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‘It is about us - our community as a whole’

Hanceville hosts Kids’ Night Out

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville hosted one final community event Thursday evening, Sept. 21, before the arrival of fall festivals and trunk or treating: the highly anticipated, annual Kids’ Night Out, an event where kids can be kids while getting to know first responders in the community.

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Hanceville’s Kids’ Night Out on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, brought the community out for a night of fun, including some four-legged residents; pictured here is Ghost, Hanceville Elementary’s service animal.

Ball celebrates Burgermeisters past and present



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Cullman Oktoberfest 2023 Burgermeister Dale Greer (left) waves to the camera with his wife Larraine (right) at the Burgermeister Ball, hosted Thursday, Sept. 21, at All Steak Restaurant.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — There were lederhosen and dirndls as far as the eye could see through the banquet room of the All Steak Restaurant Thursday night, as those who were lucky enough to clinch a ticket to the Burgermeister Ball settled in. The Oktoberfest kick-off event recognized past and current Burgermeisters while paying homage to Cullman’s German roots with an evening of Germanic cuisine, music and games.

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Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 22

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 22, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 17
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157

Sept. 20
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

Sept. 21
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Joe Hudson's Collision Center; Hwy. 157
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; Deer Run Dr. SW; wallet and contents
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $528

Sept. 22
- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW

ARRESTS

Sept. 21

Nash, Angela M.; 29
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Swire, Anthony A.; 55
- public intoxication

Alexander, Natosha J.; 41
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- run red light

Lee, Hunter D.; 25
- theft of property-3rd degree
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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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.
• Saturday, Sept. 23 - Pam Dodd is speaking at Houston Church of God in Houston, AL at 6:45 pm. Food will be at 5 along with prayer at 5:15, 6:05 and 6:40!
• Sunday, Sept. 24 - 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. 24 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Sept. 24 - Healing Service at 5 p.m.

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
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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.

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.

Superhero Fire Annual Suicide Awareness Event
Saturday, Sept. 30, from 4-6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. FREE admission - FREE food. Sign language interpreter. MC/DJ Daryl Nethery, Kozmic Sound. Guest speaker: Cullman County Sheriff's Office Investigator Jeff Lawson. Vendors and LifeSouth Blood Mobile on-site.

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.

Swamp John's Dinner
Tuesday, Oct 3, 4-7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, 615 Main Ave. SW (across from post office). Eat in or take out. Everyone is welcome!

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.cullmanbosom-buddies.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!

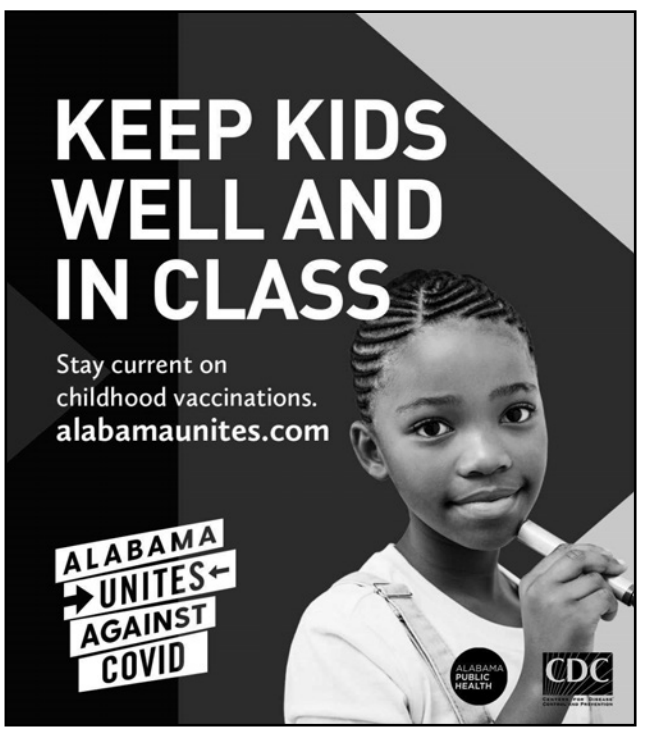
Smith Lake Bass Fest
Saturday, Oct. 7, at Smith Lake Park. Fishing aficionados from all across the Southeast will gather at Smith Lake Park for a chance to win bragging rights. Oh, and that $15,000 guaranteed first-prize winnings won't be too shabby, either. Do you have what it takes to be the big fish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

Arley's Largest Yard Sale
Saturday, Oct.7, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot of the Smith Lake Flea Market and Vintage Mall located on Highway 41 in Arley.

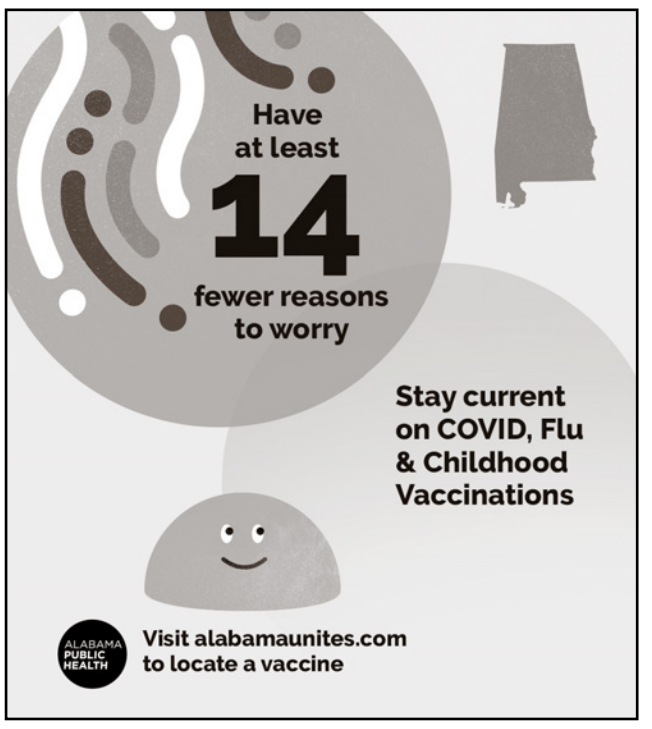
Peinhardt Living History Farm Day
Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Peinhardt Living History Farm. Come experience the history and learn how some of the first settlers of Cullman made this land home. With a petting zoo, antique tractor show, mule and wagon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

7th Annual Caring for Cullman Concert Benefiting the Good Samaritan Health Clinic
Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Northbrook Baptist Church. Doors open at 6. A night of fun and great music with the Daystar Church Praise Team, and featuring the award-winning Triumphant Quartet. Tickets are $28 if bought in person at Yates-Chance Christian Bookstore, Borden Family Pharmacy, Good Samaritan Health Clinic or at the door. $28 if purchased online at www.goodsamaritancullman.com.

'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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Ivey proclaims National Hunting and Fishing Day

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey on Thursday, Sept. 21, signed a proclamation celebrating National Hunting and Fishing Day, which is Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023. Since 1972, the fourth Saturday in September has been designated as National Hunting and Fishing Day to highlight the vital role that hunters and anglers play in conservation efforts in the U.S.

