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'Where else can you find muscadine juice?'

Saint Bernard welcomes visitors for 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Attendees and competitors from all across the Southeast gathered on the picturesque grounds of Saint Bernard Preparatory School Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, for the seventh annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival.

This year's fest was a delight to all senses, with live soulful and twangy blues music, the scent and flavor of delectably smoked and sauced barbecue and a long list of colorful artisans selling their wares far across the campus.

The entertainment lineup was stacked with the serenading sounds of » PAGE 6

Festival volunteers stay shaded from the harsh afternoon sun as they dish out smoked and sauced barbecue favorites catered by Freddie Day Catering on Sunday, Sept. 10, at the 7th Annual Bernard Blues and BBQ Festival. »



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Welcome, Essie!

West Point Elementary introduces service dog



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West Point Elementary School students Silas Wheeler, Izzy Forsyth, Hadley Bryson, Carter Aris and Truitt Dingler with West Point Elementary Principal Michael Lindsey and Essie the service dog

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WEST POINT, Ala. — West Point Elementary School on Monday morning welcomed its new faculty member, Essie the service dog.

Essie is a Labradoodle, and her primary handler is West Point Elementary School Assistant Principal Shannon Waters. The school plans to utilize Essy's presence strategically. She will visit classrooms, assist special needs students and offer support to children experiencing emotional challenges. According to Waters, the goal is to de-escalate emotional situations and provide a source of comfort for students dealing with trauma or emotional stress.

This initiative to bring a service dog to West Point Elementary began two years ago, but it gained momentum with a recent grant approval. The school had been inspired by the success of similar programs, such as the one at Hanceville Elementary School, which saw remarkable improvements in student well-being and behavior according to West Point Elementary School Principal Michael Lindsey.

"We have seen firsthand how helpful dogs can be to students who may be experiencing emotional difficulties or trauma," Lindsey explained. "Having Essie here will give our students a companion at school and a friend who loves them unconditionally."

Lindsey expressed gratitude to Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and the school board for making Essie's presence at West Point Elementary a reality. "In today's school environment, having a service dog here will help our students through some of these challenges, to have a successful school," Lindsey stated.

Essie has already shown her affection for children and her willingness to provide comfort. She is expected to have a positive impact on the school community, and there are hopes to expand the program to other elementary schools in the future.

2nd Annual Vinemont BBQ Fest to showcase Battle of the Heroes

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PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs' Edgeworth, Holly Pond's Barnett earn wins at Chickasaw Trails Invitational



COLD SPRINGS RUNNERS CLUB

Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth placed first in the large schools' race at this year's Chickasaw Trails Invitational with a time of 15:01.43. » PAGE 5

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 11

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sep. 11, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Sept. 7
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1030
- possession of controlled substance; CR 750
- criminal mischief; CR 1435
- theft of property; CR 1578
- domestic violence; CR 573
- criminal mischief; CR 1189
- harassment; CR 1674

Sept. 8
- domestic violence; CR 1658
- theft of property; CR 517
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1422
- domestic violence; CR 544

Sept. 9
- trespassing; criminal mischief; CR 1527
- criminal mischief; 3rd St. SE
- dog bite; CR 1527
- theft of property; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 586

Sept. 10
- domestic violence; CR 272
- dog bite; CR 591
- violation of protection order; CR 787
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 775
- harassment; Henry Dr.
- harassment; CR 569
- assault; CR 586

ARRESTS
Sept. 7 – 10

Adams, Bob T.; 44
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Bagwell, Dachery D.; 31
- possession of methamphetamine

Chaney, Kansas Jacquis A.; 29
- larceny/theft-theft of lost property

Cornelison Ivey D.; 28
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Duke, Travis D.; 31
- non-support child

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass

Gill, Christopher A.; 34
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- open container-alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Harrison, Robin A.; 48
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Key, Seth P.; 41
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (7 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (6 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card (3 counts)
- FTA- fraud-identity theft
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- expired tag (2 counts)
- FTA- liability insurance required

Lamb, Johnny L.; 50
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Lamb, Sherry L.; 52
- FTA- leaving scene of accident

Lizardo Rodas, Juan L.; 32
- DUI (alcohol)

Motherway, Michael A.; 34
- DUI (alcohol)

Peterson, Darryl J.; 37
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled

Pool, Kenneth D.; 44
- FTA- driving while license suspended, revoked or cancelled

Rippy, Angela D.; 49
- public intoxication

Robertson, William C.; 36
- FTA- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement

Steele, Ronald D.; 59
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief

Wilhelm, Joseph P.; 27
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)
- FTA- pedestrian under the influence

Wolford, Ayla E.; 30
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-shoplifting $500 less than $1,500

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Sept. 4
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; Shell Mart South; 2nd Ave. SW; damaged property

Sept. 5
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to 2012 Chevy Equinox; $500

Sept. 8
- robbery-1st degree; person; Warnke Rd. NW; miscellaneous
- theft of property-4th degree; person; tag; $39
- theft by deception-2nd degree; Chicken Salad Chick; cash
- burglary-3rd degree; forgery; forged document; person

Sept. 9
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; harassing communications; person; Patriots Way SW; damage to 2020 Nissan Versa; $800
- theft of property-4th degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $35
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; 5th St. SW

Sept. 10
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- duty upon striking fixtures; Taco Bell; Hwy. 157; damaged awning; $2,000

Sept. 11
- harassing communications; person

ARRESTS
Sept. 8 – 10
Jones, Mark P.; 49
- robbery-1st degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Menefee, Stanley R.; 69
- robbery-1st degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McWhirter, Landon G.; 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Harrison III, James E.; 21
- robbery-1st degree

Nobinger, Mark A.; 45
- FTA- driving without license (2 counts)

Champion, Jennifer L.; 39
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Rhodes, Shanna D.; 43
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Smith, Ashton B.; 31
- DUI

