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Sweet Tater Festival sees biggest crowd yet

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This year's Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park had the biggest turnout in the event's history, according to Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport.

"Weather has been a huge factor this year," he said. "The warm temperatures were certainly more favorable than the rain we experienced last year, which had led to a decrease in attendance. But this time around, the weather played in our favor, resulting in a substantial crowd."

Davenport reported that the festival, which took place Sunday and Monday, Sept. 3-4, featured a record-breaking 130 vendors, offering a variety of goods, crafts and food options for attendees to enjoy. Moreover, the entertainment lineup catered to a diverse audience. » PAGE 2



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Classic automobiles on display at the 2023 Sweet Tater Festival at Smith Lake Park

RE Garrison Trucking showcases cancer awareness wraps on fleet



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RE Garrison Trucking, Inc. has wrapped trucks supporting childhood cancer awareness.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — RE Garrison Trucking, Inc. has been at the forefront of corporate social responsibility through its unique truck wrap program. Started in 2018, the initiative has transformed from a tribute to veterans into a rolling billboard for several social causes, with 2023 focusing primarily on cancer awareness.

Shawn Nelson of RE Garrison Trucking explained the evolution of the program and its impact.

"Our journey began with a truck wrap honoring veterans from all military branches. We followed that with 'Back the Blue' in 2019, recognizing law enforcement officers," Nelson said. "Mental health awareness and autism awareness campaigns occupied our 2020 and 2021 wraps, respectively. By 2022, our fleet proudly displayed our company's five core values."

This year, the company took a significant leap by wrapping a truck for breast cancer awareness and concluded the year with two trucks dedicated to childhood cancer awareness.

Nelson reflected on the company's motivation, stating, "RE Garrison is rooted in community service. We owe a lot to the community that has played a vital role in our success, and this program is one of our ways of giving back."

What's impressive is the durability of these messages. The wraps are maintained for the entirety of a truck's life, ensuring longevity of the message. Once the truck is sold, the wrap is removed, revealing pristine paint beneath — a testament to the wrap's protective and aesthetic dual purpose.

According to those at RE Garrison, the process of selecting individuals featured on the wraps is deeply personal and communal.

"We turned to our internal team and partners, seeking stories of families affected by childhood cancer," Nelson said. "The campaign was built upon these heart-rending entries."

The drivers chosen for these trucks have personal stories related to the cause. Nelson mentioned his favorite aspect of the program, stating, "When people approach our drivers, they don't just see a wrapped truck. They hear a story, connect on a personal level, and this interaction makes a lasting impression."

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Fairview hosts Labor Day parade



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Georgia Pearson, 2023 Kindergarten Little Miss Fairala and Fairview's Kindergarten representative in this year's Little Miss Cullman County pageant, waves at visitors during the Fairview Labor Day parade on Monday.

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Cowlicks and Pigtails brings consistent seasonal consignment to Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Any parent who strives to keep up with trends and ever-growing little bodies has struggled with pricing and cost-per-wear of quality children's clothes. And probably experienced the stress of the beautiful smocked and embroidered set you shilled out major dollars for being too small by the time the special event you bought it in mind for rolls around. While a few local brick-and-mortar consignment boutiques like Bubblegum and Blue Jeans or Better Than Before have become a mainstay of thrifty moms in the area, and several children's consignment sales have stopped through Cullman, it will now have a consistent seasonal sale thanks to local mom Megan Seckfort.

Cowlicks and Pigtails aims to bridge the gap of shopping sustainably and frugally while staying trendy and on-season for all the special events in children's lives.

And, with the holiday season right around the corner, it's not a moment too soon.

Seckfort shared that after years of driving out of town for large-scale consignment sales with her sister, she finally got the motivation to bring one to Cullman.

"I thought, 'Why not have one available to local moms like us, and more convenient?'" she posed, quipping that, especially for moms of multiple children, dressing in style can get very pricey.

"And, with boutique prices going up and up, and children growing every moment you look away, it seems a no-brainer to shop secondhand.

"For those like myself especially, that have three kids, it's just not in the budget to buy brand new of upscale brands for every child to wear on big occasions and important holidays!" she said.

Seckfort noted the benefits of consignment, sharing that some busy parents simply don't have time to post their children's outgrown garments online individually and risk a buyer not following through, or the comfort to take a loss on the investment of those items through a common yard sale.

"I feel like having Cowlicks and Pigtails will be a convenient seasonal closet cleanout for all of us, with minimal hassle!" Seckfort exclaimed.

Seckfort noted that with a streamlined consignment process, it's a win-win for both those consigning and those shopping; consignors get to set their own prices with a convenient online tagging system, and parents get to refresh their children's wardrobes for the coming holiday season at a steal.

This season's sale will be held from Wednesday, Sept. 13, to Saturday, Sept.16.

The sale will be hosted at The Venue at Cotton Creek, located at 417 Third Ave. SW in Cullman. There are several ticket rates and dates to choose from, and tickets can be purchased at http://tinyurl.com/cowlicksandpigtails.

For more information about Cowlicks and Pigtails, visit http://tinyurl.com/cowlicksandpigtailsFB.

ADMH: September is National Recovery Month

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — September is National Recovery Month and the Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH), the Division of Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services and our community partners raise awareness and educate individuals and families through information and events to show the importance of substance use treatment, substance disorders and recovery, as well as to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices.

