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Resident who lost home to fire asks county commission to improve communication

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission at its Tuesday meeting heard from Sean Buntin, a resident of County Road 222, who requested improved communication among county departments, contractors and others to prevent additional tragedies similar to the one his family suffered last month when their home was destroyed by fire.

"A call to 911 occurred at 6 a.m. in the morning," Buntin said to the commissioners. "Our home was destroyed 40 minutes later."

Buntin said the closest fire hydrant to the home was approximately 800 feet away but was inoperable, which was unknown to the responding fire department whose truck carried only 1,000-1,200 gallons of water according to Buntin. The fire truck's water reserve quickly ran out, and, he said, "The fire department wasted precious time connecting to a hydrant that had recently been inspected and deemed unfit » PAGE 5



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The Buntin family home burned on Sept. 25, 2022.

3 CATA Cosmetology students to participate in prestigious tradeshow



CATA

Nymph fairy hair design by Marian Braswell, leopard hair color design by Ally Banks and spooky/creepy nail art design by TaeLee Thigpen

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Three students from the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) have been chosen to display their creative crafts in hair design, hair color design and nail art design at the Premiere Birmingham professional beauty tradeshow Sunday, Oct. 23. Cosmetology students Ally Banks, Marian Braswell and TaeLee Thigpen are students of Tasha Flanagan, CATA cosmetology instruction and SkillsUSA advisor.

The students' artwork was selected for the conversation piece, which will be shown digitally on Sunday at 5 p.m. on the Influencer Spotlight stage in the East Ballroom B at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center.

Premiere Birmingham is an elite show only open to beauty professionals and influencers. The trade show will provide the students an opportunity to network and connect with educators, peers and influencers while sharing their individual inspirations for their shown work. The venue will offer over 130 classes for students and professionals to hone their craft, learning about new trends, techniques and the latest products available. Many hair, nail and skincare manufacturers and distributors will attend the show sharing their products with beauty professionals.

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Sweet Effie



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 18-19

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 18-19, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 17

- harassing communication; Publix; Cullman Shopping Center
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Main St. S.W; damage to 2008 Dodge Ram 1500; $200
- identity theft
- theft of property-4th degree; Cobb Ave. S.W; wifi box; $200
- forgery-3rd degree, theft of property-3rd degree; Premier Bank of the South, person; 1st Ave. N.W; forged checks
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-a-Million; Cullman Shopping Center N.W; general merchandise; $75

Oct. 18

- domestic violence-3rd degree; Catoma Dr. N.E.
- leaving the scene of an accident; 2nd Ave. S.W; damage to 2017 Nissan NV200; $500
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise

ARRESTS

Oct. 17

Combs, Bradley R; 38

- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Guthery, Shalina L; 29

- obstruction of justice using false identification
- unlawful possession of controlled substances
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Jernigan, Coby D; 21

- theft of property-1st degree

Ramos, Shawn E; 46

- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Oct. 18

Alexander, John C; 21

- public intoxication

Shaffer, Richard T; 45

- fugitive from justice

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

CCBOE (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County School Board (CCBOE) on Thursday, Oct. 13, approved three out-of-state field trips for eager students. Third graders from Vinemont Elementary School will be traveling via charter bus to Chattanooga on Nov. 10. From Dec. 26-30, the Good Hope High School boys' basketball team will be in Pigeon Forge for a tournament. Early next year on Jan. 27, the West Point High School scholars bowl team will travel to Glasgow, Kentucky to compete in a national tournament.

The following resignations were accepted:

- Anita Kilpatrick - Central Office
- Ashley Marotz - Central Office
- Brittney Maddox - Cold Springs Elementary School (CSES)
- Tammy Bennett - Fairview High School (FHS)
- Samuel Allred - Maintenance
- Mildred Atchison Vinemont Elementary School (VES)
- Karen Wilhite - VES

The following leaves of absence were accepted:

- Tasha Miller - Vinemont Middle School (VMS)
- Vol Jones - Hanceville High School (HHS)
- Carrie Ferrell - Parkside

The following voluntary transfers, contingent on proper certification, were approved:

- Randi Bentley - Central Office to FHS
- Contrina Styles - Fairview Elementary School (FES) to FHS
- Randi Bentley - FHS to FES

The following appointments, contingent on proper certification, were approved:

- Christy Dye - Central Office
- Amy Hicks - Central Office
- Neva Hite - CSES
- Laressa Johnson - Good Hope Primary School (GHPS)
- Morgan Bradford Hanceville Elementary School (HES)
- Lynn Brockman - HES
- Susan Rainey - HES
- Lakisha Lovett - Welti Elementary School (WES)

The following substitutes, contingent on proper certification, were approved:

- Callie Garmon - Bus driver
- Hadley Hinds - Bus driver
- Daniel Lee - Bus driver
- Holly Martin - Bus driver
- Jonathan Mayfield - Bus driver
- LaDale Nunnelley - Bus driver
- Robert Steed - Bus driver
- Christopher Stephenson Bus driver
- Joy Toll - Bus driver
- Pattie Aris - Teacher
- James Basenburg - Teacher
- Claire Brown - Teacher
- Karen Capps - Teacher
- Miracle Corley - Teacher
- Brittnee Doty - Teacher
- Virginia Ellenburg - Teacher
- April Graves - Teacher
- Jennifer Hayes - Teacher
- Paula Henry - Teacher
- Hailey Kilpatrick - Teacher
- Molly McKelvy - Teacher
- Kyleigh Merring - Teacher
- Stacey Mixon - Teacher
- Dianne Veach - Teacher
- Patricia Yeager - Teacher

The following contract and salary changes were approved:

- Angela Kee - Upgrade to master
- Terry Smith - Added as FMS non-faculty coach
- Scott Adams - Removed as Good Hope High School (GHHS) junior varsity and varsity basketball assistant
- Mary McElhone - Added as GHHS band assistant
- Griffin Morris - Added as GHHS junior varsity and varsity boys basketball assistant
- Samuel Jones - Added as Good Hope Middle School (GHMS) non-faculty football assistant
- Ashley Belding - Removed as HHS girls basketball coach
- Michael Black - Added as HMS and HHS archery coach
- Mark Cornelius - Added as HHS football assistant
- Travis Eskew - Added as HHS non-faculty baseball assistant
- Justin Mahaffey - Added as HHS non-faculty band assistant
- Christina Watson Added as HHS girls basketball coach
- David Hulsey - Removed as Harmony eighth-grade boys basketball coach
- Elaine Wren - Added as Harmony eighth-grade boys basketball coach
- Tammy Foust - Added Holly Pond High School (HPHS) non-faculty girls golf coach and 7th grade boys basketball coach
- Danny Huddleston Added Holly Pond K-8 archery coach
- Madison Ballard Added VHS non-faculty cheerleader coach
- Kevin Hale - Added VHS non-faculty basketball assistant
- Bree Harbison - Added VHS non-faculty band assistant
- Jacob Brown - Added West Point High School (WPHS) non-faculty boys soccer coach
- Todd Greenlee - Added WPHS non-faculty tennis coach
- William R. Whitesell Added WPHS non-faculty girls soccer coach
- Cameron Bates - Added West Point Middle School (WPMS) non-faculty baseball coach
- Timothy Smith - Maintenance multi-craft technician

The following non-faculty coaches were approved contingent on completed requirements:

- Tabitha Vogelpohl - CSHS band assistant volunteer
- Lacy Dotson - CSHS track volunteer
- Chandler Nunn - CSHS track volunteer
- Matthew Cobbs - FHS girls basketball volunteer
- Terry Smith - FMS football supplement
- Mary McElhone - GHHS band assistant supplement
- Samuel Jones - GHMS football assistant supplement
- Michael Black, Jr. - HHS archery supplement
- Justin Mahaffey - HHS band assistant supplement
- Travis Eskew - HHS baseball assistant supplement
- Karl Hurter - HHS softball volunteer
- Michael Black, Jr. - HMS archery supplement
- Kenneth Brockman - HMS basketball volunteer
- Michael Lambert - HPMS football volunteer
- Tammy Foust - HPMS and HPHS boys basketball and girls golf supplement
- Bree Harbison - VHS band assistant supplement
- Kevin Hale - VHS baseball supplement
- Madison Ballard - VHS cheerleading supplement
- William Stewart - VHS softball volunteer
- Dennis Vance - WPHS bowling volunteer
- Todd Greenlee - WPHS tennis supplement
- Raymond Brown - WPHS boys soccer volunteer
- William Whitesell - WPHS girls soccer supplement
- Jacob Brown - WPHS boys soccer supplement
- Cameron Bates - WPMS baseball supplement

In other business, the board approved the following:

- Request to pay Samuel Eric Allred for up to five unused annual leave days
- Cold Springs Elementary/High School request to pay Bruce Parker $30 per hour for detention

Request from Fairview High School to pay a supplement to the following football coaches, paid by Fairview Quarterback Club:

- David W. Carrell - $500
- George Redding, Jr. - $2,500
- Brian Simmons - $1,500

- Request from Hanceville Middle School to pay Kimberly Kanaday as the volleyball bookkeeper $15 per match and 16 matches for a total of $250
- Request from Hanceville Middle School to pay Kimberly Kanaday as the basketball bookkeeper $15 per game for estimated 54 games for a maximum $810
- Request from Holly Pond High School to pay Scott Graham $350 and Matthew Wood $350 for brush cutter work
- 2022-23 afterhours programs and personnel for Harmony at $20 per hour for Heather Jones

Request from the Child Nutrition Program to work at-risk program as needed:

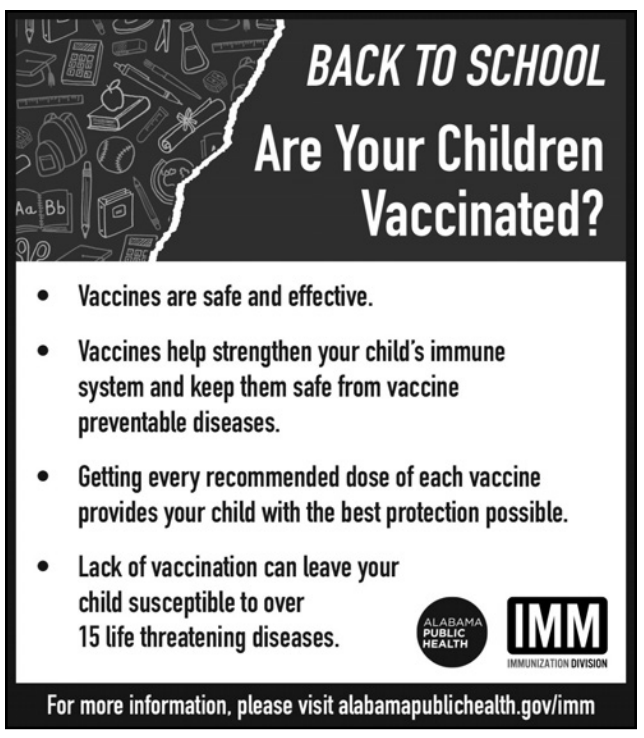
- Cynthia Barton - GHHS
- Ashley Harris - Parkside
- Connie Duke - WPHS

The 2022-2023 Sick Leave Bank Committee will consist of the following employees:

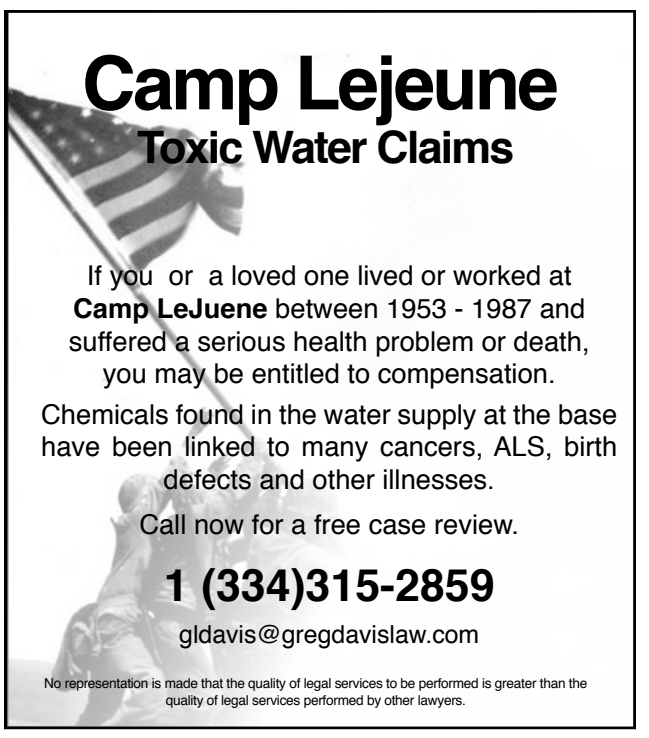
- Certified – Bethany Parker and Daniel Weaver
- Classified – Melissa (Lisa) Holcombe and William Shane Martin
- Board Representative - Ed Roberson, CSFO and Danielle Marcum, Payroll Manager

A request from the transportation department to pay full-time bus drivers their regular hourly rate of pay for new substitute driver training was approved for Misty Gaines, Jennifer Manasco and Mark Whitley.

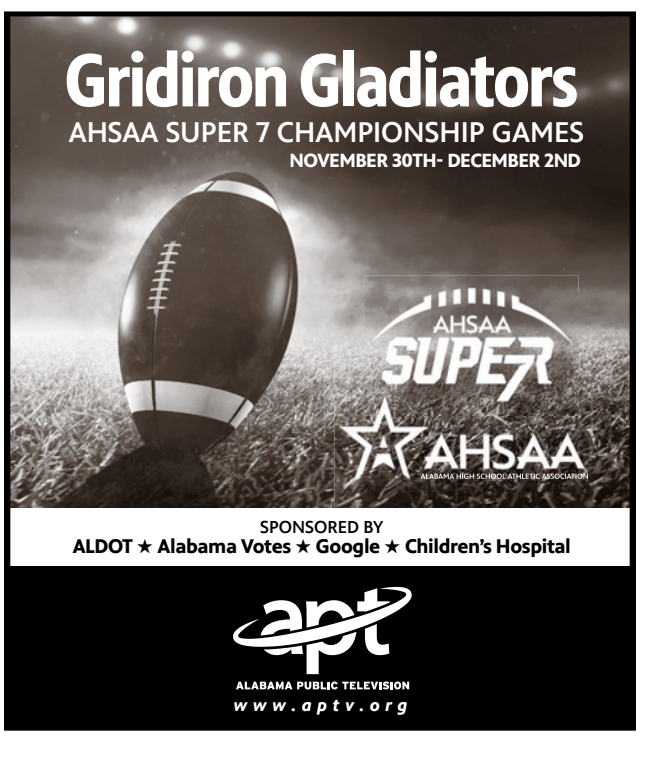
The next board meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Central Office with the work session beginning at 3:30 p.m. and regular meeting following.













COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman
• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.
• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Thursday, Oct. 20 - 10 a.m. Prayer Meeting - Please join Bonnie Barrett on Thursday to pray for our church, nation, our leaders, special prayer requests, etc. Everyone welcome!
• Thursday, Oct. 20 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery - Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! For those who want to get together before class bring a dish, dessert or drink 6:30 p.m. for a potluck meal. Nursery provided.
• Sunday, Oct. 23 - 8-9 a.m. Prayer Group - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby Sunday to pray for our church, nation and for those who need Salvation and deliverance.
• Sunday, Oct. 23 - 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.
• KLK - Kids Loving Kids - Online enrollment now through Nov. 15! Go to https://forms.gle/QmTtTVBUiTxTPZdZ9 Kids Loving Kids Facebook page and click on the registration form. NO late registrations accepted.

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.

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.

Pumpkin Painting Program for Children
Thursday, Oct. 20, from 3-5 p.m. at the Cullman County Library, 200 Clark Street NE, Cullman. Join us to decorate your very own pumpkin! Paint a scary face or your favorite book character. Free program. All supplies provided.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner Benefiting Addison American Legion Post 106
Friday, Oct. 21, from 4-7 p.m. at the Addison Community Center, 16391 County Road 41, Addison

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.

Hanceville High School Class of 1962 Reunion
Saturday, Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. at the Moody Center in Hanceville. The reunion will last all day. Please bring a covered dish and all your favorite pictures and memories of our school days together. For more information, call Becke McElroy Quick at 256-708-5392 or contact her on Facebook. Hope to see everyone there.

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.

Cullman County Historical Society Meeting
Sunday, Oct. 23, at 2 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Richard Buettner will speak on the history of Buettner Brothers Lumber Company.

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.

Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located on U.S. Highway 31 North, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont. Baked goods for sale. Lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry-out meals available. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Zion UMW women's group.

Chambers Family Reunion
• Sunday, Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. at the Berlin Community Center, located on Highway 278 East. All members of Chambers families and friends are invited to bring a covered dish and share dinner, fellowship and family information and stories. Due to COVID-19 there has been no reunion since 2019. For more information call Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235.

HALLOWEEN AND FALL FESTIVAL EVENTS

FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS, OCT. 21-22 AND 28-29

Nightmare in Vinemont - 7 p.m.-midnight at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center at 17645 U.S. Hwy 31 N, Cullman, AL 35058. Tickets are $20 for those 10 and older and $10 for those 9 and younger. Included is or a trip through the haunted house, followed by a haunted hayride that winds around the Cullman County Association of Volunteer Departments training center wooded area. Horror films will be shown outside of the Ag Center and the concession stand will be open. The attraction is a fundraiser for the Vinemont-Providence VFD's Fire Explorer Program.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22

Kids Loving Kids Howl-aween Dog Crawl - 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Heritage Park dog park in Cullman. Music, dog costume contest, dog snacks and dog prizes. Costume contest at 12:30 p.m. Entry fee: gently used or new toy.

Southside Baptist Church Fall Festival - 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 2003 Main Ave. S.W, Cullman. Live music from the Key family and Journey Worship. Kickball tournament, bounce houses, games, shaved ice and more. Call 256-590-7716 to register a kickball team or for more information.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26

Cullman Police Department Trunk or Treat - 6-8 p.m. 601 Second Ave. NE, Cullman. Candy, police cars, fire trucks, a DJ and more. Presented by Merchants Bank of Alabama.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29

Johnston RV Center Trunk or Treat - 2-5 p.m. 273 Schwaiger Road. Camper decoration contest. Interested community partners are asked to stop by the store or call 256-775-9011.

Victim Services Trunk or Treat - 4-6 p.m. 310 Third Ave. NE. Free event for the whole family with candy and games

Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat - 4-7 p.m. 1626 Field of Miracles Dr. SW. Those interested in setting up a trunk free of charge, contact 256-775-7946 or email adeboer@cullmanrecreation.org!

Jeepers Creepers Trunk or Treat and Cullman Caring for Kids Canned Food Drive - 5-8 p.m. at Depot Park in Cullman

Valley Spring Missionary Baptist Church Trunk or Treat - 6-8:30 p.m. 6679 County Road 437, Cullman

Fairview Fire and Rescue Truck or Treat - 6 p.m. 7555 Alabama Highway 69 N, Cullman. All ages welcome.

Berlin Trunk or Treat - 6-8 p.m. Berlin Farmers Market. The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department will be selling smoked chicken plates. Growers with Berlin Farmers Market will be set up and selling for the last day of the market season. Everyone will be giving out candy.

Hanceville Friends of the Festival Trunk or Treat - 4-6 p.m. in Downtown Hanceville. Kids lineup begins at the corner of U.S. Highway 31 and Commercial Street. Parking is at Hanceville City Hall or the adjacent lot. For trunk participant information or to sign up, visit Nolan Bradford's office on Commercial Street or Hanceville City Hall by Oct. 25.

Baileyton Halloween Drive Thru - 6-8 p.m. at the Baileyton Fire Department at 165 Fire Station Road

MONDAY, OCT. 31

Trick or Treat Drive Thru - 3:30-6:30 p.m. Nesmith Park Apartments, 207 McNabb Road SW, Cullman. Just drive thru and trick or treat...you don't even have to exit your vehicle.

Trunk-A-Treat - 6 p.m. at the Colony Educational Complex in Colony

If you would like to have your event added, please email news@cullmantribune.com.

West Point (from Front)

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WEST POINT, Ala. — At its regular council meeting Monday, the West Point Town Council announced it is accepting applications for the open positions of parks and recreation director and maintenance worker. Applications can be picked up at West Point Town Hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-noon.

In old business, the council recently purchased a John Deere Gator UTV for park maintenance for $14,350 from TriGreen Equipment in Snead.

New playground equipment has been installed at the town park. Mayor Gerald Schafer said new chain link fencing will be added.

New LED lights for the walking trail should arrive Oct. 24 and will be installed the following week.

The Town's first trunk or treat will be held Friday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m. outside town hall (3990 County Road 1141) near the ballpark. Soup, hot chocolate and coffee will be served, and there will be kids' games, prizes for best costume and more. To participate/decorate a trunk, call 516-297-3236.

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‘I want to be a better player, not for me, but for the team’: Vinemont’s Whitney Quick ready for freshman season

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VINMEONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Lady Eagles took a huge step in the right direction last season, finishing with 10 wins. They finished as the area runner-up and clinched a spot in the Sub-Regional round as well. Freshman Whitney Quick talked about last season and what a blessing it was to play with a great group of girls. That success helped carry over into the summer playday games and she learned a lot during those games as well.

“Winning is always a great feeling. It was my first year at Vinemont and I truly enjoyed playing with each and every girl on the team. They are great girls,” Quick said.

“I think we did really good in the summer playday games. We had some big wins, and we can’t wait until the season begins. There is always a learning experience in basketball. I truly believe you learn something new every time you step on the court, whether it’s improving yourself as a player or as a team. I have enjoyed learning and improving with the Lady Eagles and coach James Brown.”

Quick learned so much from Coach Brown and Coach Emme Willoughby in her first year at Vinemont.

“They are both great coaches. Coach Brown is always pushing us to be a great team because he believes in us. I’m learning a lot from him so far. He is always breaking down or showing me something I may have missed on the court and helping me improve my game as a player,” Quick said. “Coach Willoughby was a part of the practices before last season and brought a lot of knowledge of the game and taught us as a group some great things. I feel like she did amazing with the JV girls last year and she did really good with them during their summer playday games.”

