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Nov. 8 General Election ballot

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Voters will return to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 8, for the General Election.

Cullman County voters will see 10 statewide and two local amendments on their ballots.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

The following will appear on the Cullman County ballot:

Governor
- Yolanda Flowers, D
- Kay Ivey, R, Incumbent
- James Blake, L

Lieutenant Governor:
- William Ainsworth, R, Incumbent
- Ruth Page-Nelson, L

United States Senator (longtime Alabama Sen. Richard Shelby's seat)
- Will Boyd, D
- Katie Britt, R
- John Sophocleus, L

U.S. Representative, 4th Congressional District
- Rick Neighbors, D
- Robert Aderholt, R, Incumbent
- Johnny Cochran, L

Attorney General
- Wendell Major, D
- Steve Marshall, R, Incumbent

State Senator, District 4
- Garlan Gudger, R, Incumbent

State Representative, District
- Write in

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 5
- Anita Kelly, D
- Greg Cook, R

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Place 6
- Kelli Wise, R

Secretary of State
- Pamela Laffitte, D
- Wes Allen, R
- Jason Shelby,

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'You didn't notice that you were any different'

Snead's Farmhouse puppet shows teach acceptance



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Judy Snead with "Leroy Brown," voiced by Will Sprouse, at a puppet show performance for Falkville Elementary second graders

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Snead's Farmhouse in Vinemont has been growing and scheduling more of Owner Judy Snead's puppet shows and educational sessions. Snead regularly guides field trips through her farm, where students enjoy the petting zoo, see her puppet show, make crafts and learn what it takes to care for the animals on the farm.

On Friday, Snead hosted Falkville Elementary's second-grade class, which toured the farm and saw a puppet show. Snead's puppet show is based on her children's book that explains the beginnings of her farm.

She told the kids that after she began to acquire her animals, she felt that she had to get two of each to keep them from getting lonely. The bubbly and energetic Snead quickly grabbed the children's attention and kept it throughout her show with help from the puppet version of her famed donkey, Leroy Brown, played by Snead's Farmhouse volunteer Will Sprouse.

At the end of the play, she explained to Leroy why there are two of each animal except for another donkey. "I began to notice that you didn't need someone else that looked like you because you didn't notice that you were any different from any of the animals that lived on my farm."

She told the students her animals live together in harmony on the farm despite being different species.

She spoke about when she first began her farm, saying, "Not being a farmer, I didn't know you were supposed to separate your animals. Like you're not supposed to have your donkeys with your goats...I had them all together, and

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Rock the South expanding to 3-day festival in 2023

Event set for July 20-22 » PAGE 7

Arab, AL man killed in crash

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Holly Pond graduate critically injured after being struck by vehicle near JSU campus



CINDY THOMAS TARVIN/ FACEBOOK

Leah Grace Tarvin » PAGE 6

Legacy Awards honor difference makers

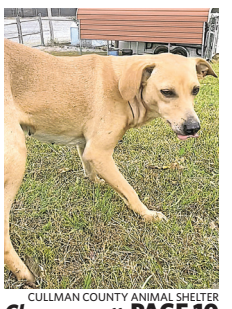


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The Link of Cullman County Legacy Award recipient Kris Graves with husband Nathan » PAGE 10

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3-4

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3-4, 2022. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 31

- unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Cherokee Ave. S.W.
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1029
- domestic violence; 3rd Ave. S.W. Garden City
- criminal mischief; I-65 NB MM 305
- harassment; Co. Rd. 35
- theft of property; Hwy 157
- burglary; Co. Rd. 1435
- assault; Co. Rd. 1141
- theft of property; I-65 NB Rest Area
- domestic violence; Trimble Rd.
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 484
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 145
- harassment; Co. Rd. 1034

Nov. 1

- assault; Co. Rd. 616
- unlawful possession of controlled substances, unlawful possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; 4th St. S.W.
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy 278 E
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Co. Rd. 1435
- unlawful possession of dangerous drugs; Co. Rd. 1551
- burglary; Hwy 157
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 820
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 1551
- assault; Co. Rd. 1371
- theft of property; Hwy 31
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 813
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy 278 E

Nov. 2

- receiving stolen property; Hwy 31
- domestic violence; Co. Rd. 1343
- theft of property; Co. Rd. 110
- unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia; Co. Rd. 591

ARRESTS

Oct. 31

Bagwell, Dachery D; 30
- criminal mischief
- larceny/theft

Finch, James D; 36
- criminal mischief

Huffstutler, Dewey J; 48
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Jelinek, Eric V; 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana
- larceny/theft
- FTA-driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Sears, Danny W; 43
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Stanford, David O; 41
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nov. 1

Bakley, Curtis E; 34
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Boone, Norman W; 71
- aggravated assault-menacing

Collier, Cynthia D; 58
- larceny/theft

Gardner, James W; 58
- public intoxication

Gordon, Erica S; 33
- FTA-illegal possession of prescription drugs
- FTA-drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- FTA-possession of marijuana
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA-giving false identification to law enforcement
- FTA-public intoxication

Hopper, Cody R; 32
- attempting to elude police officer
- public intoxication

Hunt, Tabatha A; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana

Labrecque, Michelle L; 52
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

Loggins, Ashley N; 36
- assault-harassment
- criminal mischief
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia

McKinney, Karl T; 49
- public intoxication

Overton, Wesley L; 36
- larceny/theft

Palmer, Christy D; 49
- possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Wesley E; 39
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-possession of dangerous drugs

Washburn, Jodie R; 41
- FTA-assault-domestic-harassment-family

Nov. 2

Corbin, Mark W; 47
- larceny/theft

Denney, Clifford G; 30
- GJ-homicide-murder-non family-gun

Ellard, William A; 28
- possession of dangerous drugs

Ford, Jeffrey E; 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- probation violation-possession of dangerous drugs

Hale, Joshua S; 28
- GJ-larceny/theft-Grand Jury arrest warrant

Harper, Autumn S; 26
- FTA-reckless endangerment (2 counts)

Nabors, Bethany E; 34
- GJ-aggravated assault-non family-strong arm

Screws, Michael A; 38
- GJ-aggravated assault-non family-other weapon
- GJ-aggravated assault-attempted murder

White, Bobby A; 38
- FTA-assault-harassment
- FTA-criminal mischief

Whitehead, Heath D; 49
- auto theft and sale (2 counts)

Whitehead, Keith T; 49
- larceny/theft
- auto theft

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Nov. 2
- theft of property-1st degree; Cullman Auto Mall; 2nd Ave. N.E; tow dolly; $4,595
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Rusken Packaging LLC; Walnut St. N.W.
- theft of property-1st degree; Warnke Rd. N.W; cash
- theft of property-4th degree; Logan St. S.W; backpack with contents
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $157
- theft of property-4th degree; Walmart; Olive St. S.W; general merchandise; $15

Nov. 3
- theft of property-1st degree; Co. Rd. 482; 2013 Toyota Camry
- domestic violence-3rd degree; Brookridge Ln. S.E.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Johnson St. S.W; miscellaneous items; $2,400
- harassment; St. Joseph St.
- unlawful breaking and entering motor vehicle; Co. Rd. 482; miscellaneous items

ARRESTS

Nov. 2

Barnett, Jeffery S; 39
- attempting to elude
- resisting arrest

Fairbanks, Jeffrey D; 56
- FTA-switched tag
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-driving while license revoked (4 counts)
- FTA-insurance violation (3 counts)

Twilley, Allyson C; 24
- FTA-driving without license
- FTA-insurance violation
- FTA-failure to register vehicle

Nov. 3

Ford, Jeffrey E; 51
- FTA-criminal trespassing-3rd degree

Fuller, Autumn E; 27
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-driving without license (2 counts)

Guthery, Trey B; 29
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-criminal mischief-3rd degree
- FTA-violation of court order

Johnson, William N; 65
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Kelley, Remington H; 39
- public intoxication

McKinney, Karl T; 49
- public intoxication

Oden, Hannah G; 26
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA-public intoxication

Pace, Hunter L; 24
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree

Pearson, Juwan I; 25
- FTA-domestic violence-3rd degree

Williams, Shayla C; 28
- FTA-theft of property-4th degree
- FTA-leaving the scene of accident

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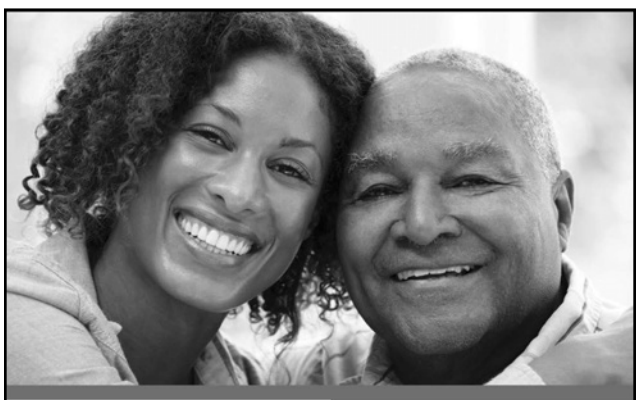
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Baileyton Bargain Days

• First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park

• Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items

• A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation.

• There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted.

• Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD

• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Drive NW, Cullman

• Prayer meetings- Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Come and pray with us or come to receive prayer.

• Ladies' exercise classes- Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Children welcome.

• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.- noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.

• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pick up is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478. 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.

Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration

Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. Free admission and free parking. www.cullmanveteransday.com

Highlights:

• Patriotic concert by Redstone Army Band

• WWII B-17 Bomber Flying Fortress and Vietnam UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) helicopter rides

• FREE lunch for veterans and spouses

• Military equipment displays from WWII to Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom

• P-51 Mustang/ Mustang car show

• D-Day 1944 C-47 aircraft display

• Navy dive bomber display and "Battle of Midway" movie

Anyone can climb aboard and look around in the vehicles on display. Tickets for the B-17 rides can be purchased at https://b17texasraiders.org/index.php.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church on 1310 Saint Joseph Dr. in Cullman. All are welcome.

