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CPD supports breast cancer awareness with special pink patches

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman Police Department has unveiled distinctive pink patches as a way to support and raise funds for breast cancer awareness, with each patch symbolizing the department's commitment to the cause. Chief David Nassetta shared details about this commendable initiative.

Locally, the pink police patches program, now a nationwide trend, was primarily driven by Officer Seth Sullivan. Although many police departments across the U.S. opt for wearing pink badges in October, which can be an expensive endeavor, the Cullman Police Department decided to utilize patches instead. These can be sold to generate funds for breast cancer research and support.

According to Nassetta, the patches can be purchased for $10 each at the Cullman Police Department's Records window.

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Members of the Cullman Police Department will wear these special patches, which are also available for purchase by the general public.

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Cullman County Fair back in action



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are Cullman County Fair Association President Charlie Childers, Miss Cullman County Fair 2022 Second Alternate Lexi Sartin, Colony Mayor Curtis Johnson, Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett, Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Cullman County Commissioner Kelly Duke and Cullman City Councilman Johnny Cook at the opening ceremony of the Cullman County Fair on Thursday, Oct 5.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — After a year-long wait, Cullman residents (and visitors!) can now find themselves enveloped in a vibrant kaleidoscope of technicolor lights, surrounded by the scents of classic carnival food like funnel cakes and chicken on a stick and brave the odds in games of chance as the gates are officially open to the 2023 Cullman County Fair.

Thursday's opening ceremony was brief and intimate, starting with a raising of the flag performed by members of Cullman Area Technology Academy's JROTC, while previous Cullman County Fair Queen contestant Lexi Sartin belted out the national anthem. Once Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons snipped the grand opening ribbon, the gates swung open, and the fair was underway.

Cullman County Fair Association President Charlie Childers said this year's fair is rising above the rest, particularly in a sometimes forgotten category: exhibits.

"We've had a great year in exhibits, the most we've had in quite some time," he said. "That's kind of been a dying art, so it's been great to see an increase in that."

While some drizzle was in the forecast, the fair started strong and organizers are looking forward to sunny weather ahead. Said Childers, "It's been a really sweet start, and we're expecting great weather for the next week."

Childers also mentioned that the fair is certainly not a one-man show, touching on the invaluable support from area residents, and in particular the Cullman Lions Club, which has been hosting the fair for years.

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The winner of the pumpkin carving contest will receive a giant bag of candy.

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'It ain't your grandma's Halloween market!'

Dodge City Tattoo Company hosting 2nd annual Halloween & Horror Art Market

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 6

Cullman Tribune staff
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 6, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 2
- assault; CR 1664
- harassment; CR 1033
- assault; CR 698
- theft of property; Hwy. 157

Oct. 3
- trespassing; CR 702
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 1087
- domestic violence; CR 1607
- domestic violence; 429
- domestic violence; Park Dr.
- harassment; CR 436
- drug trafficking; possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1736
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 W

Oct. 4
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; 3rd Ave. SW, Garden City
- permitting dogs to run at large; Danes Ln.
- burglary; Hwy. 157
- harassment; CR 1193
- harassment; CR 385
- theft of property; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Oct. 2 – 4

Baker, Tyler W.; 31
- Probation Violation-family offense-financial exploitation of the elderly

Bartlett, James P.; 48
- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- tampering with physical evidence

Collins, Brenda D.; 41
- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

Cook, Christopher L.; 46
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Giles, Jacob L.; 32
- public intoxication

Glenn, Brittney L.; 29
- Probation Violation- larceny/theft-miscellaneous $500 less than $1,500 (2 counts)

Green, Brittney L.; 29
- FTA- forgery-checks
- FTA- forgery-passing forged instrument

Herron, Mikaela; 38
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision

Hill, Joseph L.; 56
- Drug Court Sanction-possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Hines, Timothy W.; 52
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- obstructing criminal investigation
- FTA- giving false identification to law enforcement

Klosinski, Mary E.; 34
- burglary-residence-force
- assault-reckless endangerment
- assault-aggravated assault-menacing gun

Myslinski, Natasha L.; 45
- drug trafficking (2 counts)
- possession of opium or derivative
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)

Navarro, Chakote M.; 25
- permitting dogs to run to run large

Pennington, Christopher C.; 62
- FTA- drug trafficking
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Petitjean, Andrea L.; 45
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Prince, Tanner J.; 29
- Drug Court Sanction-possession of dangerous drugs

Smith, Jonathan K.; 49
- Judges Order- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- Judges Order- resisting arrest
- Judges Order- obstruction of governmental operations

Stevens, L.C.; 41
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Susskin, Kenya B.; 34
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Swafford, Christopher J.; 46
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Watson, Kimbril R.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)

Watson, Scott W.; 37
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wood, Mason L.; 32
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 4
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; City of Cullman; 3rd Ave. SW; damaged property; $250
- theft of property-4th degree; person; 4th St. SW; phone; $200

Oct. 5
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $50
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW; damaged to 2012 Toyota Tacoma
- burglary-3rd degree; person; Harmony Ln. SW; pistol; $347
- leaving scene of accident; person; 3rd St. SE and Alabama Ave. SE; damage to 2005 Chevy Avalanche

ARRESTS

Oct. 4 – 5

Klosinski, Mary E.; 34
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Huizar, Mark A.; 34
- public intoxication

Sams, Eric S.; 46
- FTA- driving without license

Lenz, William D.; 52
- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Aycock, April D.; 48
- theft of property-3rd degree

Mann, Jacob C.; 27
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA-possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- obstructing governmental operations
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- expired tag

Gold, Thomas A.; 55
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

CCSO makes 2 unrelated arrests for trafficking, burglary

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE — CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Natasha Leann Myslinski (left) and Mary Elizabeth Klosinski (right)

CULLMAN COUNTY, Ala. — Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) deputies on Oct. 3, 2023, made two separate, unrelated arrests in Holly Pond and Vinemont, addressing a variety of charges ranging from drug trafficking to burglary.

According to CCSO Lt. Chad Whaley, in the first incident, deputies arrived at a residence in Holly Pond intending to serve a warrant. Upon arrival, they found Natasha Leann Myslinski, a 45-year-old resident of the area. While at the residence, the deputies noticed various narcotics and paraphernalia in plain view, leading to Myslinski's arrest, stated Whaley.