"Hunting and fishing are traditions that we cherish in Alabama," said Ivey. "I take great pride in recognizing our hunters and anglers with this proclamation, and I thank them for their continued support for conservation and stewardship of our public lands."

Hunting, fishing and shooting sports fund the majority of conservation efforts in Alabama through the purchase of recreational licenses and excise taxes collected on specific hunting and fishing equipment. License dollars are federally matched nearly three to one through the Wildlife Restoration and Sport Fish Restoration acts to fund the management of the state's wildlife and fisheries for the benefit of all Alabamians.

"With more than a million acres of public hunting land, 23 state public fishing lakes, excellent bass fishing and one of the largest artificial reef systems in the world, Alabama is a hunting and fishing paradise," said Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Chris Blankenship.

"Even if you do not hunt or fish, you can still enjoy the state's abundant natural resources thanks to the conservation efforts of our hunters and anglers. We encourage all Alabamians to explore the many outdoor recreation opportunities our state has to offer."

In addition to supporting the conservation of popular game species like white-tailed deer, wild turkey and largemouth bass, the purchase of a hunting or fishing license benefits a wide variety of nongame and protected species through wildlife and habitat management, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, gopher tortoise and Eastern indigo snake as well as native plants, bats and songbirds.

Outdoor recreation is also a major driver of the state's economy.

"Outdoor recreation isn't just a pastime or tradition, it is an engine that fuels our state's economy, providing natural resources, education initiatives and economic opportunity," said Ivey. "When we take part in the activities of our great outdoors, like hunting and fishing, we are creating a more prosperous future for all. Hunting, fishing and shooting sports have a huge impact on our state economically," said Blankenship. "It's a multibillion-dollar industry. That means a lot of jobs for Alabamians. It's not only the recreation opportunities but it puts people to work in the hunting, fishing and firearms industries."

For Alabamians with limited outdoors experience, ADCNR offers beginner courses in hunting, fishing and firearms safety taught by skilled mentors. To learn more about these programs as well as a variety of other outdoor recreation opportunities, visit www.outdooralabama.com.



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Governor Kay Ivey and others at the signing of the National Hunting and Fishing proclamation on Thursday, Sept. 21.

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Hardman settling in as CDC principal

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This year Trett Hardman took over as principal at the Cullman County Child Development Center, replacing Chris Chambers, who retired after more than a decade in the role.

Hardman grew up in Cullman County and said he was excited to return after he graduated from Samford University. Hardman was previously a teacher at Fairview High School before taking his first administrative role as the assistant principal at West Point High School for one year. When asked about his transition from teaching to administration, Hardman said the roles are different but equally important. "I love being in the classroom, but with administration, I'm able to lead on a little bit higher level," he said.

He emphasized that his role as principal is not about him but about creating an environment where his staff can thrive.

He said his goal is to empower his teachers, aides and staff, recognizing that they are the true experts in their classrooms.

He said he believes that by fostering a safe and desirable work environment, he can enable his team to provide the best education and support for students.

Hardman's leadership philosophy centers on a student-first, staff-always approach. He said he believes that creating a positive culture is pivotal to the success of any school and that the right culture can be felt when you walk through the doors. He emphasized that his role as principal is not about personal recognition but rather about cultivating an environment where his staff can flourish.

He stated, "I know if I create a safe environment that's desirable for people to come to work, then I know I'm doing a good job."

Hardman's roots in Cullman County provide him with unique insights into the community and its dynamics. His familiarity with the various communities served by the Child Development Center enables him to connect with students, parents, faculty and staff on a deeply personal level. "Being from Cullman, I know all the communities and the dynamics throughout the community," he said. "I just feel like I can be a small part in each community across Cullman County."

Looking to the future, Hardman emphasized the importance of celebrating growth, small or large. He shared that the focus should be on recognizing progress, as this mindset helps combat burnout and pressure.

"As long as we're focusing on growth, whether it's small or large, that's how I judge my success," he said.



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Cullman County Child Development Center Principal Trett Hardman

Fairview's Whaley: 'I love it here'

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – Fairview High School recently welcomed its new principal, Dr. Johnny Whaley, to the community. Whaley is from Cullman and is a Cold Springs High School graduate.

Whaley brings a wealth of experience to his role as principal, with an impressive 22-year career in education. "I started out as a classroom teacher, teaching social science at the middle and high school levels for five years," he shared. Whaley was also a guidance counselor for 10 years, primarily at Vinemont High School, and later served as the principal of Vinemont Middle School.

Reflecting on his extensive teaching background, Whaley expressed his passion for working directly with students in the classroom, saying, "I do miss teaching. I miss being in the classroom and interacting with kids in that setting. But I love my position as principal, and it allows me to use my counseling background in an administrative capacity. It provides me with a unique perspective, and I believe it helps me see things from a different angle. It's a role that allows me to serve our students and staff in various ways."

Regarding his new position at Fairview High School, Whaley said he couldn't be more pleased. "I love it here," he stated. "It's a great community with wonderful kids and an excellent staff. Our staff is top-notch, and I really love it. I had been looking for an opportunity to get back to high school after spending time in middle school administration. When they talked to me about this position, I couldn't say no. The Fairview community is special, and I wanted to be a part of it."

Whaley also discussed his plans for the future of Fairview High School. "We want to excel academically and athletically and continue our success," he shared. "We have an outstanding staff, and I believe we can achieve great things here."



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Fairview High School Principal Dr. Johnny Whale

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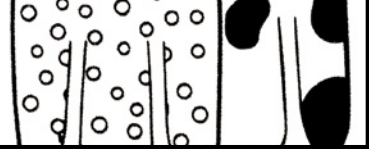


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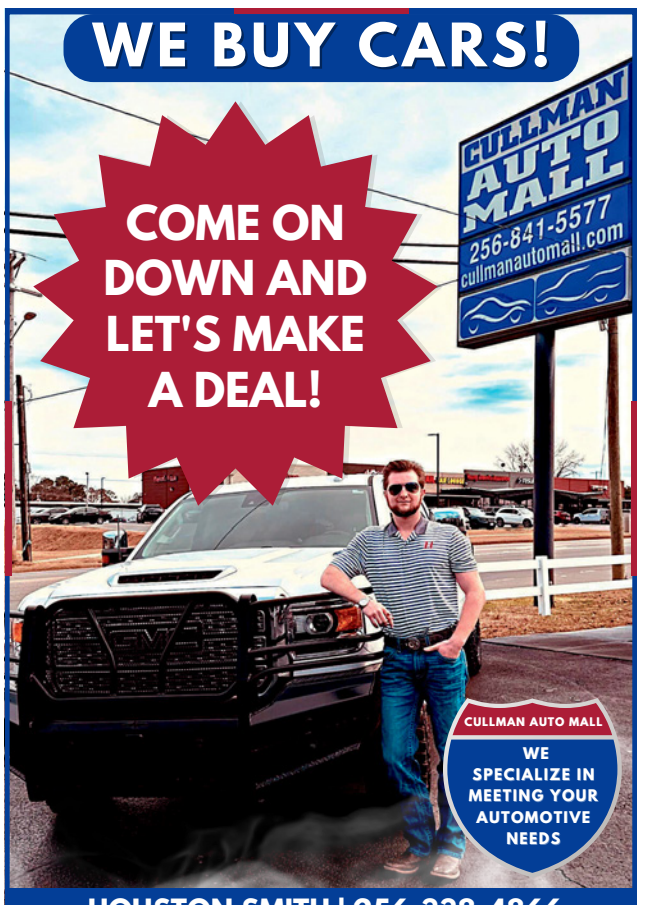
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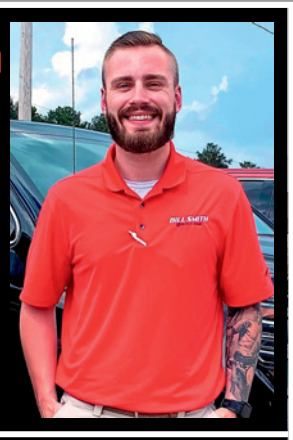
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Fairview wins senior night matches over Scottsboro, Decatur Heritage

