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Buettner Brothers acquired by Southeast Building Supply Interests

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Boston's Southeast Building Supply Interests (SBSI) has acquired local building supply staple Buettner Brothers Lumber Company. The announcement was made Wednesday. The acquisition of the 130-year-old company came as a surprise to many who have been accustomed to seeing the green benches bearing the Buettner name throughout Cullman for generations. Despite the change of hands, however, the benches are here to stay.

Jimmy Barnes, great-grandson of founder Hugo Buettner, shared, "Anytime you have something like this, there's going to be change, some positive and some negative. For the most part, I think the positive outweighs the negative. We're keeping on all of » PAGE 5



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The American flag waves outside Buettner Brothers on Thursday morning, Sept. 1.

Little Free Library open at Art Park



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson, Haley Gormley and Cullman County Public Library System Director Sharon Townson cut the ribbon on the new Little Free Library at Art Park Friday, Sept. 2.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's newest Little Free Library (LFL) was officially opened Friday at Art Park (1031 Second St. SW). Representatives from the Cullman County Public Library System and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) cut the ribbon, commemorating the latest LFL sponsored by the library system and the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (FPLCC).

LFLs offer free books to anyone on an honor basis. Readers can "take a book, share a book."

LFL boxes are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, removing barriers to book access. The new box at Art Park was shipped in from the LFL organization in Wisconsin.

"People do construct them, and there are some gracious, generous, creative individuals who build them, but these withstand hurricane winds and tornado winds," said FPLCC board member Renee Welsh.

Emily Bussman, who serves on the Art Council and operates Sips n Strokes Cullman, was commissioned to paint the design on the new LFL. It is filled with mostly children's books since families and children » PAGE 6

West Point pulls away to top Vinemont 44-12



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West Point QB Hunter Hensley races past defenders in the Warriors' 44-12 win at Vinemont Friday night. » PAGE 9

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1-2

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 1-2, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Aug. 29

- theft of property; Co. Rd, 1598
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 S
- criminal mischief; Hwy 91
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 157
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 831
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 162
- harassment; Hwy 69 N
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1559
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 161
- burglary; Co. Rd. 703
- theft of property; Hwy 91
- assault; Good Hope School Rd.
- unauthorized use of motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1107
- criminal mischief; Welcome Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 532
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy 157

Aug. 30

- stalking; Co. Rd. 747
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1176
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Co. Rd. 1718
- harassment; Co. Rd. 25
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 735
- domestic violence; Veterans Dr. S.W.
- violation of protection order; Hwy 278 E
- assault; Co. Rd. 587
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 31

Aug. 31

- domestic violence; Hwy 157
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 69 N
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1225
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1141
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 223
- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB MM 291
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 15
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 728
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1343
- harassment; Good Hope School Rd.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1339
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1251
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437

ARRESTS

Aug. 29

Aldridge, Dena J; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Brooks, Jacob W; 35
- public intoxication

Burney, June D; 22
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Loyd, Brittany C; 23
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- assault-3rd degree

McCormick, Kenny L; 29
- auto theft

McGinnis, Ricky N; 65
- possession of marijuana

Payne, Tommy J; 48
- Probation violation-counterfeiting

Sanford, Christopher L; 38
- FTA-driving without license

Sturgeon, Anthony M; 27
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Wilson, Larry J; 20
- minor in possession of tobacco
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Aug. 30

Bagwell, Kristi S; 33
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of marijuana

Black, Travis W; 58
- possession of marijuana
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Goerner, Kimberly R; 32
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Harbison, Ian J; 21
- FTA-giving false identification to law enforcement officer

Mooney, Clint R; 43
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Smith, Shara L; 50
- FTA-giving false identification to law enforcement officer
- FTA-obstruction of governmental operations

Tackett, Erin K; 22
- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Thompson, Kristy M; 36
- possession of methamphetamine

Aug. 31

Adcock, Kimberly A; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Barbee, Jeffery H; 26
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Benefield, Harley D; 23
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Drane, Jacob A; 23
- promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hamby, Christy L; 45
- FTA-burglary

Jackson, Jeremy N; 44
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Robinson, Justin P; 25
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun

Williams, Nina A; 34
- FTA-causing delinquency, dependency need of supervision of child

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Aug. 29

- theft of property-4th degree; D&H Cycle, Inc; Hwy 31; tire; $200
- counterfeit $100; State of Alabama; Hwy 278 W
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; 2nd Ave. S.W; miscellaneous

Aug. 30

- burglary-3rd degree; Joysticks and D20s; 4th St. S.W; general merchandise, damaged property
- forgery-3rd degree, identity theft; 2nd Ave. N.W; forged check
- forgery-3rd degree; Stonewall Corporation; Cherokee Ave. S.W; forged check
- theft of property-4th degree; Tractor Supply; 2nd Ave. S.W; general merchandise; $180
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Cullman Shopping Center; damage to 2021 Lexus; $700
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; food; $5

Aug. 31

- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $32
- leaving scene of accident; Hwy 157/Eva Rd; damage to 2015 Volkswagen
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $98

Sept. 1

- forgery-3rd degree; Mitch Smith Chevrolet; forged check
- theft of property-3rd degree; Walmart; Hwy 157; general merchandise; $545
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $219

ARRESTS

Aug. 30

Morena, Mawavea N; 30
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-speeding
- FTA-vehicle entering from private drive
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Oglesby, Donna B; 61
- DUI

Pate, Cody W; 36
- FTA-failure to have rabies tag
- FTA-public intoxication
- FTA-driving without license
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-DUI (2 counts)
- FTA-failure to yield
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Smith, Shara L; 50
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree (2 counts)
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-driving while revoked
- FTA-improper lane usage
- FTA-failure to yield right of way

Stewart, Misty S; 38
- lane usage

Uselton, Johnathan S; 31
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)
- FTA-attempting to elude
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- FTA-expired tag

Aug. 31

Hinkle, Joseph F; 42
- public intoxication

Robinson, Justin P; 25
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-expired tag

Sept. 1

Beasley, Anthony R; 50
- FTA-receiving stolen property
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Kunze, Cody W; 29
- unlawful possession/receiving controlled substances (2 counts)
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ross, Brandon J; 29
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-expired tag
- FTA-driving while suspended

Stevens, L.C; 40
- FTA-expired tag (2 counts)
- FTA-driving without license (2 counts)
- FTA-insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

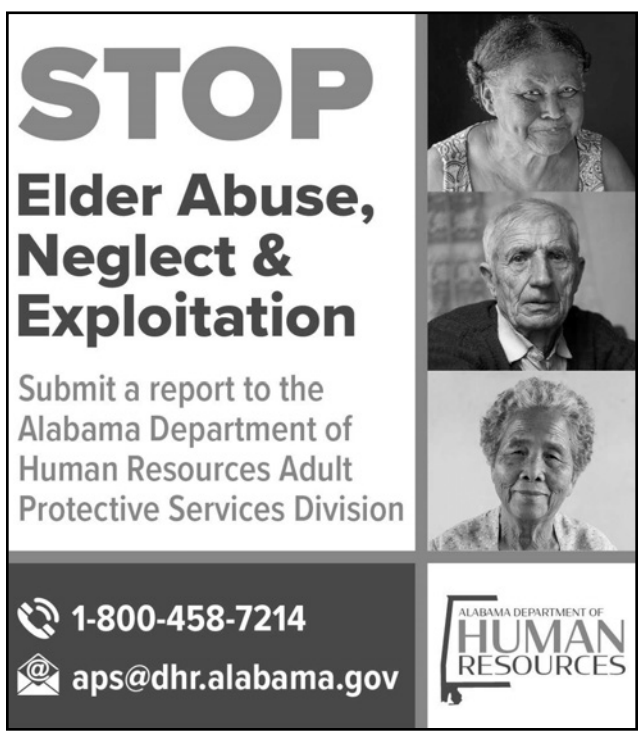
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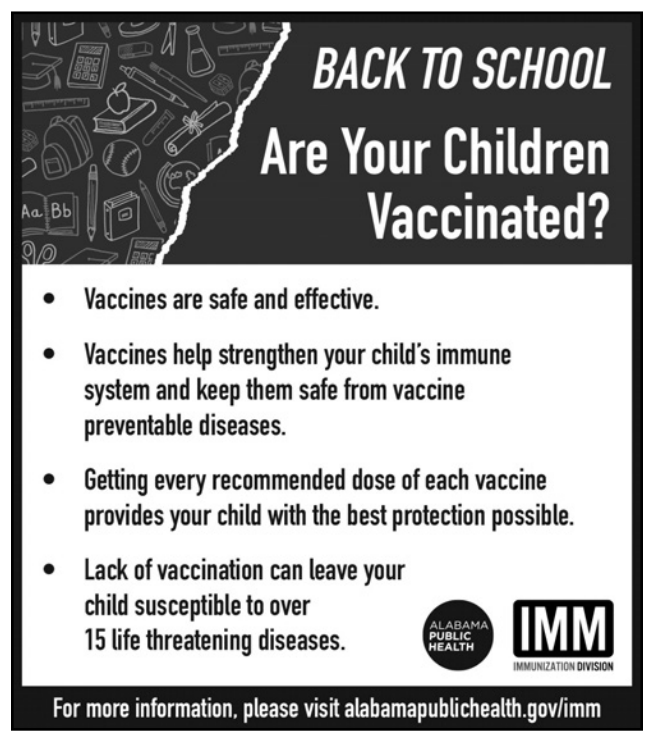
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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) Mondays and Thursdays 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 Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Mondays-Fridays- 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 birthdays. 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.
• Sunday, Sept. 4 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth, and adults 10 a.m. Adult class. 11 a.m. message by Pastor Bobby Dodd.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). First meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Festhalle Farmers' Market
• Open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 8 a.m.-2 p.m. until October
• Located at 209 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL

Berlin Farmers' Market
• Open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. until October
• Located at 50 Mt. Carmel Drive off U.S. Highway 278

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

GriefShare Grief Support Group
• Sundays, 3-5 p.m., through Nov. 20, at First Baptist Church Cullman, 501 Second. Ave. SW
• Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend- GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Call 256-734-5632 for more information.

Cullman County Cattlemen, Cattlewomen Steak Sandwich Sale
• Saturday, Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the south end of town in the parking lot in front of the theater by Wal-Mart. Drive-through service is available for those who want to grab and go, and walk-up service is available. Sandwiches are $10 each. Drinks and chips available for $1 each. We accept cash, check, debit/credit cards.

Free sandwich opportunity:
1. All first responders will receive one free sandwich, compliments of the Cullman County Cattlemen and Cattlewomen's Associations. Show us your badge and we will give you a free sandwich.
2. Anyone who signs up to become a new Cullman County Cattlemen's member will receive a free sandwich.
3. Anyone who renews their current membership will receive a free sandwich.

Party at the Palomino
Saturday, Sept. 3, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cullman's premier RV resort complete with food trucks, live music from The Overtones (4-6 p.m.) and, because it wouldn't be a late-summer party without it, the Slippery Summit inflatable water feature. Admission is free for the festivities while the Slippery Summit's tickets are $16.95 each and can be booked online.