Myslinski is currently detained at the Cullman County Detention Center, with a secured bond set at $500,000. She faces multiple charges, including trafficking in methamphetamine (approximately 33 grams), unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful possession of marijuana. Additionally, she was served with warrants for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of dangerous drugs, drug trafficking, unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of an opium derivative.

In a separate incident on the same day, Whaley said CCSO deputies responded to a reported burglary and subsequent gunfire in the Vinemont area. When deputies arrived on the scene, they encountered the homeowners outside the residence; they reported an unknown female had broken into their home. According to the homeowners, the intruder seemed confused and disoriented.

Attempting to assist, the homeowners allowed the woman to stay inside while they sought help, according to Whaley. However, the woman found and discharged a firearm, owned by the victims, within the residence, prompting them to exit and call 911.

Deputies entered the home and apprehended Mary Elizabeth Klosinski, 34, of Vinemont, without further incident. The officers recovered the weapon involved. Klosinski is currently held at the Cullman County Detention Center with a total cash bond amount of $71,300. She has been charged with burglary, reckless endangerment and menacing, along with warrants for failure to appear in court related to previous domestic violence and disorderly conduct charges.

Whaley stated that these separate incidents underscore the CCSO's continuous efforts to maintain public safety and respond effectively to criminal activities within the county. The two arrests reflect the diversity and complexity of challenges faced by law enforcement on a daily basis, emphasizing the importance of community support and cooperation in fostering a secure and lawful environment for all residents.

Vinemont teen dies after motorcycle crash

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — An 18-year-old Vinemont resident died after a two-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, on Interstate 65 near Alabama Highway 157. Cullman County Coroner Jeremy Kilpatrick identified the victim as Weston Clay Montgomery.

Alabama State Troopers said he was critically injured when the 2007 Suzuki motorcycle he was operating struck a 2013 Honda Odyssey driven by Brian E. Gott, 50, of Lexington.

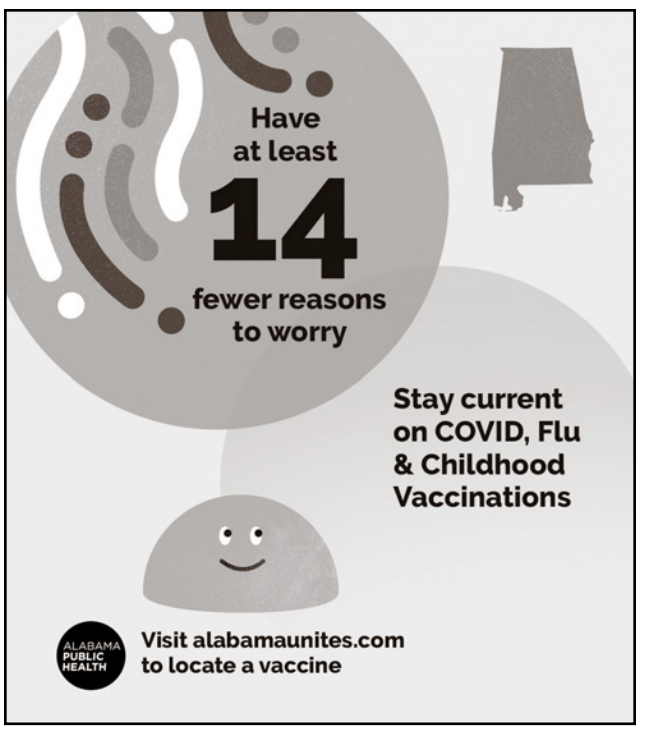
After the initial impact, the Suzuki left the roadway and struck a guardrail. The teen was thrown from the motorcycle and was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

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











COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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.
• 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
Through Oct. 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.

Cullman Educator Retirees Association Meeting
Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Cigar Room of Sophia's Restaurant at Stone Bridge Farms. All retirees from the field of education are invited. Our scheduled guest speaker has just canceled, so please be prepared to join in a "Member Share" program with a recent educational experience just in case we don't find a replacement. For more information: mjcjcera@gmail.com

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.

3-FAMILY YARD SALE

Saturday, October 7, 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. 2506 County Road 1141 in the West Point Area. Furniture, Kids Items, Housewares and Clothes. Too much to list.





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Alabama Coalition Against Rape awarded $605K grant

Staff Reports
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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a $604,685 grant to The Alabama Coalition Against Rape Inc., which will use the funds for continued training, advocacy and education to prevent sexual violence and to assist victims.

"The Alabama Coalition Against Rape has for years been an advocate for victims in their safe recovery, as well as a training resource for law enforcement and medical personnel who are called to assist them," Ivey said. "I commend the Coalition for their efforts to provide timely, professional assistance so victims can seek justice against their offenders and return to normal lives."

The Montgomery-based group works with numerous agencies throughout the state to provide training for medical and law enforcement professionals on assisting sexual assault cases and helping victims. The organization is also an advocate to guide victims through legal processes and ensure that offenders are prosecuted.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available by the U.S. Department of Justice.

"ADECA joins Gov. Ivey in her understanding that victims need medical and mental care and compassion when faced with this type of situation," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.



OH MY GOURD!

Submit your scary sculpture for a chance to win a sack of sweets



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Be sure to cover your work area with a large trash bag or tarp for easy cleanup.



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After carving, don't forget to share a photo of your spooktacular creation!

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Spooky season is here, and pumpkins are begging to be carved. Grab your tools and crew and join The Cullman Tribune's pumpkin carving contest! A family of ghosts would be sure to spook the most, a vampire with pointy fangs will definitely go over with a bang or a witch with a broom or a wolf howling at the moon. So locate your gear, clear your afternoon and get creative. Showcase your scary carving skills and submit pictures of your spooktacular creations. The wicked winner will be announced the week before Halloween, and claim a gargantuan bag of candy to start the season's sugar rush. No, it's no trick; submit your carved pumpkin pictures and you could win a ton of treats!

- **Step 1:** Gather the masses, choose your pumpkin and prepare the area with a large trash bag or tarp to protect from pumpkin guts.

- **Step 2:** Collect your carving utensils, spoons, tracing sheets and kits (tracing sheets and kits are not necessary; they simply aid the less creative).

- **Step 3:** Cut your top, evacuate the pumpkin innards and use your tracing sheet, markers and outlines or your own spooky creativity, and get carving!

