant boat that actually floated. Some boats don't float. Some people try to build a life that won't float.

That may be because they use the wrong material, like we did, or don't follow the directions, like Noah did.

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1900, 1930

From the Files of 1900
Arthur and Walter Oden are at the bedside of their father, Captain E.J. Oden.

D.L. Aldredge of Holly Pond was in Cullman on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Braasch and Edgar Stoll of Vinemont have entered the Polytechnic College, during this week.

T.J. Nunnelley, Junior of Baileyton was in town yesterday.

Doctor P.M. Musgrove will preach at East Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

T.C. King is the new superintendent of education.

John Robinson's big show will exhibit in Cullman on October 26.

German Day was celebrated here on Monday. In the forenoon there was a street parade and in the afternoon some very fine speeches made at Mayer-Dinckelberg Park. A ball, at Kullman Hall, closed the amusements of the day.

John Reinhardt was thrown from a hand car on the L and N Monday and was injured. He is recovering nicely.

Marriage licenses have been issued to John Morgan and Miss Preuve Campbell; J.T. Abercrombie and Miss Margaret E. Walker; Joseph L. Lovvorn and Miss Hattie E. Goodwin; Robert S. Howard and Miss Effie Quattlebaum; Frank J. Orr and Miss Myrtle S. Jordan; James T. Burgess and Miss Nannie Ross and William H. Myers and Miss Mary James.

From the Files of 1930
W.W. Wells of Route Six, Cullman sold a crate of strawberries to E. Wooten and Weeks and Howard on October 6. The two firms bought them jointly and paid Mr. Wells $4.80.

The Cullman City Library is now located in the new County Education Building. The library is sponsored by the Coterie, federated club.

Married last week were Miss Edythe Glasscock and J.D. Gorham.

Robert M. Clark, father of Mrs. P.G. Hartung died in Brookhaven, Mississippi, following a stroke of paralysis on Saturday night.

POET'S CORNER

Fall | By: Faye Hall, Cropwell Alabama

The squirrels with their tails twitching,
chatter to their neighbors as they run
about gathering acorns to store in their
winter homes.

Crisp cool winds blow as Mother Nature
dances, swaying and swirling her garments of many colors.
Bright bold colors of red, gold, orange,
and yellow float through the air in rhythm with the wind.
As the leaves settle with a rustling sound,
they form a patch work quilt which
covers the barren ground.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

OCT. 2 - AUTHORS

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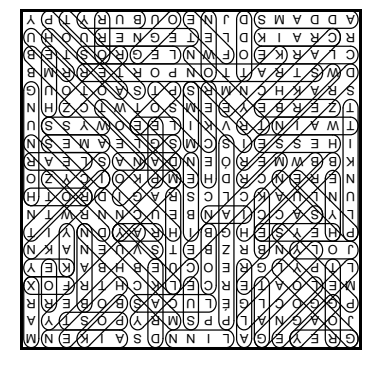
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
OCTOBER 2, 2021

365 AMERICAN JOY-GIVERS for 2021: The Twistin' Party

Ben South
Tribune Columnist

We are twistin' and turnin' on a plywood structure built atop a barber chair. This gyrating contraption was created in the early days of America's space program here at Morehead Planetarium, the site of "The Twistin' Birthday Party." Think stargazer Neil Degrasse Tyson meets 'Twistin' star' Chubby Checker.

Morehead Planetarium, the first in the American South, opened in 1949 and subsequently was used to train all Gemini and Apollo program astronauts in celestial navigation. It is located on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Until the late 1990s, the Morehead contained one of the largest, working Copernican orreries (please, if you have to ask—Google it like I did) in the world.

JOIN US...

You feel the joy and wonder beneath the full dome planetarium which is 68 feet in diameter and 44 feet tall. Glorious cello music performed by Yo-Yo Ma, "Dona Nobis Pacem (Give Us Peace)," swells as your eyes are dazzled by the massive arc of twinkling stars.

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:

Oct. 2—GROUCHO MARX (Julius Henry Marx) was a comedian, actor, writer and stage/film/radio/television star. He was the epitome of "quick wit" and of America's comic geniuses. He made 13 feature films with his siblings, the "Marx Brothers." His television career is best remembered for his years of hosting the game show, "You Bet Your Life." His distinctive appearance, which he adopted early in his vaudeville days, inspired one of the most joy-giving comic disguises ever – a one-piece mask of horn-rimmed spectacles, a plastic nose, bushy eyebrows and mustache is still easily recognizable decades later and known as—"Groucho glasses."

Oct. 3—CHUBBY CHECKER (born Ernest Evans in Spring Gully, South Carolina) became forever-linked to the dance craze, "The Twist." Mr. Checker launched the phenomenon with his cover of the Hank Ballard and the Midnighters' song, "The Twist." His best known song is—dig this—"Let's Twist Again." He also taught us to move with these tunes: "The Hucklebuck," "Pony Time," "The Fly," "Slow Twistin'" and "Limbo Rock." "Billboard" magazine ranked Chubby Checker's version of "The Twist" as the biggest chart hit of all time.

