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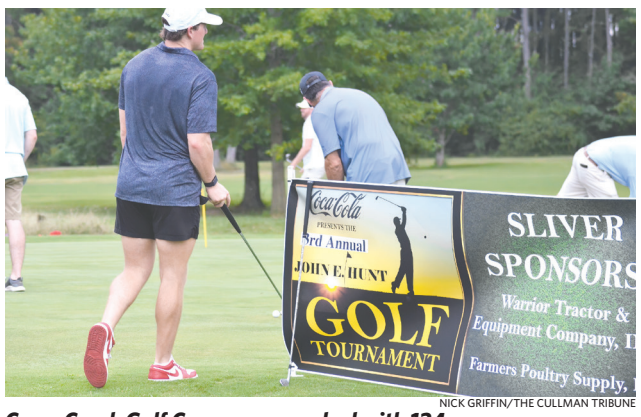
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'It means everything to us'

134 players pack course for 3rd annual John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The third annual John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament was hosted at Cross Creek Golf Course Saturday and 134 players on 34 teams packed the course to help honor a friend and support a great cause. The tournament was first held in 2021 after longtime Cullman Parks and Recreation Director John Hunt passed away in March 2020. The Hunt Family Foundation runs the event each year and the proceeds from the tournament go toward funding scholarships to Auburn University and Wallace State Community College for Cullman County Students. John's wife, Elizabeth Hunt was happy to be able to establish the Hunt Family » PAGE 2



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cross Creek Golf Course was packed with 134 players Saturday competing in the third annual John E. Hunt Memorial Golf Tournament.

Troop 219 promotes 3 young men to rank of Eagle Scout



ED HUDDLESTON

Pictured are the three scouts who were promoted to Eagle Scout on Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at Cullman First United Methodist Church. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Left to right are Jack Haynes, Michael Ostberg and Lee Robbins.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), and only an estimated 4% of Scouts have ever reached the rank. On Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, three local Scouts – Jack Haynes, Michael Ostberg and Lee Robbins – earned the rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony at Cullman First United Methodist Church.

Among the 300 or so requirements for merit badges and rank promotions, Eagle Scout Service Projects, or Eagle Projects, are a requirement of all those seeking the elusive title of Eagle Scout. The projects must be worked on for at least 13 hours and must benefit a charity, religious institution or school.

The young men of Troop 219 kept it very on-brand for the BSA as a whole by choosing projects dedicated to local institutions preserving history and skills that shape the Scouts themselves: Haynes supporting Peinhardt Living History Farm, Ostberg choosing Crooked Creek Civil War Museum and Robbins selecting West Point School, specifically its archery team.

Scoutmaster Jonathan Haynes shared a few words, noting the growth of these young men over their combined years of Scout experience. "In just a few years, these Scouts have undergone quite a change," he said. "From Scouts simply trying to memorize the Scout Oath and Law, to Scouts who live those words. From those who wanted to get outdoors to those who have been camping a number of times. From those who needed to be led, to those who can now lead others."

BSA Program Aide Vince Lambert also shared in the topic of growth, the powerful motivation of failure and the new beginning it brings.

"Do you remember the first time you tried to build a fire? You failed, didn't you? And what about your first hike, the one that » PAGE 6

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Cullman elementary students craft 'robot fingers' to study human anatomy



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

Cullman City Schools fourth graders create model X-rays and "working" fingers to learn about the human body at East Elementary.

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Sweet Tater Festival returns to Smith Lake Park this weekend

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Aug. 28, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Aug. 24
• possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 940
• violation of protection order; CR 623
• harassment; Hwy. 31
• harassment; CR 109
• domestic violence; CR 831
• criminal mischief; theft of property; CR 109

Aug. 25
• sell/distribute marijuana; Ward Ave. SW

Aug. 26
• theft of property; CR 160
• domestic violence; CR 813
• violation of protection order; CR 623

Aug. 27
• domestic violence; CR 1400
• domestic violence; CR 1422
• theft of property; CR 109
• domestic violence; Willow Springs Dr.
• criminal mischief; theft of property; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
• possession drug paraphernalia; CR 1534
• assault; criminal mischief; trespassing; CR 19

ARRESTS
Aug. 24 – 27
Arnold, Michael B.; 30
• Probation Violation-robbery-residence-other weapon

Ayers, Ashely L.; 31
• cruelty to animals

Borden, Jennifer D.; 46
• larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Calloway, Vernon A.; 47
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Carr, Casey R.; 33
• Probation Violation- burglary-residence-no force (2 counts)
• Probation Violation- burglary-residence-force

Carr, Steven W.; 37
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Carter, Matthew R.; 33
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance

Curvin, Randal A.; 47
• FTA- operating vehicle without insurance
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Ellis, Jordan N.; 42
• FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Freeman, Shane A.; 31
• larceny/theft-theft other vehicle

Gantt, Lauren R.; 35
• Grand Jury- assault-elder abuse and neglect-2nd degree

Gilland, Katee C.; 21
• FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
• larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Griffith, Shannon R.; 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Harbin, Anthony D.; 41
• Grand Jury- assault-elder abuse and neglect-2nd degree

Horton, Michael L.; 49
• assault-reckless endangerment

Jacobs, Jenny M.; 50
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of dangerous drugs
• possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, Luke J.; 19
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Kirkland, Terrance D.; 28
• sell/distribute marijuana

Lunsford, Dusten W.; 39
• FTA- burglary-residence-force
• FTA- ex-felon in possession of firearm
• FTA- altering firearm identification or possession of altered firearm
• FTA- assault-aggravated assault family-strong arm
• FTA- menacing-aggravated assault
• Grand Jury- sell/distribution of dangerous drugs
• Grand Jury- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
• Grand Jury- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
• Grand Jury- possession of prescription drugs
• Grand Jury- possession of concealed weapon without permit
• Grand Jury- ex-felon in possession of firearm
• Grand Jury- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mann, Justin C.; 34
• Violation of Release-sodomy-1st degree-being 16 years or older engaging in sodomy

Osteen, Jaleana L.; 32
• Grand Jury- possession of child pornography (2 counts)

Pace, Ryan G.; 23
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Richter Jr., Charles W.; 36
• Grand Jury- obscenity-dissemination/display of child pornography (2 counts)
• Grand Jury- possession with intent to disseminate child pornography (2 counts)

Skinner, Cassondra L.; 56
• FTA- driving while license suspended
• FTA- driver's license not in possession

Taylor, Brandi L.; 48
• possession of methamphetamine
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Yancey, Eddie R.; 37
• Grand Jury- obstructing justice using false identity-fictitious person

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Aug. 25
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; crossbow; $398
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $434
• duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 5th St. SE; damage to 2010 Chevy Silverado; $1,500

Aug. 26
• harassing communications; person
• theft of services; All Steak Restaurant; 3rd Ave. SE; $1,663
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $10

ARRESTS
Aug. 25 – 27
Uselton, Adam L.; 33
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Nethery Jr., Delver A.; 34
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Hunkapiller, Krystal G.; 45
• theft of property-4th degree

Nelson, Nicolette; 37
• possession/receiving controlled substance
• possession of marijuana

Gaddis, Jennifer A.; 39
• disorderly conduct

Olszowka, Dax M.; 20
• minor in possession/consumption alcoholic beverage

Davidson, Erin M.; 35
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Moody, Zane L.; 29
• public intoxication
• resisting arrest

Lunsford, Dusten W.; 39
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Gilland, Katee C.; 21
• FTA- DUI (controlled substance)
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

Find arrest and incident reports online Monday-Friday at www.CullmanTribune.com.

