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Auburn fires Head Football Coach Bryan Harsins



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Auburn has fired Head Football Coach Bryan Harsin after two seasons with the program. Harsin finishes his tenure with a record of 9-12. A statement from Auburn University reads, "Auburn University has decided to make a change in the leadership of the Auburn University football program. President Roberts made the decision after a thorough review and evaluation of all aspects of the football program. Auburn will begin an immediate search for a coach that will return the Auburn program to a place where it is consistently competing at the highest levels and representing the winning tradition that is Auburn football."

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'She was an absolutely amazing woman'

Honoring late Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada

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DODGE CITY, Ala. — Family, friends and colleagues gathered at the Dodge City Senior Center on Saturday for the unveiling of a plaque dedicated in remembrance of late Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada, who spent much of her time with the seniors in attendance at the center.

Canada served as mayor for about 13 years before she passed away unexpectedly in January 2022. She was first elected to the Dodge City Council in 1996 and was appointed mayor in 2009 following the death of Mayor Perry Ray. She went on to be re-elected twice.

The Dodge City Town Council unveiled the plaque for the seniors for the first time on Saturday.

It reads: "In memory of our beloved Mayor Tawana Canada for all her love, dedication, and hard work for the Dodge City Senior Center. Without her the Dodge City seniors would not be what they are today! » PAGE 2



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Late Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada's granddaughters Katie Waters, Kelena Carpenter and Kylee Phillips are shown with Dodge City Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Burney and the plaque dedicated to Canada.

6th annual Bernard Blues and BBQ celebrates artisans



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Trayce West and Georgia Duke of Wild Honeys' Road Show won Best in Show at the St. Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Prep School hosted its sixth annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival over the weekend. The popular festival featured arts, crafts and music from artists all over the Southeast with unique handmade items for sale.

Guests enjoyed live music from Elnora Spencer, Earl Williams and the Juke Band and The Sinners as they perused booths full of handmade pottery, wreaths, door hangers, flowers, wood turned bowls, clothing, birdhouses, honey, jewelry, soap and more.

Various food vendors provided pulled pork, ribs, hamburgers, brats, chicken and more.

While a handful of vendors had to cancel due to sickness or weather, Festival Director Joyce Nix said 67 were on-hand for the weekend.

The juried art festival awarded $3,000 in prizes to participating artisans, including Best in Show, first place, second place and Distinction Awards.

Trayce West and Georgia Duke of Wild Honeys' Road Show were named Best in Show.

Said West, "We were so surprised. This was our first year. We're from Scottsboro, and this is our first year here, so we're definitely gonna be back in the spring for the Bloomin' Festival."

She continued, "We've been to several (festivals) in the proximity of our hometown.

"I like this » PAGE 2

Local schools hosting Veterans Day events

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Cullman's Jason McCollum receives heart/double lung transplant

McCollum was initially hospitalized with COVID-19 in July 2021



JASON MCCOLLUM/INSTAGRAM

Jason McCollum posted this photo to his Instagram this week. » PAGE 6

Cyclones sweep Cullman County Youth Football Championships



SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cullman Cyclones won Saturday's Fireplug, Wee-Wee and Pee-Wee Championship Games at Cullman High School. » PAGE 2

Beloved meteorologist calls for prayers for wife

Holly Pond native Jason Simpson's wife suffers medical emergency



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Jason and Lacey Simpson » PAGE 7

The Link's Legacy Awards and Annual Meeting set for Thursday

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 31

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 31, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 27

- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy 278 E
- unlawful possession of controlled substances; Co. Rd. 437
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 842
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 437
- criminal littering; Co. Rd. 149
- harassment; Co. Rd. 368
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 109
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1545
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 307

Oct. 28

- reckless endangerment; Co. Rd. 51
- unlawful possession of controlled substance; Co. Rd. 595
- criminal mischief; Hwy 31
- assault; Co. Rd. 709
- violation of protection order, assault; Co. Rd. 709
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 463
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 1635
- theft; Co. Rd. 1107

Oct. 29

- assault; Summit Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 431
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 216
- theft of property; Hwy 31
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 62
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1197
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1303
- criminal mischief; Co. Rd. 1082
- unlawful possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of marijuana, illegal possession of prescription drugs, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 831

Oct. 30

- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 991
- burglary; Co. Rd. 831
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1401
- harassment; Co. Rd. 607
- interference with domestic violence emergency; Co. Rd. 1354
- assault; Co. Rd. 1246

ARRESTS

Oct. 27

Bohannon, Kathleen S; 60
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Briscoe, Jeffrey P; 56
- permitting dogs to run at large

Cofield, Jewel M; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Corbin, Sarah K; 27
- FTA-burglary-residence-force
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Cosby, Misty M; 36
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-public intoxication

Doss, Andy M; 63
- FTA-20 days to register vehicle
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-larceny/theft
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA-operating vehicle without insurance

Eipp, Austin W; 28
- FTA-possessing forged instrument
- FTA-attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA-receiving stolen property

Green, Douglas L; 57
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-buying/receiving stolen property

Humes, Michael S; 40
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Kaucher, Scott A; 61
- FTA-sex offense-adult sex offender-violation of homelessness restrictions

Kitchens, Timothy J; 31
- possession of dangerous drugs

Knight, Amber M; 34
- FTA-switched tag

Monroe, Jason T; 44
- possession of dangerous drugs

Owens, Timothy A; 37
- possession of heroin
- possession of cocaine

Parker, Kennan L; 29
- larceny/theft

Pate, Carrie B; 37
- FTA-speeding

Powell, Angela D; 55
- public intoxication

Soliz, Patricia; 61
- FTA-criminal trespassing

Oct. 28

Bagwell, Terry N; 61
- possession of dangerous drugs

Benefield, Felicia D; 33
- FTA-assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Box, Colton A; 27
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-damaged property-criminal mischief

Griffin, Tyler D; 25
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Guthery, Trey B; 29
- FTA-burglary-residence-force
- FTA-unlawful breaking and entering vehicle (2 counts)
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Lang, Adam W; 41
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Lawrence, John R; 31
- aggravated assault of police officer
- terrorist threat
- violation of domestic violence protection order
- aggravated assault of police officer-other weapon