- **Step 4:** Submit your photos by posting them in the comments section of this story on The Tribune's Facebook page, and the spookiest pumpkin will be chosen the week before Halloween!

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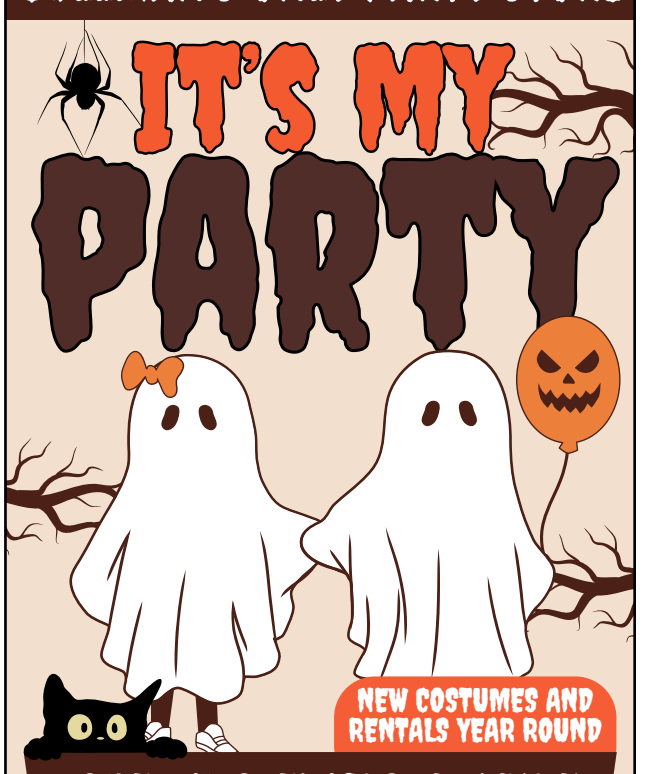
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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Good Hope edges Fairview 3-2 to claim 3rd straight county crown

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The Good Hope Lady Raiders defeated Fairview 3-2 Thursday night to win their third straight county championship.

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – It took five, hard-fought sets to pull it off, but the Good Hope Lady Raiders were able to capture their third straight Cullman County Tournament Championship Thursday night. Good Hope went back and forth with Fairview for four tight sets before putting things away for good in the fifth set 15-11. After the championship match, this year's All-County and All-Tournament teams were announced, and Lady Raiders senior Ivey Maddox was named Tournament MVP. This year's Samantha Perdue award was also presented to Cold Springs' Malaya Taylor.

Earlier in the evening, the JV Tournament Championship was decided as well. West Point took the first set over Fairview 25-21, but the Lady Aggies bounced back to take the second set 25-18. With a county title on the line in the third set, the Lady Warriors topped the Lady Aggies 15-8 and captured this year's JV County Championship.

Good Hope 3 – Fairview 2 (20-25, 25-18, 23-25, 26-24, 15-11)

Good Hope led the opening set 5-3 early but the Lady Aggies pulled ahead to take a 15-10 lead later in the set and never gave it back. Despite trailing 23-12 at one point, the Lady Raiders climbed back to make it 24-20 but couldn't quite complete the comeback and Fairview won the set 25-20 to take a 1-0 lead.

Good Hope bounced back in the next set, leading 11-7 early and building a 19-11 lead late. The Lady Aggies managed to trim the lead to 23-18 but didn't get any closer than that and the Lady Raiders tied things up with a 25-18 win in the second set.

The third set was knotted at 10 early on but a 12-4 run allowed Fairview to move in front 22-14. However, Good Hope responded with a 7-0 run of its own to make it 22-21 and the Lady Aggies were able to narrowly escape another Raiders rally with a 25-23 win.

Good Hope jumped out to a 5-1 start in the fourth set and led 12-8 at one point but it was tight the rest of the way. Fairview cut the lead down to 19-18 later in the set and after falling behind 23-20, the Lady Aggies battled back to tie things up at 24. Down 2-1 and with their backs against the wall, the Lady Raiders scored the next two points to win the fourth set 26-24 and force a fifth and final set for the county title.

Once again Good Hope took a big lead early but just like in the first four sets, a win wouldn't come easily. Fairview came from behind to trim the Raider lead to 11-7 midway through the set and was able to bring the lead all the way down to two at one point but the Lady Raiders scored the final two points to secure a 15-11 win and their third consecutive county championship.

All-Tournament Team

- Ivey Maddox, Good Hope (MVP)
- Charly Johnson, Good Hope
- Emma Bailey, Good Hope
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Abby McDonald, Fairview
- Kabri Redding, Fairview
- Ava Calvarese, Fairview
- Laci Segrest, Fairview
- Hallie Wheeler, West Point
- Laklin Shadix, West Point
- Liberty Shadix, West Point
- Kamryn Tankersley, Holly Pond
- Macie Black, Holly Pond
- Emma Earl, Holly Pond
- Zoe Pitts, Hanceville
- Carly Stephens, Vinemont
- Mary Warden, Cold Springs

All-County Team

- Ivey Maddox, Good Hope
- Emma Bailey, Good Hope
- Charly Johnson, Good Hope
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Abby McDonald, Fairview
- Laci Segrest, Fairview
- Kabri Redding, Fairview
- Liberty Shadix, West Point
- Laklin Shadix, West Point
- Patton Fell, West Point
- Emma Earl, Holly Pond
- Kamryn Tankersley, Holly Pond
- Kate Sterling, Hanceville
- Mary Warden, Cold Springs
- Carly Stephens, Vinemont

West Point 2 - Fairview 1 (25-21, 18-25, 15-8)

A kill by Hanna McKenney, followed by an ace from Violet Riddle, gave West Point an early 4-2 lead. The Lady Warriors held a slim 7-5 lead, but five straight points by Fairview, including a kill and a point by Peyton Salazar, gave them a 10-7 lead. The Lady Aggies later pushed their lead to 13-9, but West Point cut it to 13-12. Fairview got a point and a kill from Kailyn Redding as that gave them a 17-13 lead. A pair of aces from Salazar helped give the Lady Warriors an 18-17 lead. West Point increased their lead to 21-18 and got a pair of huge points from Mary Beth Penn that helped them take the first set 25-21.

