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2021 Ala. National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Show and Ala. National Fair Goat Shows see winners from Cullman Co.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The 2021 Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Show and the 2021 Alabama National Fair Goat Show took place in Montgomery's Teague Arena on Saturday, Oct. 9. This year's youth livestock events were sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation and Alfa Insurance. The show yielded several winners from Cullman County.

In Beginner Showmanship (ages 4-8), Easton Elrod of Cullman County took home first place in the Youth Goat Show.

Elrod also won Overall Grand Champion in the Commercial Doe division at the Youth Goat Show and first place in Beginner Premier Exhibitor.

In the Youth Beef Show, Cullman County's Etta Hudson exhibited the Charolais Champion in the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Market Show, which also brought home the Reserve Grand » PAGE 5



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Cullman County's Etta Hudson exhibited the Charolais Champion in the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Market Show

– LOCAL GOVERNMENT –

Cullman City Council announces hazardous waste drop-off day, recognizes Oct. as Dyslexia Awareness Month



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman City Council recognized October as Dyslexia Awareness Month at Monday night's council meeting.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council held its regularly scheduled meeting in Lucille N. Galin Auditorium Monday night and among the resolutions and ordinances on the agenda was a resolution to recognize October as Dyslexia Awareness Month. After an invocation and the pledge of allegiance, the Council got things started by approving the minutes from its last meeting.

During the reports of standing committees that followed, Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper and Cullman Fire Chief Brian Bradberry took a few moments to acknowledge former Cullman EMA Director Phyllis Little and the help she provided both departments over her 26-year career in Cullman.

"All the city agencies and all the county agencies have been able to have a great working relationship and it's not that way everywhere in the state," Culpepper said. "So, we're very appreciative of her and want to thank her."

"Director Little has been so helpful over the years," Bradberry said. "We've had such a great working relationship over the years and we're going to miss her."

During his report on public works, Council member Johnny Cook announced that in conjunction with National Recycling Day Nov.» PAGE 2

CRIME

Crane Hill man arrested for burglary and assault



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Christopher Lee Sanford

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CRIME

Crane Hill woman arrested following traffic stop



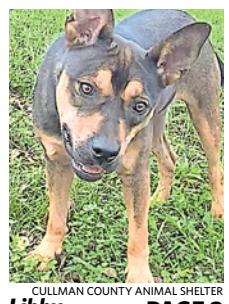
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– PET OF THE WEEK –

Have some fall fun with Libby!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Libby

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HOME

The fall crawl – keeping pests out of the home

Roosevelt Robinson
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — With exoskeletons, antennae, wings, fur and compound eyes, they have decided to call your living space home. Cooler temperatures signal seasonal change, prompting various bugs and rodents to seek winter refuge. As temperatures drop outside, finding food, water and shelter becomes more difficult. This can cause unwanted visitors to invade your residence looking for these disappearing resources they need to survive. So, why not your home?

According to a survey by Raid, an S. C. Johnson and Son company, 74% of Americans believe they have more bugs in their home during the summer.

The truth is that homes remain vulnerable to unwanted visitors, such as ants, cockroaches, fleas, flies, silverfish, spiders and ticks, well into the cooler months. The National Pest Management Association lists mice, opossums, raccoons, rats and squirrels among the common rodents to creep into homes between the months of October and February. These pests can carry and spread a multitude of diseases, such as cholera, dysentery, the Hantavirus, Lyme disease, rabies, salmonella, staph, strep and tuberculosis. Unwelcome guests may infiltrate homes through any crack or crevice they can find. There are steps people can take to stay ahead of the "fall crawl" and keep unwanted seasonal visitors out of your home.

Take preventative action

Most homeowners don't even consider winter pests until there are signs of an infestation that includes:

• Scampering or gnawing sounds late at night in the attic or behind walls.
• Droppings found in undisturbed areas of the house.

• Aggregation of insects on the sunny side of your home, at which point extermination becomes more difficult.

Rodents alone can be very destructive as they chew through packaged goods, cardboard boxes, walls near pipes and vents and electrical wiring. According to the NPMA, nearly 21 million United States households fight rodent infestations each year during the winter.

Want to keep pests out of your homes during the cooler months? Take preventative action before there is a problem. The goal is to keep as many pests out as possible while making your home as inhospitable to the few that find their way inside. Try these winter pest-proofing tips.

Seal your home

• Weatherproof all windows and doors, sealing off cracks around ledges and edges.

• Seal cracks and holes outside the home including areas where utilities and pipes enter the home.

• Screen openings and vents to chimneys.

• Replace weather-stripping and repair loose mortar around foundations and windows.

• Repair rotten fascia and roof shingles since insects are drawn to deteriorating wood.

• Check your home for light leaks, caulking cracks along with bathroom and kitchen fixtures. The tiniest cracks can enable insects to sneak in and provide them with easy access to the water they need for survival.

Defend against pests

• Utilize long-lasting indoor/outdoor-labeled pesticide products around the perimeter of your house's large entryways, applying both indoors and outdoors.

• Keep pests out of sensitive indoor areas, such as backsplashes, bathrooms and kitchen sinks using products labeled for these areas. Select those with a precise tip applicator to use in tight spots, cracks and crevices.

• Store firewood at least 20 feet away from the home and 5 inches off the ground, inspecting wood before bringing it into the home.