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — The Fairview Lady Aggies celebrated Senior Night on the volleyball court Thursday with a tri-match against Scottsboro and Decatur Heritage. After trailing the Lady Wildcats 2-0, the Lady Aggies rallied to win the next three sets to win the series, 3-2, and they finished off the night by sweeping the Lady Eagles 2-0.

Fairview 3 - Scottsboro 2 (First Match)

Fairview got off to a great start in the first set as an ace from Laci Segrest and a kill by Ava Calvarese helped them jump out to a quick 5-0 lead. A pair of points and a kill by Kabri Redding helped the Lady Aggies increase their lead to 10-3, but a huge rally by Scottsboro cut it to 10-9. Fairview pushed their lead to 13-9, and later on, to 15-11, but five straight points by the Lady Wildcats gave them a 16-15 lead. They later swelled their lead to 21-17, but back-to-back kills by Somer Harris and Redding cut it to 21-19. Later on, another kill by Redding made it a 22-20 game, but Scottsboro held them off at the end as they ended up scoring the final three points of the set to take the first one, 25-20.

The Lady Wildcats carried that momentum into the second set as they jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead. A point by Sadie Smith cut it to 10-3, but a 7-0 run by Scottsboro made it a 17-3 game.

A kill by Redding and an ace from Reagan Dunkin trimmed the deficit to 10 at 17-7. The Lady Wildcats later held a 19-8 lead, but Fairview looked to make things interesting. Dunkin got a point to get the Lady Aggie run started, and later on, a Harris ace made it a 19-13 game. Segrest collected an ace later on in the set to cut it to 22-17, but they wouldn't get any closer after that as Scottsboro ended up taking the second set, 25-17.

The third set saw Scottsboro hold a slim 3-2 lead early on, but the Lady Aggies scored the next six points, as a point by Redding, a pair of aces from Dunkin and a Harris kill, gave them an 8-3 lead.

They continued to add onto their lead as a point and a kill by Segrest helped Fairview push their lead to 13-4. The Lady Wildcats, though, started to cut into the Lady Aggie lead and made it a 15-10 game at one point in the contest. Back-to-back kills by Jacie Blackwood and Calvarese pushed the Lady Aggie lead to 17-10, and they would quickly start to pull away, as a point and an ace from Calvarese, and a point and a kill by Redding, made it a 21-11 game. Fairview would go on to take the third set, 25-15, to cut it to a 2-1 series lead for Scottsboro.

Just like the third set, Fairview got off to a great start in the fourth one as points by Smith and Redding, and an ace from Calvarese helped them jump out to a quick 10-2 lead. They later made it 13-4 on a point by Harris, but Scottsboro trimmed it to 17-9.

Back-to-back kills by Harris and Blackwood, and a pair of Blackwood points increased the Fairview lead to 22-9. The Lady Wildcats went on another late run to get back in the game as they ended up making it a 22-15 contest. Fairview, though, was determined to send the game to a fifth and deciding set, and that's exactly what they did, as they ended up taking the fourth set, 25-16, to tie things up at two.

Scottsboro got off to a 3-1 lead in the fifth and deciding set, but the Lady Aggies scored the next seven points, including points by Calvarese and Harris, and a kill by Redding, to take an 8-3 lead. The Lady Wildcats, though, continued to battle as they scored the next four points to cut it to 8-7. A kill by Redding made it a 10-7 game, and later on, Abby McDonald added an ace to push the Lady Aggie lead to 13-8. Scottsboro trimmed the deficit to just two at 13-11, but Harris and Segrest got the final two points of the set for Fairview as they ended up taking the fifth set, 15-11. Fairview came back from trailing 2-0 in the series to take the final three sets to win the series, 3-2.

Fairview 2 - Decatur Heritage 0 (Second Match)

Fairview held a slim 4-3 lead early on in the first set, and later pushed their lead to 7-4 on a Dunkin ace and a point by Smith. They later made it 10-6 on a McDonald ace and a kill by Segrest. Segrest later added another kill, and Smith collected another point, as the Lady Aggies quickly pushed their lead to 15-6. They would widen their lead even more, as a pair of points by Segrest, an ace from Harris, and a kill by Calvarese, made it a 20-7 game. Decatur Heritage trimmed it to 20-10, but the Lady Aggies was simply too much for the Lady Eagles in the first set, as they ended up taking it, 25-12.

Fairview got off to a strong start in the second set. Kills by Segrest and Redding and aces from Calvarese and Dunkin helped them jump out to a quick 7-3 lead. The Lady Eagles trimmed it to 8-7, but back-to-back points by Segrest and Calvarese, plus an ace from Harris, pushed the Lady Aggie lead to 11-7. Fairview quickly made it a 16-9 game on points by Segrest and Blackwood and a Redding kill. They pushed their lead to 21-11 on a kill by Blackwood, and Segrest ended up getting the final two points of the game. The Lady Aggies went on to sweep the Lady Eagles, 25-12, and 25-14.

Fairview will stay home to take on Susan Moore and Douglas in a tri-match Monday.



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Fairview's Somer Harris collects a point during the Lady Aggies' win over Scottsboro Thursday night.

PREP CHEER

'Spread God's word as much as you can': Good Hope's Lexi Doss enjoying senior season

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Good Hope senior Lexi Doss will be heading into her fourth and final year as a varsity cheerleader and has enjoyed every second of this experience so far. She has learned some very important things during this journey and from some incredible cheerleaders.

"I am so blessed to have been able to experience it. It has been so much fun, and nothing short of incredible. I thank God daily for the friendships and relationships I've made as a cheerleader these past 13 years. The most important thing I've learned is that without God, none of the things I am able to do would be possible. I have also learned that a good team is very hard to find, and when you do find it, it changes everything. I am so blessed with the group of girls I get to cheer with," Doss said.

"It has been such a blessing. Each of us know we can count on one another for anything, and that's what makes this team so special. The individuals on our team have taught me how to love, guide, and encourage others in my everyday life. They have also taught me patience, kindness, respect, and joy. I am beyond grateful for them."

Doss is cheering for some amazing coaches and has soaked up as much as she can from them. Her improvement in her performance throughout the years have drastically improved and she has improved the most on some important things.

