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LOCAL CHARITES

Bosom Buddies Foundation Hosts 2nd Annual Little Pink Dress Party fundraiser

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation on Tuesday evening hosted its 2nd Annual Little Pink Dress Party at Loft 212. The doors opened at 5:30 p.m., at which time the guests began to fill the venue.

Dinner, courtesy of Custom Catering, was served by local members of law enforcement and the community, who collected tips in pink gartered armbands on behalf of the Bosom Buddies Foundation. Live and silent auctions were also scheduled.

President of Bosom Buddies Lori McGrath spoke with The Tribune on the history of the event and the Foundation, saying, "This should be the 4th Annual, but we did not get to hold the last two years because of COVID. It is a fundraiser. What Bosom Buddies is about is that we help local people in our county and in what we call 'practical aspects' of getting health care."

She continued, "For example, a patient » PAGE 5

ROCK THE HAIR!

Local second-grader Ezra Cramer enters finals of national mullet championship



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CULLMAN, Ala. — His curly blonde locks are a whole lot country, a little bit rock and roll and have landed him in the finals of the USA Mullet Championship. Fairview Elementary second-grader Ezra Cramer needs your vote in order to bring the title back to Cullman County.

Ezra has naturally curly blonde hair and prior to the mullet cut, he liked wearing it long. During the COVID shutdown, his mom Kaleigha explained, "I » PAGE 6



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Lifelong Cullman resident Inez Eidson Ruehlong passes at 102



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Inez Ruehl at her 100th birthday celebration at Westminster Assisted Living.

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East Elementary students build their own solar-powered ovens



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East Elementary School students construct solar-powered ovens as they learn about solar energy and make some decision s'mores in the process.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 5-6

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported October 6, 2021. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 4

- first-degree theft of property; Enterprise Rent-A-Car; 2nd Ave. NW; '21 Ford F-150; $35,000
- third-degree theft of property; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Northcrest Dr. NW; damage to '21 Jeep and '01 Mercury

Oct. 5

- first-degree theft of property; person; 4th St. SW; '06 Dodge Ram; $2,000
- third-degree burglary; third-degree criminal mischief; Cullman Park & Rec; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous damaged property; $275

ARRESTS

Oct. 4

Schwenn, Andrew W.; 32

- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving without license

Walker, Joey V.; 23

- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper muffler
- FTA- fail to register vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA- speeding

Mollohan, Mandy M.; 44

- FTA- DUI

Boone, Timothy A.; 27

- FTA- fail to register vehicle
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- driving while license revoked
- FTA- driving without license

Forster, Austin B.; 32

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Oct. 5

Rockwell Jr., Vinton E.; 33

- FTA- expired tag

Petitjean, Andrea L.; 43

- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- no seat belt

Carter, Terry L.; 66

- Fugitive from justice

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LIFESTYLE

COVID-19 Halloween safety tips for 2021

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Recently, the Columbus Department of Health released a list of tips on how to make trick-or-treating and other Halloween festivities safer for participants of all ages. As the second holiday season during the COVID-19 pandemic approaches for everyone, there are always ways to be on the lookout to help one another.

For those planning on trick-or-treaters this year, it is advised to stay home if anyone is sick or displaying symptoms of COVID-19. Face masks are encouraged, exempting children under two years old and individuals with medical exceptions. When wearing a face mask, ensure it covers the entire nose and mouth area. Maintaining a social distance of at least six feet from other individuals or groups is encouraged.

Trick-or-treating is encouraged with individuals who share the same household. Avoid clustered doors and areas until the space has cleared of people and can be entered without extreme close contact.

Large parties or indoor gatherings should be avoided; however, outdoor activities are encouraged. Bring hand sanitizer to use between stops and only fully take wrapped candy or treats.

For treat givers, it's recommended not to give out candy if anyone in the household feels sick or has symptoms of COVID-19. It is best to designate one individual to hand out candy. When wearing a face mask, put it on before opening the door and ensure it covers the entire nose and mouth area. Putting treats into individual baggies and laying them out instead of putting them in a large bowl can minimize cross contact between trick-or-treaters.

It is advised for both trick-or-treaters and treat givers to receive a flu vaccine by at least two weeks before Halloween, and keep hands washed frequently. Stay safe and have a Happy Halloween!

LEGALS

SPECIAL NOTICE RE LOCAL LAWS

NO SPECIAL, PRIVATE, OR LOCAL LAW CAN BE PASSED, except in reference to fixing the time of holding courts, unless notice of the intention to apply therefore shall have been published, without cost to the State, in the county or counties where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated. The notice must state the substance of the proposed law and be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in some newspaper published in such county or counties. The publication must have been completed prior to the day on which the bill is introduced.

Proof by affidavit (proof of publication) which verifies that notice has been properly published must be exhibited to the House of Representatives and the Senate, and one copy of the proof must be attached to the original copy of the bill which is offered for introduction.