Oct. 4—BUSTER KEATON, called "The Great Stone Face," was an actor, comedian, film director, producer, screenwriter and stunt performer. He is best remembered for his silent films in which he exhibited relentless physical comedy and a consistently stoic, deadpan expression. From 1920-1929, he worked without interruption. Film critic Roger Ebert called Buster Keaton "the greatest actor-director in the history of the movies." A native Kansan, Keaton has two stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, one for motion pictures and another for television.

Oct. 5—NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON is a popular, science communicator, astrophysicist, planetary scientist and author. From 1995-2005, Tyson wrote monthly essays in the "Universe" column for "Natural History Magazine." From 2006-2011, he hosted "NOVA ScienceNow" on PBS television. The U.S. National Academy of Sciences awarded him the Public Welfare Medal in 2015 for his "extraordinary role in exciting the public about the wonders of science."

Oct. 6—CAROLE LOMBARD (born Jane Alice Peters) was America's favorite "screwball comedy" star. She was known for playing energetic, often off-beat, likable pranksters. Her films include: "Twentieth Century," "Hands Across the Table," "My Man Godfrey," "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" and her final film, Ernst Lubitsch's "To Be or Not to Be." She was married to "The King of Hollywood" Clark Gable when she died in an airplane crash while on a tour to promote United States war bonds. Carole Lombard Gable has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Oct. 7—YO-YO MA has been a performing cellist since he was four and a half years old. He was born in Paris, France to Chinese parents and educated in New York City. He graduated from the Julliard School and Harvard University. He has recorded more than 90 albums and won 18 Grammy Awards. Ma has been a United Nations Messenger of Peace since 2006. He won the National Medal of Arts in 2001 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011. Yo-Yo Ma was named one of "Time" magazine's "100 Most Influential People of 2020."

Oct. 8—CECE WINANS (Priscilla Marie Winans Love) is considered by many to be the greatest gospel singer of her generation. She has been awarded 12 Grammys, 23 GMA Dove Awards, 16 Stellar Awards and seven NAACP Image Awards. She is the bestselling and most-awarded gospel artist of all time. CeCe Winans has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her greatest hits included: "Mercy Says No," "More Than What I Wanted," "We Thirst for You," "Jesus, You're Beautiful" and "Give Thanks."

Here are things CeCe Winans and others have said about joy-giving, American gospel music:

"When the song is over, the mikes turned off, the lights dimmed, all the glitter and glamour shed, and I am left alone with my thoughts, free to contemplate the paths that led me to where I am today, I pause to give thanks."—CeCe Winans

"Since I was two years old, all I knew was gospel music. That music became such a part of my life it was as natural as dancing. A way to escape from the problems. And, my way of release."—Elvis Presley

"My raps are a decision, rabble rousing, spiritual, like gospel music."—Tupac Shakur

"There is a sound that comes from gospel music that doesn't come from anything else. It is a sound of, 'I'm going to make it through all of this.'"—Yolanda Adams

"From gospel music, I learned the importance of singing with emotion—authentic emotion, not contrived—which has made my music endearing."—Oleta Adams

"Gospel music is really any music that's a testimony and tells a story of what God has done in your life."—Laura Allen



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Neil Degrasse Tyson's Starfruit Mango Smoothie

"My hear is still there in gospel music. It never left."—Aretha Franklin

"Gospel music is so ingrained into my bones. I can't do a concert without singing a gospel song. It's what I was raised on."—Johnny Cash

"I'm happy that I grew up listening to gospel music and came from where I came from. I feel like I have a history and a story."—Katy Perry

COMMENTS OVERHEARD AT "THE TWISTIN' BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."—Groucho Marx

"I'm just grateful to be on this planet. I have no enemies, that I know of. I'm just the guy who makes happy."—Chubby Checker

"A comedian does funny things. A good comedian does things funny."—Buster Keaton

"Knowing how to think empowers you far beyond those who know only what to think." —Neil Degrasse Tyson

"I can't imagine a duller fate than being the best-dressed woman in reality. When I want to do something, I don't pause to contemplate whether I'm exquisitely gowned. I want to live, not pose."—Carole Lombard

"Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you're passionate about something, then you're more willing to take risks."—Yo-Yo Ma

"When you're in jail, a good friend will be trying to bail you out. A best friend will in the cell next to you saying, 'Damn, that was fun.'"—Groucho Marx

"Every limbo boy and girl, all around the limbo work; gonna do the limbo rock, all around the limbo clock."—Chubby Checker

"No man is a genius in slap shoes and a flat hat."—Buster Keaton

"I love being wrong because that means in that instant, I learned something new that day."—Neil Degrasse Tyson

"Do you laugh in the right places? Then, you'll get along, in fair weather or foul."—Carole Lombard

"Good things happen when you meet strangers."—Yo-Yo Ma

"I never forget a face, but in your case, I'll be glad to make an exception."—Groucho Marx

"Wiggle like a stick. Wobble like a duck. That's what you do when you do 'The Hucklebuck.'"—Chubby Checker

"If there is sweeter music than laughter this side of heaven, I haven't heard it."—Buster Keaton

"In the end, it's the people who are curious who change the world."—Neil Degrasse Tyson

"Personally, I resent being tagged a 'glamour girl.' It's such an absurd, extravagant label. It implies so much that I am not."—Carole Lombard