"It has been so rewarding getting to be coached by them, while also growing in my relationship with them. They treat us as their own children, and for that, I will be forever grateful. The biggest lesson they've taught me is that no matter what you may be going through, God will always be right there with you. Another important lesson they have taught me is to enjoy every moment, because you never know how fast your life can change," Doss said.

"I have been a cheerleader for 13 years. From the time I was four, my entire life has revolved around cheerleading. It is such a full-circle moment to be able to look back at how far I've come since the beginning. I have physically and skillfully improved each year, as well as also improving as a person. Cheer has always been such a huge part of my life, and it's so bittersweet that the end is coming so soon."

She added, "I have definitely improved on my stunting and tumbling skills over the years, but I have mainly improved my strength. I love spending my free time working out and getting stronger; it's my therapy."

Doss will continue to work on some things as she gets ready for this upcoming cheer season, and she talked about the goals for this season.

"Since this is my last season, I am working my hardest to improve on every aspect I can. I want to finish strong, and leave behind a legacy of hard work, determination, and most importantly, faithfulness," she said.

"My main goals are to cherish every moment and to not take a single second for granted. I know it sounds cheesy, but it truly matters so much to me. I want to be able to look back on these years when I'm older and be happy that I cherished these times while I was in them. Several of my other main goals are to improve my tumbling, win state, have a strong run at Nationals, and to be a Godly example by sharing the Gospel and ministering to my teammates. One of my biggest personal mottos is, 'You may be the only Jesus someone meets, so spread God's word as much as you can'".

She added, "Some of our team goals are also to win state, have a strong run at Nationals, but more importantly, to grow closer as a team, and be there for one another every chance we get.

Doss thinks this cheer season will be a very special one for the Lady Raiders and she talked about her role models growing up.

"What will make this team special to watch this year is our strong ability to work together as a team to accomplish a common goal. We also have many new stunting skills, unlike anything we've ever done before, along with a large variety of skillful tumbling," she said.

"One of my biggest role models is Evan Hutchins, from Sheldon State. We have known each other for years, so I have been able to see, first-hand, all of the effort he has put in to become successful. The road to collegiate cheerleading is far from easy, but not once have I ever seen him give up on his dream, or even something as small as putting in a half-effort at a single practice. His skill level, along with his relationship with the Lord, is truly admirable and inspires me daily. Along with him, I have had many amazing cheerleaders to come before me, that I still look up to, even to this day."

Doss talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her and what she's looking forward to the most this upcoming season.

"The best advice I have ever been given is, 'Love God, and love all people'. God calls us to love all people, regardless of who they are or the way they treat you. Another great piece of advice I have been given is my mom telling me, 'Respect is given where respect is earned'," she said. "I am looking forward to spending my senior year with my girls. I have such a special bond with the younger girls, and it's such a blessing to be able to pour into them daily. I am also looking forward to cherishing every moment, and hopefully finishing up my high school career with a ring."



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Good Hope's Lexi Doss

PREP CHEER

'Be a valuable asset to the team': Vinemont's Maggie Payne enjoying sophomore season

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VINEMONT, Ala. — Vinemont sophomore Maggie Payne is cheering on the varsity squad for the first time this season and she's had an incredible experience so far.

"It has been amazing. I competed in competition cheer for a few years. I cheered my first-ever varsity spring game in May. I have never been a big football fan, but I have turned out to be a huge Vinemont football fan. I feel like I have been cheering with this team for years. Everyone was so welcoming and extremely helpful. With switching schools and starting a new type of cheer, I have learned to step out of my comfort zone and try new things. Going to cheer camp also taught me accountability and personal responsibility. Through all of the people that I have met, I realized that I really like country music too."

Payne's had a blast so far, cheering with some great cheerleaders, and has learned so much from them so far.

"We have four seniors on the team that are true leaders. They have shown me grace while I'm learning new cheers. I want to make their senior year memorable, just like I would want mine to be, so I plan to work hard to be my best at competitions. While we have no juniors on the team, five of my teammates are upcoming sophomores just like me," Payne said.

"They have welcomed me to the team and to the school. I'm really looking forward to cheering the next three years with them. We also have three upcoming freshmen that bring great energy to the team. This team did amazing at Regionals and state last year. They have set the bar high, and I hope to learn so much from all of them to be a valuable asset to the team."

She added, "They really excel when it comes to sharp motions and knowing their cheers. It pushes me to try and do my best every day. I have learned so much about the sport, watching them be so committed and precise. Cheerleaders have the responsibility of representing the school on and off the field. All of my teammates exemplify good sportsmanship and inclusion of other students at school, which is so important."

She has soaked up as much as she can from some great coaches.

"I have had the opportunity to get to know the previous cheer coach at Vinemont, Mrs. Bridges. who from the beginning, encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and try out for school cheer. I appreciate her so much for believing in me. Miss Ballard does so much to motivate this team and to eventually take them to competitions Vinemont has never been to before. It was such a big part of why I wanted to try out for school cheer. I live for doing traditional routines, and I'm excited to be a part of the program. She pushes us to accept responsibility and encourage one another. Above all, I admire her strong faith in God."

She added, "I learned that nothing comes free or easy. There is so much hard work and dedication that is put in all season long. Each motion or small cheer takes time behind the scenes before it can be showcased to anyone, especially the routines. Another thing I have learned from them and from my coaches at VCA is that you have to be mentally and physically strong to pursue the sport. Each minute that goes by makes the season more intense as it may be getting closer to football, basketball, or even competition season. The biggest thing they all have done for me is they continue to believe in me."

Payne has already seen some great improvement from her performance so far and worked hard all summer to get everything down before cheer season gets underway.

"This is the first year I have dead-mat tumbled, and I am proud of the progression I have made. I still have so much I want to learn, but I'm here for it. I didn't realize how many cheers there was for me to learn, but I'm working hard to learn them all," she said.

"I worked to make my motions sharper, my tumbling stronger and more consistent. I have worked really hard on my flexibility, and band dances that are all new to me."

She talked about the goals for this upcoming cheer season and what will make this cheer squad special to watch.

"My individual goals are to get my standing tuck down, improve on my jumps, and to build my overall strength, while maintaining good grades. For team goals, I would love to win as many competitions as we can. No matter the outcome, I want us to be able to take pride in having a good season and building our relationship as teammates," she said.

"What makes our team special to watch is that we all enjoy the sport, and you can feel it when you watch us. It makes everything worth it when you find something enjoyable in what you're doing. We all truly have fun working on a team together."

She talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her, what she's looking forward to the most this upcoming season, and what she has learned the most during her first-year cheering at Vinemont so far.



MAGGIE PAYNE

Vinemont's Maggie Payne

"The best advice anyone has ever given me as an athlete is to push yourself to be better than the person you look up to the most," she said. "The thing I'm looking forward to the most are the pep rallies, because they are new to me, and competitions, because I love to compete. I never thought I would even have an interest in school cheer, let alone enjoy it, but I have come to find out that it is what I enjoy doing the most."

Payne has several role models in her life that she looks up to.

"Lacy Stancil really guided me through my beginning years of cheer and helped me develop a love for it. The group of coaches at VCA show up every day to push me and guide me through all the good and bad days. I look up to Raven Adams as my biggest supporter; she pushes me to achieve my goals and she always believes in me."

