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1 injured, Just GM Auto & Truck Repair Plus heavily damaged in fire

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CULLMAN, Ala. — A fire injured one person and heavily damaged Just GM Auto & Truck Repair Plus in Cullman Friday morning. Cullman Fire Rescue responded to reports of an explosion at the local business, located at 105 Third Ave. SW at 10:06 a.m. Authorities said the fire was completely extinguished by 10:45 a.m.

Firefighters from Cullman Fire Rescue Stations 1, 2 and 3 responded to the scene, along with Cullman EMS personnel and members of the Cullman Police Department.

Cullman Fire Chief Brian Bradberry confirmed one person sustained injuries and was transported to an area hospital. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick confirmed there were no fatalities.

Cullman Fire Chief of Operations Darren Peeples said, "The preliminary findings are that while one of » PAGE 12



JASON LEONARD

Smoke billows from the top of Just GM Auto & Truck Repair Plus in Cullman Friday morning, Oct. 7.

Cullman County Fair opens for 68th year



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests quickly boarded the rides after the gates opened to the Cullman County Fair on Thursday, Oct. 6.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair is officially underway following opening ceremonies Thursday evening. After the national anthem, the flag was raised before members of the Cullman County Commission, Cullman County Fair Association (CCFA) and Cullman Lions Club cut the ribbon, signaling the start of the 68th annual fair and welcoming the growing line of guests waiting to enter the fairgrounds.

Months of planning and work go into pulling off the yearly community event. CCFA President Charlie Childers said, "We take November and December off, and we start back in January."

He said more than 100 Lions Club members volunteer to prepare for and work during the fair each year.

The Cullman County Fair Queen Pageant will take place Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Theater. Other pageants will take place on different nights. Guests will not be able to livestream pageants this year.

Said Childers, "We are now part of the Miss America organization and they do not allow livestreaming of any pageant. A lot of it comes back to these young ladies all pay really large amounts of money for their talents and choreography and other people may steal them and use them."

Of other attractions guests can enjoy this year, Childers said, "This is the first time ever we've got a petting zoo." Two farms, Snead's Farmhouse and Fortner Farms, will bring their animals for kids to enjoy. Snead's Farmhouse will be at the fair through Oct. 10, and Fortner Farms will be set up Oct. 11-15.

FFCLA, 4-H and FFA Exhibits can be viewed in Building 1 through the 15th. Students set up their exhibits with projects highlighting knowledge they've gained through their clubs.

Find the full fair calendar of events at www.cullmanfair.org/calendar.

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Hanceville 5th graders get hands-on lessons



JOCELYN LOGAN

Hanceville Elementary School fifth graders survey school building plans with math teacher Mark Armstrong and a member of the construction crew.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 6-7

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 6-7, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 3

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 793
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Hwy 31
- domestic violence; Hwy 278 W
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Co. Rd. 617
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1291
- assault; Beech Ave. S.W.

Oct. 4

- assault; Co. Rd. 1518
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 1129
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Co. Rd. 1709
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1642
- criminal mischief, theft of property; I-65 SB rest area
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1029
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 91

Oct. 5

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1760
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 601
- harassment; Co. Rd. 625
- unlawful possession of marijuana, illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. S.W.
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 109
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1502
- burglary; 4th St. S.W.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 260
- harassment; Hwy 91
- assault; Co. Rd. 431
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1209
- permitting dogs to run at large; Co. Rd. 781
- assault; Beech Ave. S.W.
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy 69 S

ARRESTS

Anderson, Michael S; 45
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

Boyd, Tyler E; 31
- assault-aggravated assault of police officer-strong arm

Eason, Alisa E; 36
- FTA-driving while license suspended

Hunt, Jimmie R; 46
- Bail jumping-possession of marijuana
- Bail jumping-driving under the influence of alcohol

Madison, Zachary K; 28
- Probation violation-robbery-street-knife

Meyer, Paul S; 45
- attempting to elude police officer

Neal, Dustin R; 33
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Nixon, Jeremy G; 31
- Probation violation-burglary-3rd degree
- Probation violation-theft

Oden, Billy E; 29
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-possession of methamphetamine
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (3 counts)
- FTA-criminal trespassing
- FTA-promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Sparks, Timothy J; 21
- assault-harassment

Starnes, Anthony W; 51
- criminal mischief-damage to private property

Steele, James B; 46
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-possession of sawed off rifle/shotgun

Wingo, Kenneth A; 58
- FTA-reckless endangerment
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
- FTA-open container-alcohol in vehicle
- FTA-attempting to elude police officer
- FTA-unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc. of wine or alcohol
- FTA-possession of concealed weapon without permit

Oct. 4

Brooks, Jacob W; 35
- public intoxication

Cantrell, Jerimiah R; 26
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-pedestrian under the influence

Copeland, Cameron K; 24
- harassing communications

Curvin, Joshua A; 26
- FTA-violation of domestic violence protection order

Gunter, Roman D; 30
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA-sell/distribution of dangerous drugs

Guthery, Brandon D; 28
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Postulka, Xena L; 23
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Shaw, Robert D; 57
- elder abuse and neglect-2nd degree

Shearin, Amanda N; 31
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- FTA-attempting to elude police officer

Smith, Justin W; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs

Oct. 5

Aaron, Amos M; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana
- promoting prison contraband (drugs)
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Burditus, Joshua E; 37
- burglary-residence-force
- illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana

McClellan, Michael P; 24
- possession of marijuana
- public intoxication

Tedder, Howard R; 45
- negotiating worthless instrument

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 1
- duty upon striking unmanned vehicle; Main Ave. N.W./3rd Ave. N.W; damage to 2012 Chevrolet Equinox; $500

Oct. 3
- theft of property-2nd degree; Laurel Ln. S.W; medication

Oct. 5
- theft of property-1st degree; Cullman Shopping Center; 2014 Dodge Ram; $25,000
- theft of lost property; Hwy 157; wallet and contents

Oct. 6
- theft of lost property-4th degree; 4th St. S.W; phone; $100

ARRESTS

Oct. 5

Beasley, Anthony R; 51
- FTA-receiving stolen property-4th degree
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Jones, Kevin D; 37
- theft of property-3rd degree

Murphy, Jackson D; 29
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Oct. 6

Barker, Harrison R; 29
- driving under the influence

Johnson, William N; 64
- FTA-interference with domestic violence emergency

Overton, Shayla D; 26
- driving under the influence
- attempting to elude
- resisting arrest
- obstructing governmental operations
- unlawful possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weldon, Freddie D; 51
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE] DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Fair (from Front)

the fair support Alabama Lions Sight, which provides free vision care in schools and towns to indigent residents of Alabama and to many local nonprofit agencies helping those in need in Cullman County.

Admission for ages 10 and older is $7, plus the cost of rides. Children younger than 10 will be admitted for free, but rides will not be free. Unlimited ride passes, not including admission, will be available at the gate for $25 Monday-Thursday and $30 Friday-Sunday.

Masquerade (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County (FPLCC) will host Midnight at the Masquerade, a murder mystery dinner event at the Browne Stone Centre at Stone Bridge Farms on Friday, Oct. 21, from 6-10 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner and the show start at 6:30.

As a part of the theme and to tie into the library's mission of promoting reading, local mystery authors will have tables set up at the event during appetizer time from 5:30-6:30 to talk with guests about their books.

FPLCC President Tanya Allcorn said the group hired The Murder Mystery Company from Birmingham to entertain guests. Six actors with the group will be a part of an interactive murder mystery performance during dinner. Guests at each table will work with clues available either on their tables or given during the show to try to discover who in the room is the killer. Allcorn said some guests will also be recruited ahead of time to help with the show.

"I can choose local faces that will participate in the murder mystery show," she said, "but you as a guest won't necessarily know that they've been chosen."

Food will be served in between acts of the show. Actors will walk among the tables on the dining room floor during their performances but will mainly perform in an open space in the middle of the room so that everyone present can see and hear. Individual tables or pairs of tables may work together to figure out clues. By the end of the evening, teams will try to guess who did it, how they did it and why they did it.

"It's interactive enough to where you're not watching it happen on the stage, you're actually participating in it," said Allcorn. To add to the immersive experience, everyone will be dressed in their best masquerade ball attire and masks.

Awards will be given by The Murder Mystery Company after the show. A lucky few will win Detective of the Night.

Music will be performed after the mystery is solved by seven-person band Even Odds. "The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County look forward to hosting our community (at) a unique dinner experience. We are hopeful the success of this event will help support several needed projects throughout our library system in the coming year," added Allcorn. Tickets are $100 for individuals and $750 for a table of eight.

A table will include eight tickets to the event, and tables will be reserved with the name of the individual or organization that purchases a table. Tickets can be purchased at https://givebutter.com/midnightatthemasquerade.

CORRECTION

In the Oct. 6, 2022 print edition, the Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival was listed as being held on Saturday, Oct. 8. The correct date for the festival is Saturday, Oct. 15.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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, Oct. 9 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby and pray for our church, nation, and for those who need Salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Oct. 9 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.
• Friday, Oct. 14 10 a.m. Adult Lunch - Adults meet at Spirit Life Church and leave at 10:15 a.m. to go to The Old Cookstove in Danville for an Amish buffet lunch. Please plan to bring $19 to cover the cost of the buffet, drink, tax and tip. We will use the van and private cars if needed. Please RSVP by contacting Marti at 256-507-3564 by Oct. 12.

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.

North Alabama Agriplex Programs
The Agriplex is located at 1714 Tally Ho St. NW, Cullman, AL 35055. All programs require pre-registration and are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. Check www.agriplex.org for program times and to pre-register.

