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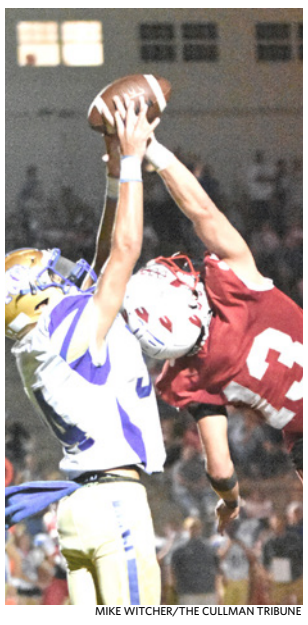
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– SPORTS –

Addison wins at Good Hope, Cold Springs & Hanceville earn homecoming wins, West Point edges Douglas in OT

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Drug trafficking, assault with bodily fluids arrests made

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Two local men are facing charges after separate, unrelated incidents that occurred on Sept. 28.

In the first incident, Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies responded to a residence in the Holly Pond area for a welfare check.

Upon arrival, deputies encountered multiple individuals at the residence, including Rodolfo Flores Nava, 46, of Holly Pond. A subsequent investigation and search of the premises allegedly led to the discovery of various narcotics, which were allegedly in Nava's possession.

Nava is being held at the Cullman County Detention Center with a bond set at $502,000. He faces charges of drug trafficking (methamphetamine, approximately 9 ounces), unlawful distribution of marijuana » PAGE 3



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Rodolfo Flores Nava, left, and John Allen York, right

Little blessings, big impact



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The colorful front door is just the beginning to Little Blessings Preschool.

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — When you become a parent, countless decisions fall onto your plate. Which car seat should you pick? Breastfeed or formula feed? Cloth diapers or disposables? As the adage says, "You can do everything 'right' and they'll still eat the french fry off the minivan floor." Some choices are fleeting, soon forgotten. Others, however, are momentous and merit thorough consideration.

Childcare stands out as a paramount decision. Who will watch your child while you work? Can they offer the same tender care and affection you provide? For those fortunate to have Ashlee Wright and Little Blessings Preschool as an option, the answer is a resounding "yes."

Founded in 2014, Little Blessings Preschool emerged from a mother's concerns. Wright said she sought more than the status quo for her son's preschool experience. She envisioned an environment in which her child wasn't just a statistic but could learn at his unique pace, free from the confines of standardized education.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Not finding a suitable establishment in her vicinity, Wright embarked on her own journey, transforming her maternal aspirations into a thriving preschool.

Little Blessings, she explained, champions the Montessori philosophy, catering to infants and children from 6 weeks to kinder- » PAGE 7

Oktoberfest sees 45% attendance increase



MARTHA NEEDHAM/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A man holds a stein of beer at the opening ceremony of Oktoberfest 2023 on Thursday, Sept. 28. » PAGE 6

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs Eagles, Lady Eagles claim titles at Kudzu Hills, Cullman competes at Black & Gold Classic

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Cullman County Fair opens this Thursday

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Cullman County Youth Football Week 5 scoring recap



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The Vinemont Eagles won Saturday's Fireplug game over Fairview 28-22. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 2

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct., 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 28

- domestic violence; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 216
- theft of property; CR 5000
- assault; Beech Ave. SE
- domestic violence-menacing; CR 222
- harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 946
- trafficking drugs; possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1736
- domestic violence; CR 1490

Sept. 29

- domestic violence; CR 1691
- harassment; CR 18
- harassment; CR 265
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- harassment; CR 255
- reckless endangerment; CR 825
- theft of property; CR 565
- domestic violence; Dove Rd.

Sept. 30

- harassment; Hwy. 69 S
- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; Schaeffel Rd.
- domestic violence; Champagne Dr.
- harassment; Hwy. 278 W
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; Roberson St.
- violation of protection order; Wesley Ave. N
- possession of controlled substance; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at MM 305

Oct. 1

- harassment; CR 436
- burglary; CR 1621
- theft of property; CR 1850
- menacing; CR 436
- domestic violence; CR 46
- possession of marijuana; I-65 SB rest area
- harassment; Hwy. 91

ARRESTS

Sept. 28 – Oct. 1

Barnett, Sumer L.; 26
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500

Chiminiello III, Joseph R.; 43
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Cordell, Carlin J.; 31
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense

Doss, Andy M.; 64
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Dye, Garrett D.; 28
- burglary-residence-no force
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- possessing stolen property $1,500 or more
- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500

Eadie, Felicia L.; 35
- burglary-non residence-force

Gillian, Gabriel R.; 36
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Gomez, Abner H.; 22
- public intoxication

Harrison III, James E.; 21
- Probation Revoked- burglary-residence-force
- Probation Revoked- damaged property-criminal mischief
- Probation Revoked- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft
- Probation Revoked- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Henderson, Jacorey D.; 23
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hernandez, Abelardo P.; 36
- public intoxication

Hernandez, Juan P.; 32
- DUI (alcohol)

Hooper, Joshua J.; 22
- burglary-residence-no force
- larceny/theft-theft from residence less than $500

Kays, Marcus A.; 33
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- FTA- rendering false alarm-hospital/nursing home
- FTA- disorderly conduct/disturbing peace/affray

Keller, Nicholas I.; 38
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $1,500 - $2,500

Lambert, Adam K.; 43
- assault-reckless endangerment (2 counts)
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family
- stolen vehicles-unauthorized use of truck-no force

Linley, John N.; 27
- Probation Violation- sale of stolen property
- Probation Violation- unlawful possession with intent to distribute

Martin, Megan M.; 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- obstructing justice using false identity

McClendon, Zachary A.; 33
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-pickpocket

McNabb, Mesha E.; 35
- receiving stolen property $500 less than $1,500

Myslinksi, James M.; 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Nava, Rodoflo-Flores; 46
- drug trafficking
- sell/distribute marijuana
- possession opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Oakes, Justin P.; 30
- burglary-non residence-force

Parker, Tony G.; 56
- menacing-aggravated assault

Phillips, Patrick E.; 26
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle (no theft or damage)
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Porter, Jasmene L.; 41
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous

Ralph, Johnathan T.; 34
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Seales, Teric D.; 35
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Smith, Jonathon T.; 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia-2nd offense
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Stallings, Eric S.; 45
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- tampering with physical evidence

Susskin, Kenya B.; 34
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Watson, Barden H.; 25
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Webb, Alexander D.; 20
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call

Wilson, Jonathan K.; 29
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Wright, Terry W.; 66
- Probation Violation- receiving stolen vehicle

York, John A.; 32
- assault with bodily fluids

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 29

- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash; $13,250
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $794

Sept. 30

- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; cards; $672
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; vehicle parts; $98
- criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; Oak Dr. NE; damaged to 2015 Chevy Traverse; $1,000