"One of the great things about being a musician is that you never stop learning."—Yo-Yo Ma

"There's a part of me that's always charging ahead. I'm the curious kid, always going to the edge."—Yo-Yo Ma

"I sent the club a wire saying, "PLEASE ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION. I DON'T WANT TO BELONG TO ANY CLUB THAT WILL ACCEPT ME AS A MEMBER."—Groucho Marx

"When I'm onstage, they know I'm honest, and I try to be as humble as I can."—Chubby Checker

"Tragedy is a close-up; comedy a long shot."—Buster Keaton

"The good thing about science is that it's true whether or not you believe in it."—Neil Degrasse Tyson

"I live by a man's code, designed to fit a man's world, yet at the same time, I never forget that a woman's first job is to choose the right shade of lipstick."—Carole Lombard

"Those are my principles, and if you don't like them...well, I have others."—Groucho Marx

"I want my flowers while I'm alive."—Chubby Checker

"Silence is of the gods; monkeys chatter."—Buster Keaton

"We are part of the universe; we are in the universe, but perhaps more important than both of those facts, is the universe is in us."—Neil Degrasse Tyson

"If my personalities offed you, I'm sure one of them can tell you where to go."—Carole Lombard

"I think that peace is, in many ways, a precondition of joy."—Yo-Yo Ma

MENU FOR "THE TWISTIN' BIRTHDAY PARTY:"

APPETIZER—Carole Lombard Orange-Glazed Screwballs (tasteofhome.com)

SOUP—Groucho Marx Duck Soup (allrecipes.com)

ENTRÉE—Yo-Yo Ma Bach, Bach Chinese Chicken (thespruceeats.com)

SIDE DISH—Chubby Checker Checkerboard Veggie Squares (food.com)

BREAD—Buster Keaton Kansas Wheat Bread (crecipe.com)

BEVERAGE—Neil Degrasse Tyson Starfruit Mango Smoothie (redmondhome.com)

DESSERT—CeCe Winans Oh Sweet Mercy Cookies (ohsweetmercy.com)

ONE TO GROW ON—"Gable and Lombard" is a 1976 biopic starring James Brolin as Clark Gable and Jill Clayburgh as Carole Lombard. The movie is big and lush with a grand, sweeping music score by Michel Legrand. There is lots of screwball comedy and glamour. Seeing this film with someone you savor, and a bottle of Champagne could make for a joy-filled night to remember.

Under the splendid array of stars in the star dome, BeBe Winans, CeCe's brother Benjamin, joined her for a duet of their song, "Give Me A Star." This was one of the most soaring blessings to the heavens, ever. The chorus pleads:

"So, give me a star
(Give me one to clear
the mist away.)
Give me a star
(Give me one star to
light the world today.)
One simple light
(Give me a star, one simple
light, and I'll never walk
alone again at night.)"

During the meal, which included Groucho Marx Duck Soup and Neil Degrasse Tyson Star Fruits, the starry, starry skies made way to projections of joy-filled scenes from Buster Keaton and Carole Lombard classic films. The background music was Yo-Yo Ma performing joyous selections from Michel Legrand's original score for the film "Gable and Lombard."

"The Twistin' Birthday Party," ended with everyone on the starlit dance floor and Chubby Checker urging all to "Let's Twist Again:"

"Come on everybody!
Clap your hands!
Awww, you lookin' good!
I'm gonna sing my song.
It won't take long.
We're gonna do The Twist,
And, it goes like this.
Come on let's twist again,
Like we did this summer!
Yeah, let's twist again,
Like we did last year.
Do you remember when,
Things were really hummin?'
Yeaaah, let's twist again.
Twistin' time is here!"

NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON'S STARFRUIT MANGO SMOOTHIE
(redmondhome.com)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup fresh star fruit
- 1 cup frozen mango
- ½ cup frozen strawberries
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Ice cubes

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Chop the fruit into small pieces and fill your measuring cup

2. Add all ingredients to a blender and blend until smooth

3. Serve right away or store in the fridge until later



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Event (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department announced they would be having their 2021 Truck or Treat Halloween event Oct. 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

CPD Public Relations Officer Adam Clark said they are very excited to be teaming up with Merchants Bank again for the return of trunk or treat.

"This is one of our biggest and most enjoyable community policing events of the year," Clark said. "We love to be able to interact with the kids and see them have a good time."

Police Chief Kenny Culpepper said they truly look forward to giving back to the community with this event. On location, there will be police cars, fire-trucks, a DJ, Halloween candy and games for those in attendance.

"We will have our police vehicles in the parking lot in between Depot Park and the police department," Culpepper said.

"Many of our officers and department staff will be dressed up and handing out candy. The Fire Department also participates, and the helicopter will land on-site. The kids and those who attend will be able to see everything while they trunk or treat."

Culpepper said donations are taken, which then furnishes the candy that they provide to the trunk-or-treaters.

He also named his executive assistant Rita Bailey as the mastermind behind the CPD's trunk or treat event.

"We are so looking forward to this year's Halloween event. It has been two years since the last one, so we hope to make it bigger and better than ever Oct. 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m."

The Cullman Police Department is located at 601 Second Avenue NE.