• Reduce rodent and insect attraction by keeping floors swept, counters wiped and storing food in the refrigerator or insect-resistant packaging. This is done to ensure you are not providing easy access to food and water for their survival.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Bad habits attract pests

Cooling temperatures are not the only factor attracting unwelcome pests to your house. Slight changes to your everyday actions may be effective in reducing pest attraction to your home. Consider the following actions to keep pests out of your home.

• Trim branches, plants and bushes near the home as they serve as natural indoor entryways for pests.

• Store garbage in sealed containers, disposing of it regularly.

• Inspect bags, boxes, grocery bags and other packages for hitchhiking bugs.

• Clean up after the family pet leaving no extra food around.

• Relocate recycling receptacles kept near the home. Remnants of soda and other food products can attract pests.

• Reduce clutter sitting in an out-of-the-way place or even a regularly used room. Clutter may provide shelter (and even food) for several insect and rodent pests.

There are times where you may be able to eradicate pests yourself. Despite your best efforts to keep them out of your home, however, you may be forced to seek the expertise of a professional. Know when to leave it to a pro. Call a licensed pest management professional to determine the most effective treatment and control methods.

Man (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic violence call after a local man broke into a nearby residence and threatened the family inside.

Christopher Lee Sanford, 37, of Crane Hill, was arrested Oct. 4 by CCSO deputies following a domestic incident with his wife.

Sanford went to a family member's residence where his wife was located and broke a lock on the door to gain entry to the residence. Once inside, Sanford made threats to the family.

He was arrested and charged with burglary in a residence with force and domestic/simple assault.

"I am proud of the hard work, dedication and quick response of the men and women of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Matt Gentry said. "Domestic situations always have the potential to be volatile. Fortunately, this was resolved quickly and safely."

Libby (from Front)

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

Libby is a 1-year-old terrier mix. She is a medium energy gal who is currently perfecting her leash skills and is already presenting great special awareness.

She is a hard-working companion in all that she does and is up to any challenge given to her. She loves to be close to her people and also has a love for her toys.

Libby is ready to make someone an awesome therapy, companion or hiking dog!

Libby's adoption fee is $100 which includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter's canine friends have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE.

Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

Good news!

Ruttkay shared with us that recent POTW's Percy and Toby were both adopted!

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

Council (from Front)

15, the city will be having a hazardous waste drop-off day Saturday, Nov. 13. City residents will be able to drop off hazardous waste at the East parking lot of Heritage Park, behind Lowe's, and drop off will last from 8 a.m. – noon, until capacity is reached.

Following reports from the council members, the Council moved on to new business, starting with a public hearing for an Ordinance. The Council approved Ordinance No. 2021-52 to rezone 101 Main Ave. from R-4 Residential District to CBD Central Business District.

The Council also approved a pair of special event requests, one from Nathaniel Hutchison of the Cullman Moose Lodge for their annual Saturday turkey shoots in November and December and another from Jake Smith for a Halloween Cruise-in and Trunk or Treat at Depot Park Oct. 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

To wrap things up, the Council then approved or held readings for a handful of new ordinances and resolutions.

• Resolution No. 2022-01 – Recognize October as Dyslexia Awareness Month.

• First reading of Ordinance No. 2021-52 – Rezone property owned by Shelby Hankey located at 101 Main Ave. from R-4 Residential District to CBD Central Business District.

• First reading of Ordinance No. 2022-01 – Annex property owned by Sherry Rutherford located at 1240 County Road 1422 as R-1 Residential District.

• First reading of Ordinance No. 2022-02 – Annex property owned by G.A.P properties LLC. located on County Road 770 as R-4 Residential District.

• Resolution No. 2022-02 – Apply for a Recreational Trails Program Grant for the Palomino RV Resort.

The Cullman City Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday Oct. 25 at 7 p.m.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Monday, Oct. 11, 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 Alabama: -22.7% (No update available)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 9.1%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 388,377
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 420,222 (+ 2,051 since Friday)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,188
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 7,671 (+ 137 since Friday
• Change in cases in Cullman Co.: - 18.8% (No update available)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 7%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,590
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 7,599 (+ 65 since Friday)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 129
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 157 (+ 4 since Friday)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,386
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 97
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 57,046
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 5,179
• Currently hospitalized in Alabama: 839

Vaccine details (updated Tuesday and Thursday) (no updates available)

• Doses delivered to Alabama: 6,496,225
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 3,771,215
• Doses administered: 4,360,316
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,469,709
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,022,491
• 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.

CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11, 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. 8

• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $177
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; miscellaneous; $56
• third-degree assault; person; Adelsheim Cir. SW

Oct. 9

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; wallet and contents; miscellaneous charges
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Mitchell Rd. NE; miscellaneous; $220
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW
• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Mitchell Rd. NE; miscellaneous
• harassment; person; CR 473; person
• third-degree domestic violence; person; Donauer Dr. SW
• third-degree criminal trespass; Dollar General; Hwy. 278 W

Oct. 10

• unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; purse and contents; miscellaneous charges
• second-degree criminal mischief; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; damaged property; $850
• counterfeit $100; State of Alabama
• fourth-degree theft of property; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $400
• harassing communications; person

ARRESTS

Oct. 8 – 10

Sears, Bridget N.; 35
• FTA- disorderly conduct
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- resisting arrest
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Parker, Bailey M.; 22
• chemical endangerment of child

Hunkeapillar, Hunter G.; 28
• third-degree theft of property

Payne, Stewart D.; 41
• third-degree theft of property

Lamons, Christian L.; 22
• FTA- obstructing governmental operations
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Sims, Daniel J.; 34
• FTA- insurance violation

Wiley, Kevin L.; 35
• FTA- false information to police officer
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespass

Calloway, Jeffery C.; 38
• FTA- driving while license revoked

Reyes, Dana L.; 52
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Harvell, John R.; 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Woman (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — A local woman was arrested on multiple drug changes following a traffic stop Oct. 4 by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office.