Children's Programs
• Oct. 13: Heritage Homeschool - Raptors 101: Alabama Wildlife Center will teach students to recognize raptors and learn about their behavior and conservation.
• Oct. 14: Little Farmers - Spiders Aren't Scary: We take the spooky out of spiders and learn all about how they are helpful friends on the farm, garden or yard.

Adult Programs
• Oct. 13: Heritage Skills - Passalong Plants: Learn about the southern tradition of passalong plants, plants that many own, but are never purchased. We will cover propagation and indoor / outdoor care. Passalong plant swap!
• Oct. 17: Learn to Sew - Casserole Carrying Case: Just in time for those holidays meals, learn how to create your own carrying case for your favorite dish.
• Oct. 19: Lunch & Learn - Open Fire Cooking: Whether camping or in your own backyard, there is nothing quite as tasty as food cooked over an open fire. Free program; registration required 256-297-1044.

Monthly Weight Loss Support Group
• WHAT: Cullman Regional's Bariatric Center of Excellence is now offering a monthly support group for individuals who have had or who are considering weight loss surgery.
• WHEN: Oct. 27, 6-7 p.m., Nov. 17, 6-7 p.m., Dec. 22, 6-7 p.m.
• WHERE: Cullman Regional COE Conference Room – Professional Office Building 1, 1948 Alabama Highway 157
• WHY: The Bariatric Center of Excellence's support group provides a comfortable place to connect with people on the same weight loss journey. Bariatric team members will help facilitate a space where participants can share problems and solutions as well as encouragement to stay on the right path. For more information, call 256-735-5992.

Cullman County Fair
Through Oct. 15, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. www.cullmanfair.org

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 1 p.m. at the Holly Pond Event Center. The program is dedicated to "techies." Hostesses are Lee Reid and Glenda Nail. Come and bring a friend.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 13, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church on 1310 Saint Joseph Dr., in Cullman

Mud Creek Arts &Crafts Festival
Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., along Commercial Street in downtown Hanceville. Dozens upon dozens of vendors from all over the state will be lining the street, and shops will have open doors. Trinity Lutheran Church on Commercial Street will be serving a German lunch with bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut or red cabbage, dessert and drink for $10. Children's plates will be available for $5. The menu in the more than 100-year-old church will be offered from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. or until plates run out.

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.

Pleasant View Homecoming
We will have our annual Homecoming service on Sunday, Oct. 16, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30. We will have singing featuring the Living Faith Quartet. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have service that night. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5986.

6th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Monday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. After a two-year hiatus due to COVID, we are thrilled to host our signature event, and we invite you to be there for our best year yet! Once again, this great evening of entertainment and inspiration will feature fan favorites and award-winning Triumphant Quartet and Christian comedian Mickey Bell. During the evening, you will not only be entertained by these amazingly talented artists but also learn more about the impact the clinic is having in our community. Tickets may be purchased in advance online or at one of our ticket outlets: Good Samaritan Health Clinic, Borden Family Pharmacy and Yates Chance Christian Bookstore. If you are unable to attend this year's concert and would like to support the Clinic, visit www.goodsamaritancullman.com to make a donation today.

1963 Fairview High School Class Meeting
Friday, Oct. 21, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. The meeting will be held in a reserved room in the back of the restaurant. There will be no meetings in November and December 2022. The next meeting in 2023 will be on Friday, Jan. 20, weather permitting. For more information, call Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County Murder Mystery Dinner
• Friday, Oct. 21, at Stone Bridge Farms with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.
• Enjoy a captivating dinner by the Murder Mystery Company and meet guest mystery authors before the show. Stay after dinner and enjoy a live band for the After Party. Tickets are now available at https://givebutter.com/midnightatthemasquerade or purchase a table for all your friends. Find a mask and wear it well!

31st Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival
Saturday, Oct. 22 at Hanceville High School. Local and other area marching bands will perform throughout the day, and there will be an exhibition performance by the University of North Alabama Marching Pride. Admission is $5 for adults and free for children 5 and younger. Parking is $5 per vehicle. Check www.mudcreekmarchingfest.weebly.com for times and a full schedule of events.

Backyard Grill-Off
Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Butcher Meat Co., 149 Patton Drive in Vinemont. Competitors are asked to sign up by Oct. 14. A complete list of event rules and registration can be found at https://butchermeatco.com/backyard-grill-off. Trophies will be awarded to the Grand Champion (the winner of all three categories) and first-place finishers in each category. The Grand Champion will receive $1,500, first place in each category will receive $1,000, second place will receive $500 and third place will receive $125.

Victim Services of Cullman 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball
Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-10 p.m. at Brick Haven. Proceeds from the ball go to VSOC's emergency shelter, which provides a safe and peaceful place for women and children to heal and rebuild their lives after abuse. Tickets are $50. All donations are tax deductible. Tickets include a five-course meal, music, live auction and silent auction. Tickets can be purchased at Peoples Bank of Alabama, Gateway Mortgage, VSOC and https://tinyurl.com/VSOCBall.

6th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School. The event features some of the best artisans in the Southeast with their work including pottery, wreaths, door hangers, flowers, wood turned bowls, clothing, birdhouses, honey, jewelry, soap, brooms, metal art, glass art, freshly ground cornmeal and grits and more. While shopping, enjoy live music and the best pulled pork in the Southeast as well as ribs, hamburgers, brats and chicken. On Sunday at 4 p.m. St. Bernard will give away cash prizes totaling over $12,000. Bring the entire family for a weekend of fun on our 800-plus acre campus. Admission is a $10 requested donation. Children younger than 5 get in free. NO PETS, PLEASE. Festival guests can also tour our world-famous Ave Maria Grotto at a reduced admission of $5 all weekend.

Cullman High School Class of 1967 55th Class Reunion
Saturday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m. at Pine Meadow, 739 County Road 1319, Cullman. For more information, call 256-739-0644.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Nightmare in Vinemont
Oct. 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29, from 7 p.m.-midnight at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center at 17645 U.S. Highway 31, Cullman, AL 35058. Tickets are $20 for those 10 and older and $10 for those 9 and younger for a trip through the haunted house, followed by a haunted hayride that will wind around the wooded area around the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Departments training center. Outside the main Ag Center complex will be a big screen showing horror films. The concession stand at the Ag Center will be open. The attraction is a fundraiser for the Vinemont-Providence VFD's Fire Explorer Program.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

October 6, 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: 5.6%
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2020): 387,822
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2021): 538,459
• Confirmed cases in Alabama (2022): 599,206 (increase of 3,565)
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2020): 7,189
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2021): 9,558
• Total confirmed deaths in Alabama (2022) 3,719 (increase of 51)
• Positivity in tests in Cullman Co.: 2.4%
• Total confirmed cases in Cullman Co. (2020): 7,567
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• Total positive tests in Alabama in the last 7 days: 1,563

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• Doses administered: 6,419,997
• Additional doses administered: 946,238
• Number of people receiving one or more doses: 2,925,552
• Number of people who have completed vaccine series: 2,421,436
• Doses delivered to federal programs: 5,103,830

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'This is really changing the culture of volleyball': Cullman County Youth Volleyball Association completes 2nd season

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Youth Volleyball Association just wrapped up its second season and that brought some young, talented volleyball players to compete in their respective age groups. They finished the season with a 12-team tournament on Saturday Oct. 1.

Jennifer Rohrscheib is the president of the volleyball association, and Anna McSwain is over the youth volleyball program at Good Hope. Both of them talked about how the association first got started.

"Three years ago, I was asked to start a program," Rohrscheib said. "We had a meeting and we started accepting schools in the county."

McSwain added, "We got somebody from each school to help get it going. We had meetings to decide how we were going to run it, the rules, the regulations, and all of those things."

With last year being their first official season, the youth program helped get the girls going before officially getting underway and plus, the coaches are current and former players that really help these girls out a lot. Each school hosts a Youth Volleyball Night for these young girls, and they are so appreciative to see them getting recognized.

"A lot of girls don't touch a volleyball until middle school, so that has really helped the youth program and school program to build up these kids so that they're a little more advanced and so that they don't have to waste time on fundamentals and just get into the game," Rohrscheib said. "This overall program has been fantastic. Our coaches on the 5th and 6th grade teams has taught them everything. They've grown a bond; they are close together. They have a great relationship with these kids. It's absolutely amazing. I probably never want to give it up because it's so fantastic to see these kids love the game of volleyball. The coaches love their players, the teamwork, the effort, and just the bond that they get from this is amazing."

McSwain added, "Volleyball is the only sport that we didn't have a youth league for, and we needed one for our school so we can help build our school program. We've stayed in contact with the high school volleyball coaches and the middle school volleyball coaches; they work with us. My high school coaches sent me names of girls that can coach, who had already graduated from high school that wanted to help coach. We have varsity players and college players that are coaching these girls so that they have good role models to look up to."

"It was so awesome for them to have a youth volleyball night for our girls. They let the girls go out and warm up with them and they got a special seat to watch them play. They really look up to the varsity players," McSwain said. "The coaches are teaching them more than just volleyball; they are also teaching them about life. Having those role models to look up to is really important."

Morgan and Mallory Hammock coached the Good Hope 6th grade A team. They were so happy to hear about the association getting started and seeing these girls participate in youth volleyball. They also had a great group of girls to coach as well, and they had a blast doing it.

"It's amazing. When we played, I didn't touch a volleyball until middle school. What I didn't learn then, I turned around and played travel ball. Volleyball is a sport like no other. It's a team sport, so at such a young age, they're building these relationships with each other as teammates," Morgan said. "Sports teaches you life lessons, but no sport like volleyball will teach you life lessons because it's a game of ups and downs and you have to keep battling with your teammates," Morgan Hammock said. "I had an amazing group of girls. They were a group like no other. They are all friends, and they all love each other."