For more information or to donate, contact the Cullman Police Department.





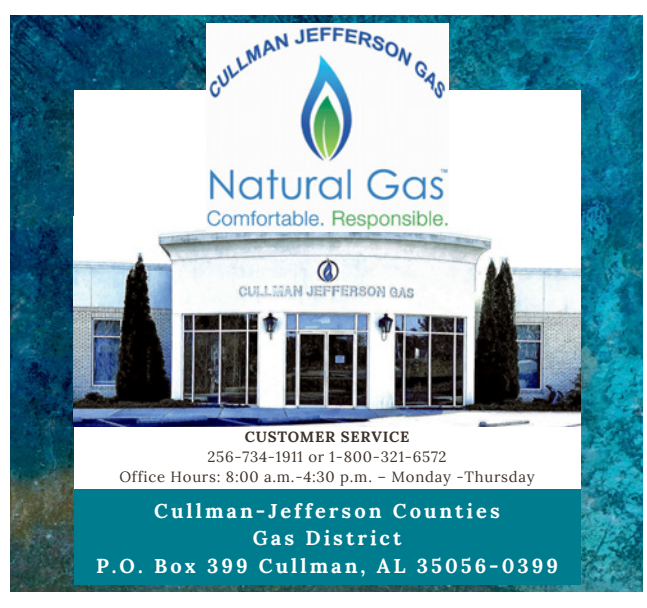




















Cottages (from Front)

reached out to the Cullman County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 for some guidance and over the past two years, Jones has developed a wonderful relationship with those at the VFW, including Commander Brian Monk and Col. Ken Brown (who served as Master of Ceremonies Thursday afternoon).

Among the speakers Thursday afternoon was Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff "Clem" Clemons.

He said of the location, "This is Lay Bottoms/Crooked Creek. This is a big thing for Cullman County and for all our vets.

"He (Jones) had a vision, and to be in San Francisco and have a vision like this, to come here to Crane Hill, Alabama, is really something."

Walker Brothers in Baileyton built the cottage. They selected natural wood for the interior in keeping with the natural surroundings.

The VFW Auxiliary held fundraisers to furnish the cottage and provide appliances. They also worked tirelessly to add the perfect touches to turn the "house into a home."

Marine Corps veteran Sean Schofield and his family also dedicated their time and efforts by landscaping the surrounding area with lush sod and flower beds.

Schofield selected pink rose bushes to honor Connie Jones.

He said, "Jones gave me the opportunity to be the instrument of his deliverance and I bought into this mission lock, stock and barrel."

Schofield continued, "I think the first couple of days, my wife and I just came out here and looked to see what we wanted this to look like. It was like putting a puzzle together."

Schofield has developed a relationship with Baker and said, "He is one of the most highly decorated peacetime veterans I have ever met."

During the ceremony, Schofield spoke about the impact that Jones had on his life.

He said, "This house isn't necessarily just the story of success of one man trying to look out for another man. This story started long before.

"I was one of the original benefactors of the stellate ganglion block PTSD shot. Before I had gone through that procedure, I was like one of many vets you see.

"I put a smile on my face but we are dealing with a lot of darkness and carrying a lot of shadows that we don't necessarily talk about. Irv was the gentleman who sponsored my trip. He brought me out of the shadows."

"We found this place by God's grace," Jones said. "This is a community for our veterans. They've worked hard for this. I didn't understand what real camaraderie really is until I got to know the vets. The military, they coalesce better than those that are in civilian life.

"Maybe it's that common discipline, the common denominator, to accomplish one goal. They certainly leave no one behind. We all know the saying. We all know the soundbite that says, 'All gave some, but some gave all.' That's the way we want to do this, because we want to honor those that put all on the line for all of us that are here today."

The ceremony concluded with Schofield and Baker raising the American flag together. Baker and Connie Jones were also presented with special gifts before guests were invited to tour Baker's new home.

"We finally got here!" Jones smiled. "We finally accomplished the first phase, and we look forward to starting the next."

He hopes to break ground on the next cottage sometime in late October or early November and when the project is complete, Connie's Cottages will consist of seven homes for veterans.

Baker is receiving assistance through the Link of Cullman with funds from Alabama Rural Coalition for the Homeless which received a grant in late May from Governor Kay Ivey with money from the American Cares Act. ARCH case manager Arturo Michaus explained that they had been working with Baker since July to find him a place to call home. Michaus said, "Baker told us about Mr. Jones and having this place built." ARCH reached out to Jones and on Thursday, they were able to see their client move into his new home.

"It's so nice! I love it!" Baker said as he pointed to the sky adding, "He heard me. He heard me. He did it. I have a home."

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *

CML, * **CASE NO.: JU 20-038.04**

a minor, DOB: 01-02-2020. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

JEREMY JOHNSON, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on January 2, 2020, to Brittany Cheyenne Loyd by the 16 day of November, 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 24 day of September, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
DUSTIN HEMBREE and
LONNA HEMBREE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO AD 2021-063

A.L.D., A MINOR.
D.O.B. 12-18-2012

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD BORN TO CATHRYN JEANICE DEMPSEY

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Dustin Hembree and Lonna Hembree, Petitioners. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 29th DAY OF September, 2021.