Fairview got off to a red-hot start in the second set as they jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead. A trio of aces from Salazar helped the Lady Aggies push their lead to 8-2, but an ace from Kelsye Will helped West Point cut it to 9-6. Fairview increased their lead to 14-7, and later on, to 17-10, on an ace from Anna Strane. A late run by the Lady Warriors made it an 18-16 contest, but the Lady Aggies outscored West Point 7-2 the rest of the way and ended up winning the second set 25-18.

The third set was back-and-forth early on. Fairview held a slim 3-1 lead, but a pair of points by Penn and Will tied things up at three. Later on, an ace from McKenney gave West Point a 6-5 lead. Redding collected a point for the Lady Aggies to keep it a one-point game at 7-6, but West Point went on their biggest run of the game, scoring the next seven points, with three of those points coming via ace from Will, as they quickly widened their lead to 14-6. Fairview trimmed it to 14-8, but the biggest point of the game came from the Lady Warriors' Jacee Bartlett. Her point to end the game helped West Point get past Fairview 15-8 and claim this year's JV county championship.



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The West Point Lady Warriors defeated Fairview 2-1 Thursday night to win this year's JV county championship.

JV All-Tournament Team

- Kelsye Will, West Point
- Violet Riddle, West Point
- Bella Thornton, West Point
- Peyton Salazar, Fairview
- Kailyn Redding, Fairview
- Ralie Gaines, Fairview
- Caselyn Whatley, Good Hope
- Maggie O'Neil, Good Hope
- Lexi Marshall, Good Hope
- Cameron Baty, Cold Springs
- Bella McAfee, Hanceville
- Mabri Smith, Vinemont
- Mila Edmondson, Holly Pond

Sammy Confer contributed to this article.



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PREP VOLLEYBALL

No. 1 Addison sweeps Decatur Heritage

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs, the top ranked team in Alabama class 1A, hosted area foe, Decatur Heritage Lady Eagles. Addison won all three sets, 25-11, 25-14 and 25-19 to secure the victory. Addison has swept the Lady Eagles in both matches this year.

The first set started out with the Ladies from Heritage taking a quick 2-0 lead. Addison was then led by the serve of Katie Barrett as she served for eight consecutive points to take an 9-2 lead. With the score standing at 11-4, Addison, led by the serves of Dacey Baker and Brooklyn McCurley, extended the lead to 19-5. The teams played the remainder of the first set fairly evenly and Addison came away with the first set victory 25-11. Barrett and Baker had several kills while Hadley Butler and Bailee Ory had numerous digs.

The second set had Decatur Heritage starting off fast garnering a 7-5 lead. It looked a little like the Lady Bulldogs played a little sloppy starting off. Maybe taking the girls from Heritage a little too lightly. After a Lady Bulldog timeout, Addison settled down a bit and led by the serve of McCurley and the defense of Baker and Lauryn Cunningham Addison went on to win 7 out of 8 points to take the 12-6 lead.

The Ladies from Heritage wouldn't back down from the top ranked Lady Dawgs and showed them they came to play. Decatur Heritage cut the lead to 15-13 and then the defending state champs got serious. Addison finished the game on a 10-1 run to take the set, 25-14. Addison was led by Butler and McCurley with the serves and Ava Bartlett and Barrett on defense.

The third and final set looked like the Lady Bulldogs had finally woken up and were about to put the Lady Eagles to sleep. Addison jumped out big with Cunningham and Barrett serving the Lady Dawgs to an 11-1 lead. But, the Lady Eagles, once again, refused to just fly away.

The Lady Eagles showed a lot of heart and even though they were outmatched via talent, they showed grit and fought back. The Lady Eagles outscored the girls from Addison 11-6 to cut the lead to 17-12. Addison, refocused, went on to look like they were going to close out the game by bringing the score to 24-12. But you guessed it, the Lady Bulldogs again looked disinterested and didn't close the Lady Eagles out. Heritage scored seven straight points to cut it to 24-19 when Addison took the last point to win the set and the match 25-19.

Addison improved their record to 30-6 and has already locked up the area championship. Addison will travel to Danville tomorrow night for a tri-meet with Danville and West Morgan.

Unofficial stats
Addison was led in kills or "murders," as Miss Baker likes to call them, by Barrett with 9. Baker had 8 and Cunningham had 4. Annabeth Powell, Bartlett, Mattie Johnson and Bristyl Moser had 2 each. Butler had 1.

Aces had Barrett with 7, Cunningham and Butler with 3 each. Powell and McCurley had 1 each.

Digs had Butler and Ory with 9 each. McCurley had 6. Baker and Barrett had 5 each. Savannah Smith had 3. Cunningham and Powell with 2 each.

Blocks were led by Bartlett. Barrett, Cunningham and Butler had 1 each.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison splits tri-match with Danville, West Morgan

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DANVILLE, Ala. — Addison traveled to Danville High School to take on the hosting 3A Hawks and the 4A West Morgan Lady Rebels in a late season tri-match. Addison swept the Lady Hawks 26-24 and 25-19 but lost in a thrilling three set match to West Morgan 21-25, 25-23 and 15-17.

Addison's Lady Bulldogs had already beaten the Danville Lady Hawks earlier in the year and were looking to complete the season sweep. Danville got off to a great start jumping to a quick 7-0 lead and then extended it to 12-1. Many unforced errors were the Lady Bulldogs problem early in the set and it would continue to plague them the remainder of their games. After settling down and splitting the next six points, Addison had cut the lead to 15-5. Dacey Baker took her serve and dominated the next ten points, leading Addison to a 15-15 tie. The Lady Hawks wouldn't go away and took 5 out of the next 6 points to go up 20-16. This set had excellent defense played, especially by the hometown Lady Hawks. Several long volleys between the teams showed both teams skill sets. Danville got to 24-22 lead and only needed one point for the victory in the set. Baker then served the Bulldogs to victory as she closed the game on a 4-0 run for the Lady Bulldogs 26-24 win. Addison's Bailee Ory and Lauryn Cunningham were the defensive stalwarts for this set while Ava Bartlett had a key block.

The second set started the same as the first with the Lady Hawks jumping out to a 5-1 lead. Addison, after a timeout, came out recharged and went to business.

Led by Ory and Baker, Addison took the lead at 10-8. The game then settled into a really good back and forth volleyball game. Points were exchanged and no one could get on a run. With the game standing at 16-12 in Addison's favor, Baker took over and served the Dawgs to 5 straight points to gives Addison the commanding 21-12 lead.