Moore, Cristy M; 42
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Norris, Brandon S; 32
- driving under the influence of alcohol

Pirkle, Daniel D; 35
- FTA-driving under the influence of alcohol

Terrell, Pashinz D; 21
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA-resisting arrest
- FTA-public intoxication (2 counts)
- FTA-criminal trespassing

Oct. 29

Calvert, William B; 34
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Cooper, Cassandra H; 36
- attempting to elude a police officer

Harbison, Johnny L; 70
- criminal trespassing

Jones, James E; 52
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tennihill, Jennifer A; 36
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- possessing counterfeit object

Watson, Jayden D; 28
- burglary-residence-force

Watson, Sarah O; 24
- burglary-residence-force

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Cammon, Michael E; 58
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Delatorre, Christopher I; 26
- driving under the influence of alcohol
- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Hale, Joshua L; 36
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Robinson, Krystle L; 37
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 28
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; Northcrest Dr. N.W.
- criminal trespassing-3rd degree, criminal mischief-3rd degree; Magnolia Ln. S.E; damage to placement of rocks; $1,000
- theft of property-1st degree; Merit Design Studio; 1st Ave. S.E; cash

Oct. 29
- domestic violence-3rd degree; 4th St. S.W.
- domestic violence-3rd degree; 4th St. S.W.
- harassment; Olive St. S.W.

Oct. 30
- domestic violence-3rd degree; 4th St. S.W.
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Hwy 157
- theft of property-3rd degree; Vantage Management; Campbell Ln. S.E; miscellaneous items; $850

ARRESTS

Oct. 28

Corbin, Sarah K; 27
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Smith, Cody D; 33
- hold for another agency

Oct. 29

Elliott, Sonya M; 38
- receiving stolen property-1st degree

Ionuti, Alexandro C; 33
- public intoxication

Kilpatrick, Justin K; 34
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

McKenzie, Theresa A; 27
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Rogers, Wendy S; 45
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree (2 counts)

Tennihill, Jennifer A; 36
- FTA-switched tag
- FTA-insurance violation

Oct. 30

Miller, Holli D; 28
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Powell III, James H; 34
- receiving stolen property-1st degree
- unlawful carry of firearm

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Championships (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Youth Football season is officially in the books and three new champions were crowned at Cullman High School after Saturday's championship games.

The Cullman Cyclones collected all three titles, winning the Fireplug game over the Bearcats 22-0, the Wee-Wee game over the Bearcats 36-0 and the Pee-Wee game over the Good Hope Raiders 48-0.

All three Cyclones teams finished the season undefeated.

FIREPLUG CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Cyclones 22 - Bearcats 0

WEE-WEE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Cyclones 36 - Bearcats 0

PEE-WEE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Cyclones 48 - Raiders 0

Artisans (from Front)

one better because I like the atmosphere and the venue and the music. A lot of places don't have that."

Like most of the artisans' work, West's and Duke's products are handmade. They craft whimsical characters, building around old dolls or recycled goods to create characters full of personality.

Duke has been building her characters for 25 years and said she taught West to do the same.

The two operate Wild Honeys' Road Show with three other artists. Individually, West sells her goods out of Patches Merchant Emporium in Scottsboro and Duke has Paper Moon Originals.

First place went to Angela and Barton Pierce for resin and woodworking; second place to Rami Awwad for hand-carved olivewood; Distinction Awards including Best Fiber/Leather to Shannon Quick; Best Jewelry to Jimmy Bendall; Best Ceramics to Rebecca Horner; Best Sculpture to Lindanne Phillips; Best Wood to Tim Reid; Best Art to Krel Buckelew; Best Functional Art to Ray Cousins; Best Decorative Crafts to Ruth Crist; and Best Decorated Booth to Rose Marcum.

Nix said vendors were already submitting applications for the school's Bloomin' Festival.

She said Bernard Blues and BBQ began "just to have something in the fall to do. The vendors actually were the ones who asked for it." Many vendors look forward to St. Bernard's Bloomin' Festival for the huge, regional crowds it draws each spring.

Canada (from Front)

She was loved by all."

Many shared sentiments about Canada.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Burney said, "Seniors were her pride and joy. No one could replace Tawana and we're not going to try to replace her."

Pastor Paul Rivers stated, "Tawana started life early understanding what work is. She knew from her childhood that anything you wanted, you had to work for it.

"As I pause today and celebrate the life of mayor Tawana Canada, I think about how anyone that knew her, knows more often than not, she would put her own wellbeing aside when she saw the need of someone else that needed to be helped.

"Mayor Canada was the leading effort to secure this building for the senior citizens, and what a blessing it is. Tawana was very instrumental in securing playground equipment and making sure that the park was at its peak for the children. She loved her seniors, but she loved the children too...

"Many times, late in the evening, I would see her coming and making sure the park was closed up for the day or opening up for the next day.

"That takes dedication. It takes commitment. I watched as she served this community, served us with, I believe, integrity and ethical commitment.

"No matter how busy or involved her itinerary was, I always found her to be a smiling, welcome source of energy."

Senior Francis Hunter said, "I admired her friendliness. It's not very many mayors that would furnish her office from yard sales, but it takes people like that to make the world go round."

Town Deputy David Pitts, who was appointed by Canada, said "That is the hardest working woman I believe I have ever met in my life.

"That woman has more respect from me than anybody I could possibly tell you. As hard as I try to do things in this town by myself, she would never allow that.

"We were out picking up deer on the side of the road and blocking traffic, and she's right out there with us, helping us block traffic. She was an absolutely amazing woman and that's exactly how she'll always be remembered."

Canada's son Brian Waters shared, "My mother loved Dodge City and she loved everybody here. Dodge City was her child, I should say, because she loved it just as much as she loved any one of us. I'd watch my mother, she'd be in pain, but you couldn't talk her into staying home, and I'd worry about her so much during that time, but this is what she loved to do."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Colony Town Council
The Colony Town Council will hold its first regular meeting for the month of November on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, due to Nov. 8, 2022, being Election Day. Workshop at 5:40 p.m. and regular meeting beginning at 6 p.m.