CCSO detention deputy arrested following marijuana distribution investigation

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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, a detention deputy working for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) was arrested and charged with unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana) following an investigation by the CCSO.

Sheriff Matt Gentry stated during a press conference on Monday that Terrance Darnell Kirkland, 28, was arrested Friday on Ward Avenue Southwest, located just a few blocks from West Elementary School.

See Gentry's press conference at https://fb.watch/mIVlZ1dA3a/.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Terrance Darnell Kirkland

Tournament (from Front)

Foundation this year and is proud to continue supporting Cullman County students and parks and recreation programs.

"This year we established the Hunt Family Foundation, so we'll continue to fund scholarship opportunities for Cullman County students at Auburn and Wallace State and we hope to do more with the community and with park and rec," Hunt said. "We'll be partnering with park and rec to make sure that kids that want to play are able to and can pay their registration fee."

Elizabeth was excited to see so many in the community take on the heat Saturday to support her family's cause and share some of their favorite memories of John.

"It is amazing," Hunt said. "It's very humbling that people decide to come out and support the cause and remember John and share stories about times and conversations that they've had so we're just completely overwhelmed."

John's son, Ryan, was proud to see a great turnout for the event too and is happy to report it has been very successful. They've been able to reach a lot of their goals ahead of schedule and it means a lot to Ryan and his family to see and feel the continued support.

"This is just very humbling to have all these people come out year after year. Dad touched everybody in his own way, and everybody has a story. It's just nice to be able to celebrate him and put on a great cause," Ryan said. "We hit our five-year goal at Auburn in one year and we're going to hit our 10-year goal this year so it's just special. It means everything to us. It's a great way to honor his legacy."



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WSCC: Electrical Technology option offers training for future electricians

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College is offering a new option in Electrical Technology starting this Fall 2023 semester providing training of industrial, commercial and residential electricians and for the installation and maintenance of charging options for electric vehicles.

"Wallace State listens to workforce needs and student demands, and this program has been one of the most frequently requested. We are pleased to be able to offer it this coming year," said Wallace State President Vicki Karolewics.

"In light of the impending shortage of electricians, it is imperative that we confront this challenge proactively," said Jerry Murcks, associate dean of Applied Technologies at Wallace State. "Choosing a career as an electrician guarantees a future-proof path with abundant opportunities which can actively contribute to fostering a more environmentally conscious society. Integrating electric vehicle infrastructure into current and prospective residential and commercial spaces highlights electricians' central and transformative role in shaping a sustainable future."

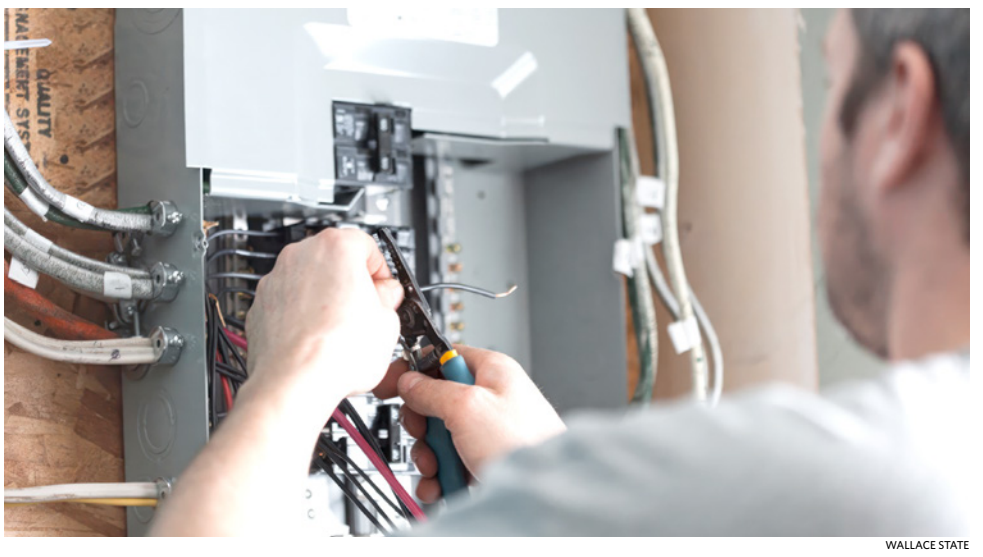
The new program, part of the Mechatronics, Electronics and Robotics Department, will allow students to earn several stackable credentials and an associate in applied science degree. The curriculum includes classroom and hands-on instruction in AC, DC, national electric code, residential, commercial and industrial wiring, smart house wiring, motor controls, hydraulics and pneumatics, construction wiring, motors and transformers, programmable logic controllers and related topics. The curriculum prepares students to test for their Electrician Journeyman license after completing their infield hours.

The program is designed to allow students to attend school two days per week and work in the field the rest of the week. Apprenticeships with electrical contractors and industrial/commercial electricians will also be available to students in this area of study.

"Wallace State's unwavering commitment to nurturing a continuous stream of skilled electricians further solidifies this vital workforce," Murcks added. "This commitment becomes even more crucial as a convergence of factors – including construction growth, the rapid acceleration of the green revolution, the retirement of seasoned professionals and persistent low unemployment rates – generates an urgent demand for proficient labor within the electrical industry."

Electricians are skilled professionals who play a crucial role in installing, maintaining and repairing electrical systems in residential, commercial and industrial settings. They ensure the safe and efficient functioning of power distribution networks, lighting systems and various electronic equipment. With a constant demand for skilled electricians, this career path provides stability, growth opportunities and the satisfaction of contributing to the technological advancement of society.

Additionally, the electric vehicle (EV) revolution is rapidly reshaping various industries, including the electrical field. As electric vehicles become more popular, the demand for charging infrastructure has surged. Electricians are at the forefront of this transformation, tasked with installing and maintaining EV charging stations across public spaces, homes and businesses. This shift presents new challenges and opportunities for electricians to adapt their skills to accommodate the unique electrical requirements of charging stations.