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.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

The weekly COVID-19 update from the Alabama Department of Public Health was not provided on Nov. 3, 2022.

They reported: The Alabama NEDSS Base System (ALNBS), Alabama's disease reporting and surveillance system, is undergoing maintenance. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is unable to provide case data until maintenance is complete.

We hope to update the case data on the Dashboard next week. The last update to case data was October 27, 2022.

The dashboard can be found at (https://bit.ly/3iVJwXK)



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‘We’re one big family’: Cold Springs’ Kloe Light looking forward to upcoming softball season

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BREMEN, Ala. — After taking a break from softball for two years, Kloe Light returned to play the game that she loves last season and was so happy to get back on the field. Her teammates and coaches were all smiles when they heard that she was returning to play softball her freshman year.

“Softball is where my heart is. Sitting there, watching the games go on, made me realize how much I loved and wanted to be on that field. It was the best decision that I ever made,” Light said. “I loved it. I love my coaches and teammates. It was a great year to get back into playing softball. I couldn’t have asked for a better season. I felt so welcomed and learned more last season than I ever have. Coach Paige Adams, Coach Bruce Parker, and coach Heath Parker have all inspired me to not only be a better player, but a better person. I know my teammates were excited and I sure was.”

Light played for some great coaches last year and has learned as much as she can from them so far.

“Coach Adams is so patient and she has taught me discipline. One thing she stands by is being a servant to God. She is such a great coach and has the biggest heart of any person,” Light said. “Coach Parker has always been one of my favorite teachers, so I was very excited to hear when I found out he was going to be one of my coaches. He never lets us give up and reminds us to keep our heads up, even during the bad games. He lets us have it sometimes, but it all paid off in the end with a great season. Coach Heath is definitely my favorite coach. He never fails to make us laugh after a rough practice or game and is always finding new ways to joke with us, laugh, and cut up with us.”

Light got a lot of help from last year’s seniors: Emma Black, Heidi Nichols, Maddie Pearl and Starla Fuller. She learned a lot about last season and was felt to play with a great group of players this past year.

“With last year being my first one at first base, Emma taught me a lot about positioning my feet and much more. Their attitudes on the field and how they handled different situations were very uplifting and they were all so helpful and inspirational,” she said. “I learned how to have a better, uplifting attitude and to have fun because this past season went by fast. We all learned a lot from each other. We grew from our mistakes and helped each other out to become better as individuals and as a team. We definitely all grew closer and we’re one big family.”

Cold Springs will have seven juniors and two seniors coming back this upcoming season, along with some young, talented players as well, and Light thinks that should definitely help this team out even more in 2023. A lot of the players are playing a lot of travel ball to help out their game even more.

“Next season is definitely going to be our season. Many of us played travel ball over the summer to better ourselves and I just know that we are going to come back better and stronger than ever. Cold Springs is definitely going places in softball. We improve so much after every practice and our coaches are putting in so much time and effort towards us. I just know it’s going to be great,” she said.

“A lot of us are playing travel ball and it’s a great learning experience. We also take pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons during the offseason, so we are putting in the work even off the field. This is going to help us so much in the 2023 season with all the experience and talent that we are gaining.”

Light has learned so much from the upperclassmen so far and that will help her become an even better player next year.

“They’ve helped me out so much. Every little tip they give me or even what I overhear has stuck with me. They are always willing to help us grow while still growing themselves.”



KLOE LIGHT

Cold Springs Head Softball Coach Paige Adams (left) and Cold Springs’ Kloe Light (right).

PREP BASKETBALL

Vinemont tops Elkmont 64-61, Hanceville falls to East Lawrence 41-35

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The first of this year’s varsity basketball action got started at Vinemont High School Thursday night with this year’s Vinemont Tip-Off Classic and both the Lady Eagles and the Hanceville Lady Bulldogs were there competing. The Lady Bulldogs dropped a close game to East Lawrence 41-35 and Vinemont held on to win its game over the Lady Red Devils 64-61.

East Lawrence 41 - Hanceville 35

East Lawrence scored the first five points of the game to grab an early 5-0 lead. A three-point play by Kate Sterling got Hanceville on the board as that made it 5-3 with 4:53 remaining in the first period. Aaliyah Twitty knocked down a shot down low, then Katelyn Boyd hit a free throw to give the Lady Bulldogs a 6-5 lead with less than three minutes to go in the quarter.

The Lady Eagles knocked down back-to-back shots down low as they took a 9-6 lead, but Sterling drilled a short jumper to cut it to 9-8 as Hanceville went into the second quarter trailing by one.

Savana McAnnally hit a short jumper to start the second period, then Jessica Marshall drilled a three from the left wing as that gave Hanceville a 13-11 lead. But East Lawrence went on a 7-0 run to take an 18-13 lead with less than two minutes to go in the first half.

Twitty hit another shot down low, then another three-point point play by Sterling tied the game up at 18 with a little over a minute to go in the first half.

A late basket by the Lady Eagles gave them a 20-19 lead as the Lady Bulldogs trailed by just one going into the half.

The start of the second half was all East Lawrence as they scored the first eight points of the third period to make it a 28-19 game. A rebound and put-back by Sterling made it 28-21, then a Boyd trey cut it to 28-24. A basket down low by the Lady Eagles made it 30-24 and they later added a free throw as the Lady Bulldogs would go into the final period trailing, 31-24.

East Lawrence quickly pushed their lead to 37-26 to start out the final period, but the Lady Bulldogs went on a little run to make things interesting. McAnnally hit a short jumper, then Twitty banked in a three from the top of the key to cut it to 37-31 with 3:27 remaining in the contest. East Lawrence added a couple of baskets late and Hanceville ended up falling just short in the end, 41-35.

Twitty finished with 13 points for Hanceville. Sterling added 10 and McAnnally ended up with six.

Hanceville will take on Elkmont on Friday at 5 p.m.

Vinemont 64 - Elkmont 61

Vinemont got off to a very fast start as Whitney Quick hit a layup less than 15 seconds into the game. Reagan Robinson later hit a short jumper to make it 4-0, then Quick scored the next six Lady Eagle points, the last basket coming off an Elkmont turnover, as the Lady Eagles pushed their lead to 10-2 with 4:15 remaining in the first quarter. Caroline Miller hit a shot down low to make it 12-2. Carley Stephens added another shot down low as that gave Vinemont a 14-4 lead, but the three-point shot got the Lady Red Devils back in the game as they drilled a trio of shots from deep to cut it to 16-14. Robinson hit a free throw, then Raylee Quick hit a layup as the Lady Eagles went into the second quarter up, 19-14.

Four free throws by Elkmont cut it to 21-20 with 5:28 remaining in the first half. A Morgan Flanagan basket made it 23-20, but the Lady Red Devils drilled a three to tie it up at 23. A three by Robinson, plus a basket down low by Stephens, helped the Lady Eagles grab a 29-25 lead.

Another Stephens basket down low saw Vinemont holding on to a 31-28 lead, then later on, Stephens converted on an and-one opportunity and Maggie Burks knocked down a pair of free throws to end the first half. Vinemont would take a 36-30 lead into the locker room.

A quick three by Whitney Quick, plus a Robinson free throw, increased the Lady Eagle lead to 40-30 early in the third period. Once again, the Lady Red Devils got red-hot from behind the three-point line as three more treys tied the game up at 40. Burks scored the next five points, including the old-fashioned three points, as that gave Vinemont a 45-40 lead. A Miller trey kept the Lady Eagle lead at five at 48-43. Elkmont went 4/4 from the free-throw line to end the third period as the Lady Eagles would take a 50-47 lead into the final quarter.

Another Elkmont trey cut it to 52-50 to start out the final period, then later on, two more Lady Red Devil free throws tied the game up at 53. Burks knocked down a trey to give Vinemont a 56-53 lead, then Raylee Quick added a free throw to make it 57-53. A basket down low by Miller and a pair of Robinson free throws pushed the Lady Eagle lead to 61-55 with 2:26 remaining in the contest. A pair of Whitney Quick free throws kept the Vinemont lead at six at 63-57, but a pair of Elkmont baskets trimmed the deficit to just three at 64-61 with 15 seconds remaining in the game. A last second heave by the Lady Red Devils fell short and the Lady Eagles held on to defeat Elkmont, 64-61.

Whitney Quick led the way for Vinemont with 16 points. Burks added 12 points. Robinson ended up with 11 points and Stephens added 10 points.

The Lady Eagles will take on East Lawrence on Saturday morning at 11 a.m.





Meek hosts inaugural Alumni Cheer pep rally



SARA GLADNEY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Alumni cheerleaders join the Meek High School varsity cheerleaders for the school's first Alumni Cheer event Friday, Nov. 4.

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ARLEY, Ala. — The Meek High School cheerleaders held their first Alumni Cheer event Friday, joined by 32 alumni who participated in the afternoon pep rally and planned to cheer on the Tigers that evening in their first round of playoffs.

Graduates from the 50s, 60s and 70s, along with more recent graduates, joined the varsity team. Tammy Neal, who graduated in 1977, said, "It's a different lifestyle from what I did in the 70s."

She said many of the cheers and even the school colors have changed over the years. "They taught us new cheers," said Meek Cheer Coach Kristen Lawson McCay. "We have cheers from the 60s all the way through to our most recent cheers."

McCay said a few of the alumni, eager to experience the fun of cheering on the Tigers again, had been asking her to host an event. "We're trying to raise money for nationals, so it came at a good time," she added.