The county or municipality affected by a local law introduced by a legislator must pay for advertising the notice, if the notice is signed by the Legislator, even though the bill is not passed. (Section 11-13-6, Code of Alabama 1975)

LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; amending Section 1 of Act 2020-160 of the 2020 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-224, Code of Alabama 1975, to provide that the Battleground School Historical Board may transfer ownership of the Battleground School property by a vote of the board; and deleting the additional requirement of a referendum.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 1 of Act 2020-160, of the 2020 Regular Session, now appearing as Section 45-22-224, Code of Alabama 1975, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§45-22-224.

"(a) In Cullman County, the Battleground School Historical Board is established to own, operate, manage, and preserve the former Battleground School property in the unincorporated community of Battleground, including any ball fields and other historical structures, owned by the Cullman County Board of Education. The Battleground School Historical Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Cullman County Legislative Delegation for terms of four years. Members of the board shall continue to serve until a successor is appointed. Members of the board are immune from civil liability for actions taken in the conduct of their duties to the extent allowed under Section 36-1-12.

"(b)(1) The Battleground School Historical Board may accept title to the former Battleground School property owned by the Cullman County Board of Education and may hold the property for the benefit and use of the public, particularly the unincorporated community of Battleground. The Battleground School Historical Board may receive state, local, and other governmental funding and may accept charitable donations.

"(2) The board may ~~not~~ sell or transfer ownership of the property ~~unless approved by~~ upon approval of a majority ~~vote~~ of the board ~~and then by a majority vote of the qualified electors in the unincorporated community of Battleground at a referendum called by the judge of probate and held during the following general election~~.

"(c) The Battleground School Historical Board may be reorganized as an unincorporated nonprofit association or other entity authorized by law by unanimous consent of the board."

Section 2. This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 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 in Alabama: -22.7% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Alabama: 10.5%
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,402
- Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 415,847 (+ 5,886 since Monday)
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
- Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 7,424 (+ 141 since Monday)
- Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
- Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.:6.9%
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,589
- Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 7,448 (+ 72 since Monday)
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
- Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 150 (+ 1 since Monday)
- Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,518
- Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 105
- Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 54,999
- Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 5,767
- Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 1,084

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday)

- Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,496,225
- Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,771,215
- Doses administered: 4,344,815
- Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,463,269
- Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,013,197
- Doses delivered to federal programs: 2,725,010

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

Make vaccination a priority

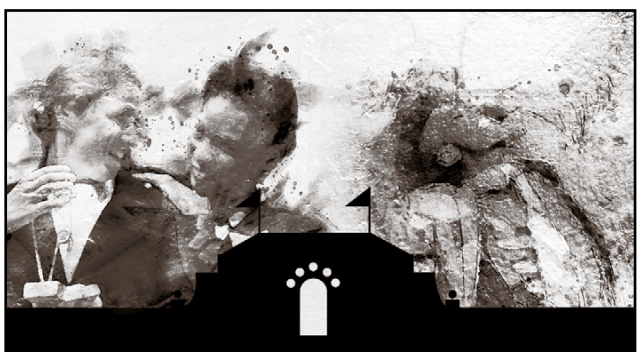
At the height of vaccine administration on April 8, 45,128 vaccine doses were given. Young people and others who are taking a wait-and-see stance on vaccination should be aware that they need to protect themselves, their families, friends and communities by getting vaccinated as soon as they can. Safe,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



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to olivia@cullmantribune.com

"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.
• 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. 13, 7 p.m.: Children and youth classes. Adult men's class: "Be the Man", Adult women's class "Design Your Life"
• Oct. 16: Drive-thru food bank - 9-11 a.m. Bring ID.
• Oct. 17, 9 a.m.: Van runs in 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast @ 9:30 a.m. Small group classes for children, youth and adults @ 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Message "GUIDE ME LORD!" by Pastor Bobby Dodd
• Oct. 30, 4-8 p.m.: FALL FESTIVAL -games, prizes, bouncy houses, free candy and free food. Bring your children and enjoy the fun!
• Mondays-Fridays 5 Points Food Outreach -CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID
• Sundays at 9 a.m. Van runs in 5 Points area. Call 256-841-2060 for 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.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthday. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Kids Loving Kids -outreach program to provide CHRISTMAS gifts for children ages infant-18 yrs. to help parents in need of assistance. Register now through midnight on November 15th for December pickup. https://form.jotform.com/202483601332041 or facebook.com/kidslovingkids and look for registration info there. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.