"It's more than a team; it's more like a little family. We're like a family. When they go into middle school, they'll be playing on the level in middle school that we played on. They are way ahead of the game, so by the time they get to varsity, it'll be a totally different culture," Mallory said. "This is really changing the culture of volleyball. It's giving Cullman County an edge like no other. All of these girls are starting out young and it's just great. It's giving Cullman County this edge and I really am excited to see what's going to happen in about five or six years. The Cullman County tournaments are fixing to go up a notch and it's going to be some great volleyball."

Morgan added, "We focused a lot on fundamentals. I don't care how old you are; you need to focus on the fundamentals. We teach them the rules and the rotations. We focus on teamwork a lot. We try to get three contacts every time we have the ball. We taught them how to read the ball and how to cover."

They taught their team a lot and they've also learned some things as well since they became coaches.

"I've learned to love the game more and to instill the love of the game into these young girls. We're very open and honest with these girls. It taught us to love the game and instill the love of the game in these girls. If you have a coach that's energetic and loves the game, plays around with them and has some fun, they'll love it even more," Mallory said. "To watch the girls from the beginning of the season to now, they're totally different players. It's so rewarding because they've come so far, and they worked so hard."

"It has completely changed me. I'm a different person now since I've been coaching and for the better. It's made me mature and very patient. I've learned patience, but honestly, it's given me a group of girls," Morgan said. "We call them our babies. It has taught me to love the game too, even more than I did before. I love to play, but to watch these girls develop and grow and be more confident in themselves and their skills, it really makes you love it."

They were so happy to hear that they were going to have a youth volleyball night for these young girls who put in so much hard work and deserved to be recognized.

"That was very special because it was so neat to come back because we played at Good Hope. It was so neat to be able to come back and to watch coach Holder and coach Keef recognize my girls because, in my mind, they will always be my coaches. It was so neat to be able to watch my coach recognize my players," Mallory said. "It ties the community and the volleyball program together. It really makes a difference when you see the older girls appreciating the younger girls. It's creating a good culture and a good atmosphere."

"It was like a full circle. It came full circle. It was a moment of appreciation and gratitude for Good Hope and the people here," Morgan said. "The varsity, the JV, and their coaches; they would take time out of their busy schedules to recognize these little league girls. It was awesome."

The future of youth volleyball is getting brighter and brighter with each passing season and Morgan and Mallory can't wait to see what happens from here.

"It's very bright. It's only going to go up from here," Morgan said. "It's going to change the culture and it's going to go up from here."

"It's very bright. There are some great coaches on all of the teams and most of these coaches have played before. With the rules changing, the coaches have to make sure that they are teaching the girls the right way to do these things," Mallory said. "I'm so excited about the future. In 10 years, these Cullman County Volleyball Tournaments; they are going to be something spectacular to watch. This is going to give an edge like no other."

Emma Earl and Maycie Black coached Holly Pond's 6th grade team this year and they were so happy to see the youth volleyball association get something started for these girls.

"It is really good. I feel like we've learned as much from them as they did from us. They all communicated really well together." Black said. "It's good. Whenever they get to the higher level, they'll be ready. They learned about rotations, overhand serving, and sending the ball over, so they'll be ready whenever they move up. Some of the girls have come up, already knowing some things about volleyball, so that really helps. We just kind of helped push that even further this year since they are coming fresh in middle school. They'll be ready for higher competition."

"It is good for them to start at such a young age instead of middle school so that way they can grow as they get older." Earl said. "Next year, they are going to be good because they are building up all of their skills right now. We helped push them."

Earl and Black had a blast coaching these girls and taught them a lot. They've also learned some things during the season as well.

"Over this year, they learned a lot. They struggled a little bit in the beginning, but they really grew a lot after that. They got a lot more confident with themselves and going to get the ball. They're not scared to call somebody off," Black said. "From watching them play, what I learned from them is that communication is really important. Teaching them that really helps me learn to communicate as well and communicate through them. I've taught them to do stuff and they listen; be respectful. We've taught them their rotation and how to talk to each other. If things get chaotic, slow the game down, get a good set and hit it over the net."

"Coaching them has been a really great experience for me personally because I'm learning from them. It puts me in a point of view when I'm on the court. It's helped change my perspective of the sport. It changes everything," Earl said. "Communication is everything. Most of them that started this season only served underhanded and now, almost everyone served overhanded. It's really good to see."

They were so happy to see how much the girls grew this season.

"It's amazing. They've grown so much from where they first started, and their personal growth has been amazing. They are more confident, and they are ready to go get the ball. They are never down on themselves, and they all support each other," Black said. "They believe in themselves more and they have that urge to win. They know that they are good, and they have that urge to win. We taught them that it's okay to mess up and just get the next point. If you do mess up, push even harder to get the next point. Whenever they can talk to each other and support each other, they know that their teammates have their back, and they will come back and get the next point."

"I went to some practices last year and they were like different girls. It's been crazy to see how much they have improved from last season to now." Earl said. "Instead of us telling them what they did wrong, they would already know what they did wrong, and they fix it. When someone gets down on themselves if they mess up, we've always taught them to always encourage their teammates."

This was their first year coaching and they learned so much this season. They were excited to see them have a very special youth volleyball night so that these young girls get the recognition they rightfully deserve, and the future of this association is getting brighter and brighter each day.

"I have learned that if they are down on themselves, I learned how to talk to them. Each of them is different, so you have to talk to them in a certain way. They are good at comforting each other too," Black said. "It was good, seeing them get really excited for the game and to play with each other and spend time together. They had a lot of fun playing with each other. I think them seeing us and how we play gives them confidence. Whenever we're telling them to do something, they will feel more confident in trusting us and doing it because they know that we know how to play the game and they'll listen to us way more."

Black added, "Whenever I graduate, I will definitely be coming back to watch them and their games because I think that they will be so much fun to watch. Just seeing how they communicate; I just can't wait to see the future."

"Each girl struggles with different things, and you have to read them and know what they are struggling with so that you can help them out," Earl said. "It was pretty good because we played before them. It was great seeing them in the stands because they were watching us. They learned a lot from watching us and what they can do to get better. It encourages them to do the right thing and how to play the sport. When I get older and they're in my position, it's like, we taught them that. It's like a feeling for us, like, we taught them how to play the game. I'm definitely coming back and watching them."



ANNA MCSWAIN

Holly Pond's 6th grade volleyball team with coaches Emma Earl and Maycie Black.



AMANDA SMITH

Good Hope's Morgan and Mallory Hammock coach their 6th grade team in the tournament last Saturday.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's Golf breaks team record, Cross Country wins at Topper Trail, Softball defeats Auburn 4-0 in exhibition game

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State women's golf broke a team scoring record and won the Wallace State Fall Invite held recently at Cross Creek Golf Course.

Recording their lowest ever two-day score of 632, the team finished 24 strokes ahead of the second-place team of Southern Union Community College. Calhoun Community College, Jefferson State Community College and Northeast Community College rounded out the top five.

Wallace State's Hope Harrell, Aidan Haithcock and Sydney Epes finished first, second and third in the tournament. Harrell, a sophomore from Guntersville shot 80 and 74 to win the individual title. Haithcock, a freshman from Homewood shot 78-78 and Epes, a freshman from Water Valley, Miss., shot 77-81. Haithcock and Epes were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Cross Country finish first and second at Topper Trail College Classic

On Sept. 30, the men's cross country team finished first at the Topper Trail College Classic hosted by Blue Mountain College in Blue Mountain, Miss., while the women finished second in their race. The men finished 17 points ahead of the host team with an average time of 28:05. The top five finishers included two Wallace State runners, sophomore Jonathan Collett of Bremen in third place and freshman Ryan Maudsley Gadsden in fourth.

The women finished only one point behind Blue Mountain and had three runners in the top five. Sophomore Aylin Vega of Fort Payne and freshmen Kendall Harbison of Vinemont and Princess Watts of Alexandria finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

Collett and Vega were named the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) Athletes of the Week.

The men's team is ranked No. 9 nationally in the NJCAA Division II USTFCAA National Coaches Poll, and the women are ranked at No. 5.

Softball shuts out Auburn in exhibition game

On Sunday, the WSCC softball team split two exhibition games, winning a thriller against the Auburn Tigers 4-0 before falling 5-4 to Chipola College out of Florida.

The game against Auburn was scoreless until the sixth inning when the Lions loaded the bases. A squeeze bunt by Hannah Duncan of Flat Rock put WSCC on the board with one run. Then freshman Laura Leigh Wheeler of Sulligent belted a three-run double to extend the score to 4-0. The Lions never allowed a Tiger to advance further than second base in the game.



WSCC ATHLETICS

Wallace State's Women's Golf Team set a new team record at this year's Wallace State Fall Invite at Cross Creek Golf Course.

The Lions will play more than a dozen Division I teams during a series of exhibition games. Upcoming games include hosting the UNA Lions on Oct. 9 and playing the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa on Oct. 29.

'Never let anything stop you from loving the game of softball': Cold Springs' Hope Speegle excited for upcoming season

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BREMEN, Ala. — Last season was a solid one for the Cold Springs Lady Eagles as they finished 11-10 on the season under first-year head coach Paige Adams. Cold Springs sophomore Hope Speegle talked about last season and what she learned during the year.

"I think it went really well with the varsity having a new head coach. Coach Adams and Coach Bruce Parker was a blessing to our team for both varsity and JV. I learned that the girls will always have your back no matter what," Speegle said.

"Coach Adams is the sweetest and always has a servant's heart. She will never give up on a player at all.

"She believes in all of us. Coach Parker will always be there for you and always has an open ear if you ever need any help.

"What I learned from coach Heath is never let anything stop you from loving the game of softball. He is the best coach ever.