Vinemont will be bringing everyone back from last season and Quick took away so much from so many great upperclassmen.

“We were a young team last year with no seniors, so we are all returning again this year. We will have three seniors this year: Berkley Gable, Faith Rusk, and Savannah Keel. They are definitely going to be missed. I’m so glad to be a part of their last season. We also have three juniors: Raylee Quick, Maggie Burks, and Katelyn Evans. They all contribute something different to the team and I definitely have learned something from each and every one of them. I have learned about leadership and teamwork, along with some other things, from them.”

Quick worked on a lot of things during the summer and has set some goals for herself and the team this season.

“I played all summer with my AAU team, Prodigy, with coach Stover and some amazing, talented girls that have pushed me to be a better player. If we weren’t playing, I picked up with some local teams and play as well,” she said. “My personal goals are to keep studying the game and improving every day. I want to be a better player, not for me, but for the team. Our team goals are to come back better than ever, get more wins this season, and make it to Regionals.”

Quick talked about what will make this team special this season and for years to come.

“With us being a young group of girls, we are all growing together, and we are excited to see what we accomplish over the next few years as a team.”



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Vinemont’s Whitney Quick (1)

‘Rely on God for absolutely everything’: Good Hope’s Lexi Doss excited for junior year

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Another year of cheer season is here, and Good Hope junior Lexi Doss is excited to get back to work with her team.

“It’s one of the best feelings being able to know that you have a group of girls that you can count on for absolutely anything. We are all like a family, so it makes all of the tough practices and bad days so much better knowing you have a coach and teammates that care so much about you. I wouldn’t trade my teammates for anything, and I’m sure we can all say the same,” Doss said. “You could be going through the hardest times in your life, but you can have confidence in knowing that you have a team you can trust, whether it’s related to cheer, school, life, etc. They are always there.”

Doss has been a cheerleader for 13 years now and has taken away so much during that time.

“Being a cheerleader has taught me so many things. One thing it has taught me is that you can’t go through life alone. You need someone (or a group) to help you get through tough times, and at Good Hope, we definitely have that. It has also taught me to never take anything for granted. One day, you can be cheering on a Friday night, and the next, your season could get cancelled for COVID, or you could have a season-ending injury. Cheer has taught me that it all goes by so fast.”

She added, “I’ve been cheering for 13 years now and as I’m nearing the end of my high school career; my eyes have really been opened to see that it really does fly by. I can remember being told as a freshman, ‘Enjoy and cherish every moment, because it all flies by in the blink of an eye,’ and I never thought that much of it, but now that I look back at my cheering career and see that it’s almost over, I realize just how true that really is. Time does fly by, and there’s nothing you can do to stop it. You really don’t know what you have until it’s gone.”

Good Hope has a lot of experienced cheerleaders coming back this year and Doss thinks that will help this young squad get even better in the years to come.

“This year, we will have seven cheerleaders returning from last season and they will be very beneficial and will play a large role in shaping the future of Good Hope cheerleading.

“We have a very young team this year and the returning cheerleaders will be very important this year, especially with the years of experience they bring to the table. They have high expectations for this season, as well as for the future. The goal of leadership from those returning will be a very big thing for us this year, being that we are such a young team.”

Doss has been really blessed to have a cheer coach like Brandy Lowe in her life and she has soaked up so much from her so far.

“She loves her team and has such a strong passion for cheer. She always pushes us to be our best and constantly strives to teach us valuable lessons. She treats us as her own children and spends more time with us than she does with her own family. We love her. She always teaches us what it means to be a family and always encourages us to keep God first in everything we do. We couldn’t do what we do without her.”

Doss is one of the leaders on this young team and has taught the younger cheerleaders so much.

“It has been very important being a strong leader that the younger cheerleaders can look up to. I believe it’s essential that each cheerleader have an older role model to come to for anything and I strive to be that for the little ones,” she said. “So far, I have done my best to teach them to cherish every moment and to live each day like it’s your last, because it very well could be. Most importantly, I’ve done my best to teach them to rely on God for absolutely everything: the hard times, the good times, and everything in between. Prayer can go a long way.”

Doss took away so much from the upperclassmen before her and worked on a lot of things during the summer.

“The upperclassmen taught me a lot of the same things I’m trying to teach this year’s underclassmen. They taught me many lessons about how much better cheer is when you have a family-like team of girls. They also taught me to always do my best and to always keep a positive attitude even on the bad days.]

“They taught me to never take anything for granted and not to wish my life away. They really set the stage for Good Hope cheer, and they have some pretty big shoes to fill, but I believe us upperclassmen this year are doing a very good job with that.”

She added, “I worked on perfecting the skills I do have, and to have better technique doing so. My other main focus was simply just to strengthen my body, so I spent most of the summer weightlifting and setting goals for myself in and out of the gym. I also focused a lot on growing my relationship with God and it has been one of the best decisions I’ve ever made.”

Doss has set some goals for herself and the whole team this year.

“The goals I have set for myself is to continue being a leader and a role model for all of the younger girls coming behind me. I strive to be someone they know they can count on, no matter what.

“The team’s main goal this year is to become state champions and to receive a bid to go back to Nationals for the fourth year in a row. Our other main goal is to keep a strong family bond and to stay drama-free as much as possible.”

Doss talks about what will make this year’s team so special to watch and she also talks about her role models growing up.

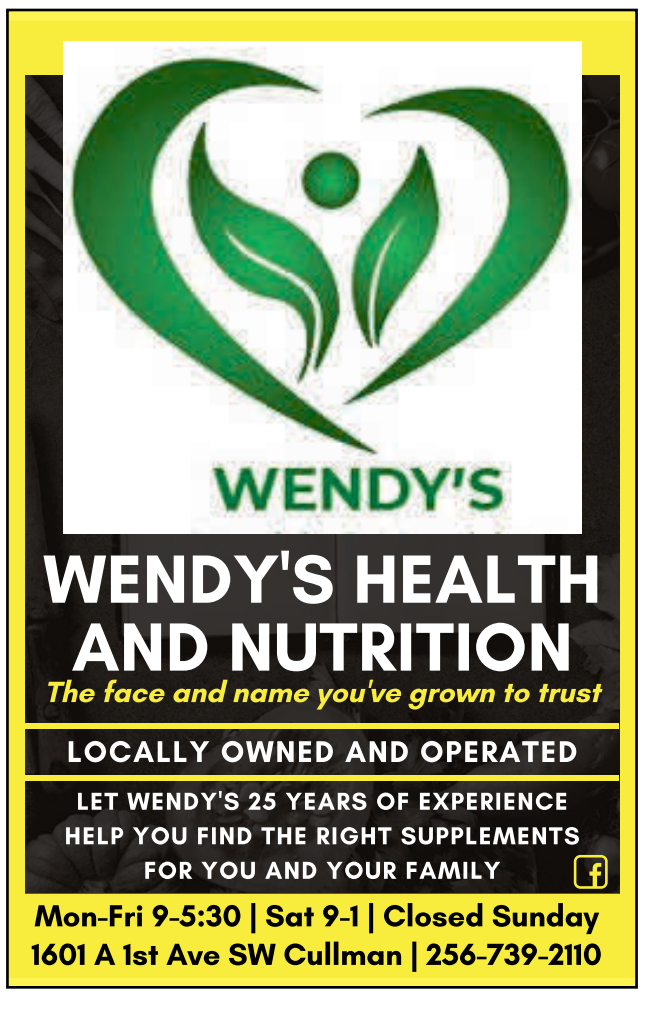
“I think the thing that will make us so special to watch this year will definitely be our technique. We have really focused a lot on keeping things clean and solid. Even though the skills may not be as difficult as they were in past seasons, we believe technique and solid execution will be the best way to score high and achieve the goals we have set,” she said.