Oct. 1

- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; Lincoln Ave. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; Cleveland Ave. NW; wallet and contents

ARRESTS

Sept. 29 – Oct. 1

Kay, Marcus A.; 33
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Reynolds, David J.; 42
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Phelps, Christy M.; 40
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree

Laningham, Kevin L.; 46
- FTA- violation of domestic violence protection order

Kanaday, Brandon H.; 31
- public intoxication

Haynes, Alexis L.; 19
- theft of property-3rd degree

Johnson, Cody R.; 25
- theft of property-4th degree

Thomas, Elisha N.; 40
- theft of propert-4th degree

Walker, Merenda S.; 52
- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Morgan, Rodney O.; 49
- possession/receiving controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cox, Tina L.; 41
- FTA- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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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, Oct. 4 - 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, Oct. 6 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Oct. 7 - 8 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Foundry Farm Ministry
• Saturday, Oct. 7 – Noon. Motorcycle Ride for Kids Loving Kids. Lunch will be served!
• Sunday, Oct. 8 - 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, Oct. 8 - 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.

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.

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.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?

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.

Cullman Chapter of National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Oct. 9, at The Golden Corral Buffet. The speaker scheduled is outgoing United Way of Cullman County Executive Director Waid Harbison. The business meeting will begin at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting.

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.

Pleasant View Homecoming Service
• Sunday, Oct. 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start singing again about 1:30 that afternoon. We will have singing featuring 2nd Mile from DeKalb, Mississippi. Everyone is invited.
• All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. 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.

Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch
Saturday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary.

Mt. Nebo Baptist Church 100th Homecoming Celebration
Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-noon, at Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, AL 35057. Praise and worship, including a historical presentation by Alabama Baptist. Fellowship meal at noon. Pastor is Gary Waddell.

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.

2023 Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration
Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport. Free admission and free parking. Huey rides, Chinook ground tours, sky dive demo, ground tours, Model-A car show, free lunch for veterans and music from the Armed Forces Radio Vietnam.

Arrests (from Front)

(approximately 1.5 ounces), unlawful possession of opium or a derivative, unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of dangerous drugs.

He also had a failure to appear warrant for domestic violence.

In the second incident, John Allen York, 32, of Cullman, an inmate at the Cullman County Detention Center, was arrested on additional charges. Previously detained earlier in the month for theft- and drug-related charges, among others, York allegedly became uncooperative and combative while being relocated within the detention center.

During the altercation, York allegedly damaged property and assaulted detention deputies by hitting, kicking and spitting on them. Medical services were provided on-site to all involved parties.

As a result of the incident, York now also faces charges of assault with bodily fluids.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Addison wins at Good Hope, Cold Springs & Hanceville earn homecoming wins, West Point edges Douglas in OT

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With half of this season officially in the books, the playoff picture is beginning to take shape but week six was packed with several tight non-region battles. The Addison Bulldogs traveled to Good Hope and defeated the Raiders, West Point blocked an extra point in overtime to win at Douglas and Cold Springs and Hanceville both handled Shoals Christian and Lawrence County for homecoming.

Addison 22 – Good Hope 17
Addison set the tone early as they wanted to show their 4A neighbors to the East that this 1A school came to play. Addison took over at their own 46-yard line and 11 plays later, QB Jed Wilkins ran it in from 13-yards out for the game's first score.

Good Hope then put on a masterful drive as they traveled 68 yards on 14 plays for the score. The Raiders did it the old-fashioned way as they only completed one pass during the drive. Good Hope ran the ball and Addison had no answer. Cone took it in from 3 yards out for the touchdown. Ayden Black accounted for 37-yards on the drive. Black also ran in the two-point conversion that tied the score at 8 with 2:42 to go in the first half.

It didn't take the Bulldogs long to answer as Wilkins found a wide-open Braden Luker for a 34-yard touchdown pass on their series second play. This was set up by Wilkins scampering for 34-yards on first down. The two-point was no good and Addison took a 14-8 lead with only 1:48 to go in the half.

The Raiders answered the bell when Black found Carter Rutherford for 9 yards, then found Malin down the sideline for 47 more yards. Malin was pushed out at the Bulldog 7-yard line. The Bulldogs were able to keep the Raiders out of the end zone, but Brayden Cooper kicked a 25-yard field goal to cut the lead to 14-11 and that was the score when the first half came to a close.

After several unsuccessful possessions by both teams, Good Hope took over their own 36-yard line with 4:52 to go in the game. Good Hope was facing a long fourth and six call at their own 40-yard line and decided to go for it. The play resulted in an incomplete pass, but a pass interference penalty was called on Addison, it could have gone either way depending on which side you were sitting on. Raider fans were ecstatic and Bulldog fans were furious. Good Hope took over with a new set of downs at the Bulldog 45 but couldn't gain any more yards and failed on another fourth down call with 2:30 to go in the game.

Addison struck quickly again, as Wilkins ran around the end down the sideline and crossed the field, eluding about half the Raider team as he scored from 53-yards out for the game sealing touchdown. Elijah Roberts found McLamb for the two-point conversion and Addison led 22-11 with 1:58 seconds to go.

Good Hope wasn't going down without a fight and Black drove the Raiders down the field finally completing an 8-yard touchdown to Cone on the game's final play. In what was a pretty good high school football game, Addison held on to win 22-17.

West Point 27 – Douglas 26 (OT)
An interception on West Point's opening possession set the Eagles up with a short field and it didn't take them long to find the end zone. A 10-yard touchdown run put Douglas in front 6-0 just three minutes into the game but after missing a field goal midway through the opening period, the Warriors got on the board late in the first quarter when Parker Marks got loose for a 36-yard touchdown run down the West Point sideline and Omar Segundo's extra point made it a 7-6 game.

The Warriors forced a Douglas punt to start the second quarter and capitalized on the defensive stop with a long, methodical scoring drive capped off by a 5-yard touchdown run from Garit Roberson late in the second quarter. Segundo's extra point split the uprights and West Point went into the locker room holding a 14-6 lead at halftime.

The Warriors added to their lead in the third quarter when Ollie Howell punched one into the end zone from 5 yards out and West Point pulled ahead 20-6 with seven minutes on the clock in the third. However, the Eagles were not ready to lie down, and Douglas capped off a scoring drive with an 18-yard touchdown on a screen pass to trim the lead to 20-13 with three minutes remaining in the third. The Eagles made things even more interesting later in the fourth when another short pass turned into a 40-yard touchdown and the Warriors found themselves tied up at 20 with just over five minutes to play.

An interception gave the ball back to the Eagles with 4:30 on the clock but facing a fourth down and five from the 30-yard line, Douglas was stopped by the West Point defense and the Warriors ran out the remainder of the clock to send the game to overtime.