Smith, Timothy M.; 37
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

McClendon, Zachary A.; 33
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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



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Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicle, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title

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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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.
• Wednesday, Sept. 13 - 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. 15 - 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!
• Saturday, Sept. 16 - 9 am - 11 am Drive-through food bank.
• Sunday, Sept. 17 - Prayer Groups - Join Teresa at 9:15 a.m. in the prayer room to pray for our church, nation and those who need healing, salvation or deliverance.
• Sunday, Sept. 17 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Erik Milligan and celebration luncheon for Pastors Bobby & Pam Dodd 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.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral in Cullman. Reserved room. For more information contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Singing
Sunday, Sept. 17, at 5 p.m. Living Faith Quartet will be the featured guests. The church is located on U.S. Highway 278, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information call 256-796-5986 or 256-338-9202.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m. at Stone Bridge Farms. The program will be The History of Cullman County Schools. All educator retirees and friends are invited.

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
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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Fairview, Addison, Meek win big; West Point downs Vinemont

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Another week of local high school football action is behind us, and Friday saw a few of our local teams put together dominant performances in critical region games. There was another county rivalry on tap last week as well and the West Point Warriors held off a late push from Vinemont to pick up a 33-28 win.

Fairview 56 – East Limestone 21

After opening the season with wins over Columbia and Priceville, the Fairview Aggies kicked off region play on the road against East Limestone Friday night and they returned home with an impressive, 56-21 victory over the Indians.

East Limestone struck first, taking a 7-0 lead on a 74-yard touchdown pass just 20 seconds into the game but the Aggies punched right back, tying the game at 7 with 10:29 remaining in the first quarter when Jameson Goble ran one into the end zone from 14 yards out and Kolt Redding knocked through the extra point. Fairview added another touchdown midway through the first on a 31-yard touchdown run by Barrett York to move in front 14-7 going into the second and the Aggies stretched their lead to 21-7 with 10:17 to play in the first half when Jake Harper took a handoff 85 yards all the way to the house. The Indians were able to find the end zone again later in the second quarter to trim the lead to 21-14 at halftime.

Harper wasn't finished, and his next touchdown came on an 80-yard run that put Fairview up 28-14 early in the third quarter. East Limestone scored again to make it a 28-21 game, but it was all Aggies after that. Harper punched in his third touchdown of the night with five minutes to play in the third to take a 35-21 lead and Harper got loose again for a 52-yard touchdown the final three minutes of the third quarter to take a 42-21 advantage into the fourth.

Fairview tacked on two more touchdowns in the final period on a 58-yard scoring run by Carson Jones and a 12-yard touchdown from Colby Bentley to wrap up a 56-21 win over East Limestone and a 1-0 start in Region 8.

Fairview's rushing attack dominated the game, starting with Jake Harper who led the Aggies with over 238 yards and four touchdowns on the ground in the win. Carson Jones, Barrett York, Colby Bentley and Jameson Goble each added rushing touchdowns for Fairview as well.

The Aggies will return home this week to host the Good Hope Raiders.

Addison 54 – Cherokee 6

Addison hosted their region rival, Cherokee Indians, for homecoming and it turned into a happy night for the home team. Addison ran away with the game and came away with a win by a score of 54-6.

After gaining a whopping -5 yards on three plays, Cherokee punted to Addison's all everything Jed Wilkins. Wilkins promptly returned the punt 43 yards, down to the Cherokee 14-yard line. Two plays later, Braden Luker took it in untouched from 13 yards out for Addison's first touchdown. The extra point was no good and at the 9:40 mark of the first quarter, Addison led 6-0.

Cherokee's second possession was worse than the first as Addison's Dawg Pound Defense again smothered the Indians and forced them to punt after they had lost -10 yards. Addison took over at the Indian 45-yard line. After a Luker 5-yard run, Wilkins took it to the house from 40 yards out and stretched the lead to 12-0. Wilkins then found Kaden Dyson for the two-point conversion and Addison led 14-0 with 7:17 left in the first.

Luker ran in his second touchdown of the night from 45 yards out and with 3:57 to play in the first quarter Addison led 20-0. Wilkins found Jordan Hubbert on a swing pass later in the second quarter and Hubbert found the endzone 47 yards later. Hubbert ran in the two-point conversion and Addison had a commanding, 28-0 lead with 11:38 remaining in the first half.

Trennon Burns steam rolled his way in for the 1-yard touchdown run on the final play of the first half. The two-point pass from Luker to Dyson was good and at the half, Addison led 36-0.

Dyson hit Scout Flynn in the corner of the endzone for a beautiful throw and catch for an 8-yard touchdown later in the third quarter to put the bulldogs up 42-0 and Luker returned a kickoff 69 yards for a touchdown to make it a 48-6 game early in the fourth. Addison's Casen Hill tackled a ball carrier three yards behind the line of scrimmage and before the runner hit the ground, stripped the ball from him, recovered the fumble and took it the other 30 yards for the final score of the night to cap off a 54-6 win for Addison.

Addison moves to 2-1 (2-0 region) and will travel to Hackleburg for a huge region game this week.

West Point 33 – Vinemont 28

The West Point Warriors were back home against another county rival Friday night, and they held off a late push from the Vinemont Eagles to improve to 2-1 with a 33-28 win.

The Eagles got the ball to begin the game but quickly went three and out, it didn't take long for the Warriors to drive down the field to take an early 6-0 lead when Garit Roberson plunged in from 3 yards out.

Three plays later Roberson got the ball back to the Warriors offense as he intercepted the pass. West Point quickly had the ball first and goal but back to back penalties backed them up to the 31 yard line but in the ensuing play Hunter Hensley found Brayden Monfort for a 31 yard touchdown to put the Warriors up 13-0 with 3:58 remaining in the opening quarter.