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

Shay Persall
Attorney for Petitioners
108 3rd Street SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WANDA FAYE WEBSTER,
Deceased.

CASE NO PC-2021-338

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Joseph Webster, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WANDA FAYE WEBSTER, Deceased, on the 16th day of September, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. 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.

Joseph Webster
Personal Representative

Lindsey Eastwood
Attorney for the Personal Representative
2001 Park Place, Suite 252
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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 RE: THE ESTATE OF *

PATRICIA MARIE SULLINS * **CASE NO.: PC 2021-354**

Deceased. *

NOTICE
PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for Summary Distribution has been filed on the 22nd day September, 2021, by Larry David Sullins, Petitioner, by and through their Attorney, Steven C. Smith and that thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the State of Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Larry David Sullins
Petitioner

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
328 1st Avenue, SE
PO Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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.

DONE this the 27th day of September, 2021.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 44
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, **HAYS PROPERTIES, LLC**, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PPIN: 34034. Parcel No.: 09-09-32-0-001-017.000. Property Address: Old Hwy 157.

Legal Description: A tract of parcel of land containing 30.12 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 9 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Begin at a found axle marking the accepted Northeast corner of said Quarter-Quarter, having an Alabama State Plane, West zone, NAD 83, coordinate value of N. 1533561.00', E. 2157926.31' and run North 89 degrees 30 minutes 29 seconds West (bearing based on Alabama State Plane, West zone, NAD 83 grid), a distance of 1,151.55 feet to a set rebar on the East right-of-way line of Alabama Interstate Highway No. 65; thence South 05 degrees 56 minutes 51 seconds East, a distance of 39.20 feet to a set rebar marking a transition point in said right-of-way line; thence South 20 degrees 37 minutes 03 seconds West, a distance of 156.13 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left having a central angle of 02 degrees 09 minutes 29 seconds, a radius of 3519.72 feet, a chord bearing of South 19 degrees 32 minutes 19 seconds West and a chord length of 132.56 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 132.57 feet to a set rebar marking another transition point in said right-of-way line; thence South 44 degrees 10 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 120.62 feet to a set rebar on the accepted West line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence South 00 Degrees 48 minutes 21 seconds East and run along said West line, a distance of 732.52 feet to a set rebar on the North right-of-way line of Old Highway No. 157; thence South 44 degrees 26 minutes 24 seconds East and run along said right-of-way line, a distance of 172.89 feet to a set rebar on the accepted South line of said Quarter-Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 17 minutes 28 seconds East and run along the accepted South line, a distance of 659.23 feet to a found 5/8 inch rebar; thence North 00 degrees 49 minutes 06 seconds West, a distance of 551.38 feet to a found capped corner (Conn-17831); thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 59 seconds east, a distance of 552.24 feet to a sound capped corner (Conn – 17831) marking the East line of said Quarter-Quarter; thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West, a distance of 705.02 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights-of-way and/or easements of record. **TO BE ZONED AS R-4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.**

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as **R-4 Residential District**.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of September, 2021. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 27th day of September, 2021. /s/ Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 53
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 05 DESIGNATING OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That SECTION IV is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

SECTION IV. The following officers of the City, all of which have some level of authority over employees of the City, exercise some discretionary policy making authority, or a portion of their duties is the ability to discharge some portion of the sovereign power of the City, shall be appointed by the majority of the City Council:

A. Police Chief.
B. Fire Chief.
C. Director of Economic Development.
D. Sanitation Superintendent.
E. Street Superintendent.
F. Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent.
G. Water and Sewer Superintendent.
H. Garage Superintendent.
I. Chief Building Official.
J. Director of Risk Management.
K. Director of Information Technology.
L. ROW Maintenance Superintendent.
M. City Engineer.
N. Director of Parks and Recreation.
O. Director of Human Resources.
P. Court Clerk.

All officers set out in this Section shall serve for one year or until their successors are appointed. All officers set out in this Section shall be directed by the Mayor, and shall report to the Mayor and the designated Committee Chair to keep the Council informed of the operations of their departments. In addition to the normal duties of their respective departments, these officers shall set formal procedures for personal conduct of the employees within their departments not inconsistent with the policies set by the Council and Mayor. All officers set out in this Section are exempt employees (employees at will) and may be removed prior to their term of service without cause by the Council. The Mayor may temporarily suspend or remove any officer, superintendent, chief, or department head in this Section; the suspension or removal of any of the above officials, if sustained by a majority of the Council, shall be final. The Mayor may temporarily fill the vacancy of any office in this Section until a permanent replacement is appointed by a majority of the Council.

3. This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 27th day of September, 2021. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 27th day of September, 2021. /s/ Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Author (from Front)

Ashlyn Grey
ashlyn@cullmantribune.com

HARTSELLE, Ala. — Hartselle-based publishing company Kerysso Press recently announced the release of its latest title, "Coffee and Cookies with God, Volume II," featuring 31 devotions to focus your heart and refresh your soul during the month of December. This collection was written by six members of group Word Weavers North Alabama, who penned the devotions and shared beloved recipes just in time for the holiday season. These writers are Becky Alexander, Bonita Y. McCoy, Suzanne D. Nichols, Ginger Solomon, Lisa Worthey Smith, and Cullman resident June Foster. The authors have earned at least a dozen awards between them, including two Selah Award finalists from devotions included in "Coffee and Cookies with God Volume I" [Kerysso Press, 2020]. Their writing can be found in publications such as "Chicken Soup for the Soul," "Guideposts" and several Grace Publication books.