ADMH values all individuals within Alabama's recovery community and strives to increase knowledge, compassion, and connections that cultivates recovery and resilience. Through Recovery Month, individuals can become more aware and able to recognize the signs of substance use disorders and encourages people in need of recovery services to seek help.

National Recovery Month reminds us that Recovery is for Everyone: Every Person. Every Family. Every Community. Through reducing barriers and creating an inclusive space, we can decrease the stigma associated with individuals receiving treatment for substance use disorders or mental health conditions.

ADMH recognizes the dedicated and committed professionals and service providers who provide prevention, treatment, and support services. Finding a local provider is simple and easy through the ADMH Directory of Providers. Also, find support with substance use recovery partners such as The Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.) and People Engaged in Recovery (P.E.I.R.).

Everyone's recovery process is distinct and unique. Utilizing a reversal medication, such as naloxone, can facilitate the transition to a path of recovery. To assist in this endeavor, the Jefferson County Department of Health and ADMH have collaborated to provide free kits and training on the use of naloxone to the public, first responders, and law enforcement. Get the lifesaving, free training here.

ADMH is also a partner in the "Odds Are" campaign in partnership with VitAL Alabama to address the fentanyl epidemic through education, real-life stories and information on the availability of free opioid overdose reversal medications.

Through a collaboration with the Alabama Department of Public Health and VitAL Alabama, ADMH provides Connect Alabama, an app that is a behavioral health services and treatment finder application that provides individuals with instant access to education, information and services related to substance use, mental health, and prevention. The app is available for download on iOS through the App Store and for Android devices via Google Play.

System (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission is reminding Cullman County residents about its Cullman County Notification System. The application allows users to select which alerts they receive and from which location in the county they would like to receive them. Alerts can be received from all county departments and municipalities.

According to Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Tim Sartin the system has been in place for a while, and its effectiveness has led to steady growth. He said there have been over 15,000 signups so far.

Residents have the power to tailor their alerts based on their preferences. Whether it's weather updates, road conditions or governmental announcements, users can handpick the types of notifications they receive.

"It's a fast notification system. You get to pick and choose what you want to get alerts from," Sartin explained. "And if they subscribe to the alert system, they need to go ahead and download the EMA app as well, because the EMA app gives them a lot of different options as well, such as storm shelter listings, like the address of where the storm shelters (are)."

The EMA application is available for Android and iOS and can be found in the respective app stores.

"I think people should sign up for it because it's a huge benefit and doesn't cost them anything," Sartin stated.

"It's another tool in your toolbox when things happen and you need notification."

According to Sartin, the goal is to ensure residents are proactive and as prepared as they can be in case of an emergency.

The Cullman County Notification System is a free service and can be found at https://entry.inspironlogistics.com/cullman_al/wens.cfm. Users can unsubscribe at any time.

It is a free service provided by Cullman County; however, normal message fees may apply. To receive text messages, a user's cell phone must have text messaging capabilities.

Festival (from Front)

"The clogger performances, with their energetic and engaging routines, were a standout attraction yesterday," Davenport noted, referring to the Clog Wild Cloggers.

"The interaction with the crowd was truly remarkable, and it's evident that people enjoyed being a part of the experience."

The car show also captured the attention of visitors. Vintage and modern vehicles lined up on display, drawing car enthusiasts and families alike. Davenport estimated there were around 200 automobiles.

The festival also included the popular golf cart parade that showcased creative and artistic designs, adding an element of fun and community spirit to the event, and live entertainment kept the atmosphere lively.

COA (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Commission on Aging (COA) is urging retirees and seniors to "Treasure Your Health" at its high seas-themed Cullman Retiree and Senior Health Fair. The event will take place Thursday, Sept. 7, at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center and will be packed with senior-centered health resources, a full schedule of guest speakers, door prizes, and rumor has it, a few pirates will be making an appearance!

In addition to all the fun, the health fair will provide on-site health screenings, and flu shots will be available.

Guest speakers include Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Karen Reeves of the Better Business Bureau of North Alabama, Bill Hawkins of American Association of Retired Persons Advocacy Outreach, Nicholas Vonderau of the Alabama Securities Commission, Cullman Police Sgt. Adam Clark and a special guest speaker from Premier Bank of the South.

The fair is open to any area retirees or seniors aged 50 or older.

The Active Adult Center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m., the speaker panel begins at 9 and vendor visits begin at 10. Lunch will be provided.

For more information on future events hosted by the COA, visit www.facebook.com/coacullman.


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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.

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.

Estate Yard Sale
Friday and Saturday, Sept. 8-9, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, at East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 1441 U.S. Highway 278 E in Cullman. Lots of furniture and household items will be available.

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.

Holly Pond Homemakers Club
Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 1 p.m. in The Event Center. Hostesses will be Amelia Wisener and Carol Hollander. Please come and bring a friend and the book you're reading.

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

Cold Springs, Good Hope, Hanceville take county matchups, Bearcats edge Jasper on the road

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Another slate of local prep football games are in the books and in week two, we had several rivalry battles happening all over the county. Cullman hit the road and bounced back from a week one loss with a dramatic, 15-13 win at Jasper, Fairview traveled to Priceville and returned home with a 35-0 win and Addison made the trip over to Vina and handled the Red Devils 50-0. Back home, the Hanceville Bulldogs topped the West Point Warriors on the road 29-15, the Good Hope Raiders traveled to Vinemont and downed the Eagles 39-20 and in Cold Springs, the Eagles dominated Holly Pond 42-7 to improve to 2-0 on the season. Arab was also back home in week two and remained unbeaten with a 28-13 win over Brewer, but the Meek Tigers suffered their first loss of the season against Hackleburg 24-8.