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The integration of electric vehicles also influences the skill set required of future electricians. Beyond traditional electrical knowledge, electricians now need expertise in renewable energy sources, energy storage systems and smart grid technologies. As the grid becomes more interconnected and reliant on advanced monitoring and control systems, electricians must be proficient in diagnosing and resolving issues in these complex setups.

For more information about the Electrical Technology degree option, contact Joe Hendrix at 256-352-8154 or joe.hendrix@wallacestate.edu.

Registration continues for fall 2023 terms. Registration for Flex Start I continues through Aug. 31 and registration for Flex Start II is Sept. 1-7. Mini Term II classes begin Oct. 19. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu, call the main campus at 256.352. or come by Lion Central in the lobby of the James C. Bailey Center Monday-Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursdays 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or Fridays 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Wanted! Food Vendors
The Fairview Lions Club is looking for food vendors to come set up at the annual Labor Day car show on Sept. 4 at the Randall Shedd Community Park in Fairview. Vendors need to be set up by 9 a.m. to be ready to sell. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

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 Dr. NW, Cullman
• 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! Pickup 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.
• Wednesday, Aug. 30 - 7 p.m. Children & youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, Sept. 1 - 7 p.m. Recovery Ministry. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! 6:30 p.m. bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal. Nursery provided!
• Sunday, Sept. 3 - Prayer Groups - Join Kevin and Pastor Bobby at 8 a.m. or join Teresa at 9:15 in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Sept. 3 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd and communion at 11.

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). The 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.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

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.

Cullman County Cattlemen's, Cattlewomen's Association Ribeye Steak Sandwich Sale
Friday, Sept. 1, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in south Cullman in the theater parking lot near Walmart. Steaks are charcoal grilled using Kingsford charcoal. Sandwiches are $10 donation. Add chips and drink $1 each. Employers are invited and encouraged to treat their employees to a great sandwich. Call Edwin Calvert at 256-595-7608 or Jesse Crumbly at 256-709-5077. Contact number in the parking lot is 256-595-7608. We accept credit/debit cards and will have a drive-thru.

Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 2, at 6:30 a.m. at the Baileyton Masonic Lodge. Donations only, which will be used to benefit local charities.

Sweet Tater Festival
Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-4, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Smith Lake Park. This is the perfect experience to expand your tater-tastin' palate. Arts and crafts vendors, live music, car show and a variety of sweet tater treats round out the two-day experience.

Fairview Lions Club Car, Truck, Motorcycle Show and Parade
Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 4, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. Lineup for the parade starts at 10 at Clinton Barbee Field (old pool field). The parade will start at 11. Anyone wanting to be in the parade is welcome, just be there at 10. Registration for the car show will start at 8, is $20 a vehicle and awards will be given out at 1. We encourage vendors to come and join us. Booths are on a first come, first served basis for $10. Food vendors are welcome this year at $50 a spot. We will have activities and a bouncy house for the kids. The Cullman Police Department will be there with its helicopter. All proceeds will go to the Fairview Lions Club project fund. Please everyone plan to come and join us! Thank you for all your support. For more info call Kita at 256-385-8805.

7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ
Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at St. Bernard. Featuring pottery, quilts, brooms, leather art, cypress furniture, paintings, jewelry, plants and more. Visit Ave Maria Grotto for a reduced price admission of only $5. Admission donation to the festival is $10 per person; children 5 and younger free. Proceeds benefit St. Bernard Prep School. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day. Visit www.stbernardprep.com for more information.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Oktoberfest German Dinner
Wednesday, Sept.27, from 4-7 p.m. $15 per plate. Menu includes grilled bratwurst from Brickyard Meats, sauerkraut, German potato salad, green beans, apple sauce and dessert. Drinks dine-in only. EAT-IN from 5-7 p.m. in the Family Life Center; DRIVE-THRU 4-6 p.m. (follow signs off Second Street Southeast). Tickets at event - cash or check only. Sponsored by Altar Society. Funds go to support the organization's church work.

Oktoberfest
Thursday- Saturday Sept. 28-30, in downtown Cullman. Oktoberfest is a three-day celebration of all things German with a quaint Southern spin. Complete with authentic German food and Biergarten, stein hoisting, 5K, pageant and even wiener dog races, there's something for every age.

Monster Truck Wars
Saturday, Sept. 30, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. You'd be hard-pressed to find something more entertaining and classically rowdy than monster trucks. Featuring well-known trucks Outlaw, Equalizer, Shark Attack and Sheriff, it'll be pedal-to-the-metal action.

Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. at Loft 212. Doors will open at 5:30. Guests are encouraged to dress in pink for the event! The Alabama Cattleman's Association will be grilling steaks on-site, supplied by The Butcher, and there will be live and silent auctions and live entertainment. Tickets are on sale now for $60 per individual or $400 for a table seating eight. To purchase tickets, visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com/little-pink-dress. Tickets are also available from Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com and Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com.

Cullman County Fair
Oct. 5-14, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. The county fair is a classic rural sight to see, with exhibitions, livestock showings, pageants, classic carnie food and rides for even the most seasoned thrill seeker. People from all around have been coming to this fair since 1954, come see why for yourself!

Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish in the pond?

Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon rides and demonstrations of all kinds, it's a must-visit for any history buff.

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert
Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 6 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. The award-winning Triumphant Quartet will be belting to the pines of Northbrook Baptist Church at Good Samaritan Health Clinic's annual concert fundraiser. For those fans of clean Christian vocals that stand alone, you're sure to be pleased.

'Planted': The Link of Cullman County's 2nd Annual Gala
Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Tickets go on sale Friday, Aug. 11. For more information or to inquire about a sponsorship, contact Tiffany Wright at tiffanywright@linkingcullman.com.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

5 local teams kick off season with wins

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2023 regular season is finally underway across the state of Alabama and four of our local squads kicked things off with a win to start the year 1-0. Arab handled Albertville 34-6 Thursday night and on Friday, Cold Springs collected a 20-0 road win over Curry, Fairview blew past Columbia 46-6, Meek topped Maplesville on the road 18-12 and the West Point Warriors came from behind to win at Good Hope 49-32.

Arab 34 – Albertville 6
The Arabian Knights got things started at home Thursday night with a matchup against Albertville and after taking a 20-0 lead into the locker room at halftime, the Knights continued to pull away in the second half on their way to a 34-6 win.

Quarterback Drew Puccio went 11/18 for 107 yards, a pair of touchdowns, and an interception. He also added 43 yards and another score on the ground. Logan Alldredge rushed for 102 yards on 23 carries and a pair of scores. Luke Hudson finished with six receptions for 53 yards and two touchdowns. Hagan Stewart finished with an interception, while Lawson King added a pair of sacks and Zac Hallman got one of his own.