"Coffee and Cookies with God, Volume II" has become an Amazon bestseller, reaching many homes across the nation. The devotions inside are short enough to read during a morning cup of coffee, but powerful enough to provide the push needed throughout the day.

The paperback copy of "Coffee and Cookies with God, Volume II" retails at $8.95, with the e-book retailing at $2.99.

This collection can be found and purchased on Amazon or any local retailer.

Kerysso Press is a print-on-demand publishing house, whose goal is to "encourage, edify and educate." With their namesake coming from the Greek word "κηρύσσω," which means "to herald, especially a divine truth."

Author Lisa Worthey Smith shared on the meaning, "This word [kerysso, κηρύσσω] was used of the public proclamation of the gospel and matters pertaining to it; made by John the Baptist, by Jesus, by the apostles, and by other Christian teachers."

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 30 - Oct. 1

Manuel L. "Shorty" Brown, 81, of Cullman
Funeral service for Manuel L. "Shorty" Brown, 81, of Cullman will be at noon, Saturday, Oct. 2, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Baldwin Heights Baptist Cemetery, with Reverends Steve Rodgers and John Garrison officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 10 a.m. – noon. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Brown family. Mr. Brown passed away Wednesday, Sept. 29, at his residence. He was born Dec. 22, 1939, to Trell and Evlin Elizabeth Fortenberry Brown. He was an active member and a deacon for many years. Shorty worked at Cullman Products for 40 years. He loved Alabama football and he loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 56 years: Sarah Brown sister: Irma Moon. Survivors include his son: Terry (Sandy) Brown; daughters: Deborah (Harold) Townsend and Donna (Cory) Freeman; brothers: Paul (Joann) Brown, Leon (Pam) Brown and Ricky (Brenda) Brown; sister: Mamie (L.J.) Smith; cousin: Mitchell Fortenberry; grandchildren: Brittney (Kevin) Bowers, Kendall (Jonlee) Sasser, Devon (Jordan) Taylor, Chandler (Jordan) Brown, Ashley (Lane) Jones and Jordan Freeman; great-grandchildren: Crimson Daniel Bowers, Sawyer Daniel Bowers, Mason Moses Brown, Ren River Brown and Brier McKinley Jones, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Edna Earle Hicks, 90, of Cullman
A graveside service for Edna Earle Hicks will be 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, at Duck River Cemetery in Hanceville. Reverend Gary Waddell will be officiating. Mrs. Hicks was born Oct. 30, 1930, to William and Lorene (Phillips) Holcombe in Cullman County, Alabama. She died at the age of 90 on Thursday, Sept. 30, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab Center. Mrs. Hicks is survived by her children: Terry Keith Hicks (Janice), William K Hicks (Joan), Gary Wayne Hicks (Cecila) and Phillip Hicks (Charlotte); grandchildren: Brandon Hicks, Josh Hicks, Elizabeth Hicks Taylor (Chad), Lidnsey Burks (Matthew), Carrie Rusell (Jeremy), Cathy Hicks, Sara Black, Laurel Waddle and Scott Hicks (Leslie); 11 great-grandchildren and a sister: Wanda Jean Hodge. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Hicks was also preceded in death by her husband: Clyde Hicks and grandchild: Sam Hicks.

Rubel "Ruby" Peoples Morrow, 78, of Cullman
Rubel "Ruby" Peoples Morrow, age 78, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Ruby was born Feb. 18, 1943, in Hamilton, Alabama to Oliver Thomas and Minnie Mae Cooper Peoples. Ruby is survived by her sister: Janice Peoples Clark; her brother: Mickey (Donna) Peoples; her daughter: Deborah (Charles) Morrow Pennington; her sons: Kevin (Pam) Morrow and Keith (Reeta) Morrow; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years: James Harold Morrow. A celebration of life visitation for Ruby will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, from 10-11 a.m. at Baldwin Heights Baptist Church (2489 U.S. Highway 278 W, Cullman, AL 35057). A celebration of life funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. An interment will occur at Baldwin Heights Cemetery.