26th Annual Sweet Tater Festival
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Sept. 5 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) at Smith Lake Park. Both days we'll have live entertainment, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors and sweet taters! The Sweet Tater Festival Car Show will be Monday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Admission is $5 per person and armbands allow for entry both days.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show
• Labor Day, Sept. 5, at Randall Shedd Community Park, 605-649, Wesley Ave. N, Cullman, 35058, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Parade starts at 11. Lineup starts 10 at the Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field).
• Anyone who would like to be in the parade is welcome; just be there at 10 a.m. Registration for the car show is $15 and awards will be given out at 1 p.m. We encourage vendors to come out and join us. Booths will be first come, first served, for $10 each (no ready-to-eat food vendors, please). LifeSouth Blood Mobile will be there.
• Blood is desperately needed so please give if you can or bring a friend who can. Concessions will be available. We will have a dunking booth and a small train ride for the kids and a bouncy house. CPD helicopter will be there. All proceeds go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us. Thanks for all your support. For more information call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

Heartland Quilt Guild
The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet Thursday, Sept. 8, at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 Saint Joseph St., at 6:30 p.m. Special speaker will be Ann Barrett. She will be doing a bed turning and telling us her story. All are welcome.

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association Bluegrass Festival
Saturday, Sept. 9, from 5-10 p.m. at Depot Park. Featured guests are Cotton Pickin' Kids, Barefoot Nellie and Cottonmouth Creek. Food, fun, music for all. For more information, email atog218@aol.com.

Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department 50th Anniversary Celebration
Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Station 1. Enjoy some good food, bounce house for the kiddos and some awesome music by Jesse Priest. While you are here, take a look at our trucks and equipment. We look toward to seeing everybody.

Cullman Education Retirees Association (CERA) Meeting
Thursday, Sep. 15, at Stone Bridge Farms. We will meet at 11 a.m. with a program by Alabama Securities and a brief business meeting, followed by lunch about noon. Retirees and friends of education are invited.

Hanceville Kids' Night Out
Thursday, Sept. 15, from 6-8 p.m. at C.W. Day Park. This yearly event provides the community's children a chance to get to know local police officers, fire personnel and community leaders while enjoying family fun.

2nd Annual Chambers Fall Festival
Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Chambers Farm and Garden Supply. Around 60 vendors will be on-site, including food trucks, shaved ice, a balloon artist and kids' games. The festival will feature live music, giveaways and in-store specials. Parking will be at the West Elementary ballpark.

Superhero Fire
Saturday, Sept. 17, from 4-6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center, 902 Commercial St. Free admission. Free food. Wal-Mart heart and Hanceville Fire & Rescue trucks will be on-site. Daryl Nethery with Kozmic Sound. Opening prayer by Carl Cooper from The Hedge Ministry in Arkansas. Guest speaker will be Lacy Tolar from Rescue 1 Global in Tennessee. Domestic violence, human trafficking, recovery center and suicide prevention and awareness vendor advocates.

Oktoberfest German Dinner at Sacred Heart
The annual Oktoberfest German Dinner will be held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored by the women's Altar Society, the event this year is drive-thru only -follow signs at church. The meal consists of bratwurst and German-style kraut, (meat by Brickyard Meats), German potato salad, green beans, applesauce, bread and dessert for $15. There are NO children's meals this year. All proceeds raised go toward the sponsoring Altar Society's church upkeep projects. Everyone welcome to enjoy this yearly meal celebrating our German heritage!

Harvest to Home Dinner & Silent Auction
Sept. 29 at 5:30 p.m. This will be a locally sourced dinner starting with a menu curated by Chef Nichols, department chair of the Wallace State Culinary Arts Program. This is the North Alabama Agriplex's largest yearly fundraising effort. More details coming soon.

Oktoberfest
Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Festhalle. Join us for the 41st Annual Cullman Oktoberfest to celebrate Cullman's rich German heritage! This festival features a Biergarten with German and local craft beers, live music, food, kids and adult activities and some fun events for your furry members of the family!

Cullman County Fair Parade
Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. along U.S. Highway 31 from Cullman First Baptist Church to McGriff Tire. www.cullmanfair.org/fair-parade

Cullman County Fair
Oct. 6-15 at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. www.cullmanfair.org

Peinhardt Farm Day(s)
The Peinhardt Living History Farm Foundation will host Peinhardt Living History Farm Day over an unprecedented two-day span this year: Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This hands-on fall festival teaches all ages what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in north Alabama. Free for ages 2 and younger and $10 for all others. The farm is located at 1711 Talley Ho St., Cullman.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

Sept. 1, 2022 COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Dashboard Hub (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)

ADPH COVID-19 dashboard changes
As of May 19, 2022, the Overall Levels of Community Transmission was removed from the Data and Surveillance Dashboard. We have added two tabs: Community Levels for the public and Community Transmission Levels for healthcare facility use only to the Dashboard Hub: arcg.is/0brSGj.

Case details* (Updated Thursdays)
• Positivity in tests in Alabama: 19.4%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 568,046 (increase of 14,654)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,408 (increase of 110)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 7.3%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2021): 9,754
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2022): 11,069 (increase of 396)
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2020): 128
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2021): 188
• Deaths in Cullman Co. (2022): 30 (increase of 3)
• Total tested in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 1,374
• Total tested positive in Cullman Co. in the last 7 days: 100
• Total tested in Alabama in the last 7 days: 41,734
• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 8,081

Vaccine details (updated Thursdays)
• Doses delivered to Alabama: 10,145,595
• Doses delivered to Alabama providers: 5,122,565
• Doses administered: 6,311,457 (increase of 8,662)
• Additional doses administered: 929,687 (increase of 1,950)
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,912,676 (increase of 1,884)
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,411,016 (increase of 2,087)
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,023,030

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

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52 ODES TO JOY: BETTER WITH AGE

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"Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be..."

- Robert Browning

"The JOYrontologist" recommends: If you only read one book about joyous aging in your one precious life, let it be "BETTER WITH AGE: The Psychology of Successful Aging" by Dr. Alan D. Castel.

BETTER WITH AGE should not only be required reading in every university gerontology program in America, but also in the personal collection of every thinking American who has the good fortune to have reached middle age and can be looking forward to their future.

"The book title, BETTER WITH AGE," the author said, "may make one think of a fine wine that ages well with time, but like wine making, successful aging can be an active and involved process that requires development over time. This book shows how we can get better with age and enjoy the benefits of old age."

BETTER WITH AGE, published by the Oxford University Press in 2018, is such a joyful, yet honest, book about aging that had it existed when I began my gerontology studies in the 1970s, I might have continued on a more traditional path toward a social work doctorate. Throughout my dog-eared copy, I've highlighted numerous passages where Dr. Castel's words reinforce what I call "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyous Aging System."

Here are some favorite examples:

SMILE-MAKING (Positive Thinking and Positive Doing)

"Successful aging can start at any age, and there is a lot you can do now to enjoy the benefits of old age."

"Yet the best marker for your age, and your longevity and overall health, is how old you feel—something known as your subjective age."

"Research shows that attitudes one holds about aging are related to how well one actually ages—even when these attitudes are assessed years before one enters old age."

"Happiness can be defined as both the feeling of pleasure and the feeling of overall contentment."

"Happiness appears to peak in young adulthood, hit a low point during the late 40s and 50s, and then increase again into later life and old age." (Data based on 300,000-person study in 2010)

"Some research suggests that babies laugh up to 300 times a day, whereas adults laugh 20 times a day."

UNITING (Deeply Connecting)

"Goals change with age, and we may be more selective about what to focus on when we are older, often focusing on emotionally meaningful goals, such as spending time with family and friends..."

"As we get older, we become connoisseurs of what we need to remember."

"...Some research suggests that older adults, without formal psychology training, are, in fact, adept at analyzing interpersonal conflict, much like a trained clinical psychologist."

"Friendships are one of the best formulas for preventing loneliness, especially during a life transition such as retirement."

"You might want to find friends who have a positive outlook on aging, as being socially connected to people that are important to you may be one of the more underappreciated ways to stay healthy and enjoy old age."

NEIGHBORING (Others-Centeredness)

"...Wisdom, expertise, and creativity may be intricately linked, and they may all be enhanced with age and considered a benefit of old age."

"Older age may allow us the opportunity to be more creative after having established some credibility in a domain..."

"Wisdom was defined as the ability to see problems from multiple perspectives and show sensitivity to social relationships."

"Now Read This: Reading Makes Us Sharper and More Socially Aware."

"Regular social engagement is associated with a stronger immune system."

SPELLBINDING (Meaningful Accomplishment)

"There are no shortages of brain-challenging things to do every day, so we don't need to seek out video games to stimulate our brains."

"(Warren) Buffett credits his own success to reading voraciously; he typically spends 80% of his day reading."

"Meaningful aging does not involve "winners and losers" in terms of longevity and health, but rather the need to focus on what is most meaningful to a person, especially in older age."

"Moderate amounts of physical exercise, such as walking, and diet can play an important role and can modify the brain and body in important ways, reducing the likelihood of developing dementia."

"Wisdom is more than knowledge, and wisdom is not Wikipedia."

"There is something to be gained by being slow if slowing down can make you more present, more mindful, and more aware of other people's perspectives."

"There is no one secret or silver bullet that protects us in old age from cognitive decline. However, probably the most surprising thing we can do to keep sharp is physical exercise...walking actually appears to even reverse the effects of aging...The simple answer is blood flow..."

BETTER WITH AGE, Dr. Castel's terrific book, ends with this sage comment:

"There is no shortcut to successful aging, just as there is no way to avoid aging. There are many, different ways to achieve successful aging. One plan may be to think about old age early in life, to identify the positives and anticipate the challenges, and to have your own role models of successful aging. Whatever your age, now is the time to think about successful aging."

BETTER WITH AGE ODES FROM OTHERS

"It takes no more time to see the good side of life than to see the bad."—Jimmy Buffett

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been."—Mark Twain

"I will never be an old man. To me, old age is always 15 years older than I am."—Francis Bacon

"The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook."—William James

"Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you."—John Wooden

"While everybody has some wisdom, an unwise person is unkind, cruel, brutish..."—Maya Angelou

BETTER WITH AGE WINE & CHEESE LAFFS

- I don't spend a lot on a bottle of wine; only about 15 minutes.

- My wife and I have the secret to making a marriage last. Two times a week we go to a wine bar. She goes on Tuesdays, and I go on Fridays.

- I've taught my dog to fetch a glass of red wine. He's a Bordeaux Collie.

- I bought a bottle of wine but was worried the grocery sack was tearing and I'd drop it on the way home. So, I decided to drink it. It's a good thing I did, I fell off my bike 8 times.

- People who don't eat cheese because they are lactose intolerant need to learn to be more accepting of different cultures.

- Two French cheese trucks collided; de Brie was everywhere!

- Better with age? My mother-in-law has aged like a fine, red wine. Too much of her and I get a headache.