West Point got the ball first and Roberson dove into the end zone for a 5-yard touchdown to put the Warriors on the board in their first overtime period. Segundo's extra point made it a 27-20 game as Douglas' offense came back out on the field.

Once again, Douglas was forced to try and make a play on fourth down but this time the Eagles were successful, tossing a 2-yard pass into the end zone for a touchdown to cut the lead to 26-20. However, Douglas wasn't allowed to celebrate long because the Warriors swarmed the ensuing extra point attempt and blocked the kick to secure a 27-26 road win in dramatic fashion.

West Point improves to 3-3 with the win and the Warriors will be back home next week to host a regional matchup against Lawrence County.

Cold Springs 44 – Shoals Christian 12
Cold Springs' defense got off to a perfect start on its opening series, as Will Jackson recovered a Shoals Christian fumble at the 30. The Eagles quickly took advantage of the forced fumble, as Matt Williams scored on a 20-yard run on just the third play of the series. Josh Winfrey ran it in for the two-point conversion, and that gave Cold Springs an early 8-0 lead with 9:12 left to go in the opening period. A pair of big plays by the Flame had them at the 24, but a holding penalty quickly pushed them back to the 34. A big sack by Gabe Moore on third down forced Shoals Christian to punt.

The trio of Tycen Kilgo, Williams, and Winfrey pounded the ball right at the Flame defense, and Winfrey broke free for a 44-yard touchdown run. Mason Gable found Kilgo in the end zone for the two-point conversion, as that gave Cold Springs a 16-0 lead with 2:47 remaining in the first quarter. A pair of big runs, plus a face mask penalty on the Eagles, had the Flame at the 28-yard line. The Cold Springs' defense, though, stiffened and forced a turnover-on-downs. The Eagles stuck with their game plan on its next series, as Williams and Winfrey, along with Gable, continue to wear down the Shoals Christian defense. A 25-yard run by Winfrey put the ball at the 12, and two plays later, Williams scored on a seven-yard run. Kilgo ran it in for the two-point conversion, and with 5:19 left to go in the first half, Cold Springs was now up 24-0.

Cold Springs got a huge special teams play from Moore, as he blocked a Flame punt, and returned it to the 21. Gable found Clayton Terry for a 20-yard gain, and Kilgo punched it in on the next play to make it a 31-0 lead for the Eagles. Cold Springs held Shoals Christian out of the end zone to end the first half, and the Eagles went into the half with a commanding 31-0 lead.

Cold Springs continued to wear down the Flame defense to start the second half, as they got some huge first downs to keep the drive alive. The 13-play, 70-yard drive ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Gable to Winfrey to give Cold Springs a 38-0 lead. A 32-yard touchdown run by Shoals Christian made it 38-6. The Eagles put in some younger players on their next series, and they found the end zone, as Ethan Day broke free for a 46-yard run to make it 44-6. The Flame returned the kickoff 70 yards for a touchdown to make it a 44-12 game. Cold Springs went on to defeat Shoals Christian on homecoming night 44-12 and snap a three-game losing streak.

Winfrey finished the game with 95 yards on 11 carries and a touchdown, plus a touchdown reception for Cold Springs (3-3). Williams added 82 yards on the ground and a pair of scores. Day ended up with 55 yards rushing and a score. Kilgo added 44 rushing yards and a score, while Gable completed three passes for 36 yards and a score. Jackson recovered a fumble for the Eagles. Moore finished with a sack and a blocked punt. Bailey Gann and Justin Stewart each added tackles for loss, while Samuel Turner collected a sack.

Cold Springs will get back into region play next week with a huge game at home against Winston County.

Hanceville 32 – Lawrence County 17
Hanceville received the opening kick-off and went three and out, but the Bulldog defense forced a turnover on downs. Hanceville was forced to punt after putting together a promising drive but on the first play from scrimmage for the Red Devils, Hanceville's Eli Clements got the ball right back to the Bulldog offense after recovering a fumble. Two plays later, Marquies Leeth put the Bulldogs ahead 7-0 with a 29-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.

Hanceville's defense forced another quick punt and midway through the second quarter, Hunter Black found Ashton Hurst for a 42-yard touchdown to put the Bulldogs up 14-0. The Red Devils answered with a touchdown pass of their own to cut the lead to 14-7 heading into the locker room at halftime.

Early in the third quarter, Lawrence County tied the game at 14 with a touchdown run but Hanceville answered back on the ensuing possession when Leeth punched one into the end zone from 5 yards out to put the Bulldogs ahead 20-14 midway through the third quarter.

The Bulldogs found the endzone again late in the third quarter and Leeth's third touchdown of the night put the Bulldogs up 26-14 headed into the fourth. Lawrence County drove down into Hanceville territory, but the Bulldog defense stepped up to stop them on fourth and goal. Black connected with Ashton Hurst for a 42-yard touchdown to put the Bulldogs up 32-14 and Lawrence County was able to get a late field goal on the board, but it wasn't enough to overcome Hanceville and the Bulldogs secured a 32-17 win.

Hanceville will stay home next for a big regional battle with the Good Hope Raiders.

Mortimer Jordan 24 – Cullman 20
Cullman's quarterback Tanner Gaines attempted a pass that was intercepted by Mortimer Jordan and returned by the Blue Devils to the Cullman one yard line. Two running plays by Terence Gaines gave the Blue Devils a touchdown and the lead in the first quarter. With 7:32 left in the first quarter, Mortimer Jordan lead was 7-0.

Cullman settled down on their next drive that began on their own 20-yard line. A balanced attack between Gaines' passing and Larry Turner's running got the Bearcats deep into Mortimer Jordan's end of the field. The Bearcats faced a fourth and one with under two minutes left in the first quarter. Two offsides penalties against the Blue Devils allowed the drive to continue. Jackson Sessions completed the 13-play drive with a five-yard touchdown run. The successful PAT by Garrett Mobley tied the ballgame with 1:21 left in the first quarter.

A couple of long passes from Gaines to Nick Holland and more strong running by Turner got the Bearcats in business at the Mortimer Jordan three-yard line. Once again, the Bearcats turned to Sessions who ran into the endzone. Mobley completed the PAT and Cullman took the lead with 4:44 left in the first half 14-7.

An unsuccessful onside kick by the Bearcats gave the Blue Devils the ball on Cullman's side of the field at the 47-yard line.

The Blue Devils wasted little time in making the most of their good field position. They scored a touchdown on the fifth play of the drive on a run by Terence Gaines. With the successful PAT the game was tied heading into halftime.

A seven-play drive by the Blue Devils resulted in a 28-yard field goal with around eight minutes to play in the third quarter and Mortimer Jordan took the lead 17-14 going into the fourth quarter.

Long drives were the theme of the fourth quarter. Cullman began near midfield and went on an 11-play scoring drive. Passes to Holland and Cooper Ogstad were crucial to maintaining the drive. From the two-yard line, the Bearcats once again gave the ball to Sessions for the score and his third touchdown of the game. The PAT was no good and with 6:43 left in the game, Cullman's lead was 20-17.