Vinemont went on an 18-play drive that resulted in a 1-yard touchdown run by Diego Rodriguez that cut the lead to 13-8 with 4:47 remaining until halftime. The Warriors quickly answered right back on a 12-yard run by Roberson to go ahead 21-8, with just seconds to go before halftime Vinemont cut the lead to 21-16 when Rush Sandlin found Kyler Pugh from 20 yard out.

The Warriors quickly scored to start the second half when Hensley found Eli Sims for a 42-yard touchdown to give the Warriors a 27-16 advantage. Midway through the third quarter a pass from Sandlin to Dawson Wilhite set the Eagles up first and goal from the one, on the next play Rodriguez capped off the drive with a touchdown to cut the lead to 27-22.

Late in the third quarter Hensley raced in from 23 yards to put the Warriors ahead 33-22. On Vinemont's ensuing possession a fumble and a delay of game forced the Eagles to punt, however Vinemont's Kyler Pugh intercepted the pass to give the ball back to the Eagles offense. Vinemont faced a fourth and long, but the drive continued thanks to a 12-yard completion from Sandlin to Pugh, three plays later Sandlin plunged in from 1 yard to cut the lead to33-28 with 2:23 remaining in the game. West Point recovered the onside kick attempt by the Eagles, four straight runs by Roberson ran out the clock to seal the victory for the Warriors.

West Point will be on the road this week to open up region play at Russellville and Vinemont will return home for a regional matchup against Brindlee Mountain.

Arab 21 – Douglas 14

The Arabian Knights made the trip to Douglas to open up region play against the Eagles Friday night, and it was a tight battle that came down to the final possession. Arab took a 21-7 lead late in the third quarter, but Douglas was able to trim the lead to 21-14 in the fourth and threatened to tie the game in the final moments of regulation but an interception in the end zone sealed a hard-fought, 21-14 region win for the Knights.

An Arab interception set up the Douglas offense with a short field early in the opening period and just a few plays, the Eagles scored from 30 yards out to take a 7-0 lead. The Knights drove the ball down into Douglas territory on their ensuing possession, but the scoring opportunity was stopped short after they were forced to turn the ball over on downs. However, Arab's defense was able to stop the Eagles and get the ball back early in the second quarter. Logan Silva capped off a Knights scoring drive with a 4-yard touchdown run and tied the game at 7 with 9:30 to play in the first half.

After coming up with another stop midway through the second, Arab went back to work on offense.

The Knights worked their way down the field while trying to work as much clock as possible and Silva's second touchdown of the night put Arab in front 14-7 with just over a minute remaining in the second quarter. The Knights went into the locker room leading the Eagles by a touchdown at the halftime break.

Silva's third touchdown run of the game stretched Arab's lead to 21-7 late in the third quarter but Douglas answered right back with a touchdown on its next possession and cut the lead to 21-14.

The Knights fumbled the ball back to the Eagles on the ensuing kickoff, but Douglas' scoring opportunity was cut short by a Jaxon Ivey interception. However, Arab was unable to run out the remaining time on the clock and the Eagles were back on offense with just over a minute to play. Douglas completed some big passes to get down into Knights territory but a throw into the end was intercepted by Wyatt Lamar with just a few seconds on the clock to secure a 21-14 win for Arab.

The Knights improve to 3-0 with the win and they'll be back home this week for another regional matchup against Sardis.

Meek 52 – Waterloo 14

Meek returned home to Tiger Stadium Friday night to host a regional matchup with Waterloo and the Tigers dominated the Cougars from start to finish on their way to a 52-14 win.

A 12-yard touchdown run and two-point conversion by Cam Deaver gave the Tigers an 8-0 lead early in the opening quarter and his second touchdown run of the night, this time from 23 yards out, made it a 16-0 game later in the first. Deaver scored his third touchdown of the night with less than two minutes to play in the first quarter and Evan McCay hit Justin Freeman to complete the two-point conversion and put Meek on top 24-0 going into the second.

McCay ran one into the end zone from 8 yards out early in the second quarter to give the Tigers a 30-0 lead, but Waterloo was able to get on the board a little later in the period when the Cougars scooped up a fumble and took it back the other way for a touchdown, trimming the lead to 30-6 midway through the second.

Hunter Wyatt got the points back on the ensuing possession when he burst through the line for a 46-yard touchdown and made it 36-6. Carson Davenport punched in the two-point conversion and the Tigers took a 38-6 lead with just under four minutes remaining in the first half. Just a couple plays later, Wyatt scooped up a Waterloo fumble and returned it 44 yards for a touchdown to put Meek on top 44-6 going into the locker room at halftime.

With shortened quarters and a running clock for the second half, both teams were able to find the end zone one more time before things went final. The Cougars scored to cut the lead to 44-14 in the third quarter and in the fourth, A 26-yard touchdown run by Jaxon Brown and a two-point conversion from Brady Baxter wrapped up a 52-14 victory for the Tigers.

Meek improves to 2-1 with the win and the Tigers will be back on the road this week to take on Colbert Heights.



ELIZABETH DUGINS

Fairview's Jake Harper (14) racked up 238 yards and four touchdowns on the ground in the Aggies' 56-21 win at East Limestone Friday night.



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The West Point Warriors defeated Vinemont at home 33-28 Friday night.



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The Arabian Knights opened up region play with a 21-14 win at Douglas Friday night.