“Growing up, I would go to the game on Friday nights and watch the cheerleaders. Being on the sidelines was a huge goal of mine and I’m so grateful to be able to do that. I’ve had many amazing upperclassmen leading me and pouring into me the past couple of years, and they have truly shaped me into who I am today.”



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Good Hope’s Lexi Doss



Bernard (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The sixth annual Bernard Blues and BBQ event hosted by St. Bernard Prep School will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School.

The popular festival will feature arts, crafts and music from artists all over the Southeast and beyond. Unique items for sale by artisans will include pottery, wreaths, door hangers, flowers, wood turned bowls, clothing, birdhouses, honey, jewelry, soap, brooms, metal art, glass art and more.

Festivalgoers can enjoy live music from Elnora Spencer, Earl Williams and the Juke Band and The Sinners, as well as partake in pulled pork, ribs, hamburgers, brats, chicken and more goodies from various food vendors.

Additionally, guests can tour the Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced admission price of $5 all weekend.

Visitors can enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win the first-place $10,000 cash prize. The drawing will take place, Sunday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. Second place will be $1,000, third $500 and fourth $250.

The juried art festival will give $3,000 in monetary awards to participating artisans. Best of Show will win $1,000, first place $500, second place $250 and Distinction Awards $125 each. There will also be a People's Choice Award.

For more information, go to www.stbernardprep.com/bernard-blues-bbq. To purchase tickets or enter the sweepstakes, click on "Purchase Festival Tickets & T-Shirts."

Bernard Blues and BBQ will take place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. each day at 1600 St. Bernard Drive in Cullman. Admission is $10. Children younger than 5 get in free. No pets are allowed.

Education (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With 30-40 students, parents and Cullman City Schools administrators scattered throughout the Cullman High School auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 18, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) Senior Trooper Brandon Bailey and newly appointed Courtland Municipal Judge Patrick Caver provided safety and cyber awareness education for attendees.

Caver warned the audience of "bad pictures" and the legal ramifications associated with them. Taking a "bad photo" of oneself or another individual, distributing the photo or showing the photo to another is a Class a felony classified under Section 13A-12-197 which reads "Production of obscene matter containing visual depiction of person under 17 years of age involved in obscene act." Additionally, Section 13A-12-196 states that the parents or guardians of the minor are subject to a Class A felony as well.

TikTok, Snapchat and Discord were among the apps discouraged by Caver. His takeaway message was that parents are to act as parents and insist on having access to their children's electronic devices. Caver recommended that parents routinely check phones and computers and ask questions about apps they do not recognize to protect their children from danger.

Bailey took the opportunity to speak to the audience about the dangers of distracted driving, whether it be texting and driving, adjusting the radio or speeding. It is illegal for drivers under the age of 18 to use a mobile phone while driving, even if it is a hands-free device, and the consequences can be deadly.

The leading distractions while driving include:

- Talking and texting
- Adjusting music or controls
- Applying make-up
- Talking to passengers
- Not looking at the road
- Handling children or pets
- Zoning out

Bailey noted a recent accident where a driver momentarily reached for a fallen soda, and, when his eyes returned to the road, it was too late to brake. Several people died in the interstate accident and others were injured. Remember, seat belts save lives. It is now law that all passengers, even those in the back seat, are required to wear a seat belt.

Commission (from Front)

for service."

The closest operable hydrant was 2,700 feet away by Buntin's estimation. He noted that the out-of-service hydrant was replaced the day after his home burned down. Buntin surmised that budget constraints have slowed timely repairs and that aging water lines are unable to withstand the high water flow needed for firefighting. He asked the commission to improve communication, to tag inoperable equipment so that it can be identified by all departments and to work together with the community in seeking solutions. The commission proclaimed Oct. 17-23 Pilot Club International Founders Week. Pilot International was founded in Macon, Georgia in 1921 with a mission of "influencing positive change in communities throughout the world." The Cullman chapter of the Pilot Club was chartered over 40 years ago. The commission also proclaimed Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Vicky Fisher was recognized for being named the president of the County Revenue Officers Association of Alabama (CROAA).

The following agenda items were approved:

- Change the speed limit to 25 mph on County Road 807
- Approve extending Temporary Premium Pay for two additional pay periods and approve Extended Premium Pay Policies and Procedures
- Ratify tax abatement for The Shaddix Company, Inc. in the amount of $484,695
- Approve extending the temporary premium pay for two additional pay periods and approve Extended Premium Pay Policies and Procedures
- Reappoint Ron Hogue to the Library Board of Trustees for a 4-year term to expire Sept. 30, 2026
- Reappoint Doug Davenport to the North Alabama Tourism Association for a 2-year term to expire Sept. 30, 2024
- Consider a one-time, non-recurring pay increase for active employees who do not qualify for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Temporary Premium Pay Program. Omnibus Pay Act restrictions will apply.
- Approve and authorize Chairman Clemons and County Administrator John Bullard to sign the NARCOG Title III Aging Contract and the SenioRX Contract
- Purchase of a 624L Rubber Tire Loader for the Road Department from Warrior Tractor in the amount of $137,153.36
- Purchase of a Takeuchi TB240 Mini Track-Mounted Excavator for the Road Department from State bid (Contract no. MA999) in the amount of $49,846.80
- Purchase of a 2024 Mack TE64R Front End Loader for the Sanitation Department from Sourcewell Contract (Contract no. 091219-THC) in the amount of $344,007.08
- Consider approval of the annual subscription for the Revenue Mapping Software-cost $55,000 to be paid from the Reappraisal Budget.
- Surplus of a 1999 Ford F150 (Vin no. 1FTRF-17W3XNC06433) and a 2006 Chevy Truck (Vin # 1GCDT196568217124) from Sanitation to be auctioned on GovDeal
- Surplus of a 2008 Ford Expedition (Vin # 1FM-FU165X8LA76676) from Safety to be auctioned on Gov Deals
- Surplus of a 2006 Ford F-1S0 (Vin no. 1FTRF-12W76NB27305) from the Courthouse to be auctioned on GovDeals
- Surplus the following from the Road Department to be auctioned on GovDeals:
  - 2002 Chevrolet 1500 (Vin # 1GCE C14W62Z185199)
  - 2004 Durango (Vin # 104HB 38N34F158739)
  - 2008 Ford F-350 (Vin # 1FDW W36R48EB85258)
  - 2016 Ford F-250 Vin # 1FTBF2B 60GEB17224)
  - 2011 Chevy Truck (Vin # 3GCP KPEA3BG213218)
  - 2000 Chevy Truck (Vin # 1GCE K14VXYZ221222)
  - 2003 Ford F-150 XLT 4X4 (Vin # 2F TRX18W23CA450 04)
- Approve reimbursement to Sheriff's Office for $67,404 for two F150 Pickups from State Bid T191
- Award Bid no. 1413 for motor and hydraulic oil to The McPherson Companies, Inc. and transmission fluid and grease to W.H. Thomas Oil Company, Inc.
- Award Bid no. 1415 for emulsified asphalt to Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions

Melissa Betts from The Link of Cullman County thanked the commission for granting use of the parking lot at 402 Arnold St. NE on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-9 p.m. for a community trunk or treat event. All are welcome.

The next Cullman County Commission work session will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room at the Cullman County Courthouse. The regular meeting will be held at 6 the same day.