Not to be outdone, the Blue Devils went on their own 10 play scoring drive. Some penalties against Cullman kept the drive alive and Gaines scored again from seven yards out. With 2:35 left in the game, the Blue Devils retook the lead 24-20.

Cullman's Gaines took over the offense on their own 12-yard line. He went 7-of-10 to get the Bearcats near midfield but a fumble gave the ball over the Blue Devils and sealed the win.

The Bearcats will return home next week to host a big region game against the Athens Eagles.

Fort Payne 38 – Arab 14
Knights quarterback Drew Puccio kept the chains moving on the Knights' opening possession with some short passes, but the drive stalled once they got into the redzone, and Arab was forced to turn the ball over on downs midway through the first quarter. The Wildcats took advantage of the early stop, driving down the field and punching a 4-yard touchdown run into the end zone to take a 7-0 lead with just over a minute remaining in the opening period.



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The Addison Bulldogs topped Good Hope on the road 22-17 Friday night.

Arab responded with a methodical drive, working its way down inside Fort Payne's 5-yard line where Logan Silva ran one into the end zone to cap things off. Aiden Wooten's extra point tied the game at 7 with five minutes to play in the first half. A big return on the ensuing kickoff set up the Wildcats with great field position and it took them just two plays to find the end zone once again and retake a 14-7 lead. Arab turned the ball over on downs again on its next possession and Fort Payne took advantage of the short field, putting another touchdown on the board in the final two minutes of the second quarter to take a 21-7 lead into the locker room at the halftime break.

The Knights got the second half started by recovering an onside kick but couldn't take advantage of the extra possession, turning the ball over on downs a few plays later. The Wildcats scored on the ground on their ensuing possession to stretch the lead to 28-7 but Arab answered with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Puccio to Dylan Kirkland on its next drive to cut the lead to 28-14 late in the third quarter. However, the Knights couldn't add any more offensively and Fort Payne put 10 more points on the board in the fourth quarter to pull away with a 38-14 win.

Arab will be off the next week before hosting a big regional matchup against Boaz Oct. 13.

Glencoe 49 – Holly Pond 18
Sawyer Olinger recorded five carries for 43 yards on the opening drive to get the Broncos down to the Glencoe 13-yard line where Boston Gibbs took over and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown to put Holly Pond in front 6-0.

The Yellow Jackets took only a minute to respond. Starting on their own 39, Aaron Mann carried the ball twice and put Glencoe on the Broncos side of the 50. Bronner McMurrey then took a screen pass 47 yards for a Yellow Jackets touchdown and gave Glencoe a 7-6 lead.

Glencoe added two more touchdowns before the end of the second quarter and went into halftime leading the Broncos 20-6. Holly Pond surprised the Yellow Jackets with an onside kick to start the third quarter and got the ball with good field position, but an interception led to a short field for Glencoe and two plays later, Wade Segrest scored for the Yellow Jackets to make it a 27-6 game.

Holly Pond put together a solid drive on the ensuing possession and after working down to the 6-yard line, Olinger called his own number and ran it into the end zone to cut the lead to 27-12.

However, the Glencoe offense scored three more times in the second half to put the game out of reach. Olinger got loose for a 66-yard touchdown run later in the fourth, but the Broncos couldn't put any more points on the board and Holly Pond fell to the Yellow Jackets 49-18.

The Broncos will remain home next week to host a regional game against Gaston.



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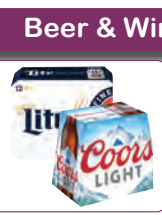
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More than 170 participate in Oktoberfest 5K and 10K

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Over 170 people registered for Oktoberfest 5K and 10K races on Saturday put on by WellStone of Cullman.

One of those participants was mother of three and local runner Mandy Leonardi, who ran with her youngest son James, who is 6.

"My favorite part was running with him and seeing him achieve something big," Leonardi said. "Three miles is a lot for someone so small. I could not be more proud. His favorite part was the people cheering, especially the police officers cheering for him during the race."

Leonardi said she has always used running as quiet time with Jesus and meditation for herself.

"It is one of the most amazing things to experience with your son," Leonardi said. "We like supporting others throughout the course; the running community is a really awesome thing, people you race against are cheering you on at the same time. We also enjoy the competition, and we both like to push ourselves to win and see how good we can do."

James Leonardi added a few of his "whys" about his enjoyment of running.

"I like running with my mom because it's just us and she plays my favorite songs," he said. "I like races because I like to try to win medals."

Local teacher and avid runner Leslie Arnold shared her enthusiasm for participating in racing events.

"The thing I like best about running Cullman's Oktoberfest 5K is that it is a local race, whereas most of the races I run I have to travel to a different destination," Arnold said. "I love the fact that it supports a local charity which is WellStone. I'm glad that this is included in the celebration of the heritage of Cullman County."

Arnold said that, in all honesty, there are some mornings when she wakes up thinking, "Why did I sign up for this race," but her mind quickly changes when she gets to the starting line.

"Upon arrival to the race all the goals that I've set, the training I've done and the accomplishments I've met makes nothing more exciting than crossing that finish line," Arnold said.

"Sometimes I may end up with a medal, and sometimes not, but the real reward is knowing that I finished whatever I started out to do. I really try to apply that principle to not only my running, but life in general. Running with others always helps me push myself and encourages me to do the best that I can. The running community is very unique in that friends as well as total strangers are pushing me and encouraging me to not give up and cross the finish line."

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It is a non-profit community organization, and offers a wide range of services, for every phase of life, from children to older adults. WellStone has offices in Huntsville and Cullman. For more information, visit: www.wellstone.com.



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Runners participate in the Oktoberfest 5K and 10K on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Titles (from Front)

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BREMEN, Ala. — This year's annual Kudzu Hills Invitational was hosted at Cold Springs High School Saturday morning and both the Eagles and Lady Eagles showed out on their home turf. Both Jayden Allred (16:11.00) and Reagan Parris (20:07.80) bested their respective fields to help lead their teams to titles in the 1-2A division. In the boys' race, Cold Springs runners Sage Nelson (17:15.43) and Drew Dykes (17:28.59) placed second and third respectively to round out the top three. On the girls' side, Paizley Whitlow (20:52.04) finished fourth, Macie Huffstutler (21:14.12) placed sixth and Kynzlie Myrex (22:08.81) finished eighth to help lead the Lady Eagles to the team win.

In the boys 5-7A division, the West Point Warriors edged out Jasper to earn a team championship, thanks in large part to top six finishes by Rene Moreno-Tovar (16:50.78), Hayden Jones (18:01.81) and Thomas Ferster (18:19.29). Individually, Fairview's Alex England placed first with a time of 16:35.36.