Mary Lenning, 75, of Arab
Funeral service for Mary Lenning, age 75, of Arab, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Keith Hodges officiating and burial at Mt. Zion. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Lenning passed away Tuesday, Sept. 28, at her residence. She was born Aug. 23, 1946, in Alabama to Hobert Price and Geneva Dickerson. She was preceded in death by her husband: Larry Lenning; parents and brother: Harold Price. Survivors include her daughter: Melony (Tony) Holcombe; daughter: Sarah (Mark) Neal; stepbrother: Darrell (Jane) Lenning; grandchildren: Hannah Holcombe, Trevor Hagood and Angela Machemer; sister: Terrie Hill; brother: Bunkey (Karen) Price; brother: Gary Price; sister: Karen Cook and a host nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Aleisha Danielle Bishop, 35, of Cullman
Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Aleisha Danielle Bishop, 35, of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Aleisha passed away Thursday, Sept. 30, at Decatur Morgan Hospital. She was born Oct. 7, 1985, to Larry Daniel Robinson and Leisha Annette Ragsdale Aguiro. She was preceded in death by her grandfather: Nelson Ragsdale and her husband: Tyron Haynes. Survivors include her grandmother: Joyce Ragsdale; her parents; three brothers: Roman Robinson, Austin (Kaytlyn) Aguero and Reno Aguero; sister: Holli (Christopher) Mattox; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Danny Wayne Hamby, 60, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Danny Wayne Hamby of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Laodicea Freewill Baptist Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Hamby was born Aug. 29, 1961, in Arab, Alabama to Isaac and Martha (Heaton) Hamby. He died Sept. 29, at the age of 60 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Survivors include his wife: Samantha Roberson; children: Shannon Hamby and Cory Hamby; granddaughter: McKenna Hamby; sister: Charlotte Bates; brother: Lamar Hamby and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Hamby was preceded in death by his brother: Donald Hamby and sister: Martha Bates. Pallbearers will be Tony Bates, Lee Bates, Daniel Bates, Albert Rangel, Presston Eddy and Cordaro Love.

Ernest Leroy Reddick, 93, of Cullman
Ernest Leroy Reddick, age 93, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Sept. 29. Ernest was born Sept. 7, 1928, in Chipley, Florida. Ernest is survived by his wife: Joan G. Reddick; his daughter: Caroline Ann Reddick (Tom) Lawson; his son: Allen Hilliard Reddick (Kirsten); his son: Ernest Leroy III (Nancy) Reddick; and his son: Benjamin Colquett Reddick; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service for Ernest will be held Monday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Church (305 Arnold Street NE, Cullman, AL 35055). Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Reddick family.

Mary Ruth Jetton, 84, of Cullman
Funeral service for Mary Ruth Jetton, 84, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 4, at Corinth West First Congregational Methodist with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Reverends Ronnie Jetton, Harold Widener and Steven Link will be officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from noon - 2 p.m. on Monday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jetton family. Mrs. Jetton passed away Friday, October 2021, at her residence. She was born Sept. 11, 1937, to Grant Washington and Flossie Lee Marcum Osborne. She was in the ministry with her husband, Rev. Wayne Jetton, for over 50 years, pastoring churches in Cullman County and in the southeastern states. She was a loving, Godly lady and raised her children and grandchildren accordingly. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and sisters and her granddaughter: Marisa Goodwin. Survivors include her husband of 63 years: Rev. Wayne Jetton; daughters: Robin (Danny) Johnson and Terrie (Micheal) Wallace; grandchildren: Jessica (Johnny) Graham, Candance Freeman, Michael Goodwin, Latasha Karoly, Amanda (Michael) Holmes and Candace (Nick) Young; great-grandchildren: Jesse Graham, Jordan Graham, Josiah Graham, Elisha Garrison, Jameson Karoly, Brooke Jaimes, Westlyn Young and Lexi Holmes; family and friends.

Bobby Lee Walker, 72, of the Black Pond Community
Bobby Lee Walker, 72, of the Black Pond Community, entered into rest Thursday, Sept. 30, at Walker Baptist Medical Center. Mr. Walker was born June 21, 1949, in Jasper, Alabama. Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 9, from noon - 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will be held on at 1 p.m. Burial will follow in Williams Cemetery in the Black Pond Community. Brother Steve Kimbrough will officiate. A complete obituary will be available on Monday.

Hillard Brannon, 81, of Addison
Hillard Brannon, 81, of Addison, Alabama entered into rest Thursday, Sept. 30, at Huntsville Hospital. Hillard was born Oct. 10, 1939, in Addison, Alabama. Hillard loved classic cars, his family and working on his cattle farm. He was a workaholic who loved being busy. Hillard also enjoyed listening to music, especially country and old gospel. Visitation will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, from 2-3 p.m. at Addison First Baptist Church where service will follow at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Addison. Brothers Kenny Sudduth and Kelly Ergle will officiate. Hillard is survived by his wife of 62 years: Etta Brannon; sons: Steve Brannon and his wife Melinda and Mark Brannon and his wife Liz; grandchildren: Trent (Kayla) Brannon and Cathrine Brannon; step-grandchildren: Lucas (Courtney) Anders, Landon Anders and Lexi Anders; great-grandchildren: Parker Brannon and Tyler Brakeman; step-great-grandchildren: Jacob Brooks, Tyvn Ellis and Knox Anders and brothers: Jerry (Glenda) Brannon and Dexter (Sheila) Brannon. He was preceded in death by his father: Zeman Brannon and mother: Delia Brannon.