Cullman 15 – Jasper 13

The Bearcats were on the road Friday night to renew their rivalry with the Jasper Vikings, and it was another tight battle between the 'Cats and the Vikings. Special teams miscues by Jasper allowed Cullman to take an early lead but the Bearcats had to come up with some big plays late in the game to hold on to a hard-fought, 15-13 road win over the Vikings.

The 'Cats forced Jasper to punt on its opening possession and with the Vikings backed up deep in their own end zone, Cullman was able to block the punt out of the back of the end zone and take an early, 2-0 lead with a safety. Special teams continued to be a problem for Jasper. The Vikings lined up for another punt later in the second quarter, but the snap sailed over the punter's head and was recovered in the end zone by the Bearcats for a touchdown. Garrett Mobley's extra point attempt split the uprights and Cullman led 9-0 midway through the second quarter.

However, Jasper responded on its next possession with a scoring drive capped off by a 6-yard touchdown pass that trimmed the lead to 9-7 with less than five minutes remaining in the half. Just a few plays later, a Cullman interception gave the Vikings' offense a very short field to work with and a 3-yard touchdown run gave Jasper a 13-9 lead with four minutes on the clock. The Bearcats were able to move the ball down the field late in the second quarter and as the final seconds of the period ticked away, Mobley drilled a 32-yard field goal to cut the lead to 13-12 at the halftime break.

Neither offense was able to do much in the third quarter, but Cullman quarterback Tanner Gaines connected with Wyatt Buchanan and Cooper Ogstad for a pair of big gains to start the fourth. The 'Cats were unable to finish that drive in the end zone but Mobley's second field goal of the night, this one from 21 yards, gave Cullman a 15-13 lead with just under 10 minutes remaining in the game. A fumble gave the ball back to the Vikings near midfield with around seven minutes to play but the Bearcats' defense was able to get the stop they needed once again and gave the ball back to the offense deep in its own territory. Gaines hit Ogstad streaking down the middle of the field for a 40-yard gain to move the ball out near midfield and facing third and 10 a few plays later, Gaines found Ogstad just past the sticks to move the chains, keep the clock running and secure a 15-13 victory for the 'Cats.

Cullman improves to 1-1 with the win and will look to stay in the win column against another rival when the Bearcats travel to take on Hartselle next week.

Arab 28 – Brewer 13

After handling Albertville in week one, the Arabian Knights returned home Friday night to host Brewer in week two and after a tight first half, the Knights were able to take more control in the second half and pull away with a 28-13 win.

Both teams exchanged punts on their opening possessions, but Brewer capped off its second drive with a touchdown and jumped out to a 7-0 lead over the Knights with just a few seconds remaining in the first quarter. Arab responded early in the second with a 4-yard touchdown run by Logan Alldredge and Aiden Wooten's extra point tied the game at 7 with 7:35 to play in the first half.

The Patriots put together another scoring drive to move back in front but missed the extra point, making it a 13-7 game with just over three minutes to play in the second quarter. However, Knights quarterback Drew Puccio answered right back with a long touchdown run down the sideline to tie things up at 13 and Wooten's extra point put Arab on top 14-13 late in the first half. Brewer threatened to score again right before the break, but the Knights held the Patriots out of the end zone and went to the locker room holding a 1-point lead at halftime.

With just a few minutes gone in the third, Arab tacked on another touchdown to stretch its lead to 21-13 but an interception later in the period gave the ball back to the Patriots with an opportunity to score. The Knights held up defensively and kept Brewer off the board to maintain an 8-point advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Arab continued to make things difficult for the Patriots offense and with just under five minutes to play, Alldredge punched another one into the end zone to give the Knights a 28-13 lead. Brewer was unable to respond offensively, and Arab held on to win it over the Patriots 28-13.

The Knights improve to 2-0 on the season with the win and will hit the road to face Douglas in a regional game next week.

Fairview 35 – Priceville 0

After cruising past Columbia in week one, the Fairview Aggies faced their first road test of the season in week two with a matchup at Priceville. It took the Aggies a little time to find their rhythm offensively, but they dominated from start to finish on the defensive side of the ball, returning home with a 35-0 shutout win over the Bulldogs.

Both teams exchanged punts on their opening possessions but on their second drive, the Aggies took a 7-0 lead after Eli Frost punched one into the end zone from 17 yards out and Kolt Redding knocked through the extra point. Fairview came up with an interception later in the second quarter, setting the Aggies' offense up with a short field and just a couple plays later, Frost ran in his second score of the night from 15 yards out to make it a 14-0 game.

Fairview took over possession in the final few minutes of the half and looked to add to its lead before the break. Big runs by Frost moved the ball deep into Priceville territory and Carson Jones capped off the scoring drive with a 4-yard touchdown run to put the Aggies on top 21-0 going into the locker room at halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Aggies forced the Bulldogs to turn the ball over on downs early in the fourth and Jones' second touchdown of the night made it 28-0 with a little over seven minutes remaining. In the final three minutes of the game, Jake Harper officially put things away with a 39-yard touchdown run that wrapped up a 35-0 road win for the Aggies.