Tonya Day Gohn, 45, of Crane Hill, was arrested after she was stopped for a traffic violation on Interstate 65 at U.S. Highway 278.

Consent to search was given.

During the search, marijuana, meth, prescription pills and paraphernalia were located inside the vehicle.

She was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of dangerous drugs, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said he is proud of the continual effort of diligent members of law enforcement to remove and keep drugs off the street.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 Saint Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• 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 Through 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.
• 13108 County Road 747, Hanceville, AL 35077

Miércoles de Despensas
• 6-7 p.m. ler. miercoles del mes, En Su Tierra Cullman FUMC
• Despensas para la comunidad. No requiere ID. Entrega en su vehículo. Por favor use mascarilla.

Grief Share Meetings Fall Semester (Cullman First Baptist Church)
August – November: The fall semester of Grief Share is taking place at Cullman First Baptist Church. Weekly meetings are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays in Room 215. These meetings will run through Nov. 9. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a friend or loved one is welcomed to join us for this faith-based program to help deal with the effects of grief and loss. Workbooks for the semester are $15, but scholarship funds are available for anyone who would like to attend. You can register online at https://www.griefshare.org/ or just show up a little early for the next meeting. Please contact Tammie Dunkling at 256-339-2999 with any questions.

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

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.

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Reunion
Oct. 15: The Fairview High School Class of 1963 will meet at 1:02 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman on Oct. 15. Call Joyce for more information at 256-339-3451.

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 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.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Cruise In, Trunk-a-Treat and Free Movie
Oct. 23: Hosted at the barn on the left just past Chesley Oaks Golf Course, 8575 Highway 69 North in Fairview. The cruise in starts at 4 p.m. and the movie will be at dark, around 7:30. Concessions will be sold with the proceeds going to a needy family in the community. For more information, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805. Sponsored by the Fairview Lions Club and Kevin Swindle.

5th Annual St. Bernard Blues & BBQ
• Oct. 30 – 31: Hosted on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School, this event will feature artisan vendors from across the southeast, live music, giveaways, trick-or-treating for the kids and of course, plenty of barbecue, ribs, hamburgers etc.
• Festival times will be 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact festival director Joyce Nix at 256-255-5860, or email at jnix@stbernardprep.com.

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WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's golf wins Snead State Invitational; cross country competes at UAH; volleyball notches 2 conference wins

Russell Moore
WSCC Athletics

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State's Hope Harrell was the low medalist, Hannah Sanders and Brileigh Roberts each made the All-Tournament team, and the Lady Lions' golf team won the Snead State Fall Invitational championship this week at Lake Guntersville State Park's Eagle's Next Golf Course.

Harrell shined in her hometown, carding a 12-over par 153 for Wallace State in her second collegiate tournament.

Sanders and Roberts each finished tied for runner-up with a 161.

Maddie Nelson (172) and Abigail Baker rounded out the Wallace State field.

The Lady Lions will compete in the Jeff State Invitational later this month.

Wallace State women's golf is the four-time defending Alabama Community College Conference champions.

Wallace State cross country

Wallace State's cross country teams are at the halfway point of the 2021 season, preparing for the UAH Charger Invitational on Saturday.

The Wallace State men won the Huntingdon Open last month and finished third recently at the Blue Mountain Toppers Trail Classic.

Sophomore Raleigh Stamps has secured Wallace State's best finish in all four meets this season. Fellow sophomore Jikori James has been among the top of the mix as well.

The Wallace State women are ranked 4th nationally in the latest poll by U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) and coming off a Topper Trails Classic championship.

Macie Ellis finished as the individual runner-up at Blue Mountain, continuing her strong season.

Dani Akridge, Jaycee Biffle and Ally Amerson have registered some of the best finishes for the Wallace State women.

"We're pleased with the efforts from both teams. We've used this week to nurse some sore hamstrings and shins as we prepare for the conference meet later this month. That's the most important time of the year," said Wallace State cross country coach Stan Narewski. "We always look forward to competing at UAH."

Both Wallace State teams will seek their fourth straight ACCC meet championship on Oct. 29. It will be held at Oxford's Choccolocco Park.

Wallace State volleyball

Wallace State's volleyball team is inching closer to a 14th straight ACCC regular-season championship.

The Lions secured conference match wins against Gadsden State (25-15, 25-22, 25-12) on Wednesday and Wallace Community College-Selma (25-2, 25-7, 25-7) on Thursday.

Wallace State (26-6, 14-0 ACCC) has won 13 matches in a row.

Against Gadsden State, sophomore Haven Hall finished with 15 kills and seven digs, while Daisy Manasco had seven kills and seven digs. Savannah Rutledge racked up 40 assists and five digs and Temperance Chatman finished with 16 digs.

Madison Raybon contributed six kills.