Meanwhile in Scottsboro, the Cullman Bearcats were back in action at this year's Black & Gold Invitational. Andrue Barnett led the way for the Bearcats, placing second in the boys' 5-7A race with a time of 15:45.70.

LOCAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Cold Springs Boys (1st Place)
- 1st Jayden Allred - 16:11.00
- 2nd Sage Nelson - 17:15.43
- 3rd Drew Dykes - 17:28.59
- 7th Blake Belcher - 18:35.65
- 11th Logan Perdue - 19:34.50
- 14th Blaize Anderson - 19:44.65
- 22nd Jamie Garcia - 21:49.03

Cold Springs Girls (1st Place)
- 1st Reagan Parris - 20:07.80
- 4th Paizley Whitlow - 20:52.04
- 6th Macie Huffstutler - 21:41.12
- 8th Kynzlie Myrex - 22:08.81
- 14th Daisy Mavers - 23:01.64
- 16th Leslie Jones - 23:29.98
- 17th Claire Huffstutler - 23:51.12
- 23rd Charli Harbison - 24:48.98
- 24th Claire Hancock - 25:04.70
- 25th Hayla Watson - 25:09.46
- 30th Makara Mavers - 25:26.65
- 43rd Alana Smith - 27:12.30
- 58th Conellie Philbeck - 30:29.20

Fairview Boys (4th Place)
- 1st Alex England - 16:35.36
- 7th Carlos Medina - 18:28.45
- 13th Devon Mcgee - 18:59.40
- 24th Jackson Haynes - 20:32.45
- 37th Meighton McParlin - 22:35.59
- 41st Tucker Kimbrough - 23:54.23
- 47th Oscar Pardo - 25:23.00
- 50th Bryan Garcia - 25:30.18

Fairview Girls (3rd Place)
- 15th Lola Haynes - 26:11.49
- 16th Molly Lindsey - 26:32.15
- 21st Xana Wester - 27:31.16
- 23rd Allyson Hill - 29:03.54
- 26th AnnaBelle Smith - 29:51.34
- 27th Violeta Castaneda - 29:55.72
- 29th Emma Buckelew - 31:10.92
- 30th Paisley Hopper - 31:26.32
- 32nd Daniela Castaneda - 31:57.61

Good Hope Boys (11th Place)
- 11th Drake Nichols - 18:44.44
- 69th Roger Miller - 22:19.70
- 99th Kaden Mattox - 24:14.46
- 110th Lee Dickerson - 25:26.71
- 112th Jace Day - 25:32.53
- 121st Noah Page - 27:12.89

Good Hope Girls (8th Place)
- 15th Katie Parrish - 23:13.66
- 59th Aubrey Scott - 28:34.62
- 69th Sara Self - 30:11.94
- 70th Brylee Benefield - 30:14.69
- 72nd Kaleigh Williams - 30:31.55
- 86th Evelyn Quinn - 33:32.52
- 96th Mary Self - 36:06.44

Hanceville Boys
- 71st Jeremiah Stoves – 22:25.14
- 101st Trent Bartlett - 24:25.82

Hanceville Girls
- 85th Kerrigan Pipkin - 32:08.78
- 88th Whitney James - 34:17.68
- 90th Piper Butts - 35:05.06





ANDREW KNEDLIK

The Cold Springs Eagles and Lady Eagles both won team championships at this year's Kudzu Hills Invitational.

St. Bernard Boys (4th Place)
- 5th Cash Daly - 17:42.45
- 12th Sean Daly - 18:49.73
- 13th Parker Guthery - 18:59.70
- 29th Cesar Hernandez - 19:53.17
- 68th Ethan Wu - 22:15.54
- 70th Luke Daly - 22:23.69
- 124th Joel Rose - 27:40.49

St. Bernard Girls
- 9th Madilyn Kerber – 22:12.28

Vinemont Boys (9th Place)
- 6th Brady Johnson - 17:49.06
- 35th Andrew Landreth - 20:29.40
- 56th Yojan Patino - 21:41.05
- 58th Davy Johnson - 21:41.79
- 62nd Brayden Harbison - 22:01.45
- 72nd Dekota Crider - 22:26.75
- 109th Samuel Pierce - 25:24.97
- 123rd Lukas Ming - 27:35.07

West Point Boys (1st Place)
- 2nd Rene Moreno-Tovar - 16:50.78
- 4th Hayden Jones - 18:01.81
- 6th Thomas Ferster - 18:19.29
- 15th Jakob Salter - 19:15.67
- 19th Jesus Tovar - 19:44.69
- 21st Brier Taylor - 20:07.98
- 30th Teagan Heaton - 21:41.47
- 31st Griffin Jones - 21:55.42
- 33rd Sawyer Harris - 22:05.96
- 36th Zeth McCain - 22:25.12
- 45th Miles Fairchild - 24:53.01
- 46th Carson Jones - 24:53.67

West Point Girls (2nd Place)
- 11th Lilly Patterson - 25:29.48
- 13th Dorothy Salter - 25:51.60
- 14th Maggie Warren - 26:03.22
- 24th Audrina Berreles - 29:16.14
- 25th Hollie Salter - 29:40.96
- 28th Alyssa Carr - 31:05.62
- 33rd Savannah Motherway - 35:54.87
- 34th Layla Franks - 39:38.42

Scottsboro Black & Gold Invitational
- Cullman Boys (6th Place)
- 2nd Andrue Barnett – 15:45.70
- 31st David Manashirov – 17:16.38
- 70th Jacob Taylor – 18:26.68
- 72nd Rees Sheffield – 18:29.79
- 98th Graham Waldrop – 19:14.83
- 106th Brayden White – 19:26.87
- 107th Charlie Hinkle – 19:27.65
- 113th Hudson Douglas – 19:42.45
- 185th Noah Casey – 21:36.23

Cullman Girls (14th Place)
- 70th Audrey Floyd – 22:50.34
- 72nd Bella Caretti – 22:54.14
- 94th Lauren Cherry – 24:26.40
- 117th Abby Ashwander – 25:23.26
- 125th Chloe Nacilla – 26:11.42

AMS hosting 2nd annual Mushroom Faire this weekend at Camp Liberty

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BATTLEGROUND, Ala. — Camp Liberty in Battleground is set to transform into an immersive mycological experience this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8, as mushroom enthusiasts gather for the second annual Alabama Mushroom Faire hosted by Alabama Mushroom Society (AMS). With last year's faire bringing in over 500 attendees, AMS is hoping for a stellar second round. The two-day faire promises an experience that is enjoyable as it is educational, with a host of planned family friendly activities.

The faire has two main goals: foster a sense of curiosity in the community about the study of fungi and its uses, and gather data to expand knowledge in the wildly understudied world of mycology.