The 15 varsity cheerleaders have been busy with fundraisers this year, holding nine different ones to raise enough money for the national competition in February.

"We've sold mattresses, we've done a raffle, we did a pre-game meal, about nine fundraisers, plus donations and we've still got three or four more fundraisers that we'll do," said McCay.

The Meek football team is undefeated this year (as of pre-game press time Friday evening), which has made for a great year for the cheerleaders as well, said McCay. "This has been the most fun year since I've been coaching cheerleading."

Tools of the Trade: 8th graders take over WSCC campus

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AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Wallace State Community College Program Chair, Art/ Visual Communications, Adrian Scott, left, speaks to students during the Tools of the Trade Career Fair Thursday, Nov. 3.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Over 1,200 eighth-grade students from Cullman, Marshall and Morgan counties descended on the campus of Wallace State Community College (WSCC) Thursday, Nov. 3, to attend the Career Showcase: Tools of the Trade Career Fair. "Vendors" representing areas of study at WSCC and career avenues available in the region filled several campus buildings and lined the paths between them.

"The Tools of the Trade event was an incredible opportunity for eighth-grade students from our area schools to experience hands-on activities and skills across all career clusters," shared WSCC Vice President for Advancement and Innovation Suzanne Harbin.

"These are careers that students can have in the Cullman area and we are so appreciative of our business and industry partners who participated and supported. Wallace State has so much to offer our community, and showcasing all of our programs, including the allied health programs in the Simulation Center and the manufacturing programs in the new Welding Technical Training Center, allowed for students to have a more real-life experience. We hope that this inspired students to consider a variety of careers for their future."

A collaboration between the college, the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA), Cullman County Economic Development and Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, the showcase allowed students from many schools to explore what it takes to enter a career they may be interested in pursuing.

CEDA Retail and Workforce Development Manager Susan Eller described the event.

"We had over 80 booths in four zones for students to visit. These booths represented an assortment of potential careers to explore. Some careers required a lot of education, some required less, which is Wallace State's expertise, and some required no formal education. There was really something for everyone.

"The students spent approximately 45 minutes in each of the zones. They could spend all the time at one booth where they had a lot of interest or they could visit with numerous booths learning about what they do, skills required to work there and about pay and benefits provided by the company."

Eller had a conversation with one student who exemplified the purpose of the event.

She shared, "I spoke with one young man who said his favorite part was meeting with the WSCC Welding Department. He was interested in pursuing a career in this field and he was able to talk directly with the instructor, see the classrooms and state-of-the-art training equipment available at WSCC."

Sponsors for the event included the Cullman County Community Development Commission, River Valley Ingredients, Cullman Power Board, Cullman Electric Cooperative, Tennessee Valley Authority, Alabama Farm Credit, HomTex, Inland Buildings, Industrial Development Board of the City of Cullman, Cullman County Industrial Development Authority and Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.



AMY LEONARD/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Over 1,200 eighth graders participated in hands-on activities during the Tools of the Trade Career Fair at Wallace State Community College on Thursday, Nov. 3.

Crash (from Front)

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GUNTERSVILLE, Ala. — Wesley Darnell, 43, of Arab, was fatally injured in a two-vehicle crash on Thursday, Nov. 3.

The crash happened at approximately 7:45 p.m., according to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), which reported that Darnell's 1999 Mercury Marquis crossed into oncoming traffic on Alabama Highway 69 near Warrenton Road in Marshall County and was struck by a 2013 Toyota Highlander.

Troopers said Darnell was not using a seat belt.

The driver of the Toyota Highlander, Randy Rathmann, 78, of Arab, and his passenger, Francine Rathmann, 77, of Arab, were both injured and transported to Huntsville Hospital.

No other information is available at this time as ALEA's Highway Patrol Division continues the investigation.

Student (from Front)

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JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — Leah Grace Tarvin, 22, was critically injured Wednesday near the Jacksonville State University (JSU) campus. Tarvin, a graduate of Holly Pond High School and current student at JSU, was struck by a vehicle at a crosswalk on Highway 22 near JSU's Brewer Hall. She was flown to UAB Hospital in Birmingham by helicopter.

Tarvin is reported to be in critical condition. No other details have been confirmed.

Tarvin's mother, Cindy Thomas Tarvin, posted to social media, asking for prayers for her daughter: "PLEASE I'm asking for prayers & a great miracle for my baby girl Leah Grace Tarvin."

The Jacksonville Police Department is leading the investigation into the incident, with technical assistance from the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency.

Jacksonville Police Chief Marcus Wood shared, "We're still in the gathering information and evidence stage. These investigations can be complex.

"So, we are trying to collect phone information, camera information from nearby buildings that may have camera footage.

"ALEA Traffic Homicide Investigations Unit out of the Jacksonville post is assisting with diagramming.

"There's a lot of things that we are trying to gather and get information from just so we have a clear picture of what we're dealing with and how to proceed when we start to talk on if the driver gets charged and if they do, what kind of charges will there be."

JSU posted the following to its Facebook page Thursday afternoon:

A statement from President Killingsworth:

Pedestrian accidents like the one that occurred Wednesday evening have, unfortunately, become all too common at JSU. For decades, members of the JSU community have been injured or even killed while crossing the two state highways that intersect our campus.

We have already had four pedestrians injured in three accidents on these roadways this year.

Since Highways 21 and 204 are state-controlled, it limits the university and city's ability to make improvements to keep our community safe.

Representatives from the university and the City of Jacksonville have met with the Alabama Department of Transportation as recently as March to request their assistance, but were told the crash data does not warrant any additional precautions. We have already reached out, once again, for assistance.

As you continue to keep Leah Tarvin and her family in your prayers, we ask that you also consider voicing your concerns to ALDOT at https://www.dot.state.al.us/reportaconcern.html.

This is a heartbreaking situation, and the university will continue to fight to protect our community.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF K.K.F.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 08/27/2021

CASE NO.: AD2022-055

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD K.K.F. BORN AUGUST 27, 2021, TO SHAYLA MARIE FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Lance Walker and Jessica Walker, 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 26th DAY OF October, 2022.

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

R. Champ Crocker
Attorney for Petitioners
207 Second Ave SE
Cullman, AL 35055

FOR LEGAL PUBLICATION

Case No. S-2019-437

NOTICE OF HEARING
The State of Alabama, St Clair County Probate Court
Estate of: **Helen Cummings Brown, Deceased**

To: Tina Smith

You will please take notice that the 2nd day of September, 2022 a Report of Insolvency was filed in the above-styled matter by Theresa Kelley, Personal Representative of said Estate, by and through her attorney of record, Kristin Waters Sullivan, and that the 22nd day of November, 2022, at 9:30 am, has been appointed a day for hearing thereof, at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

Given under my hand this the 19th day of October, 2022.

Andrew Weathington, Judge of Probate

Of Counsel:

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Suite 1350
Birmingham, AL 35203

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF K.R.F.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 02/05/2020

CASE NO.: AD2022-054

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD K.R.F. BORN FEBRUARY 5, 2020, TO SHAYLA MARIE FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Lance Walker and Jessica Walker, 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 26th DAY OF October, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
GREGORY WILLIAM STORY * CASE NO PC 2022-007
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATRIX'S DEED AND PETITION OF ADMINISTRATRIX FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: BROOKE WHITE, BLAKE STORY AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Motion for Administratrix's Deed and Petition of Administratrix for Final Settlement, for the estate if Gregory William Story, Deceased, has been set for hearing on the **3rd day of January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.**

All persons of interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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

Shay Persall
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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* CASE NO. PC 2022-332

IN RE: THE CONSERVATORSHIP AND GUARDIANSHIP OF HUE E. SMITH

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: ***David Kelso***
Daniel Kelso
Tamy Kelso, and
Any unknown heirs of Hue E. Smith

Please take notice that a Motion For Permanent Guardianship and Conservatorship in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Rebecca Smith Roden, Petitioner, and that the 20th day of December, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. has been set for a hearing on the same at the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Please be advised that if you intend to contest this matter, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days hereof with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below and with the Clerk of said Probate Court.

DONE this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

S. Wayne Fuller
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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 *
ALICE ANN KENNEDY * CASE NO PC 2022-323
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Roland Carroll Barger** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Alice Ann Kennedy,** deceased, on the 3rd day of November, 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.

Roland Carroll Barger
Personal Representative

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Personal Representative
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Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

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

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, AL
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

DYER ROY,)
DYER TERESA,)
Plaintiffs,)
)
V.) Case No.: CV-2022-900265.00
)
MCLEOD RANDY J.,)
MCLEOD PAM D.,)
Defendants.)

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

TO: ANY AND ALL PERSONS, HEIRS OR DEVISEES OF RANDY J. MCLEOD OR PAM MCLEOD, claiming any right, title and interest to the following described real property, to-wit: **Parcel # 25-02-03-0-000-003.001**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 3RD day of October 2022, a Complaint in Rem to Quiet Title was filed by Plaintiffs Roy Dyer and Teresa Dyer, by and through their counsel of record, Seth B. Thompson, wherein all parties at interest were given notice and wherein it was alleged that said Complaint was filed against the property described above, and it was alleged that Plaintiffs were the owner in fee simple of said real property.

The parties at interest are further notified that Plaintiffs aver in said Complaint that they claim title to the real property by reason of the following chain of title, to wit:

(a)On the 5th day of March, 2018, a decree was rendered by the Revenue Commissioner of Cullman County for the sale of land herein described and conveyed for the State and County taxes of Randy J. McLeod and Pam McCleod, the owners of said land for the cost of expenses thereto and thereunder.

(b) On the 1st day of May, 2018, said lands were duly and regularly sold by the Revenue Commissioner of said county for taxes, costs and expenses and at said sale Plaintiffs purchased said lands at and for the sum of said taxes, costs and expenses and forthwith paid said sum to the Revenue Commissioner, and received from said Revenue Commissioner a certificate of said sale.