Baker's serve was helped by a block from Barrett and several digs by Ory and Hadley Butler. Baker and Katie Barrett had a couple kills each. The Lady Hawks refused to quit and came back again trying to force a third set. Danville cut the lead to 23-17. It continued to be a close game, but Addison's Lady Bulldogs finished the Lady Hawks off by the score of 25-19.

Addison then played the West Morgan Lady Rebels and Addison had split their earlier matchups with each team winning a game apiece. These three sets were very evenly matched on this night, but Addison's continued unforced errors would haunt them for the entire game.

The first set had the Lady Bulldogs getting behind early. West Morgan led 4-1. The Lady Bulldogs would take 5 out of the next 9 points to cut the Lady Rebel lead to 10-6. Annabeth Powell served for 4 straight points to tie West Morgan at 10. West Morgan then went on a 6 out of 7 run to take charge at 16-11 lead. There was one long volley during that run that literally lasted about 45 seconds and had several outstanding plays by both teams. The game was played fairly evenly the rest of the way with neither team able to either extend the lead or cut into the lead. West Morgan hung on to take the first set, 25-21.

The second set was just about like the first set. The Lady Rebels again, jumped out 3-0. Addison settled in and started making their shots as they, led by Barrett, went on a 6-1 run. Addison had taken the lead 6-4.

For the next several minutes, each team would score two or three points in a row and then the other team would answer. With the score standing at Addison 23-21, Bartlett had a key block and Brystil Moser had a huge dig, the Lady Dawgs squeaked out a close 25-23 win forcing a decisive third set.

In the third set you guessed it, the Lady Bulldogs got off to another slow start with the Lady Rebels surging to a 6-2 lead. With the winning team only having to score 15 in the third set it was a large hole for the Lady Bulldogs. This is when the Senior leadership of Addison's team stepped up and Baker and Butler led the team on a huge run.

Addison took 10 out of the next 11 points to take a commanding lead at 12-7. It looked like Addison would wrap up the victory as they increased their lead to 14-9. Needing only one point for the win, Addison's ladies could not close the deal.

While on the cusp of victory, the unforced errors returned. West Morgan fought back from the brink of defeat and scored 5 straight points to tie it a 14-14. Addison regained the lead at 15-14 but the Lady Rebels came away with the final 3 points to win, 17-15.

Addison, hopefully will use this defeat to clean up the unforced errors as they continue to get ready for their perennial trip to the playoffs.

Addison moves to 31-7 on the season and will travel to Haleyville to take on the Lady Lions on Thursday night.

Official stats for both games
Addison was led in kills by Ava Bartlett and Dacey Baker with 13 each. Lauryn Cunningham had 9. Annabeth Powell and Katie Barrett had 5 each. Hadley Butler had 4.

Digs were Bailee Ory with 31 and Baker with 21. Butler and Cunningham had 14 each. Barrett had 11. Moser had 10. Powell had 5 while Bartlett had 2.

Aces were Baker with 9. Cunningham and Barrett had 2. Butler had 1.

Blocks were Bartlett with 5. Butler had 3, Bartlett had 2. Barrett had 1.

Patches (from Front)

"Breast cancer is a pervasive illness, affecting numerous families and individuals," explained Nassetta. "Almost everyone knows a loved one, a friend or a family member who has battled with this disease. With medical professionals making substantial progress in detection and treatment, it is crucial to continue supporting these advancements."

The chief further noted the importance of his department actively engaging in initiatives that not only protect, but also serve and support the community in various ways. This program reflects the department's dedication to going above and beyond the call of duty, embodying a holistic approach to protection and service.

Regarding the distribution of the funds raised, the proceeds will be donated to the Alabama chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The pink patches program stands as a testament to the police department's ongoing efforts to support those battling breast cancer and their families, acknowledging the widespread impact of the disease and the necessity for continuous research and advancement in treatment methodologies. Through this initiative, the Cullman Police Department reaffirms its commitment to serve the community in all capacities, providing not only safety, but also much-needed support during trying times.

For those who wish to show their support for breast cancer awareness and research, participating in the pink patches program offers a tangible way to do so. With each patch purchased, contributors not only receive a unique and meaningful emblem, but also contribute to the ongoing battle against one of the most common forms of cancer that countless individuals face daily.

Nassetta emphasized the universal significance of contributing to this cause, considering the prevalence of breast cancer and its impact on so many lives. The initiative is not just about fundraising but also about fostering community solidarity and support for those affected by the disease.

"It's essential for our department to actively participate in initiatives that resonate with and matter to our community," Nassetta explained. "The pink patches are not just symbols; they represent our collective responsibility and commitment to support cancer patients, survivors and their families, and to contribute to the efforts aimed at finding a cure."

The Cullman Police Department encourages community members to join in this endeavor by purchasing a pink patch. For those interested in acquiring a patch or learning more about the program, patches are available at the Cullman Police Department. Each purchase directly supports the crucial work of the Alabama chapter of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, helping to fund research, treatment and support services for those diagnosed with breast cancer.

Through these small, symbolic patches, the department fosters a sense of hope and solidarity, underscoring a united front against a disease that affects so many. This October, community members have a unique opportunity to stand with local law enforcement in supporting a cause that touches lives deeply and universally. Together, every patch purchased and every dollar raised brings society one step closer to a world free of breast cancer.

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAWSUIT

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

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

DATED THIS THE 11th day of September, 2023

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

OP-ED

Active participation over passive complaints

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In an era where social media platforms amplify voices, it is imperative to exercise discernment between constructive dialog and counterproductive complaining. As evidenced by the recently concluded Oktoberfest in Cullman, which witnessed unprecedented attendance, the potent synergy of organizations such as Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, the City of Cullman, Visit Cullman and the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce demonstrates the transformative impact of active community involvement.

Engaging in local events, whether as a volunteer, worker, vendor or attendee, is not merely a celebratory act; it's a commitment to fostering community spirit, economic vitality and a shared sense of belonging. When residents choose to participate actively, they contribute to creating vibrant, inclusive and resilient communities, encapsulating the essence of democracy at the grassroots level.

A passive stance, often limited to echoing grievances on social media, seldom brings about meaningful change.

While these platforms are invaluable for information dissemination and connecting like-minded individuals, solely relying on them can distort perceptions and foster a culture of unfounded negativity.

