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Holly Pond mayor responds to social media controversy over denied fundraising event permit

Event host responds

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond Mayor Carla Hart on Monday, Oct. 2, took time to respond to the recent controversy over the Town's decision to deny permission to Holly Pond resident Jerrett Rollins for a private fundraising softball tournament to be held at the town's ball field, calling on Town Attorney Dan Willingham to share a legal opinion on the request based on his own recent conversation with the Alabama Attorney General's Office. According to Willingham, the Constitution of » PAGE 8



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Holly Pond Mayor Carla Hart talks about the decision at Monday's town council meeting.

Cullman County Fair opens today

Breakdown of fair costs



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The Cullman County Fair will take place Oct. 5-14, 2023.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair comes around every October, and more importantly to school-aged kids, so does Fair Day. Fair Day is a day meant for teachers to plan and for kids to "skip school" and head to the Cullman County Fair. The fair opens tonight, Thursday, Oct. 5, at 5 p.m. and runs through Saturday, Oct. 14, at 10 p.m. Officially referred to as "Student Day," Fair Day is Monday, Oct. 9, from noon- 5 p.m., and students get in free during that time.

A day or night at the fair could include all manner of "fair food" (e.g., fried Oreos, candied apples, cotton candy), stuffed prizes and goldfish. It could also mean a blue ribbon in art and photography, handicrafts, sewing, canning, crops, vegetables, baked goods, livestock and more.

While the fair is packed with food, games, prizes, pageants, rides and exhibits, it does come with a cost. If you haven't purchased All-in-One Passes beforehand, admission is paid at the gate, and tickets are sold separately inside. Games and rides are operated on a ticketing system; each attraction costs a set number of tickets. For larger families, the cost of those tickets may need to be budgeted and planned for. So, how much cash can you expect to spend? We broke it down for you so you don't have to.

• All-in-One Passes: On sale until today, Thursday, Oct. 5, at noon, these passes are $25 and include unlimited rides and free admission. They can be purchased at most Peoples Bank locations or at the fair office.

• Admission: Admission to the Cullman County Fair is $8 for ages 10 and older; children ages 9 and younger do not pay admission.

• Arm bands: Arm bands can be purchased at the gate, and include unlimited rides (you still pay admission). Arm bands are $25 Monday-Thursday and $30 Friday-Sunday.

• Tickets: Ride tickets purchased a la carte are $1.50 each, and each attraction takes three or four tickets. Only one ride requires riders to pay with six tickets ($9), the Nemesis 360 (minimum height 55" and maximum height 78").

Rides that require three tickets are listed below and will cost » PAGE 4

Little Pink Dress benefit raises $25K



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Sheriff Matt Gentry mingles and serves guests at the Annual Little Pink Dress benefit. » PAGE 7

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Sacred Heart hosting Blessing of Pets this Saturday



BARBARA RAGSDALE

In this file photo, a man has his dog blessed at Sacred Heart's annual Blessing of Pets. » PAGE 3

PET OF THE WEEK

Boone



DONNA RUTTKAY

Boone has a solemn gaze. » PAGE 6

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 4, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Sept. 29
• assault-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE

Oct. 2
• forgery-3rd degree; person; forged documents
• harassing communications; person
• criminal trespass-3rd degree; person
• criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
• leaving scene of accident; person; Olive St. SW at Patriots Dr. SW; damage to 2011 Toyota Camry; $400
• harassment; person; Mitchell Rd. NE
• theft of property-4th degree; Goat Island Brewing; John H. Cooper SE; miscellaneous
• theft of property-4th degree; M&M Mini Mart Texaco; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $18
• theft of proeprty-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $1,366
• harassing communications; person

Oct. 3
• theft of property-4th degree; M&M Mini Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $45
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW
• assault-3rd degree; person; Cleveland Ave. SW
• theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $187
• leaving scene of accident; person; Compass Way SW; damage to 2020 Chevy Blazer; $500
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Commerce Ave.

Oct. 4
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Logan St. SW

ARRESTS
Oct. 2 – 3
Miller, Brasha N.; 32
• public intoxication
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Yarbough, David I.; 27
• theft of property-3rd degree

Graham, Russell J.; 23
• theft of property-3rd degree

Peak, Brian D.; 53
• criminal trespass-3rd degree

Terry, Kielynn B.; 24
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Story, Gregory B.; 34
• possession/receiving controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Menard, Brenda J.; 63
• theft of property-4th degree

Swafford, Christopher J.; 46
• resisting arrest
• attempt to elude police officer
• FTA- theft of property-4th degree (4 counts)
• FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)

Marshall, Allan D.; 31
• burglary-2nd degree
• theft of property-1st degree

Hanners, Curtis R.; 56
• FTA- switched tag (2 counts)
• FTA- driving without license

Chandler, Letus S.; 57
• domestic violence-3rd degree

Matthews, Taylor A.; 28
• domestic violence-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Holly Pond passes FY 2024 budget

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — The Holly Pond Town Council on Monday evening passed its fiscal year 2024 budget, anticipating $409,324.10 in General Fund expenditures. Including secondary Park, Streets, Capital Improvement, Rebuild Alabama and Sewer accounts and funds, the total 2024 budget is expected to reach $550,499.10 in expenditures. Town Clerk Connie Moore predicted General Fund revenues of $704,000 and total revenues in all accounts of $843,265.