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Sept. 3—Kaia Gerber

Sept. 4—Beyonce'

Sep.t 5—Bob Newhart

Sept. 6—Jeff Foxworthy

Sept. 7—Grandma Moses

Sept. 8—Patsy Cline

Sept. 9—Adam Sandler

LAUGHING COW WALNUT CHEESEBALL—NEW MEXICO WALNUTS
(Source: landolakes.com)

Each week, "The JOYrontologist" shares a recipe saluting a healthy food produced in America. This delicious and nutritious collection is called "The S.U.N.S. Longevity Cookbook" and highlights vitamin B-3 (niacin) which many gerontologists believe holds the promise for a long, healthy, joyful life.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 (8 ounce) container Laughing Cow cheese (original flavor)
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) container sharp cheddar cold pack cheese
- 1 (4 ounce) package blue cheese, crumbled
- 3/4 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon celery salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh garlic
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts, toasted
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Dippers: crackers, pita chips, apple/pear slices

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine all cheese ball ingredients except walnuts and parsley in bowl. Mash with fork and beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Cover; refrigerate 3 hours or overnight until firm.

2. Combine walnuts and parsley in a bowl.

3. Shape cheese mixture into a ball; roll in walnut mixture to coat.

4. Serve with dippers and... LAFF EVRY DAY!

"The JOYrontologist" recommends a BETTER WITH AGE wine to pair with the Laughing Cow Walnut Cheeseball: Pares Balta Blanca Cusine 2012 Gran Reserva Brut Nature. This organic, sparkling wine is made the time-honored way, about 30 miles south of Barcelona, Spain, using grapes harvested by hand and aged at least 72 months.

1,070 JOY-GIVING THINGS FROM MY FIRST 70 YEARS
(continued)

773. "Days of Wine and Roses," film (1962)

774. "Days of Wine and Roses" title song performed by Andy Williams

775. Aged blue jeans

776. Time-seasoned cast iron skillets

777. Whiskey aged for a decade

778. Flannel sheets that get softer every year

779. People who get kinder every year

780. The mature wisdom to "pick your battles"

781. Mac and cheese made with Humboldt Fog goat cheese

782. Aged gouda in Amsterdam

783. Aged Parmigiano-Reggiano in Rome

784. The resonate timber of older wood musical instruments like violins and ukuleles

785. Pickles that age over winter

786. Reading the classics that hold up over time

787. "Red Red Wine" written and sung by Neil Diamond

788. "Red Red Wine" reimagined by UB40

789. Leather boots that soften as they mold to your feet over time

790. Unglazed tea pots that soak up and release flavor over time

791. Dry-aged beef in Colorado

792. My mother praying my tastes in design would "mature over time"

793. Cold, leftover meatloaf sandwiches

794. Slow-smoked pulled pork

795. 12-year-old Balsamic vinegar

796. Old leather wallets that curve

797. Dad's leathery, old hands

798. The superior storytelling by elders

799. Propagating seedlings that grow to trees with the Alabama Master Gardeners

800. "Summer Wine" sung by Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood

801. "The Best is Yet to Come" sung by Frank Sinatra

HAPPY SEPTEMBER & YEARS THAT GET BETTER WITH TIME!

Read all the installments in this series at www.cullmantribune.com/tag/odes-to-joy-2022.



Buettner Brothers (from Front)

our employees. We're keeping the name. I will be here and active in the company for at least two years. SBSI values our sense of community, and they realize that's how this company has developed over the years. Our employees will have better benefit packages. And, for our customers, hopefully being a part of a bigger group will make us more competitive.

"We're fourth generation and I read that only 3% of family businesses make it to the fourth generation. We don't have any children in the business, my partner and I, and I felt like, when I started looking at all my options, this was the best way to go and carry on the Buettner Brothers name. I feel good about it."

SSBI, with Roger Farmer at the helm, has its first Alabama location with Buettner Brothers, bringing its total lumber and building supply locations to 11 throughout Georgia, the Carolinas and Tennessee. The addition of Buettner Brothers will include the truss making facility located next door to the store.

Farmer, in a previous statement, said, "I consider Alabama home, and I could not be more excited to acquire our first business in the state. Under John's (McPhillips) and Jimmy's (Barnes) leadership Buettner has been a pillar of the Cullman community, and we look forward to continuing in that tradition."

"We are excited to be in Alabama, and we are excited to partner with Buettner employees on this next growth phase. Our employee equity program is designed to reward the hard work that is required to grow a business. Our goal is to create shared prosperity with all of our employees," said Nick Massengill, operating partner at Building Industry Partners and SBSI director.

Barnes did his due diligence researching SBSI and even made sure that the company's elder Richard Buettner would still be on staff. Richard Buettner has been assured that he has a place in the company for as long as he chooses.

Leibrock (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Gunther Leibrock came to Cullman as a young man in 1990 to gain valuable work experience, which he took back with him to his home country of Germany. Then an electrical engineering student, Leibrock resided in the states for three months, working at Americold, and stayed with Robert Tidwell and his family.

"Compared to 1990, your city has developed dramatically. It's unbelievable. Congratulations," said Leibrock to Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs as he visited Cullman City Hall with his 16-year-old son Vincent and family friend Tidwell Thursday.

More than 30 years after his first stay in the city, Leibrock said, "I'm here again with my son Vincent. We are here for three weeks. The first week was New York. The second week is here in Cullman and after that we fly to south Florida then back to Germany. These three weeks are really great, especially here in Cullman with the hospitality and friendly people. It's unbelievable. We're enjoying it so much."

Speaking of Cullman's Christkindlmarkt, celebrated over the past few holiday seasons, Leibrock shared stories of Christmas markets in Germany, many of which date back over 1,000 years. In return, Jacobs spoke about Cullman's Weihnachtspyramide, or Christmas pyramid, which was commissioned from German company Erzgebirgiisehe Holzkunst Gahlenz in 2019, and is the tallest in the country.

Although returning as a guest to Cullman, Leibrock graciously extended an invitation to all local residents: "All Cullman people are invited to come to Germany, to Frankweiler. It's important for the next generation because, if we are friends, we understand each other much better than just watching on TV."



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Gunther Leibrock, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Vincent Leibrock and Robert Tidwell are seen at Cullman City Hall Thursday, Sept. 1.

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WFF expands SOA hunting opportunities

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division continues to expand its unique access to the great outdoors with five new Special Opportunity Areas (SOAs) around the state.

The SOA concept was born six years ago with the purchase of 5,894 acres in Dallas County that became the Cedar Creek SOA in 2017.

The most recent acquisitions into the SOA program include four properties ranging in size from 165 acres to 4,000 acres. Blackwater SOA in Baldwin County is a 3,500-acre tract with coastal wetlands, oak hammocks and longleaf pine savanna along the Perdido and Blackwater rivers with hunting for deer and small game. Choctaw National Wildlife Refuge SOA in Choctaw County, a cooperative venue with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is a 4,000-acre area with bottomland hardwood forest along the Alabama River that will offer primitive weapons deer hunts only.

Thigpen Hill SOA is a 3,500-acre tract in Butler County situated along the headwaters of Cedar Creek with rolling hills, hardwood/pine upland forest, bottomland hardwoods along creeks, a few cedar-glade areas and rock outcroppings that offers hunting opportunities for deer, turkey, feral swine and small game.

Prairie Glades SOA is a 165-acre area in Montgomery County made up of Black Belt prairie with agricultural fields that will offer dove hunting.

Available in the 2022-2023 season will be the Little River State Forest SOA in Monroe County. The 3,000-acre tract has upland longleaf pine and loblolly pine, braided creek drains and sandy rolling hills with deer, turkey and small game hunting.

The other properties in the SOA system are Upper State and Fred T. Stimpson in Clarke County, Cedar Creek and Portland Landing in Dallas County, Uchee Creek in Russell County and Crow Creek in Jackson County.

With the new areas, hunters can apply for the limited quota hunts on 11 SOAs with opportunities to hunt white-tailed deer, wild turkey, waterfowl, feral swine and small game. Registration for several SOA hunts opened Sept. 1. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/articles/soa-hunt-registration-begins-september-1 for the full SOA registration schedule.

For those not familiar with SOAs, each area is divided into hunt units of about 300 to 500 acres. Each SOA has specific hunts, typically two to four days in length, for a collection of game species including deer, turkey, waterfowl, feral swine and small game.

Applicants select desired hunt dates on the specific SOA. If chosen by a random, computerized selection, the successful applicant and one guest will be assigned a specific hunt unit for the selected dates. The hunt unit will be for their sole use throughout the hunt dates assigned to them. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/special-opportunity-areas and click on the link to register for hunts.

WFF Director Chuck Sykes said the Division has several ways to procure land to use in the SOA system, with a partnership with the Forever Wild Land Trust as the most frequent and largest contributor.

"Ninety-seven percent of the land in the state is in private ownership," Sykes said. "A good portion of hunters in Alabama only hunt private land. There's a stigma about hunting public land. Setting up these SOAs the way we did, we sort of made it like a hunting club for those selected permit holders.

"It was something that private land hunters could relate with. It would let them stick their toe in the water on public land hunting and let them see that these SOAs are great places to hunt and are managed well. The properties are game-rich, and they are not hunting in a crowded situation, like some people think.

"Several years ago, we surveyed our SOA participants. We thought it was going to go over well. It exceeded our expectations. Now our limiting factor is enough opportunity for everybody to be able to participate. The more of these properties we can add, the better off we're going to be."

Sykes said WFF attempts to expand hunting opportunities when feasible, and special feral swine hunts have been added as well as areas that are perfect for introducing new or inexperienced hunters to the outdoors.

"We bought a couple of properties specifically for dove hunting," he said. "Dove hunting is a great gateway hunting opportunity to get people interested. These properties are close to metropolitan areas, where folks don't have to travel too far and can have a good experience. It gives them a positive perception of hunting and a positive perception of us (WFF) and the opportunities we provide.

"It's not that we're not continuing to provide great hunting on our WMA (wildlife management area) system; the SOAs just add to it. We've got to quit preaching to the choir and start preaching to a different audience that doesn't necessarily know who we are, what we do, or the public land opportunities that we provide.

"This is one way we are attracting a new, more diverse audience to utilize those public lands."

During the height of the COVID pandemic, many people discovered venturing outdoors for any number of activities was a great outlet when travel and social interaction were severely limited.

"The COVID bump showed us that people went to the grocery store and shelves were empty," Sykes said. "They got to thinking about what they were going to do if it happened again. That's why our Adult Mentored Hunting Program (www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/adult-mentored-hunting-program) has been successful. That's why our Go Fish, Alabama! campaign has been successful.

"We have a bunch of young professionals and young families that didn't grow up hunting and fishing like we did that want to be a little more self-sufficient.

"If we can teach them to hunt through our Adult Mentored Hunting Program or teach them how to fish with our Go Fish, Alabama! program, then they can transition to traditional WMAs.

"Going to a WMA like Skyline with 60,000 acres may be a little intimidating for people who don't feel confident in their abilities. If they get drawn at Portland Landing (SOA), they are assigned 300 acres with definite boundaries. Nobody will be there but them and the one friend they can bring hunting.