(c) The time of redemption of said lands has elapsed and said certificate of purchase had been returned to the Revenue Commissioner of said county.

(d) On or about the 18th day of May, 2021, Plaintiffs came forward and notified the Revenue Commissioner that they had taken lawful possession of the land and were due a deed pursuant to the Code of Alabama, specifically, but not limited to Title 40-10-29 and act number 84-493. Plaintiffs have met all requirements under these two statutes and other provisions of Alabama Law.

(e) Title to the real property described hereinabove stands upon the records in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, in the name of the Plaintiffs.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED to answer this Complaint on or before thirty (30) days from the 5th day of December, 2022, or on failure to do so, suffer a default judgment to be rendered against you.

DONE this 5th day of October, 2022.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

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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

BRENDA ANN WIX, CASE NO. PC 2022-379

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Sabrina Currington, as Administratrix of the Estate of Brenda Ann Wix, deceased, on the 2nd day of November, 2022, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Sabrina Currington

Shay Persall
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Attorney for Administratrix

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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 *
GAIL A. THOMPSON, * CASE NO PC 2022-272
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: DREW BAGWELL, BROOKE BAGWELL AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTEREST PARTIES

The Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Gail A. Thompson, Deceased, filed by Tracy William Thompson, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Richard L. Collins, has been scheduled for the **5th day of January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 3rd day of November, 2022.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

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CCSO donates $20K to local schools for special needs programs

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) on Thursday donated $5,000 to Cullman City Schools and $15,000 to Cullman County Schools in support of special needs programs for students.

The funds were raised at the CCSO's long-running Jimmy Arrington Memorial Cullman County Sheriff's Rodeo, which is named in memory of former Cullman County Deputy Lt. Jimmy Arrington for his pivotal role is launching the event. As part of the rodeo, the sheriff's office also invites several local special needs children from across the city of Cullman and Cullman County to participate.

"Children are the most valuable resource we have, and this is one of my favorite events we're able to do," Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said. "To see the smiles on those students' faces, getting to do things they wouldn't normally be able to do. It really makes it all worthwhile."

To date, the CCSO has donated more than $124,000 to local schools thanks to the rodeo fundraiser over the past several years. "We are so thankful for the support from local law enforcement, and for their time and dedication to host such an amazing event for special needs children and families across the city and county," said Cullman City Schools Superintendent Kyle Kallhoff. "These funds will be used to support special needs programs across our system."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Officials with Cullman City Schools, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and Cullman County Schools met Thursday, Nov. 3, for the presentation of donations from the sheriff's office in support of special needs programs across the city and county.

Show (from Front)

people come to my farm, and they are like, 'How do you do that?'"

Snead uses her experiences watching her animals interact and her show as a way to teach kids not to discriminate against those different from themselves. Her interactive and comedic show has been a hit with each of her field trip groups. She has performed the show at West Point Elementary School and will soon be performing at Hayden and Ohatchee Schools. Snead is currently booked at the Cullman County Library until February 2023. She has been hired to put on shows at the Holly Pond Library during the summer.

"It's really growing a lot," she said. "It's just been amazing."

To schedule a tour of Snead's Farmhouse, call 205-807-2549 or book online at www.sneadsfarmhouse.com.

Rock the South (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Just a few months removed from Rock the South 2022, festival partner Shane Quick on Friday announced that next year's event will be the biggest one yet, growing from two days to three.

"Going to three days allows us to continue to compete on a national level with other festivals, bring more bands to Cullman and spread our expenses over another festival day," said Quick. RTS 2023 will be held Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22. In previous years, RTS was held in early summer, and most recently, in August.

Said Quick, "Doing the festival in July allows us to be further away from the school year and away from college rush season." The economic impact created by RTS has been felt by the city and county. According to Quick, the continued growth of the festival will only increase the revenue generated by local hotels, restaurants, gas stations and other businesses across the region.

"The economic impact on the city/county was nearly $20 million in 2022," he said. "We fully expect that to be closer to $30 million in 2023 because of the extra festival day and continued growth."

2023 lineup and ticket sales

"We will announce the artists on Thursday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m.," said Quick. "At that same time, we will start our 24-hour pre-sale. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m."

Quick encouraged fans to sign up on the festival's website to receive a pre-sale code. More details can be found on RTS social media platforms and www.rockthesouth.com.

Ballot (from Front)

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State Treasurer
- Young Boozer, R
- Scott Hammond, L

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- Andrew Sorrell, R
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- Rick Pate, R
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- Jeremy Oden, R, Incumbent
- Ron Bishop, L

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- Chip Beeker, R
- Laura Lane, L

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- Marie Manning, R

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- Champ Crocker, R

District Court Judge, Cullman County, Place 1
- Chad Floyd, R

Cullman County Coroner
- Jeremy Kilpatrick, R

Cullman County Commission, District 1
- Kerry Watson, R

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- Garry Marchman, R

Cullman County Commission, District 3
- Kelly Duke, R

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- Corey Freeman, R

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- Matt Gentry, R

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- Randall Shedd, R

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- James Fields, D
- Corey Harbison, R, Incumbent

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- Timothy Wadsworth, R

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- Shane Rusk, R

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- Kenny Brockman, R

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- Mike Graves, R

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- Kerry Neighbors, R

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE:

• CONSTITUTION OF ALABAMA OF 2022
Proposing adoption of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, which is a recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, prepared in accordance with Amendment 951, arranging the constitution in proper articles, parts, and sections, removing racist language, deleting duplicated and repealed provisions, consolidating provisions regarding economic development, arranging all local amendments by county of application, and making no other changes. (Proposed by Act 2022-111)"

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 1: Aniah's Law
Known as Aniah's Law, the amendment states that an individual is eligible for reasonable bail "unless charged with capital murder, murder, kidnapping in the first degree, rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, sexual torture, domestic violence in the first degree, human trafficking in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, arson in the first degree, robbery in the first degree, terrorism when the specified offense is a Class A felony other than murder, and aggravated child abuse of a child under the age of six."

Currently, the state constitution guarantees bails for defendants with the exception of those charged with capital crimes. Amendment 1 would also include those charged with other violent felonies.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 2: Give local communities access to federal broadband funds
Sponsored by Rep. Randall Shedd, Amendment 2 would give local governments the authority to grant federal broadband infrastructure funds. It would "authorize the state, a county, or a municipality to grant federal award funds or any other source of funding designated for broadband infrastructure by state law to public or private entities for providing or expanding broadband infrastructure.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 3: Communication of reprieve or commutation of death sentence
The amendment would require the governor to serve notice to the attorney general and to a victim's family before commuting or reprieving a death sentence. Currently, the law does not require a victim's family to be notified if their loved one's assailant death sentence is commuted by the governor.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 4: Effective date
The amendment would mandate that any election law to have an effective date at a minimum of six months before the general election. The election law would be required to go in effect each year with the first week of May, making the six-month minimum.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 5: "Orphans' business"
Requested by the Alabama Law Institute, the amendment would remove language deemed archaic and does not mirror the way the state handles minors. Probate judges handle guardianships and adoptions, yet the juvenile courts are tasked with handling the legal matters with children and juveniles.

Othni Lathram, the director of the Alabama Law Institute, explained, "It makes it clear there's no inherent authority of the probate judge over juvenile judges."

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 6: Ad valorem tax use
Amendment 6 would enable cities to use ad valorem taxes for bond repayments and capital improvements opposed to taking out loans or bonds.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 7: Economic development for counties
The amendment would "specify that all counties and municipalities may exercise the authority and powers granted by Amendment 772 to provide for economic and industrial development; to permit notice for Amendment 772 projects to be published in any newspaper in circulation in the county or municipality; and to ratify all actions and agreements of any county or municipality done under Amendment 772 unless subject to pending judicial proceedings on the date of adoption of this amendment."

The current Amendment 759, which Amendment 7 would update, limits the ability of county governments to draw in new business. Currently, 14 counties have added individual amendments to the Alabama State Constitution Amendment 759. Amendment 7 would allow more counties in the state to have the same economic development opportunities without the requirement of court approval for each project.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 8: Shelby County sewer system
Specific to Shelby County, the amendment would allow sewer systems owned by some private entities to use public roads under certain circumstances. The private owned sewer systems that serve Shelby County would be brought under Public Service Commission regulations.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 9: Jefferson and Tuscaloosa Counties sewer systems
Specific to Jefferson and Tuscaloosa Counties, the amendment would mandate Public Service Commission regulations to certain private sewer systems which use public roads in the Lake View city limits. Lake View lies on the border of Tuscaloosa and Jefferson Counties.

• STATEWIDE AMENDMENT 10: Recompilation Amendment
Amendment 10 is procedural and authorizes the Code Commissioner to "to renumber and place constitutional amendments ratified before or on the same day as the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, based on a logical sequence and the particular subject or topic of the amendment."

• LOCAL AMENDMENT 1: Election of County School Superintendent
The local Amendment 1 would allow voters the opportunity to elect the Cullman County School Superintendent for a four-year term. Currently, the position is appointed.

• LOCAL AMENDMENT 2: County Revenue Commissioner term
Local Amendment 2 would set the Revenue Commissioner's term of office to begin on Dec. 1 following the 2026 general election and every six years following.

Relating to Cullman County; proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide that the term of office of the Revenue Commissioner would commence on December 1 following the general election in 2026, and every six years thereafter.

Get more information at www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes.

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

Ben Johnson South
Tribune Columnist

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything."
- Plato

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."
- Ephesians 5:19



TASTE OF HOME



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Maybe I'm snowphobic. Whenever I'm watching a movie and snow starts falling, it makes my tear ducts activate and the waterworks start. "Dr. Zhivago" had me gnawing the theater carpet. "Frosty the Snowman," that brute, turns me into sloppy slush.