Moore told the council that budget changes from last year include:

• A decrease in sales tax revenue
• An increase in Town maintenance staff wages
• An increase in utility costs due to rate hikes
• A drop in debt payments due to the paying off of some loans
• A drop in the cost of telephone and internet
• A drop in street expenditures because the Town has no large road projects planned
• An increase in expenditures for fuel due to increased fuel costs

Mayor Carla Hart also reported to the council that the Town's 2022 financial audit came back clean with no issues. The council approved the budget and audit report unanimously.

Before adjourning the meeting, the council once again heard from local families concerned about noise and alleged improper fencing at the new scrap yard on U.S. Highway 278.

Asked why the Town allowed a scrap yard to be built among residential properties, Hart pointed out that the site had been the location of multiple businesses before, and Town Attorney Dan Willingham told the residents that, since Holly Pond has no zoning ordinance, residents are free to develop property as they wish.

The Holly Pond Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Guy Hunt Library. The public is invited to attend.



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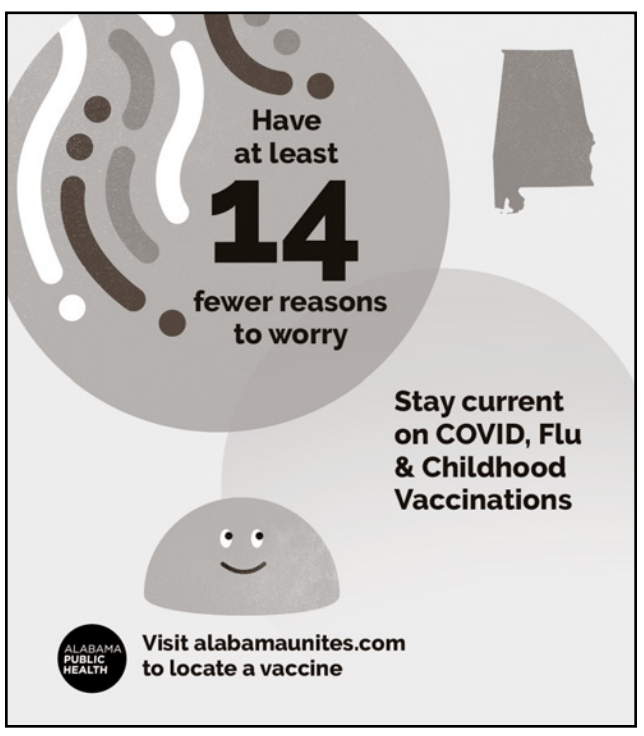
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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, 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.
• 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 pot-luck 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.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6:30 p.m. at 1310 St. Joseph Dr., Cullman. All are welcome.

Peinhardt Living History Farm Days
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.

Fairview High School 1963 Luncheon/Meeting
Friday, Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at Golden Corral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, in Cullman. Meetings are every third Friday, January through October. The next meeting will be on Jan. 19, 2024. For more information contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339-3451.

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.

Blessing (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — For people with pets, it's hard to imagine life without them. They become more than pets; they truly become family and a blessing. So, why not get your pet blessed, officially?

It may seem a bit unorthodox to some, but for those especially in the Catholic faith a Blessing of Pets is a way to not only include pets in the family faith, but to also remember and give thanks to St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and ecology. The blessing, a long-standing Catholic tradition, typically coincides with the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi which is held worldwide on Oct. 4.

While every church differs, most begin the special ministry with a word about St. Francis of Assisi and his ministry - a storied one, as he believed that nature itself is the mirror of God, called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters," and even preached to the birds - before the Father of the church invokes God's blessing on the pets.

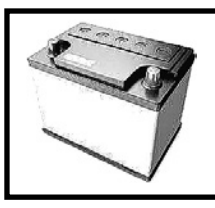
Father Patrick Egan of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church has long followed the example of St. Francis of Assisi, by offering a yearly Blessing of Pets on the front grounds of the church, with this year being no exception.

Pets (and their owners!) will gather on the front lawn of the church rectory on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 9 a.m. to receive their special blessings. If your pet is particularly large or not fond of crowds, Barbara Ragsdale of Sacred Heart advises that a photo will do just fine.

While the service is liturgically Catholic, everyone who would like their pet blessed is welcome.

For more information on Sacred Heart Church of Jesus and future events and special services, visit www.sacredheartchurchcullman.org.