Free Community Dinner at Center Hill Baptist Church
• 5-6 p.m.- The first Wednesday of every month we will be offering a Free Community Dinner. Church members, community members, neighbors and friends are welcome. This will be takeout only. Please message or comment with how many plates you will need to help us prepare enough food for everyone. RSVP at http://bit.ly/centerhill.
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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 Fall Camp Programs
• 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.
• Oct. 8, 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Pumpkins: Pumpkin treats, pumpkins to pick and pumpkin actives abound in this pumpkin-themed program for the preschoolers.
• Oct. 25, 10 a.m.:, Cullman Library: Pumpkin Adventures! Story time and pumpkin fun. *Free program, no registration required.
• Oct. 26, 10 a.m.: Guy Hunt Library (Holly Pond): Pumpkin Adventures! Story time and pumpkin fun. *Free program, no registration required.
• Oct. 28, 9 a.m.: Heritage Homeschool Leatherwork: Learn the basics of leatherwork and make your own project to take home.
• Nov. 6, 9 a.m.: Farm Kids Animal Signs: Join us in learning how to become a nature detective! Kids will learn how to read the 'clues' to find out who their animal neighbors are.
• Nov. 12, 10 a.m.: Little Farmers Turkey Talk: Gobble Gobble, we have a ton of turkey fun planned. We get to meet the star of Thanksgiving!
• Nov. 18, 9 a.m.: Heritage Homeschool Woodworking: Students will use basic woodworking skills to make a project they can bring home. Due to the hands-on nature (and tools), no unregistered siblings allowed. Students will need assistance from their adult.

Adult programs
• Oct. 12, 6 p.m.: Small Commercial Scale Blackberry & Blueberry Production: Arnold Caylor, Retired Director of the Cullman AU Research Station and Kira Sims. Cullman County Extension Coordinator will be speaking on small commercial scale berry growing. This class is open to small scale farmers or the hobbyist farmer.
• Oct. 14, 4:30 p.m.: Heritage Skills Intro to Beekeeping: Taught by Alabama Beekeeping Association President Phillip Garrison. We will be building a complete hive and learning about the basics of backyard bees.
• Oct. 16, 8 a.m.: Cullman County Master Gardeners Fall Plant Sale: Low prices on healthy plants!
• Nov. 2, 6 p.m.: Heritage Skills Beginning Crochet: Learn the basics of crocheting and get started on a cotton washcloth. All supplies will be provided. Class cost is $10.00.
• Nov. 6, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Blacksmith Workshop: Taught by Allan Kress. Limited space available. Adults and youth ages 14-17 with supervising adult. Cost is $25.00. *Program Full, can sign up for waitlist.
• Nov. 9, 6 p.m.: Living Landscapes Cheesemaking: Local urban farmer Kelly Hayes will be teaching the basics of cheesemaking by demonstrating how to make farmers cheese, chevre and more. Class cost is $10.00.
• Thursdays, noon - 1 p.m.: Yoga under the Pavilion, Join us for a beginner yoga class in the serenity of nature. $5 per person, no registration required. Please bring your yoga mat & water.

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.

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 on 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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Oct. 12 - The Holly Pond Homemakers Club will hold its monthly meeting Oct. 12, at The Brandin' Iron in Fairview at 11:30 a.m. This will be an eating meeting. Bring a good appetite.

The Refuge Church Fall Festival
Oct. 31 - From 6-8 p.m. at The Refuge Church (1115 U.S. Highway 278 E. Cullman, AL 35055)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – For the first time since 2015, the Good Hope Lady Raiders are Cullman County Tournament champions and they had to come from behind and defeat the two-time defending champs to make it happen. West Point entered Tuesday night's finals as back to back defending champions and dominated the opening set to take an early lead but the Lady Raiders were able rally and bounce back to win the next two sets and topple the Lady Warriors to earn this year's county crown.

After the come from behind victory, Good Hope Head Coach Natasha Holder was proud of the way her team responded after a tough first set.

"There are no words to express how proud I am right now," Holder said. "The girls' grit and effort just to fight back after losing that first set was great. We sat for so long and I felt like we just needed to get warmed back up and they knew they had to go out there and take it. It wasn't going to be given to them and West Point gave us a good run. They're a great team."

Holder likes the way her team is playing together right now and wants to see them continue building on that as the postseason approaches.

"I think it starts with our senior leadership. I have seen our seniors step up so much as leaders on the court this year. They bring that energy, and they bring that effort that we need. We're all playing together right now and that's what we need to excel at when we get to the postseason."

The Lady Raiders knocked off Fairview in the semifinals and West Point got by the Lady Aggies in the loser's bracket to set up the showdown with Good Hope in the finals. The Lady Warriors took an early, 5-1 lead in their first set against the Lady Raiders and they extended their lead to 12-2 as the set went on.

West Point pulled ahead 16-4 and led 21-9 at one point before pulling away to take the opening set of the county finals 25-14.

Things were much tighter in the second set. The score was knotted at 3 early and stayed tied at 12 midway through the set. Good Hope broke a 16-16 tie with a 3-0 run to take a 19-16 lead but the Lady Warriors were able to respond and tie things back up at 19 late in the set. West Point moved in front 22-20 at one point but the Lady Raiders finished strong with a 5-1 run to secure a 25-23 win in the second set and force a tiebreaker set.

Both teams were tied at 4 early in third set but Good Hope took control of the momentum and pushed ahead 10-4 with a 6-0 run. The Lady Raiders built a 12-5 lead late in the set and held off a late run from the Lady Warriors to claim a 15-8 win in the final set and their first county championship since 2015.



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The Good Hope Lady Raiders celebrate after winning this year's Cullman County Volleyball Tournament Tuesday night.