"It gives them the confidence that they can be successful, which, with each touch, makes them more confident where they can go tackle a hunt at a Skyline or Lowndes WMA."

Sykes said WFF doesn't actively traverse the state searching for land that would possibly serve as an SOA.

"We don't go out specifically looking for certain tracts of property," he said. "What we have are certain areas of the state that we have identified as underserved. Dallas County (Cedar Creek) was a big one when we started this program six years ago. It just so happened that a willing seller came to us with a tract of land. It was a good fit for the program in an area where we did not have public hunting, so we acquired it.

"Then things kind of snowballed, because once you acquire a piece of property in a certain location, other landowners come to you and say, 'Hey, I saw what you did with this, would you be interested in this property?' For example, the same landowner Forever Wild purchased Uchee Creek (SOA) from had a piece of property in Dallas County that we ended up partnering with them and buying. It was just being at the right place at the right time."

Sykes said word about the SOAs has spread, and now real estate agents and large landowners are bringing more properties to WFF for consideration.

"Some work; some don't," he said. "Some just don't fit in with our program, and we have to say no. The ones that make sense, we do everything we can to acquire them and put them in public hunting. We started with one five years ago, offering just deer hunts and a couple of turkey hunts. Now, we're offering deer, dove, duck, turkey, feral pig and small game. Each year, we're adding more and more opportunities for people. If it makes sense, we're not quitting."

Sykes challenges anyone who might be the least bit interested to go to www.outdooralabama.com and check out the possibilities.

"Give it a chance," he said. "Apply for one of them and go see for yourself."



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Numerous properties in the SOA system offer hunting for squirrel and other small game.



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Library (from Front)

are the main visitors to Art Park.

Welsh, who regularly checks the library inventories, said, "This is empty at least three times a week."

Cullman County Public Library System Director Sharon Townson said, "Renee keeps the ones that the library is associated with. We get tons of donations from all over the community.

"We try to pick out books and set those aside, and she's kind enough to come by and take her time to visit the different ones and help keep those stocked.

"Of course, the idea is that if you take one, to leave one, but that's not always the case and that's fine. We try to keep them supplied."

Welsh shared, "The first one that we installed was over on Rosemont (Avenue) almost two years ago this month, and it was right during the pandemic. People were putting food in there. It was so meaningful because it was highly used."

The LFL on Rosemont Avenue is so popular that it kicked off the creation of several more.

The LFL at the Hilltop Senior Center (1545 Vine Circle SW) was placed there to support senior residents.

"It's predominantly seniors, so the inventory of books lends itself more to adult reading," said Welsh.

Each location attempts to cater the reading material to fit the surrounding demographic.

There are six LFLs owned by the Cullman County Public Library System, but there are several others in Cullman County created by those who want to share their love of reading. They can be found by visiting https://littlefreelibrary.org/map/.



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Haley Gormley, 9, picks out a book from the Little Free Library at Art Park Friday, Sept. 2.

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Hearing (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools Chief Financial Officer James Brumley presented the 2023 fiscal year budget to the board Thursday. The first hearing of the budget provided a detailed explanation of funding sources and proposed expenditures for the period of Oct. 1, 2022-Sept. 30, 2023.

The breakdown of the sources of funding for the schools are:

- State - $22,824,367 - 46.5%
- Federal - $9,043,756 - 18.4%
- Local - $16,843,696 - 34.3%
- Other - $296,654 - 0.7%

The local funding sources are:

- City sales tax - $4.84 million
- County sales tax - $1.81 million
- Ad valorem tax - $6.35 million

City sales tax has increased almost 8% in the past year and county sales tax is up 16.5%, an indicator of Cullman's continued growth. Ad valorem, or property, taxes saw a 2.5% growth.

In addition to the statewide measure to increase all public school employees' wages by 4%, the city schools district also provided an additional 2% wage increase to teachers and a 5%-15% increase for support staff for the budget, a $1 million investment by the school board.

Due to the wage increases, the reserve fund of $930,000, or 2.3 month reserve, is not expected to stretch as far in previous years. "Your one-month operating cost now is $2.8 million.

"That's $190,000 more a month than it was last year, which was $2.28 million," shared Brumley.

"I think, going out on a limb, I think we can make it up. I think we can make it up this year with what we have."

While the remaining amounts for the building projects of two of the city's schools are required to be listed in the FY 2023 budget, a portion of each project will roll over to the FY 2024 budget.

The capital projects are budgeted as follows for FY 2023:

- Cullman Middle School $22,301,190
- Cullman City Primary School $11,887,473

Brumley provided a breakdown of the budget's spending, with the exclusion of the construction projects:

- Instructional - $24,731,457 - 65.31%
- Debt Service - $1,930,398 - 6.81%
- General Administration - $1,647,673 - 4.28%
- Operations and Maintenance - $3,041,614 - 14.65%
- Auxiliary Services - $1,886,160 - 4.72%
- Other (Preschool/Head Start) - $1,552,987 - 4.23%

In other news, the board approved a request for Heather Livingston to drive a truck for the Cullman High School band to performances and approved a contract with BSN Sports.

The personnel report was approved including the following:

- Retirement of Sandi Allred- instructional assistant at Cullman City Primary School
- Resignation of Cheyenne Sharp- Child Nutrition Program (CNP) worker at Cullman City Schools
- Supplement to Chad Shannon- Cullman Middle School softball assistant coach
- Supplement to Bre Turner- Cullman High School Dance Team coach
- FMLA extension for Amy Emmert

The following conditional employment contracts were approved:

- Vickie Buckelew- CNP worker
- Leslie Dawson- CNP operations associate
- Hope Bowen- Extended Day Program assistant at Cullman City Primary School
- Jennifer Aguilar-Contreras- Extended Day Program assistant at Cullman City Primary School

The second budget hearing will be held Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. at the central office. The next regular board meeting will be Sept. 20 at 5 p.m. at Cullman City Primary School.

LEGALS

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

1992 Chevrolet C/K 3500, Vin.#1GBJC34K1NE184100
2009 Scion TC, Vin.#JTKDE167990279645
2005 Dodge Neon, Vin.#1B3ES56C35D140639
2003 Ford Explorer, Vin.#1FMZU62K03UA55604
2007 Jeep Commander, Vin.#1J8HG48N76C105336
1993 Honda Accord, Vin.#JHMCB768XPC011088
2000 Land Rover, Vin.#SALPV154X4A432725

These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Smith's Body Shop and Wrecker Service, LLC, 11597 US Highway 278 East, Holly Pond, Alabama, 35083, on Friday, October 7, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

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Tammy Brown, IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Adoption of)
B.J.S.,) Case No. AD 2022-085
a minor.)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JAMES LEONARD SIMMONS, II, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF B.J.S., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO HEIDI LYNEE WEBB JOHNSON

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jared Seth Johnson, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and the Clerk of Court of the Probate Court, 500 2nd Ave. S.W., Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

Done, this 31st day of August, 2022.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioner
100 Main St. S.E.
Hanceville, AL 35077

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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 *
RHONDA KAREN ANDERSON * CASE NO PC 2022-299
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Terry Allan Bates** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Rhonda Karen Anderson,** deceased, on the 1st day of September, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Terry Allan Bates
Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for the Estate
200 1st Avenue, SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
ISAAC JACKSON,) CASE NO.: PC-2022-170
An alleged incapacitated person.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AND
AMENDED PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN

TO: JOSHUA JACKSON
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a *Petition for Appointment of Guardian* and *Amended Petition for Appointment of Guardian* have been filed by Kristy Jackson, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Tonya C. Palmer. A hearing on said *Petition for Appointment of Guardian* and *Amended Petition for Appointment of Guardian* has been **SET FOR THE** 19th **day of** September, **2022, AT** 9:30 **A.M.,** Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 2nd day of September, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Petitioner
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOHN HEWITT SCHULER, * CASE NO PC 2022-276
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **Sharon Schuler Rowlette,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **John Hewitt Schuler**, deceased, on the 1st day of September, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sharon Schuler Rowlette
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama, 35055

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
JWH, * **CASE NO.: JU 21-219.02**
a minor, DOB: 05-01-2011. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

MICHAEL BIBBY, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on May 1, 2011, to Rebecca Ann Handley by the 3rd day of October, 2022, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 22 day of August, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
DHH, * **CASE NO.: JU 21-218.02**
a minor, DOB: 07-10-2013. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

MICHAEL BIBBY, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on July 10, 2013, to Rebecca Ann Handley by the 3rd day of October, 2022, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 22 day of August, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2022-289

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WANDA LYNNE CARDEN, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON.

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: CHARLES DAVID AARON, JAMES DEWIGHT AARON AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given that a Petition to Appoint a Guardian and Conservator of Wanda Lynne Carden has been filed in Probate Court of Cullman County. A hearing shall be held at 10:30a.m. on the 12th day of September, 2022, to consider said petition.

Charles David Aaron and James Dewight Aaron and all interested parties are hereby given notice of said hearing.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Sherry H. Barrett
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
* 7
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2022-307

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JESSE ROBERT GLASSCOCK, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Judy Fay Glasscock on the 1st day of ~~August,~~ September 2022, 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.

Judy Fay Glasscock
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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
EILEEN MAY WEDELL, CASE NO. PC 2022 - 300
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Doug Harris, as Administrator of the Estate of Eileen May Wedell, deceased, on the 26th day of August, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and 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.

Irvin Fields
Irvin Fields
Petitioner

Shay Persall
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Cullman AL 35055
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Attorney for Petitioner

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Note to Publisher: Publish this item once a week for 4 consecutive weeks beginning on August 27, 2022.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2022

Hartselle hands Cullman 1st loss of season 34-3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After handling Jasper 42-21 last week, the Bearcats returned home Friday night for another big rivalry game. This time, the Hartselle Tigers came to town for a region matchup with the 'Cats and they got off to a great start to put Cullman in a hole early. The Tigers kept the Bearcats in check defensively and were able to hand Cullman its first loss of the season 34-3.

Cullman was forced to punt on its opening possession and a big return by the Tigers set up Hartselle's offense deep in Bearcats territory.