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. Registration through Nov. 15 online only! Go to https://forms.gle/QmTtTVBUiTxTPZdZ9 Kids Loving Kids Facebook page and click on the registration form. NO late registrations can be 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.

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: 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.

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.

Fairview Lions Club Veterans Celebration
Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Randall Shedd Park, 605-649 Wesley Ave. N, Cullman. Veterans Day celebration, car, truck, motorcycle show and parade. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and is $20. Awards will be given out at 1 p.m. Parade starts at 11 a.m. with lineup starting at 10 a.m. at Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). Everyone is welcome to participate. We encourage vendors to join us (no ready-to-eat food, please), and booth rent is $10. Someone will collect it that morning. We will have activities for the kids. For more info, call William at 256-385-5596 or Kita at 256-385-8805.

Colony Community Center Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony
Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. behind Colony Town Hall

Annual Welti Chicken Supper
Saturday, Nov. 5, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Welti Elementary School. Drive-through only. $10. Menu: chicken and dressing, gravy, green beans, potato salad, slaw, cranberry sauce and dessert. All proceeds benefit the Welti PTO and are used to purchase classroom supplies and materials.

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.

Hometown Hospitality
Monday, Nov. 7, from 9-11 a.m. in the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's Wal-Mart Room. Hometown Hospitality is customer-service training designed to help frontline service industry professionals provide excellent service capable of attracting and retaining customers. Participants in this engaging and fun training will learn and practice excellent customer service skills and how using these skills benefits businesses. The training also features tourism customer service tools to help service industry professionals support their communities. Registration is free. Call the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386 or visit www.aces.edu/go/HHCullman.

American Legion Auxiliary Craft Sale
Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at American Legion Post 4, 181 Reid Road, Cullman. Be sure to come buy some fine hand-crafted items from us or one of our vendors. Vendors may rent a table for $10 each. Call 256-620-1334 for more info.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club Meeting
Monday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Holly Pond Event Center. We will be honoring our veterans! Ladies of the Club, Tavia Smith and Louise Scott, will supply refreshments. Please come and bring someone who is interested inworking with the Holly Pond Cemetery.

"The Nutcracker"
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20, 7 p.m., 7 p.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at Wallace State Community College's Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Presented by Ballet South, directed by Brooke Desnoes and Wallace State Community College present The Nutcracker. Mrs. Desnoes was the first artistic director to bring this Christmas tradition to Cullman. Her stunning choreography performed by her outstanding company dancers brings more magic to the stage every year. Children and adults will love it! Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for children 12 and younger. Purchase online at https://tinyurl.com/NutcrackeratWSCC.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. The Unity 4 Quartet from Iuka, Mississippi will be featured guests. 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. Everyone is invited.

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PREP FOOTBALL

7 local teams preparing for 1st round of state playoffs

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The regular season is now officially in the books, and we have seven local teams that are now turning their attention to the postseason. Meek, Fairview, Arab and Addison earned home field advantage for the opening round of the state playoffs and Cullman, Good Hope and Vinemont will get their playoff runs started on the road.

(7-3) Cullman at (6-4) Gadsden City

The Bearcats finished up their regular season a couple weeks ago with an impressive showing at Etowah and with a little extra time to rest up and prepare, they'll be looking for another great performance at Gadsden City. The Titans are just 2-3 on their home field this season and Cullman has put together a 4-1 record in road games so that could bode well for the Bearcats when they arrive. Gadsden City is riding a four-game winning streak coming into Friday's playoff matchup, so it'll be up to the Bearcats to stop the Titans' momentum if they want to move on to round two.

(9-1) Arab v. (5-5) East Limestone

The Arabian Knights have won four straight games leading into Friday night's playoff battle with East Limestone, but the Indians are riding a four-game win streak as well.

After a 1-5, East Limestone has rallied to finish the regular season 5-5 and earn a playoff berth so they'll have plenty of momentum behind them when they arrive at Arab. The Indians have scored at least 35 points in each of their last four games, but the Knights' defense is set to give them one of their toughest tests of the season. Arab is holding opponents to just 11 points per game and is putting up nearly 40 on the offensive side of the ball so barring a special performance from the Indians, expect the Knights to handle business and advance to round two.

(7-3) Fairview v. (8-2) Guntersville

The last two games have been tough ones for the Fairview Aggies. Following running back Eli Frost's injury early in the game against Russellville, Fairview has been forced to make adjustments on the offensive side of the ball. After averaging over 40 points per game through their first eight matchups, the Aggies have been held to just 28 combined points in their last two games. Guntersville will be bringing a high-powered offense and a stingy defense to Dafford Smith Stadium Friday night so Fairview will have to find a way to get back into a rhythm to get by the Wildcats.

(5-5) Good Hope at (7-3) Dora

For the fifth consecutive season, the Good Hope Raiders are headed to the state playoffs, and they'll be on the road in round one to take on Dora. After starting the season 2-3, the Bulldogs won five straight to finish the regular season 7-3 and will have plenty of momentum on their side when the Raiders arrive Friday. However, Dora hasn't made it out of the first round since 2017 while Good Hope has played in nine playoff games in that time. The Raiders will have much more postseason experience under their belts when the game kicks off so ignore the records expect this one to go right down to the wire Friday night.



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Fairview's Barrett York (19), Addison's Brian Berry (21) and Cullman's L.J. Turner (34)

(5-5) Vinemont at (6-4) Lauderdale County

The Eagles capped off their regular season with a 42-22 win over Holly Pond last week and now they'll turn their attention to Friday night's first round matchup at Lauderdale County. Vinemont will be on the road but has won three straight going into this week's matchup and is scoring over 45 points per game in that stretch while the Tigers are coming off a loss to Brooks. So, the momentum will be on the Eagles' sideline when the game kicks off. Lauderdale County's defense has been holding opponents to 15 points per game this fall but with a red-hot Vinemont offense coming to town, something will have to give.