2021 All-County Tournament Team

- Ivey Maddox – Good Hope
- Kyndall Seal – Good Hope
- Braelee Quinn – West Point
- Laci Segrest – Fairview
- Cassidy Hutchison – Fairview
- Abby Young – Vinemont
- Bailey Keef – Good Hope
- Ryleigh Jones – West Point
- Kamryn Tankersley – Holly Pond
- Sadie Smith – Fairview
- Kristine Shadix – West Point
- Alexis Tidwell – Cold Springs

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- Kamryn Tankersley – Holly Pond
- Kennedy Twilley – Holly Pond
- Brooklynn Wells – West Point
- Sadie Smith – Fairview

2021 Samantha Perdue Award Winner

- Ryleigh Jones – West Point

PREP FOOTBALL

Local teams ramping up for week 7 region games

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Good Hope's Tanner Malin (11), Arab's Ed Johnson (12) and Holly Pond's Andy Light (16).

CULLMAN, Ala. – Most of the regular season is behind us now and the importance of each remaining game is going up each and every week as the postseason approaches. Several teams are in great shape in their respective regions while others need some big wins in the final weeks of the regular season to have a chance at taking a playoff spot. Cullman, Fairview, Hanceville, Vinemont, Cold Springs, Addison and Meek are all on the road to take on region foes this week while Arab, West Point, Good Hope and Holly Pond prepare to host critical region matchups.

Cullman (5-2) at Columbia (0-7)

The Bearcats have won four straight games coming into this week's trip to Columbia and as long as nothing goes wrong Friday night, they should be in great shape to extend their streak to five games. Cullman is putting up over 32 points per game during this win streak so the offense has been clicking and should be able to find some success against an Eagles team that has struggled so far this fall.

Arab (6-1) v. Oxford (3-3)

The Knights are gearing up for a major Region 7 clash this week. Oxford is travelling to Arab Friday night and a win over the Yellow Jackets would put the Knights in the driver's seat atop the region standings. Arab has won five straight coming into this week's matchup and Oxford is coming off a tight loss to Gadsden City last week. The Yellow Jackets have been inconsistent on the offensive side of the ball this season and they'll see one of the best defenses they've played all year when they arrive at Arab Friday night. The Knights are allowing just 8.9 points per game this fall and after falling to Oxford 42-14 last season, they'll be excited to hit the field and try to turn the tables on the Yellow Jackets this year.

Fairview (5-1) at Crossville (0-6)

The Aggies are coming off a massive, 21-18 win at Boaz last week and have a great chance to collect another region win Friday night. Fairview is posting 39 points per game this season and that high-powered offense will hit the road to take on Crossville this week. The Lions are still searing for their first win of the season and have struggled on both sides of the ball. Opponents are scoring 41 points per game against Crossville this year so if the Aggies can play their game and avoid any major mistakes, they'll probably be returning home with another region win Friday night.

West Point (4-2) v. Sardis (0-6)

The Warriors hammered Crossville last week to improve to 4-2 and have won back to back games coming into this week's matchup against Sardis. The Lions are still looking for their first win of the season and have had consistency issues on both sides of the ball. Opposing teams are scoring over 41 points per game against Sardis this year so West Point's offense will have a great opportunity to find its rhythm and put some points on the board Friday night. As long as the Warriors execute their plan and avoid any major mistakes, they'll have a great chance to pick up another region win.

Good Hope (5-2) v. Fultondale (1-5)

The Raiders went on the road and pulled off a huge win over Etowah last week to take control of Region 6 but now they have to refocus for another regional clash at home Friday night. Good Hope has been playing well on both sides of the ball this season and this week the Raiders will face a Fultondale defense that has been struggling this fall. The Wildcats are allowing more than 34 points per game and have been shut out on the offensive side of the ball three times this season. If Good Hope can ride the momentum it created at Etowah last week, the Raiders will have a great chance to add another region win to their playoff resume.

Hanceville (2-4) at Etowah (3-3)

After dropping a tough game to Oneonta at home last week, Hanceville will be on the road Friday night for a regional matchup with another strong team. The Bulldogs will take on Etowah this week and have a chance to create some major momentum for the end of the season with a win over the Blue Devils. Etowah has dropped back to back games to Fort Payne and Good Hope coming into this week's matchup and the Bulldogs will try to find a way to win and make it three in a row Friday night.

Vinemont (2-4) at Susan Moore (3-3)

Vinemont is coming off a tough loss at Winfield this week, but the Eagles will have to put that one behind them and prepare for another regional road game. Vinemont will travel to Susan Moore to face the Bulldogs Friday night and has a chance to create some momentum with a big region win. The Eagles have had some struggles on the defensive side of the ball this season, allowing over 33 points per game but Susan Moore's offense has been held to just 21 points in its last three games combined. The Bulldogs are trying to find their footing during this three-game losing streak, but Vinemont doesn't plan to help them out when they arrive at Susan Moore Friday night.