Engaging in the community beyond the screen allows individuals to experience events firsthand, and to formulate informed opinions rather than adopting the views proliferated online without scrutiny.

Active involvement empowers individuals to be agents of change rather than mere spectators. It allows for a constructive exchange of ideas, identification of community needs and collaborative problem-solving.

Such engagement also nurtures a deeper understanding and appreciation for the hard work by organizations and volunteers to bring events like Oktoberfest to fruition.

Furthermore, by participating in local events, residents directly support local businesses, artisans and entrepreneurs who rely on these gatherings for livelihood and exposure.

This active support is integral to the economic health and diversity of the community, creating opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for all.

It's time for community members to transition from being passive consumers of information to active contributors to their community's vibrancy and well-being.

Before jumping to conclusions based on a social media post, residents are encouraged to participate, communicate openly and experience local events for themselves.

Only through active, informed engagement can individuals truly understand, appreciate and constructively critique the happenings in their community.

Step out, engage and experience the vibrant tapestry of local events our community has to offer.

In doing so, let's collectively shift from a culture of complaint to one of participation, understanding and constructive dialog, fostering a community environment where fairness, inclusion and positivity thrive.

For in the shared experience of community events, we find not only entertainment and economic benefit, but also the threads that weave the tight-knit, supportive community fabric we all desire and deserve.

Breaking down winter sicknesses

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NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

When should a cold be concerning?

CULLMAN, Ala. — Sniffles, sneezing and getting sick are never anyone's idea of a grand time. Unfortunately, entering public spaces and catching viruses, bacteria and germs is something that is just unavoidable. When suspecting an illness in the home, especially with small children, it is easy to go into panic mode at the first cough. The immune system in infants and children is much more fragile and underdeveloped than that of an adult, and as such, infants and children are highly susceptible to bacteria and viruses. Proper handwashing and hygiene can prevent 30% of gastroenteric sickness and 20% of respiratory illnesses.

Dr. Nathaniel Burnham of Cullman Primary Care said, "Proper handwashing technique is essential to help prevent the spread of illnesses. Ensuring that you get vaccinated at the appropriate times is also incredibly important."

While some illnesses that are typically contracted in the winter months are easily resolved with over-the-counter treatments and rest, there are some that are far more serious and may require more vigorous intervention and treatment, or in some cases, hospitalization.

Burnham remarked, "Most of these illnesses are treated by conservative management ensuring that we treat the symptoms of these illnesses with the appropriate over-the-counter medications, and these illnesses will resolve on their own within a few days most of the time."

So, which illnesses should be taken more seriously? There is a fine line between safe to stay home, and when it is time to call and be seen by a health care provider.

In infants and children, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV), influenza and streptococcal pharyngitis (commonly known as strep throat) are the most commonly diagnosed illnesses during the cooler months.

Many of these symptoms overlap and most mimic the common cold, and severity is influenced by many factors.

RSV is a virus that infects and inflames the lungs and respiratory tract. Symptoms of RSV closely mimic those of the common cold and the virus is contracted just as easily.

RSV is spread when a person comes into contact with fluid from an infected person's nose or mouth; this can also happen when touching a contaminated surface and then touching eyes, mouth or nose. It can also spread by inhaling droplets from an infected person's sneeze or cough.

Symptoms of RSV include:
- Runny Nose
- Fever
- Cough
- Wheezing
- Breathing faster or slower than normal
- Trouble eating or drinking
- Flaring nostrils while breathing
- Straining of the chest or stomach while breathing
- Blue skin around lips or fingertips

Treatment of RSV is dependent on age, severity of symptoms and overall health of the patient. Since RSV is viral, and not bacterial, it is not treated with antibiotics, but with comfort assistance measures such as additional oxygen and oral/intravenous fluid, suctioning of mucus and breathing treatments used to open airways; in more pressing cases, mechanical ventilation, tube feedings and antiviral medications are used to ease symptoms. To prevent the illness, a medication called Nirsevimab can be given as a shot to at-risk infants during RSV season and as a once-yearly injection for adults 60 and older.

Influenza, more commonly known as the flu, is a virus that also widely affects infants and children severely. The flu is an infection of the nose, throat and lungs; a large portion of the respiratory system is affected. Common symptoms of the flu often, but not always, include fever as well as aching muscles, chills and sweats.

Symptoms of Influenza include:
- Headache
- Dry persistent cough
- Shortness of breath
- Tiredness and lethargy
- Runny nose
- Sore throat
- Eye pain
- Vomiting and diarrhea

The only available treatment for influenza is prescription antiviral medication; if taken within two days of onset of symptoms, it has been shown to shorten the length of illness and make symptoms milder and more manageable. The influenza vaccine came onto the market in 1945 and is still recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

Strep throat is a bacterial infection of the throat and tonsils, caused by group A Streptococcus, and causes severe inflammation and sore throat.

Strep throat is the most commonly reported illness involving a sore throat. Visible symptoms can include enlarged tonsils and white infection pockets on the throat; red spots, or petechiae, on the roof of the mouth are also a common symptom. Strep throat is highly contagious and spreads between individuals very quickly through respiratory droplets from an infected person.

Symptoms of strep throat include:
- Sore throat
- Fever
- Streaks or patches of pus on the throat
- Headache
- Chills
- Nausea and vomiting

Strep throat is a bacterial infection and therefore, treatment may include a seven- or 10-day course of antibiotic therapy. Penicillin and amoxicillin are the most commonly prescribed antibiotics; if there is a history of a penicillin allergy, a provider may prescribe azithromycin or cephalexin instead.

Adults are commonly diagnosed with all the above, along with two additional illnesses that are regularly diagnosed in teens and adults. As well as influenza, RSV and strep throat, many adults are also diagnosed with pneumonia and acute bronchitis.

Pneumonia is an infection that inflames the air sacs in the lungs, leading to chest pain, difficulty breathing and coughing. Multiple types of bacteria, fungi and viruses can cause pneumonia. Symptoms of this illness are similar to those of influenza or the common cold but have longer duration and heightened severity in some instances.