In the win sweep against the Patriots, Laci Reese finished with seven kills and three digs, Chloe Shadden had 18 assists and six digs, Tobi Trotter contributed nine digs, Manasco had six kills and Grace Allen contributed five kills.

Wallace State travels to Chattanooga on Saturday to play a pair of matches and continues league action at Snead State on Sunday.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.wallacestate.edu/athleticsfb.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Competing for Wallace State's women's golf team at the Snead State Invitational were, from left, Abigail Baker, Hope Harrell, Hannah Sanders, Maddie Nelson and Brileigh Roberts. They're coached by J.J. Adams.

No. 1 Alabama falls at Texas A&M Saturday Night, 41-38

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

COLLEGE STATION, Texas – After falling behind early, the No. 1/1 Alabama football team lost at Texas A&M Saturday night on a last-second field goal, 41-38, at Kyle Field in College Station, Texas, snapping the Crimson Tide's 19-game winning streak.

Quarterback Bryce Young completed 28-of-48 passes for 369 yards and passed for three touchdowns against the Aggies. Running back Brian Robinson Jr. eclipsed the 100-yard mark for the second-straight game, tallying 147 rushing yards against the Texas A&M defense.

Wide receiver Jameson Williams and Roydell Williams each hauled in touchdown catches at Kyle Field, with Jameson Williams leading all receivers with 146 yards on 10 receptions and two scores. John Metchie III followed with 88 yards on four catches.

Defensive back Brian Branch led the game with a career-high 11 total tackles and a game and career-best eight solo stops and a career-high two tackles for loss. Defensive back DeMarcco Hellams tallied seven total tackles, four solo stops and an interception on the night.

Ja'Corey Brooks blocked a punt in the third quarter which King Mwikuta recovered in the Texas A&M end zone for a touchdown. Placekicker Will Reichard added three field goals from 38, 26 and 22 yards out, respectively. He also tacked on three extra points during the matchup.

Postgame notes

- Alabama has scored 30-or-more points in 32-straight games.
- The Tide now holds the record for the longest streak in major college football history of scoring 30-or-more points in a game, after breaking its tie with UCF, which scored 30-or-more points in 31 straight games from 2017-19.
- Alabama recorded its 84th non-offensive touchdown in the Nick Saban era Saturday, when King Mwikuta recovered a blocked punt in the Texas A&M end zone, thanks to Ja'Corey Brooks.
- It marked Mwikuta's first career touchdown.
- It marked the Crimson Tide's fourth non-offensive touchdown of the season and its second blocked punt return for a touchdown behind Jase McClellan's scoop and score against Mercer on Sept. 11.

Player highlights:

- Dallas Turner made his first career start in the evening game at Texas A&M.
- Roydell Williams recorded his first career receiving touchdown, catching a 20-yard pass from Bryce Young on Alabama's opening drive.
- Alabama's captains against Texas A&M were linebacker Will Anderson Jr., defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis and wide receiver John Metchie III.

HOW IT HAPPENED

First quarter

- 11:35 – TAMU | Seth Small kicked a 38-yard field goal for the first points in the game.
- 06:42 – UA | Bryce Young connected with Roydell Williams on a 20-yard touchdown pass on Alabama's opening drive, which lasted 10 plays for 65 yards.
- 05:26 – TAMU | Zach Calzada responded with 27-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Wydermyer to cap a three-play, 75-yard drive.
- 00:33 – TAMU | Calzada followed with a six-yard touchdown pass, caught by Ainias Smith, concluding a seven-play, 41-yard series.

Second quarter

- 05:44 – UA | Will Reichard connected on a 38-yard field goal.
- 02:09 – TAMU | Isaiah Spiller rushed 15 yards into the Crimson Tide end zone to end a seven-play, 75-yard drive.

Third quarter

- 08:18 – UA | Ja'Corey Brooks blocked Texas A&M's punt and King Mwikuta recovered the ball in the end zone for his first career touchdown.
- 08:00 – TAMU | Devon Achane responded with a 96-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.
- 05:30 – UA | Jameson Williams caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Young, capping a six-play, 75-yard series.

Fourth quarter

- 04:54 – UA | Reichard made good on a 26-yard boot into the Texas A&M uprights.
- 08:44 – UA | Once again, Reichard connected on a 22-yard field goal.
- 05:00 – UA | For the second time in the game, Young connected with Jameson Williams, this time for a seven-yard touchdown strike, which was followed by Young to Jameson Williams for the 2-point conversion
- 03:00 – TAMU | Calzada found Smith for a 25-yard touchdown to tie the game
- 00:01 – TAMU | With one second left on the clock, Small booted the game winning field goal from 28 yards out

Up next

Alabama will travel to Starkville, Mississippi, to square off against Mississippi State at Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field on Saturday, Oct. 16. The matchup is scheduled for a 6 p.m. CT kickoff on ESPN.



UA ATHLETICS

Alabama wide receiver Jameson Williams (1) hauls in a touchdown pass during the Crimson Tide's 41-38 loss at Texas A&M Saturday night.

Deep South's Oldest Rivalry: No. 18 Auburn falls to No. 2 Georgia

Jeff Shearer
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. – No. 18 Auburn grabbed an early lead with a 17-play opening drive and Tank Bigsby scored a second-half touchdown, but No. 2 Georgia won the Deep South's Oldest Rivalry 34-10 Saturday at sold-out Jordan-Hare Stadium.