"Seeing his smile in the dugout while we play, or practice is the best thing ever. We all are so grateful for all of our coaches."

Speegle feels blessed to play with a great group of girls last season and learned a lot from seniors Maddie Pearl, Emma Black, Heidi Nichols and Starla Fuller.

"It was the best season I have had so far. They not only teach me how to become a better player, but they all taught me to be a better person also and I'm so grateful for that. The upperclassmen were so supportive of all the teammates," Speegle said.

"Emma stayed strong for her team with her injury and continued pitching the rest of the season. She always taught me to keep my head up when I was frustrated. When I wasn't on the field, she told me to be patient and work hard and I'd get my playing time."

She added, "Heidi was like a big sister to me. We always had each other's backs, and we were always there for each other on and off the field.

"I look up to Heidi for sure because she is one of the toughest players I know.

"She always kept a smile on her face and was there for others no matter what was going on.

"Starla was the sweetest. She has a servant's heart, for sure. You always see her helping other girls when they were upset with softball, school, or any inconvenience that was going on.

"Maddie has a big heart, and she will always have your back. The seniors were the best on and off the field. I was so lucky to be able to play with them."

Cold Springs will have a lot of experience coming back this upcoming season and Speegle believes that will help out this team in 2023.

Most of the players has been playing a lot of travel ball and she believed that will definitely help them get even better this upcoming season.

"It will be great. So many of us are experienced and we are always ready to play," she said.

"Everybody has been working very hard. A lot of girls on the team play travel ball, so that's really good. We also have a lot of girls that take hitting lessons and pitching lessons.

"It's good that we are getting even better in the off-season."

Speegle talks about the goals for this upcoming season and the team's expectations.

"I want to be a better teammate, to play better, and to work hard this season. We want to play really hard, stay positive, keep others up in the dugout, and be better people.

"We all want to win, and we want to work very hard," she said.



HOPE SPEEGLE

Cold Springs' Hope Speegle

"We also want to win area and make it to regionals and make it as far as we can."





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ACES: Practicing fire safety in the fall

Cole Sikes
Alabama Cooperative Extension System

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Fall is a popular season for bonfires, campfires and prescribed burning in Alabama. To spread the word on practicing fire safety, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System regional agent informs everyone about responsibly enjoying autumn's beautiful weather.

Ryan Mitchell said thoughtful planning and careful execution are key to safe burning.

The fire triangle

Fire needs three components to thrive: oxygen, fuel and heat. This trio is referred to as the fire triangle. Without the existence of all three elements, fire will not thrive. Removing only one of these items will cause any flame to slowly burn out or disappear completely.

The term fuel refers to any material—living or not—that fire can use to spread. This can include anything from light, flashy fuels such as grasses or shrubs, to larger materials like stumps and piled storm debris that take longer to extinguish. Of course, in dry conditions, the ignition rate for these fuels is exacerbated by the lack of moisture in the air and the material itself.

Prescribed burning

When driving through Alabama in the fall and winter months, large clouds of smoke rising into the blue sky may be alarming. However, these clouds are likely prescribed burns – the intentional burning of forest or agricultural land.

The use of prescribed fire has proven to be a very beneficial tool in agriculture and forest management. In crop fields it removes debris prior to the next planting, controls weeds and reduces pests/diseases.

In forestry, running a low-intensity fire through a forest floor reduces hazardous fuel loads, decreases natural competition for timber, allows sunlight to reach the forest floor, improves wildlife habitat and nourishes the soil.

Before intentionally setting a fire, experienced practitioners conduct hours of planning to create a prescription of conditions needed to meet specific objectives. Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensuring ecosystem health and reducing future wildfire risk.

"If you choose to conduct a prescribed burn, safety is of the utmost importance," Mitchell said. "Under the wrong conditions, fire can easily get out of hand and affect property and life."

Mitchell said everyone should contact the Alabama Forestry Commission for a free burn permit before initiating a burn more than one-quarter of an acre in size. Also, check the agency's website for any potential burn restrictions in the area.

There is also a training course for those who aspire to become a certified prescribed burn manager.

The Certified Prescribed Burn Manager course covers 32 hours of discussion, planning and study of Alabama fire laws. Any individual who is interested in the use of prescribed fire as a management tool is encouraged to participate in the program.

Bonfires, campfires and burn piles

Most Alabamians enjoy sitting around a good campfire or bonfire. These events are a popular way to bring people together during this time of the year. However, they can become dangerous if not executed responsibly.



ALABAMA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SYSTEM

Before grabbing those marshmallows, ensure the proper handling of fire – especially when starting it. Remove all flammable materials around a fire site including loose debris, brush, fuel cans, etc. before lighting a flame. This will mitigate the opportunity for fire to spread to undesirable places, such as vehicles or structures.

"Never walk on top of a large pile to ignite it," Mitchell said. "This action can potentially lead to falling or becoming stuck while fuel is rapidly burning."

Mitchell adds that it is not a good idea to use gasoline or other accelerants that may give off explosive vapors. Using this method has the potential to cause severe injuries.

Feeling the burn

Now that fall has come to stay, continue to practice responsibility when managing property or huddling around the fire.

For more information on burning techniques and safety tips, visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu.

Class (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Programs Administrator Paige Clabo, along with the Leadership Committee, welcomed participants in Leadership Cullman County 2022-23 last week to the session's kick-off event at Stone Bridge Farms. Joining the team was Dr. Bruce Pieper with Emerge2Lead.

This year's class of approximately 30 hand-picked participants represents a variety of community organizations including America's First Federal Credit Union, Cullman Power Board, Daystar Church, Cullman Savings Bank, City of Cullman, R.E. Garrison, Elk River, Cullman County Schools and more.

On Tuesday evening, individual goals were determined and team-building activities with networking opportunities were provided. During Wednesday's leadership retreat, Pieper guided the members through assessment results defining work styles and how to work in collaboration with those of differing work and communication strengths.



CULLMAN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

M2C2 Founder and President Melanie Maddox speaks to the 2022-23 class of Leadership Cullman County participants.

Moving forward, the class will convene monthly for educational sessions to help each person grow in his or her personal leadership effectiveness through the "opportunity to acquire knowledge, experience, decision-making and problem-solving skills." Networking will continue as the class learns of the available resources, business and personal opportunities and challenges throughout Cullman County. These monthly meetings will continue through April 2023.

Monthly topics will include:

- The impact of agriculture on the local economy
- The criminal justice system in Cullman and issues impacting the community
- Our local government
- Quality of life, touring local nonprofit agencies and getting input from medical professionals
- Education and training for Cullman County youth
- Montgomery drive-in meeting with local legislative delegation and industry leaders
- Economic development and tourism

The Leadership Committee is comprised of M2C2 Founder and President Melanie Maddox and EvaBank Vice President and Marketing Director Megan Neighbors. Maddox has over 20 years of experience in facilitating and training teams in a corporate setting. After earning a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama, she completed her master's degree in business with an emphasis on leadership and organizational effectiveness at Troy University.

Neighbors holds an MBA from the University of Alabama and has been in banking for over 20 years. She also serves on the board of directors at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Cullman County.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF
JOSEPH DALE MCCLURE and
VANESSA NICOLE MCCLURE
FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO AD 2022-070

I.N.B.. A MINOR.
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JUSTIN JAMES BARBEE, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD A.F.S. BORN TO KATELYNN MARIE LAWRENCE

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

DONE THIS 6th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO.: AD2022-0990

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF DEBORAH ANN CHAMBERS TO ADOPT A.J.P., a minor child born on July 11, 2014.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A.J.P.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.J.P., a minor child (born on July 11, 2014, to Chanda Leeann Pope), was filed on the 30th day of September, 2022, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Deborah Ann Chambers. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 6th day of October, 2022.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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A.F.S. A MINOR.
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Closures (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — CSX Transportation will be working on its railroad tracks beginning the week of Oct. 10. Work is planned for Tuesday-Friday evenings from 8 p.m.-6 a.m.

Expect the following railroad crossings to be closed at some point during this project:

CITY OF CULLMAN
- Mitchell Road Northeast
- Arnold Street Northeast
- King Edward Street Southwest

CITY OF HANCEVILLE
- Edmondson Street

CULLMAN COUNTY
- Phelan Road
- County Road 607
- Garden City Heights Street Northeast

MORGAN COUNTY
- Wilhite Road

According to CSX, improvements to railroad crossings will begin Tuesday at Mitchell Road and will continue with Arnold Street, King Edward Street, Phelan Road and County Road 607.

Work crews will then head to Edmondson Street and Garden City Heights Street before completing work on Friday, Oct. 14, at County Road 9.

This is an estimated work schedule that is subject to change based on weather and other factors.

CSX will continue to keep city officials apprised as schedules change.

Lessons (from Front)

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JOCELYN LOGAN

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Almost 100 Hanceville Elementary School fifth graders saw firsthand the application of math skills this week in a new building being constructed on campus.

In a tour organized by teacher Mark Armstrong, the students saw the construction site, studied blueprints and witnessed math at work outside of the classroom.

Each student donned a hardhat with his or her name on it while watching the construction team hang sheetrock, lay brick and assemble the new building.

The eager learners were amazed to see how fractions are used consistently in the process, according to one of Hanceville Elementary's fifth-grade teachers, Jocelyn Logan. The students were taken in small groups and had the opportunity to examine each page of the project blueprints, learning what aspect each page represented. They were then tasked with deciphering which page the construction workers were using for their various projects and identifying which part of the building there were in. Copies of the overall project blueprint were given to each student.

It might be too early to ascertain which students were inspired to seek a career in construction, engineering or project management one day, but, for now at least, the Hanceville fifth graders have been motivated by hands-on experience to appreciate the necessity of those pesky fractions.