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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Holly Pond, Good Hope, West Point advance on day 1

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Volleyball Tournament tipped off at Hanceville's Lane Horton Gymnasium Monday night and after day one, the semifinals are now set. On the varsity side of the court, Holly Pond, Good Hope and West Point swept Vinemont, Cold Springs and Hanceville respectively to advance to the semifinals and on the JV side, Holly Pond topped Cold Springs 2-1 and Good Hope and Fairview both swept Vinemont and Hanceville to advance as well.

In the varsity bracket, Holly Pond will play top-seeded Fairview Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a spot in the county finals and Good Hope will clash with West Point in the semifinals Thursday at 4 p.m. In the JV tournament's semifinal round, the top-seeded West Point Lady Warriors will play Holly Pond Tuesday at 4 p.m. and Good Hope will take on Fairview at 5 p.m.

Holly Pond 3 - Vinemont 0 (Game One)

Holly Pond got off to a quick 4-0 lead behind a kill by Kamryn Tankersley, and later increased their lead to 10-4 on a point by Emma Earl. Vinemont later trimmed it to 12-9 on a point by Maggie Burks, but the Lady Broncos scored six straight points to push their lead to 19-9. A pair of aces from Morgan Flanagan cut it to 24-15, but Holly Pond was able to get the final point, as they ended up taking the first set, 25-15.

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Sammy Confer contributed to this article.

COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Lady Aggies edge Holly Pond 3-2; West Point, Fairview advance to JV Finals

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This year's Cullman County Volleyball Tournament tipped off at Hanceville's Lane Horton Gymnasium Monday night and after day one, the semifinals are now set. On the varsity side of the court, Holly Pond, Good Hope and West Point swept Vinemont, Cold Springs and Hanceville respectively to advance to the semifinals and on the JV side, Holly Pond topped Cold Springs 2-1 and Good Hope and Fairview both swept Vinemont and Hanceville to advance as well.

In the varsity bracket, Holly Pond will play top-seeded Fairview Tuesday at 6 p.m. for a spot in the county finals and Good Hope will clash with West Point in the semifinals Thursday at 4 p.m. In the JV tournament's semifinal round, the top-seeded West Point Lady Warriors will play Holly Pond Tuesday at 4 p.m. and Good Hope will take on Fairview at 5 p.m.

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Sammy Confer contributed to this article.

Bass Fest (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 10th annual Smith Lake Park Bass Fest will take place this Saturday, Oct. 7. It will kick off at safe light, somewhere between 6:15-6:45 a.m., depending on factors like fog conditions, ensuring safety of all participants.

Cullman County Parks and Recreation Director Doug Davenport expressed his personal goal of reaching 300 participating boats. In the past, the tournament has hosted as many as 290 boats. Safety remains a top priority, and he said he hopes to continue the impressive record of zero injuries throughout the tournament's history.

Participants can sign up until Friday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. at the Cullman County Agricultural Trade Center. There will be a mandatory meeting at that time for all the participants, and food will be served.

One noteworthy aspect of Bass Fest is the inclusion of parent-child teams. These teams, regardless of their final ranking, have a chance to win an additional $500 based on weight in the top 20 parent-child teams. This initiative aims to encourage younger generations to engage in the sport of fishing.

The following prizes will be awarded to the top 40 placements:

- First Place: $15,000 Guaranteed
- Big Fish: $500
- Highest Place Parent/Child Teams: Additional $500 (child younger than 18)

Fair (from Front)

$4.50 per child, per ride.

- Red Barron (min height 36" maximum height 54")
- Oscar (minimum height 32" maximum height 50")
- Raptor Attack (minimum height 42" W/ adult 30")
- Teacups (minimum height 42" w/ adult 36")
- Astro Wheel (minimum height 48" w/ adult 42")
- Carousel (minimum height 42")
- Rock N Tug (minimum height 34" w/ adult 42")
- Rumble in the Jungle (minimum height 32" w/ adult 36")
- Cosmic Commander (minimum height 36" maximum height 42")
- Space Bug (minimum height 36" maximum height 54")
- Orient Express (minimum height 36" w/ adult 48")
- Treehouse (minimum height 30" maximum height 42")
- Ghoster Coaster (minimum height 36" maximum height 56")
- Baja Biggie (minimum height 32" w/ adult 36")
- Mini Pirate Ship (minimum height 36" w/ adult 42").

Rides that require four tickets are listed below and will set a family back $6 per child, per ride.

- Swing IT (minimum height 48")
- Alien Abduction (minimum height 42")
- Star Scream (minimum height 48")
- Rock O Plane (minimum height 48")
- Matterhorn (minimum height 42")
- Pharaohs Fury (minimum height 48")
- Scooter (minimum height 48")
- Typhoon (minimum height 48")
- Super Trooper (minimum height 42")
- Tilt A Whirl (minimum height 26")

Keeping all this information in mind, if a child rides five to seven rides (about $22 on the lower end, all the way up to $42 in tickets per child) and your child is 10 or older (add in the $8 for admission), your total is up to $30-$50 per person.