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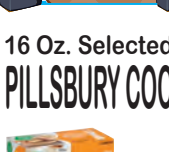
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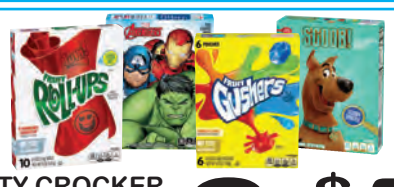




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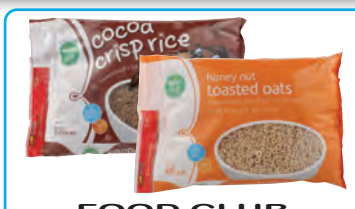




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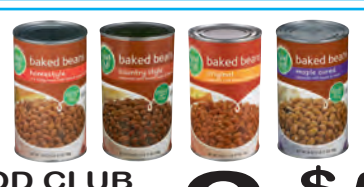
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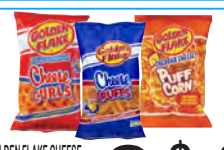
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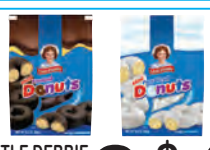
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Invitational (from Front)

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MOULTON, Ala. — Several local schools made the trip over to Moulton for this year's Chickasaw Trails Invitational and a pair of local runners outpaced their respective fields and returned home with wins. Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth placed first in the large schools' boys race with a time of 15:01.43 and in the small schools division, Holly Pond's Travis Barnett claimed first place with a time of 16:25.03. On the girls' side, Cold Springs' Reagan Parris posted a 20:07.67 to finish second.

LOCAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Cold Springs Girls
- 2nd - Reagan Parris: 20:07.67
- 11th - Paizley Whitlow: 21:23.15
- 32nd - Macie Huffstutler: 22:29.92
- 46th - Daisy Myers: 23:15.57
- 61st - Leslie Jones: 23:33.63
- 62nd - Kynzlie Myrex: 23:37.66
- 87th - Claire Huffstutler: 24:35.34
- 116th - Claire Hancock: 25:25.24
- 117th - Charli Harbison: 25:25.96
- 124th - Hayla Watson: 25:42.87

Cold Springs Boys
- 1st - Ethan Edgeworth: 15:01.43
- 9th - Jayden Allred: 15:48.27
- 81st - Sage Nelson: 17:13.82
- 110th - Drew Dykes: 17:40.33
- 201st - Blake Belcher: 18:53.65
- 240th - Logan Perdue: 19:42.70

Holly Pond Girls
- 21st - Caroline Lamoureux: 21:55.59
- 23rd - Mila Edmondson: 22:02.15
- 86th - Kynleigh Wood: 24:34.20
- 172nd - Jayden Persall: 28:06.18
- 208th - Kalie Bartlett: 30:40.78
- 225th - Clara Spitzer: 33:14.95
- 241st - Ramey Hall: 35:29.42
- 243rd - Dallas Welton: 36:38.33
- 247th - Sydney Thomas: 37:31.49

Holly Pond Boys
- 1st - Travis Barnett: 16:25.03
- 16th - Joshua Putman: 17:33.76
- 17th - Matthew Putman: 17:34.12
- 103rd - Emery Barnett: 20:01.02
- 137th - Kohl Horton: 21:10.26
- 224th - Jonah Shockley: 24:06.94
- 242nd - Bradley Woods: 25:11.12
- 255th - Carter Brewis: 25:48.80
- 274th - Ty Harrison: 26:38.27

Cullman Girls
- 17th - Mabry Free: 19:32.84
- 89th - Addison Vogelaar: 21:53.21
- 93rd - Khloe Nalley: 22:02.74
- 146th - Brantley McBrayer: 23:28.41
- 164th - Audrey Floyd: 23:46.75
- 177th - Katie Ritcher: 24:05.88

Cullman Boys
- 13th - Andrue Barnett: 16:00.39
- 96th - Cadan Fales: 17:33.15
- 106th - David Manashirov: 17:39.41
- 147th - Connor Robinson: 18:05.36
- 195th - Dawson Helton: 18:47.97
- 212th - Henry Crocker: 19:01.41
- 220th - Benjamin Stidham: 19:17.63

Fairview Girls
- 223rd - Lola Haynes: 25:43.39
- 237th - Allyson Hill: 26:20.29
- 260th - Xana Wester: 27:59.61
- 269th - Shelby Mitton: 29:14.38
- 274th - Violeta Castaneda: 30:50.61
- 275th - AnnaBelle Smith: 30:54.63
- 277th - Daniela Castaneda: 33:12.06

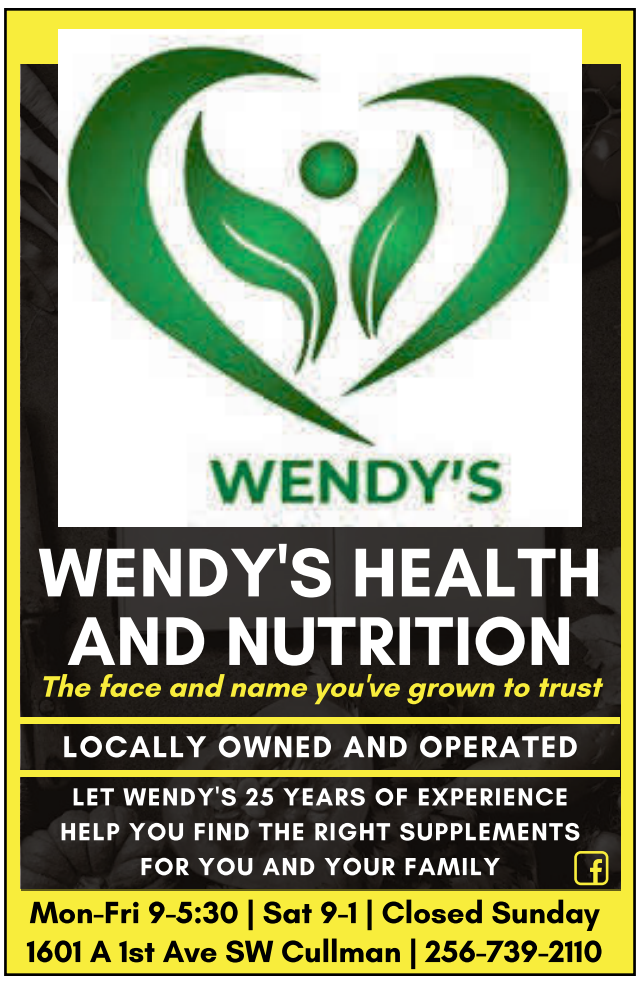
Fairview Boys
- 39th - Alex England: 16:33.77
- 179th - Carlos Medina: 18:34.57
- 183rd - Devon Mcgee: 18:37.39
- 290th - Jackson Haynes: 21:34.07
- 303rd - Meighton McParlin: 22:11.63
- 328th - Oscar Pardo: 27:53.95