Event (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Over 1,000 eighth graders from all over Cullman County will participate in the upcoming Career Showcase: Tools of the Trade to be held at Wallace State Community College on Thursday, Nov. 3. The annual event for students to explore future career opportunities is a team effort between Wallace State, the Cullman Economic Development Agency, Cullman County Economic Development and the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from area agencies representing a variety of career paths will provide insight and hands-on activities highlighting their respective industries from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Students will begin their day in small groups and work their way through the grounds of Wallace State where the vendors will be set up along their path and in designated buildings throughout the Hanceville campus.

Following the Career Showcase, Wallace State will host an open house from 4-7 p.m. where prospective students will participate with their families and meet with the school's representatives about career paths and educational opportunities.

To encourage the students to engage with vendors and develop comfort in asking relevant questions, Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development Director Jamie Blackmon has devised a scavenger hunt. Teachers have been provided the information to give to their students prior to the career fair with questions and tools to develop on-site at the event. After the career fair, students will do a presentation on the information gleaned from the scavenger hunt. The top three presentations will be selected by each school and the winners will be invited back to Wallace State for a luncheon and comprehensive tour of the school with their families. From that pool, the top presentations will be selected, and scholarships will be given.

The Center of Career and Workforce Development works with area students to hone career paths and workplace skills. For older students, the center specializes in employee skills, resume building and how to interview well. It provides support to dual enrollment students as well.

Vendor spots for Tools of the Trade are available. Each vendor is asked to provide a hands-on activity specific to its field. If ideas are needed for activities, contact the Cullman Economic Development Agency office at 256-739-1891. Vendor applications are found at https://tinyurl.com/WSCCToolsoftheTrade.

For questions about the event, contact Sean Ryan at Wallace State's Center for Career and Workforce Development at 256-352-7874 or sean.ryan@wallacestate.edu.

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To The Cullman Community

In Reference To "Cullman Coming Out"

In times past Cullman was known as the" City of Churches "a religious community. People used to sing the song" I believe every word in the word". We realized that it doesn't matter what we think, but what matters is what God thinks and his word says. Many are quick to say "it is wrong to judge" they use Matthew Chapter 7 verse 1 taking it out of context. What did Jesus actually say in Matthew chapter 6 and seven. He said do not give as the hypocrites Matthew chapter 6 verse 2; do not pray as the hypocrites Matthew 6 verse 5; do not fast as the hypocrites Matthew 6:16, and do not judge as the hypocrites Matthew 7 verses 1 through 5. Jesus did not forbid us to judge, fast, pray or give. In John Chapter 7 verse 24 Jesus tells us to judge righteous judgment. Righteous judgment is based on the truth {Gods word) and what is right and wrong. Judging does not always mean to condemn. It means to make a determination, to discern, for the purpose of forming a conclusion. We make judgments every day. About what is best for us, what is wrong for us - what to invest in this or that - what is the best car- what is the best food etc.

In making righteous judgments, they must be based on the truth {Gods word) (John 17 verse 17} After all, we will be judged by Jesus words at the last day (John 12 :48 and John 5:22) Jesus will come back as our judge. His words were God's words. What does God's word say? In Genesis chapter 19, God destroyed the cities of Sodom I and Gomorrah. Why did God destroy these cities? The reason was because of homosexuality. IN Leviticus 18 verse 22 it is and abomination to God (He hates it). In Leviticus 20 verse 13 those who practiced it were to be put to death. The Old Testament describes this sin as an abomination, criminal and worthy of death. Homosexuality is always a sin in the Bible. What does the New Testament have to say about this? The New Testament is more explicit. In Romans 1 versus 22 through 32, it says they dishonored their own bodies and describes the vile affections. In verse 32 those that approve of such practices are also condemned. First Timothy 1 verses 8 through 10 gives a list of the ungodly and includes those that defile themselves with mankind. Another list is given in first Corinthians 6 verses 9 through 10 of those who shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. God has his plan (Proverbs 14 verse 12. Yes, you can show people that you can be anything you want to be. God has given us the freedom of choice. You can choose to attend Wallace state or you can choose not to. You can choose to be a child of the devil or you can choose be a child of God. God's word only gives us two choices. It doesn't matter what we think. What matters is what God thinks and HIS word says, what God accepts and what pleases Him''`` Only the truth (God's word) can set us free from sin (John 8 verse 32). We invite you to listen to our radio program "IT IS WRITTEN" on WKUL 92 .1 FM each Sunday evening at 9:05 to 9:35PM. God's word Says "if you are not for me, you are against me" (Romans 2 verse 8)

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52 ODES TO JOY: S.U.N.S. EXPLORERS

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"The JOYrontologist" is saluting joy-seeking explorers this Columbus Day holiday. As we raise flutes of Prosecco and chow down on veal pizza (recipe below), I'm thinking not only of the great, Italian navigator, Cristoforo Columbo, and his Spanish "GoFundMe" campaigns but also of the many and diverse, bold, determined explorers who have led searches for the "Fountains of Youthful Aging."

S.U.N.S. EXPLORERS is an honorific I'm applying to those gerontologists, psychologists and pop culture "joy adventurers" I've studied to provide a foundation for "The S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) Joyous Aging System."

"The Fountain of Youth" is a mythical spring alleged to restore the youthful happiness and contentment of anyone who drinks or bathes in its waters. Talk of such a font has been explored around the globe for thousands of years and appeared in the writings of the Greek historian, Herodotus, 500 years before the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

The most prominent of the explorers for the "Fountain of Youth," was Ponce de Leon, the first governor of Puerto Rico, a sort of 16th century gerontology researcher. He traveled to Florida on his search for a youth-restoring tonic popularly promising to reverse the aging process. Think of Estee' Lauder "Youth Dew" working from the inside out. Forget about Palm Beach; legend has it, the Native Floridians told the Spanish explorer that the "Fountain of Youth" was at Bimini in The Bahamas.

S.U.N.S. EXPLORERS that I've found inspiring include these 10, among many:

1. ABRAHAM MASLOW, an American psychologist, explored the importance of focusing on the positive aspects of people, instead of treating them as a "bag of symptoms." He is best known for creating a theory that psychological health is based on fulfilling innate human needs in a stair-stepping priority, these peaking with self-actualization. "Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs" ascends from physical necessities to safety, love/belong, esteem/achievement and ultimately to morality/creativity—self-actualization.

S.U.N.S. EXPLORER, Dr. Maslow stated:

"You will either step forward into growth, or you will step back into safety. Make the growth choice a dozen times a day."

"The most fortunate are those who have a wonderful capacity to appreciate again and again, freshly and naively, the basic goods of life, with awe, pleasure, wonder and even ecstasy."

"You must want to be first-class...meaning the best. If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life."

"A musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself. What a person can be, they must be."

"Be independent of the good opinion of other people."

2. THE RED HAT SOCIETY explores how women 50+ can add more smiles, joy and laughter to their lives. (Note: This may be the first roster of "joy champions" which has Dr. Maslow immediately linked to The Red Hat Society.) Internationally, there are more than 25,000 Red Had Society members.

The far-from-shrinking violets wear purple outfits, red hats and layer on more attention-getting accessories like feather boas and LED jewelry. The Red Hatters host tea parties, play games, raise hell in taverns, go to lively entertainments and clamor to hoot and holler at their annual, circus-y RHS conventions.

California artist Sue Ellen Cooper accidentally launched this exploration of "50+ joy" when she bought a red hat on a trip to Tucson, and then another which she gave as a birthday gift to joyously aging friend. Accompanying the red hat gift, the S.U.N.S. EXPLORER included the poem, "Warning," by British poet, Jenny Joseph:

WARNING
When I am an old woman,
I shall wear purple

With a red hat which
doesn't go and
doesn't suit me.

And I shall spend my
pension on brandy
and summer gloves

And satin sandals
and say we have no
money for butter.

I shall sit down on the
pavement when I'm tired

And gobble up samples in
shops and press alarm bells

And run my stick along
the public railings

And make up for the
sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my
slippers in the rain

And pick the flowers in
other people's garden

And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible
skirts and grow more fat

And eat three pounds
of sausages at a go

Or only bread and
pickles for a week

And hoard pens and
pencils and beermats
and things in boxes.

But now we must have
clothes that keep us dry

And pay our rent and
not swear in the street

And set a good example for the children.

We must have friends
to dinner and read
the papers,

But maybe I ought to
practice a little now?

So people who know
me are not too shocked
and surprised

When suddenly I'm old,
and start to wear purple.

3. DR. CAROL RYFF, an academic professor and researcher (University of Wisconsin-Madison) is one of the most influential explorers in the field of "positive psychology." Dr. Ryff is a popular and engaging speaker with many talks and interviews available to you on YouTube.

She is most known for "The Six-Factor Model of Psychological Well-Being" which names these as essentials: self-acceptance, personal growth, purpose in life, environmental mastery, autonomy and positive relations with others.

Ryff has stated, "There is a science emerging that an optimistic outlook isn't just a state of mind. It also has linkages to what's going on in the brain and in the body."

"Power of a Super Attitude," an article by Sharon Jayson in USA Today (October 2004) reports, "Ryff has shown that individuals of well-being have lower cardiovascular risk, lower levels of stress hormones and lower levels of inflammation which serves as a marker of the immune system."

4. DOM PIERRE PERIGNON, a French, Benedictine monk, created champagne on Aug. 4, 1693. While exploring fermentation processes in the abbey wine cellar, he is said to have yelled joyously to his monastic brothers, "Come quickly! I am drinking the stars!" At least that is how this fantastic story goes and if it is not truth, I don't want to explore it.

5. JAZZ MUSICIANS originated the joyous sound by exploring a combination of "Swing," "Blues" and "Ragtime" traditions. Talented, often unschooled, music makers from various neighborhoods of New Orleans in the late 19th and early 20th centuries blended complex chords, call and response vocals with improvisation to create the joyous pleasure of this worldwide musical genre.