Fairview improves to 2-0 with the win at Priceville and the Aggies will be back on the road next week for a regional game at East Limestone.

Hanceville 29 – West Point 15

Hanceville made the trip over to West Point for a huge county matchup with the Warriors and big games from J.T. Davis and Marquies Leeth along with a strong defensive effort, led the way for the Bulldogs in a huge 29-15 road win over their county rivals.

Leeth finished the game with 108 yards rushing on 16 carries and a score. Jones added 45 more on the ground and a touchdown. Davis added 131 yards on seven receptions and a touchdown. Hurst had the 64-yard interception return for a touchdown, while Whatley recovered a fumble for the Bulldogs (1-1). Bear Busby, Clements, and Giovanni Bautista each recorded a sack for Hanceville.

For West Point (1-1), Hensley finished 13/26 for 196 yards, two touchdowns, and an interception. Marks added 129 yards on six catches, while Sims finished with 40 yards on three receptions and a score. Roberson added 80 yards on the ground for the Warriors.

Hanceville will start region play on the road against Oneonta next week and West Point will remain home to host Vinemont.

Good Hope 39 – Vinemont 20

The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Good Hope Raiders on a drizzly Friday night and unfortunately for the home crowd, the Raiders topped the Eagles 39-20 to collect their first win of the season.

Vinemont put the first points on the board when Rush Sandlin pitched one back to Kayden Henderson who found Kyler Pugh for a 39-yard touchdown to put the Eagles up 6-0 with 10:09 remaining in the first quarter. It didn't take long for the Raiders to answer as Carter Rutherford returned the ensuing kickoff 89 yards to give the Raiders a 7-6 lead.

After forcing a turnover on downs Good Hope added to their lead when Colten Whatley hooked up with Tyler Cone for a 28-yard touchdown to make the score 13-6 with 4:56 remaining in the opening quarter. Good Hope would tack on another touchdown right before halftime when Whatley found Rutherford from 30 yards out to send them to the locker room with a 20-6 advantage.

Early in the third quarter Whatley found Rutherford for a 33-yard touchdown to put the Raiders ahead 27-6. Two plays later Kayden Henderson raced up the middle for a 60-yard touchdown to cut the Raider lead to 27-12 with 8:52 remaining in the third quarter. Good Hope answered back with a 31-yard touchdown pass from Whatley to Weston Hancock to stretch the lead to 33-12 with 7:10 left in the third quarter.

Late in the third quarter Vinemont forced a turnover deep in their own territory but two plays later Good Hopes Mason Drake gave the Raiders a 39-12 lead thanks to a 14-yard interception returned for a touchdown. With 2:24 remaining in the game Vinemont's Chris Knight scored on a 30-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 39-20 but Good Hope was able to run out the remainder of the clock to secure their first win of the season 39-20 over their county rivals.

Good Hope improves to 1-1 with the win and the Raiders will now turn their attention to their region opener at home against Cherokee County next week. Vinemont falls to 0-2 with the loss and will look to get in the win column against another county rival when the Eagles travel to West Point next week.

Cold Springs 42 – Holly Pond 7

The Holly Pond Broncos traveled across the county to face the Eagles of Cold Springs Friday night and with the rain coming down, the Eagles flew to an impressive, 42-7 win over the Broncos.

Cold Springs received the opening kickoff and moved the ball well behind the strong running of Matt Williams, but the drive stalled later in the first quarter and the Eagles were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

Holly Pond's Brody Howard got the Broncos moving, taking the ball out to their own 45-yard line. The Broncos got caught holding and the penalty moved the ball back to their own 38 but from there, quarterback Sawyer Olinger found Boston Gibbs breaking across the middle and Gibbs took it the distance for a touchdown to put the Broncos up 7-0 with 1:53 left in the first quarter.

The Bronco defense steps up again with John Gibbs picking off a Cold Springs pass at their own 44. But the Broncos drive stalls and the Eagles take over.

Starting near midfield, Williams was the first to get the Eagles on the board with a 51-yard touchdown run that trimmed the lead to 7-6.

The Eagles defense shut down the Broncos in the second quarter and their offense put up 16 unanswered points with Williams scoring from 3 yards out and a touchdown on a quick screen to wrap up the scoring in the first half. At the break, Cold Springs led Holly Pond 22-7.

The Eagles never had to punt in the game and their defense dominated the Broncos offense in the second half. The Eagles offense added 14 more points in the second half half when Samuel Turner scored on a 20-yard run and Williams added another touchdown run from 3 yards out.

With 10 seconds remaining in the game, Holly Pond fumbled the ball on the Eagles 20-yard line and Turner scooped it up and raced 80 yards untouched the other way to cap off an exciting, 42-7 win for Cold Springs.

The Eagles improve to 2-0 with the win and will be looking for their second win of the season when they travel to Sulligent for their region opener next week. Holly Pond (0-2) will be back on the road next week as well for a regional matchup at Locust Fork.

Addison 50 – Vina 0

Addison made the long journey to Vina, Alabama for a region matchup with Vina and the Bulldogs returned home with a convincing, 50-0 victory over the Red Devils.

Addison moves to 1-1 (1-0 region) on the season and hosts Cherokee next Friday. Vina falls to 0-1 (0-1 region) and is off next week.