Holly Pond (3-3) v. Winfield (7-0)

The Broncos hammered Tarrant 59-6 last week to pull their record back up to .500 this season but they'll have a much bigger challenge in front of them this week. Winfield will travel to Holly Pond Friday night for a regional matchup against the Broncos and the Pirates have been red-hot the last few weeks. Winfield is scoring over 40 points per game and allowing just 6 points per game this fall so things have been running smoothly on both sides of the ball and it'll take a special performance from Holly Pond to pull off the upset this week.

Cold Springs (0-6) at Midfield (5-2)

The Eagles are still looking for their first win of the season after falling to Addison at home last week and things won't get any easier when they hit the road Friday night. Cold Springs will travel to take on Midfield in a regional clash this week and the Eagles will have to put together a great performance on both sides of the ball to knock off the Patriots on their home field. Cold Springs has struggled to put points on the board this year and Midfield's defense will present another test for the Eagles Friday night.

Addison (4-3) at Lamar County (4-2)

The Bulldogs downed Cold Springs on the road last week and they'll be traveling again this week for another regional showdown against Lamar County. Addison has dealt with some inconsistency on the offensive side of the ball this season but defensively, the Bulldogs have been stingy as usual. Addison is holding opponents to just 16 points per game this fall but the Bulldogs of Lamar County are posting 24 points per game. Something will have to give Friday night when these two Bulldogs meet and if Addison can make some plays on the offensive side, it'll have a chance to pick up another big region win.

Meek (4-2) at Lynn (1-5)

The Tigers picked up a big, 34-14 win over Marion County last week to add another region win to their playoff resume but they'll have to refocus and regroup for another important game Friday night. Meek will travel to take on Lynn this week and a win over the Bears would put the Tigers in a great position in the Region 6 standings. Meek is posting over 31 points per game this season and Lynn has struggled on the defensive side of the ball so if the Tigers can execute their plan on the road and take care of the football, they'll have a great opportunity to pick up another region victory.

Ruehlong (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Tribune is sad to learn of the passing of Mrs. Inez Eidson Ruehl of Cullman Sunday, Oct. 3. Mrs. Ruehl was 102 years old and had a tremendous impact on the Cullman community. She was a longtime member of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church.

Mrs. Ruehl was a 1937 graduate of Fairview High School and while working at Colonial Poultry Farm, she met Herman Ruehl who she would later marry in 1941. They had three children: Ruth, Herman Jr. and Martha Jane. In 1958, she would experience a terrible tragedy when her husband and daughter Martha were killed in a car accident.

After her retirement in 1980, she co-founded Christmas Love with her friend Loreen Scott. The organization was established to assist needy families and children in the Cullman community. She was also a charter member of the Pilot Light House where she served as secretary/treasurer for many years, as well as a member of the board of directors. The land she and her husband owned was the original location of the Weiss Cottage, Cullman's oldest house. Inez donated the cottage to the City of Cullman in 1976. She had only asked that Weiss Cottage be relocated. It was then moved to its current location on First Avenue Southeast for all to visit and enjoy.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced at this time.

Fundraiser (from Front)

might find out they have cancer—and we treat men and women—they are told they have cancer and have to start treatments. So, what happens a lot of times is that the other spouse or a friend has to kind of stop their job and you stop yours because you are getting treatments.

"They need help with gas and groceries. We have a lady at the hospital, Jessica Nicholson, and Jessica helps screen with the hospital, so they have to fill out paperwork for need, so we do not just hand out money.

"In fact, we never just hand out money. We help pay their bills."

McGrath further explained that those who might benefit from the Foundation often meet with Jessica, and the amount of assistance they receive is based on need. The meetings take place by phone, virtually, or face-to-face, and patients are walked through their evaluation.

Afterward, the results of the evaluation are given to the hospital's financial aid team, who are trained to review cases and communicate the amount of funding and assistance for which the patient qualifies.

"It establishes them with the hospital and Jessica works her magic from there," shared McGrath. "They walk out the door not feeling so lonely and so disconnected."

Bosom Buddies member Jennifer Limerick shared, "I joined Bosom Buddies three years ago. I had breast cancer, so I was affected by it, and they helped. They came to visit me. So, I was like, 'When I get better, I want to help. I want to give back. I want to do something.' I love doing stuff like this. This is so fun."

She continued, "Our team who volunteers, we go around to businesses and ask them for donations, or if they want to do a gift bag or donate their services. Some of them are massage, so they will do a massage. Or a car wash--we had a car detailing place give us three different certificates. It is incredible and everything is donated, so whatever we make off of this goes to Bosom Buddies, and I don't know if people really know but every single dime goes to helping patients in Cullman County."

Vice President of Bosom Buddies Judy Grissom shared, "We have helped with almost $130,000 since 2013 and the number of people, because we follow them through their treatment program, we have helped over 100 people. I do not have the exact number, but it is well over 100."

Guest emcee was Christina Chambers and is a Cullman native, and an award-winning sports journalist in Birmingham. She is also a broadcast journalism teacher at Thompson High School with Alabaster City Schools. Chambers has more than 12 years of experience covering sports and news in the southeast and has won several AP Awards and an ABBY award for her storytelling with WBRC Fox 6.