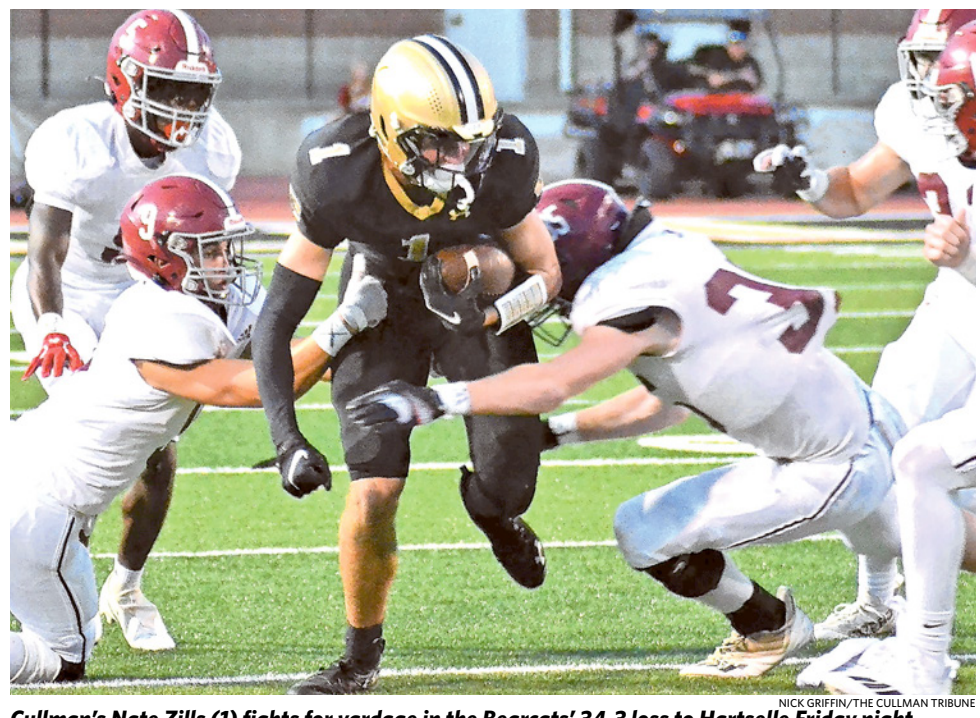
A few plays later, the Tigers scored from 9 yards out to take an early, 7-0 lead. After forcing another punt from the 'Cats, Hartselle took advantage of great field position once again and punched in another touchdown run to make it a 14-0 game midway through the first quarter.

A 36-yard field goal added three more points to the Tigers' lead with around seven minutes to play in the second quarter and stretched the lead to 17-0. Cullman continued to struggle offensively but Hartselle wasn't done moving the ball in the first half and the Tigers found the end zone one more time in the final minutes of the second to take a 24-0 lead into the locker room at the break.

The Bearcats forced a Hartselle punt on the first possession of the third quarter and Cullman was finally able to get on the board when Nate Zills knocked a 50-yard field goal through the uprights to cut the lead to 24-3. The Tigers maintained a three-score lead going into the fourth quarter and a long touchdown run at the start of the final frame stretched the lead to 31-3.

A 35-yard field goal gave Hartselle a 34-3 advantage with around three minutes remaining in the game and the Tigers kept the 'Cats out of the end zone one more time to hold onto a 34-3 win over Cullman.

The Bearcats drop to 2-1 with the loss and they'll be back home next week for another region matchup against Decatur.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman's Nate Zills (1) fights for yardage in the Bearcats' 34-3 loss to Hartselle Friday night.

Broncos drop region game with Locust Fork 73-37

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — After falling to county rival Cold Springs last week, Holly Pond returned home Friday night to face Locust Fork. The Broncos were able to create some explosive plays and put points on the board, but they couldn't score enough to keep pace with the Hornets and Locust Fork was able to defeat Holly Pond 73-37.

A touchdown run by Sawyer Olinger gave the Broncos an early, 7-0 lead over Locust Fork but turnovers made things difficult for Holly Pond as the first half went on. The Broncos still led 7-6 at the end of the opening quarter but the Hornets erupted later in the second to pull ahead 26-7 with three minutes remaining in the half.

Olinger was able to find the end zone just before the break to get Holly Pond back on the board, but Locust Fork led the way 40-15 at the halftime break. Two more scores extended the Hornets lead to 54-15 early in the third but a touchdown run by Jayden Holloway trimmed the lead to 54-23 later in the quarter.

Following another Locust Fork score, Olinger sprinted down the sideline for an 81-yard touchdown and made it a 61-31 game in the final moments of the third quarter. The Hornets weren't done adding to their lead and despite a late touchdown from the Broncos cutting into the deficit, Locust Fork was able to return home with a 73-37 victory over Holly Pond.

The Broncos will be looking for their first win of the season when they travel to take on Pleasant Valley next week.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond dropped its region opener against Locust Fork 73-37 Friday night.

Meek downs Waterloo on the road 38-12

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WATERLOO, Ala. — After getting the season started with wins over Maplesville and Hackleburg in the first two weeks, the Tigers were back on the road Friday night to take on Waterloo. Meek showed up to play on both sides of the ball and left Waterloo unbeaten after defeating the Cougars 38-12.

A 38-yard touchdown run by Cam Deaver put the Tigers in front 6-0 with just over two minutes remaining in the first quarter. Deaver broke loose for another scoring run later in the second quarter, this time from 25 yards out, and a successful two-point conversion extended the lead to 14-0.

A 27-yard touchdown pass from Bradigan Farmer to Jarrett Benson made it a 22-0 game later in the second, but Waterloo was able to find the end zone just before halftime to trim the lead to 22-6 at the break. Another touchdown pass from Farmer to Benson, this time from 15 yards out, stretched the Tiger lead to 30-6 in the third quarter and Meek maintained that lead going into the final frame.

Deaver's third and final touchdown run of the night put the Tigers in front 38-6 early in the fourth quarter and Meek held on to defeat the Cougars 38-12 and improve to 3-0 on the season.

The Tigers will return home next week to take on Colbert Heights.

Arab handles Douglas at home 40-6

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ARAB, Ala. — The Arabian Knights cruised past Albertville and Brewer on the road in the first two weeks to start the season 2-0 and they finally came home to host a regional matchup against Douglas. The kept the momentum rolling Friday night with a 40-7 win over the Eagles on their home field.

Neither team was able to find the end zone in the first quarter, but Arab got the second started with a scoring drive to take a 7-0 lead over the Eagles.

The Knights stayed aggressive, recovering on onside kick to get the ball back and struck quickly to pull ahead 14-0 early in the second.

Arab tacked on another touchdown in the final minutes of the half and went into the locker room leading Douglas 21-0 at the break.

The Knights continued to add to their lead in the third, scoring in just 21 seconds to make it a 27-0 game. Arab cruised for most of the second half, pulling ahead 40-0 at one point. Douglas was able to put six points on the board in the final seconds of the game to prevent the shutout, but it was too little, too late and the Knights improved to 3-0 with a 40-6 win over Douglas.

Arab will be back on the road next week for another regional battle against Sardis.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Arab's Drake Franklin (3) runs through defenders during the Knights' 40-6 win over Douglas Friday night.

Addison crushes Cherokee on the road 72-0

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

CHEROKEE, Ala. — Addison traveled to Cherokee, Alabama to take on the Cherokee Indians in a 1A region matchup at absolutely beautiful William Lyle Harris Stadium and for the second consecutive week the game was never in doubt as the Bulldogs crushed the Indians 72-0.

Addison kicked off and forced a three and out on the Indians first possession, it didn't take the Bulldogs long to score the game's first points. After having a 40-yard touchdown pass called back due to penalty, three plays later Jacob Mauldin ran it in from 4 yards out. This was the Dawgs first of many touchdowns on the night. Brian "Boo-Boo" Berry ran in the two-point conversion and at the 6:53 mark of the first quarter, Addison led 8-0.

Another Indian punt led to Addison's Berry scoring on a first down scamper of 61-yards for the touchdown. Berry also threw the two-point conversion pass to Jed "Wizard" Wilkins to put the Dawgs up 16-0 with plenty of time to go in the first quarter.

The Indians next possession wasn't any better as Addison's Jordan Hubbert recovered a fumble that gave Addison the ball at the Indian 35-yard line.

Two plays later, "Boo-Boo" Berry scored from 30-yards out to give Addison the 30-0 lead with 1:58 to go in the first quarter.

The over-matched Indians tried to attack the Dawgs through the air and that wasn't any more effective.

On the first play of the drive, Hayden Holland picked off the pass and ran untouched 40-yards for the pick six.

Peyton Holland kicked the extra point, and the score was 37-0.

Addison's next possession was a two-play drive that had Wilkins connecting with Josh Netherton on a 41-yard touchdown throw and catch. Addison was up 43-0 with over 11 minutes to go in the second quarter.

The Dawg Pound Defense was stellar this evening as they held Cherokee again forcing a punt. On Addison's second play of the drive, Jacob Hardin sped 50-yards for the score. The Peyton Holland extra point was good, and Addison had upped their lead to 50-0. This is how the first half ended.Cherokee kicked off to start the second half and Addison's Wilkins returned it 65-yards for the touchdown. Peyton Holland nailed the point after, and Addison was cruising 57-0.

Netherton scampered 14-yards for a fourth quarter touchdown and then caught the two-point pass from Lane "Duct Tape" Tubb to make the score 65-0.

Jaxson Williams bulled his way in from 9 yards out for the Dawgs final touchdown of the evening. Tubb kicked the extra point and that made the final 72-0.

This moves Addison to 2-1 (2-0 region) on the season but the hardest region games are yet to come. Addison will host region foe Hackleburg next Friday night.

Unofficial stats for Addison:

Addison ran 30 rushing plays for 403 total yards. Addison had four passing plays for 84 total yards. Addison ran 34 total plays for 487 total yards. Cherokee ran 29 rushing plays for 78 total yards. Cherokee ran 10 passing plays for 71 total yards. Cherokee ran 39 total plays for 149 total yards.

Addison had Berry with four carries for 118 yards and two TDs. Hardin had three carries for 87 yards and a TD. Malaki Blakely had one carry for 49 yards. Hayes had three carries for 32 yards.

Mauldin had one carry for four yards and a TD. Netherton had two carries for 32 yards and a TD. Williams had one carry for nine yards and a TD. Bryant Wood had two carries for 25 yards. Kaden Dyson had five carries for 20 yards. Seth Hammack had one carry for 16 yards.

Addison's Hayes went one completion in two attempts for 43 yards and a TD. Wilkins was 1-1 for 41 yards and a TD.

Wilkins had one reception for 43 yards and a TD. Netherton had one catch for 41 yards and a TD.

The defense was led by Hubbert with five tackles and a fumble recovery. Williams with four tackles and Brye Dollar with three tackles. Hayden Holland, Briley Holt, Mauldin, Blakely, Trennon Burns, Dyson, Tubb and Casen Hill had two tackles each.

Tanner Lawrence and Brant Stovall each had a fumble recovery. Hayden Holland had an interception return for a TD and Wood had an interception as well. Keller "Killer" Kuntz had a sack.

Hanceville falls to Oneonta at home 41-18

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Hanceville Bulldogs earned their first win of the season over West Point 27-13 last week and they returned to Ray Talley Stadium for a critical region battle with Oneonta Friday night. The Bulldogs were able to get some points on the board in the second half but couldn't overcome the early deficit and dropped their region opener to the Redskins 41-18.

After a scoreless first quarter, the Redskins began to create some separation in the second. Oneonta scored on the first play of the quarter to take a 7-0 lead and found the end zone again with around eight minutes to play in the half to make it 14-0. The Redskins punched another one in with just over four minutes on the clock in the second and went into the locker room leading the Bulldogs 21-0 at halftime. Hanceville's offense struck back early in the second half when Noah Jones hit JT Davis for a 43-yard touchdown and trimmed the Oneonta lead to 21-6. The Redskins responded with a score of their own to make it a 28-6 game, but Brosnan Ward punched one into the end zone from a yard out late in the third to cut the lead to 28-12. Oneonta was able to pull ahead 41-12 with just under six minutes remaining in the game but a 50-yard touchdown by Marquise Leith cut the lead to 41-18 in the final minute of the fourth. Unfortunately, that was all the offense Hanceville could muster in the second half and Oneonta was able to hold on and win it 41-18.