Good Hope Girls
- 52nd - Katie Parrish: 23:20.26
- 175th - Aubrey Scott: 28:19.94
- 179th - Brylee Benefield: 28:32.23
- 191st - Sara Self: 29:16.52
- 212th - Mary Self: 31:06.69
- 226th - Summer Jordan: 33:15.03
- 229th - Evelyn Quinn: 33:43.78

Good Hope Boys
- 40th - Drake Nichols: 18:47.22
- 200th - Roger Miller: 23:07.14
- 231st - Noah Page: 24:26.53
- 233rd - Kaden Mattox: 24:30.90
- 269th - Lee Dickerson: 26:31.18
- 272nd - Jace Day: 26:33.84

West Point Girls
- 195th - Lilly Patterson: 24:36.08
- 205th - Dorothy Salter: 24:56.86
- 251st - Alyssa Carr: 27:28.14
- 262nd - Hollie Salter: 28:23.51

West Point Boys
- 31st - Rene Moreno-Tovar: 16:27.25
- 136th - Thomas Ferster: 17:58.96
- 171st - Hayden Jones: 18:27.45
- 178th - Jakob Salter: 18:34.52
- 251st - Brier Taylor: 19:58.56
- 252nd - Jesus Tovar: 19:58.59
- 299th - Zeth McCain: 22:02.37





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Monograms Plus hosting 'Girls Day Out' this Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Monograms Plus, a cornerstone in Cullman for gift giving and treating yourself, is celebrating its 24th year of business by hosting its annual "Girls Day Out" on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023.

This year's event will be similar to ones hosted in the past, loaded with discounts, games, VIP swag bags and even margaritas to toast. One small difference: the festivities will take place at the store's new and larger storefront located at 802 Main Ave. NE.

Monograms Plus Owner Lynsey Todd shared her excitement about hosting the event at the new location, saying that while Girls Day Out happens every year, this one is extra special due to the change in scenery.

"We have Girls Day Out every year to celebrate the store's birthday, and this will be our 24th year in business," she said. "But we are so excited about our first Girl's Day Out event in our new location!"

Of course, no birthday party is complete without a theme, and this year's is "Taco-Bout Our 24th Birthday!" offering a kitsch feel with bright, colorful accents and coordinating refreshments like street corn, chips and salsa and, of course, margaritas.

Todd was happy to share that local Mexi Cali favorite K's Botanas will be joining in on the fun.

"K's Botanas will be here dishing up free street corn for the first 50 people in line!" said Todd. "Nothing Bundt Cakes will be joining us, too, and there will be tons of giveaways and door prizes!"

All the fun begins on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at 802 Main Ave. NE. Doors will open at 10 a.m., but don't hesitate; you'll definitely want to be one of the first 50 in line. For a full list of promotions, discounts and other details, visit www.facebook.com/monogramsplus.



CCSO arrest roundup

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) made multiple, unrelated arrests over the last week, including:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

Deputies arrested William Chad Robertson, 36, of Cullman, on an outstanding failure to appear warrant for failure of an adult sex offender to register with law enforcement.

Deputies arrested Seth Patrick Key, 41, of Hanceville, on multiple outstanding failure to appear warrants. His charges include six counts of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, one count of second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana, six counts of unlawful possession of dangerous drugs, three counts of illegal possession of a stolen credit/debit card and one count of identity theft.

Deputies conducted a traffic stop in the Welti community. Dachery Dewayne Bagwell, 31, of Cullman, was identified as the driver. A search of the vehicle allegedly yielded methamphetamine.

Bagwell was arrested and charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

Deputies responded to a residence in the Vinemont area in reference to a reported domestic dispute.

Upon arrival, they located Robin Andrew Harrison, 48, of Vinemont, at the residence.

It was determined that Harrison had active warrants. Drug paraphernalia was also allegedly located in the residence.

Harrison was placed under arrest and charged with unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. He also had outstanding failure to appear warrants for promoting prison contraband, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Left to right are William Chad Robertson, Seth Patrick Key, Dachery Dewayne Bagwell and Robin Andrew Harrison.

Saint Bernard (from Front)

The Charlie Soul Band opening Saturday's festivities, The Sinners opening Sunday's and Kingfisher closing out the event.

Local culinary and catering favorite Freddie Day was the talk of this year's experience, with a tent packed to the edges with patrons waiting for volunteers to dish out signature chicken quarters, ribs and pulled pork. This year's event also featured a first for Saint Bernard - a world-class cookoff sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society, with Smokey Bees Competition BBQ Team taking home the bragging rights as grand champion and Puck-Daddy Killer Q the reserve grand champion.

Artisans and makers have become a mainstay of the Saint Bernard festival scene with Bernard Blues and BBQ being no exception. The campus grounds were dotted with tents housing creatives of all ages and mediums offering their crafts, ranging from typical fares like sublimated shirts and tumblers, boutique clothing and baked goods to more bespoke creations like wood carvings, metalcrafts and stained glass. There was something even the most seasoned art critic could appreciate.

While the festival draws in hundreds of attendees from all across the region, Cullman locals also enjoy getting to take in the action. Attendee Zachary Rice said that while this was his first year attending it certainly won't be the last.