The blame for my snowfall bawling goes mostly to the accompanying soundtrack. Music powerfully elicits positive, and also negative, emotions. Think of the spine-tingling cringe as you are hearing the creepy, dissonant music in the shower scene at the Bates Motel in Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho." The actual "stabbing sound" was made by a sound engineer stabbing a Casaba melon.

Pardon the sniffles someone might get at the end of "Home Alone," a Christmastime story with blizzards of billowing snow when Kevin McCallister is re-UNITING with his mom. Academy Award film music legend John Williams' violins melt the hearts of even the most hardened "Hallmark Christmas" movie dismissing stoics.

S.U.N.S. MUSIC is about making the choice to add joy to your world with sounds which particularly lift your spirits, not just during the holidays, but every day, year-round.

Music appreciation is subjective. S.U.N.S. MUSIC is delightfully personal; it's what makes YOU think happy thoughts and feel joyous.

S.U.N.S. (Smile-Making, Uniting, Neighboring, Spellbinding) is the acronym "The JOYrontologist" developed after 40 years researching and studying "joyous aging."

Keep these four, simple elements in mind as you create your own personal S.U.N.S. MUSIC soundtrack for your life. My "joyous playlist" changes almost every week with new, happy finds, but here are "The Top 40" bits of happiness and contentment I'm currently enjoying which might inspire your own.

S.U.N.S. MUSIC
(Smile-Making)

"I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing." - William James

1. "WALKING ON SUNSHINE" by Katrina and the Waves is an unabashedly upbeat song written by the British rock band's guitarist, Kimberley Rew, in 1983. She calls the eternally sunshine-y hit, "a piece of simple fun, an optimistic song."

2. "PIANO SONATA No. 17" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was like "Walking on Sunshine," first performed by a girl; in this case by the composer's student, Barbara Ployer, in 1784. The finale of this 18-minute SMILE-MAKING "vunder ding" was inspired by the trilling of Mozart's pet starling.

3. "DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY" is reggae-tinged, lilting happiness by American musician, Bobby McFerrin. It was the first a cappella song to reach no. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. The "instrument" sounds were overdubbed from McFerrin's voice. The joyous phrase, "Don't worry, be happy" was popular on posters and other imprintables several years prior to the songwriting. The somewhat forgettable film, "Cocktail," brought this unforgettable, jaunty joy to the world.

4. "SHINY, HAPPY PEOPLE" was created by the American rock band, R.E.M., and inspired by Chinese government propaganda. Guest vocals are by Kate Pierson of the joy-giving party band, B-52s.

5. "HOW GREAT THOU ART" is a rousing, Christian hymn associated with the Billy Graham crusades and was based on the Swedish hymn "O Store Gud."

6. "ALWAYS LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE OF LIFE" is British "stiff upper lip" sung with vats of warm beer-drenched irony as singalongs in pub, at football matches as well as funerals. It was written by Monty Python comedy genius, Eric Idle, and first heard in the film, "Life of Brian."

7. "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER" has been one of my favorite SMILE-MAKING songs since growing up in the Southern Baptist church. It was also a favorite of High Anglican, Winston Churchill. As an Episcopalian, I've moved closer to Churchill, but all the "kick ass" stridency of The Broadman Hymnal remains my favorite church music. Onward with blessedly confident assurance and choral superiority, Christian soldiers.

8. "GREAT BALLS OF FIRE" sold a million records in the first ten days it was released by Jerry Lee Lewis in 1957. It's on my current, S.U.N.S. MUSIC playlist to honor Mr. Lewis who died earlier this week. A few years back, Jerry Lee Lewis' daughter was seated next to me at a fun dinner at Monmouth Plantation in Natchez, Mississippi, and we performed an impromptu duet of some lyrics of that song with cocktail glass accompaniment—"GOODNESS GRACIOUS, GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!" Goodness wasn't always associated with "The Killer," but he was indeed one of the SMILE-MAKING greats.

9. "I GOT RHYTHM" was a show tune composed by George Gershwin with lyrics by his brother, Ira, for the 1930 musical, "Girl Crazy." The creative syncopation became a springboard for many jazz songs. Ira Gershwin said that he originally titled it "Who Could Ask for Anything More?" because that line is repeated a number of times but he opted for "I Got Rhythm" because the first four compelling notes are more "arresting."

10. "DANCE OF THE SUGAR PLUM FAIRY" is a highlight of Tchaikovsky's compositions for "The Nutcracker" ballet. The choreographer wanted this dance to sound like "drops of water sprinkling from a fountain" and the composer found an obscure instrument called a "celesta" which looks like a piano but sounds like bells. Don't wait for this Christmas chestnut, it can get you up on your tippy toes, today.

S.U.N.S. MUSIC
(Uniting)

"Love is the harmony of two souls singing together." - Gregory J. P. Godek

11. "YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE" is a Broadway show tune by Rodgers and Hammerstein introduced in the musical, "Carousel" in 1945. The song became an anthem to honor medical workers and "first responders" during the COVID-19 pandemic. Elvis turned his version into a church song and it's rawtha glorious but my personal fave for a playlist is by Josh Groban.

12. "COUNT ON ME" by Hawaiian singer-songwriter, Bruno Mars, is in the "folk tropical" genre. The 2010 move-and-groove details the importance of friendship and communicates it with boatloads of positivity.

13. "WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN" is a Christian hymn from 1907 which many of us associate with Hank Williams, Sr. It particularly is about how we have cherished UNITING with others now departed. The opening lines are:

"There are loved
ones in the glory,
Whose dear forms
you often miss.
When you close your
earthly story,
Will you join them
in their bliss?"

14. "PARACHUTE" by country singer-songwriter, Chris Stapleton, co-created with Jim Beavers, was a 2016 hit. (Note: With this week's S.U.N.S. MUSIC compilation, we've already gone from 1784 to 2016. As you create your personal playlist, you'll find centuries of joy UNITING you with those people about whom you deeply care.) The most memorable line from this 21st century ode to joy is "Baby, I will be your parachute."

15. "WE ARE FAMILY" by Sister Sledge went "gold" becoming no. 1 on both the R&B and "pop" charts in 1979. Billboard Magazine ranks this song no. 20 in its "100 Greatest Girl Group Songs of All Time."

16. "PEOPLE" composed by Jule Styne with lyrics by Bob Merrill was one of many great songs in the 1964 musical, "Funny Girl." Great versions of this song can be YouTubed, including those by: Aretha Franklin, Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, The Supremes, Nat King Cole and a somewhat popular rendition by Barbra Streisand.

17. "I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU" was written and originally recorded by Dolly Parton as a farewell message to her business partner and co-performer, Porter Wagoner. Soul and disco singer, Whitney Houston, had a great success with the Parton song done as a "soul ballad." Houston's version sold 20 million records worldwide and is "The Best-Selling Solo Record by a Female of All Time."

18. "MY HEART WILL GO ON" was the theme song recorded by Celine Dion for the 1997 Oscar-winning, James Cameron directed film, "Titanic."

19. "YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE" is a 1940s song co-written by two-term Governor of Louisiana, Jimmie Davis, and Charles Mitchell. This sweet tune has been recorded by 350+ artists and translated into 30 languages.

20. "HOLD ON, I'M COMING" was inspired by songwriter, Isaac Hayes, returning to the music studio after a bathroom break. The major hit was recorded by soul duo, Sam and Dave.

S.U.N.S. MUSIC
(Neighboring)

"It is not worth singing for ourselves; it is nicer if two people sing together. Then more people: hundreds, thousands, until the huge 'harmony' can be heard in which we can all be just one, indeed. Then will we be able to say: 'May the world be happy.'" - Zoltan Kodaly

21. "WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?" was inspired by a Beethoven sonata but another creative gent is more associated with the music because the simple, piano tune version is the opening theme of the children's show, "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." You know the words, kiddo. Go ahead, spread a warm smile across your face and enjoy it.

22. "I LOVE THIS BAR" performed and co-written by country megastar, Toby Keith, is one of the most neighbor-befriending singalongs of the 21st century. The song inspired a chain of eateries individually branded as, wait for this—I Love This Bar & Grill.

23. "FIX YOU" was written collectively by the four members of the British rock group, Coldplay, to comfort Gwyneth Paltrow, then the wife of band member, Chris Martin, after the death of her beloved dad. The words promise that when you feel broken, I promise to be there to try to make things better for you and help you—"fix you." The sentiment is about the UNITING of a couple but the lovely gesture of adding your creativity as a group to help someone is divinely NEIGHBORING.

24. "EVERYBODY HURTS" by American rockers, R.E.M., is an argument against suicide and was aimed to a teen audience. The simplistic message is unnuanced, blunt yet loving.

25. "WE ARE THE WORLD" is a charity single created in 1985 by a music supergroup, USA FOR AFRICA. 20 million records were sold to support humanitarian aid. Volunteers included: Ray Charles, Billy Joel, Cyndi Lauper, Diana Ross, Bruce Springsteen, Tina Turner and many others.

26. "TRY A LITTLE KINDNESS" was a 1969 hit for the "Rhinestone Cowboy," Glen Campbell. With a jingle-jangle tune and NEIGHBORING advice to "try kindness... and overlook the blindness of narrow-minded people" this is easy to love and share.

27. "WE BUILD" by Nichole Nordeman is another spiritual song in my list but one with lyrics that particularly resonate with our heightened awareness of climate change and potential crisis.

"We clear away what
was and make room
for what will be.
If you hold the nails,
I'll take the hammer.
I'll hold it still if you'll
climb the ladder.
If you will, then
I will build."