The Bulldogs drop to 1-2 with the loss and they'll be back on the road next week for another region matchup against Ashville.

Good Hope drops road game at Cherokee County 50-7

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CENTRE, Ala. — After collecting wins over county rivals West Point and Vinemont in the first two weeks of the season, the Good Hope Raiders made the trip out to Cherokee County for their region opener Friday night. Unfortunately for the Raider fans on the trip, the Warriors scored early and often to build a lead over Good Hope and sent the Raiders home with their first loss of the season 50-7.

The Raiders had a lot of trouble moving the ball most of the night and Cherokee County was able to pull ahead with a 10-0 lead midway through the second quarter. The Warriors added to their lead with just over a minute to play in the opening half and following a Good Hope turnover, Cherokee County was able to take advantage of great field position to make it a 23-0 game at halftime.

Another Warrior touchdown extended the lead to 30-0 midway through the third quarter and Cherokee County continued pulling away, taking a 37-0 lead into the fourth quarter. Trailing 44-0 midway through the fourth, the Raiders were finally able to get some points on the board when Kaleb Jones punched one into the end zone from a yard out to make it a 44-7 game. However, the Warriors responded with another score of their own and held on to collect a 50-7 win over Good Hope.

The Raiders will return home next week for another county rivalry game against the Fairview Aggies.



MADDIE MCKENNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders fell at Cherokee County 50-7 Friday night.

Frost's 5 TDs lead Fairview past East Limestone 42-14

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — Friday night was the start region play for a lot of local teams, including the Fairview Aggies. The Aggies faced off against the East Limestone Indians in their region opener and a huge night from Eli Frost on the ground and a great defensive effort helped Fairview easily roll past the Indians 42-14.

The Aggies got the ball first to start out the game and on second down, Barett York picked up nine yards. Frost got the first down on his second carry of the game. Two plays later, York found Jameson Goble for 12 yards and another first down. On second down from the 26, Frost took off down the right sideline and dived over the pylon for the score as that gave Fairview a 7-0 lead after the Kolt Redding PAT. A quick three-and-out on defense saw Fairview get the ball at the 43.

Penalties hurt the Aggies on this series as a pair of flags, plus a sack, quickly put them behind the sticks. Two plays later, the Indians forced a fumble and returned it all the way to the eight.

They found the end zone on a 1-yard run to tie the game up at seven with a little over five minutes to go in the first quarter. Fairview quickly recovered from the turnover on its next series as York found Cade Yeager over the middle for a 57-yard score to give them a 14-7 lead with 3:10 remaining in the opening period. A 50-yard pass on third down quickly put East Limestone in business at the 21 and they would score on a 15-yard pass to tie the game up at 14.

A huge 51-yard kickoff return by Frost put Fairview in excellent field position at the 31-yard line. A penalty on third down had the Aggies looking at a 3rd-and-18 from the 39, but York completed a pass to Frost for nine yards and then connected with Caden Jennings for 11 more on fourth down to help them keep the drive alive. Later on, an offsides penalty on third down gave Fairview another first down and Frost cashed in on that opportunity two plays later as he scored on a six-yard run to give them a 21-14 lead with 4:41 remaining in the first half.

The Aggies got the ball back after another punt and it was a heavy dose of Frost the whole series as he had runs of 24 and 12 yards during the drive. He found the end zone for the third time in the first half as his 10-yard hard-nosed run pushed the Fairview lead to 28-14 and that would be the score at the half.

The Aggie defense forced a three-and-out to start the second half and Frost continued to wear down the tired East Limestone defense. On just the fourth play of the drive, he found a hole up the middle and ended up scoring on a 16-yard run to make it 35-14. Another punt gave the ball back to Fairview as they were backed up at the five-yard line, but Frost quickly got them out of the hole as he picked up 10 and 15 yards on consecutive runs.

York added six more on the ground and Frost picked up 14 more yards as Fairview was now at midfield. Two plays later, Frost put the cherry on top of his masterful performance as he took off down the right sideline, breaking a tackle and keeping himself inbounds on his way to a 55-yard score and that gave Fairview a 42-14 lead. The younger players got some playing time after that and the Aggie defense held East Limestone scoreless in the second half as they easily took care of business in its region opener, 42-14.

Frost had yet another huge night running the ball for the Aggies, finishing with 240 yards on 24 carries and five scores. York completed four passes for 89 yards and a touchdown. Yeager had a 57-yard touchdown catch in the game.

Fairview will travel to take on Good Hope next Friday night.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview running back Eli Frost (3) racked up five touchdowns in the Aggies' 42-14 win over East Limestone Friday night.

Cold Springs drops region battle with Sulligent 24-12

Doug Bates
Tribune Correspondent

BREMEN, Ala. — The Sulligent Blue Devils made the trip to Bremen, Alabama to face the undefeated Eagles of Cold Springs in a critical 2A, Region 5 game. The Eagles fought hard, but the Blue Devils walked away with a 24-12 victory over Cold Springs.

Cold Springs received the opening kickoff in front of a packed home team crowd. Unable to move the ball against a tough Blue Devil defense the Eagles were forced to punt.

Starting on its own 38, Sulligent wasted no time getting their offense rolling. Driving the ball to the Eagle 21-yard line, the Blue Devils quarterback Noah Chism finds Nate Stiles for a 21-yard touchdown pass. The PAT was no good.

The Blue Devils forced the Eagles to punt on fourth down giving the Blue Devils the ball on their own 26-yard line.

On the next play the Eagles Victor Laurentius cause the Sulligent halfback to fumble, and the Eagles recovered the ball on the Blue Devil's 29-yard line.

The Eagle offense came to life. Driving the ball inside the 10, Tucker Philbeck finds Josh Winfrey heading toward the right pylon and throws a perfect pass for the touchdown. The PAT was no good and the score remained at Cold Springs 6, Sulligent 6.

Sulligent's Chris Baker had a good night, scoring on the first play after a failed onside kick by Cold Springs running 52 yards for the touchdown. Baker also scored on a 9-yard run in the 3rd.

Cold Springs made it to the end zone again in the third quarter, but Sulligent put the game away in the fourth with a 50-yard Touchdown run by Wesley Owens to bring the final score to Sulligent 24, Cold Springs 12.

Cold Springs travels to Lamar County next Friday for another 2A, Region 5 matchup.



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cold Springs Eagles fell to Sulligent at home 24-12 Friday night.

West Point (from Front)

Ryan Guthery
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT, Ala. — While most teams started region play Friday night, the Eagles and the Warriors met on the field at Vinemont for another county rivalry matchup. It was a tight battle in the first half but in the second half West Point pulled away to earn a 44-12 victory over the Eagles.

"It's just a young team that continues to learn and get better every week." West Point Head Coach Don Farley said after the game.

The Eagles continued their trend of getting on the scoreboard first but this week it took a while, after both teams failed to convert on fourth down the Eagles went on a lengthy drive which ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by Brody Speer to put the Eagles up 6-0 with under two minutes to play in the first quarter.

The ensuing drive the Eagles Ayden Thomason ended the Warriors drive with a big sack on fourth down to give the ball back to their offense, but three plays later Brody Freeman intercepted Vinemont's pass to set up the Warriors with great field position. On fourth down Hunter Hensley found Parker Marks for a 44-yard touchdown to put the Warriors up 8-6 midway through the second quarter.

Vinemont quickly regained the lead at 12-8 when Speer broke free for a 65-yard touchdown with 4:43 remaining until halftime.

West Point answered right back with a 19-yard run by Hensley to put the Warriors ahead with 3:28 remaining in the second quarter.

Coming out of the locker room Hensley found Marks for an 18-yard touchdown to extend the Warriors led to 24-12 with 8:03 remaining in the third quarter. After a three and out by the Eagles West Point tacked on another touchdown when Hensley punched into the endzone from 1 yard out to make it 30-12 with just 39 seconds remaining until the fourth quarter.

A fumble on the first play of the drive gave the ball right back to the Warriors which they capitalized on when Hensley scored from 23 yards out to stretch the Warriors lead to 38-12 early in the fourth quarter.

Late in the fourth quarter Carter Rutherford put the finishing touches on the Warriors big second half as he added a 31-yard touchdown to put the Warriors up 44-12 with 1:30 remaining in the game.

West Point held on to defeat Vinemont 44-12 and pick up its first win of the season. The Warriors will return home next week to host a regional matchup against Russellville and the Eagles will be on the road for a region game at Brindlee Mountain.

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ALEA kicks off 'Play Hard, Win Big' safety campaign

ALEA
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) is wrapping up its 101 Days of Safety this Labor Day weekend; however, the agency is turning its attention to another celebrated season in the South: football!

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said, "Although Labor Day signals the unofficial end to summer, and everyone is easing back into a regular routine, the South has kicked off football season into high gear with high school games every Thursday and Friday night, and university/college games each Saturday. Even if you aren't a football fan, heavier-than-usual game day traffic is likely to affect you."

Taylor said the agency's 101 Days of Summer Safety was an extremely successful campaign that promoted public safety with ALEA Troopers focusing on Alabama's roadways, waterways – and even airways along beaches at the Gulf – beginning Memorial Day weekend and continuing through midnight Labor Day, Sept 5. During the safety initiative, ALEA utilized an assortment of platforms and partnerships with local first responders to implement enforcement details and convey a variety of safety messages, as well share important tips to keep everyone safe while they enjoyed their summer festivities. Now, however, it is time to focus on keeping everyone safe as we begin to enjoy football along with all the fall festivities.

"When you first arrive in our state, a common question is, 'Are you an Alabama or Auburn fan?' This is just one of the many intense rivalries that occur across our state each year. We recognize and understand the anticipation as well as excitement for fans to watch and enjoy their favorite game," said Taylor. "It doesn't matter where you enjoy the exhilaration of the gridiron – as long as you develop a game plan prior to leaving home and celebrate responsibly. If you plan to consume alcoholic beverages away from home, please take a few minutes to select a designated driver or reserve a ride-share service. This simple technique can be a winning strategy to ensure everyone's safety while traveling on Alabama's roadways." In addition, motorists should expect traffic congestion, especially on game days, and drivers should be defensive and patient when it is time to leave the stadium and head home. These and other safety tips are key throughout the year, but particularly during such popular traveling periods as Labor Day and game day.

"Let's all do our part to make this a safe Labor Day weekend – and a winning football season for everyone," Taylor said.



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Wreck (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A multi-vehicle wreck on Interstate 65 northbound in Cullman County claimed the life of an Indiana woman Wednesday.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Ruth Bahr, 58, of Vincennes, Indiana.

The wreck happened at approximately 10:40 a.m. near mile marker 291.