If you wish to visit the fair for food, pageants, exhibits and people watching, perhaps buying admission and tickets separately is in your best financial interest.

If you or your children are thrill seekers who will look to ride multiple rides, an All-in-One Pass or arm band may be the best option.

The Cullman County Fair takes place at the Cullman County Fairgrounds at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW, Cullman.

Opening ceremonies will take place tonight, Thursday, Oct. 5, at 5.

Get more information at www.cullmanfair.org.

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LEGALS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, BCJT, LLC, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

Property Owner: BCJT, LLC

PPIN: 40710. Parcel No. 09-09-31-0-001-004.005. Property Address: 0 County Road 1180, Cullman, Alabama.

Legal Description: Commencing at the center of the South Boundary of the SW 1/4 of Section 30, T9S, R3W, in Cullman County, Alabama; thence 87 degrees 31 minutes East 806 feet to an iron pin set and the point of beginning for the property herein described; thence South 87 degrees 29 minutes 46 seconds East 224 feet to West Right-of-Way of County Road 1180; thence along the West boundary line of said County Road as it meanders Southerly a distance of 385 feet; thence leaving Right of Way of said road West 51 feet to an iron pin found; thence North 4 degrees 35 minutes 33 seconds West 383 feet to the point of beginning; containing 3/4 acre, more or less. Source of Title: Deed Book 424, Page 779.

SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the properties proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owner that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.

SECTION 3 That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tract or parcel of land as R-1 Residential District.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 2nd day of October, 2023.

/s/Jenny Folsom - President of City Council

ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 2nd day of October, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-02
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the following property owner, Seth Brock, has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:

PPIN: 78201. Parcel No. 17-06-24-0-001-025.010. Property Address: 970 County Road 702, Cullman, Alabama.

Legal Description: A tract or parcel of land containing 0.53 acres of land, more or less, and being a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, Cullman County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Commence at the purported northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 24 and run South 00 degrees 31 minutes 56 seconds West (bearing based on AL. State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 Grid) a distance of 887.74 feet; thence run North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West, a distance of 398.37 feet to a found capped corner (Harris-5742) marking the southeast corner of the Lewis Tract as recorded in Deed Book 657, Page 458 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama, same being the point of beginning and having and Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 Coordinate value of N. 1511296.27', E. 2177214.67' and being on the west right-of-way line of Highway No. 702; thence North 88 degrees 34 minutes 33 seconds West and run along the south line of said Lewis Tract a distance of 221.79 feet to a found capped corner (Harris-5742); thence South 16 degrees 44 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 111.85 feet to a found capped corner (Harris-5742) marking the northwest corner of the Knighten Tract as recorded in Deed Book 651, Page 56 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 89 degrees 45 minutes 01 seconds East, a distance of 220.42 feet to a found capped corner (Harris-5742) marking the northeast corner of said Knighten Tract, same being on the West right-of-way line of Cullman County Road No. 702; thence North 16 degrees 46 minutes 54 seconds West and run along said right-of-way line a distance of 107.12 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any rights-of-way and/or easements of record.

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SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 Residential District contingent upon the owner granting an easement up to but not exceeding an additional fifty (50) feet in width less any width of existing public road contiguous to said easement for a public road right-of-way including utilities for water, sewer, surface water, natural gas, electric, internet, cable or other public services provided by the City or its franchises.

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ATTESTED BY: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED this the 2nd day of October, 2023. /s/Woody Jacobs – Mayor

Boone (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
caylagrace@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Boone, an approximately 4-year-old male Redbone Hound mix with a warm red coat, is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Boone is a thoughtful fellow, unassuming in his kennel with a low-to-medium energy level.

He enjoys a good chance to stretch his legs, and though he tends to stay close by your side when walking out and about, he's understanding of personal space.

He'll look to you for encouragement, and takes it well!

Boone's favorite snack at the moment is sharp cheddar cheese, particularly, Cabot brand.

He is a quiet man of quiet comforts and truly embodies the character of a hiking, companion and therapy dog.

Ready to stretch your legs with Boone? Head over to Cullman County Animal Shelter at 935 Convent Road NE, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a meet and greet.

His adoption fee includes neuter, DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet and microchip.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or cullmananimalshelter@co.cullman.al.us.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUN

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900260

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of Adelsheim Subdivision lying South of Lots 12, 59, 60, 61 and 57 and North of lots 13, 62, 91, and 56 used for easement to TVA, in Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 3 West, lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 529, Page 81. Parcel ID: 17-08-27-1-002-007.091; PIN: 201552; Account Number: 44063,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

HARLAN BARBEE,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: Harlan Barbee, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against Harlen Barbee, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

DOCUMENT 12

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Karen M Perry to Citifinancial Corporation, LLC dated February 3, 2005; said mortgage being recorded on February 4, 2005, in Book 1415, Page 15 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR2 by assignment recorded in Deed Book 390, Page 326 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, ALABAMA.