(8-2) Addison v. (5-5) Appalachian

Addison is riding the momentum of a 56-0 win at Shoals Christian into Friday night's playoff matchup while Appalachian has lost three of its last four games. The Bulldogs are also 5-0 on their home field this season so the Eagles should have their hands full when they arrive at Addison later this week. The Bulldogs are 3-0 all-time against Appalachian and won their last matchup against the Eagles in 2013 48-0 so Addison will certainly be the favorite in this one and as long as the Dawgs can continue to play well at home, expect to see them back under the lights next week for the second round.

(10-0) Meek v. (4-6) Cedar Bluff

This season has been a historic one for Meek. The Tigers are 10-0 for the first time in school history and they want to continue tacking more wins onto this great season now that the playoffs have arrived. Meek will be an overwhelming favorite against Cedar Bluff in the opening round Friday night. Cedar Bluff slid into the postseason with a win over Donoho last week and they'll be taking on a Tigers team that is averaging over 45 points per game while holding their opponents to just 11 points per game. Meek has been improving on both sides of the ball as the season has gone on so as long as the Tigers don't lose their footing this week, expect them to be back in action for round two.

WSCC ATHLETICS

WSCC Cross Country teams win ACCC Championships

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College's Cross Country teams both earned their fifth consecutive Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) championships Friday at the ACCC Cross Country Championship held at Oxford's Choccolocco Park. This is the men's 10th ACCC Championship overall and the women's fifth since the program's inaugural season in 2017.

Runners Aylin Vega of Fort Payne and Collin Mayfield of Geraldine were named the ACCC Runners of the Year. Vega, a sophomore, led the women's cross country team to victory on Friday, finishing the 5,000-meter run with a time of 20:00.70. Mayfield, a freshman, led the men's team to finish first in the 8,000-meter race with a time of 26:42.00. Head coach Stan Narewski was named the 2022 ACCC Coach of the Year in both men's and women's cross country, repeating awards he received in 2018, 2019 and 2021.

Both teams dominated in their respective races. In the women's race, all the top five finishers were Wallace State runners. Following Vega were Kendall Harbison of Vinemont (20:15.10), Danielle Akridge of Bremen (20:23.80), Jaycee Biffle of Florence (20:47.60) and Princess Watts of Alexandria (21:40.90). The women are ranked fifth in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Women's Cross Country Coaches' Poll.

In the men's race, eight of the top 10 runners were from Wallace State. Following Mayfield, Wallace State runners filled the slots for third through ninth place: Jonathan Collett of Bremen (27:20.60), Ryan Maudsley of Gadsden (27:50.70), Rodrigo Patino of Albertville (27:52.20), Jonathan Phillips of Carriere, Miss., (27:57.70), Andrew Wrenn of Grant (28:06.60), Luke Holcombe of Gadsden (28:15.70) and Mason Worrell of Northport (28:24.30). The men are ranked 11th in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II Men's Cross Country Coaches' Poll. Both teams will travel to Tallahassee, Florida, next month to compete in the NJCAA Division II National Meet and Division II Half Marathon.



WSCC ATHLETICS

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Alabama School of Fine Arts open house Nov. 5

Katie Roach Dudley
Contributor


ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Alabama's award-winning arts and sciences school, the Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA), will open its doors to prospective students and families on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, with sessions at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

ASFA is Alabama's only public state-funded arts and sciences middle and high school for talented students that draws students from across the state. ASFA will have its inaugural class of seventh-grade math-science students for the 2023-2024 school year. Previously, the earliest that students could attend as math-science students was eighth grade. The school is unique in having both arts departments and a specialty math-science department.

ASFA provides an intensive specialty-focused education in creative writing, dance, math-science, music, theatre arts, and visual arts.

After spending each morning on robust academic coursework that exceeds state high school diploma standards, students devote sustained hours every day to honing their craft, flexing their creativity and developing their unique voice within their chosen discipline.

The annual Open House event allows prospective students and their families to tour the school, meet the faculty, ask questions and learn about the application and admission process.

Residential housing is available to accepted students at no cost other than a small commitment fee for those beyond commuting distance.

Students apply to attend the school and go through an audition process. Applications to apply for the 2023-2024 school year will open after Open House in mid-November.

After graduating from ASFA, students are accepted at the country's top conservatories and universities including The Juilliard School, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Berklee College of Music and Rhode Island School of Design.

- 97% of our students attend colleges, conservatories, art institutes, and universities
- Offers AP and honors classes and college preparatory programs
- 91% of seniors awarded merit scholarships (national avg: 22%)
- ASFA average ACT score is 26.8 (national avg: 20.8)
- Recent graduation class of 55 students earned over $8.6M in scholarships

Alumni of ASFA include Suzanne Collins, author of "The Hunger Games"; Laverne Cox, Emmy nominated actress; Wes Chapman, principal dancer at American Ballet Theatre; Ashley M. Jones, Alabama Poet Laureate; and Jorge Nunez a Deputy Systems Engineer for NASA.

For more information about Alabama School of Fine Arts or Open House, please visit the school's website at www.asfaschool.org or contact Jaronda Little at 205-252-9241 or jlittle@asfaschool.org.

Alabama School of Fine Arts is a state-funded public school that provides an intensive specialty-focused education in the arts, math and science to students with outstanding talent from across Alabama. For more information, please call 205-252-9241 or visit our website at www.asfaschool.org.

Cullman's Emily Abney graduates from Troy University

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY, Ala. — Emily Abney, of Cullman, graduated from Troy University during Term 1 of the 2022/2023 academic year.

Abney attended Troy Online and graduated with a bachelor's degree.

Term 1 includes students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with 22,500 students and 154,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings.

Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, Ala., as well as at locations around the world and online.

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Meeting (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Link of Cullman County will host its Legacy Awards and Annual Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3 at The Venue at Cotton Creek with the welcoming hour set for 6 p.m. Guests can enjoy live music before the dinner and awards at 7.

Said Executive Director Melissa Betts, "We believe legacy qualities are people who invest and impact others for good. The give their time, talents, experiences to the organization and specifically to our neighbors with the goal to be supportive and empowering to them as they navigate life. Our nominees have given their time, shared their stories, taught focused curriculum, served selflessly, invested monetarily and supported and encouraged all who God places in the path."