Symptoms of pneumonia:
- Cough that may produce phlegm
- Rapid breathing/shortness of breath
- Chest pain that worsens with a deep breath
- Fatigue
- Confusion in people over 65

The treatment for pneumonia depends largely on the type of pneumonia that has been diagnosed. Bacterial pneumonia is treated with antibiotics and fungal pneumonia with anti-fungal medication. Viral pneumonia does not typically require treatment, but if influenza was the cause of pneumonia, it can be treated with antiviral medications. There are multiple vaccines on the market currently to protect against pneumonia and are recommended differently depending on age group, risk factors and health history.

Acute bronchitis is colloquially referred to as a chest cold. In actuality, bronchitis happens when the trachea and bronchi become inflamed and filled with mucus, most commonly caused by a virus. The most notable symptom is the nagging cough that can be present for up to two weeks as the body tries to rid mucus from its airways.

Symptoms of acute bronchitis:
- Persistent cough
- Wheezing
- Fever
- Fatigue

Acute bronchitis typically does not require treatment, and over-the-counter cough suppressants are often recommended by doctors.

COVID-19

According to the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) is a disease caused by a virus named SARS-CoV-2. It can be very contagious and spreads quickly. Over one million people have died from COVID-19 in the United States.

"COVID-19 most often causes respiratory symptoms that can feel much like a cold, the flu or pneumonia. COVID-19 may attack more than your lungs and respiratory system. Other parts of your body may also be affected by the disease. Most people with COVID-19 have mild symptoms, but some people become severely ill."

Symptoms of COVID-19:
- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Per the CDC, "If you have COVID-19 and are more likely to get very sick from COVID-19, treatments are available that can reduce your chances of being hospitalized or dying from the disease. Medications to treat COVID-19 must be prescribed by a healthcare provider or pharmacist and started 5–7 days after symptoms appear. Contact a healthcare provider right away to determine if you are eligible for treatment, even if your symptoms are currently mild."

COVID-19 vaccines are also available.

The severity of these illnesses varies greatly from person to person, with no two exactly the same. Some may be asymptomatic or some may have severe symptoms. Contact a doctor for any information regarding vaccines and preventative measures, or with any questions about these illnesses.

Market (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In the midst of trunk-or-treats and pumpkin patches, genuine Halloween enthusiasts and old-school horror purists may find themselves a bit lost in the sea of orange flannels, wide-brimmed hats and pumpkin spice lattes. It seems even spooky season has gotten a little less spooky over the years, disappointing those who live life on the edgier side. Enter Dodge City Tattoo Company, answering the call by offering a creative, authentic and gritty art market along with flash tattoo specials on the scariest day of the year: Friday the 13th.

The second annual Halloween & Horror Art Market begins at noon on Friday, Oct. 13, at Dodge City Tattoo Company.

Dozens of local artisans and oddity curators will be offering everything from custom treat bags for trick-or-treating to wet and dry specimens to make your space even more intriguing; from kitsch to creepy, you're sure to find something to spook and satisfy.

For those looking for a more permanent souvenir of the market, Dodge City Tattoo Company will be offering flash art specials starting at $31.

John Riendeau, owner of Dodge City Tattoo Company, said he expects visitors well into the hundreds, and he has brought on several artists from surrounding studios to help keep up with the demand. In the world of tattooing, cash is king, so be prepared and arrive early if you're hoping to get some ink therapy.

Food trucks and live music will be on-site to round out the festival feel. Riendeau maintained that while the event is definitely catered to classic Halloween and horror fans, it is a family friendly environment that kids of any age can enjoy.

When asked what Tribune readers can expect when they attend, Riendeau kept it short and sweet and spoke plainly when he laughed, "It ain't your grandma's Halloween market!"

To learn more about Dodge City Tattoo Company and future events it hosts, visit www.facebook.com/dodgecitytattoocompany.





EES Principal Melanie Harris honored by Ivey for National Principals Month

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris recently made a stop in Montgomery to celebrate National Principals Month with Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey and other top education officials in the state.

"As the Alabama Elementary School Assistant Principal of the Year, I was invited to represent Alabama Principals as Governor Ivey proclaimed October as National Principals Month," Harris explained.

"I felt honored to stand alongside other leaders (including the elementary principal of the year, secondary assistant principal and principal of the year, and CLAS officials) and represent the great Alabama administrators."

Before coming to East Elementary as the school's new principal, Harris was named the state's top assistant principal in her previous post, which is why she was invited to Montgomery by the governor's office to be honored.

"Whereas the vision, dedication and determination of a principal provides a motivating force behind any school reform effort; and whereas principals are expected to be educational visionary leaders, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special program iterators and guardians of various legal, contractual and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with our young people, our most valuable asset," Ivey wrote in a proclamation celebrating National Principals Month.

"And whereas, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work, collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain rigorous academic and curricular goals, develop mission statements and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence; and whereas, principals work tirelessly in communities across Alabama to maintain academic integrity and accountability, to ensure a safe and productive learning environment and to encourage and facilitate teachers and parents efforts to make a positive difference in the lives of young people; and whereas, in celebration of National Principals Month, Alabama honors elementary, middle, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education; and whereas, Alabama recognizes outstanding elementary, middle and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession."



CULLMAN CITY SCHOOLS

East Elementary School Principal Melanie Harris is honored along with other Alabama education leaders and state officials by Gov. Kay Ivey.

Cullman's Abby Sosa competing for Miss UA title Oct. 7

Jennifer Brady
Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Sixteen students will compete for the title of Miss University of Alabama at the Bama Theatre in Tuscaloosa on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. The Miss UA competition is an official preliminary event for Miss Alabama in the Miss America organization.