6. VIKTOR FRANKL explored "one's search for life's meaning" as the central, positive motivating factor in humanistic psychology. The Austrian psychiatrist was a Holocaust survivor and author of the autobiographical best-seller, "Man's Search for Meaning," based on his experience enduring and triumphing beyond imprisonment in various Nazi concentration camps.

S.U.N.S. EXPLORER inspiration from Viktor Frankl, include these insights:

"Life is not primarily a quest for pleasure, as Freud believed, or a quest for power, as Alfred Adler taught, but a quest for meaning. The greatest task for any person is to find meaning in his or her own life."

"When we are no longer able to change a situation—we are challenged to change ourselves."

"When a person can't find a deep sense of meaning, they distract themselves with pleasure."

"Success, like happiness, is the unexpected side effect of one's personal dedication to a cause greater than oneself."

"Everything can be taken from a person but one thing; the last of human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way."

"Even when it is not attained, we become better by striving for a higher goal."

"The attempt to develop a sense of humor and to see things in a humorous light is a useful trick learned while mastering the art of living."

"The meaning of my life is to help others find meaning in theirs."

7. DR. MARTIN SELIGMAN, the most high-profile explorer of "positive psychology," defines his work as the "scientific study of positive human functioning and flourishing on multiple levels that include biological, personal, relational, institutional, cultural, and global dimensions of life."

Eudamonia, a Greek word meaning "good spirit" is at the heart of positive psychology and cherishing those things which contribute most to having a good life. Dr. Seligman refers to "the good life" as using your signature strengths to produce "happiness and abundant gratification."

Positive psychology as a term was used as early as 1954 when Abraham Maslow (see above) titled the final chapter of his milestone book, "Motivation and Personality"—"Toward a Positive Psychology."

However, it was in 1998, when Martin Seligman, chose "positive psychology" as the theme for his term as president of the American Psychological Association that the professional community prioritized the exploration. Prior to the late 20th century, psychology had been consumed with the negativities of mental illness and what Seligman calls "learned helplessness."

Seligman considers the following to be essentials for well-being: positive emotion, engagement (the presence of the "flow state"), relationships, meaning and achievement. Here are only two thoughts from this highly quotable and positively impactful joy-giver:

"Optimism generates hope...hope releases dreams...dreams set goals... enthusiasm follows."

"Doing a kindness produces the single most reliable momentary increase in well-being of any exercise we have tested."

8. MODERN DAY, NATIVE AMERICAN POWWOWS are time-weaving, joyous, sensory explorations of colorful dancing, drumming, singing, tactile pleasures of crafts such as leatherwork and weaving, savored with the smells and tastes of tribal culinary traditions.

The contemporary powwow gathering is often inter-tribal and one of the most culturally relevant events for Native Americans today. Powwows are highly anticipated, festive celebrations of positive identity and ethnic pride.

9. DR. MIHALY ROBERT CSIKSZENTMIHALYI was a Hungarian American psychologist who, in the 1970s, began exploring the positively SPELLBINDING experience of one being "in the flow." He defined "flow" as an intense concentration, loss of self-awareness, being perfectly challenged (neither bored nor overwhelmed) when one has the sense that "time is flying."

Whether one's particular "flow" is playing lawn tennis or mowing a lawn, Dr. C shared these thoughts from his explorations:

"A joyful life is an individual creation that cannot be copied from a recipe."

"The best moments in lives, are not the passive, receptive, relaxing times—although such experiences can be enjoyable if we have worked hard to attain them. The best moments usually occur when a person's body or mind is stretched to its limits in a

voluntary effort to accomplish something difficult and worthwhile."

"The task is to learn how to enjoy everyday life without diminishing other people's chances to enjoy theirs."

10. DR. ALAN D. CASTEL is the author of "Better With Age: The Psychology of Successful Aging" which I dedicated an entire chapter of this "52 ODES TO JOY" series to a month ago. Especially for the 50+ crowd, Dr. Castel is an illuminating S.U.N.S. EXPLORER.

S.U.N.S. EXPLORER INSPIRATION FROM CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

"One does not discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time."

"By prevailing over all obstacles and distractions, one may unfailingly arrive at their chosen goal or destination."

"Life has more imagination than we carry in our dreams."

"Riches don't make someone rich they only make them busier."

LAFFS FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Happy Columbus Day! I'm celebrating by getting lost in the grocery store looking for the spice aisle.

Christopher Columbus got lost because the mapping directions on his phone weren't pacific.

My Native American relatives want to say "Thank You" this Columbus Day. Actually, they want to walk into somebody's nice place and say, "Thank you, we live here now."

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Oct. 8—CeCe Winans

Oct. 9—Jackson Browne

Oct. 10—Helen Hayes

Oct. 11—Cardi B

Oct. 12—Dick Gregory

Oct. 13—Lenny Bruce

Oct. 14—Ralph Lauren

COLUMBUS DAY VEAL PIZZA—OKLAHOMA VEAL
(Source: nowyourecookingrecipes.com)

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

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 pound ground veal
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 can (7 ounce) tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1 medium onion
- 1 green or red pepper
- 12-inch baked bread crust
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

DIRECTIONS

1. In a small frying pan brown the ground veal and garlic. Drain any fat from the pan.

2. Add the tomato sauce and seasonings.

3. Slice the onion and separate into rounds. Slice pepper into strips. Stir onion and pepper into the veal mixture.

4. Spread veal mixture over the crust. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over the top. Bake at 475F for 10-15 minutes. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

"The JOYrontologist" RECOMMENDS Prosecco and pizza. Beer is frequently the beverage of choice in pizza parlors, but both pizza and beer have galleons (Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria boatloads) of yeast. Consider a sparkling wine from the home country of Christopher Columbus. A good, budget-friendly pairing with pizza is Alberto Nani Organic Prosecco.

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

876. Exploring outer space at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, One Tranquility Base, Huntsville

877. Exploring inner space with Myers-Briggs and Enneagrams

878. Exploring every painting ever conceptualized, drawn or painted by Henri Matisse

879. Exploring pre-Christian Alabama at Moundville

880. Exploring sound in Nashville recording studios

881. Exploring blindness when I worked at the Institute for the Deaf and Blind

882. Exploring fermentation in vineyards and wine cellars

883. Exploring massage and being out of touch with the sense of touch

884. Exploring various configurations of the 26 letters of the alphabet in creative writing classes

885. Exploring the origins of words in one of my favorite classes—Etymology

886. Exploring my familiar town by strolling through it like a flaneuring tourist

887. Exploring the heat of "hot chicken" from Rascal to Ruffian to Rebel to Rogue to Rowdy

888. Exploring American history through the period furniture rooms at the Boston Museum of Art

889. Exploring the commonalities in the prayers of all the old religions

890. Exploring the meaning of life with books by Viktor Frankl and films by Monty Python

HAPPY, SUNNY EXPLORING WEEK!

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





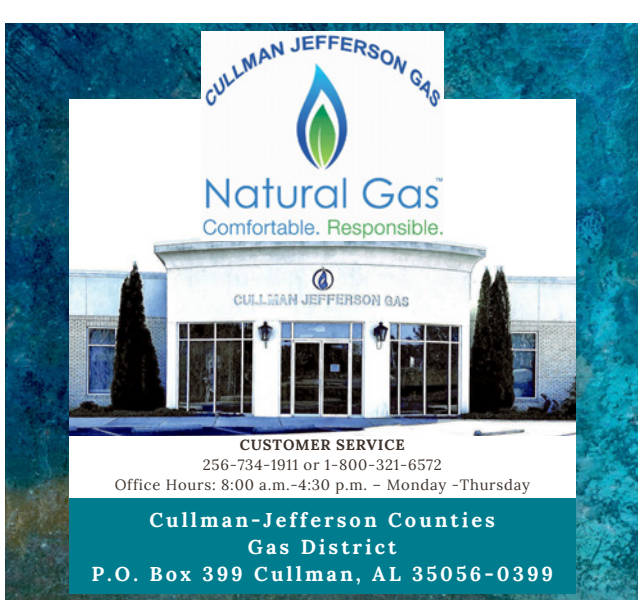
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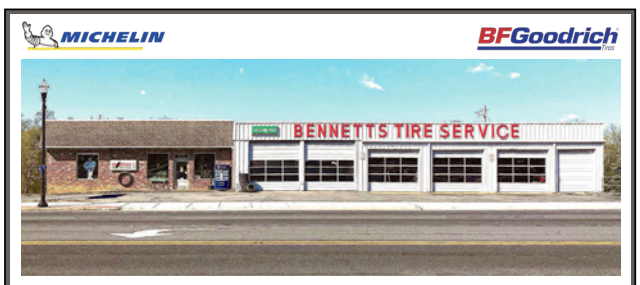
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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 6-7

Vanita Mae Foster, 62
Vanita Mae Foster, 62, of Cullman passed away Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at her residence. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Foster family. Vanita was born Dec. 3, 1959, to Raymond Lee & Louise Myrtle Huffman Gibbs. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a niece: Hope Bleeker. Survivors include her son: Steven Foster; daughters: Christina (Ronnie) Key, Priscilla (Jason) Brown, Janice Taylor; brothers: Billy (Chris) Gibbs, James Cox; sisters: Shirley Lane, Trena Shoemake, Tina Bleeker, Janice (Rodney) Rose; grandchildren: Destiny Hunt, Brianna Waldrop, Steven Waldrop, Tyler Brown, Brandon Brown, Remi May Foster, Deke Wright, Cameron Wright, Brady Taylor, Lexi Taylor, Bella Hobdood; great-grandchildren: Houston Leverell, Addie Wright; family and friends.