Tickets are still available at www.linkingcullman.ticketspice.com/the-link-annual-meeting-legacy-award-gala-2022.com.

Ticket prices are:

- Single ticket $125
- Silver sponsor-4 tickets and recognition $500
- Gold table sponsor-8 tickets, recognition, floral arrangement and sketch of guests at the table $1,000
- Legacy event sponsor-8 tickets, floral arrangement, sketch of guests at the table and recognition on all advertisement $3,500

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'Crime scene' tours raise funds for WSCC food pantry

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Community College Criminal Justice Department hosted a Crime Scene House for the public Monday, Oct. 31, as part of a fundraising effort for the Lions' Kitchen food pantry.

The Crime Scene House featured seven rooms with staged crime scenes and cones denoting "evidence" left at the scenes. Tours were $1 each.

Criminal Justice student Ayla Dewald said she has loved forensics since she was young.

"I first started enjoying learning about crimes when I was younger and watching 'Forensic Files' with my dad and other shows like it – it was very interesting," Dewald said.

"Now that I'm around it and learning more in depth about forensics and law enforcement, I can explain it and how it happens. Wallace State has given me so many opportunities and taught me a lot since I began studying here. I really appreciate all the work Dr. (Thea) Hall has done. We've been able to compete on the Crime Scene Team at the state and national level and learned so much and I'm thankful to Wallace for all that I've learned so far."

Hall, chair of the Criminal Justice department, oversaw Monday's Crime Scene House and a similar event during PULSE, a two-day conference-style student development experience held at WSCC each fall.

"This is the first year for this, and the LEX CORPUS honor society hosted the tour," Hall said. "We are doing this tour to raise money for the Lions' food pantry which provides food for students on campus free of charge as a resource."

The Lions' Kitchen is a free food pantry open to all students. It is located in room 102 of the Student Center.



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Wallace State Business Education building named in honor of Dr. Jerry D. Galin

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College (WSCC) announces the naming of its Business Education building as the Dr. Jerry D. Galin Hall, in honor of the longtime WSCC educator and administrator.

The opportunity to name the building was granted to the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation in appreciation for its commitment of $500,000 over the next 10 years to support Wallace State students via scholarships through the Wallace State Future Foundation.

The Cullman Savings Bank Foundation is currently the largest single sponsor of scholarships for WSCC students, with more than 50 provided this year alone.

These additional funds will impact the lives of hundreds if not thousands of students over the next 20 to 30 years, said John Riley, president and CEO of Cullman Savings Bank and Cullman Savings Bank Foundation.

"What better way to use these funds than do what Jerry dedicated his life to here at Wallace State," said Riley, who has known Galin for more than 30 years as a friend and business partner.

"So many students over so many years, people whose lives Jerry has positively influenced.

"I never got the chance to take one of Jerry's classes, but I feel like I've been a student for over 30 years and I'm better because of it.

"I'm pleased to honor him in this way because I know what he's done for our community.

"I see him do it every day, I know he's going to do it in the future, and I appreciate him very much."

Dale Greer, director of the Cullman Economic Development Agency, credits Galin as a major influence in his professional career and in his earning a degree.

"Jerry loved education, he loved teaching," Greer said.

"I was a college dropout at the time I met Jerry. He never said, 'Dale, go back to school.' But he continued to talk about the value of education and how important it was.

"He rarely missed a teaching moment. I have a degree today because of Jerry."

Greer went on to tout Galin's contributions in numerous civic and community organizations.

"I think Jerry's civic volunteer and benevolent contributions are every bit as remarkable as what he has done in the classroom," Greer said.

Among those contributions were his participation and leadership with the Cullman Lions Club, Cullman Family Recreation Park Foundation, Cullman County Industrial Development Foundation, Cullman Electric Cooperative Operation Roundup Board and many more.

"You may not know that Jerry was the single largest fundraiser when we were raising money for the construction of Heritage Park," Greer said of Galin's personal contribution combined with his own fundraising efforts.

Galin started teaching at Wallace State in 1974 and retired in 1996.

During his tenure, he served as the chairperson of management and training, dean of faculty development and academic dean.

"When I came to Wallace State there were 15 employees and 350 students," Galin said.

"Wallace State has grown in its service to the community. I'm honored to be recognized for there have been many great leaders over the years.

"I'm reminded of a story by Samuel Clemons/Mark Twain," Galin added.

"He once said if you're ever walking down the road and you see a turtle on top of a fence post, you know it didn't get there by itself.

"I need to thank my mentors, Charlie Glover and Chester Freeman, very successful businessmen, but they taught me along with that, you need to give back to the community."

Galin also expressed his appreciation to family and friends who attended the dedication of the naming of the building, along with



WALLACE STATE

Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, left, with Dr. Jerry D. Galin and John Riley of Cullman Savings Bank at the dedication of the Dr. Jerry D. Galin Hall, the new name of the Business Education building at Wallace State.

Riley, the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation, the Wallace State Future Foundation, WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics and the faculty and staff of Wallace State.

"I am indeed honored that the Cullman Savings Bank Foundation has chosen Wallace State Community College to honor your service," Karolewics said.

"We are honored that the recognition of your contributions to our community, but most importantly as an educator, are permanently remembered here in this space and hopefully will influence the lives of many future Wallace State business graduates who will become leaders in their communities just as you have been in ours."

For more information about the Wallace State Future Foundation, visit www.wsccfuturefoundation.org or call 256-352-7808.

Registration for Spring 2023 semester is currently underway, with classes beginning on Jan. 9 for regular and Mini Term I.

Mini Term II courses begin March 8. Two Flex Start terms begin the weeks of Jan. 16 and Jan. 23.

Classes are offered in traditional, evening, weekend, hybrid and online formats.

For more information visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 256-352-8000.

McCollum (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hospitalized with COVID-19 in late July 2021, Cullman's Jason McCollum, 49, overnight Friday and into Saturday received a double lung and heart transplant at UAB Hospital in Birmingham.