"A lot of credit to Georgia," Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said.

"We felt like we could go out there and play better football and put ourselves in a better position to win this game, and that didn't happen."

Bigbsy scored on a 6-yard-run, bouncing outside to his left when the middle was clogged on third-and-1 to make it 24-10 with 4:01 left in the third quarter, ending a string of 24 unanswered UGA points.

With his older brother, 2010 Heisman Trophy winner Cam Newton, watching from the student section in the south end zone, Caylin Newton's 31-yard reception was the key play on Auburn's 78-yard, six-play touchdown drive.

Georgia kicked a field goal in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter and added a 10-yard touchdown run by Zamir White with 7:11 remaining for the game's final score.

Auburn got off to a promising start on its first possession, converting two fourth downs while driving to the Bulldogs' 9-yard-line before Anders Carlson kicked a 24-yard field goal for a 3-0 Auburn lead.

"We came out hot," Auburn center Nick Brahms said. "We got ourselves in good situations. We executed, and other times in the game, we didn't execute. That's the bottom line."

Auburn's defense forced a three-and-out on UGA's first possession, but the Bulldogs intercepted a deflected pass at Auburn's 26 on the Tigers' second possession to set up a game-tying field goal late in the first quarter.

Georgia scored back-to-back touchdowns early in the second quarter on White's 1-yard run and Stetson Bennett's 3-yard pass to Adonai Mitchell to give the Bulldogs a 17-3 lead.

Auburn drove to UGA's 3-yard line in the final minute of the first half, but a fourth down pass fell incomplete, denying the Tigers an opportunity to pull within one score.

"We were just a play away from being down a touchdown at the half," Auburn quarterback Bo Nix said.

"Against Georgia, you've got to score touchdowns in the red zone. Once you get down there, you've got to capitalize."

After the Bulldogs missed a field goal on their first drive of the third quarter, Auburn drove 34 yards to Georgia's 40-yard line before an incomplete pass on fourth down handed possession back to the Bulldogs.

Georgia scored on the next play with a 60-yard touchdown pass to lead 24-3 with 6:01 remaining in the third quarter.

Bigsby's touchdown pulled the Tigers within two scores but UGA outscored Auburn 10-0 in the final quarter.

Nix completed 21 of 38 passes for 217 yards. Playing against his former team, Demetris Robertson led Auburn with 59 receiving yards on four catches.

Zion Puckett led Auburn's defensive effort with a career-high 10 tackles. Bydarrius Knighten added a career-high nine stops and Chandler Wooten made eight.

Eku Leota registered Auburn's sack, his team-leading fourth of the season.

Auburn (4-2, 1-1) plays at Arkansas next Saturday at 11 a.m. CT on CBS.

"I don't think it's going to be hard to bounce back," Brahms said.

"We've got the right character on this team, the right leaders and we're going to do the work throughout the week, what it takes to be successful."

"We'll find a way to play better," Harsin said. "That's the challenge this week.

"That disappointment should be fuel for the fire. I hope everybody responds like that."

Plant Bus makes first-time visit to Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After rescheduling due to rain, Houseplant Collective finally able set up their Plant Bus at Dreher's Cocktail Bar and Restaurant Saturday afternoon.

Houseplant Collective owner Jessica Watts previously spoke to The Tribune on the business' history explaining, "House Plant Collective was started in 2020 as a home-based passion project. I had the dream and planned in 2019; and just before launching the business, COVID hit.

"After starting by selling online, House Plant Collective shifted from pop-up events in the business into our first brick-and-mortar location in the Avondale Neighborhood of Birmingham, and recently opened our second location in downtown Tuscaloosa in July 2021."

She continued, "House Plant Collective is [both] a mobile plant shop in a converted school bus, and a house plant store, located in the Avondale area of Birmingham and downtown Tuscaloosa, offering a variety of tropical house plants and botanical goods.

"At House Plant Collective, our mission is to connect a community of plant enthusiasts and provide the education you need for your plants to thrive. Whether you are new to the plant world, or consider yourself a plant expert, House Plant Collective is here to find the perfect fit for you."

Dreher's co-owner Christine Chamblee spoke before the event on her expectations of the turnout since rescheduling, saying, "We have heard a ton of excitement from our guests. The weather today has been absolutely gorgeous! A perfect day for shopping for plants and drinking a couple plant-themed cocktails."

Chamblee designed an entire plant-inspired cocktail menu for the event, with drinks such as the Cactus Cooler, Persian Rose, Lavender Lemonade, Basil Vodka Gimlet, Thyme After Thyme and The Secret Life of Plants.

These handcrafted cocktails were made for guests by bartender and front of house manager Broc Malcom, who shared with The Tribune, "I am very optimistic about the turnout for the Plant Bus. Plants seem to be the cool thing right now. It's the 'in' thing, so, I do think a lot of people are going to come."

Cullman local Julianna Burnham attended the Plant Bus pop up after seeing news of the event online and offered her thoughts, "Cullman never has anything quite like this, so this was pretty cool and unique. The drink menu was so pretty, and the weather is great. I would say it has been a pretty good day."