The undersigned, U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-NR2under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 6th day of November, 2023 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 30 OF THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 30 & 31 OF LOTS 30-34 OF LARKWOOD SUBDIVISION AS RECORDED IN MAP BOOK 6 PAGE 139 IN PROBATE RECORDS OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

SUBJECT TO THAT CERTAIN UTILITY EASEMENT OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN RECORDED IN FICHE 483 FRAME E11.

SUBJECT TO SANITARY SEWER LINE AS SHOWN ON SURVEY OF H.D. HARRIS, AL REG. NO. 5742 DATED APRIL 14, 2000.

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AS FILED IN BOOK 210 PAGE 71 AND SHOWN ON MAP BOOK 2 PAGE 52.

Said property is commonly known as 1221 NE Larkwood Dr., Cullman, AL 35055.

Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control.

Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale.

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.

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 holder of the Mortgage.

U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE OF CIM TRUST 2023-NR2
as holder of said mortgage
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Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1000
Birmingham, AL 35203
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CHARLES OLEN QUICK, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2023-287

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to MADISON MENTZER as Personal Representative of the Estate of CHARLES OLEN QUICK, deceased, on the 26th day of September, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

MADISON MENTZER
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056-0517

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, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
A.H.)
A Minor Child, 07/29/2014) CASE NO. JU 2022-423.02

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the mother of A.H., born on or about 07/29/2014, respond to the Petition by the 2nd day of November, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 1st day of Sept, 2023.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

Witness my hand and official seal, this 20th day of September 2023.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900262

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

That part of the S1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 22, Township 9, Range 2 West, lying North of Brindley Creek. Parcel No: 10-05-22-0-001-006.012, PIN: 43915, Account No:77738,

AND

Those Fictitious Parties A-Z, whose identities are currently unknown and who will be added to this Complaint by amendment when ascertained, including any persons claiming any present interest therein and including any persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in the above-described property,

AND

JOHN KELLY,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown.

You are hereby notified that on the 31st day of August, 2023, a Complaint to quiet title and foreclose the right to redeem the above-described real property was filed in the Circuit Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Rogelio Sotelo against John Kelly, and all other persons claiming any present, future, contingent, remainder, reversion, or other interest in said lands, whose names and whereabouts are unknown, whose names and whereabouts cannot be ascertained after exercise of due diligence and who are believed may claim some right, title, interest, or claim in and to the above-described real property. All persons having an interest in said lands or any portion thereof, claiming any title thereto or encumbrance or lien thereon, are hereby directed to plead, answer, demur, or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before the 9th day of November, 2023, else at the expiration of thirty (30) days thereafter suffer a judgment by default to be rendered against

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them, it being intended that this notice shall be used to perfect service against all parties who cannot be personally served with a copy of the Complaint.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of Cullman County, Alabama

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for four consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Circuit Clerk.

Hon. Lisa McSwain
Clerk of the Circuit Court
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Notice of Sale

October 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. West Point Mini Storage will sell contents of the following units:

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#83 Chris Johnson
#99 and #104 Ryan Beatty

Contact 256-338-1759

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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: *
LETHA S. HEATHERLY, * CASE NUMBER: PC2023-167
DECEASED. *

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 20th day of September 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 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.

JESSICA H. MCHAN

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Personal Representative
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
Attorneys at Law
215 Main Avenue, Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
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Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper.

Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2023-078

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF JIMMY RANDALL BROWN JR. and LUCY JANE BROWN TO ADOPT K.R.E., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: UNKNOWN FATHER OF K.R.E.
WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of K.R.E., a minor child born on March 16, 2023, to Ammie Marie Entrekin, was filed on the 29th day of September, 2023, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Jimmy Randall Brown Jr. and Lucy Jane Brown. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE this 3rd day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

CASE NO.: CV 2023 - 900261

ROGELIO SOTELO,

Plaintiff,

Lot Four (4) as shown on that plat recorded in Map Book 2005 Page 12, being the resubdivision of Lots Number 47, 48, 57 and 58 of Fromhold Addition in the City of Cullman, Alabama, as shown on the recorded plat thereof in Map Book 1, Page 87, in the probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Source of Title: Deed Book 546 Page 722. Parcel ID: 17-06-14-3-005-001.003; PIN: 68706; Account Number: 77738,

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Dress (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Exquisite cupcakes in shades of pink and cream on display.