McCollum has spent the last 15 months fighting for his life after the virus ravaged his lungs, leaving him dependent first on a ventilator and then on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO).

ECMO is typically used for a matter of days or weeks, but for McCollum, it has been a staggering 14-plus months.

Months ago, McCollum, married and a father of three, was told he needed a double lung transplant to survive. Then, doctors said he needed a heart transplant as well.

On Oct. 24, McCollum posted to Instagram: "...I'm still trusting GOD in this 443 day journey! God has shown me love and healing were just waiting on the donor to be victorious!

"As I was reading my daily devotional today it stated: 'NO MATTER WHAT your circumstances may be, you can find joy in my presence. It's as simple as taking the next breath or steps. And on the days you feel overcast and gloomy, you feel strain of your journey which seems endless. Yet JOY is still attainable. And search for it as a hidden treasure. God created this day and to rejoice and be glad in it!'"

On Friday, Oct. 29, his wife Winafred McCollum received the life-changing news the family had waited so long to hear – organs were available for transplant and her husband was being prepped for surgery.

At the end of the lengthy surgery Saturday morning, Jason McCollum's new heart and lungs were functioning and working well, according to social media posts by his family.

Unfortunately, because he cannot be given anticoagulants because of ECMO, McCollum's bleeding could not be controlled and he was taken back into surgery early Saturday.

His family shared that the surgery was successful and McCollum was listed in critical but stable condition.

He is now on dialysis due to kidney failure but his doctors are hopeful that his kidneys will begin functioning again over the next several days.

His sister posted: "God has not brought Jason this far, to leave him now.

"We believe he will continue to fight even harder. #jasonstrong"

On Monday, his family shared that McCollum would have a CT scan to assess brain function.

He has not woken up since the surgeries, but doctors told the family that the extended sedation and other factors could be the reason.

LEGALS

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF D.A.B.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 05/30/2019

CASE NO.: AD2022-092

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JORDAN LEE BROOKS, BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF A CHILD D.A.B. BORN MAY 30, 2019, TO MAKENZIE CHEYENE PERKINS

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Amber Alana Perkins and James Kevin Beasley, 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 17th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

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Events (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Several Cullman County schools and those in the surrounding area will host Veterans Day programs to allow students to honor the veterans in their lives and learn about the sacrifices they have made. Each event will host area veterans, most of whom have been invited by students, but many events welcome all veterans to give the students the chance to show their thanks.

Local Veterans Day events include:

Wednesday, Nov. 2

• Vinemont Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. in the school gym. All veterans and public are welcome.

Thursday, Nov. 10

• Hanceville Middle and High Schools: 8:30 a.m. in the high school gym. There will be designated seating for veterans and their families. In order to make proper arrangements, the school will need visitors who plan to attend to fill out a form at https://tinyurl.com/HancevilleVeterans.

• Holly Pond High School: 9 a.m. in the school gym. The HPHS Veterans Day committee will be making a Salute to our Veterans PowerPoint this year with photos and information submitted by students. All veterans and their families are welcome to come early at 8 a.m. for the Veterans breakfast served by the HPHS Key Club.

• West Point Schools: 9 a.m. in the elementary school gym. Each elementary grade will put on a musical performance for the veterans. Students are encouraged to invite the veterans in their families.

• Good Hope High School: 10:30 a.m. in the school gym. Local veterans are invited to attend for a presentation of colors by the Junior ROTC, high school band performance and speeches by various speakers honoring the veterans.

• Meek High School: 1 p.m. in the school gym. All veterans and community are welcome. There will be a reception with snacks and refreshments for veterans and their families after the program.

• Cullman High School: 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. The annual event will recognize veterans of faculty, students and their families. All veterans and their families are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

• Welti Elementary School: 6 p.m. in the school gym. The second grade will put on a performance honoring local veterans. The public is welcome to attend.

Prayers (from Front)

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HOOVER, Ala. — Lacey Simpson, wife of Holly Pond native and WVTM-13 meteorologist Jason Simpson, suffered a traumatic medical emergency last week while shopping at the family's local Publix at Valleydale Village in Hoover. Lacey Simpson collapsed, hit her head and was unresponsive.

Jason Simpson was heading to the newsroom to cover the imminent tornado watch on Tuesday, Oct. 25, when he received a call from Lacey Simpson's cell phone.

He answered what he thought was his wife's call with his usual "yes ma'am." Instead of her voice on the other end of the call, it was a stranger with concerning news.

The manager at Publix informed Simpson as calmly and kindly as possible that Lacey Simpson had fallen and was not responding and that Hoover Fire Department paramedics were en route. Simpson made it to his wife's side while the paramedics were working on her and before she was even transported to the hospital.

Over an hour later, she began waking in her bed in the emergency room and was confounded about what happened.

After receiving care, she was able to return home to rest and heal.

Additional medical testing is being done on an outpatient basis by physicians who are invested in her long-term health.

Simpson shared with The Cullman Tribune, "God blessed us with great neighbors, friends and family, rushing to help however they could.

"We've only been back in Birmingham for a few months, but the families on our street took care of us like we'd known them for 20 years.

"We also appreciate all of the prayers for Lacey and our family!"

The compassionate staff at Publix, Valleydale Church and the Simpsons' new neighbors are high on the family's gratitude list today.

Simpson covets prayers for his family, including children Shelby, Brody and Walt, as they continue to nurture Lacey Simpson on her path to full recovery.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 28-31

Margie Ann Hill, 71
Margie Ann Hill, 71, of Holly Pond passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Woodland Village Health Care Center. She was born June 12, 1951, in Blount County, Alabama. She is survived by her daughters: Lisa (Wes) Arrowood, Michelle (Daniel) Todd and Windy (Stephen) Todd; son: Ricky Farr; sisters: Linda Sue (Herman) Haney, Betty (Ricky) Smith and Bonnie Watkins; brothers: John Watkins and Randy Watkins; grandchildren: Kimberly Smith, Brian Heffner, Larry Heffner, Kara Heffner, Kortney Moore, Emily (Chris) Grimes, Jeremy (Shaye) Todd, Lana Todd and Evan Todd; six great grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; aunt: Mary White; and a host of nieces and nephews that she loved very much. She was preceded in death by her parents: Archie Watkins and Onzell Watkins; brother: Robert Watkins; and grandson: Dewayne Beck. Visitation was Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel; Burial will follow in Bethlehem Methodist Cemetery. Pallbearers are Daniel Todd, Stephen Todd, Wes Arrowood, Cedric Smith, Robert Smith and Joseph Reed.