Raymond Wray Maddux, 85
Raymond Wray Maddux, age 85, of Cullman, passed away Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022, at Cullman Health Care Center. He was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Cullman, Alabama, to William Carlton and Mary Eva Maddux. He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife of 55 years: Mamie Louise Maddux. Survivors include his son: Greg Maddux; brother: Bill Maddux; and sisters-in-law: Linda (Harold) Daniels, Sarah Arnold, Sandy Johns, and Judy Bailey.

Sandra Joyce Witcher, 79
Funeral Service for Sandra Joyce Witcher, age 79, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Grace Chapel with Trae Norrell and Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating; interment in Berlin Cemetery at Mt. Carmel. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Grace Chapel. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Witcher passed away peacefully in her home on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022. She was born Oct. 29, 1942, in Cullman, Alabama, to U.V. "Red" Haynes and Merle Haynes. She and Doug, her husband of 60 years, were a couple known for their deep love and sincere affection for one another. She was a beloved mother of two children who are eternally grateful for her unconditional love, unwavering support and sweet spirit. She was a proud "Maw" to six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, known for late night card games, constant encouragement and never saying no to sharing a dessert. Her love for her family knew no bounds. A faithful follower of Jesus Christ, her family finds peace knowing she is now in the presence of God. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include her husband: Doug Witcher; son: Brian (Rhonda) Witcher; daughter: Buffy (Rob) Thomas; grandchildren: Dr. Adam (Jenna) Witcher, Sara Beth (Trae) Norrell, Andrew Thomas, Emily (Haden) Hamilton and Abbey Thomas; great-grandchildren: Anne Mabry Witcher, Haynes Witcher, Lou Norrell and Ruthie Norrell; and sister: Judy (Terry) Clemmons. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Grace Chapel Building Fund. The family would like to give a special thanks to Dr. James Hoover, Corie Evans and Kindred Hospice.

Christopher Robert Wayne Rhodes, 40
Christopher Robert Wayne Rhodes, age 40, of Cullman, passed away Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, at Cullman Regional. He was born March 30, 1982, in Cullman, Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents: Wayne and Janice Rhodes. Survivors include his brother: Jered (Tori) Rhodes; niece: Kristen Rhodes; nephew: Hunter Rhodes; and a host of aunts, uncles, family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Keith Lamar Twilley, 65
Funeral service for Keith Lamar Twilley, 65, of Cullman will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in New Mt. Zion Cemetery, Dr. Ralph Andrews officiating. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Twilley passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, at Cullman Regional Hospital. He was born Feb. 2, 1957, to Herbert and Hazel Twilley. He was a truck driver. Keith loved to fish, had a huge sense of humor and was a prankster. He was preceded in death by his father, Herbert Twilley. Survivors include his mother: Hazel Twilley Goodwin; son: Chase (Jenny) Twilley; daughter: Whitney Twilley; sister: Gayle (Jeff) Gober; grandchildren: Aiden & Connor Twilley, Blakelyn McCool, Nolan Wyatt; niece: Jaime Gober (Aaron Seibert); nephew: Heath (Jenna) Gober; great-niece: Olivia Seibert; great-nephew: Patek Kriner; family and friends.

Susan Melinda Postell, 68
Susan Melinda Postell, age 68 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, at her residence. Susan was born May 15, 1954, in Atlanta, Georgia. No services will be held at this time. Susan is survived by her sister: Sandra Kay (Johnny) Smith; nephews: Mark Anthony (Angie) Smith and Daniel Archer; great niece: Morgan Diane (Aaron) Kilgore; great nephews: Sean Anthony Smith and Ryan Alcapone; special friend: Johnny Mack Smith; and a host of cousins. She was preceded in death by her mother: Hazel Christine Postell; father: James E. Postell; sisters: Judy Ann Archer and Pamela Karen Berrien; and brother: Tony Earl Postell.

James Franklin Reid, 81
A memorial service for James Franklin Reid of Hayden will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Bruce Dial will be officiating. A public gathering will be held at the funeral home on Sunday prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. Mr. Reid was born April 4, 1941, in Hayden, Alabama to the late James Monroe and Emma (Statton) Reid. He died at the age of 81 at his residence Oct. 4, 2022, in Hayden. Survivors include his children: Imagene (Mark) Holderfield, Tammy (Elmer) Moyer and Kim (Jimmy) Barbee; grandchildren: Nichole (Josh) Best, Brooke Holderfield, Danielle Moyer, Courtney Moyer, Megan (Kelby) Murphree, Erica (Joseph Leak) Evans and Sadie Evans; great grandchildren: Marlee Holderfield, Levi Best, Oakley Leak and Baby Murphree; and a host on nieces, nephews and grandchildren by heart. In addition to his parents, Mr. Reid was preceded in death by his wife: Louise Reid; brothers: Edsal Reid and Elzie Reid; and one sister: Imagene Black.

Terry Joe Tucker, 68
Terry Joe Tucker, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022. Terry was born Feb. 18, 1954, in Cullman, Alabama to J.T. and Imogene Barnett Tucker. He is preceded in death by his father. A visitation for Terry will be held Friday, Oct. 7, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A funeral service will occur Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating. An interment will occur Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022, at Springhill Cemetery, 5400 U.S. Highway 278 , Cullman, AL 35057. Survivors are son: Golden (Barbi) Tucker; mother: Imogene Barnett Tucker; grandchild: Matthew Tucker; brother: Jerry Tucker; nephew: Blake Tucker; and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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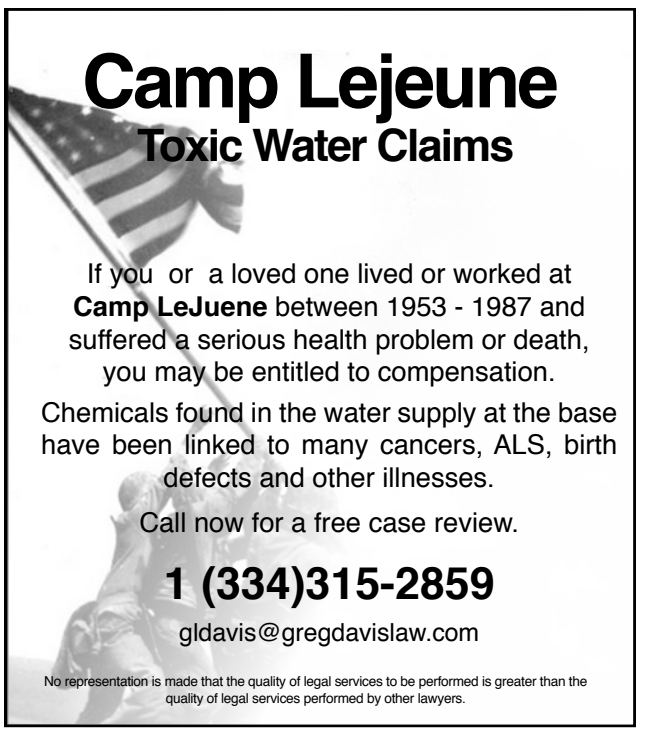


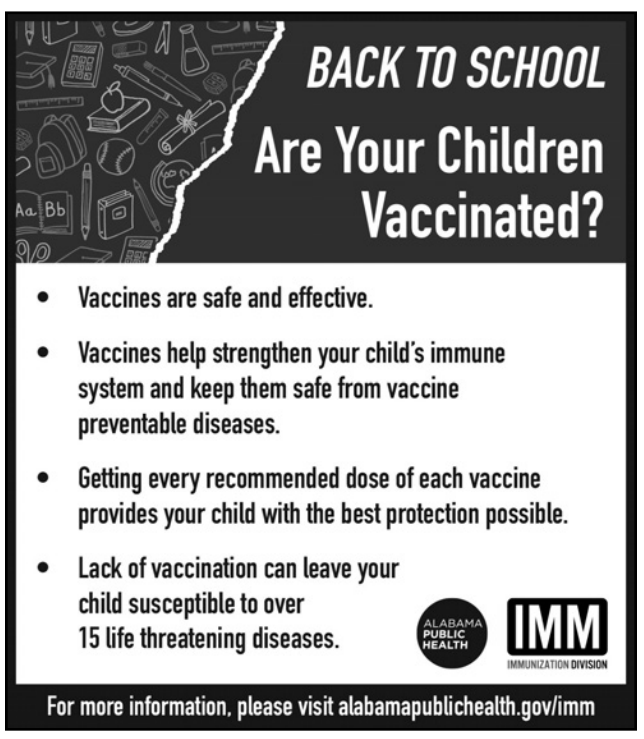
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Thank God for answered prayers and forty-more years together

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



This week marked the 40th anniversary of one of the most frightening nights of my life, and what came close to being Jean's last. It all happened on Saturday, October 2, 1982.

Almost unbelievably, that beautiful-autumn day for my wife of 7 years, started and ended with two-separate traffic accidents. She was involved in both, and the second one almost took her life.

We were serving in my first full-time pastorate. Two-years earlier, we had moved back to Dekalb County, Alabama, for me to become pastor of Highland Baptist Church, in Fort Payne.

We had planned a huge youth weekend that included a bonfire out in the country on Saturday night, and a special Sunday service led by a student-ministerial team from Samford University. The team had been with us earlier that year, and we had become friends.

Two hungry college students as house guests for the weekend meant a trip to the grocery store. With groceries bought and loaded in the back seat, Jean proceeded to back out of her parking spot when she felt a sudden jolt and heard a loud crashing bang. She never saw the older gentlemen who was driving the wrong way down the one-way parking lane. By accident standards, it wasn't much, but enough to upset the older driver and my wife as well. As the day wore on and we came closer to the fun events of that evening, we all but forgot that minor accident and the rough start to the day.