Mud Creek (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville High School will host the 31st annual Mud Creek Marching Festival Saturday, Oct. 22, when over 30 high school bands will compete. The University of North Alabama marching band and Hanceville High School marching band will close the festival with exhibition performances.

Marching bands representing schools across north and central Alabama will put their best feet forward for the stadium filled with family, friends and fans.

The bands begin their seasons during the summer with members opting to spend much of their summer vacation learning new music and practicing new drills under the blazing Alabama sun.

The teenagers who participate in marching band learn, through experience, the lessons of teamwork, concentration and dedication.

These invaluable tools have the power to impact the rest of their lives. Regardless of winning or losing a competition, the band members give it their best and leave it all of the field leaving the decision-making process up to the judges.

The schedule for the Mud Creek Marching Band Festival is as follows:

- 10:30 a.m. - Clements High School
- 10:45 a.m. - Shoals Christian School
- 11 a.m. - Meek High School
- 11:15 a.m. - Holly Pond High School
- 11:30 a.m. - New Hope High School
- 11:45 a.m. - Vinemont High School
- Noon - Wilson High School
- 12:15 p.m. - Falkville High School
- BREAK
- 12:45 p.m. - Good Hope High School
- 1 p.m. - Gaston High School
- 1:15 p.m. - Oakman High School
- 1:30 p.m. - Cold Springs High School
- 1:45 p.m. - Geraldine High School
- 2 p.m. - Colbert County High School
- 2:15 p.m. - Brewer High School
- BREAK
- 2:45 p.m. - J.B. Pennington High School
- 3 p.m. - West Morgan High School
- 3:15 p.m. - East Lawrence High School
- 3:30 p.m. - Dora High School
- 3:45 p.m. - Southeastern High School
- 4 p.m. - Fairview High School
- BREAK
- 5:15 p.m. - Douglas High School
- 5:35 p.m. - Rogers High School
- 5:55 p.m. - West Point High School
- 6:15 p.m. - Cordova High School
- 6:35 p.m. - Hayden High School
- 6:55 p.m. - Hazel Green High School
- 7:15 p.m. - Vestavia Hills High School
- 7:35 p.m. - Oak Mountain High School
- 8 p.m. - Hanceville High School Exhibition
- 8:20 p.m. - University of North Alabama Exhibition
- 8:45 p.m. - Award Ceremony

Parking at the festival will be $5 per vehicle. Visitors can access the parking lot from Commercial Street.

Admission is free for children 5 and younger and $5 for everyone else.

The gates will open to spectators at 9:30 a.m. The concession stand will be open and food vendors will be onsite.

Regional (from Front)

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Several local squads will be in Huntsville this week competing in this year's North Regional at the Von Braun Center and a few of them were in action on Wednesday. Good Hope, Meek, Addison and Arab all got their North Regional runs started and nearly all of them advanced past the first round with wins. The defending state champion Addison Lady Bulldogs dominated Ragland 3-0, Arab swept Pleasant Grove 3-0 to advance and Meek edged Sumiton Christian in a five-set thriller to stay alive. The Good Hope Lady Raiders dropped their first match of the day to New Hope 3-0, ending their postseason run at the North Regional.

Addison 3 – Ragland 0 (25-4, 25-4, 25-14)

The Lady Bulldogs didn't have much trouble with Ragland in their first match of the day. Addison led the way 6-1 early in the first set and extended that lead to 15-3 as the set went on. The Lady Bulldogs led 19-3 at one point before wrapping a 25-4 win to take a 1-0 lead in the match.

The second set was eerily similar to the first. Addison took a 6-1 lead right out of the gate and stretched its lead to 19-4 late in the set before pulling away to win it 25-4 and claiming a 2-0 lead.

The third set was the tightest between Addison and Ragland, but it was nothing the Lady Bulldogs couldn't handle.

They led 13-5 midway through the set and Ragland was able to cut the lead to 18-11 at one point but the Lady Purple Devils couldn't get any closer than that and Addison completed the sweep with a 25-14 win in the third set.

Meek 3 – Sumiton Christian 2 (25-20, 21-25, 25-21, 20-25, 15-10)

Wednesday's match between Meek and Sumiton Christian was one of the best of this year's North Regional so far. Leads were tough to hold on to, but the Lady Tigers finished the fifth and final set strong to secure a 3-2 win over the Lady Eagles.

The first set was knotted at 5 early on but Meek was able to pull ahead and take a 10-7 lead. Sumiton Christian moved back in front 19-18 later in the set but the Lady Tigers put together a 7-1 run to pull away and take the first set from the Lady Eagles 25-20.

Meek led the second set 17-13 at one point but a rally from Sumiton Christian put the Lady Eagles ahead 24-20 late in the set and they held on to take the second set 25-21 and tie that match at 1 apiece.

The Lady Tigers bounced back in the third set. After trailing Sumiton Christian for nearly the entire set, Meek tied things up at 21 late before pulling ahead to win the third set over the Lady Eagles 25-21 and taking a 2-1 lead in the match.

With its back against the wall, Sumiton Christian responded in the fourth set, collecting a 25-20 win over the Lady Tigers to force a fifth set. With no room for error in the final set, Meek rose to the occasion. The Lady Tigers took an early, 4-1 lead that later grew to 9-3. The Lady Eagles put some pressure on Meek, trimming the lead to 14-10 at one point but the Lady Tigers were able to get the final point on the board, defeating Sumiton Christian 15-10 and advancing the next round with a 3-2 victory.

New Hope 3 – Good Hope 0 (25-12, 25-21, 25-10)

The Lady Indians jumped out to an early, 8-4 lead over Good Hope in the opening set and they stretched that lead out to 14-3 as the set went on. New Hope maintained a 17-8 advantage midway through the set and led 22-11 at one point before pulling away to take the first set over the Lady Raiders 25-12.

The second set was much tighter for both teams. The score was tied at 3 early on and Good Hope was able to move in front 6-3. New Hope came back to tie it up at 10 but the Lady Raiders regained a 15-13 lead midway through the set.

A 6-1 run put the Lady Indians ahead 19-16 at one point and Good Hope answered with a run of its own to tie the set at 21. Unfortunately, the Lady Raiders weren't able to get any more points on the board and New Hope held on to take the second 25-21.

The Lady Indians built an early, 5-2 advantage in the third set and continued adding to their lead to make it 10-5.

New Hope moved ahead 15-6 as the set went on and led Good Hope 18-8 at one point before pulling away to defeat the Lady Raiders 25-10 and completing the sweep.

Arab will take on Alexandria at 3:30, Addison will be back in action against either Woodville or Marion County at 5 and Meek will face Athens Bible at 6:30.

Check cullmantribune.com for updates on the rest of Wednesday's matches.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF L.C.C.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 04/01/2020

CASE NO.: AD2022-025

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CHRISTLE JEAN PRUITT-ODEN, NATURAL MOTHER OF L.C.C. AND NICHOLAS ODEN, FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD L.C.C. BORN APRIL 1, 2020 TO CHRISTLE JEAN PRUITT-ODEN

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Christopher Michael Tolbert and Glenda Merriman Tolbert, 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 petitioner, 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 27th DAY OF September, 2022.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BRITTNEY S. COOPER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-000211.00**

SHANNON M. COOPER
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Shannon M. Cooper, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Brittney S. Cooper's Complaint for Divorce by November 21st, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000211.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 20th day of September, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES FIELDEN HENSLEY,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2022-243

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to CHARLES SHANNON HENSLEY and JASON ERIC HENSLEY, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of CHARLES FIELDEN HENSLEY, deceased, on the 11th day of October, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BERTIS LEE BANISTER,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2022-352

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY SUE BANISTER, as Administrator of the Estate of BERTIS LEE BANISTER., deceased, on the 18th day of October, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

Mary Sue Banister
Administrator

Beverly Paschal Poston
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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MARYLYN CHRISTINA DINGLER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2022-000130.00**

TIMOTHY JOSEPH DINGLER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Timothy Joseph Dingler, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Marylyn Christina Dingler's Complaint for Divorce by November 20th, 2022 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2022-000130.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 9th day of September, 2022.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
215 MAIN AV SW
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
F. KAYLEE MCCONNELL,
Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2022 - 369

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Joseph Brett Alldredge as Personal Representative of the Estate of F. Kaylee McConnell, deceased, on the 18th day of October, 2022, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Joseph Brett Alldredge
Personal Representative

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
RHONDA W. ADERHOLD,
Deceased.