28. "PEOPLE HELPING OTHER PEOPLE" takes my playlist all the way from Mozart to Barney, yes, the purple dinosaur. This is about NEIGHBORING—don't judge. Barney's joyful ode to helpers gives "shout

outs" to teachers, police and doctors but includes all of us in the catchy chorus:

"Cause people helping other people
Is what this world
is about.
And the people who are
helping other people
We couldn't do without."

29. "WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES" was a huge hit for singer-songwriter, Joe South in 1970. This was another tumultuous time for America society and the message is about racial tolerance and the NEIGHBORING for perspective and compassion.

30. "I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU (theme for "Friends")" by The Rembrandts is certainly one of the most well-known of the S.U.N.S. MUSIC songs list. It resides somewhere between Mozart and Barney sharing a cup at Central Perk, the fictional coffee shop on the television sit-com "Friends." You know the tune, here's the chorus:

"I'll be there for you
(When the rain
starts to pour).
I'll be there for you
(Like I've been
there before).
I'll be there for you
('Cause you're there
for me too.)"

S.U.N.S.
(Spellbinding)

"You have to take a deep breath and allow the music to flow through you. Revel in it, allow yourself to awe."- Kelly White

31. "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY" by Queen is a "mock opera" which I can't swear to you I even understand other than it's sort of a frenzied, art school assemblage written and warbled by Freddie Mercury as a maybe, maybe anthem for creative rebels. This 1975, six-minute suite is a work I continue to find mind-boggling and SPELLBINDING.

32. "BACH: THE GOLDBERG VARIATIONS" which was first published in 1741 is a masterwork I found particularly comforting and transporting after my parents each died. The recording I have run a needle through is from 1956 by the Canadian pianist, Glenn Gould. If you prefer strings, there is a grand recording of the composition, or perhaps it is plural since Johann Sebastian Bach wrote this as a ballet aria with thirty distinct variations, performed by YoYo Ma.

33. "JUST DANCE" by Lady Gaga is up-tempo "electro-pop" nightclubbing music. It's not rocket science though it does get one out of one's head and onto the dance floor. The artist commented on her career-propelling hit—"Everyone is looking for a song that really speaks to the joy in our souls and in our hearts and having a good time..."

34. "THE FOUR SEASONS" written as four violin concertos in 1720 by Antonio Vivaldi, take one to the Italian countryside in each of the four seasons of the year. "Spring" is the most popular because of all the joyful budding and renewed sunshine but I'm writing this in Fall while listening to "Autumn" and it too is sublime—all four are. No need to choose between them, all are magnifico!

35. "SOS" by Abba—OK, every song by this Swedish rock group, even "Fernando."

36. "BABY SHARK" by PinkFong is definitely an "earworm" but it's so addicting. If I were marooned on an island and could only hear one musical genre, I suppose I'd choose to hear the intricate complexity of classical, but "Baby Shark" is SMILE-MAKING and can be mind-numbing and in that way—SPELLBINDING. Some close friends recently announced they are expecting another child, so "Baby Shark" is on my playlist. That's my story and I'm sticking to it. Now everybody singalong: "Baby shark doo doo doo doo doo doo. Mommy shark doo doo doo doo doo. Daddy shark doo...."

37. "LIBERTANGO" by Astor Piazzolla, yes it's tango but it's not severe, it's liberated—"nuevo tango." Ole!

38. "WANNABE" by The Spice Girls was written in less than 30 minutes of brainstorming by the British "besties" who were actually recruited by an advertisement campaign. It begins with a recorded "laugh" and is about female friendships triumphing over romantic couplings. Wait, did you just stifle a yawn? It's still captivating and some SMILE-MAKING fun.

39. "WORK" by Rihanna with Drake "guesting" is about working for a living but having some fun along the way. It's reggae-infused pop and very dancehall SPELLBINDING.

40. "ODE TO JOY" is best known as Ludwig von Beethoven's final (fourth movement) of his Ninth Symphony which he completed in 1824. The symphonic masterpiece was inspired by a poem written by German poet/playwright Friedrich Schiller in the summer of 1785 which he originally titled "Ode to Freedom." The music eclipsed the words.

S.U.N.S. MUSIC has many ways to bolster "joyous aging." Michelle Crouch, writing in an article titled "13 Incredible Ways Music Benefits You" (Readers Digest Magazine, June 2018) reminded me of something I've witnessed on multiple occasions. She wrote, "Maybe you've heard about Alzheimer's patients coming alive when they hear a song from their past. Studies show that music helps them retrieve memories, communicate more effectively, and remember who they are."

JOY-GIVERS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK

Nov. 5—Odell Beckham, Jr.
Nov. 6—John Philip Sousa
Nov. 7—Lorde
Nov. 8—Bonnie Raitt
Nov. 9—Carl Sagan
Nov. 10—Sinbad
Nov. 11—Jonathan Winters

MUSICAL BENNE SEED WAFERS—SOUTH CAROLINA BENNE SEEDS
(Source: tasteofhome.com)

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

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup Benne (sesame) seeds
- 1-1/4 cup packed, light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon baking powder
- 1-1/4 to 2-1/2 cups 60% cacao bittersweet chocolate baking chips
- 2 teaspoons shortening or coconut oil

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Place Benne seeds on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake until fragrant and lightly browned, 10-15 minutes; cool.

2. Reduce oven temp to 300F. In a large bowl, beat brown sugar and butter until crumbly. Beat in egg and vanilla extract. In a small bowl, whisk together flour, salt and baking powder. Gradually beat into sugar mixture. Add cooled Benne seeds and stir to combine.

3. Roll level teaspoons of mixture into balls. Place 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Reduce oven temperature to 250F; bake until set, but still soft, 18-20 minutes. Cool on pan 5 minutes before removing to a wire rack to cool completely.

4. To make the chocolate drizzle, melt the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl uncovered at 50% power until melted. Stop and stir every 30 seconds. In total, this shouldn't take more than 90 seconds. Stir in the shortening (or coconut oil) until combined.

5. Drizzle the chocolate over the wafers, making sure the cookies are totally cool first. You can also dip the wafers. Let the chocolate stand until set before storing.

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

941. "The Sound of Music" story, film, music

942. "Wheel of Fortune" by Kay Starr, the no. 1 song the year I was born

943. Learning to "jitterbug" to "Rock Around the Clock"

944. Sheb Wooley singing "The Purple People-Eater" at my Terry kinfolks' music theme park, "Terry Town" in Loretto, Tennessee

945. Singing "Just a Bowl of Butterbeans" with Bob Cain and The Canebreakers to the tune of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

946. Slow dancing to a recording of the theme from "A Summer Place"

947. Hearing Billy Joe Royal sing "Down in the Boondocks" at the National Guard Armory

948. Being on groovy Carnaby Street in London and singing "I Wanna Hold Your Hand"

949. Hanging out at Fame Studios with the vibes of Aretha and Mick

950. Knowing somebody who knew Toni Tennille before she hooked up with the Captain

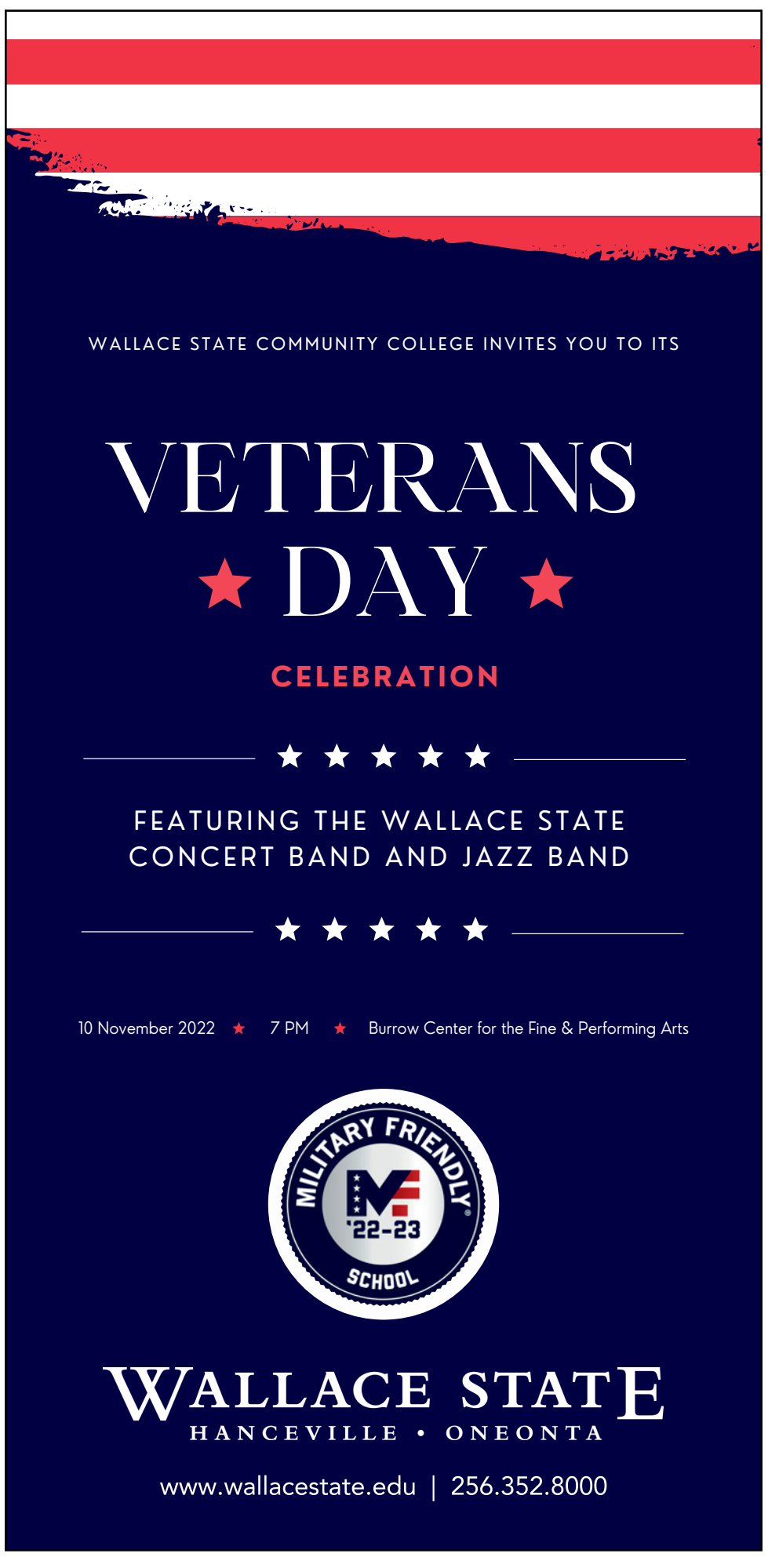
951. Doing the "King Tut" to "Walk Like an Egyptian" by The Bangles

952. "The Music Man" especially performed as a community musical

HAPPY NEW WEEK, JOYOUSLY ALIVE WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC!