That evening was a gorgeous, cool, crisp Autumn one. There wasn't a cloud in the sky, and the stars sparkled like shimmering silver. It was perfect for a huge bonfire, and one of our church families, who lived up on Lookout Mountain, had invited us to their place for that purpose. We decided to travel there as a group and what better way to do that than on a hay ride. We roasted hot dogs and marshmallows in the fire and ourselves beside the fire. After some games, singing, and our guest preacher for the weekend shared a brief devotional with us, we loaded up for the trip back to the church. Our entire trip up and back had been on small backroads where there wasn't much traffic. We had one stretch of U.S. Highway 11, about a half-mile long, to travel. It was on that stretch that a speeding car, driven by a highly-intoxicated man, slammed into the back of our trailer. Miraculously, no one died that night, but Jean ended up in the middle of the highway and pinned beneath the trailer. At first, we thought she was dead. I dropped to my knees on the double-yellow line and began to pray. She was rushed to the hospital and into surgery. She had suffered multiple internal injuries, broken bones, and cuts. While the surgeon operated, the waiting room filled up with praying church members. Over the next several days, we received numerous calls and cards. They came from friends as well as people we had never heard of or met. To this day, a grocery bag filled with those cards and letters sets in our attic.

God answered those prayers in miraculous fashion. The surgeon didn't think Jean would live through the night, but she is alive and well today! I am reminded of King Hezekiah, who was sick and near death when he prayed to God. God blessed him with 15-more years of life. God has blessed Jean with 40-more years... and still counting. Although we would be quite ancient, I would gladly take another 40 with her!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1900, 1950

From the files of 1900

The Polytechnic College will close Friday and the scholars will picnic at Blue Hole on Saturday.

Mrs. Judge Fuller and pretty little daughter, Gladys and Miss Caroline Schlosser visited Birmingham this week.

Oster and "Baby" McMinn returned home on Tuesday, from Memphis, Tennessee, where they have been attending school.

C.O. Adkins, W.G. Brown, R.E. Lee and A.J. Allgood spent several days fishing near Decatur this week.

J.H. Ryan has purchased an interest in Mr. Julian's business and the firm is now styled as Julian and Ryan. They take first class photographs, repair bicycles, clocks, watches and jewelry.

Misses Carrie and Ada Brown, Mrs. Pearl Callahan, Berney Wilhite, R.M. Brown and Joe Hewlett were among those who attended the commencement exercises at Falkville last week.

From the files of 1950

The reserve champion steer in the Birmingham Fat Calf Show was exhibited by Kennon Wood. Other local winners were: Asa Blalock, Dois Sims and Ralph Blalock.

Holly Pond graduates include: Royce Bailey, Milford Black, Lewis Brown, Ezell Cornelius, O'Neal Daniel, Harrol Dismukes, Dane Estes, Earnestine Gable, Virginia Hart, Hershel Henderson and Guy Hunt, etc.

Louis J. McPherson, age 69, of Bangor, died on May 10th, in Gulfport, Mississippi, following an automobile accident.

The County -Wide 4 -H Rally will be held at Cullman High on Saturday, May 20th.

Two arrests have been made in conjunction with four separate egg robberies from McAnnally Produce Company in Garden City, involving 113 cases of eggs.

Bud Lawrence, of Vinemont, had his tonsils removed on Saturday at Doctor Stitt's Clinic.

Isaac Whisenant, of Hulaco, is in the Guntersville Hospital receiving treatment for a punctured lung and breaks in both legs.

The Lee Franklins returned to Holly Pond from Chicago after attending the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dunkin have a new television, which is a popular community attraction at Holly Pond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sim J. Calvert (formerly Martha Jane Aaron) will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on May 26th. Their children's names all start with an "E." The boys are Edgar, Ervin, Ellis, Emory and Everett. The girls are Mrs. Essie Henry, Mrs. Ella Austin, Mrs. Ethel Giles and Miss Eva Calvert.

Mrs. J.W. Morgan was the Sunday winner of the orchid on the Kessler Good Neighbor program.

The annual all-day singing will be held at Welti on Sunday, May 28th. Everyone is urged to bring a well -filled lunch basket.

Mrs. Owen Williams is the new president of Coterie.

Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Sullins have a new daughter, Margaret June, born on May 16th .

POET'S CORNER

Autumn Haiku | Randy C. Hale

Autumn

Autumn is laid out
Her magnificent glory
Unclad, natural

Harvest Moon

Harvest moonlight shines
fading hay on frosted fields
gathers beams of light

Halloween Horror

Halloween horrors
happening on spooky night
fearing one's hunt light

Autumn Wings

Butterflies sunning
Light upon the marigolds,
Waving golden wings

Football Season

Players pride rising
cheering fans, chilly autumn
football in the air

Ghosts of Summer

Leaves falling down, down,
orange, red, brown, cascading down,
the ghosts of summer



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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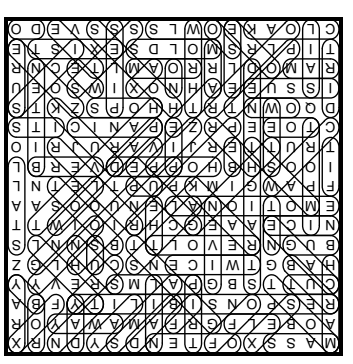
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Marshall: Joppa man's murder conviction appeal denied

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall on Friday announced that the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals affirmed the conviction of Dale Lynn Hopson, 54, of Joppa, for murder. Hopson was convicted in Marshall County Circuit Court on Feb. 26, 2021, for the murder of his wife, Joyce Green Bates.

The evidence at trial showed that on April 24, 2016, family members observed Hopson was acting erratically and around 10 p.m. Hopson called 911 to report that he had accidentally shot and killed his wife. Hopson's behavior was unusual and alerted the suspicions of both first responders and law enforcement. A subsequent investigation revealed that Hopson's wife could not have died due to an accident as claimed by Hopson and that he was, in fact, responsible for her murder.

Marshall County District Attorney Everette Johnson's office successfully prosecuted this case and obtained a guilty verdict. Hopson was sentenced to life imprisonment for his crime. Hopson sought to have his conviction reversed on appeal.

The Attorney General's Criminal Appeals Division handled the case during the appeals process, arguing for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals to affirm Hopson's conviction. The Court did so in a decision issued Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

"The facts of this case establish that Dale Hopson intentionally shot and killed his wife and then claimed the murder was an accident," said Marshall. "The jury reached a just verdict in finding him guilty, which was correctly affirmed by the Court of Criminal Appeals. Mr. Hopson will now serve a life sentence for his crime."

Marshall commended Assistant Attorney General Steve Dodd for his successful work on this case, and thanked Marshall County District Attorney Everette Johnson and his staff for their valuable assistance in defending the murder conviction.

Birmingham man convicted for role in kidnapping of Kamille 'Cupcake' McKinney

Staff Reports
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A federal jury on Friday convicted a Birmingham man for kidnapping and conspiracy to kidnap a minor victim, announced U.S. Attorney Prim F. Escalona and Federal Bureau of Investigation Acting Special Agent in Charge Felix A. Rivera-Esparra.

The jury returned its guilty verdict against Patrick Devone Stallworth, 42, after three days of testimony before Chief U.S. District Court Judge L. Scott Coogler. Stallworth was convicted of one count of kidnapping and one count of conspiracy to kidnap a minor victim arising out of events which occurred in October 2019.

The jury further found that the minor victim's death resulted from the kidnapping. Stallworth faces life in prison.

According to evidence presented at trial, on Oct. 12, 2019, Stallworth traveled in a Toyota Sequoia with a co-conspirator to the Tom Brown Village Housing Development located in Birmingham, Alabama, and kidnapped 3-year-old Kamille "Cupcake" McKinney. Her body was found 10 days later.

"Today, the jury held the defendant accountable for his actions in victimizing one of the most vulnerable victims in our community, a 3-year-old child.

"This office remains dedicated to prosecuting those criminals who prey on children," Escalona said.

"Just as the search for the victim involved many of our local, state, and federal partners, the trial this week also would not have been successful without these agencies. I am grateful for their hard work and dedication."

"While today's verdict does not take away the pain for Kamille's family, or the void in their life that they can never fill, they at least know we are one step closer to justice being served on those responsible," Rivera said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Birmingham Police Department investigated the case, with assistance from the United States Marshals Service. Chief of the Criminal Division Lloyd C. Peeples and Assistant U.S. Attorneys Blake Milner and Brittany Byrd prosecuted the case.

Fire (from Front)

the workers was working on a vehicle, something ignited a fire. He was injured and transported. In the course of them trying to get equipment and vehicles moved, they did call Fire Rescue immediately. Fire suppression measures were taken immediately, but it did quite a bit of damage to the main structure of the building."

The Cullman Police Department posted to its Facebook page: "This morning at 10:06am, Cullman City Communications Division received a call concerning a fire at Just GM located on 3rd Ave NW. According to witnesses, an employee was underneath a vehicle working on it, when a gas line ruptured and began to spray fuel. The fuel ignited and after efforts to put the fire out were unsuccessful, they called 911. One employee was transported to Cullman Regional Medical Center via ambulance. Thanks to Cullman City Fire and Rescue for their quick response. Our thoughts and prayers are with the injured employee."

Two vehicles inside the structure were damaged.

Just GM Auto & Truck Repair Plus posted to its Facebook page: "As most of you have heard our shop caught fire this morning. The good news is we are all ok aside from some burns on our tech Jimbo Hulgan who needs your healing prayers.

The bad news is our shop is pretty much a total loss.

If you have a vehicle here, please email us your name and number and details about your vehicle so we can get with you about pick up at a later time. Thank you! Justgmauto@gmail.com."