Case No.: PC2022-319

NOTICE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Mark Alan Aderhold on or about 18th day of October, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

Dated this the 18th day of October, 2022.

Mark Alan Aderhold
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Rhonda W. Aderhold

TRENT LOWRY (LOW034)
Attorney for the Estate of Rhonda W. Aderhold
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
PROBATE JUDGE

Notice

The alcohol license application submitted by Brenda Avila-Peralta (dba Lupe's Restaurant of Hanceville, LLC) to the City of Hanceville will be considered at their next regular council meeting on October 27, 2022 in the Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held on October 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers; all interested persons may be heard for or against the application.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 18-19

Frances Ann Wright, 67
Funeral service for Frances Ann Wright, age 67, of Hayden, will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Mt. Vernon Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 - 3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Wright passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at Cullman Regional. She was born July 1, 1955, to John David and Elorna Dale. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother: James Kellum; sister: Joann Kee; sister-in-law: Mattie Kellum; and brother-in-law: Hosea Kee Jr. Survivors include her husband: Phillip Wright; daughter: Ashlia Wright; sister: Barbara (Shirley Don) Helms; brothers: Thermound Kellum and Ted Dale; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Richard Mildredge Duskin, 67
Richard Mildredge Duskin, age 67, of Holly Pond passed away Friday, Sept. 23, 2022, at UAB Hospital. He was born Feb. 21, 1955, in Alabama to James Mildredge and Louvie Bell Duskin. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother: Jerald Duskin; sister: Beverly Nix; and nephew: Robert Duskin. Survivors include his son: Jason (Kristin) Duskin; grandson: Noah James Duskin; granddaughter: Chloe Grace Duskin; brothers: Eugene (Linda) Duskin and Terry (Freida) Duskin; sisters: Jeanette (Donnie) Alldredge and Delores Underwood; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Memorial visitation for Richard Mildredge Duskin, will be at Old Nazarene Church, 9605 Highway 69 N Cullman AL, 35058 on Oct. 23 from 2-4 p.m.

Gregory Levon Sandlin, 58
Gregory Levon Sandlin, 58, of Vinemont entered into rest Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Nov. 19, 1963. Greg loved his family and Alabama football. He had a big soft spot for dogs and brought home strays from work more than once, much to the delight of his children. His favorite sayings were "God bless America," "You smoked what?" and "Are you red eye?" Greg was the live haul manager at Forest Ingram and worked there for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife of almost 28 years: Pam Sandlin; sister: Dee Ester; brother: Thomas Holley; daughters: Mallorie Sandlin and Samantha (Billy) Wilson; son: Matt (Julie) Sawtelle; grandchildren: Karry Sandlin, Remi Reisch, Riley Reisch, Gavin Wilson, Colt Wilson, Lucas Sawtelle and Eli Sawtelle; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother: Doris Holley; father: Attley Sandlin; stepfather: Mayo Holley and his son: Heath Sandlin. The funeral service will be Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home; Burial will follow in Baldwin Heights Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

James Gerard Hughes, 84
James Gerard "Jimmy" Hughes, 84, of Cullman entered into rest on Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at his residence. He was born July 9, 1938, in Dundalk, Co. Louth, Ireland. Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2022, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A rosary will be said at 7:30. The Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. He is survived by his wife: Lateena Hughes; children: Brenda (Jeff) Knight, Alanna Hughes (Ramsey Etchison), Jimmy Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Brian Hughes, Michael (Larisa) Hughes, Ailish (Jonathon) Rodriguez and Angelina Hughes; grandchildren: Kevin Murtagh, Lisa Marie (Cody) Sauceda, Eliora Hughes, Indigo Etchison, Cody Hughes, Brian Hughes, Jr., Viviana Hughes, Michael S. Hughes, Sean M. Hughes, Ronan Hughes, Liliana C. Hughes, Nora Rodriguez, Daniella Rodriguez, Gabriel Rodriguez, Axelle Rodriguez, Leonardo Rodriguez, Brooke Rodriguez, Luna Rodriguez and Aubrey Rodriguez; great grandchildren: Sienna Murtagh, Alyssa Murtagh, Charlotte Sauceda and Luna Sauceda; siblings: Mairead Kelly, Ann (Eddie) Murray, Peadar (Briege) Hughes, Sean (Marian) Hughes and Nicky (Peggy) Hughes; sister-in-law: Anne Hughes; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and special friends. Jimmy is preceded in death by his parents: Patrick Hughes and Margaret Boyd Hughes; his sisters: Maureen McSweeney and Kathleen Hughes; brother: Patrick Hughes; brothers-in-law: Denny McSweeney and Donal Kelly.

Claudie Wayne Jetton, 83
Funeral service for Rev. Claudie Wayne Jetton, 83, of Cullman will be at noon, Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at Corinth First Congregational Methodist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Rev. Ronnie Jetton and Rev. Richard Roberts will officiate. The body will lie in state at the church from 11 a.m. until noon. Visitation will be Thursday evening at Cullman Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Jetton family. Rev. Jetton passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at his residence. He was born Nov. 12, 1938, to Glen and Victoria Jewell Camp Jetton. He was a loving husband to his wife of 63 years, a wonderful father to his two daughters, Robin and Terrie while also being a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather. He was dedicated and faithful to the service of our Lord and Savior, beginning his first sermon on Nov. 12, 1967, at the age of 29. He was a minister of the Gospel for over 54 years. He pastored churches in the southeastern states. He was a member of Corinth First Congregational Methodist Church and pastor for 20 years. He entered into the presence of his Savior on Oct. 17th, 2022. He is forever home. He was preceded in death by his wife: Mary Ruth Jetton; parents: Glen and Victoria Jetton; granddaughter: Marisa Goodwin. Survivors include his daughters: Robin (Danny) Johnson, Terrie (Michael) Wallace; sister: Brenda Widener and husband: Rev. Harold Widener; grandchildren: Jessica (Jonny) Graham, Candance Freeman, Michael Goodwin, Latasha Karoly, Amanda (Micheal) Holmes, Candace (Nick) Young; seven great-grandchildren; his three great-great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Pallbearers will be Randy Jetton, Gary Jetton, Tony Jetton, Michael Goodwin, Jonny Graham, Jesse Graham; Honorary pallbearers will be Jordan Graham, Josiah Graham, Eilsha Garrison.

Billy Joe Philyaw, 46
Memorial service for Billy Joe Philyaw, 46, of Cullman will be from 6-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Philyaw passed away Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at his residence. He was born May 10, 1976. He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnie and Sharon Paris. Survivors include his wife: Heavin Philyaw; sons: Zane Philyaw, Codi (Destiny) Philyaw; daughters: Alexis Philyaw, Megan Philyaw, Britney (Lakota) York, Elizabeth Philyaw; brother: Bryan Boatright; several grandchildren; special friends, Candice & Jason McMullen; family and friends.