Donna Miller, 68, of Baileyton
Donna Miller, 68, of Baileyton, passed away Sept. 30. She was born March 13, 1953, in Talladega to Edward Barnes and Eva Odessa Matson Ledlow. Mrs. Miller was a member of Gardendale First Baptist Church. She worked for many years as a medical transcriptionist. After retiring, Donna became a full-time grandmother. She loved being a "Gramma" and she adored her grandchildren. Donna was loved dearly by her family, and she will be missed greatly by them. Donna is preceded in death by her father: Edward Barnes Ledlow. Survivors include her husband: Larry Miller; daughters: Stephanie Powell (Stephen) and Leah Miller (Joshua Winborn); grandsons: Malikai and Nehemiah; mother: Odessa Ledlow and sister: Rhonda Bentley (Frank). Funeral services for Donna will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Welcome Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Friends may visit with the family at the church Tuesday, from noon, until services begin. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miller family.

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Wallace State celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with events at both the main campus in Hanceville and at the Oneonta campus centers.

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 each year to recognize the countless contributions of more than 60 million Hispanic Americans to our culture and society. Hispanic Americans are the largest minority group in the United States today, and generations of Hispanic Americans have consistently helped make our country strong and prosperous.

"Esparanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope" is the theme for 2021. It invites everyone to celebrate Hispanic Heritage and to reflect on how great tomorrow can be if we hold onto our resilience and hope. It also encourages us to reflect on all the contributions Hispanics have made in the past and will continue to make in the future.

An open house will be held on Oct. 12 from 5-7 p.m. at the Oneonta Technical Center (728 Second Ave. SE). La Jefe 98.3 FM will be on location with music and remote broadcasts. Bounces houses, face painting and Chinito's taco truck are included in the festivities. Free tacos will be given to the first 100 visitors. Tours of the technical center will also be available, and staff will be on hand from Admissions, Financial Aid, Advising, Dual Enrollment, Adult Education, Welding, Machine Tool Technology, Mechatronics, Diesel by Distance and the Center for Career and Workforce Development to discuss opportunities at Wallace State. The community is invited to attend.

Wallace State will welcome Juan Chavez and Dr. Paul J. Fontanez to the Hanceville campus Oct. 11. Chavez will speak at 11 a.m. and Dr. Fontanez at 1 p.m., both in the Bailey Center Auditorium. Chef Aaron Nichols and the Culinary Arts program will offer a chef's demonstration of authentic scallop ceviche with tortilla crisps in the Bailey Center lobby.

Chinito's taco truck will also be on the main campus near the Bailey Center from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Wallace State Cafe and Culinary Arts Program will also offer Hispanic Heritage themed fare that week.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Dr. Fontanez of



THE BLOUNT COUNTIAN
Juan Chavez

Athens, is the Deputy Director for Architecture Assessment with the Missile Defense Agency, with whom he has served since 2005.

He is a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton with a Bachelor of Science in Physics and Mathematics. He also holds a Master of Science in Systems Management with honors (4.0 GPA) from Capitol Technical University, a Master of Science in Systems Engineering from George Washington University, a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy with an emphasis in Economic Development from George Mason University and a Private Helicopter Pilot Certificate from Wallace State College.

Juan Chavez is a deputy with the Blount County Sheriff's Office and a graduate of Wallace State, where he earned an associate degree in Engineering Technology before transferring to Faulkner University to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.



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Dr. Paul J. Fontanez

A 2015 graduate of Oneonta High School, Chavez told The Blount Countian he had thought about a career in law enforcement for some time, but it wasn't until he found himself assisting local law enforcement and members of the Latino community as a translator that things changed. His efforts caught the attention of Blount County District Attorney Pamela Casey who suggested a career in law enforcement. He became the county's first Latino deputy in 2018.

"I believe this is what God wants me to do," he said.

Matthew McFall named Wallace State Community College's new Chief Information Officer

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Matthew McFall has been named Wallace State Community College's new Chief Information Officer for the Division of Information Technology.

McFall comes to Wallace State after leading Jacksonville State University's Technology Support Department (within the Division of Information Technology) as director for nearly five years.

"I am very excited to join Wallace State as the new CIO. I am fortunate to have inherited a team of very dedicated and talented IT professionals.

"We look forward to working with the students, faculty and staff to ensure the technology solutions and support we provide on campus are at the highest level they can be," McFall said.

While at Jacksonville State, among other duties as director, McFall served as the liaison between IT and the rest of the university community, created a technology plan to allow the university to transition to remote operations after a 2018 tornado struck the campus and during the COVID-19 pandemic and implemented a faculty device refreshment program that provided all full-time faculty a new mobile computing device, replacing desktop computers being utilized.

McFall, who also has previous experience in the private sector, began his career at Jacksonville State in 2008, working and teaching in multiple roles before being named director of the Division of Information Technology (Department of Technology Support).

McFall has two degrees from Jacksonville State. He earned his bachelor's degree in Business Management/Human Resource Management and his master's in Manufacturing Systems Technology.

McFall is currently pursuing a Doctor of Science degree in Emergency Management from his alma mater.

McFall has also served as the assistant chief of the Webster's Chapel Volunteer Fire Department in Wellington, a volunteer admissions liaison officer for the United States Air Force Academy (Colorado Springs, Colorado) and a high school football referee.



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Matthew McFall

McFall and his wife Lori have two children.

Their son, Braxton, is a Cadet 2nd Class (Junior) at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

He will commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force in May 2023 and hopes to receive a pilot training slot.

Their daughter, Callie, is a sophomore at Jacksonville State, majoring in Fashion Merchandising.