Attendees can expect to discover the vast and fascinating world of fungi and its many uses through several demonstrations, classes and special forays. With classes on the more "practical" side like cultivating edible mushrooms at home and their uses and flavor in cuisine and utilizing mushrooms to dye fabrics, to more in-depth educational intensives like DNA sequencing, citizen science and nighttime forays for viewing bioluminescent mushrooms, there's something for everyone itching to learn all they can about our fungi friends.

Attendees will be able to assist in collecting data on the fungi of Alabama by foraging with the best in the business and selecting fresh specimens to be dried, sequenced and archived at the herbaria of Auburn and West Alabama Universities. In true faire and festival style, several vendors will be making an appearance with mushroom-themed merch, and tent site and hostel-style bunks will be available for those wanting to get the full camp experience.

If you're ready to dig into some classic fungi fun, some recommended items to bring include shoes/boots suitable for hiking, insect and tick repellant, sunscreen, weather-appropriate clothing, a basket or container to collect mushrooms, cellphone with the iNaturalist app already downloaded, water and a small pocket or mushrooming knife. If attending the UV foray, bring a UV flashlight.

Tickets are $25 per person per day with kids 12 and younger free; weekend passes are available for $40. Tickets can be purchased in person at the gate or online at www.alabamamushroomsociety.org/Shop. Camp Liberty is located at 15719 Alabama Highway 157 near Battleground.

For more information on the rules and guidelines of the faire, visit https://alabamamushroomsociety.org/FAQ.



Oktoberfest (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It seems all of Cullman is a bit quieter this week as the city recovers from an action-packed weekend. The Warehouse District is slowly coming back together while traditional German garb is being carefully put away until next year. The thousands of visitors who flocked to Cullman for German entertainment and dining have gone home, and local residents are back at work and school. Cullman Oktoberfest 2023 has officially come to a close, with the community turning its eyes toward fall festivals, trunk-or-treats and hayrides.

Life of the party, host of the festivities and 2023 Burgermeister Dale Greer reflected on the three-day fest, sharing the honor he felt at being given the once-in-a-lifetime role.

"Serving as the ambassador of a festival that attracted thousands of visitors and local citizens to a family friendly event showing our community and celebrating our 150-year history was a remarkable experience," he acknowledged.

"It was exciting to see hundreds of people dressed in lederhosen and dirndls acknowledging our German heritage!"

Greer gave many thanks to Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism (CPRST) staff, and appreciation for the direction they've steered the festival, noting, "I see this event becoming even bigger in the future!"

According to CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson, the celebration was a communitywide success, thanks not only to CPRST staff, but also largely to a number of sponsors and local volunteers who pulled together to help them make the magic happen.

"The festival wouldn't have been possible without our talented and dedicated team, as well as the invaluable assistance of our 2023 Burgermeister Dale Greer, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman County Museum, St. Paul's, St. John's, Sacred Heart, Goat Island, Cullman County Commission on Aging and numerous other city departments," said Anderson.

"We are always grateful for the support from our generous sponsors, and the dedication of so many volunteers within our local community.

"Their unwavering commitment was instrumental in ensuring the resounding success of this event."

Anderson noted an estimated 45% increase in attendance from last year's festival, with attendance of the opening ceremony alone nearly doubled from previous years.

With growth of that size, there's sure to be some growing pains. Anderson said guest experience remains one of CPRST's top priorities, and he hopes to bring some adjustments to next year's experience.

"Looking ahead to next year, our priority remains the preservation of Oktoberfest's authenticity.

"We are committed to enhancing the overall guest experience, particularly in terms of providing more refined shade and dining areas," said Anderson.

"Our focus on delivering exceptional entertainment will continue, all while maintaining our commitment to the event's long-term sustainability.

"Anticipate exciting developments as we prepare for Oktoberfest 2024!"



Legal Notice

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 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80.

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This vehicle will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Rolands Frame and Auto Repair, 61 County Road 1487, Cullman, Alabama 35058 on Friday, November 3, 2023.

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
LARRY WAYNE PRYOR * CASE NO PC2023-298
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to **Petra Carola Pryor,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry Wayne Pryor, deceased, on the 15th 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.

Petra Carola Pryor
Personal Representative
Estate of Larry Wayne Pryor, deceased

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

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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STATE OF ALABAMA
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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by that certain correction mortgage executed by CAROL HOLMES to DON WARNKE dated October 13, 2016, and recorded in Mortgage Book 1801 Page 1 of the records in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Mortgagee will under power of sale contained in said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder, during legal hours of sale on October 20, 2023, at the front door of the Courthouse of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW Cullman, AL 35055, the following described real property in the County of Cullman, State of Alabama, being the same property described in the above referred to mortgage:

A part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the southeast corner of the NW1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence S 83°49' W a distance of 791.0 feet to a point; thence N 2°00' W a distance of 508.00 feet to a paved county road; thence northwesterly along the south edge of the said paved county road a distance of 105.0 feet to a point; thence S 2°00' E along a straight line to a point which is 105.0 feet from the south quarter-quarter line; thence at a right angle west along a line parallel to the south quarter-quarter line for a distance of 360.0 feet to a point; thence at a right angle south along a line parallel to the east boundary of the tract herein conveyed for a distance of 105.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the south quarter-quarter line; thence at right angles east along the said quarter-quarter line a distance of 465.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed. The above described property is conveyed subject to the right of way heretofore conveyed to the State of Alabama. The land herein conveyed being 2.0 acres, more or less.

ALSO: Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence S 89°05'37 W 791.30 feet to an existing iron, thence N 2°00'00" E 105.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set, thence S 99°05'37"W 88.11 to an existing iron and the point of beginning, thence S 89°05'37"' W 50.10 feet to an iron capped rebar set, thence N 2° 00' 00" E 466.74 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the South R.O.W. of County Road No. 1476, thence S 42°51'02" E 70.95 feet to an Iron 1/2" capped rebar set on said R.O.W., thence S 2° 00' 00" W 413.90 feet back to the point of beginning containing 0.5 acres more or less. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T-9-S, R-2-W, Cullman County, Alabama.

ALABAMA LAW GIVES SOME PERSONS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY THE RIGHT TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PROGRAMS MAY ALSO EXIST THAT HELP PERSONS AVOID OR DELAY THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. AN ATTORNEY SHOULD BE CONSULTED TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THESE RIGHTS AND PROGRAMS AS A PART OF THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the said indebtedness and the expenses incident to this sale, including a reasonable attorney's fee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the mortgagee.

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Notice of Public Hearing

The Town of Holly Pond will be holding a Public Hearing to review its application for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), and to make available to the public the contents of the associated Environmental Information Document (EID).

The EID may be reviewed at the Guy Hunt Library & Museum during Hours of Operation: Tuesday (10:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.), Wednesday (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.), Thursday (10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and Friday (1:00 p.m. – 5 p.m.).