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





Clancy (from Front)

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

Pretty Clancy is an interesting mix of chihuahua and hound dog.

The loving girl is approximately 2.5-3 years old and has low to medium energy needs.

This is a nice way of saying that she enjoys being a lazy bones and also likes to be active occasionally.

Clancy is smart on her leash and respects personal space. Her favorite time of day is when she is by your side.

Clancy will make a lucky family and excellent companion and/or hiking dog.

Clancy's adoption fee includes DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

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

Awards (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With Cullman's new event venue Cotton Creek providing the backdrop, The Link of Cullman County hosted its Legacy Awards and Annual Meeting Thursday. Community members browsed and bid on silent auction items during the social hour while enjoying drinks and music provided by The Overtones.

As the evening moved into the dinner hour, guests celebrated many in attendance who received Legacy Awards, which honor the recipients' dedication to providing service and love to those in need.

Legacy Award winners for 2022 include Kris Graves, Julie Hall, Amber McLaughlin, Eric Casey, Steve Townsend, Christian King, Sherry Henry, Jannie Waggoner, Missy Haigh, Trae Norrell, Eddie Canaday and Daystar Church.

An interesting feature of the evening was the "butt sketch artist" who drew sketches of willing attendees' derrieres.

The Link's Literary Coordinator Dakota Trammel explained, "Our clients are with us temporarily and need us for a short time.

"We love them and help them and then they move along. As much as we love them, our goal is to watch them walk away from us and our services into a stronger life.

"We thought the butt sketch artist would give a good representation of that goal."

The Link provides services to individuals seeking education, food, personal growth, finances and much more.

For more information, visit www.linkingcullman.org.

Obituary Announcements: Nov. 3-4

James William Meherg, 91
Funeral service for James William Meherg, 91, of Baileyton, will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. The visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. prior to the service on Saturday. Rev. Deborah Moon will officiate the service. The interment will be in Bethel Methodist Cemetery in Morgan County. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Meherg family. Mr. Meherg passed peacefully, Wednesday evening at his home surrounded by his loved ones. James was a longtime resident of Baileyton. He was a member of Baileyton United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School. He retired from the Cullman County School System after 33 years of dedicated service. Mr. Meherg was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in the Alabama National Guard. He was a well-known pillar of the Baileyton community. He leaves a legacy of love to all who knew him. He leaves behind his loving wife of 68 years, Martha Sue Hyatt Meherg; five children, Sandra Meherg Myrick, Richard Meherg, Edward (Rebecca) Meherg, Phillip Meherg, and Brinkley (Laurie) Meherg; along with numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; and four siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard Lem Meherg and Lena Belle Melhorne; and two siblings.

Anita Yap Mangin, 80
Anita Yap Mangin, 80, of Cullman passed from this life on Nov. 2, 2022, at her residence surrounded by her family. Mrs. Mangin was born July 21, 1942, to Ching Go Yap and Leng Hua Lim. No services are planned at this time.

"Ellen" Jane Holder Benefield, 59
"Ellen" Jane Holder Benefield, age 59 of Haleyville, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at her residence. Ellen was born on Sept. 6, 1963, in Huntsville, Alabama. A visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where the service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at 2 p.m. Ellen is survived by her spouse, Randall Keith Benefield; daughters, Brandi Nicole Phelps (Henry Dewayne Clark), Amanda Kate Benefield (Brian Keith Beasley) and Candice Marie Benefield (Derrick Lamont Larke); grandchildren, Amber Nicole Dial (Matison Cole Dial), Colli Elizebeth Simonson, Randall Cole Simonson, Douglas Terrel Corbin, Tanner Lehonest Corbin, Ellie Mae Kate Corbin and Landon Xavior Knight; brother, James Holder (Becky); nieces, Paige Thomas and Claire Rippy; sister, Jessica Danielle Holder; stepsister, Shawna Ferguson; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her dad, James David Holder; mom, Betty Jane "Janie" Gatlin; grandparents, Harold and Betty Shelt, and Ed and Margret Holder.

Michael B. Wisener, 80
Michael B. Wisener, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away Nov. 1, 2022, at the age of 80. Mike was born in Gadsden, Alabama, on Aug. 12, 1942, to Jewell Dolphus (J.D.) and Nellie Ed Chamblee Wisener. Mr. Wisener served his country honorably in the United States Airforce, and for 35 years Mike served as a Civil Engineer for the Alabama Department of Transportation. As a member of both the Holly Pond Historical Society and the Blountsville Historical Society, Mike's knowledge of both towns and their history was unmatched. Mike had a passion for Holly Pond and its people. When he traveled, he was always happy to return home to his beloved Holly Pond. Mike served many years on the board of Holly Pond Cemetery, and he knew each family and their connections to the town. On several occasions he was able to share information with the families of their ancestors, stories long forgotten, helping to keep the history of Holly Pond and its people alive for future generations. Mr. Wisener loved to flyfish, and he spent any time he could enjoying the sport. He was also known by many as a "Santa Helper." While Mike enjoyed getting to help Santa, the joy he brought to so many children will not be forgotten soon. Whether you knew Mike as a part of Holly Pond history, as a "Santa Helper," or as a sweet friend, it is for certain that he will be greatly missed by many people. Mr. Wisener is preceded in death by his parents, J.D. and Nellie Wisener. Mike's family was a cherished part of his life. He is survived by his wife, Amelia Wisener; daughter, Laura Hendrix (Chris); granddaughter, Abrey Crumbley (Clint); great-grandson, Benelli Crumbley; sister, Jane Black; nephew, Lee Black (Brooke); lifelong friends, Dan and Brenda Scott, Eugene and Nelda Simpson; and many friends and neighbors. Funeral services for Mr. Wisener are 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Earl Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery with Clint Crumbley, Lee Black, Chris Hendrix, Blane Black, Cody Kelly, and Jason Scott serving as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the family on Saturday from 11 a.m. until services begin. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, you donate to the Holly Pond Cemetery in Mike's name as Mike worked/volunteered for the cemetery for almost 20 years. Donations can be mailed to: Holly Pond Cemetery, P.O. Box 335, Holly Pond, AL 35083.

Danny Ray Nichols, 64
A funeral service for Danny Ray Nichols of Hanceville will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Laodicea Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Nichols was born Aug. 9, 1958, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Hurchel and Lorene (Harvell) Nichols. He died at the age of 64 Nov. 2, 2022, at his residence in Hanceville, Alabama. Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer (James) Haddock; grandchildren, Blake Haddock and Bayleigh Haddock; brother, Gregory (Donna) Nichols; mother of his daughter, Teresa Nichols; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jason Eric McCollum, 49
Jason Eric McCollum, age 49, of Cullman, Alabama passed away Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. Jason was born in Arab, Alabama to Martha Dyar McCollum and Joel Ralph McCollum. Jason is survived by his wife, Winafred Kelso McCollum; his sons Will McCollum, Sloan McCollum, Drew McCollum; his mother Martha Dyar McCollum; his father Joel Ralph McCollum; his mother-in-law Donna Kelso and his father-in-law Wayne Kelso; his sister Krystal (Russell) Wright; a host of other family and friends. A visitation for Jason will be held Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. at Desperation Church, 510 Fifth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 at 11 a.m, at Desperation Church 510 Fifth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 with Pastor Andy Heis officiating. An interment will occur Monday, Nov. 7, 2022 at New Hope #2 Cemetery, 15 County Road 1698, Cullman, AL 35058. In Lieu of flowers, contributions can be made at Merchants Bank at 900 Second Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055 256-734-8110 - in the name of Winafred McCollum.

Sandra Fay Horton Culwell, 81
Sandra Fay Horton Culwell, age 81, of Blountsville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 3, 2022, at her home. She was born Oct. 22, 1941, to Russell and Louise Davis Horton. Sandra was a member of the Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Church in Blountsville, an avid Alabama Football Fan..."Roll Tide" and loved being outdoors, traveling and working in her flower beds. Sandra was preceded in death by her son, David Culwell and parents, Russell and Louise Horton. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, James T. Culwell of Blountsville; sons, Stacey Culwell, Kelley (Christy) Culwell and John Culwell, all of Blountsville; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel with Brother B.W. Rogers officiating the service. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Freewill Baptist Cemetery in Blountsville. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday evening from 5:30-8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Servings as pallbearers will be Ray Atchley, Billy Davis, Bailey Dempsey, Jeff Banks, Wayne Sullins and Casey Culwell.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I could have been Jerry Lee's neighbor

Bill King
Tribune
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No doubt, you have heard that the rock-and-roll, rockabilly, and country music icon Jerry Lee Lewis has died. Honestly, I was never a huge fan of Mr. Lewis' music. I do, however, recognize his musical talent and his contribution to the early years of rock and roll. Years later, he was inducted into the inaugural class of the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame in 1986. My condolences to Mr. Lewis' family, as well as my prayers.