PREP BASKETBALL

'Every role on the team is important': Cold Springs' Hollyn Bruer ready for upcoming season

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BREMEN, Ala. — Cold Springs' Hollyn Bruer will be a freshman this upcoming basketball season and will be on the JV team this year. She played some on the varsity squad last year as well and has had a great experience during her time on both teams and with her sister, Ella Bruer. She has learned so much from this experience so far.

"I love my teammates and my coaches. Getting to go to the state tournament was so special, especially going there with my sister. It was an experience I'll never forget," Bruer said.

"I've learned that you have got to play as a team. You have got to connect outside of practice and games. I've learned you have to put in the work in outside of the season to bring back something to offer and put on the table to help my team. I've also learned that every role on the team is important. My role on JV as a contributor is just as important as my role on varsity, helping prepare the team for a state run. Although Ella drives me crazy sometimes, getting to share this time with her has been amazing. It's helped us grow together and become better friends."

Bruer got to experience going to state last season and soaked up as much as she can from it and from an amazing group of girls.

"It was truly an amazing experience and we had lots of laughs. I've learned that not everyone gets that opportunity and to be thankful. I've also learned that it's hard to make it that far and to walk away second-best, makes me want to work harder," Bruer said. "They are all so talented. They have all taught me so much, each one of them. I've learned teamwork, sportsmanship, and becoming a leader. I'm also working on my attitude (laughs). I've also learned to let mistakes go and make it up on the next play. Don't forget to box out."

Bruer is so blessed to play for some amazing coaches and has learned so much from them.

"My coaches are the absolute best. They have both taught me so much and also have helped me outside of basketball. I love them so much and they have helped me not only grow as a basketball player, but also as a person. Coach West has taught me that giving less than your best is unacceptable. She doesn't put up with that. If you don't give it your best, you're not only letting yourself down, but you're letting your team down. Coach Adams has taught me sportsmanship and becoming a leader. I've learned so much from them."

She has improved her game so much during her time on JV and varsity so far and will continue to put in the work as she gets ready for this upcoming season. She talked about her goals and the team goals.

"I feel like I have come a long way since my first varsity game. My teammates have helped me get to where I am and I can't forget my coaches, pushing me to be the best I can be. I will continue to become a leader and help my team get to the top spot," she said.

"My individual goals are to talk on defense, go in strong when driving to the paint, and continue to work on my midrange shots. Some of my team goals are becoming JV county champs and becoming the state champions for varsity."

Bruer thinks this will be another special season for the Lady Eagles and she talked about her role models growing up.

"We have five seniors that plan to go out with a blue map, and we plan to help them get there. It's going to be a fun year. My team is very special to me, and it will be amazing for us to win that blue map," she said.

"I've watched players from the past, like Camryn Crider, Elizabeth Hill, Toni West, and even Madison Bruer. I look up to Ella too. She's taught me a whole lot. I've learned to talk on defense, always be positive, never hang your head, and most importantly, never give up."

She talked about the best advice that someone ever gave her and what she's looking forward to the most this upcoming season.



HOLLYN BRUER

Cold Springs' Hollyn Bruer

"Always be positive and your attitude reflects on everyone else," she said. "I'm looking forward to growing with my teammates and becoming a better player. I'm also looking forward to getting that blue map."

COLUMN

Old theatre, old memories

Joe Hobby
Contributor

I recently went to see singer Jackson Browne perform at the Alabama Theatre in downtown Birmingham, and a curious thing happened. After the first song, he looked around and said, "I remember this theatre. What a nice place to play music." It's a nice place to do most anything. It's old, it's ornate, it's beautiful. And like a lot of people, going to the Alabama brings back a wheelbarrow full of personal memories. As I looked around, the time seemed to melt away.

I came here as a kid. My big sister frequently brought me downtown to catch a Saturday matinee. I've performed standup comedy on this stage in front of a packed audience.

However, for me, there is one Alabama Theatre memory that burns brighter than the neon marquee out front.

The Alabama was the site of my first date. (Incredibly, I looked everywhere inside the theatre and didn't see a plaque marking the occasion.) While many of the details have faded like an old pair of jeans, others I recall quite clearly.

I didn't start dating until my junior year of high school because I was a year younger than my classmates. I waited because I wanted to be a driver before I took on such a serious social undertaking. Once I passed the test, it was time. But who to ask out?

Denise was the perfect choice. I liked her. We had some friendly banter in the hallways, and there seemed to be good chemistry between us. But, this was a date! What if she rejected me? Worse, what if she said, "I've got plans, but thanks for calling me." To an insecure teenager, an answer like that creates a lot more questions. Does she already have another date? Does "thanks for calling" mean call me another time? If so, how long do I wait? Should I ask her out again? When? Oh, the things we had to navigate when we entered the world of high school dating.

I finally conjured up the courage to make The Call, and Denise seemed glad to talk with me. When she said yes, my heart almost jumped out of my chest. Saturday was going to be D Day, that is, date day.

Now the planning began. The first order of business was to procure transportation. I called my big sister, and she agreed to let me borrow her nearly new 1970 Barracuda. I didn't even have to beg. Soon, my mom and sis saw the advantage of allowing me to date in their cars.

The vehicle would get a complete detailing before I used it. This was one of the pre-date rituals high school boys of that era practiced.

The car would be washed, waxed and thoroughly vacuumed before the big event. We are talking showroom clean. I did everything but change the transmission fluid. If I had dates on two consecutive weekends, the car got waxed twice. It was over the top, but most guys did it.

Of course, since this is me, you can be sure there was going to be some kind of complication. On Friday, Denise told me that she had done something to get on the wrong side of her parents, and her Saturday curfew was cut back to 9:30. She was so embarrassed by this turn of events that she offered to reschedule.

No way. Instead, I picked her up at 5, and we headed for the earliest feature I could find - which happened to be "Patton" playing at the Alabama. A war flick was probably not a great choice for a first date, but honestly, time was the key factor. It could've been a movie about how to remove ticks from a dog for all I cared. I recall how relaxed we both were. Conversation before and after the show flowed freely.

Now for the big decision. I could:

a) Take her home and give her a good night kiss

b) go parking - a term we used for making out in a car for a period of time

c) ignore my raging hormones and don't do anything

There was no doubt. Despite the time constraints, I chose option b. I knew of a nearby overlook where the lights of the city sparkled beautifully, and we spent the rest of the time we had doing what teenagers do - although a small car with bucket seats made it difficult to get comfortable. I would quickly learn that my mom's giant Plymouth Fury was much more user-friendly for parking.

We both knew that 9:30 meant 9:30, not 9:31, so I made it a point to we be right on time. In between a sweet good night kiss and reaching for the front door Denise said, "Joe, please, please don't tell anyone that I had a 9:30 curfew." I smiled and nodded. Nobody knew - until now. By 9:33 I was backing out the driveway, basking in the afterglow of my first date.

And as if on cue, Jackson Browne jolted me back to the present when I heard him sing these words:

"Everybody's just waiting for the one

Who can give them the answers

And lead them back to that place in the warmth of the sun

Where sweet childhood still dances..."