CULLMAN, Ala. — Shades of pink are splashed all around; guests are dressed in blush and Barbie pink. Tables are adorned with sequin runners and pink tulle dress centerpieces, floating candles nearby casting shadows on the scene. Exposed brick accents the beauty of the architecture and twinkle lights shimmer from above. Laughter, ringing of glasses and chit-chat fill the room, setting the tone for a night of fellowship and fundraising with the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation and its Annual Little Pink Dress benefit on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

Founded in 2013 by Judy Grissom, who saw an immediate need for her neighbors and colleagues facing the impossible diagnosis and treatment of cancer; Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation helps residents going through any type of cancer treatment, assisting with utility bills, transportation costs to and from treatment and food cards to ease the burden further. Fundraisers are held periodically throughout the year, and all funds donated and raised go directly back into the community.

The 2023 CCBBF Little Pink Dress benefit featured "celebrity" servers from the Cullman Police Department and Cullman County Sheriff's Office, as well as City of Cullman and Cullman County officials waiting tables and refilling glasses, with an exquisite cupcake spread and the melodious tones of a live band humming from the front of the room.

Fundraising activities involved a Pot 'O Gold raffle and both live and silent auctions. Prizes for the live auction included a Pink Kitchen-Aid Mixer and elegant jewelry items from Doug Doggett Jeweler and Ed White Jewelers. Silent auction bidding began in increments of $10 and bidding remained open throughout the event. Baskets and prizes available included a hand-painted children's rocking chair, a four-pack of family passes to Cook's Science Museum, green fees for four plus a golf cart at Cross Creek Golf Course and gift baskets with goods and treasures aplenty. Pink reading glasses were placed amidst the items to assist guests in bidding and assessing their potential reward. The gentlemen of the county also held a fundraiser of their own while waiting tables: a good old-fashioned "City vs. County" tip war.

CCBBF Board President Stefani Nelson said, "We raised $6,019 in tips with the servers this year! It's always a contest with the City and the County. We really try our best to make it special and fun for everyone."

When asked to share her hopes for future Little Pink Dress Benefits, Nelson said, "My hope is this benefit will continue to grow larger each year! The community was reaching out to us this year on how they could be involved; that is an amazing feeling! The more money we can raise, the more people we can help in Cullman County that are battling cancer. Our goal is to be a name everyone in Cullman knows. So if someone they know is diagnosed with cancer, they know we are here to help in any way we can and ease some of the burden!"

The event raised an astounding $25,000. If you or someone you know are in need of financial assistance while undergoing treatment, please contact Jessica Nicholson at 256-737-2588.

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3Sixty Jeep Club offering 'paw up' this Halloween

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — As the community prepares for countless Halloween parties, trunk-or-treats and traditional trick-or-treating, one nonprofit is standing above the rest by not only offering candy, but also extending a hand up - or, in this case, a paw up. 3Sixty Jeep Club, known for combining Jeep enthusiasts with a passion for giving back, has teamed up with Paws Up Rescue LLC to host A Nightmare At Depot Park on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 5-8 p.m.

The purpose of the event is twofold: provide free enjoyment for the community, and rally that same community to give back to a worthy cause. In addition to Jeeps decked out in their spooky-season best, frightfully delicious food trucks, loads of vendors and all the candy your treat basket can hold, 3Sixty will be collecting supplies and donations to benefit Paws Up Rescue.

Paws Up Rescue is a small, independent foster-based animal rescue that works with rescues and strays. Founder Brandie Johnson and Jessica Logan, positive reinforcement trainer and canine behavior consultant, work hand in hand to foster and adopt out dogs that come into their care - but it doesn't come cheap.

Summer Shaddix, head of public relations at 3Sixty, said partnering with an animal rehabilitation nonprofit that gives these animals a second chance at life paired perfectly with 3Sixty's core mission of giving "A hand up, not a handout." Shaddix laughed, "In this situation, it is a paw!"

Johnson poured out gratitude at being chosen as the beneficiary of the event, noting that the support from the community is what keeps their mission going strong to find loving homes for animals in their care.

"We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the 3Sixty Jeep Club, and the support from our wonderful community.

"Being chosen as the beneficiary of their event is both an honor and a blessing," she said.

"The support we receive is invaluable, enabling us to continue our mission of caring for and finding loving homes for animals in need. We look forward to a fantastic day and extend heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in making this possible!"

A Nightmare at Depot Park is set for Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, from 5-8 p.m. 3Sixty will be accepting donations of cash, pet toys, blankets and treats (no rawhide, please) to benefit animals at Paws Up Rescue.