The Knights will stay at home next Friday night to take on Brewer.

Mars Hill 55 – Cullman 21
The Bearcats opened up the 2023 season at home on a hot, humid Thursday night against perennial 3A power Mars Hill and after boing blow for blow with the Panthers throughout the first half, Cullman wasn't able to continue that pace in the second half and dropped the season opener 55-21. Trenton Clemmons picked off a Panthers pass and ran it back 30 yards for a touchdown just before halftime to cut Mars Hill's lead to 28-21 at the break but the 'Cats were outscored 27-0 in the second half, allowing the Panthers to pull away with the win.

Offensively, Wyatt Buchanon had a big night for the 'Cats, hauling in 11 catches for 132 yards and a touchdown in the loss. Preston Gray completed 17 of his 28 passes for 183 yards, a touchdown and a pair of interceptions. Reagan Ogstad led the way on the ground with 22 yards on eight carries and Rex Chandler added 18 yards on five carries.

Cullman will now look to refocus its attention and bounce back in a big road game at Jasper Friday night.

West Point 49 – Good Hope 32
The Good Hope Raiders welcomed West Point to James W. Shabel Stadium Friday night for a high-scoring, high-temperature battle and after falling behind in the opening period, the Warriors rallied and raced past Good Hope to earn a 49-32, season-opening win. The Raiders led 20-0 at the end of the first quarter but West Point was able to cut the lead to 20-14 by halftime and outscored Good Hope 35-12 in the second half to secure the win. The Warriors made some mistakes early in the game that helped the Raiders jump out to an early lead, but Head Coach Don Farley was proud of the way his team responded to the tough start.

"There's no doubt its fortitude. We preached it all summer and we made some plays that put us in a hole," Farley said. "We gave up a pick-six, had a fumble on a kickoff and another turnover and I think that led to all their points. We just kept telling our guys to take it one drive at a time and keep playing, it's a long football game. It's a testament to the fortitude of these guys and my hats off to them. I'm glad with the way we responded."

Warriors QB Hunter Hensley racked up 137 yards and three touchdowns on the ground in the win, adding 190 yards and a pair of scores through the air as well. Ollie Howell finished with 98 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries and Parker Marks led the way amongst the receivers with 73 yards and a touchdown on three catches.

Good Hope's Colten Whatley completed 24 of 40 pass attempts for 294 yards with three touchdowns and a pair of interceptions in the loss. Tyler Cone led the game with 100 yards and a touchdown on 10 receptions and Tucker Malin pulled down a pair of touchdowns as well.

West Point will look to keep the momentum going when they host another county matchup with Hanceville this week and the Raiders will try to bounce back in their own county battle at Vinemont.

Fairview 46 – Columbia 6
On a hot and humid Friday night in Fairview, the Columbia Eagles traveled from Huntsville to take on the Fairview Aggies at Dafford Smith Stadium. At the end of an often-contentious game, Fairview came away with a dominant, 46-6 win over the Eagles. Fairview led 46-6 at halftime and after a shortened second half, the Aggies held on to win it by the same score.

Fairview running back Eli Frost posted 132 yards and three touchdowns on the ground and Carson Jones (44 yards) and Barrett York (29) yards each scored a rushing touchdown as well. York also added 63 yards and a touchdown through the air along with Kolt Redding, who threw for 46 yards and a score of his own. Jones and Zayden Cruce each caught a touchdown for Fairview in the win.

The Aggies will look to stay in the win column this week when they travel to take on Priceville.

Brewer 23 – Hanceville 7
The Hanceville Bulldogs kicked off the 2023 season at Ray Talley Stadium against the Brewer Patriots Friday night and a couple of late touchdowns from the Patriots was the difference in the game as the Bulldogs dropped their season opener 23-7.

Marquies Leeth finished with 62 yards on 14 carries and a touchdown for Hanceville. J.T. Davis and Jake Cornelius each finished with an interception, while Keiton Whatley recovered a fumble in the game for the Bulldogs.

Hanceville will be on the road Friday night to take on West Point.

Falkville 26 – Vinemont 20
Vinemont hit the road to kick off the season at Falkville Friday night, but unfortunately early turnovers plagued the Eagles and helped the Blue Devils come away with a hard fought, 26-20 win.

With 30 seconds remaining in the game a 1-yard touchdown run put the Blue Devils ahead 26-20. Vinemont was unable to find a way to add another late touchdown and pull off a thrilling victory.

The Eagles will now aim to bounce back in a county matchup against Good Hope this week.

Cold Springs 20 – Curry 0
The Cold Springs Eagles hit the road to kick off the 2023 season at Curry Friday night and they returned home 1-0 after collecting a 20-0 win over the Yellow Jackets.

Mason Gable's first touchdown of the night gave the Eagles an 8-0 lead going into the locker room at halftime and his second score on the ground stretched the lead to 14-0 later in the third quarter.

Matt Williams added another touchdown on the ground in the fourth quarter to make it a 20-0 game and the Cold Springs defense kept Curry off the board to preserve a shutout win and open the season 1-0.

The Eagles will now prepare to host a county battle against the Holly Pond Broncos this week.

Clements 45 – Holly Pond 12
The Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Clements Colts on a hot, humid Friday night and unfortunately for the home crowd, the Broncos were unable to heat up offensively and they fell to the Colts in game one 45-12.

Late in the fourth quarter, Holly Pond quarterback Sawyer Olinger scored a pair of touchdowns to get the Broncos on the board but that was as close as they could come down the stretch and Clements left with a 45-12 win.

Holly Pond will now get ready to travel to face the Eagles of Cold Springs this week.

Winston County 14 – Addison 0
Addison welcomed into lovely hot and humid A.G. Hicks Stadium their archrivals from across the Lake, the 2A Winston County Yellow Jackets. The Jackets were not very good guests as the Jackets large and heavy offensive and defensive lines actually dominated Addisons lines en route to a more than convincing 14-0 victory. The score didn't sound too bad but missed Addison opportunities in the first half and no offense in the second half until the final drive of the game did in the Bulldogs.

Addison ran 35 running plays for 101 total yards. Addison had 26 passes for 134 yards. Addison ran 61 total plays for 235 yards. WCHS ran 41 running plays for 207 total yards. WCHS had 11 passes for 82 total yards. WCHS ran 52 total plays for 289 total yards.

Addison's Wilkins was 12 completions out of 24 attempts for 130 yards.

Addison was led in rushing by Wilkins who had 16 carries for 55 yards. Luker had 10 carries for 27 yards. Hayden Holland had two carries for 14 yards.