Who? Tonight, it was the Alabama Theatre.

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deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2006-087

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Phebe McDearmond
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You will please take notice that the 23rd day of January, 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed the day and time for hearing the Petition For Final Settlement filed by Rebecca Bailey at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 22nd day of September, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LINDA M. BOYD, * CASE NO.: PC2023-202
DECEASED. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED
BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said Deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 13th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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Estate of LINDA BOYD

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Probate Judge
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
ELLIS ROBERT BATES * CASE NO PC 2023-288
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **JoAnne Bates,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Ellis Robert Bates, deceased, on the 14th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ABBOTT REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES, INC. d/b/a T & T MOTORS,
Plaintiff,
vs. **Case No: DV-2023-900167**
KAYLEAH SLOAN,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

DEFENDANT, SLOAN, KAYLEAH, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against her by the **PLAINTIFF, ABBOTT REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES, INC, d/b/a T & T MOTORS**, for $9,214.68 plus court cost, cause of action being: Breach of Contract

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 21st day of October, 2023, or a default may be rendered against her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 11th day of September, 2023

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain, District Court Clerk
Cullman County, Alabama.





ADCNR: Wetumpka man arrested for killing black bear in Elmore County

Black bear is a protected species in Alabama

Ala. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

ELMORE COUNTY, Ala. — Michael Watkins, 32, of Wetumpka, Alabama, has been arrested and charged with killing a black bear in Elmore County. Although classified as a game animal in Alabama, there is no established black bear hunting season in the state. Black bears are also protected by state law due to low population numbers.

"Hopefully this arrest will send a message and deter future wildlife regulation violations related to Alabama's black bear population," said Matt Weathers, chief of enforcement with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR).

"If you see a black bear, just leave it alone. We want them in Alabama."

Anyone shooting at or killing a black bear risks serious consequences.

In Alabama, shooting at a black bear is a Class A misdemeanor, which carries a potential minimum fine of $2,000.

Other penalties for attempting to take a black bear include the loss of hunting and fishing license privileges for three years and possible jail time.

Historically, a small population of black bear has remained rooted in southwest Alabama, primarily in Mobile and Washington counties.

In recent years, bears migrating from northwest Georgia have established a small but viable population in northeast Alabama.

ADCNR is currently working with other state and federal agencies to collect data on the state's black bear population and movements.

Black bears are secretive, shy animals that will avoid human interaction.

To avoid attracting a bear to your home, feed pets just enough food that they can consume in one meal.

Secure uneaten pet food, trash bins, bird and other wildlife feeders, as they are easy pickings for hungry young bears.

If you are lucky enough to encounter/observe a black bear, WFF offers these suggestions:

- Do not be frightened
- Do not approach the animal
- Do not run from the bear; back away slowly
- Stand tall and upright and make loud noises
- Avoid direct eye contact with the bear
- Make sure the bear has an unobstructed direction to escape
- Never purposely feed a bear



BILLY POPE/ADCNR

Black bear NOTE: This is NOT the black bear that was killed in Elmore County.

The public is encouraged to report black bear sightings online at https://game.dcnr.alabama.gov/BlackBear.

Black bear sightings can also be reported to WFF district wildlife offices, or by email to Thomas Harms at thomas.harms@dcnr.alabama.gov.

ACES: A home gardener's mum survival guide

Cole Sikes
ACES

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. — Many people associate garden chrysanthemums, or mums, with the beginning of autumn. These floral features are already occupying garden centers and front porches around the country. There are tips and tricks to make sure that every mum has maximum longevity. Lucy Edwards, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System county coordinator, said everyone can have thriving mums, but long-term success depends on several factors.

Chrysanthemum basics

One of the most popular fall plants, mums provide great pops of color to homes and gardens. However, much like a tomato plant, they seemingly find any excuse to prematurely wither away. Edwards, who is the Chilton County Extension coordinator, said everyone needs to understand the basics of caring for mums in order to be successful.

"There are two main categories of mums: floral and garden," Edwards said. "Floral mums are those that typically are not grown outside and sold by florists for arrangements. Garden mums are those that people see in garden centers during the fall."

The two most common types are daisy mums and decorative flower mums. Popular colors of this species include white, bronze, yellow, red, coral, pink, lavender and red. Edwards said mums grow well in Alabama if done properly.

To put it plainly, mums require moist, well-draining soil combined with 6 hours or more of daily sunlight. Edwards said planting depth is also a factor.

"Plant your mums at the same depth as the size of their original containers," she said. "It's better to plant too shallow than too deep."

A commonly forgotten practice with mums is dividing its shoots. By pinching new growth, this prevents long, spindly blooms and allows for more blooms across the entire plant. Deadheading spent flowers also aids in maintaining their appearance through the fall.

Choosing the best mum

Choosing the best mum is one of the most important aspects of care. Edwards said there are a couple of characteristics to look for when choosing the right plant at a garden center.

- Buy mums with primarily unopened blooms. When buying a mum, it can be tempting to grab the largest, fully blooming plant. Make sure to buy the mums with their blooms not quite open. This choice will allow for a longer bloom time once you get it home.

- Always check a chrysanthemum for insects and diseases. Nobody wants a sick plant. Be on the lookout for powdery mildew in mums. Fungal infection occurs quickly on dry plant surfaces at mild temperatures and at a relative humidity of at least 95%. The characteristic cottony patches are usually seen within a few days after infection. To control mildew, remove all infected leaves and treat the mum with an appropriately labeled fungicide.

Water is imperative

Mums rely heavily on adequate watering, especially in dry or hot conditions. Edwards said this is the most common mistake when growing mums.

"It is easy to assume the plant is fine," Edwards said. "Too often, cooler temperatures lead us to neglect the task of watering – especially if we have had a few afternoon rain showers. Before we realize it, there is a dead plant on the front porch."

To remedy a dry soil, daily measurements of soil moisture should be a routine. Feel the soil each morning to the depth of 1 inch, and if the soil is moist, wait 24 hours and measure it again. If it feels dry, be sure to soak the soil well.



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Some people may have a difficult time regularly measuring water retention. In this case, plant mums in a container that has a reservoir at the bottom.

A saucer can also be added to collect water. These provisions can help extend watering intervals.

More information

Mums are an autumn staple for many decorators and horticultural enthusiasts. Be sure to share these tips with neighbors, friends and family to ensure that everyone's porches and landscapes remain colorful. Lastly, consider a mass planting of one mum color for a landscape statement that is sure to have the neighborhood talking.

For more information about mums and other seasonal plants, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

Ball (from Front)

toberfest 2023 Burgermeister, said that while being an ambassador for the city of Cullman certainly wasn't new to him, the title of Burgermeister did give him one surprising stipulation: historic German dress.

"I have been an ambassador on behalf of Cullman for my entire career, but this is the first time I've had to do it in lederhosen!" laughed Greer, who shared many have gotten a chuckle and snapped a photo of his garb throughout town.

Dinner began with the All Steak team delivering a three-course German meal fit for a Burgermeister: starting with a taste of smoked salmon lox with dill creme fraiche, a dish piled high with an eye of round topped with red cabbage chutney and finishing with a crisp and delicious apfelstrudel with hints of rum and crème anglaise.