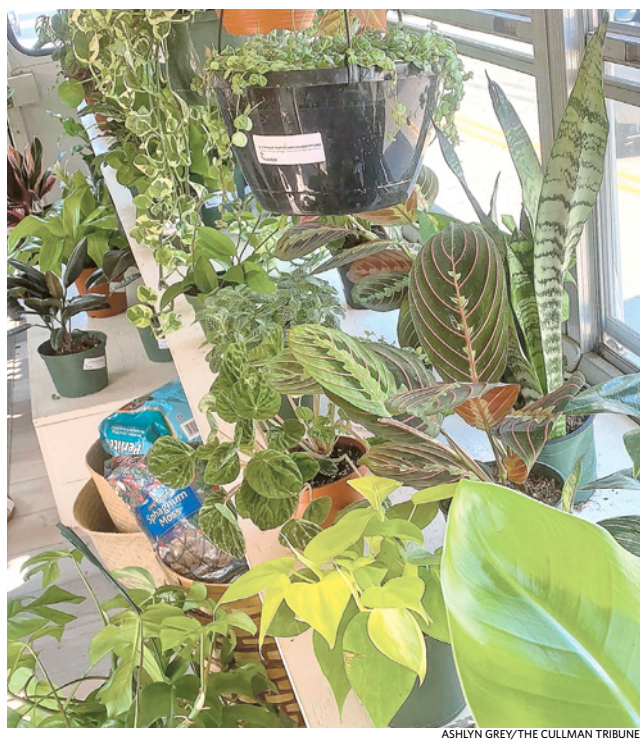
After the event, Chamblee spoke on the potential future returns of Houseplant Collective's Plant Bus, saying, "We definitely think this will be another future event here at Dreher's. Everyone had a blast! We had a fantastic turnout, and we plan to do more events like this soon, so make sure to keep an eye out!"

Dreher's Cocktail Bar and Restaurant is located at 216 First Ave. SE and is open Wednesday – Sunday. Visit https://www.drehersdowntown.com for hours, menus, and more information.



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A few of the many options for sale on the plant bus Saturday



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Winners (from Front)

Champion Market Animal title.

Austin Alexander of Cullman County also exhibited the Charolais Champion of the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Heifer Show. Cole Eubanks, also from Cullman County, exhibited the Charolais Reserve Champion. Eubanks also showed the Bred and Owned Charolais Champion.

Kash Hembree of Cullman County exhibited the Hereford Champion at the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Heifer Show.



ALABAMA FARMERS FEDERATION

Austin Alexander exhibited the Charolais Champion of the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Heifer Show



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Easton Elrod of Cullman County took home first place in the Youth Goat Show



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Cole Eubanks exhibited the Charolais Reserve Champion and the Bred and Owned Charolais Champion



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Kash Hembree exhibited the Hereford Champion at the Alabama National Fair Youth Beef Cattle Heifer Show

OUTDOORS

Begin deer season with food safety in mind

Maggie Lawrence
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — With deer season opening Oct. 15, Mark Smith, a wildlife scientist with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, says hunters need a game plan to get venison from the field to the table safely.

"Hunters need a plan for managing heat, moisture and bacterial contamination," said Smith. "Those are the big three factors that can cause meat to spoil."

He said while there is no "right" way to field dress a deer, the bottom line is to choose a quick and efficient method that minimizes the exposure of meat to bacteria.

"Potential contamination sources include the animal's rumen or other stomach material, feces, urine and foreign debris such as dirt," Smith said. "Remember bacteria naturally occurs just about everywhere."

Best practices
Smith offers specific tips for ensuring harvested meat is safe for the dinner table.

• Cool the carcass quickly and keep it cool. Meat must be kept cool from the time that the animal dies until it is cut, packaged and placed in the freezer, or until it is consumed. Cooling game to less than 40oF as quickly as possible will slow the growth of bacteria and keep the meat from spoiling.

• Remove the hide to ensure proper cooling if the carcass will hang outside to cool. A general rule of thumb for deer-sized animals is to remove the hide if temperatures exceed 40o F.

• Avoid the use of plastic bags or tarps for transporting the carcass or parts such as hind quarters or backstraps. Plastics seal in moisture and heat. Use breathable cotton game bags or heavy-duty cheesecloth bags made specifically for game meat.

• Keep the knife as clean as possible during field dressing and butchering. Use anti-bacterial hand wipes to clean the blade and hands when needed.

• If the hunting weather is warm, consider purchasing an insulted cooler bag to help keep the carcass cool. These full-sized insulated bags will hold an entire carcass along with ice to keep temperatures safe.

• A slurry of ice, water and salt can be used to cool meat quickly. Add coarse salt and water to a cooler full of ice and stir.

• As soon as possible, hoist the carcass to allow better air circulation and speed the cooling process.

• Never tie a deer carcass on over the hood of a vehicle. Engine heat can ruin meat in a hurry.

• If the cavity needs rinsing due to leakage of intestinal fluids, feces or urine, do so sparingly. Then, wipe dry immediately using paper towels. Moisture causes bacteria to multiply—potentially causing meat spoilage.

More information
Smith said having plans on how to handle a harvested animal before leaving for a hunt will help ensure hunters bring home healthy and safe meat for their families to enjoy. For more information, visit https://www.aces.edu/.