Addison was led in receiving by Dyson who had three catches for 57 yards. Luker had five catches for 42 yards. Jacob McLamb had three for 34 yards.

Defensively Addison had Luker with eight tackles, Holland had five, Jordan Hubbert had five, Tanner Lawrence and Caleb Vintson had four each. Bobby Williams and Dyson had three each.

Addison will try to bounce back on the road against Vina this week.

Meek 18 – Maplesville 12
Meek hit the road Friday night to kick off the 2023 season at Maplesville Friday night and the Tigers returned home with an 18-12 win over the Red Devils.

Maplesville capitalized on an early Meek interception and scored to take a 6-0 lead midway through the first quarter, but the Cam Deaver responded with a 15-yard touchdown run later in the second quarter to tie things up at 6 with five minutes remaining in the first half.

The score stayed knotted at 6 going into the break but Deaver's second touchdown of the night put Meek in front 12-6 late in the third quarter. The Tigers put things away late in the fourth with a big defensive play. Justin Freeman picked off a Red Devils pass with less than three minutes on the clock and took it 50 yards the other way for a touchdown, putting Meek on top 18-6. Maplesville was able to put one in the end zone before time ran out, but it was too late to catch up with the Tigers and they left with an 18-12 win over the Red Devils.

Meek will look to stay in the win column this week when the Tigers return home to host Hackleburg.



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The West Point Warriors came from behind to defeat Good Hope 49-32 Friday night.



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview running back Eli Frost posted 132 yards and three touchdowns in the Aggies' 46-6 win over Columbia Friday night.



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Arab kicked off the regular season with a 34-6 win over Albertville Thursday

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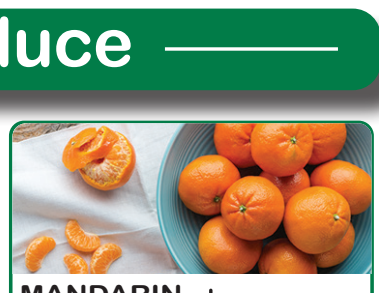


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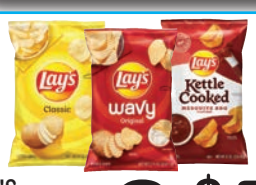


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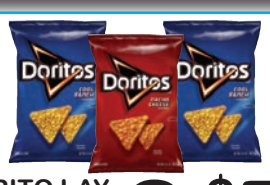
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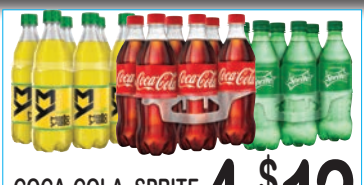
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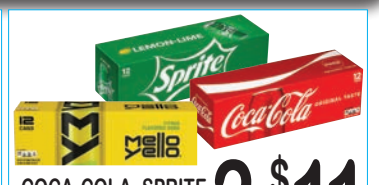
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Cullman elementary students craft 'robot fingers' to study human anatomy

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — The human body, an intricate machine, is being explored hands on by elementary students in Cullman City Schools as they construct model body parts to deepen their understanding.

As a component of the fourth-grade science curriculum at East Elementary, students are delving into how the various systems of the human body interplay. Using materials like index cards, paper and yarn, students assembled movable "fingers" to illustrate the cooperation between muscles and tendons. This activity emphasizes the coordination between our skeletal and muscular systems.

Before this, students crafted model X-rays of their hands using construction paper, crayons and vegetable oil. This project was aimed at demonstrating how our nervous system relays commands, prompting bone movement.

"When we studied how muscles control bone movement, we transitioned to these robot fingers. The finger bone was represented by index card strips, paper for muscles and yarn mimicking the tendons," said April Dean, a fourth-grade teacher at East Elementary.

"At the end of each lesson, I ask students to share their learnings with someone at home.

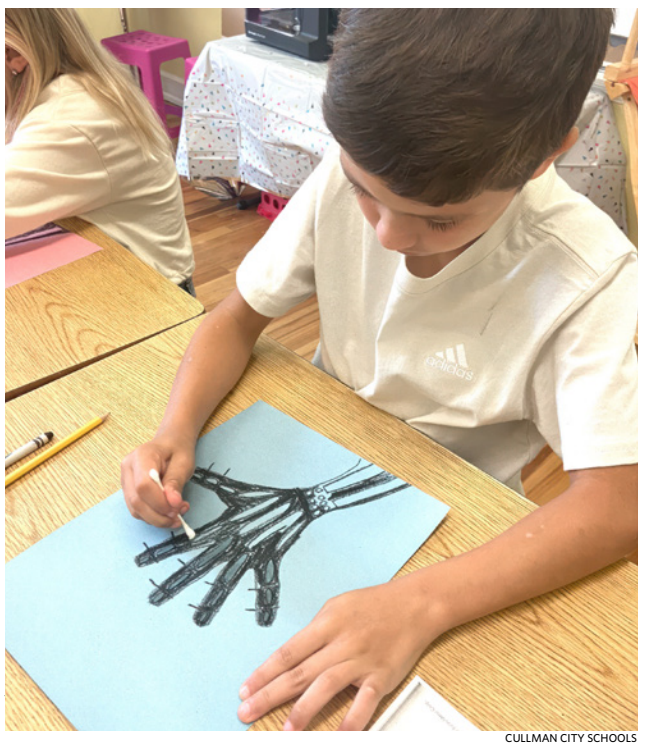
"I believe we have budding surgeons and orthopedists in the mix, along with future engineers, artists and educators. Our science class caters to all interests."

Dean emphasized the students' enthusiasm for tactile projects like this, acknowledging their efficacy in bringing lessons to life.

"Such activities ensure that students not only retain the scientific content but can also relate it to other contexts," Dean noted.

"As an educator, my role is to shape enriching learning experiences for my pupils. Our curriculum consistently offers engaging and enjoyable experiences.

"Coming up, the class will be designing functional models of the human eye using magnifying lenses and index cards."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

West Elementary community block party Aug. 31

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The West Elementary Parent Teacher Association is closing out the dog days of summer with a ton of fun in the sun through its community block party. The block party will be held at West Elementary's playground area on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.. The event is free and open to the whole community.

The celebration will be packed with activities sure to entertain the young, and the young-at-heart; bounce houses, inflatable slides and carnival-style games will dot the lawn of the playground while local food trucks dish out savory favorites, just in time for dinner.

The event will also feature informational booths from local nonprofits like Curt's Closet and the United Way of Cullman County, while the Good Samaritan Health Clinic will be set up for free adult health screenings.

For more information on future events hosted by the West Elementary Parent Teacher Association, email westelementarypta303@gmail.com.