Barbara Lou Kimbrell, 70
Barbara Lou Kimbrell, age 70 of Double Springs, Alabama, passed away Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at Lakeland Community Hospital. Barbara was born on April 6, 1952, in Alabama.No services at this time. Barbara is survived by her daughters: Christy Fowler, and Cindy Walker; son: James Kimbrell; grandchildren: Brenna Cummings, Brett (Zowie) Cummings, Charles Cummings, Eugene Walker, Brian Walker, and Hayley Hunter; and great grandchildren: Nevaha Walker, and Noah J Walker. She was preceded in death by her husband: Macon Kimbrell; and parents: James A. and Minnie Lee Lawson.

Erskine Lewis McKinney, 88
Erskine Lewis McKinney, age 88 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, at Princeton Medical Center. Erskine was born on Aug. 19, 1934, in Franklin County, Alabama. No services at this time. Erskine is survived by his wife: Sharon McKinney; daughter: Krista McKinney; granddaughters: Ashley McKinney, and Kendall McKinney; and grandson: Shawn McKinney. He was preceded in death by his parents: Millard and Essie McKinney; and brother: Ray McKinney.

Leon Baty, 88
Leon Baty of Arkadelphia entered Heaven's Gates singing praises to the Lord on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022. He was born June 13, 1934, in Arkadelphia, Alabama to Albert and Exie Hunt Baty and was one of 12 children they raised. Leon loved the Lord and always took the time to tell someone about the blessings that he received and always asked if they knew the Lord. If they didn't, they would before he left; he never met a stranger. He was an avid outdoors man who loved hunting and fishing; was a talented musician that was able to play any instrument; he was a member and deacon at Valley View Baptist Church for many years. Leon also served in the United States Army. Above all his favorite pastimes, Leon loved to be with his wife, children and grandchildren. Mr. Baty was preceded in death by his first wife and mother of his children: Barbara Ann Ayers Baty; his parents: Albert and Exie Baty; his siblings: Howard, Herril, Willis, Malcom, Earline, Kay, Mildred and Cora. He is survived by his wife: Gail King Baty; children: Kathy (Ron) Tyra, Sandra (Raymond) Nichols, Albert (Linda) Baty and Ginger (Greg) White; grandchildren: Chris (Ashlynn) Tyra, BM-2 Matthew Nichols, Ben Nichols, Bradley Baty, Caitlan (Madison) Goodwin, Kerrigan Baty, Auston Ricks, Lexus White, Jagger White, Zack Loyd and Austin (Anna) White; great grandchildren: Beckett and Baker Goodwin; sisters: Emogene Wisener, Teresa Baruch and Sharon (Kenneth) Way. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Valley View Baptist Church with Brother Harce Swann and Brother Marvin Clemons officiating. Visitation will be held at Hanceville Funeral Home on Wednesday evening from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Mr. Baty will lie in state at the church on Thursday from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow services in the Valley View Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Tyra, Bradley Baty, Auston Ricks, Ben Nichols, Jagger White and Zack Loyd. Honorary pallbearers will be United States Coast Guard BM-2 Matthew Nichols, Austin White and Tim Baty. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Baty Family.

Herbert Ray Heitmueller, 82
Herbert Ray Heitmueller, age 82, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away Monday, Oct. 17, 2022. He was born Oct. 12, 1940, in Vinemont Alabama to Herbert Albert and Radah Estelle Howard Heitmueller. Funeral services are Thursday Oct. 20, 2022, at 2 p.m. at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church with Rev. John Richter officiating. Interment will follow services in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are wife of 59 years: Jane Ann Heitmueller; sons: Matthew Ray (Kathy) Heitmueller, Will (Brittney) Heitmueller; grandchildren: Jake and Maggie Mae Heitmueller. Visitation will be at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church on Thursday from noon until 2 p.m.

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Cullman Stand Up faith event to take place Oct. 22

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Faith-based event, Cullman Stand Up, will take place at Depot Park on Saturday, Oct. 22, from noon-2 p.m. Several speakers from various local churches will give brief talks and lead prayers between songs performed by Cullman Police Capt. Jeff Warnke. The special event permit issued by the City of Cullman describes Cullman Stand Up as "encouraging our families, as a community, to stand firm against the negative influences of social media on our children."

Organizer Anita Smith said, "My inspiration was the way our children are being exposed to so much evil without protection or education from their families."

Co-organizer Trent Dean posted to Facebook to explain the full purpose of the event:

"What is the "Cullman Stand Up" event and its purpose?

"The overarching theme or purpose of this event is to encourage our audience to stand for the righteousness of God. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). We will be encouraging our audience to stand for the righteousness of God as the best means of protecting our families and our community.

"We will have a lineup of speakers beginning at 12 noon, who will be talking about various topics that fall under our overarching theme, as well as offering prayers to God in regard to these topics. There will also be uplifting singing to reinforce the talks and prayers throughout the event, and we will conclude by praising God in song.

"Our speakers will 'speak the truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15) while encouraging our audience to 'handle aright the word of God' (2 Timothy 2:15) when it comes to the social movements and other things we read and see in the media and in our world today. We want our audience to understand that our moral compass needs to be trained and directed by the Bible -- God's word and His wisdom, not man's.

"We would like to encourage people to come and bring their lawn chairs and enjoy the Christian fellowship and I remind our Christian brethren that 'having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through him, we've obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God' (Romans 5:1-2)."

Depot Park is located at 309 First Ave. NE in Cullman.

Effie (from Front)

Amy Leonard
amy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Volunteer Donna Ruttkay of the Cullman County Animal Shelter shares this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week: Effie!

Effie is a mini Australian Shepherd mix who is approximately 2.5 years old. The sweet, unassuming girl is grateful for all kindness shown to her.

The quiet, calm Effie wants nothing more than to spend time with her person.

Effie is respectful of others and is a real lady on her leash.

She is expected to make someone an excellent companion and therapy dog. Effie's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com or visit the shelter at 935 Convent Road NE.

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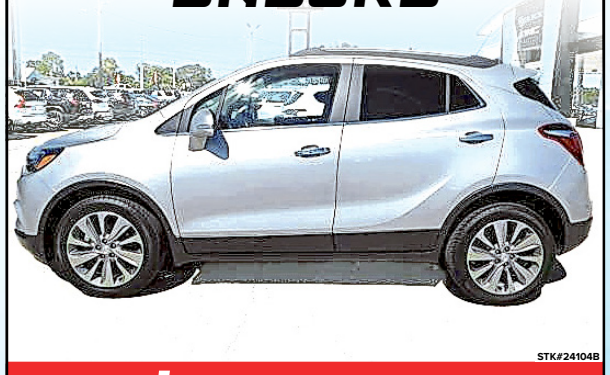
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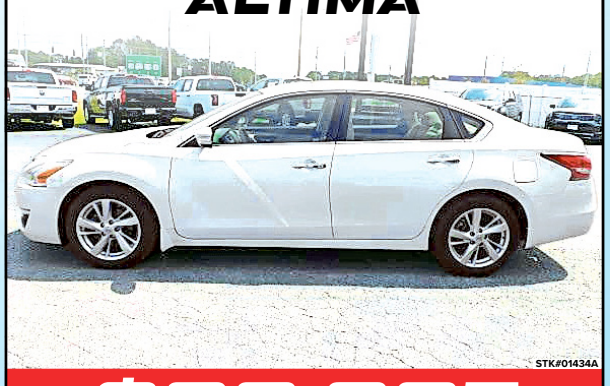
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