Addison had 26 carries for 253 yards. Addison had five pass plays for 125 yards. Addison had 31 total plays for 378 yards. Vina had 44 running plays for 113 yards. Vina had 11 pass plays for 28 yards. Vina had 55 total plays for 141 total yards.

Wilkins completed both of his passing attempts for 104 yards and a touchdown. Kayden Dyson was 1-1 for 15 yards.

Addison was led in rushing by Hammack with four carries for 81 yards and two TDs. Wilkins had two carries for 71 yards and two TDs. Luker had four carries for 62 yards and a TD. Zayne Smith had four carries for 28 yards. Mauldin had two carries for 6 yards and a TD.

Addison was led in receiving by McLamb with one catch for 74 yards and a TD. Roberts had one grab for 30 yards. Dyson had one catch for 15 yards. Joey Wilson had one catch for 19 yards.

On defense, Bradley Willette had six tackles. Snoddy had five tackles. Hayden Holland had 4 tackles. Robert Gilmore, Hubbert, Wyatt Anderson had three tackles. Casen Hill, Bryant Hill, Shelton Alexander, Matthew McKinna and Trennon Burns had two each.

Lawrence and Alexander each had an interception. Burns, Snoddy and another unidentified Bulldog recovered fumbles.

Hackleburg 24 – Meek 8

Meek returned home to Tiger Stadium Friday night after opening up the season with a road win over Maplesville but unfortunately for Tiger fans, they didn't have the same success against Hackleburg.

Meek took a lead late in the first quarter when Mason Powe scooped up a fumble and took it the other way for a touchdown. Cam Deaver punched in the two-point conversion and the Tigers were up 8-0 going into the second. However, the Panthers responded with a 3-yard touchdown later in the second that cut the lead to 8-6 going into the locker room at halftime.

A 30-yard touchdown pass put Hackleburg in front 12-8 late in the third quarter and the Panthers added another score on a 12-yard run early in the fourth to make it an 18-8 game. Hackleburg scored one more time before the final whistle blew and the Tigers dropped their first game of the season to the Panthers 24-8.

Meek will look to bounce back from the loss and get back in the win column against Waterloo next week.



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Cullman's Cooper Ogstad (88) pulls down a catch for a big gain late in the Bearcats' 15-13 win at Jasper Friday night.



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Hanceville quarterback Noah Jones runs away from defenders during the Bulldogs' 29-15 win at West Point Friday night.

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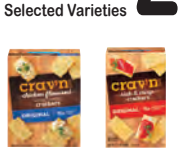




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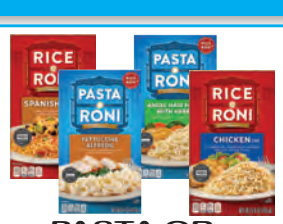
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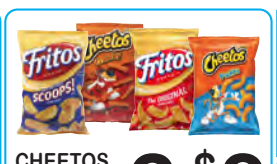
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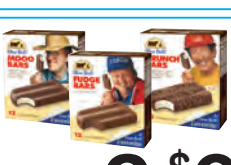
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PREP CHEER

'Have a positive attitude': Hanceville's Millie Brown excited for upcoming cheer season

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville freshman cheerleader Millie Brown hasn't been on varsity long, but she has already accomplished so much, and she has definitely enjoyed the experience with her teammates so far.

"It has been a lot of work, but fun at the same time. We have been practicing three times a week over the summer. We also had several fundraising events. Not too long ago, we attend cheer camp at the University of Alabama.

"I had so much fun at UCA camp with my team. I didn't realize how tiring camp really was, but I had a great time with my teammates," Brown said.

"We were Game Day Champions, Camp Routine Champions, Crowd Leading Champions, received three Superior Gold ribbons, Superior Blue ribbons on all of our evaluations, and won the Spirit Stick awards.

"I was excited, because I was able to try out for All-American cheerleader and ended up making it. Overall, it has been a great experience so far."

She added, "It was very stressful and exhausting having to learn so much in a very short amount of time. I am proud that it resulted with a positive outcome.

"In addition, I'm optimistic and I look forward to the things that our team could accomplish together in the future.

Brown has had a blast so far cheering with some great girls and learned a very important thing from them. She has also learned some things from her coaches as well.

"It is always great to be able to work with a group of people who love cheering as much as I do. The most important thing I have learned is that a team will only be successful when the whole team works together towards a common goal," she said.

"One of the coaches is my mom and she has taught me a lot. She always jokes that I was raised going to cheer practices (laughs).

"My other coach, Ms. Radcliff, has taught me to have a positive attitude and always try my best, no matter what the situation is, or what is happening with the team."

Brown has already seen a big improvement in her performance so far and has continued to work on her performance in preparation for this upcoming season.

"We go weekly to Cullman Gymnastics and Cheer Academy, and I have seen a big improvement in my stunting abilities," she said.

"At practices, we work on band chants, sideline cheers/chants, and stunts. At home, I always stretch to help my jumps. I do many drills to help my tumbling get stronger, and I watch myself in a mirror so I can check my motion placement."

She has two great junior leaders to look up to this season in Josie Radcliff and Haylee Nethery.

She talks about her goals and the team goals for this season and what will make this cheer squad special to watch.