Chambers took to the stage to provide introductions for the volunteer waiters, which included: Chief Kenny Culpepper, CPD Officer Craig Montgomery, CPD Officer Adam Clark, CPD Captain Jason Mickle, CPD Captain Jeff Warnke, CCC Chair Jeff Clemmons, CCC Kerry Watson, CCC Gary Marchman, VP of Development for Drinkard Developments Jason Grimmet, Judge Greg Nicholas, Judge Chad Floyd, Attorney Champ Crocker, State Representative Cory Harbison, Bradley Williams, Lieutenant Neville Franks, Firefighter Cory Thompson, Josh Speakman, Johnathan Limerick, Mayor Bennie Guthrie, Dr. Michael Garcia, CCSO Captain Ed Potter, CCSO Lieutenant Rod Cook, CCSO Captain Ricky Blackwood, CCSO Sheriff Matt Gentry and CCSO Deputy Jason Webber.

Chambers then introduced the entertainment of the evening, which was provided by stand-up comedian Nick Canaday. Canaday is the host of the @movieruiners podcast, which is available on all streaming platforms, and performs across the southeast.He has appeared on the Rick and Bubba Show 20+ times, was Nick at Night on WZZK and had a regular segment on Sports Czars.

Bosom Buddies Little Pink Dress Party ended in success, with the Foundation proudly thanking their sponsors for their many contributions, and their guests for a fun and generous evening.

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All complimentary photos by Lisa Jones Photography will be available for download within a few weeks at https://www.ljonesphotography.com/proofing/little-pink-dress-21.









Update (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Schools system has a total of 13 students currently absent due to reported positive cases of COVID-19 as of Tuesday, Oct. 5, according to the latest school attendance data.

Cullman Middle School reported four positive student cases, Cullman High School reported three positive cases, East Elementary School reported three positive cases, West Elementary School reported two positive cases and Cullman City Primary School reported one positive case.

Absences due to students quarantining after exposure to a positive case of COVID-19: Cullman Middle School reported 36 absences, Cullman High School reported 17 absences, East Elementary School reported nine absences, Cullman City Primary School reported seven absences and West Elementary School reported six absences. Per protocol, students who are a close contact to someone with a positive case of COVID-19 will not need to quarantine if they have no symptoms and are vaccinated, have no symptoms and tested positive in the prior three months or have no symptoms and were correctly wearing a mask.

Cullman City Schools has a total enrollment of 3,219 students.

Hair (from Front)

didn't know this was a thing they were doing until after we cut his hair. My husband Eric loves old country music and they both love it. They were watching country music videos and he saw the hair like that and thought it was really cool."

Ezra said he was first inspired by Joe Diffie and said, "When I saw some pictures of him, I was like, I really wanted it." Ezra's parents contemplated the haircut and were hesitant. Kaleigha said, "Mullets kind of have a weird rep but then I told Eric one day, 'You know, it's just hair.'"

All of Ezra's favorite music stars rocked the mullet at some point. Among his favorites are Joe Diffie, Billy Ray Cyrus, Morgan Wallen, Alan Jackson and Blake Shelton. He also likes some of the classic mullet-wearing rockers like Ozzy Osbourne and the members of KISS.

The family looked at photos on the internet and when Ezra saw one with shaved striped on the side, that was the one he wanted. "We took him to town and let him get the one he wanted," Kaleigha added.

After getting his haircut, Kaleigha reached out to her best friend Amber Black to do a photoshoot of him rocking his new style. The "Joe Dirt" inspired photos were posted on social media and the photos went viral. "Once they went viral, several people started commenting to us, 'Hey, you need to enter him into this mullet competition.' I had never heard about it before."

This year, the USA Mullet Championship competition added a kids' division and after discussing it with Ezra and her husband Eric, they decided to give it a try. She recalled, "Eric and I were a little apprehensive because although he had a lot of good comments on the photos Amber shared, some were not very nice. I was kind of worried."

Seven-year-old Ezra had been the target of some bullying because of his hair and together, the family thought entering the contest could give him a great platform to "Shake the Hate." With his platform encouraging others to be kind, he quickly soared through the first round of voting, making it to the top 500.

Ezra then survived round two and was among the top 100 in the competition. He is now in the national final in the top 25. The voting is all online and voting takes place now through Oct. 11. You can vote once a day, every day, per email. If you have six email addresses, you can vote six times a day.

Ezra is the only representative in his division from the state of Alabama. If Ezra wins the championship, he will win a trophy, a Pit Viper prize pack and $2,500. He has some plans if he wins. He said, "I want a Nerf Gun and three Nintendo games." He also hopes to host a party for all his friends.

To vote for Ezra Cramer, visit https://mulletchamp.com/2021-kids-division-voting.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

GLOVER KIMBERLY DEANNE, Plaintiff,
V.
SMITH SCOTTIE LYNN, Defendant.
Case No.: DR-2021-900061.00

ORDER

MOTION FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION filed by GLOVER KIMBERLY DEANNE is hereby GRANTED.