AMCC (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — More issues have arisen for the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission (AMCC), with all members including their staffs receiving subpoenas for possible Open Meetings Act violations. A hearing was held in Montgomery Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, to determine if the law was broken regarding the Open Meetings Act.

Montgomery County Circuit Judge James Anderson extended the hearing until Sept. 6. In the meantime, it is believed that the AMCC plans to issue yet another stay to stop the process of awarding licenses at its next meeting on Aug. 31 and also reissue licenses for the third time. All parties involved in the lawsuit are to discuss the concerns the applicants may have before the Sept. 6 hearing.

This will be the second stay issued in the process (www.cullmantribune.com/2023/06/19/medical-cannabis-amcc-issues-stay-on-licenses/). The first was issued by the AMCC on Friday, June 16, after an emergency meeting was called to put a hold on the licenses that it issued the previous Monday, June 12. The AMCC had said it found "inconsistencies" in how applicants for licenses were scored.

Following this hold the AMCC met on Aug. 10, to correct the issues and reissue the licenses to the companies who applied for them. (www.cullmantribune.com/2023/08/12/wagon-trail-med-serv-denied-license-by-amcc/)

Cullman County's Wagon Trail Med-Serv was among the list of entities that applied for the AMCC's Integrated Facility Licenses and was denied on both occasions. Wagon Trail Med-Serv President and CEO Joey Robertson said he remains optimistic and views the decision today as a positive for his company.

"It's a step in the right direction for the AMCC to get things right and award us a license. Unfortunately, this will further prolong the patients of Alabama who need this medicine," Robertson stated.



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LEGALS

SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of **Town of Colony Road Resurfacing Project CDBG Project No. SM-CM-PF-22-017** will be received @ **65 Byars Road, Colony, Alabama until** 10:00 **o'clock A.M., C.D.S.T. September 20, 2023**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Notice to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bond, and other Contract Documents are open to public inspection at the office of SENTELL ENGINEERING, INC., 639 Black Bears Way, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Copies may be obtained by calling Tuscaloosa Blueprint at (205) 752-9825 and request the plans and upon a payment of **Fifty Dollars ($ 50.00)**. All checks shall be made payable to Tuscaloosa Blueprint. No refunds will be given for plans.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Notice to Bidders.

Pre-Bid Conference
A pre-bid conference for the project will be held on September 13, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M. located at **65 Byars Road, Colony, Alabama 35077**

The successful bidder will be required to furnish in satisfactory form, within ten (10) days of Notice of Award to Contract:

(a) A Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the contract price.

(b) A Payment Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the total amount of the contract price.

(c) Adequate Public Liability and Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

The attention of all bidders is called to the provisions of State Law governing "General Contractors" as set forth in Chapter Eight of Title Thirty Four of the 1975 code of Alabama as amended.

All BIDDERS must comply with the requirement of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of Alabama and be certified for the type of work for which a proposal is submitted. The submission of the BIDDER's current State of Alabama License number will be required before his/her BID will be received or considered and shall be written on the outside of the envelope in which Bid is submitted.

All Bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope:
BID FOR: Town of Colony Resurfacing Project

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Project No. SM-CM-PF-22-017
Opening at Town of Colony Town Hall

Attention to Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wages to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 & E.O. 11246.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any and all bids.

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Scouts (from Front)

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The ceremony came to a close after an emotional exchange of pins and badges between the newly promoted Eagle Scouts and their parents, with a standing ovation and these words ringing through the four walls: "It gives me great pleasure to present to you our newest Eagle Scouts: Jack Haynes, Michael Ostberg and Lee Robbins."



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION PETITION OF L.A.J.
A minor child. **CASE NO. AD 2023-060**
D.O.B. 12/04/2012

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: BRANDON DUANE JOHNSON AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD, L.A.J., BORN DECEMBER 4, 2012 TO RACHAEL JOHNSON JUSTICE

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Jason Matthew Justice, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for the 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 the 4th day of August, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
PROBATE JUDGE

Dan J. Willingham
Attorney for Petitioner
FULLER, WILLINGHAM & CARTER, LLC,
413 1st Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks.

TO: The Publisher
CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Cullman AL 35055

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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

W.A.G.
D.O.B 08/01/2018 CASE NO: PC 2023-255

NOTICE OF PETITION AND DECLARATION FOR CHANGE OF NAME OF MINOR CHILD

TO: JACOB ALLEN GRIFFIN FATHER OF A MINOR CHILD, W.A.G. D.O.B. 08/01/2018

The *Petition and Declaration for Change of Name of Minor Child* was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Sylena Thomason, Biological Mother. If you should contest, 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 4th DAY OF August, 2023.

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

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Revised March 2020

SAMPLE FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

LEGAL NOTICE

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(Insert location data in County or City)
for the State of Alabama and the (County) (City) of Cullman,
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Eidson + Assoc., Inc
(Contractor)

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(Business Address)

NOTE: This notice must be run once a week for four successive weeks for projects exceeding $50,000.00. For projects of $50,000.00 or less, run one time only. A copy of the publisher's affidavit of publication (including a copy of the advertisement) shall be submitted by the Contractor to the Design Professional for inclusion with DCM Form B-13: Final Payment Checklist for state agencies, PSCA-funded and other bond-funded projects.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
BELLA MARIE GROVES,) CASE NO.: PC-2023-251
An alleged incapacitated person.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

TO: CHRISTOPHER P. GROVES
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Please take notice that a *Petition for Letters of Guardianship* has been filed by Candice Merica England, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Jerry L. Kilgo. A hearing on said *Petition for Letters of Guardianship* has been **SET FOR THE 20th day of OCTOBER, 2023, AT 10:30 A.M.**, Cullman County Courthouse, Probate Office Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this 18th day of August, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

Jerry L. Kilgo
Attorney for Petitioner
421 3rd Avenue SE, Suite 250
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELSIE J. MOORE, * **CASE NO.: PC2023-245**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to PATRICIA B. BARKER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELSIE J. MOORE, deceased, on the 11th day of August, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

PATRICIA B. BARKER
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
2200 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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





Obituary Announcements: Aug. 26-28

Larry Paul Vondrasek, 65
Larry Paul Vondrasek, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Aug. 25, 2023, at the age of 65. Larry was born April 9, 1958, in Nebraska, to Frank and Irene Vondrasek. Mr. Vondrasek worked as a glazing engineer and was very proud of his contribution to the security of our great nation. His work led him to be part of the installation of bomb proof windows in buildings such as the Sears Tower, the Mayo Clinic, stadiums nationwide, Cullman Regional Medical Center, and various other buildings. Larry's work helped save lives when the Pentagon was attacked. The areas where the bomb proof glass had been installed protected those within. Mr. Vondrasek was a hard-working man. He enjoyed fast cars and boats, rodeos, and loved living on the lake. Larry liked to hunt and fish and was an animal lover. His had a special bond with both his horses and dogs. On Nov. 30, 1985, Larry married the love of his life, Ramona, and together they built a family that brought great joy to them both. Larry adored his family and their love for him is apparent. He will be missed greatly. Mr. Vondrasek is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Irene. Those surviving Larry are his wife of almost 38 years, Ramona Mata Vondrasek; son, Cody Vondrasek (Emma); daughter, Chandra Ferguson; grandsons, Troy Vondrasek and Preston Ferguson; brothers, Mark Vondrasek, Roger Vondrasek, Steve Vondrasek; sisters, Marilyn Colby, and Madeline Frasier. The family will receive guests on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 31, 2023, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery at 5 p.m., with Abby Prevost officiating. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Vondrasek family.