For more information about 3Sixty Jeep Club, visit www.3sixtyjeepclub.com. For more information about Paws Up Rescue, visit https://tinyurl.com/PawsUpRescue.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 3-4

Sylvia June Roper Hare, 85
Sylvia June Roper Hare, 85, of Baileyton, passed away Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. June was born March 24, 1938, in Cullman County, the daughter of Robert Roper and Sylvia Inez Thompson Roper. She graduated from Fairview High School and went on to get her master's degree from U.A.B. She taught at Fairview Elementary for 30 years before retiring. She was a member of Baileyton Methodist Church Survivors include her grandchildren: Ashley (Larry) Butler and Donnie Shaw and Haley Burgess; great granddaughters: KiLynn Erwin and Kameri Burgess; extended family: Tina Butler, Dustin and Mary Butler, Abagail, Nevaeh, Lucas and DJ. She was preceded in death by her daughter: Robyn Hare and son: Herbert Cecil "Herbie" Hare. Funeral Service will be 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Gober Funeral Chapel with Brother Shane Hicks officiating. The burial will be in Arab Memorial Cemetery, Gober Funeral Chapel directing. Visitation will be from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. Friday at Gober Funeral Chapel.

Estell Ballard, 95
Funeral services for Estell Ballard, 95, of Hanceville, Alabama will be 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Reverend Trueman Davis will be officiating. The burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the funeral home. Mrs. Ballard was born on Sept. 1, 1928, to the late Walter M. and Ora (Johnson) Davis. She passed away at her residence surrounded by her family on Oct. 1, 2023. Survivors include her children, Steve (Debbie) Ballard, Randy Ballard, Debbie (Randy) Nation, and Michael Ballard; grandchildren, Renee Lollar, Rebecca Ballard, and Andrew (Tasia) Nation; great-grandchildren, Jolene Lollar and Rosalie Nation; sister, Faye (Clarence) Stamey; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Ballard was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Ballard.

Weston Clay Montgomery, 18
Funeral service for Weston Clay Montgomery, age 18, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Paul Cleghorn officiating; interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Weston passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023. He was born May 24, 2005, to Jonathan Montgomery and Misty Thomas. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Donnie Thomas, and great-grandmother, Nancy Haynes. Survivors include his mother, Misty (Shannon) Thomas; father, Jonathan Montgomery, brothers, Brody Montgomery, J.C. (Graciella) Thomas, Dakota Thomas, and Sam Whitehead; grandmother, Tina (Greg) Johnson; grandfather, Jack (Jennie) Montgomery; great-grandpa, Robert Haynes; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends.

Linda Sue Miller, 67
Memorial service for Linda Sue Miller, age 67, of Cullman, will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023, at LifePointe Church, 347 Hills Chapel Road, Falkville, AL 35622, with Tim Kennedy officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Mrs. Miller passed away on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born Sept. 10, 1956, in Arkansas to James Bonefa Stevenson and Annie Kathrin Stevenson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John Miller; and four brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth (Naaman) Vinson; granddaughters, Shiane, Cheyenne, Layla, and Eliza; grandsons, Jason Lee, Camron Wright, and Braden Vinson; brother, Roy Stevenson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Alma Pauline Livingston Williams, 75
Alma Pauline Livingston Williams, age 75, of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023. Alma was born in Courtland, Alabama to Paul Steven and Birdie Alma Jacobs Livingston. She is preceded in death by her husband: Sammy Wayne Williams and her parents. She is survived by: sons: Jason (April) Williams, Jeremy (Mizuki) Williams, brother: JC Livingston, sisters: Effie Hudson, Penny Viot, Carolyn Smith, grandchildren: Annie Beth Williams, Rilee Williams, Lila Williams, Tiara Dixie Williams and Ivan Williams, a host of nieces, nephews and other family. A visitation for Alma will be held Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055 with Rev. Ron Collett officiating. An interment will occur Friday, Oct. 6, 2023, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, County Road 222, Crane Hill, AL 35053. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Williams family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Raymond Lee Wolfrom, 71
Funeral service for Raymond Lee Wolfrom, age 71, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Wolfrom passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2023, at his residence. He was born April 13, 1952, in Ohio to Raymond Wolfrom and Alice Wolfrom. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Russell James Wolfrom. Survivors include his sister, Susan Macoy; brother, Ed Wolfrom; sisters, Karolyn Wolfrom and Nancy Hearn; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

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Controversy (from Front)

Alabama does not allow the use of municipal facilities for individuals to host private fundraising events, even if the funds are being raised for worthy causes.

Rollins posted the event on social media under the name Jerrett Dale on Sept. 12, 2023, inviting teams to pay $200 apiece to play in a memorial tournament to raise funds for the family of Holly Pond native Lexi White, who recently lost her life. In the advertisement, he wrote that the event would take place at Holly Pond High School, and at the town's "Lion Park" (Lions Club Park) if the school's field was not available. At the time the event was first posted, Rollins had not contacted Holly Pond Town Hall to ask permission. After the school turned him down, Rollins changed the ad to indicate "Lion Park" as the location. When he reached out to Hart, she contacted Willingham and then responded with a denial of the request.

After the initial denial was publicized on a Hanceville-based social media page – by Rollins, according to Hart – and shared by numerous people including a member of the Holly Pond Town Council, the mayor and town came under fire from numerous online commenters. Among the remarks were calls for Hart to be voted out of office and for a petition demanding that the town open the field. A call for the event to move to Hanceville even received a comment thread reply from Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail: "I approve it."