Keith Hill, 64
Keith Hill, 64 of Addison, entered into rest Oct. 29, 2022, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born March 15, 1958, in Haleyville, Alabama. The family will receive friends Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, from 4-5 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where a memorial service will be held at 5. Brother Mike Turner will officiate. Keith is survived by his wife: Kim Hill; sons: Justin Hill and his wife Lacey and Daniel Hill; grandsons: Casen Hill, Brooks Hill, Abram Hill, Brenton Hill and Ellie Hill; mother: Edna Hill; and sisters: Barbara Elliott and Charlotte Edwards. He was preceded in death by his father: Eugene Hill.

Sarah Clark Duke, 75
Sarah Clark Duke, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away Oct. 29, 2022, at the age of 75. Mrs. Duke was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on March 20, 1947, to Earl and Kala Mae Kuykendall Clark. Sarah and her husband, Willie, were members of Oak Level Baptist Church. Mrs. Duke enjoyed gardening. She also loved cooking and food. Sarah enjoyed reruns of Gunsmoke and she watched them daily. Mrs. Duke will be missed greatly by her family and friends. Sarah is preceded in death by her parents: Earl and Kala Mae Clark; son: Jeremy Lynn Duke; stepson: Glenn Allen Duke; and brother: Earston Clark. Those surviving Mrs. Duke are husband: Willie Horace Duke; son: Zackery Evan Duke; stepdaughter: Donna Kay Fanning and husband Robert; sister: Charlotte Stidham; granddaughter: Chryssa Fanning and her husband; and four great-grandsons. Funeral services for Mrs. Duke are 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Etsell Riddle officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Level Cemetery. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, 2022, at the funeral home, from 5 until 7 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Duke family.

Breatha Ilouise Williams, 94
Funeral service for Breatha Ilouise Puckett DeMonia Williams, 94, of Vinemont will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, 2022, at Mt. Olive Providence Primitive Baptist Church with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Ministers will be Rev. Brandon Stripling, Chaplain of Hospice by Kindred and Elder Ricky Harcrow, pastor of Mt. Olive Providence Primitive Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 1-2 prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Williams passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at her residence. She was born fourth of five children, July 6, 1928, to Harvey Frank Puckett and Ila Mae Copeland Puckett. She loved gardening and working with her flowers. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church and she loved going to church as long as she was able. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband: Hiawatha DeMonia; and a son: Eric DeMonia. Survivors include her husband: Luther Kelton Williams, known as Kelton; son: Keith (Janet) DeMonia; step-children: David (Tina) Williams, Karen Topping; three grandchildren: Nathan Keith DeMonia, Cresha (Paul) Bradley, Margaret Ellen "Maggie" DeMonia; step-grandchildren: David (Lauren) Topping, Andrew (Lindsey) Topping, Elizabeth (Trevor) Yarbrough, Matthew (Jamie) Topping, Samantha (Caleb) Flores; great-grandchildren: Hunter (Destiney) DeMonia, Charity DeMonia, Austin DeMonia, Peyton Bradley, Abigail Topping, Brooks Topping, Olivia Topping, Taylor Topping, Beckham Yarbrough, Malachi Flores; great-great grandson: Dalton Hayes DeMonia; family and friends.

Penny Lee Knight, 63
Penny Lee Knight, 63 of Double Springs, entered into rest Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Walker Baptist Medical Center surrounded by her family. Penny was born on Jan. 13, 1959, in Decatur Alabama. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville, Alabama. O.D. Bolan will officiate. Penny is survived by her daughter: Haley (Zach) Rutledge; grandchildren: Sydney Rutledge, Ella Katherine Rutledge and Lucas Rutledge; her mother: Joyce Mullican; brothers: Murphy Mullican and Tim Mullican; and sister: Beverly Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her father: Ennis Alton Mullican; and her husband: Kim Knight. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to Free State Four Paws, 1567 County Road 2, Double Springs, Al 35553 or via PayPal at freestatefourpaws@yahoo.com.

Christopher Joseph Moody, 53
Funeral Service for Christopher Joseph Moody, age 53 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Moody passed away Friday, Oct. 28, 2022, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Jan. 28, 1969, to Daniel Luther and Juliet Moody. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother: Stephen Moody. Survivors include his wife: Jamie Moody; sons: Tyler Moody, Zane Moody and Isaac Moody; grandchildren: Bryson Moody and Brileigh Bradley; brothers: Terry (Mary) Moody and Danny (Janet) Moody; sisters: Susan (Johnny) Smith and Tammy (Ronald) Parker; sister-in-law: Penny Moody and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Charles Mack Hale, 86
Charles Mack Hale, 86, of Cullman passed away Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at his residence. He was born Jan. 19, 1936, in Cullman, Alabama. He is survived by his wife of 67 years: Carolyn Reese Hale; children: Cassandra Hale Bowen (Rick), Steven Charles Hale (Stacy) and Sabrina Joy Hale; grandchildren: Lacey Bowen Golden (David), Richard Austin Bowen, Jonathan Tyler Hale (Shelby), Jacob Garrett Hale (Stephanie Scott) and Jackson Caleb Hale; great grandchildren: Bowen Joseph Golden, Brady Joshua Golden, Ari Charles Hale and Oliver Nathan Hale; and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents: Carl and Lillie White Hale; and his brothers: Wilbern Edsel Hale, Leonard Dwight Hale, Jackie Dean Hale and Huel Hale. Funeral services were held Monday Oct. 31, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the chapel at Moss Service Funeral Home with interment following in the Jones Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 1-2 p.m. on Monday prior to the service.