Freida Lee Creel, 88
Funeral Service for Freida Lee Creel, age 88, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with burial at Oak Level Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Creel passed away on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Friday, March 15, 1935. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy "Shorty" Leldon Creel; father, L. M. Creel; mother, Katie Mae Hinkle; and daughter, Debra Creel. Survivors include her grandson, Zachary (Elizabeth) Creel, granddaughter, Tammy (Heath) Aderhold; granddaughter, Brandi McFadden; great grandchildren, Angel Creel, Elijah Creel, Masan Aderhold, and Harper Aderhold; and brother, Sonny Hinkle. Randy G. Phillips, 65
A graveside service for Randy G. Phillips, 65, of Hanceville, will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 30 at Fairview West Cemetery. Reverend Timothy Johnson will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Phillips was born on March 2, 1958, in Cullman, Alabama to the late Hobert Phillips and Thelma (Quick) Weaver. He passed away on Aug. 27, 2023, at his residence surrounded by his family. Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Ronnie "Butch" Phillips. Survivors include his wife, Carol Pope; son, Randall Pope (Stephanie); grandchildren, Josh Pope, Amber Pope, and Abby Stewart; great-grandchildren, Weslee Pope, and Addison Holley; sister, Linda Phipps; and beloved pet, Lulu. Sonny, Josh, T.J., Roman, Darryl, and Dusten will have the honor to serve as pallbearers. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Phillips Family.

Karsten Andrew Ryley Williams, 22
Karsten Andrew Ryley Williams was called home to the Lord at age 22 on Aug, 26, 2023. He was preceded in death by his grandfather Billy Weissend and his sister-in-law Brittni Gray. Ryley is survived by his father Buck Williams, his mother Brandy Weissend, wife Sierra Roddam and their three children Bentleigh, Karsten, and E.V. Williams, his siblings Michael Gray (wife Kandice), Brandon Gray (wife Brandi), Dustin Williams (wife Andrea), Courtni Williams (husband Ryan), Destini Williams (husband Zac), and a host of nephews and nieces who are proud to call him Uncle Ry. Today, we celebrate the life of Karsten Andrew Ryley Williams. For those of us that got to know Ryley closely, it was abundantly clear that he was simply one-of-a-kind. Ryley loved to live life to its fullest and wanted the people around him to do the same. He always took advantage of any opportunity to pick up a guitar and bring the people around him closer together with music. Especially his children. Ryley had many passions, but none greater than the love he held for his three beautiful children Bentleigh, Karsten, and E.V. and their mother Sierra. In fact, the only thing that could make watching Alabama football any better for Ryley was to watch it with his kids in his lap and Sierra in his arms. While we may feel Ryley has been called home much too soon, we will trust in the Lord with all our hearts, and lean not unto our own understanding. Ryley certainly learned to rely heavily on God's provision and wisdom as he was raising his three precious children, and there's no doubt that he would share with us everything God had done for him and that we should do the same. We love you and we miss you Ryley.

Oscar Gerald "Shag" Hayes, 84
Oscar Gerald "Shag" Hayes, age 84, of Addison, passed away on Aug. 26, 2023, at home surrounded by his loving family. Gerald was a graduate of Addison High School, he proudly served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church and loved gardening and working on his farm. Visitation for Gerald will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, at noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, Alabama where services will be held at 2 p.m. Burial will be held at Immondfield Cemetery. Brother John T. White and Brother Donnie Carroll will officiate. Gerald is survived by his daughter, Monica (Bob) Hayes Johnson; son, Dusty (Shelonda) Hayes; grandchildren, Jordan (Alan) Blackerby, Riley Black, Tucker Hayes, Willow Hayes, Brian (Jazmine) Johnson, Heather (Cody) Copeland; seven great-grandchildren; three brothers, Jerry (Linda) Hayes, Larry (Rebecca) Hayes, Gary (Joyce) Hayes; two sisters, Maxine Rusk and Doris Willingham; a host of other family members. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rhonda Bell Hayes; parents, William J. Hayes and Elsie Hill Hayes; sisters, Nealene Graben and Judith Artist.

Thermon Lee 'Buddy' Carden, 82
Funeral service for Thermon Lee 'Buddy' Carden, 82, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Springhill Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers and Kenneth Deese officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Carden family. Mr. Carden passed away Monday, Aug. 28, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 5, 1941, to D.C. and Anner Ellenburg Carden. And on the eighth day, the Lord looked down on His planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker" so God made a farmer. Buddy was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann Carden; daughter, Donna (Alan) Edwards; sister, Jean Smith; granddaughter, Katie (Shamar) Robinson; great-grandchildren, Kirklinn Twitty, Korrina Robinson, Kreedence Robinson; special niece and family, Robert Gann, Dana Gann, Bailey Gann; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Marlene Greer, 66
Funeral service for Deborah Marlene Greer, 66, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Good Hope Cemetery. Bro. Shane Hicks will officiate. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Deborah passed away Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, at her residence. She was born March 15, 1957, to Jim Hall and Freda Joyce Owens Hall. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and best friend. She had many, many friends. She was preceded in death by her father and special friend, Marston Lancaster. Survivors include her mother; sons, Brian Hall, Bobby (Natalie) Shoemaker, Scotty (Mandy) Shoemaker; brother, Keith (Lisa) Hall; sister, Anita (Larry) Weeks; grandchildren, Bre, Andrew, Tanner, Bronson, Savannah, Roman, Sawyer, Samuel; two great-grandchildren, Leia and Tucker; dear friend, Deb Kilgore; nieces, nephews, family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Marie Willis, 94
We are sad to announce that on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2023, Ruth Marie Willis, a beloved mother, aunt, and sister, passed away at the age of 94, surrounded by friends and family. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, David Charles Willis; her former husband, Grafton Willis; her father, Charlie Evans, and mother, Ophia Evans; her siblings, Vernard Evans (Fern), Clarence "Ted" Evans, Walter Evans, William "Bill" Evans (Elsie), Margaret Evans, and Charles Edward Evans; and her dear brother-in-law, Raymond Foster Clarke. She is survived by her sister, Mary Ann Clarke; sister-in-law, Syble Evans; cherished niece and caretaker, Ginger Collette Quick (Chad); very dear grand-nephews, Ian Asa Quick and Michael Sebastian Quick; special nephew, Joseph Foster Clarke; grand-niece, Sofie Adelynn Clarke; devoted caretaker and friend, Caroline Hunt; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Ruth graduated from Trevecca Nazarene College in 1955 and became one of the most loved and treasured school teachers in the community. Her early teaching days began at Cold Springs Elementary, West Point Elementary, an elementary school in Argentia, Newfoundland, and Fairview Elementary School. She ultimately got a job teaching at West Elementary School, where she spent 24 years teaching until her retirement. Ruth's influence on her students is immeasurable. She took her job to heart and helped shape the lives of many children, who will never forget their favorite teacher, Mrs. Willis. Ruth was a devoted Christian her entire life and was never afraid to share her faith with anyone, although she didn't have to, as her life displayed the deep belief she held in her heart. Ruth had a special light that spread to anyone who came into her life. A gifted school teacher, Sunday school teacher, and friend, Ruth's most precious job in this life was being a devoted mother to her son, David, whom she lost on April 17, 2017. She has now been reunited with him in heaven. We will miss her more than we can say. Visitation and service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, Cullman, AL. Public visitation begins at 1 p.m. The funeral service begins at 2 p.m.