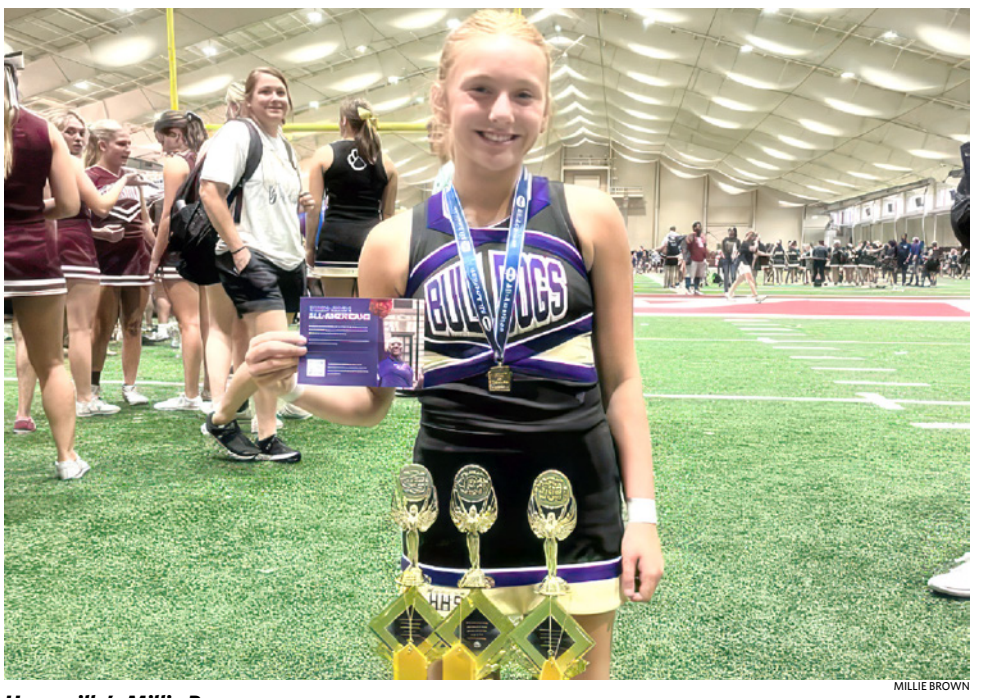
"Josie and Haylee have been great leaders. They are a good influence on myself and my other teammates. They have taught us many cheers and chants that we need to know for the upcoming football season.

"They are always there if we need help," she said. "My goals are to get better at my standing tumbling (I want to be able to do a standing tuck), and to improve the height of my jumps (I would like to have inverted toe touches) (laughs).

"As for the team's goals, we want to win the Cullman County Game Day cheer competition, and we hope to make it to the state cheer competition.

"What will make us special to watch is we enjoy each other's company, so I think it shows when we are together cheering or performing."

Brown talked about her role model growing up and the best advice that someone ever gave her.



MILLIE BROWN

Hanceville's Millie Brown

"My sister, Tess, cheered when she was in school, so I have always looked up to her growing up.

"Her tumbling was always amazing, her jumps were inverted, and she had an awesome work ethic," she said.

"The best advice that I was ever given by someone was that you are in charge of your life. Figure out what makes you happy and do everything you can to keep it that way."

The team's performance at cheer camp definitely helped them out, confidence-wise, and it helped out with Brown's confidence as well going into this upcoming season.

"Since we were able to perform well at cheer camp, I feel like it will help us have confidence for the upcoming season. It will give us a lot more confidence than before," she said.

"That performance makes me so excited going into this season.

"It makes me realize how fun my 'sport' is with the people that I love. I can't wait until the upcoming season starts."



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AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Grab your smart phones and buckle your chin straps. The 2023 Marble Bowl is kicking off this fall. In its second year, this competition continues to take the popular Iron Bowl football rivalry between Auburn University and University of Alabama to a new venue – nature. Fans on both sides of the rivalry can participate all season to help their favorite team claim their bragging rights.

What is the Marble Bowl?

Wildlife specialists with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System created the Marble Bowl in 2022. This outlet provides people an opportunity to exercise citizen science and, of course, some friendly competition. The term citizen science refers to public's participation in scientific research. You don't have to have an advanced educational degree to participate in impactful research.

"Alabama is blessed with incredible biodiversity and is among the highest in the nation," said Wesley Anderson, an Alabama Extension forestry, wildlife and natural resources specialist and mastermind behind the Marble Bowl. "With these facts in mind, the increased need for documenting biodiversity around the state becomes clear."

The name of this program comes from Alabama's state rock – marble. Naturally, this title fits the subject at play. In the 2022 Marble Bowl, 361 participants observed more than 35,500 unique observations and 4,927 unique species. This culminated to 1,725 volunteer hours in the name of citizen science.

No observation too small

From a common native plant to an invasive species, every finding submitted to the Marble Bowl will help experts create their own biodiversity playing field for research. Successfully documenting these species helps professionals identify areas of need.

"Our world is changing rapidly, and we need to develop a baseline of what biodiversity in our state looks like now so down the road we can assess how it differs and what we should do about it," Anderson said. "This means observations made around where you live, work and play have value too."

By utilizing the iNaturalist platform, observations can be made from the palm of a hand. Download the mobile application for observations on the go or use the website team pages to document findings upon return from an adventure.