"I'm going to tell you: I hated to say no," said Hart, addressing the council and audience. "You know, I'm not a 'no' person if we can get by doing anything. But I am not, and I wish everyone that has made comments – and I may have to address this in the future – I am not. When I came into this position, [I] said I will not do anything against the law. I'm all about protecting this seat, all y'all's seats, our community, and I'll do anything I can as long as it's the right way, but I am not going to do it if it is not legal."

Hart told the council that if Willingham or anyone else could find a legal way to hold the event, she would support it. She then turned to Willingham, whom she had requested to take a fresh look at the issue. Willingham read excerpts from legal cases related to private use of municipal facilities, noting a Supreme Court decision and statements he received directly from the Alabama Attorney General's office that prohibited private individuals from any event on municipal property that did not serve a "government purpose," provide a "public benefit" or service to the community at large.

Said Willingham, "I was informed by the mayor, 'Can we make this happen? Is there something we can do legally to make this happen?' I called the Attorney General's Office and I said, 'I know your rules, I've read your opinions. Is there anything we can do to make this okay?' And the answer was 'Sorry, no.'" Willingham continued, "My job is, I'll tell you in all candor, my job is not to tell you what you want to hear. It is to tell you what I think the law is, and I think this is extremely clear that we can't do it."

Willingham's presentation led council and audience members to call into question a number of fundraising events that have been held in Holly Pond and other places, including a local church bake sale held in Holly Pond Town Hall. Willingham said that, despite a history of such events, he would as a general rule say that such events should not be held on municipal property in the future, though he added that each event should be examined on a case by case basis.

Willingham also stated that he did not believe that Lexi White's family was hoping to benefit from the advertised event, telling the council, "I know the mother, and she didn't know this was happening. She said, 'I don't want the money. If you will – if they gather money and you give it to an organization that's useful to somebody like the Youth League' – she said, 'I don't want to see it, I don't want to touch it.'"

Following the lengthy discussion, the council voted unanimously to deny Rollins' request.

Rollins, who was not at the council meeting, contacted The Tribune later to explain his plans and offer his view on the controversy.

Rollins wrote:

"So, it started about a week after we lost Lexi. A couple of people and myself were talking about this event and how great it would be if we could all come together and help the family out while doing something she would have loved doing. I talk to Brett, her father, on a regular basis. I had talked to him about the event a few times on the phone and once on the phone when we got the initial answer from the town. Not only is he family, but I know what it's like to lose a child also. No, we didn't get to spend time with him alive but that's a different story.

"We started out by me leaving two voicemails at the town hall after getting no answer on the phone. One was asking for someone to contact me regarding the use of the fields. The second was asking about any information on having a couple of food trucks at the event. I never received a call back. I'm not sure if these were voicemails that didn't get through to whoever they needed to, or if they were forgotten about. But I never received an answer on either.

"Our second plan was having another community member, who had worked at the parks before under Mayor Carla, contact her through her phone number or by stopping by and visiting her. This plan fell through due to this person's schedule being full.

"Finally I reached out to a local volunteer firefighter who had her phone number. He gave her my cell phone number and had her to contact me. I received a call from her and missed it while I was in a doctor's appointment. We texted since then and never could get our schedules to line up. She sent me a text and said that she consulted with the town's attorney and had something to send me through email. Later that day she sent me the initial response that was posted to the event page on Facebook in hopes to find another field quickly.

"The whole time, I had people messaging me wanting to put teams together. I had an individual also message me and tell me that her mother, Jamie, wanted to play as well. I had people with teams that play tournaments all the time messaging me wanting to join. They were even messaging the other people I had originally, sharing ideas with me about it. So we were trying to get something together and give people a plan. We never told them that it was set in stone or approved, because it wasn't! It was actually said that it was planned to be there or at the high school fields.

"We were planning to try the town fields first because there were two fields that could be used and we had a large and growing number of teams wanting to play. This would give us an extra field, more room for parking and better access to the food trucks attending. I met with Mayor Carla after the email had made its rounds on social media. We sat in her office and discussed why it was told no, but at this point we had a generous person offer a liability insurance so maybe we could use the fields. This had been told to the attorney before we met, and he was supposed to (do some) research on it.

"I learned the morning after the meeting that we still were not permitted to using the fields and that the attorney had presented papers and such from what he had looked into about it. After I heard it from someone who attended, Carla called me herself and let me know about it and explained a little more in detail about why we couldn't use the fields that the town owns even if we had an insurance policy. She even stated if there was anything she could do to help us legally, to let her know.

"This basically concluded us trying to use Holly Pond's fields. I haven't had contact with her or any of the committee since the phone call."

Rollins told The Tribune on Wednesday that he still plans to host the event, and that efforts to secure a facility continue.





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