"I think it's really cool we get to have stuff like this here in Cullman, especially because we live just down the road," he smiled. "The band has been great, and I mean, where else can you find muscadine juice?" he quipped, holding up a bag from vendor Sweet Home Foods.

Rice's friend and fellow local Tyler Woods chimed in, "I'm a simple man; I don't usually do festivals. I was bribed to come here with barbecue, and so far it has been worth it." The festival, which acts as a fundraiser for Saint Bernard Preparatory School, required a $10 donation per person for admission. A final total raised was not available as of print time.

To stay up to date on future events or to learn more about Saint Bernard Preparatory School, visit www.stbernardprep.com.

Vinemont (from Front)

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SOUTH VINEMONT, Ala. — The Vinemont Sports Complex will be alive with the aromas of barbecued delights on Saturday, Oct. 21, during the second annual Chillin N Grillin BBQ Fest. This year, the fest introduces the "Battle of the Heroes" People's Choice BBQ competition.

Choosing Sept. 11 to announce the event held special significance for Vinemont Councilman Chris Thompson.

"This is a day of remembrance. It's a gesture of our gratitude, a way to spotlight and honor our everyday heroes who often go underappreciated," said Thompson.

"We see the treatment of heroes around the world and the nation. We strive to elevate them, acknowledging their indispensable roles in our lives."

Two main competitions will punctuate the event: The Battle of the Heroes (People's Choice) and the Backyard BBQ Competition.

Grand champions in both categories will earn accolades for their culinary skills. The People's Choice category is still accepting entries from fire departments, police departments and all EMS personnel. Festival attendees will have the privilege to sample and vote for their top picks.

"The goal of this event is to shine a light on our everyday heroes and offer them the recognition they truly deserve," reiterated Thompson.

Prize money awaits the champions: $1,000 for the grand champion and $750 for the reserve grand champion.

Departments currently slated to participate include Cullman EMS, Cullman Fire Rescue, Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office and fire departments from Vinemont-Providence and Berlin. Event organizers encourage more emergency responder departments to join in the friendly competition.

Entertainment isn't limited to barbecue. Live performances by Justin and Tab and Raging Bones will keep the energy high.

For younger attendees, a kids' fun zone with inflatables and a rock-climbing wall promises ample fun. Those feeling altruistic can donate blood at the on-site LifeSouth blood donation vehicle. Additionally, a car and truck showcase will capture the attention of automobile enthusiasts.

Sampling the barbecue will require a $10 ticket, but general attendance is free.

Vendors and artists looking to participate can still sign up. Those interested in competing or sponsorship can call 256-737-5411 or email info@townofsouthvinemont.com. The registration deadline is set for Oct. 11.

Week (from Front)

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Monday, Sept.11, 2023, proclaimed the week of Sept. 17-23, 2023, Constitution Week in the city of Cullman.

On-hand from the Dripping Springs Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to accept the proclamation from Jacobs were Cathy Shallal (regent), Pat Kahler (constitution committee chairman), Rhonda Van Zandt (past regent and district director of the DAR's Northern District), Linda Kuykendall (recording secretary) and Sharon Townson (library committee chairperson).

Created in 1787 and consisting of 4,400 words (4,543 including signatures), the U.S. Constitution is the shortest and longest-surviving written Constitution of any major government in the world. Sept. 17, 2023, marks the 236th anniversary of the signing of this document.

In 1787, over the course of less than four months, a diverse group of men ranging in age from 26 to 81 devised a document that established our federal government with three equal branches of government and a system of checks and balances among those branches, divided power between the federal government and the states, and continues to protect the individual liberties of its citizens!

"It is vital that everyone reads and understands the U.S. Constitution," said Jacobs. "The wonderful ladies of the DAR along with other groups, such as the Liberty Learning Foundation, help preserve the history of our country and ensure that future generations understand what the Constitution is and what it means."

Constitution Week was started many years ago by the DAR. In 1955, the DAR petitioned Congress to set aside Sept. 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was adopted by U.S. Congress and signed into Public Law no. 915 on Aug. 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The purpose of Constitution Week is to emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution in order to preserve it for posterity, to inform the people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life and to encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution.

"It is fitting to make this proclamation on Patriot Day, the 22nd anniversary of the 9-11 terrorist attack," said Jacobs. "That tragic day in our history showed the entire world that Americans still possess the same bravery, courage, selflessness and character that our founding fathers possessed when they drafted the Constitution and founded our great nation."

To read the Constitution and other founding documents, or to find out more about the documents and the history of the United States, visit www.archives.gov.

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Obituary Announcements: Sept. 9-11