Get ready for a Bioblitz

As everyone enjoys football season, be sure to make a few observations while tossing the pigskin, and get ready for a BioBlitz in 2023. For rules and guidelines about this competition, visit the Marble Bowl web page on the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu. Also, you may find other citizen science programs in Extension's online resources.

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SugarFest 2023 brings Labor Day fun to Arab

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ARAB, Ala. — Hundreds of residents poured into Arab City Park on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, to celebrate Arab's annual SugarFest. SugarFest, a celebration of all the things that make life sweeter in the South, brought a combined 162 vendors, dozens of food trucks and several carnival experiences to delight the senses of young, old and all those in between.

The one-day festival has steadily grown in size and attendance, with this year being the biggest yet.

Weathering the balmy late afternoon temperatures with a slew of volunteers, City of Arab Planning Services Assistant Kim Johnson was on the scene to give her perspective on the growth the festival has seen over the years.

"I have probably 10 vendors who sold out an hour ago, and several who have told me they're ABOUT to sell out!" she exclaimed, fanning herself with a SugarFest-branded, revival-style fan.

With a sprawling venue hosting tons of activities and vendors, there was enjoyment from every angle, but the venue did present some logistical challenges for the SugarFest team, according to Johnson, the "chaos coordinator" of the craft area boasting over 100 unique vendors.

"It's a 140-acre park; it's beautiful, but it's challenging logistically. All the levels, getting people in and parking... I mean, it just goes and goes!" she laughed.

Johnson shared that while the festival was born out of a one-man fireworks show, it has grown to be a celebration of culture and community that you can't find anywhere else other than Arab, but it still maintains its down-to-earth roots of old-fashioned fun.

"It's just something fun for the community, just something for people to enjoy," she smiled.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Two attendees stroll through the vendor area, donning signature Arab Knights blue on Saturday, Sept. 2, at the city's annual SugarFest.

LEGALS

PB MIN Bk 218 Pg 712 - 08/18/2023 01:20 PM
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
ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

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

PB ADT Bk 67 Pg 201 - 09/01/2023 02:22 PM
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
* CASE NO: AD 2022-093

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF:
MICHAEL DAVID BARBER and DUSTY BROOKE NORRIS

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE MINOR CHILD G.L.B. DATE OF BIRTH 12/8/2022 BORN TO HALEY TENILLE BARBER.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, BY MICHAEL DAVID BARBER AND DUSTY BROOKE NORRIS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, #101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE this the 1st day of September, 2023.

Alex J. Chaney
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, AL 35055

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune

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

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 2-4

Glenn Karstaedt, 59
Glenn Karstaedt, 59, of Cullman, Alabama, joined the eternal celebration in Heaven Aug. 30, 2023. Glenn was born on May 10, 1964, to Ralph and Delores (Perl) Karstaedt in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Glenn graduated from Kiel High School in 1983. He enjoyed woodworking, metals, and electronics classes. In 1994, Glenn swept Frances off her feet while country line dancing. They married in 1996, and recently celebrated their 27th anniversary. Glenn worked at Brose where he received an award for employee of the month and for his inventions. He had a strong work ethic and seemed happiest when he was working with his hands. He also enjoyed music and sound engineering. He had a wonderful band family from Wisconsin, "Whosoever Believes". He enjoyed mixing sound during jam sessions and at various nursing homes across Wisconsin and Alabama. He was a member of Daystar Church where he served on the greeting team and attended Iron Men small group. Glenn never met a stranger, and he enjoyed spending time with his family and his dog, Jo "Dingo," and his grand-dogs Hunter, Henry, and Ellie. He was a kind and gentle soul. Glenn was predeceased by his parents, brother, Jeff, and sister, Lori Lynn. He is survived by his wife, Frances, children, Andrew Karstaedt of Memphis, Alissa (Everett) Mallory of Olive Branch, Daniel of Cullman, and Norma Schoonhoven of Cullman. He is also survived by his siblings, Debbie (Bruce) Dittmer, Todd Karstaedt, Marybeth Nachtwey (Special friend Dan Preissner), Kim (Steven) Rolkosky. He will live on through the legacy of his grandchildren, Lakia Karstaedt and Javien Karstaedt. He is also survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, family and friends. Services will be held at Daystar Church, 200 Daystar Drive Cullman, Alabama on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023. Public visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. with a service following visitation. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Karstaedt family.

Dorothy Irene Savage, 85
Funeral service for Dorothy Irene Savage, age 85, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeffrey Folds officiating; burial at Alabama National Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sep. 7, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Savage passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Saturday, June 11, 1938. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Savage, a son, Michael Edward Savage, fathers, Johnny Cross and Mel Bleakley, mother, Dorothy Bleakley, and three brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Marie (Randy) Folds, son, Doug (Dawn) Savage, daughter, Darla (Chip) O'Brian, grandchildren, Jeremy (JoHanna) Folds, Jennifer (Steven) Massey, Jeffrey (Shauna) Folds, Benjamin (Angelina) Savage, Justin Savage, fifteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, two sisters, and one brother.