Betty Cobb Porter, 84
Betty Cobb Porter, age 84, of Addison, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. She was born on July 7, 1939, in Addison, to Noah and Flora Cobb. Betty was a longtime and faithful member of First Baptist Church of Addison. Her favorite hobby was traveling. She was able to travel to many states with her friends; as well as take her children and grandchildren abroad. She enjoyed playing cards and tennis with her family and friends. Betty was a devoted educator for 39 years, she taught at Jones Chapel School, Addison High School, Winston County High School, and the Winston County Area Vocational Center. She served as a teacher, career tech director and principal and she retired as superintendent of the Winston County Education System. The family would like to thank her care takers that allowed her to stay home for many years. We would also like to thank Westminister Assisted Living and Southern Care Hospice for comfort and care in her final years. Visitation for Betty will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.at the First Baptist Church of Addison, where services will be held on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Porter will lie in state from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Bishop Rodney Ridgeway, Brother Samuel Tucker, Brother Kenny Sudduth, Betsey Holland and Brother Shawn Blanton will officiate the services. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery in Haleyville. Pallbearers will include, Darrell Cleghorn, Jeff Boyd, Rick White, Teddy Dollar, Dru Jackson, Chris Cleghorn, Irvin Holland, Jobe Wakefield, Tommy Bartlett, and Stetton Hayes. Honorary pallbearers will include, Dan Cobb, Gary Wakefield, Mike Cobb, Bill Tittle, Terry Cobb, and Johnny Paul Blanton. Betty is survived by her daughter, Cyndy Mahugh Porter Bartlett and husband Billy Joe; son, Shandy Hugh Porter and wife Brittney; four grandchildren, who called her Mothergrand, Betsey Joe Holland and her husband Irvin, Tommy Joe Bartlett, Alison and Jon Carson Porter; one great-grandchild, Essie Joe Holland; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Noah and Flora Cobb; loving husband, Mahugh Porter; three brothers, Raymond (Lib) Cobb; Doyl (Doise) Cobb, and Marvin Cobb; three sisters, Obera (Otha) Holt; Jean (Buck) Wakefield, and Nola (Max) Cleghorn.

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Tips (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With Labor Day coming up this weekend, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman Police Department want to make sure residents have fun and stay safe during the celebrations.

Cullman Police Chief David Nassetta stated, "The biggest thing for this Labor Day is still going to be more of a concern with the heat."

Nassetta said his officers will be doing normal patrols; however, this year they have more officers on the patrols because the department has more people.

"I'm not going to say that we're changing anything drastically as our patrol ways go, but we will have extra people who are now assigned to those shifts and we'll represent new positions in the department," Nassetta stated.

"We do also have a dedicated park police person. Now, we have an officer that is dedicated solely to the parks, so he'll be busy.

"He works at the Wild-Water Park and then he also does patrol different times at the various parks like Palomino and he makes his way up to Hurricane Creek Park. He will cover as much ground as he possibly can," Nassetta said.

CCSO Director of Communications, Lt. Chad Whaley shared the following tips for going out on the water:

- Be safety conscious. Situational awareness should not stop on the land. Be aware of potential dangers in the boat and on the water.
- Don't drink and drive, whether in the car or on the boat. On land or water, alcohol and operating motor vehicles is a deadly combination.
- Always wear a life vest. Regardless of one's swimming ability, a life jacket should be worn anytime they are on the water. Life jackets save lives!
- Be extra cautious with kids. Along with life vests, constant monitoring is a must for children. Make sure there is no miscommunication as to who is watching the kids. Eyes (and hands) should be on the little ones at all times.
- Avoid unnecessary distractions. Distracted driving, distracted boating or distracted parenting can all be disastrous.
- Be diligent and do your part to ensure the safety of everyone on the water.

"From the sheriff's office and myself, we want everyone to have a blessed Labor Day weekend and to be safe," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "We look forward to all the families that are coming in and enjoying this weekend, but most importantly be safe and God bless everybody."

For non-emergencies this weekend, call the CCSO dispatch office at 256-734-0342.

For non-emergencies this weekend within the city limits call 256-734-1434.



Festival (from Front)

Tiffany McKoy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's signature agricultural Labor Day event, the Sweet Tater Festival, will take place this Labor Day weekend. The two-day event, scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Monday, Sept. 4, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and will be held at Smith Lake Park.

The 27th annual event will feature food vendors, live entertainment, arts and crafts vendors and sweet potatoes. Admission to the festival is $5.

The festival's annual golf cart parade will happen on Sunday. On Labor Day Monday the Sweet Tater Festival Car Show will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a $15 registration fee for anyone who wants to enter the car show. According to Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport, he expects about 200-250 cars to be in attendance at the show.

"This year might be our biggest year yet," shared Davenport. "We have a record number of vendors who have signed up."

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons said he is very excited about all the people who will be coming out to the park. "We really enjoy people coming out and using our parks," Clemons said. "I want everyone to come out and get a sweet potato pie!"

While the food vendor signups are closed due to the high volume of applications, arts and crafts vendors can still sign up until the day of the festival. Visit www.cullmancountyparks.com, email smithlakepark@co.cullman.al.us or call at 256-739-2916 for information on how to register your arts and crafts booth.



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