After dishes were cleared and glasses of German Riesling and pinot refreshed, the games were on.

A competitive German spelling bee and trivia provided plenty of laughs as some of Cullman's best struggled to spell words like flughafen (airport) and prost (cheers!).

Hosts for the evening, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce board and staff, said they felt honored to be able to bring the Burgermeister Ball back with the help of Paul Schaffer of Mitch Smith Chevrolet.

"We are excited to make this an annual event for Cullman as we partner with our members to help keep our German heritage alive," said Chamber President Joey Orr. "I know the Cullman city parks and recreation department has so many fun, family events planned this year and we are excited to watch this festival grow."

Said Schaffer, toasting to the evening, "We're just glad to be the sponsor, and so glad it's started back.

"It's a big heritage of Cullman and the turnout has been so good!"

For more information about Cullman's Oktoberfest, coming Sept. 28-30, visit www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com.



UAB: 5 silent symptoms of ovarian cancer

Brianna Hoge
Contributor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — As with other cancers, the earlier the diagnosis of ovarian cancer is given, the greater the chance can be for a good outcome. However, as one University of Alabama at Birmingham doctor explains, an early diagnosis can be hard to achieve as most women have few if any symptoms.

That is why Teresa Boitano, M.D., assistant professor in UAB's Marnix E. Heersink School of Medicine's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, says the disease is known as the "silent killer."

It is estimated that nearly 20,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2023, so Boitano encourages women to be mindful of these five silent symptoms to increase the chances of early detection.

Bloating
Bloating can be a common symptom for some women during their monthly cycle, but most do not know that it can be a symptom of ovarian cancer.

"The feeling can occur frequently or can be persistent and can often lead to a woman feeling like she gets full quickly after eating only a small amount," Boitano said.

If it cannot be associated around the time of a cycle or appears to be getting worse, it might be time to visit your primary care physician or gynecologist to look at potential causes of the bloating.

Abdominal or pelvic pain
A persistent pain, or one that occurs most days, in the stomach or pelvic region is another silent symptom to be aware of. Boitano explains that it is usually a new type of pain that could get progressively worse.

"Women also might notice that they have increased pain with intercourse that is new," she said.

Fatigue
The third silent symptom is a feeling of tiredness, and one that does not improve with getting more rest.

"If you find yourself feeling fatigued for days to weeks, and that power nap or extra cappuccino doesn't seem to provide the pick-me-up, talk to your medical provider to be sure that it is not something more serious," Boitano said.

Changes in bowel habits
If a woman starts having sudden issues with either constipation or diarrhea, it can be a sign of ovarian cancer. Boitano says it usually persists for an extended period and is not a routine issue a woman has been dealing with.

Frequent urination
The last silent symptom of ovarian cancer is some women will feel that they have to use the bathroom more often than normal.

Boitano says some patients can experience a burning or pressure sensation during urination.

Next steps
Boitano urges women to visit a health care provider if they have persistent, severe or worsening issues from any of the five silent symptoms.

"While it hopefully will not be ovarian cancer, it is important for a woman to be evaluated if she is noticing differences in her body," she said. "Depending on the symptoms and exam, next steps with the health care provider may include laboratory evaluation and imaging."

Boitano says it is essential to raise awareness about ovarian cancer and its symptoms.

If a woman is experiencing abnormal symptoms, or knows of a friend experiencing one of the silent symptoms, it is important to have a conversation, though it may be difficult, and encourage medical evaluation.

"Education and advocacy will empower women to recognize possible symptoms, take control of their health and pursue medical attention swiftly when indicated," Boitano said.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 21-22

Emma Pauline "Polly" Hite Stricklin, 90
Emma Pauline "Polly" Hite Stricklin was born on April 18, 1933. She passed away at her home on Sept. 14, 2023. She was 90 years old. She was a lifetime Cullman resident and business owner. Preceded in death by her husband-Doyle Stricklin; mother-Freda Lindsey; stepfather- Donald Lindsey, father- Ervinn Hite; Sisters-Mary Gillis, (Hugh), Brenda Taylor, Brother- Neil Lindsey, (Alice). Survived by: Daughter Teresa "Teri" Stricklin Rowan (Stuart); grandchildren- Taylor Rowan (Jamie), Morgan Rowan Fonseca (Daniel), David Minnick (Heather); great-grandchildren- Braylon, Jayce, Zoey, Jayde, Lucas, and Oliver. In 1963 Polly opened Polly's House of Beauty, a community landmark for over 40 years. In 1995 she sold her business to Jimmy Drake, DBA, J. Drake Salon & Spa. Her Cosmetology career began when she was 16 years old and spanned more than 68 years. Polly was a member of the Cullman First Church of the Nazarene. She served as a Board member and was instrumental in helping the church relocate to its Highway 157 location in the 1970s. In 2006, she was featured among Channel 2's "Women in the Workplace." As a lifetime Cullman resident, she cherished her long list of family, friends/clients. Polly loved to talk about her grandchildren, shop and cook, and "make women beautiful". She was hard working, but always managed to bring laughter with her sense of humor. Her generosity was boundless and reflected her love for God. A memorial service is planned for Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 at Moss Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 12:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. with Memorial service at 1 p.m. Reception will follow at the funeral home.

Bill Wesley Dyer, 78
Funeral service for Bill Wesley Dyer, age 78, of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Brown and Scott Campbell officiating; burial at Center Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dyer passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at his residence. He was born June 2, 1945 to Betha and Thelma Dyer. He was preceded in death by his wife, Flo Ann Dyer; daughter, Tracy A. Dyer; parents; brothers and sisters, William Dyer, Mae Dyer Scott, Rufus Dyer, Jeanie Dyer, Girtes Dyer, Rayford Dyer, Irene Dyer Gross, Vonda Lee Dyer Rice, Jim Dyer, and Kenneth Dyer. Survivors include his children, Stephen Wesley Dyer, Wade (Charlene) Dyer and Tammy Dyer Griffith; grandchildren, Kacie Griffith, Jackson Griffith, Jacob Griffith, Andrew Dyer; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Cullman Regional Hospice.

Myrtle Jean Davis Chaney, 81
Myrtle Jean Davis Chaney, 81 of Russellville, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Alive Hospice Murfreesboro Office and Residence. She was born June 23, 1942, in Winston County, Alabama. Myrtle is survived by her children, James Eugene (Shelia) Heath, Christy Gwen (David) Wiles; and Michael Duell (Kaye) Heath; grandchildren, Lee (Amanda) McCalpin, Jason (Rachel) McCalpin, Alexandria Deann (Bradley) Ellis, Christina Heath, and Samantha Heath; many great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews; and her sister, Marilou Ray She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Chaney; father, Ladis Lav Stehno; mother, Myrtie L. Newell Stehno; sisters, Lavis Gasaway and Betty Sue Shellnut; and brother, Orval Stehno. No services will be held at this time.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Of all the things I've lost

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



It's that sick feeling in the pit of your stomach when you reach your hand in your pants pocket to retrieve your wallet, but suddenly realize it isn't there. My first thought was that I had left it on the night stand where I always put it. I put it in the same place each and every night so I don't get that sick feeling in the pit of my stomach the next morning.