Alabama State Troopers said Bahr was fatally injured when the 2017 Buick Envision in which she was a passenger was struck in the rear by a 2015 Volvo tractor-trailer driven by Davinder S. Marwah, 35, of Fresno, California. The impact caused the Buick to strike the guardrail.

After the initial impact, the Volvo rear-ended a 2015 Nissan Altima driven by Steven T. Allison, 56, of Florence.

The impact caused the Nissan to strike the undercarriage of a 2019 Freightliner tractor-trailer, driven by Aushiana D. Ivy, 28, of Tupelo, Mississippi.

Both the driver of Buick, Gail L. Taylor, 63, of Enfield, Illinois, and a second passenger of the Buick, Deborah Barmes, 65, of Vincennes, Indiana, were injured.

Taylor was transported to Cullman Regional for treatment, and Barmes was transported to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital for treatment.

The passenger of the Nissan, Tammy Lafayette Allison, 53, of Florence, was also injured and transported to Cullman Regional for treatment.

The drivers of the Nissan and the Freightliner were not injured.

Bahr was pronounced deceased at the scene of the crash, which occurred on Interstate 65 near Alabama Highway 91, approximately 1 mile north of Colony, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 1-2

Virginia Dale Bridges, 87
Virginia Dale Bridges, age 87 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at Lakeland community hospital. Virginia was born Feb. 2, 1935, in Winston County, Alabama. A visitation will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022 from 10 - 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Bethel Cemetery (Dime Road Community). Dr. Ron Horton will officiate. Virginia is survived by her son: Tony Lee Bridges; daughters: Pam Woodard and Teresa (Jason) Lovett; grandchildren: Judd Bridges, Tasha (Zach) Haley, Charity (Sage) Brasher, Chasity (Colby) Pugh, Dylan (Breanna) Scott, Chole (Patrick) Stonecipher, and Noah Bridges; brother: Bobby Ray (Patricia) Benefield. She was preceded in death by her parents: Ovid and Esther Benefield; brother: Jr Benefield; sisters: Pauline Hood, Imogene Godsey, and Edith Eudy.

Timothy Wayne Shickles, 63
Memorial Service for Timothy Wayne Shickles, age 63, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Shickles passed away Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at his residence. He was born April 12, 1959, in Florida to Norris Shickles and Edna Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister: Debbie Edelman. Survivors include his wife: Roberta Shickles; children: Shane Shickles Edelman, Jeremy Shickles, Benita Devaney, and Pamela Romine; brothers: Tommy Shickles and Darrell Fuqua; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Clellan Earl Grimmett, 86
Clellan Earl Grimmett, age 86, of Baileyton, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022. Clellan was born Nov. 20, 1935. A celebration of life visitation for Clellan will be held Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Ave. NW, Cullman, AL 35055, followed by a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. Clellan will be laid to rest in welcome Baptist Church Cemetery, 3017 County Road 1564, Baileyton, AL 35019.

Threasa Ann Hackney, 73
Threasa Ann Hackney, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 1, 2022, at the age of 73. Ann was born in Blount County, Alabama to Roscoe and Lurline Alldredge Allen on Aug. 27, 1949. Ann and her husband, Wayne, were married for 54 years, proving that two people who have absolutely nothing in common can have many years of happiness together. Ann loved to read, dance, and to eat potato chips. She enjoyed movies and television shows, particularly the television series "Murder She Wrote." Mrs. Hackney enjoyed the mountains, and she loved animals of all kinds, but she had a special place in her heart for Yorkies and hummingbirds. Mrs. Hackney was a member of Antioch Baptist Church in Liberty, Alabama, and was a child of God. She was a loving wife and mother, and she adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Ann will be missed greatly by many people. Mrs. Hackney is preceded in death by her parents: Roscoe and Lurline Alldredge Allen; brother: Perry Joe Allen; and grandson: Brian Michael Herndon. Ann is survived by her beloved husband: Jerriel Wayne Hackney; children: Veronica Ross (Don), Timothy Wayne Hackney, Carrie Ann Glass (Billy); grandchildren: Brandon Herndon (Kaitlyn), Alisha Stanichowsky (Erick), Chasity Swearingen (Chris), Hannah Hunt (Blake), Matthew Hackney, Mckinzye Terry, Rylan Terry; eleven great-grandchildren; sister: Rebecca Darlene Sansing; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services for Mrs. Hackney are 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, at Rock Springs Methodist Church, Jerry Hackney and Terry Butts officiating, with visitation beginning, at the church, at noon. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery with Brandon Herndon, Matthew Hackney, Kevin Hackney, Billy Glass, Blake Hunt, and Gabriel Henry serving as pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hackney family.

Chesley Junior Calvert, 92
Chesley Junior Calvert age 92, of Bremen, passed away Monday, Aug. 29, 2022. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 60 years: Vetra Sinyard Calvert; and his daughter: Sheila Calvert Conley. Mr. Calvert is survived by his daughter: Beverly Graves (Ricky); grandchildren: Tommy Conley (Dorothy), Crystal Conley-Huffer (Brittany), Chet Conley (Jennifer), Raechel Allred (Kody), Jeremiah Calvert, Anthony & Courtney Graves, Nathan Varney; six great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and relatives. The family will receive friends on Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman. The funeral service for Mr. Calvert will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel.

Vivian Louise Graves, 83
Funeral service for Vivian Louise Graves, 83, of Cullman will be Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. Mrs. Graves passed away on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2022, at Hanceville Nursing and Rehab. She was born Sept. 23, 1938. She is survived by her daughter: Debbie (Michael) Marty; son: Randy (Denise) Graves; grandchildren: Varonica (Jared) Donham, Hilarie Marty and Kaleb (Nikki) Graves; great grandchildren: Ethan Donham, Gwyneth Donham and Viviana Marty; sisters: Virginia Teague and Glenda Boatwright; and brothers: Tommy McCluskey, Danny Joe (Sandra) McCluskey, John (Sandra) McCluskey, Larry (Linda) McCluskey, Kenneth (Shelia) McCluskey and Dalton (Kerrie) McCluskey. She was preceded in death by her parents: Ivan McCluskey and Bonnie Speegle McCluskey; her husband of 67 years: Lee Graves; brother: Dale McCluskey; sisters: Eloise Self and Ernestine Young; brothers-in-law: Mack Teague and Charles Boatwright.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

The laborer is worthy of his wages

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I have heard stories of old-time preachers, as well as doctors, who were paid by poor people with such things as chickens and eggs. I was paid with a duck once. It wasn't even a real duck, but a wooden one.

I had driven almost 500-miles, one way, to do a Billy Bob appearance. I had planned to come back home for the other 500-miles! My host told me up front he didn't know how much they could pay me, but they would feed me a great meal, give me a love offering, and allow me to sell my books and CDs. Unfortunately, there was not a great crowd there that night. I guess they had never heard of Bro. Billy Bob from Alabama, and they didn't care to meet him. The thing I've learned through the years about love offerings is that if only a few people come out, well, you know, they don't offer much love!

I didn't sell any books or CDs. A few lookers read the back cover and chuckled. I said, "That will be one-dollar for the laugh." They laughed again, as they walked away, without a book. I shouted, "That will be two-dollars, please." They were still laughing as they went out the door!

The pastor said, "I'm so sorry, but we can't pay you for coming. I am going to give you a duck."

He gave me a hand-carved, painted-duck decoy. He said it was a collector's item. It did have a number carved on the bottom.

Since I am not a duck hunter, and since I am not a duck-decoy collector, my first thought was, "What am I going to do with this?" My second thought was, "How am I going to buy gas to get back home?" Actually, I did have enough money with me for gas, but just in case, I asked the store attendant if he might be interested in buying a wooden duck. He laughed and said "A wooden duck?" I said, "That laugh will be one dollar, please."

Fortunately, that was not the only place I had scheduled on that trip. I did programs in two-other churches and they paid me. So, I then had a grand total of 3 ducks! No, I'm teasing, they paid me with real money. The kind you can use to buy gasoline.

In case you are wondering whatever became of my wooden duck, I still have it. He now sets on a shelf in my woodshop. For many years, I kept him in my office at work. I have told the story many times to people who came in asked about the duck.

They always laughed, but seemed puzzled when I said, "That will be one dollar." My greatest laughter came one day when my grandson Drew, who was about 3 or 4, was with me at my office. I had stepped out for a few minutes.

When I came back in, Drew had put a dog's lease around that duck's neck and was dragging it around on the floor, saying "Here duckie, here duckie." That memory, and the picture of it that I still have, has provided me lots of laughter many times through the years.

Next Monday is Labor Day. This is a national holiday when we pay tribute to the working people in our nation.

If someone does a job or service for you, please do more than simply pay tribute to them. Pay them...and not with a duck! Remember, the Bible says, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."

Happy Labor Day!

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HISTORY

Files from Yesteryear: 1937

From the files of 1937

Mr. Bill Clapp and Geraldine Mugrove surprised their friends by getting married last Thursday. They are residing with Mr. and Mrs. William Clapp, Senior.

Mrs. G.W. Thorn, of Hanceville, suffered painful burns on her leg last Wednesday.

The Bremen Community was shocked by the death of Guss Lynn, late Saturday afternoon.

Reverend B.F. McCaine baptized 22 new members on Saturday, following last week's revival meeting at Cold Springs Church.

The Sacred Harp Singing Convention will meet at Hopewell Baptist Church on Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29.

Peach seed wanted. $1.00 per bushel. Empire Nursery. Ad.

Val Wood's Pan Am Station will have a larger electric sign to shine on Cullman's Beeline Highway.

Mrs. B.M. Nash, who is now employed in the office of C. Arnold and Son Lumber Company stated today that her husband is greatly improved. Mr. Nash has been confined, at his home, with illness for the past few months. Although hindered physically, he keeps in high spirits.

Doctor C. Stewart, local veterinarian, has returned home from Omaha, Nebraska, where he attended the annual meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association, August 17 to 20, at which 3,000 veterinarians were registered. Doctor Stewart was accompanied by his son, Ernest Stewart, who visited the Maytag Washing Machine factory at Newton, Iowa. They had a delightful trip through the Central States, going and returning by different routes, along which they stopped at many points of interest.

Mr. Gus Teichmiller died of an acute heart attack on last Saturday morning, August 21.

He was found dead about five feet from the barn door, by his son, Fritz. Since Mr. Teichmiller was in such good health, his death came as a terrible shock to his family and friends. The day before his death, the deceased celebrated the 43rd anniversary of his birth.

Twenty -two years ago last June he was married to Miss Gertrude King. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. on August 23, at Saint Paul's Lutheran Church and interment was in the City Cemetery, with Drinkard officiating.

He is survived by his widow, his father, Casper Teichmiller, six children, Arthur, Edna, Fritz, Frances, Robert and Esther, four brothers, Will, Louis, Herman and Casper, Junior and four sisters, Mrs. S.E. King, Mrs. E.J. Denson, Mrs. C.M. Gross and Mrs. H.E. Buchmann.