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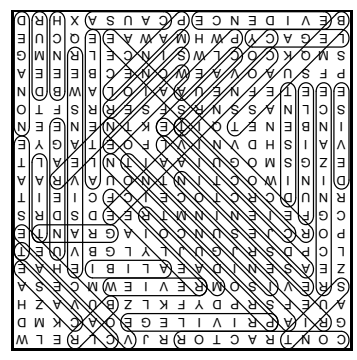
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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TERRI CASEY,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2020-900139.01

DARYL BRANCH,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 17th day of September, 2021.

Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
NANCY HAYES
Deceased.

CASE NO PC-2021-199

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Karli Huddleston
Personal Representative

Josh O'Neal
Attorney for the Personal Representative
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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CIRCUIT COURT OF LAWRENCE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:IN THE
GLENDA LYNETTE LOPEZ
PLAINTLFF,
vs.
CARLOS LOPEZ,
DEFENDANT,

CASE NO: DR 2021- 900055.00

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION
TO CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Defendant Carlos Lopez, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Glenda Lynett Lopez's petition for divorce and other relief by the 22ND day of NOVEMBER, 2021 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against him in Case No: DR 2021 - 900055.00, Lawrence County Circuit Court, Moulton, Alabama, U.S.A.

Done this the 22ND day of September 2021.

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

Petitioner: Glenda Lynnette Lopez

Hon. John Eric Burnum
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
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Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2021-191

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CHRISTINE PEARL DOUGLAS, as Administrator of the Estate of SHARON M. DOUGLAS, deceased, on the 29th day of September 2021 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

/s/ Christine Pearl Douglas
CHRISTINE PEARL DOUGLAS

/s/ Annette Irons-Parker
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Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge of Cullman County

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 11

Therisa Anita Thornton, 61, of Hanceville
Funeral services for Therisa Anita Thornton of Hanceville will be noon, Wednesday, Oct 13 at The Refuge Church in Cullman. Reverend Tim Dubberly will be officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 12, at The Refuge Church. Hanceville Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Thornton was born May 15, 1960, to Kirby and Katie Lou (Powell) Woodard in Bartow, Florida. She died at the age of 61 on Oct. 10, at her residence in Hanceville. Survivors include her husband: Rickey Thornton; children: Kayla Garner, Karly Hood and Katina Robbins; grandchildren: Brittany Davila, Christian Davila, Raylyn Sky Hood and Alexis Brooke Hood; great-grandchildren: Baylor Cane Monfort, Blakely Iris Monfort and Charlie Ann Davila and sisters: Sarah Driggers and Sandy Tijerina.

Margie Ann Johnson Pruitt, 78, of Holly Pond
Funeral services for Margie Ann Johnson Pruitt, 78, of Holly Pond, who died Monday, Oct. 11, will be held Thursday, Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene. Reverend Micah Sturm will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday beginning at noon with the service immediately following at 2 p.m. A graveside service will be held afterward at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery in Holly Pond. Margie retired from Pruitt and Son Furniture and then spent 19 years working at Walmart. She was an active member of the Cullman First Church of the Nazarene before becoming a charter member of Fairview Church of the Nazarene. She was a member of the Credit Women's Association. She was most happy when she was in church or having large family get togethers. She is survived by her husband: Byron; daughters: Treila Michele Pruitt (Andy) Wilson and Tonya Anne Pruitt (Allen) Gracey; four grandchildren: Katie (Nick) Dixon, Hannah (Alan) Castle, Olivia and Cameron; one great-granddaughter: Ensley-Kate and three sisters: Wynelle Isbell, Sandra Pearson-Perry and Diane Sharpton. In lieu of flowers, donations be made in her memory to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. https://www.jdrf.org/. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Rebecca Ann Glenn, 79, of Cullman
Memorial service for Rebecca Ann Glenn, age 79, of Cullman, will be at noon on Friday, Oct. 15, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Pastor John Bussman officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - noon prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Miss Glenn passed away Monday, Oct. 11, at Cullman Regional. She was born Dec. 14, 1941, in Cullman, Alabama, to Jesse P. and Nellie Guthery Glenn. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Jack Glenn, Faye Glenn Rollo and Bill Glenn. Survivors include her sister: Frances Glenn Brown; nieces and nephews: Keith Brown, Judith Brown (James) Petersen, Debbie Glenn Martin, Kelly (Mary) Glenn and Brad (Linda) Glenn; great-nieces and great-nephews: Chris Martin, Michele Martin (Jonathon) Turner, Mary Glenn (Paul) White and Brian (Leanna) Peavy and great-great-niece and great-great-nephews: Ryder Wilkins, Avery Wilkins, Maverick White, Kye Turner, Cameron Martin and Ronin Peavy.

Walter Marvin Turney, 89, of Vinemont
Funeral Service for Walter Marvin Turney, age 89, of Vinemont, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jared Folks officiating and interment in Mount Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Turney passed away on Monday, Oct. 11, at his residence. He was born March 3, 1932, in Cullman, Alabama to Oscar and Flora Turney. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Sue Turney; son: Keith Turney and eight brothers and sisters. Survivors include his daughter: Debbie (Frank) Gingrich; grandchildren: Jason (Fawn) Gingrich, Ryan Gingrich, Heath Turney and Matthew (Gidget) Turney and six great-grandchildren.