Alexis Tierra White, 23
Alexis Tierra White, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away the morning of Sept. 7, 2023, at the age of 23. Lexi was born on March 1, 2000, in Cullman County, Alabama, to Joshua Brett White and Jamie Kim May. Lexi grew up in the small community of Holly Pond, Alabama, and was a member of the Holly Pond Broncos graduating class of 2018. She was a firecracker, and her sass and determination made up for her small stature. Lexi would tell you how it was, and she was fiercely protective of her family and those she loved. Those who had the honor of being loved by Lexi knew that she loved them with all that was in her. While Lexi's love for her family was evident, she was as passionate about her career in law enforcement as she was about her people. At a young age, Lexi attended the first Youth Leadership Academy held by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and from that day forward, she knew the path God was calling her to follow. Following high school graduation, Lexi obtained a degree in Criminal Justice at Wallace State Community College and later began working as a dispatcher for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. She knew she was called to help others, and serving as a dispatcher allowed her to do that. While much of Lexi's life centered around her career, she did enjoy time with friends and family. She was a member of Pan Creek Baptist Church where she worshipped with her family. She enjoyed a day on the lake with friends and loved hiking, traveling, and bowling. Lexi enjoyed salon days and hair and nails were always a priority. Lexi also enjoyed a good car jam with her little sister or friends. She was an animal lover, and she adored her dog, Rosco P. Coltrane. While Lexi's life was a mere twenty-three years, her spirit, determination, and passion made an impact on those who knew her. Lexi was truly extraordinary, and she will not soon be forgotten. Lexi is preceded in death by her brother, Tarrant Jordon White; grandfathers, Warren May, and Joe Duke; great-grandparents, Don and Joyce Hill, Christine and Ralph Coppedge, Lavern May, and Aubrey and Anna Ree White. She is survived by his father, Joshua Brett and Jennifer White; mother, Jamie Kim May and Wesley Cofield; brother, Weston Cofield; sisters, Emmy Reynolds, Kaitlyn Cofield, Kim and Zeph Welsh; grandparents, Teresa Kim Glenn, Travis and Linda White, Pam Reid, Patricia Duke, Judy Barker, Larry and Debbie Cofield; aunts and uncles, Lacey and Zach McGriff, Jesica and Jason Bynum, Janna and Presston West, Jeremy and Nandi Schultz, Shannon Schultz; and a host of family and friends. Funeral services for Miss White are 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, in the Brown Stone Centre located on Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman, Alabama, with Sheriff Matt Gentry along with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Chaplains officiating. Burial will follow in Union Grove Cemetery, Holly Pond, Alabama, where Lexi's Brothers in Blue will serve as pallbearers. Friends are invited to visit with the family, at Brown Stone Centre, from 11 a.m. until services begin at 4 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Miss White.

Curtis "Wendell" Echols, 71
Curtis "Wendell" Echols, age 71, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023. Wendell is survived by his wife, Wanda Echols; his daughter Mandy Dixon (Daniel); and his daughter-in-law Laurie Brooker; his brother Winfred Echols (Judy); his step sons Stephen Millwood (Ashley) and Blake Millwood (Katie) and his grandchildren Katie and Jake Echols, Cole and Drew Dixon, Callie, Haley, Kaylee, Adriana, Silas and CJ Millwood. Wendell was preceded in death by his son Brad Echols; his parents Curtis O. and Mava Dean Echols; his brother Jeff Echols. A celebration of life visitation for Wendell will be held Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at 2 p.m.at Moss-Service Funeral Home. Officiated by Rev. Larry Duke and Rev. Tim Aris. Wendell will be laid to rest in Bethlehem West Cemetery, Vinemont, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Echols family.

Sgt. Mark Allen Kilpatrick, 61
Funeral service for Sgt. Mark Allen Kilpatrick, age 61, of Falkville, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Sgt. Kilpatrick passed away on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023. He was born Dec. 21, 1961, to Kenneth Kilpatrick and Jeanetta Mayberry. He was preceded in death by his parents; and son-in-law, Dillon McDearmon. Survivors include his daughters, Anna McDearmon, and Erin Luebke; son, Christopher Kilpatrick; grandchildren, Damion McDearmon, Jeffrey McDearmon, and Emma Luebke; sisters, Connie (Randy) Speegle, Jennifer (Randall) Graham, and Jamie Hodges; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Danny Clarence Pickett, Sr., 75
Mr. Danny Clarence Pickett, Sr., 75, of Cullman passed away Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, at CRMC. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the Pickett family. Mr. Pickett was born Oct. 19, 1947, to Walter C. and Mary Jack Eaves Pickett. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Laura Denise Pickett. Survivors include his wife of almost 55 years, Sandra Glover Pickett; sons, James Robert (Gerry) Pickett, Danny C. (Tracy) Pickett, Jr.; brothers, Bobby (Charlene) Pickett, Walter C. Pickett; sister, Vickey (Larry) Powell; grandchildren, Kyle (Kourtney) Pickett, Amber Pickett (Colby Stutts), James Chase (Jen) Pickett, Jesse Black (Elizabeth) Kiley Pickett (Micah Suits), Lyndze Pickett, Kelly Grace Pickett; great-grandchildren, Jaxon, Paisley, Max, Jace, Aria, Laila Kate, Koa, Carson, Rhett, Gavin, Sebastian; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Frank MD Collins, 82
Frank MD Collins, age 82, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023. Frank is survived by his wife, Patricia Collins; his daughter Rita Woodruff(Jimmy); his brother Bill Collins; his sons Byron Johnson(Carolyn) and Terry P. Johnson, his grandsons Wesley Hensley(Kim), Lawrence Johnson(Tammy), Adam Woods(Christine) and Paul (Jo) Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul White and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Smith, his great grandsons Link Hensley, Liam Johnson, and his great granddaughters Lily Woods, Kaylynn & Cecily Johnson. Frank was preceded in death by his parents Max and Dashie Suddith Collins; his daughters Dale Collins and Janet Woods, his sisters Wynetta Price and Euna B Freeman, and his brothers Loyd Collins, Doyle Collins, Mac Collins and Bobby Collins. A celebration of life visitation for Frank will be held Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Moss-Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue, NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life graveside service will be held Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Enman Field Cemetery, Addison, Alabama. Frank will be laid to rest in Enman Field Cemetery, Addison, Alabama. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Collins family.