Last Monday, in the Blair School House community, our local deputies assisted by federal men came upon one of the county's oasis. They took charge of a thousand gallon percolator. One of the shiners was so desperate that he ran over a federal man and took to the woods. Sheriff J.E. Pierce says he will locate the distiller in the next few days.

POET'S CORNER

Things I'm Proud of | By: Randy C. Hale

There are things of my life
that define me, as much
as my mistakes.

Visited a young boy in a
mental ward, brought
to him a Christmas gift.

Attended a graduation of one
who had no parents, and wiped
the brow of a dying man.

Funny, the things that seem—
to earn a few ribbons in
your hair.

I once rubbed lotion on an old
man's feet, giving moisture
to a dry and cracking heel.

Taught one child to
make believe that seemed
not to know the way.

Drove a long way just to show
some care, and stayed at home
when it was hard to bear.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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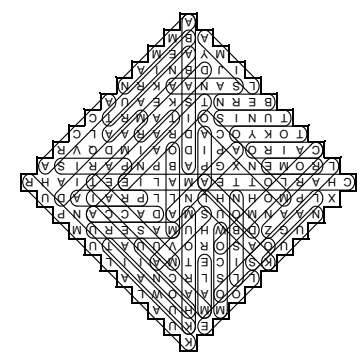
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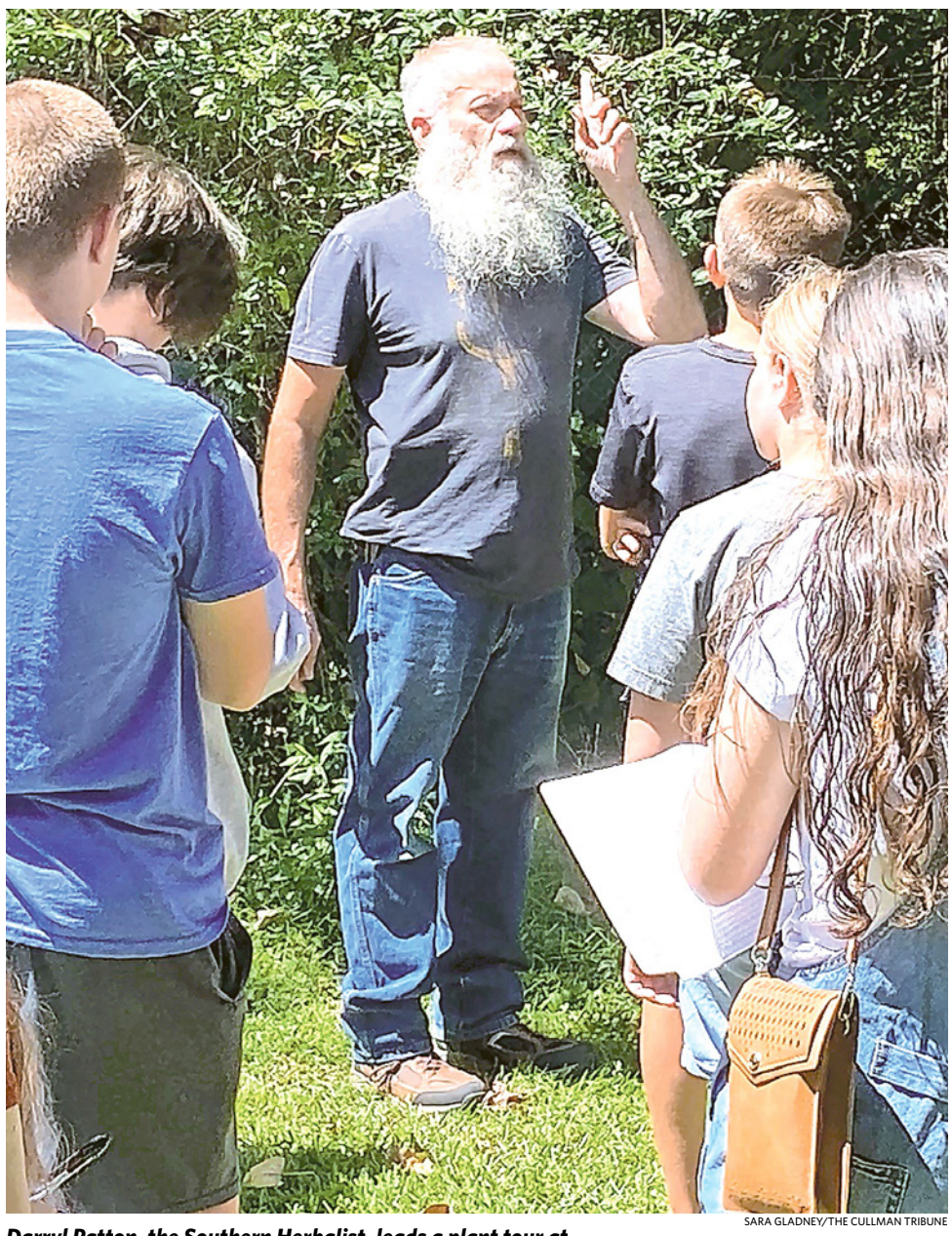
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SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Darryl Patton, the Southern Herbalist, leads a plant tour at the North Alabama Agriplex Thursday, Sept. 1.

Southern Herbalist visits Agriplex

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Southern Herbalist, Darryl Patton, visited the North Alabama Agriplex Thursday, leading a Heritage Homeschool class about the uses and dangers of medicinal herbs.

The class took a walk and discussed the many plants surrounding the Agriplex. With his encyclopedic knowledge of herbs, Patton described the uses for each plant.

He said desmodium is helpful for clogged arteries, passionflower is good for sleep and black gum tree whitens teeth. He pointed out herbs that can treat burns, alleviate allergies and stimulate the immune system.

Before the walk, he shared his memorization technique with the group, saying, "See if you can visualize, see in your mind's eye, each plant we look at in the order that we see them. It's an exercise that helps you remember plants by remembering what you did."

Despite his vast knowledge, he said, "I'm still a student. I learn every day."

There are more than 3,000 species of native plants in Alabama, making it the ninth most floristically diverse state.

Patton has been teaching wilderness classes for 38 years. He is naturopathic doctor (ND) as well as a Master Herbalist and brings many years of experience to the field of alternative medicine.

He spent 13 years studying under the late A. L. "Tommie" Bass, a nationally recognized herbalist. During his apprenticeship, Patton said, he was taught the identification and medicinal uses for thousands of plants found in the South.

He shared, "There are certain things that help people remember things. I've got almost a photographic memory for the plants.

"The herbs, once you find that there's this great use for them and that you've actually seen it help somebody, now your subconscious mind has a reason to store that knowledge away because it's something that you want to pull back out."

Patton is the author of "Mountain Medicine: The Herbal Remedies of Tommie Bass." He operates a wilderness training school in the mountains of north Alabama. He can be reached through his Facebook page at https://tinyurl.com/SouthernHerbalist.

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'MAKE THE BEST BETTER'

Highlighting Cullman County 4-H programs

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County 4-H Club recently began its 2022-2023 year. 4-H grants youth members opportunities for leadership and growth in a wide variety of agricultural and technical skills. Last year, the club more than 1,200 members. New members are welcome to join all year long as many of the club's activities are seasonal.

4-H offers programming through in-school clubs for fourth and fifth grades in most city and county schools in Cullman: special interest clubs (cattle, chickens, pigs, livestock judging, shotgun, wildlife, forestry, dog, robotics, cooking), enrichment (day programs of kayaking, livestock, archery, arts and crafts, etc.), camping (summer camp and day camps) and independent membership (youth can participate on their own and not be a part of a club).

"We have a great partnership with our local schools to offer the leadership and projects that 4-H offers through what we call in-school clubs. In Cullman we have in-school clubs for fourth and fifth graders at almost all of our city and county schools," Cullman County 4-H Foundation Regional Extension Agent Kerri Roberts said. "We begin in fourth grade because that is when students are 9 years old, which is the minimum 4-H age. We offer a 4-H Community Club for youth that love 4-H and no longer have it in school and for our growing homeschool population. The Community Club members participate in the same projects the school members do, including Extreme Birdhouse, Photography, Chef 4-H, Storytelling, Blocks Rock Legos and more!"

Some programs happening this fall include Tech Changemakers, which is in its second year in Alabama. It is a youth leadership program where senior level youth (ages 14-18) teach technology to adults. Also VEX Robotics, a competition team (ages 9-14) meets weekly on Thursday afternoons at Cullman Christian School.

Other upcoming events include:

- Biggest Catch Contest: Participants have until Sept. 6 to catch a fish, snap a picture of them measuring it and email the photo to roberk5@auburn.edu.
- Livestock shows at the Cullman County Fair: Registration is open at www.cullmanfair.org for youth livestock shows of pet, miniature horse, horse, goat, sheep and cattle. Registration closes Sept. 21.
- Cullman County Fair Youth Pet Show: Register at www.cullmanfair.org. Pet divisions are "dogs" and "other than dogs." Categories are Best Dressed, Most Unusual, Ugliest Dog and Best Trick.



CULLMAN COUNTY 4-H

Cullman County 4-H'ers at the archery and disc golf day camp in August

Roberts spoke about some of the academic benefits of joining 4-H, saying, "Alabama 4-H offers scholarships for our outstanding youth.

"These are not just for youth attending four-year universities but can go for community college or trade schools as well. Our state focus with senior level youth is to prepare youth for the workforce or college.

"Youth in 4-H are hard workers who are encouraged to hone their skills of record keeping, financial management and interpersonal relationships.

"There are great life skills learned by committing to feed project pigs twice a day over the cold winter!"

4-H has several chances for recognition of success. It has a premier leadership event for older youth called Midwinter. There are senior achievement awards youth can apply for in their specific project areas. Winners of achievement awards receive a trip to Washington D.C. to meet with 4-H'ers from all over the nation to discuss 4-H and learn about government.

The 4-H Thriving Model shows through research that 4-H education has a lasting impact on young people. The positive youth development approach used by 4-H recognizes that all youth have interests and abilities that can be enhanced by participation in 4-H programs.

In Cullman, the 4-H leadership team consists of Roberts, County Extension Coordinator Kira Sims, Agent Assistant Roberta McClellan, Tech Changemakers Grant employee Alicia Self and Administrative Associate Beth Glasscock.

Said Roberts, "Even with the staff involved 4-H could not happen without volunteer leaders!"

Bobby Barrett is the Cullman 4-H Volunteer of the Year who has been nominated for a regional and state award.

"Bobby has been a continuous 4-H volunteer since 2007. His children were involved in every aspect of 4-H-shooting sports, community club, wildlife, public speaking, ambassadors. They bleed green. Even after his children aged out, he continued to allow 4-H to practice shotgun at his home range and serve as a coach whenever and wherever needed. Bobby exemplifies the qualities we strive to instill in our youth," said Roberts.

The 4-H volunteer leaders are being honored Thursday, Sept. 8, with dinner at Camp Meadowbrook.

The best way to sign up to be a member of 4-H is to log onto www.v2.4honline.com and create a family account. School children will have paper forms filled out. For information on becoming a volunteer leader, email roberk5@auburn.edu.