Zena Glass Harris, 33
Zena Glass Harris, age 33, of Jasper, formerly of Haleyville, passed away Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at University Hospital in Birmingham. She was born June 15, 1990, to Jon and Tracy Glass. Zena served as a jailer for the Walker County Sheriff's Office. Zena was a member of Manchester Independent Church of God. She was a member of the order of the Confederate Rose. Zena was a 2009 graduate of Haleyville High School and was a member of the "Roaring Lions" Band. Zena is survived by her husband, Anthony Harris; children, Emmett Eaton, Zachary Barnes, Nicholas Barnes, and Rachel Harris; parents, Tracy (Rickey) Wallace, Jon (Rhonda) Glass, and Terry (Shane) Davis; siblings, Nena Sha (Fernando) Woods, Jessica (Whopper) Loggins, Cassie Holder, Aaron (Danielle) Holder, Erin Scott, Bosha Wallace, Tim (Bridgette) Wallace, Carrie Glass, and Gail Hood; in-laws, George and Ruby Barnes; and brother-in-law, Dewayne Harris; and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Roger Hood, Linda Glass, and Leroy and Pearl McBryde; stepfather, Dwight Kirkpatrick; father in law, Earnie Harris; sister in law, Marsha; great-grandparents, Maudie Hood, Mamie and Arnold Bridges, Julia and John Glass; step-grandparents, Margaret and William Wallace; and her sweet angel baby. A full obituary will be available on Tuesday. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Harvey Darrell Owen, 85
Graveside service for Harvey Darrell Owen, 85, of Cullman will be at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023, at Good Hope Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Owen family. Mr. Owen passed away Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at CRMC. He was born Nov. 24, 1937, to Harvey Allen and Mamie Ann Cureton Owen. He loved his family and Alabama football. He served 30 years in the United States Army and was a Vietnam veteran. In honor of our father, we ask everyone that would like to wear Alabama apparel for his service. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 40 years, Lenda Ann Owen; daughter, Vicky Lee Owen; granddaughter, Bobbi Leigh Owen; great-granddaughter, Shawna MayLynn Borseth. Survivors include his sons, Allen (Faith)Owen, Eddie (Tracey) Owen, Johnny (Brandy) Owen, Greg "Pooh" Owen; daughters, Kay Cofer, Tabitha (Barry) Owen Nall, Tonya (Corey) Owen Miller; brothers, James (Joyce) Owen, Randall (Nanette) Owen; sisters, Ann Lee, Sue (Morris) Scott, Fay Owen; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Minnie Johnson Franklin, 85, of Cullman
Minnie Johnson Franklin, 85, of Cullman, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023. She was born Dec. 9, 1937. Mrs. Johnson was an English Teacher at Baker High School in Mobile for 30 years. She was a member of Cullman First Baptist Church. She is survived by her son, Robert (Lisa) Franklin; daughter, Dawn (Mike) Nelson; grandchildren, Amber Miller, Matt Overstreet, Marisa Fryar and Anna Franklin. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Winfred and Lena Mae Johnson; her husband, Bob Franklin and five siblings. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, Dr. Tom Richter officiating; burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from noon until 1 p.m.

Nina Gay Green, 87
A graveside service for Nina Gay Green, of Hanceville, will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at Mulberry Cemetery in Blountsville, Alabama. Reverend Bruce Dial will be officiating. Mrs. Green was born on Oct. 11, 1935, to the late George and Mamie (Marsh) Newman in Blount County, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 87 on Sept. 4, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center in Cullman. Survivors include her sisters-in-law, Frances Newman and Juanita Newman; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey Green; and siblings, Edith, J.B., Vera, Linda, Wayne, and John. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Green Family.

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Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:20 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, claimed the life of a Cullman man.

Alabama State Troopers said Maxwell W. Ratcliff, 24, was critically injured when the 2021 Dodge Ram he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree.

Troopers said Ratcliff was transported to Cullman Regional, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Passengers Calvin A. McNabb, 23, and Cole D. MacDonald, 24, both of Bremen, were injured and transported to area hospitals.

The crash occurred on County Road 107, approximately 2 miles northwest of Cold Springs, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.



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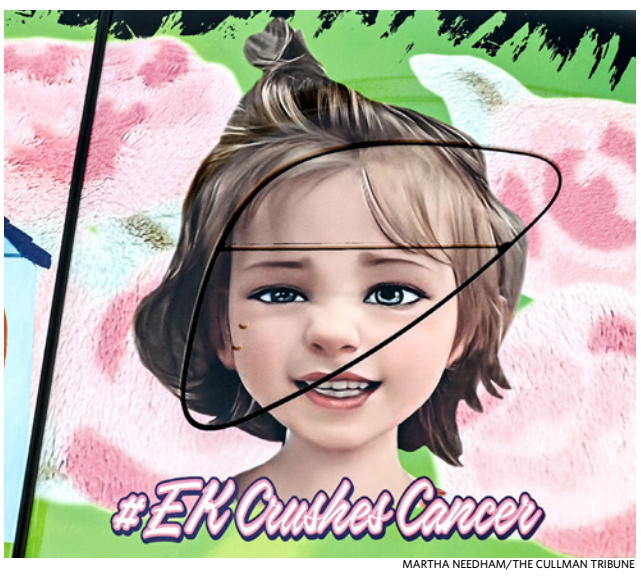
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wrapped trucks, each garnering up to 600 impressions per mile. The math is staggering with each truck running 125,000 miles annually and remaining in the fleet for at least four years; that equates to 300 million impressions per truck. If the truck exceeds its average mileage, that number can skyrocket.

The recent wraps highlighting the struggle against cancer have a profound resonance within the company. Meeting the eight families and nine children affected by childhood cancer for this campaign has been a poignant reminder of the significance of its efforts.

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