These documents include project information and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the Town of Holly Pond sanitary sewer system including resolving the infiltration and inflow issues, upgrades to sanitary sewer pump stations to ensure they operate more efficiently, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant to meet the needs of the regulations set forth by the governing body.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform customers of the Town of Holly Pond of the proposed actions, discuss the estimated cost associated with the projects, and to address citizen concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:
Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library & Museum, located at 60 Lions Park Road, Holly Pond, Alabama 35083.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the office of InSite Engineering, LLC, 205-733-9696.

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City of Cullman
Zoning Board of Adjustments

On Monday, October 16th, 2023, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M., at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Zoning Board of Adjustments, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Variance request on setbacks for new single-family home off County Road 1402

For further information, contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Week five of the youth football season is now in the books and the playoff picture is slowly starting to take shape. There were some huge games with several teams looking to clinch some playoff spots Saturday. The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Fairview Aggies, the Cullman Bearcats traveled to take on the Hanceville Bulldogs, the Holly Pond Broncos hosted the Cold Springs Eagles and the West Point Warriors traveled to take on the Good Hope Raiders.

FAIRVIEW AT VINEMONT

- Fireplug: Eagles 28 - Aggies 22
- Wee-Wee: Aggies 6 - Eagles 0 (OT)
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 36 - Aggies 6

CULLMAN AT HANCEVILLE

- Fireplug: Bearcats 35 - Bulldogs 0
- Wee-Wee: Bearcats 12 - Bulldogs 6
- Pee-Wee: Bearcats 21 - Bulldogs 12

COLD SPRINGS AT HOLLY POND

- Fireplug: Broncos 33 - Eagles 8
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 38 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Broncos 36 - Eagles 0

WEST POINT AT GOOD HOPE

- Fireplug: Raiders 26 - Warriors 0
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 48 - Warriors 6
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 31 - Raiders 7

RECORDS AFTER WEEK FIVE

FIREPLUG

- Vinemont (5-0)
- Good Hope (4-1)
- Fairview (4-1)
- Cullman (3-2)
- West Point (3-2)
- Holly Pond (1-4)
- Cold Springs (0-5)
- Hanceville (0-5)

WEE-WEE

- Good Hope (5-0)
- Fairview (4-1)
- West Point (4-1)
- Holly Pond (3-2)
- Cullman (2-3)
- Vinemont (2-3)
- Cold Springs (0-5)
- Hanceville (0-5)

PEE-WEE

- Vinemont (5-0)
- Cullman (5-0)
- West Point (4-1)
- Holly Pond (3-2)
- Fairview (2-3)
- Good Hope (1-4)
- Cold Springs (0-5)
- Hanceville (0-5)

WEEK SIX SCHEDULE (OCT. 7)

- Good Hope at Cold Springs (9 a.m.)
- Fairview at West Point (4 p.m.)
- Hanceville at Holly Pond (4 p.m.)
- Vinemont at Cullman (4 p.m.)

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Gottesdienst: A service of the Word as our forefathers knew it

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As the community came together to celebrate Oktoberfest and the beginning of the city's 150th anniversary this past weekend, dozens of community members stepped into the quiet sanctuary of St Paul's Lutheran Church in the early afternoon hours on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023. Some had just left the Oktoberfest celebration, still donning lederhosen and Burgermeister medals; some drove in from out of town, narrowly avoiding fair parade traffic; some were dedicated members of Saint Paul's itself, and were there because the doors were open. All were there to hear the Word as the city's early founders knew it, with the invocation, sermon and accompanying hymns and scores delivered entirely in German.

As the sun shone brilliantly through the sanctuary, illuminating bespoke stained glass on the walls, the choir rang out classic hymns accompanied by renowned pianist Mark Laverty on the organ.

The music drew on Renaissance and Baroque periods.

If you closed your eyes, you could swear you were in a Lutheran service in 1873 - which is just what Rev. John Bussman of St. Paul's had in mind.

"All of the liturgy, hymns, teaching and preaching at St. Paul's for more than 50 years was in German.

"German was retained in our teaching even after we began to transition to English," said Bussman.

"Returning to the original language of the hymns we sang helped to recapture the cadence and intent of the likes of Martin Luther and Paul Gerhardt. It was certainly special to sing hymns and to hear the scriptures read and a sermon preached as the founding families would have heard!"

Bussman shared that the return to the roots of St. Paul's may come as a refreshing change to those in the business of saving souls, as many religious organizations struggle to keep up with the ever-changing trends of newer generations.

"Things change around us so quickly. Many will do things on the basis of entertainment or 'reach a new generation,' but rarely do they find their foundation in the scriptures," he said, noting that while the language of the service had changed, the liturgy - or, customary order of events - remained the same.

"In hearing the liturgy in German, many of the people had to rely on the translations, but they could hear the music hadn't changed. The structure of the liturgy was intact. The liturgy transcends time and language."

Bussman added that with St. Paul's having such a large impact on the early religious culture of Cullman, and on Cullman as a whole, he has high hopes that this could be a cornerstone for those seeking a reprieve of rest and reflection, to slow down and return to Cullman's roots during the fast-paced Oktoberfest celebration.

"I would love for this to become a staple of Oktoberfest. St. Paul's has been around since the earliest days, and we'd be honored to continue to shape our future in the years to come through the forgiveness of sins won on the cross by Jesus."

To learn more about St. Paul's, including service times and future events, visit www.stpaulscullman.com/church.



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Rev. Charles P. Schaum, the celebrant of the Gottesdienst service, speaks to the congregation at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Saturday, Sept. 30.

Impact (from Front)

garten. Wright and her team incorporate a Montessori-inspired curriculum, emphasizing individual-paced learning.

"I don't believe in standardized testing. I believe education should be fun. Education should not be just books and tablets. Just because you don't test well doesn't mean you're not smart," Wright remarked.

She said simple occurrences can evolve into lessons on nutrition, anatomy, science, sound and even olfaction. Introducing Montessori principles between birth and age 5 reaps numerous benefits, fostering creativity, curiosity, language development and motor skills.

Vibrant handprints and art pieces decorate the premises, while crafty hot air balloons and paper plate fish dangle from above, promoting coordination, color recognition, shapes and group creativity.

Wright doesn't adhere to a rigid curriculum, favoring organic, play-based learning. She equates the Montessori method to "planting seeds." Children, when learning at their pace, internalize information more effectively, often outpacing peers, she said. "I am moving one kid up six months early, because he's ready. You can't do that in a traditional school setting,"

Research corroborates the effectiveness of Montessori environments in equipping children academically and socio-emotionally for life's challenges.

Wright said she prioritized nurturing socio-motional skills when devising her "learning through play" syllabus.

"Yes, we want to learn our numbers and our colors and all our alphabet," she said, "but, we want to learn to be a happy, kind person and we want them to know they are loved, and I think that's where we shine."