Rev. Dillon Burl Calvert, 84
A funeral service for Reverend Dillon Burl Calvert of Bremen will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1 at Bremen Baptist Church. Rev. Calvert will lie-in-state at the church Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Ryan's Creek Cemetery in Bremen. Reverend Junior Garmon and Reverend Randall Waldrep will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be Monday, Oct. 31 at Bremen Baptist Church from 6 to 8 p.m. Rev. Calvert was born Nov. 13, 1937, in Cullman County to the late William Riley and Bertha (Stricklin) Calvert. He died at the age of 84 at his residence in Bremen on Oct. 30, 2022. Rev. Calvert was a loving pastor, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Survivors include his children: Brian (Bridgett) Calvert and Sally Barkley; grandchildren: Hanna (Patrick) Lovett, Brooke (Cody) Ray, Brittney Calvert, Morgan Barkley, Brett Henderson, Zach Barkley, Jessie Nola Henderson and Courtney Barkley; 5 great grandchildren; and a host of many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Rev. Calvert was preceded in death by his wife: Melba Ruth Calvert; infant son: Berry Calvert; and siblings: O.V. Calvert, Vonda Lee Waters, Clarice Hancock, Ellen Baker, Jurd Calvert, Quillon Calvert and Sherrell Lendel Calvert. Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Calvert, T.D. Baker, Tim Calvert, Bryon Calvert, Elton Graves and Bobby Calvert. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Calvert family.

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‘Witches ride’ for local girls

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Three local women met in August with a simple vision to bring discretion, dignity, comfort and care to young ladies in need in the community.

The vision was unveiled by new local nonprofit – Les Dames Cullman– at its first event, the inaugural Witches Ride, which took place Sunday at Cullman’s Festhalle.

Cullman City School Board Member Amy Carter, Good Grit magazine Founder and CEO Laura Quick and Cullman Power Board CEO Allison Bright joined forces two short months ago with a goal and a plan: create an organization to serve young women ages 9-19 and make its services free to the community through fundraising events like the Witches Ride.

“We uncovered this need, formed a nonprofit with a tax ID, all since August, and planned the event in six weeks,” Carter said. “We three utilized the help of the Cullman Chamber and the community, hired Avenue G for music, and it just came together in a short amount of time. Our goal was to raise $10,000 from this event. The last check into the amount was $20,000, and we are still counting.”

Carter said Les Dames paid Avenue G to perform, but the band discounted its rate.

“After the Witches Ride was over, Avenue G donated all of their tips to the fundraising, and it’s moments like that which demonstrates what a generous, giving city we live in,” Carter said. “We plan to make this event an annual one and we also will have a spring event to follow.”

Carter said the ultimate goal for Les Dames is to have a hygiene cabinet at every city and county school so anyone in need of hygiene or feminine products can have access at any time.

“We want to be able to provide soap, body products, tampons, pads, underwear, hygiene items, etc. to any female in need of them, and the need locally is great,” Carter said.

“In Cullman, 1 in 4 kids are under the poverty level, and this isn’t just for those that are less fortunate. This is tor the girl that starts her period for the first time while being raised by a single father, or whose mother works two jobs. This is for the girl being raised by her grandmother that hasn’t been shown how to intentionally take good care of her hygiene. This is for anyone in need.”



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Cullman showed up in droves to support local students and ride with the witches Sunday, Oct. 30.

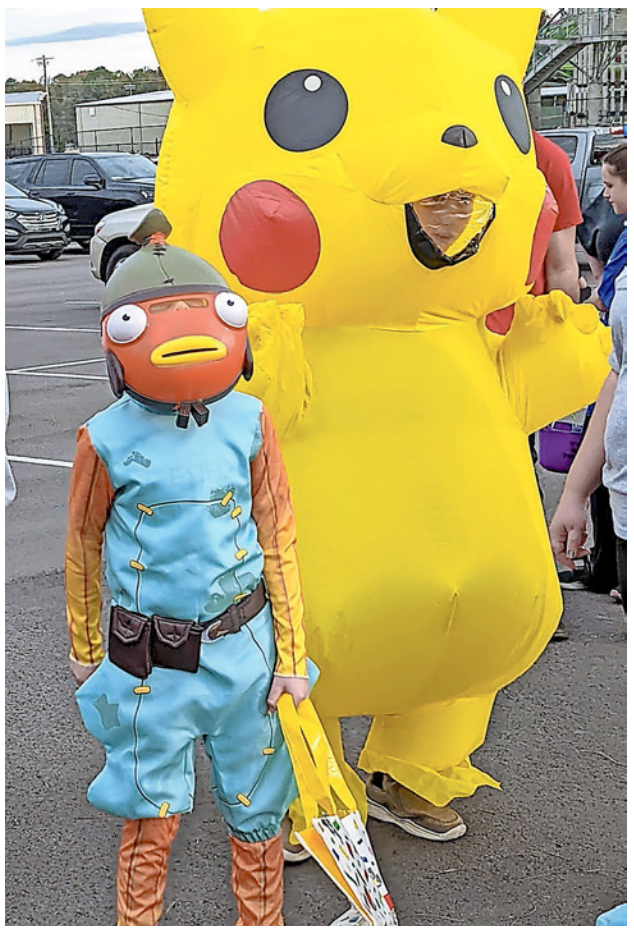
Carter said eventually Les Dames would like to add counseling into the mix so young women can have access to professional guidance and advice.

“Many of these girls don’t have the resources they need and because of that, they often miss school causing absenteeism,” Carter said. “If they continue to miss school this affects their grades and ability to move forward and the cycle continues. This organization can help provide dignity and discretion. Our goal is to mentor, encourage and help young women, and Les Dames is here to stay.“

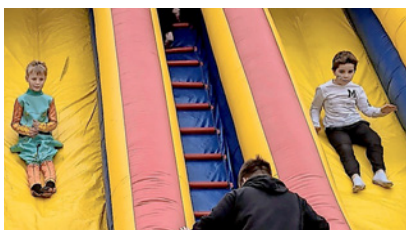
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