Part of the reason I wasn't a fan may have had something to do with my age. He made his first recording three years before I was born. His first big hit, "Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' On," made him a star, especially among the younger crowd, but I was too young to notice.

Since I was only two-years old then, my musical taste was probably more in line with "Rock a Bye Baby" than "Great Balls of Fire." I never owned one of his recordings, never saw him in concert, and never met him, but in 1998 I could have become his neighbor.

I had moved to Southaven, Mississippi to become the pastor of Gracewood Baptist Church. The church had relocated from Memphis to Southaven a couple of years earlier, and changed their name to Gracewood. In Memphis they had been Graceland Baptist Church.

Yes, that Graceland! Just around the corner from the mansion, but Elvis was already long gone by then. Just think, I had arrived about 21 years earlier, I could have been Elvis' neighbor.

Southaven is a haven just South of Memphis (hence the name), and North of Nesbit, Mississippi. I didn't know much about the area, but our real estate agent said, "We are going to go down Malone Road, into the edge of Nesbit, for you to see a house."

As we pulled into the driveway, I noticed the place directly across the street. The ranch-style brick house didn't look much different from many others in the area, but the property entrance had a large black-iron gate with the image of a large grand piano on it.

The inscription above the gate read "The Lewis Ranch." I had no clue who lived there, so I asked, "What is that?" Our agent said, "Oh, that's the ranch and home of Jerry Lee Lewis."

While we looked at our prospective new home, I watched as car after car came in and out of The Lewis Ranch. Our agent said, "They give tours of the ranch. You can even meet Jerry Lee. You could be his neighbor!"

Mr. Lewis might have been a wonderful neighbor. We might have become friends. Since I am a musician myself, not on his level, of course, we would have had that in common. Maybe he could have given me a few music pointers.

Can't you imagine it... Billy Bob and Jerry Lee? None of that would ever happen. I quickly decided that day that I didn't want to live in the middle of a sightseeing route.

I never met Mr. Lewis, but had we become neighbors, I would have tried my best to be a good one. No matter who our neighbor is, or where he lives, we should always try our best to be a good neighbor. The Bible says several times that we should love our neighbor. Jesus himself said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." We may be tempted to say, "Well, Jesus didn't know my neighbor!" Are you sure about that? Jesus didn't specify or qualify who our neighbor is...he simply said "You shall love your neighbor."

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1918, 1955

From the files of 1918

Marvin Scott, who is on the USS Pennsylvania, will arrive Sunday to spend a few days with his mother, Mrs. W.A. Scott.

W.A. Schlosser, 75, died at his home on Friday morning, April 29th, after a long illness. He was one of the county's best - known citizens, having been active in city, county and state affairs. For several years, Mr. Schlosser served on the city council. The deceased was truly a builder. Being an architect and contractor, he has designed and built the majority of the county's most magnificent buildings.

Doctor J.E. Marion, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducted the services. He was interred in the Protestant Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Rene Clark, Robert Speer, Bill McNabb, Bill Nesmith, Sam Green, T.D. McMinn, R.P. Johnston and Asa B. Fuller. The deceased is survived by his widow; five sons: Charlie, Dwight, of Cullman, Alfred, of Birmingham and Harry, of Huntsville; four daughters: Mrs. J.A. Dunlap, Mrs. Jeff Barnett and Miss Mabel Schlosser, of Cullman and Mrs. Herbert Miller, of Smokemont, North Carolina. Moss -Scheiung was in charge.

From the files of 1955

Two Joppa thirteen-year-olds, Billy Wayne Tipton and Mary Evelyn Thrasher drowned in a pond on Saturday.

The two were fishing in a pond near the home of Billy Wayne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tipton, when Mary Evelyn slipped and fell into the water.

Mac Arthur Talley, who was plowing in a nearby field, saw Billy Wayne jump into the pond, trying to pull the girl out.

Neither could swim and both went under. Talley ran to the Tipton residence to tell Billy Wayne's parents.

In the meanwhile, Weed Maze arrived and after about 30 minutes was able to find the little boy. Some ten minutes later, he brought the little girl out. They were taken to Arab Hospital, where Doctor R.M. Barnard tried for two hours to revive them but was unsuccessful.

Billy Wayne is survived by his parents: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Tipton, of Route Two, Arab; one brother: L.W. Tipton; and three sisters: Mrs. Fanny Mae Holloway, Mrs. Olga Waldrop and Mrs. Willean Thrasher. Mary Evelyn is survived by her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thrasher (Willean Tipton), of Route Two, Arab; and one sister: Corene Thrasher.

The first crate of 1955 strawberries was sold by B.W. West, of Route Three, Cullman, to Howard Edwards, of Brothers Store.

The second crate reported to the Tribune, was bought by Fred Peinhardt, from F.A. Kennemur, of Route One, Steppville. Mr. Peinhardt, in turn sold the berries to A and P Market. Both crates were brought to Cullman on Monday of this week.

POET'S CORNER

Autumn's Walk | By: Amelia Fletcher, Gulf Shores, Alabama

Autumn wraps herself in brilliant hues

And glides past ripe felds of cotton

In the closing day so sparkling and so crisp

She regally dons her crown of goldenrods and butterflies

Nodding to greet her glowing pumpkin court

With flickering and jagged smiles they light her pathway dark

She has no fear of ghost or goblins

Or shadows rising from the inky mist

Cooling winds briskly swirl her skirt

And hurry her along

For at day's end a crackling fire and cup of cider wait

For her to come and sip.

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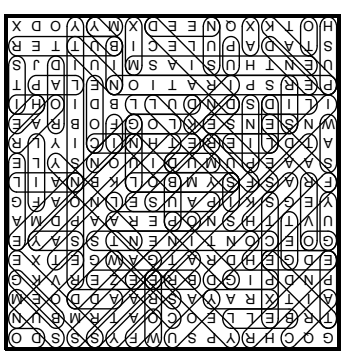
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Hanceville Fire Department receives new truck thanks to Tyson settlement

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Posing with the new truck are, from left, J. Kincade and Assistant Chief Bart Absher of the Hanceville Fire Department; James Fields, a member of the Restitution Fund Oversight Committee; Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail; Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, who serves on the Restitution Fund Oversight Committee; Rob Werner, a member of the Restitution Fund Oversight Committee; and Ed Poolos, deputy commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources who serves as chairman of the Restitution Fund Oversight Committee.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — On Tuesday, Nov. 1, community and state leaders unveiled a valuable asset to the Hanceville Fire Department: a new truck to be used for medical response in Cullman County's growing municipality. The new truck will be vital in faster response times for assisting citizens in need when the department is handling multiple calls. The truck, equipped with an automatic chest compression machine and other critical medical equipment, was provided thanks to funds from the Tyson Foods settlement.

"We only had one rescue truck, and this serves as an additional rescue truck," Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail said.

"Sometimes we have two or even three calls simultaneously. Those areas along the rivers, we work those areas, and a lot of people live there. That's our coverage area. We appreciate the attorney general and the committee thinking about us and helping us out.

"We're thankful on behalf of all of the people in our community who will be served by this new rescue truck."

The Tyson Foods facility in Hanceville in 2019 discharged illegal wastewater into the Black Warrior River resulting in its damaged ecosystem and the death of approximately 175,000 fish. A lawful on behalf of the State of Alabama was filed by Alabama Attorney General Steve Marshall against Tyson for violation of the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act and the Environmental Management Act.

After the $3 million settlement for one of the largest fish kills in the state, Marshall formed the Restitution Fund Oversight Committee, which is tasked with project selection and oversight for the settlement.

Criteria for funds include projects which provide recreational opportunities, highlight the state's natural resources and benefit the impacted areas' public and environment health.

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Deputy Commissioner Ed Poolos is the committee's chairman.

Restitution Fund Oversight Committee member Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, shared, "This is what I call Montgomery money. It's not the taxpayers here who paid for this.

"It's a different way for us to fund them. This is a way to draw money into this municipality to help the City deliver a crucial service with the funds provided to us by the attorney general.

"This is a way we can support and help the citizens right here who were affected by the tragic accident that occurred. I want to thank Attorney General Steve Marshall for putting me on the committee and entrusting us with providing the people of Hanceville with their share of the settlement."

Rev. James Fields, another member of the committee, commented, "Hanceville is a city that's always taken care of its citizens, and this gives them another way to assist people.

"This is an added blessing to all of us in this area. Sometimes we're forgotten, but we're thankful the attorney general saw fit to appoint us to this committee to make sure we fairly divide the money where it is most needed.

"Hanceville responds to people all over this area, even where I live in the community of Colony, because that's what people here do. They give of themselves. This is just another way to help them do that."

Previous projects funded by the settlement in Colony, Garden City and the Forks of the River near Sipsey were announced earlier this year.

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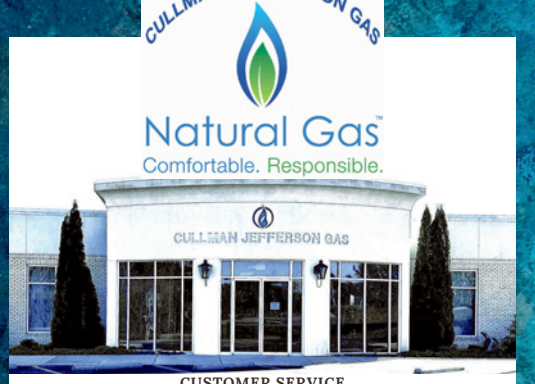

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