Judy Nell Hill, 75, of Double Springs
Judy Nell Hill, 75, of Double Springs, entered into rest Thursday, Oct. 7, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Judy was born Sept. 14, 1946, in Langdale, Alabama. She enjoyed bird watching and gardening, especially flowers. Her favorite pastime was being with her great-granddaughter Chloe. She loved her family and taking pictures. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Oct. 12, from 10-11 a.m. at Fairview Baptist Church in Double Springs, where services will be at 11 a.m. Brother Jerry Pearson will officiate. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Judy is survived by her grandson: Jamie Hill; great-grandchildren: Chloe Hill, Jaylon Hill and Josh Hill; sister: Jane Hood; niece: Cyndi Tidwell and a host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband: Lewis "Buster" Hill; son: James Hill and parents: Melvin and Vernell Chambers Cash.

Alma Jean Thomas Ashley, 77, of Double Springs
Alma Jean Thomas Ashley, 77, of Double Springs, entered into rest Friday, Oct. 8, at her home surrounded by her loving family. Alma was born on March 13, 1944, in Jasper, Alabama. The family will hold a memorial service at a later date. Alma is survived by her children: Harold (Tonya) Abbott, Kay (Dale) Halbrook, Bobby (Bridget) Abbott, Wayne (Paula) Abbott; bonus son: Shawn Ashley; brother: Wayne (Polly) Thomas; sister: Lou Luetkin; sister-in-law: Diana Thomas; grandchildren: Josh (Autumn) Lane, Scott (Leslie) Abbott, Ashley (Aaron) Hulsey, Amy (Travis) Fisher, Brittany (Josh) Freeman, Greg Abbott, Brianna (Aubrey) Abbott, Allen Abbott, Michael Ashley, Chris Ashley, Ken Ashley, Adam Thomas and Aubre Thomas; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband: James "Jim" Ashley; parents: Jonathan and Ida Lou Dill Thomas; brothers: Jerry, Ronald (Mable) and Claude Thomas and sister: Beverly (James) Files.

Dorothy Nell Watson York, 88, of Cullman
A graveside service for Dorothy Nell Watson York will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. at the City of Cullman Cemetery. Dot died peacefully Oct. 9, at Woodland Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Cullman, where she lived for four years. Dot was born in Joppa, Alabama, March 14, 1933, to Will Howard Watson and Hassie Pearl Parker Watson and graduated from Fairview High School in 1950. Dot married Charles O. York, Jr. on February 28, 1959. Together they had one child, Charles David York. David and Charlie died three weeks apart in 2017. Dot was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her son; her brother: Donald David Watson; her sister: Linda Geraldine Watson Henderson and her niece: Leesa Watson. Survivors are niece: Donna Watson Love; her nephews: David Watson and Michael Watson; her sister: in-law Gail Weaver and her brother-in-law: G. David York. Dot was industrious and hard-working. She worked as a tax preparer in Cullman for many years. She was a longtime member of St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church. Dot enjoyed working in her yard and loved animals. She had several close friends, whom she loved dearly. She is now reunited with all members of her immediate family.

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EDITORIAL

High School marching bands—Cullman's pride and joy

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Last weekend, the City of Cullman was bustling as Oktoberfest celebrations were happening in Depot Park and the Cullman County Fair Parade made its way through town. While both were beautifully organized and tons of fun, it was the annual event taking place Saturday night at Oliver Woodard Stadium that showcased the best of Cullman County's spirit and talent—the Cullman County Band Exhibition.

This year was the 28th year for the annual event that gives each school in Cullman County the opportunity to show off their many hours of hard work and dedication.

This year, WOW, they brought the goods. The shows seem to get better and better each year and it's no wonder why these bands bring impressive hauls of hardware home during each competition season.

If you have never attended the exhibition or experienced a marching band competition, you should.

Hanceville's Mud Creek Marching Festival is scheduled for Oct. 23 at Ray Talley Stadium, and I strongly encourage checking it out. I guarantee it will not only be entertaining but uplifting, especially for those with younger children.

Why? There is a uniqueness to band competitions and exhibitions that I have yet to see duplicated during any other school sporting event.

Band kids have a level of mutual respect with each other, as well as those from other schools, that you have to see to fully understand.

Although they might be from rival schools, bands support and love to see others do their best. It's inspiring—the sportsmanship, support and appreciation they all have for one another.

Band kids don't exhibit bitterness or act ugly when another band does something great.

They acknowledge it and they do so with genuine and heartfelt enthusiasm. They give each other standing ovations, thunderous applause and cheers. They feed off the positive energy that builds up after each performance and they are able to use that energy as fuel for their own.

While last Saturday's exhibition did not have judges scores or trophies awarded afterward, the first opportunity to perform in a stadium full of their peers certainly elevated their determination to do their very best.

The exhibition also serves as a launching pad as the bands enter competition season.

What should excite and motivate people to support the band in their endeavors is: the same standout character they displayed at the exhibition will be the impression others are left with as they travel throughout the state and beyond.

The marching bands are often the only ambassadors of one's school and community to travel outside of the immediate district.

Seeing their stellar behavior and talents Saturday night lets me know Cullman County can take pride in knowing they have first-class representation.

A heartfelt congratulations is due the nine bands that performed at this year's Cullman County Band Exhibition: Cullman Middle School Advanced Band, Cold Springs Royal Blue Band, Holly Pond Broncos, Hanceville Bulldogs, Vinemont Eagles, Good Hope Raiders, West Point Warriors, Fairview Aggies and the Cullman High School Bearcats.

It was the most impressive exhibition yet and you will, no doubt, earn Superior ratings wherever you go this school year.