Alta Myrtle Sloan Miller, 95, of Baileyton
Alta Myrtle Sloan Miller, of Baileyton, Alabama, passed away on Sept. 9, 2023, at the age of 95. Ms. Miller was born to Grady and Myrtle Whatley Sloan on April 24, 1928. Alta was an active member of the Welcome Baptist Church family where she enjoyed worshipping with her friends and neighbors. She worked many years for Nicholson File in Cullman, and after retiring, Ms. Miller enjoyed traveling with her friends. They took several bus trips and went on cruises together, all of which Alta enjoyed immensely. Alta liked to cook, work in her flower gardens, and enjoyed her pecans - which she had a knack for growing. She was a loving wife, mother, and Nonna, and she will be greatly missed. Ms. Miller is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lester Dezell Miller; brothers, Gladdis Sloan, Bill Sloan; sister, Dean Harris; daughter-in-law, Donna Miller; sister-in-law, Jo Rice; and dear friend, Mary Glenn. Those surviving Alta includes her sons, Larry Miller, Phillip Miller (Linda), Garry Miller (Anita); sister Shelba Farr; grandchildren, Jennifer Brown (Shane), P.J. Miller (Nicole), Stephanie Powell (Stephen), Leah Miller (Josh Wilborn), Courtney Ray (Michael), Erika Madigan (Matthew), Alec Miller; nine great-grandchildren; special friend, Lorene Mann; a host of nieces and nephews; and many friends. Funeral services for Ms. Miller are 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Welcome Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the adjoining cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family prior to services, from noon until services begin at 2 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Miller family.

Milton "Eli" Olen Thomason, 80
Funeral Service for Milton "Eli" Olen Thomason, age 80, of Vinemont, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Graves officiating; burial at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Thomason passed away on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023, Cullman Regional. He was born April 17, 1943, to Charles Ernest Thomason and Lillian M. Thomason. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ethridge Thomason; brother, Charles Thomason; brother, Othell Thomason; sister, Betty Jo Strickland; sister, Faye Campbell; sister, Shirley Thomason; and brother, Buford Thomason. Survivors include his wife, Sheila Thomason; son, Daniel Thomason (Nichole Merser); daughter, Regina (Ricky) Thomason Pierpoint; grandchildren, Alexander Thomason and Lilyann Thomason; sister, Barbara Phillips; sister, Gwendolyn Roden; and sister, Lynette Parish.

Ceiley Ann Whaley, 80
Funeral services for Ceiley Ann Whaley, of Hanceville, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Reverend Jeff Freeman will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Whaley was born on June 8, 1943, to Arthur Startley and Geraldine Downy in Birmingham. She passed away on Sept. 9, 2023, at the age of 80, at UAB Hospital in Birmingham. Mrs. Whaley was a member of Ryan's Creek Baptist Church for many years. She loved Alabama Football and the Atlanta Braves baseball. One of the many things she enjoyed doing in her free time was to collect cookie jars. She also worked at O'Neal Steele as a scheduler for many years and eventually retired from there. Above all, Ceiley was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She was a nurturer by heart and always had the best hugs. Mrs. Whaley was loved by many and will be deeply missed. Survivors include her children, Teresa (Marty) Keeton, Johnny (Sally) Whaley, and Keitrah Cox; grandchildren, Crystal (Anthony) Brown, Jason (Niki) Keeton, Joshua (Sally) Whaley, C.J. Cox, Kelsey Bentley, Shandale Cox, and Maegan (Kyle) Tyler; great grandchildren, Michael Brown, Emma Brown, Landon Johnson, Jayden Brown, Danielle Johnson, Sofia Bentley, Jordan Bentley, Braylen Ross, Daniel Taylor, Jackson Frerichs, Carter Frerichs, Brooks Frerichs, and Oliver Frerichs; sisters, Rebecca Woods, Judy Walker, and Cindy Goodwin; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Whaley was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Ray Whaley; and brothers, Louie Startley, Russell Startley, and Ronnie Startley.Serving as pallbearers will be Jason Keeton, Marty Keeton, Joshua Whaley, Anthony Brown, Michael Brown, Jayden Brown, and James Arthur Startley.

Brenda Joyce Norris, 72
Funeral services for Brenda Joyce Norris, of Hanceville, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation for the public will be from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at Elmwood Cemetery in Birmingham. Ms. Norris was born on March 3, 1951, to the late Clifford Walker Norris and Barbara L. Cook in Birmingham, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 72 on Sept. 10, 2023, at Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama. She also attended Gradendale High School and Graduated with the Class of 1969. Survivors include her brother, Cliff Norris (Linda); sister, Tina Norris (Alan Simonetti); nieces, Brittany Miniard (Lavon) and Olivia Stephens (Ron); nephews, Mark Norris and Carey Norris; great nephew, Gage Glasscock; and step-brothers, Robert Webb (Courtney), Tommy Webb, and Chris Webb (Susan). In addition to her parents, Ms. Norris was preceded in death by her brother, Michael Norris; nephew, Kyle Norris; and step-father, Leo Costello. Serving as pallbearers will be Lance Gentry, Kray Glenn, Tyler Lord, Dakota Lord, Ron Stephens, and Lavon Miniard.

Barbara Ann Starnes, 72
Funeral services for Barbara Ann Starnes, of Hanceville, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Bethlehem East Cemetery. Reverend Kenneth Terry will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Starnes was born on July 21, 1951, to the late Linzie McCurry and Pearl Slatton in Birmingham, Alabama. She passed away at her residence in Hanceville, Alabama at the age of 72 on Sept. 10, 2023. Survivors include her children, Kim Walker, Kristie Rice (Troy), and Max Starnes; grandchildren, Brittany Wood (Tyler), Lexi Joslyn (Eli), Chris Haney (Cassie), Dalton Rice, Nikki Starnes, and Tripp Starnes; great grandchildren, Kynleigh Wood, Alex Wood, Allie Haney, Emmie Haney, Zeke Joslyn, and Karsyn Joslyn; siblings, Edward McCurry, Bobby McCurry, Gene McCurry, and Cathy White; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Starnes was preceded in death by her husband, Max Starnes Sr.; brother, Jerry McCurry; and sister, Kay McCurry. Serving as pallbearers will be Max, Chris, Tyler, Dalton, Eli, and Troy. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Starnes family.

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Area students earn degrees from Jacksonville State

Buffy Lockette
Contributor

JACKSONVILLE, Ala. — More than 400 students were awarded degrees as part of Jacksonville State University's Summer 2023 commencement on Aug. 4.

Area students included:
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- Sydney Beason of Arab
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