I can't begin to tell you how many times I have hit the grand slam of lost items. There are four items that most every man keeps in his pockets.

Most women keep these four, and more, in their purse. Having said all that, the grand slam of lost items includes our keys, cellphone, glasses, and of course, wallet. A bonus item might be the trusty ole pocket knife. I have lost all of them, including the bonus, but not all at the same time. An old cliché states, "Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most." As I've grown older, sometimes I think I may have lost my mind, because I can't seem to keep up with where I've put most everything else. The most frustrating and aggravating of them all, at least in my opinion, is to lose my wallet. What if it falls into the wrong hands? I have had that blessed joy before, and believe me you, it is neither a blessing nor a joy!

I broke out in a cold sweat as I thought about my credit card, debit card, and mad money that were in my wallet. They call it "mad money" because when you lose your wallet, you'll be mad that you hid that money in there for an emergency. Then I had the emergency, but no mad money! I immediately checked my bank account and credit card account to see if I had bought anything I had not bought. Nothing looked out of the ordinary, so the search was on.

I racked my addled, feeble, forgetful, rattled brain trying to remember the last time I could remember seeing it. The day before I had gone to the pool-supply store to buy, well, pool supplies. I had it then. I came home, put up my supplies, cleaned up and changed clothes to go to a pastors' and families' fellowship that was 30 minutes from home. It was after I had returned home and changed clothes that I realized the missing wallet. When I put all my other things on the night stand, there was no wallet. I checked the pockets of everything I had worn that day. I checked the laundry basket, the garbage can, the washing machine, the refrigerator, the pantry, and who knows what else. I sent a message to the one who had been in charge of the fellowship. That kind friend went so far as to go out in the dark, with his flashlight, and search the grounds where we had been. As soon as the pool-supply store opened, I called them. They had not seen it. Finally, I went out on the back porch to drink a cup of coffee and enjoy the cool-fall air. I sat my coffee down on the porch table, right beside... guess what. For the life of me, I still don't remember laying my wallet down on the porch table. Maybe someone had stolen it and felt guilty, so they brought it back! The cold-hard truth is that sometimes there no one else to blame, other than ourselves!

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1904, 1934

From the files of 1904

George Markland has bought a lot on Highlands, with the view of building a nice residence.

Some very naughty boys cut the German Society flags to pieces, after the picnic on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Miles of Bristol, England have arrived in Cullman and are residing in the Willie Williams cottage, until they build a residence on their farm, a few miles from the city.

The Tribune has moved to the new and commodious German Bank Building.

Ed Cordes brought in the first open cotton bolls of the season today.

C.C. Whaley is in Birmingham today.

Reverend C.E. Scheile spent this week in Florence.

There is a constant demand for houses to rent in Cullman.

Mrs. Lonnie York is spending some time with relatives in Hartselle.

Eugene Walling, of Vinemont, was in the city on Tuesday.

J.L. Taylor is putting the finishing touches on his new house.

E.C. Wenzel is erecting one of the finest dwellings in the country, on his farm.

W.H. Martin has installed a new engine and boiler at his gin for the coming cotton season.

Charlie Thompson spent a few days, in Hanceville, last week.

Willie Basenburg has been elected Captain of the Centerdale baseball team.

Monroe Burch is very ill with a fever.

From the files of 1934

Mayor J.A. Dunlap is not only an efficient mayor and successful banker, but is also an excellent fisherman, as he proved on the Gulf Coast last week.

M.H. Killingsworth, principal of Cullman High was elected president of the Alabama High School Principals Association, in Montgomery, on Friday.

Cullman telephone users, beginning August 25, do not have to crank their phones to call central. The installation of a new battery system, in the exchange, makes this possible.

Miss Sarah Lillian Richter has returned from Chattanooga, where she visited her aunt, Mrs. C.W. Wewees.

Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Green are spending several weeks with friends in Illinois.

Mrs. Floris Hendrix is spending several weeks with her brother, Harold Hendrix, in New York City.

Charon Denson, of Logan will leave next week for Bennet Academy, Mathiston, Mississippi, where he will be a student this winter.

Marriage licenses were issue this week to Miss Edna Earle Smith and Henry Frank Arnold.

Jane Dodson has returned from Camp Dixie, Clayton, Georgia, where she spent six weeks.

George Ponder has returned from six week of Camp at Hendersonville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Herman Stewart and Mrs. R.B. Wright spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

William Joseph Simpson died from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

POET'S CORNER

Things I Look Forward to | By: Randy C. Hale

I'm thankful for these things.
A delicious meal or treat,
anticipated shows to watch
a nice good book to read.

I love to hear the birds sing,
watch nature all around.
It is a valued treasure,
a pleasure I have found.

Flowers that bloom so pretty
trips to a sunny beach.
To run my toes into the sand,
and watch the ocean leap.

Views from the high mountains,
lush valleys down below.
Seeing rich fall colors,
a picture to behold.

Going to church on Sundays,
hearing the choir sing,
To hear the word of God,
the settled peace it brings.

And then there are the holidays,
the feelings that they give.
I'm moved by what they mean to me, memories forever live.

To spend some time with loved ones,
and watch grandchildren play.
Reading them a story,
see smiles upon each face.

And yes, I have some hobbies,
enjoyment to escape.
I focus on those fun things,
and take a little break.

But, often comes a time,
I must lay down to rest.
And I have come to think,
that just might be the best.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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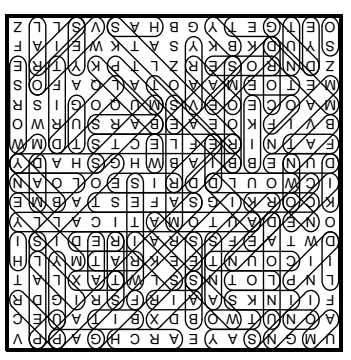
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Hanceville (from Front)

ly fare like hotdogs and ice cream, jumped to their hearts' content in bounce houses, coasted along on train rides and even mustered up the courage to take on the mechanical bull. The real treat of the evening was the fireworks show, capping off the night with one last adrenaline rush - just in time for bed! An event of this scope doesn't just come together; several local businesses and individuals stepped up to sponsor aspects of the celebration, said Police Chief Joshua Howell. He said that while the police department usually gets all the credit, it's an all-around effort.

"This isn't about me or the police department. It is about us - our community as a whole - and showing the love we have for our children," said Howell. While several came together to make the event a success for the youngest residents of Hanceville, special accolades were given to Michelle Allen Scott for her outstanding hard work and unwavering dedication to making the event a memorable experience.

"Michelle's commitment to our community is truly commendable, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed!" exclaimed Howell.

Howell mentioned that while Kids' Night Out is multifaceted, one of its core objectives is to give kids an authentically positive view of first responders, shaping the future of how residents at large view law enforcement, making the ground fertile for understanding and dialog.

"Let us continue to nurture the spirit of unity, compassion and dedication that makes our community special," stated Howell. "I am excited to see what the future holds for our town and the incredible events that await our children."

Bill Smith

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