Her dedication resonates with parents. Of her 21 current enrollees, over three-fourths are from families committed to her for multiple years and across different children. "We cherish our role in their community," she said.

The passionate team at Little Blessings mirrors Wright's love for their wards.

"I truly love every one of our teachers here. I trust them completely. They love these babies.

"We talk about every one of these children more than we talk about our own. We love these babies. I'm so proud of the team we have, and I am so proud of what we have built here."

Visit Little Blessings Preschool at 1380 County Road 437, in Good Hope, or call 256-735-4177.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Billy Hershel Wood, 87 Funeral Service for Billy Hershel Wood, age 87, of Cullman, will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Ben Wilson officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wood passed away on Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, at his residence. He was born March 12, 1936, in Calera, Alabama, to Bruce Wood and Eva Northcutt Wood. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Mae Wood; wife, Charlotte Wood; daughter, Deborah Miller; parents; and sisters, Louise Wood, Mildred Wood, Patricia Lolly, and Joyce Lolly. Survivors include his children, Steve Wood, Janna Wilson, Jeanette Oden, Jeanine Oden, Susan Holladay, and Elizabeth Saade, and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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Fair (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair, hosted by the Cullman Lions Club, opens this Thursday, Oct. 5, with the opening ceremony at 5 p.m.

The Fair will run Oct. 5-14. All-in-One passes can still be purchased through noon Thursday at most Peoples Bank locations for just $25. They can also be purchased at the Fair Office.

The Cullman County Fair Queen Pageant is set for Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. in the Coca-Cola Theatre.

The Open Cattle Show will be Wednesday, Oct. 11. Additions have been made to the schedule including Junior Dairy Cattle and Giant Vegetables in crops. This year the fair will not hold Open Sheep and Goat Shows, in order to improve Youth Sheep and Goat Shows. Find the full list of events and times at www.cullmanfair.org/calendar. Get more information on rides and tickets at www.cullmanfair.org/tickets-rides.

Peinhardt Living History Farm legacy; Farm Days Oct. 14-15

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Peinhardt family has been teaching and inspiring the younger generations for nearly three decades at the Living History Farm in Cullman.

Lovingly known as "the farm" by Peinhardt family members – it's located on Tally Ho Street in Cullman and is open in September/October for third-grade field trip events for all Cullman County schools.

Sisters Jennifer, Sabrina and Tamara (all née Peinhardt) pour into the heart of the farm by giving back to the community through teaching what farmers did in the 1930s and 1940s to local third graders.

Jennifer Peinhardt Tucker said her grandfather went to Auburn and always hosted local FFA and land judging groups in order to share agriculture with local kids.

"When my grandparents were still alive, they started hosting the local field trips and were open for one day to the public," Tucker said. "We started the field trips back this week and are hosting schools for two weeks for just kids in our county and city. This is just a unique opportunity to teach and share interactive works on a field trip. We have five different teaching stations where the kids can learn about different aspects of farming life during the 30s-40s."

The stations at the farm include woods station, horse and mule station, barnyard station, Food preservation station and a baby chick station.

Kids learn about different types of trees, poison ivy, all things about horses and mules and how they were utilized for crops, animals in the barnyard and meat that comes from them, how food is preserved from the animals like milk and meat and how chickens lay eggs and the process that comes from that.

Sabrina Peinhardt Hudson shared that two of their relatives who are the centerpieces of the heart of the farm still pour into it.

"Dr. Bill Peinhardt still teaches one of the kids stations and Eddie Peinhardt is also still a huge part of the farm," Hudson shared. "We are the only people that host a learning educational field trip - truly showing what life was like in the 30s-40s. Our curriculum is specifically for third graders, and we spend a lot of time getting the farm ready and trying to keep it going. We have 30-35 volunteers that help us prepare for fall each year and we couldn't do it without them. We are so very thankful for our volunteers."

The Living History Farm will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 15, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. for Peinhardt Farm Days.

There will be many vendors, pottery, homemade foods and vegetables for sale, demonstrations of making soaps, molasses and more. There will also be food available for purchase and live music, and the museums will be open.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, visit https://tinyurl.com/Farm-Days2023.



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J. Calvert Farms: Sunflower central

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DODGE CITY, Ala. — Tucked into the small backroads of Dodge City, J. Calvert Farms is a small family owned farm that has been providing residents across the county with farm-to-table produce since its inception in 1999. Owners Jeremy and Julie Calvert, along with their three children James, Julianna and Jennie, pride themselves on the quality of the produce they grow and send into the community.

With strawberries in the spring and pumpkins in the fall being their most popular crops, the Calverts were devastated when an exceptionally wet growing season wiped out a vast amount of the farm's pumpkin harvest.

Gazing over the fields, Julie Calvert stated, "It's been a tough year this year. If you've talked to any local farmers, we have had a tough season."

This fall, instead of harvesting the pumpkin patch, the Calverts are making the best out of their would-be disaster and spreading their roots, growing their farm into one of the most beautiful sunflower fields in the area.

As it turns out, planting the tall, hardy flowers where the pumpkins once lay proved to be a good idea.

The sunflowers stand over 5 feet tall, nourished and fertilized by the withered and lost pumpkins, attesting to the fact that sometimes there is beauty and strength in devastation.

Jeremy Calvert is the master planter responsible for these flourishing majestic giants, and standing on the hill looking over the sunflowers, you may notice an accidental ode to his wife and children in the flowers.

"It's got a design to it, if you can tell," Julie Calvert revealed, "He planted it in the shape of a 'J'," she laughed. "He said it he didn't mean to plant them that way."

When you visit the Calverts and their beautiful sunflowers, you can find the perfect family picture location, have a Hippie selfie session, or just have fun walking the rows, catching some shade from the flowers themselves.

Group admission to explore the sunflowers is $5, and a fresh cut stem will cost $1 (please note an instrument to cut stems is not provided).

After you have your pictures and stems, make sure you remember to stop into the storefront and peruse the large selection of homemade goods.

You can find local beef, honey, eggs and elderberry syrup, along with goat cheese, freshly dug peanuts and jams and jellies made from J. Calvert Farm's fruit.

"The meat is from the Haynes in Fairview, our elderberry syrup is from Hanceville and then our goat cheese is from Good Hope. We try to source as much locally as we can, and grow what we can," Julie Calvert remarked.

J. Calvert Farms will host its second annual Fall Festival on Oct. 21, 2023. Games and activities will be kicking off at 10 a.m. and running until 4 p.m. There are not any confirmed activities for this year's festival; however, last year's festival boasted a host of activities such as vendor booths, face painting, hayrides, pumpkin bowling and a bounce slide. If you would like to become a vendor, contact the farm at 256-636-2752.

J. Calvert Farms is located at 30 County Road 260. Get more info at www.facebook.com/j.calvertfarms.



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Sunflowers reach toward the sky at J. Calvert Farms.