DONE this 9th day of July, 2021.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Justin D Lackey A Single Man to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Hometown Lenders LLC its successors and assigns dated June 3, 2016; said mortgage being recorded on June 7, 2016, in Book 1789, Page 293 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment recorded in Deed Book 333, Page 741 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, LakeView Loan Servicing, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 5th day of November, 2021 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
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In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that Bond Construction, LLC, Contractor, has completed the Contract for AEMA Roofing Repairs, Office & Warehouse Facility for the State of Alabama and the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. 7 Town Center Dr., Suite 201, Huntsville, AL 35806

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
JEREMY TODD SAMS
Deceased
CASE NO. PC2021-075

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of September, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

Lenisa Sams Hutson
Personal Representative

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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, AL

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
FLOYCE BEATRICE HOOD.,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2021-297

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to REGINA ANN ROY as Personal Representative of the Estate of FLOYCE BEATRICE HOOD, deceased, on the 21st day of September, 2021, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Regina Ann Roy
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
ZEAK CLIFFORD MITCHELL JR.,
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2021-262

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters of Administration of the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Sharon H. Barrett on the 20th day of September, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sharon H. Barrett - Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY
IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. PC 2021-355

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GLORIA SIMS TENBARGE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Andria D. Sims on the 5th day of October, 2021, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Andria D. Sims
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 5-6

Bobbie Sue Mardis Burden, 88, of Baileyton
Bobbie Sue Mardis Burden, 88, of Baileyton, passed away Oct. 4. She was born, in Morgan County, on April 2, 1933. Ms. Burden worked for many years as a teacher's aide at the Margaret Jean Jones Center. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending time in her flower gardens where she loved to tend her flowers as well as watch the birds that came to her bird feeders. Bobbie was an avid reader, and she enjoyed a good book. Ms. Bobbie Sue loved her family and she enjoyed spending time with them. She will be greatly missed. Bobbie Sue is preceded in death by her husband: Clinnon Burden; mother: Nipalois Mardis; grandparents: Tilmon and Effie Mardis; brother and sister-in-law: Richard and Helen Humphries; daughter-in-law: Rebecca Burden; brother-in-law: Tommie Moore and grandson: Zachery Burden. She is survived by her sons: Clinnon Henry Burden and Marty Malcolm Burden; brother: Terry Randall Humphries; sister: Hazel Moore; grandchildren: Brandy Burden and Matthew Todd Burden (Claire); great-grandson: Ethan Burden and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews. Graveside services for Ms. Burden will be 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, at Corinth Cemetery, with Bro Jerry Harper officiating. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the cemetery from 11 a.m., until services begin at 11:30. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Burden family.

Elvie Eugene Hollis, 83, of Double Springs
Elvie Eugene Hollis, 83, of Double Springs left for his heavenly home Tuesday, Oct. 5,at Shadescrest Healthcare Center. Mr. Hollis was born March 13, 1938, in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 7, from 11 a.m. – noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will begin at noon. Reverends Aaron Gann and Samuel Parker will officiate. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery in Double Springs. He is survived by his wife: Yvonne Hollis; sons: Darryl (Loretta) Hollis and David (Bridget) Hollis; granddaughters: Kayla, Ashlyn and Kortney; great-grandchildren: Ryan, Gracelyn, Brooklyn, Kale and Bryant and a host of other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother: Ester Louise Tiller; infant baby: Hollis and granddaughter: Felecia Michelle.

Charles Thomas Lovell, 85, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Charles Thomas Lovell, 85, of Hanceville who died Sunday, Oct. 3, will be held Friday, Oct. 8 at 2 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Reverend Barbara Trussell will officiate. Burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday at the funeral home beginning at 11:30. Charles was retired from Carraway Hospital as a security guard and also was a retired U.S. Navy Gunners Mate. He is survived by his wife: Shirley; son: Tommy (Cindi) Lovell ; daughters: Ronda (Kenny) Burnham and Connie Lowell; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; stepchildren: Ferrell (Jennifer) Reynolds and Barbara Waid; three step-grandchildren and a brother: Howard (Martha) Lovell.

Shelia Kay Phillips, 64, of Cullman
Funeral services for Shelia Kay Phillips of Cullman, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Duck River Cemetery. Reverend Caleb Elrod will be officiating. Visitation will be at Hanceville Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9. Mrs. Phillips was born June 24, 1957, in Cullman, Alabama to Herman and Opal (Bradford) Henderson. She died at the age of 64 on Oct. 4, at her residence in Cullman. Survivors include her sister: Ann Lisle; grandson: Gabriel Simms; nieces: Leslie Taylor, Ladenna Phillips and Sabrina Crowe; a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends; brothers-in-law: Robert Phillips and Melvin Phillips and mother-in-law: Eva Phillips. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Phillips was also preceded in death by her husband: Kenneth Phillips and daughter: April Simms. In lieu of flowers please consider donations to Duck River Cemetery Fund.

Howard (Howie) Bott, 57, of Cullman
Howard (Howie) Bott suddenly passed into the heavenly light with a bombardment of fireworks at a mere 57 years young on Sept. 30. This vibrant, larger-than-life, giant of a giving spirit spent his last day helping neighbors and getting us ready for another rendezvous at Talladega with friends. His favorite elixirs were packed in the motorhome first, along with enough batteries for race radios, and an invitation on his tongue for more friends to experience the fun with us. A man of adventure and exploration, he provided his spouse, Margo, of 28 years, with excitement, challenges, love and laughter, while wrapping family and friends in his strong arms and magnanimous character along the way. He was a dinosaur in his tool and die trade--none like him. He wasn't afraid of getting dirty, hot and sweaty, but he could polish up like a star. He was a hunter-gatherer of friends and family, and a builder of wood, metal and relationships. If you met him, you wouldn't forget him, because he'd probably leave you laughing and feeling better about yourself. He wasn't a bible thumper, but he had an apostle's heart for God. His 'Git-R-Dun' spirit was contagious, and he truly lived his faith. He was an active member of the 'Knights of Columbus' in both Tennessee and Alabama, which is a charitable Catholic men's organization, and of late, he sponsored two new members. As giving as he was all his whole life, he continued to give of himself on his path to the pearly gates by holding on to this earthly plane by a toenail to drop off a few precious packages along the way. Always thinking of others, he dedicated his body to organ donation through Alabama Legacy for Hope. He was the youngest of a family of seven, and so endeared to his mother that he called her every day after work. He would encourage others to do so, and if you told him you didn't know your neighbor of (25 years), he would ask you, "why not?" And if you felt you shouldn't intrude on another person, he would do it for you! He was a master griller and, with very short notice to Margo, he would invite you both over for barbecue and drinks, and next thing you know, you have a new friend. He was preceded in death by his highly respected father: Howard Bott, Sr. and many loving uncles and aunts, cousins and friends, undoubtedly waiting to wrap him in their loving hugs. Survivors include his mother: Teresa Bott, who we lovingly refer to as St. Teresa; brothers: Don (Catharine) Bott and Carl (Sue) Bott: sisters: Patricia (Dave) Ramsay, Rita (Carl) Cray, Marilyn (Dennis) Odziana and Barb (Daryl) Crawford whom he poured out his titanic heart to on a daily basis, and with whom he also shared a love of restoring antique vehicles and a host of in-laws and out-laws, and nieces and nephews who adore and emulate him as a man of honor, integrity and decency. Nevertheless, the mischievous child in him would always tease, wrestle and prank to elicit laughter and amusement. The mass of Christian burial for Howie Bott, 57, of Cullman will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 8, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman, Alabama. A luncheon will be provided for family and friends afterward in the Family Life Center. Visitation will be Thursday, Oct. 7 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the church. We will pray the rosary from 7:30-8 p.m. in the church Thursday evening. Visitation will continue afterward if needed. Moss Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Margo and family strongly encourage in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Knights of Columbus in his honor or to https://legacyofhope.org.

Jo Ann Brock, 74, of Cullman
Jo Ann Brock, age 74, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Oct. 3. Jo was born March 7, 1947, in Cullman, Alabama. Jo is survived by her brother: Mitch Easterwood; her daughter: Lori (Daniel) Brock Yokley; her grandson: Brock Yokley; her nephews: Todd (Tonya) Easterwood and Chad (Lori) Easterwood and her best friend: Betty White. Jo was preceded in death by her husband: Joesph "Joe" Brock; her parents: Charles Odis and Audie Lee Easterwood and her brothers: Charles M. Easterwood and Wallace D. Easterwood. A celebration of life visitation for Jo will be held Friday, Oct. 8, from 1-2 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home (1901 Second Avenue, NW., Cullman, Alabama 35055). A celebration of life funeral service to follow at 2 p.m. An interment will occur at Center Grove Cemetery (4607 County Road 1545, Cullman, AL 35058). In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jo's memory may be made to Russel Hill Cancer Foundation, www.russelhill.org/donate/.

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Treat (from Front)

Trent Moore
Cullman City Schools

CULLMAN, Ala. — The best science experiments are the ones where kids retain an important lesson. Doing that while also making a delicious treat? Even better.

East Elementary School fourth grade teacher April Dean has spent the week teaching her students how to create their own solar-powered ovens made from recycled cardboard boxes lined with aluminum foil. From there, they cover the contraption with clear plastic wrap — with chocolate s'mores tucked inside.

"We will set the ovens out in the sun for an hour until the chocolate melts," Dean explained.

"The kids can't wait! Whenever we can blend science with food, it's a win-win for everyone."

The solar-powered ovens are part of the science standards curriculum teaching students how to design a device that changes energy from one form to another. In this case, they're changing light to heat. Students are also leaning about examples of renewable energy, which in this case, is the solar energy "powering" their ovens.

"I have a very hands-on approach to science because that's truly how students can best experience science for themselves," Dean said. "I don't believe in traditional homework, but my students' 'homework' each night is to explain to their parents, siblings or pet what we are learning in science class. If they can teach it to someone else, then that means they know it. I can't wait to see how my scientists go on to change the world as they grow up."

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