This year's candidates include:

Hannah Adams
- Birmingham
- Major: Public Relations and Political Science
- Community Service Initiative: Hannah's Hope: Finding a Cure for Pediatric Cancer

Kaylie Grace Bitterman
- Dacula, Georgia
- Major: Biology
- Community Service Initiative: Youth Care and Education - We Are Better Together

Mara Eva Cline
- Braselton, Georgia
- Major: Musical Theatre
- Community Service Initiative: Safe in the Sun - Melanoma Awareness and Prevention

Rylie Dewley
- Grand Blanc, Michigan
- Major: Political Science
- Community Service Initiative: Start Heart Smart - Educating America's Youth on How to Have and Keep a Healthy Heart

Lydia Fisher
- Wapello, Iowa
- Major: Biology
- Community Service Initiative: Educating the Voters of Tomorrow

J-Belle Kimbrell
- Dallas, Texas
- Major: Vocal Performance
- Community Service Initiative: Street Smarts - Steer Clear of Distractions

Marissa Luna
- Birmingham
- Major: Business
- Community Service Initiative: More Than Meets the Eye

Imani Muse
- Chicago, Illinois
- Major: Accounting
- Community Service Initiative: SAM - Small Acts Matter: Encouraging Tangible Change

Emilia Oblites
- Novato, California
- Major: Apparel and Textile
- Community Service Initiative: Serving Alabamians with Breast Cancer

Grayce Pennington
- Caledonia, Mississippi
- Major: Biology
- Community Service Initiative: Let's Talk Heart-to-Heart

Olivia Smith
- Birmingham
- Major: News Media
- Community Service Initiative: The Adoption Option

Abby Sosa
- Cullman
- Major: Nursing
- Community Service Initiative: Bridging the Gap - Inspiring Generation Transformation Through Education for Young Hispanics

Ruby Tilghman
- Panama City, Florida
- Major: Chemistry
- Community Service Initiative: Many Mini Musicians - Bridging the Funding Gap in Fine Arts Education

Christine Underwood
- Charlotte, North Carolina
- Major: Pre Law
- Community Service Initiative: Be Smart for Your Heart

Summer Waters
- Luverne
- Major: Communications and Sports Media
- Community Service Initiative: Girls on the Run

Chloe Yates
- Louisville, Kentucky
- Major: Interior Design
- Community Service Initiative: Special Olympics - Deleting the Dis in Disabled

The Miss UA competition, sponsored by The University of Alabama National Alumni Association and FATE - Future Alumni for Tradition and Excellence, has been a platform for candidates to share their passion projects, talent and intelligence for more than 48 years.

The winner of the title of Miss University of Alabama will receive a full-tuition scholarship for her year of service to UA and numerous other gifts and financial aid scholarships from numerous donors.

Learn more on the Miss University of Alabama website.



UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Abby Sosa

Walk (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — While many Christian denominations differ in several areas such as method of worship or regularity of communion, many in the Christian faith agree that prayer is a simple, powerful method of calling for change and action. This Sunday, Oct. 8, many Cullman residents of all denominations will gather at the Cullman County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m. to do just that at "In Cullman as in Heaven," a prayer walk hosted by Father's House Church.

Garret Taylor of Father's House Church said the prayer walk's vision is inspired by Matthew 6:10, to see God's will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven, and a call to action to the American church as a whole to come together.

"There's no sickness, pain, sadness, evil, hatred, racism or any of the like in Heaven," explained Taylor. "We are called as Christ's ambassadors to release the Kingdom of God everywhere we go. Not to be passive, but to partner with God in prayer and intercession."

He continued, "Prayer changes things. We want to see lives changed and set free here in our city and nation!"

Taylor said he hopes this prayer walk will bring many churches together, to put aside differences and come together, regardless of different practices.

"I believe this gives the church an opportunity to be united for the same purpose and goal, regardless of denominations. To actually be the Body of Christ, to see all who believe link arm in arm as we cover our city and nation in prayer," explained Taylor.

The walk will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, on the highway-facing sidewalk of the Cullman County Courthouse. This walk is open to all ages.

For more information about Father's House Church and future events, visit www.facebook.com/ChristiansLivingProofMinistriesINC.



Obituary Announcements: Oct. 5-6

David Mark Drake, 67
David Mark Drake completed his earthly journey on Oct. 4, 2023, in the company of his children and siblings in Vinemont, Alabama. David is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Gayleen Drake. He is survived by his two daughters, Kayleigh Drake and Carrieanne Drake; his sister, Alane Fraser, brothers Kuenn Drake (Cyndy), and Shane Drake (Emily); and a host of nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews who affectionately called him "Uncle Roll Tide". David was born on July 19, 1956, in Provo, Utah to Charles and Gayleen Drake, and his family moved to Alabama when he was in elementary school. To know David was to know a generous, quick witted man who was full of integrity and an absolute fanatic for all things Alabama sports. He spent his early career years spinning records and lighting up the air at many radio stations peppering the Panama City coast, and continued this career when he moved back to Alabama to raise his family. For many years, he enjoyed going on various caving and high adventure trips with his Cullman Grotto family. And when he had spare time later in life, he could be found either sitting at his second home, the Vinemont Super Saver, spectating or announcing a sporting event, or gathering with friends. A visitation service will be held in Cullman, Alabama on Oct. 15, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral home with a gathering at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Oct. 16, 2023, at 11 a.m. for all who wish to attend, with a meal and celebration of life immediately following, at the same location. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Robert Earl Rowell, 82
Robert Earl Rowell, of Holly Pond, Alabama, passed away on the morning of Oct. 6, 2023, at the age of 82. Mr. Rowell was born in Lincoln, Alabama, on Aug. 13, 1941, to John Thomas and Clara Eloise Fike Rowell. Mr. Rowell served his county honorably in the United States Navy for four years, and we will be forever grateful for his service and sacrifice to our great nation. Bob loved his Lord and Savior, and he attended New Hope #2 Baptist Church where he enjoyed worshipping with his family and friends. A truck driver by trade, Bob worked hard to provide for his family. He was a jokester and enjoyed teasing and making others laugh. Bob had a servant heart and was burdened for those in need. He gave freely of his resources to multiple charities. Mr. Rowell loved his wife Vina, and before her passing, they enjoyed riding motorcycles together as part of the CMA. Bob was a loving father to his three sons, Mark, Matt, and Michael, and was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather as well. Mr. Rowell was loved by many, and he will be missed greatly. Mr. Rowell is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vina Rowell; and five of his siblings. Those surviving Bob are his sons, Mark Rowell (Karen), Matt Rowell (Tammy), Michael Rowell; sisters, Doris, and Nell; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends are invited to join the family on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2023, at New Hope #2 Baptist Church for a time of visitation prior to services. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., followed by funeral services at 11 a.m., with Pastor Austin Rowell officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery where Blake Rowell, Cody Rowell, Landon Rowell, Brody Rowell, Jace Calvert, and Austin Smith will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Tunnel to Towers Foundation in memory of Mr. Rowell. Both charities were dear to Bob's heart. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Rowell family. In memory of Robert Earl Rowell, please consider making a donation to one of the following charities: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Stephen Siller Tunnel To Towers Foundation

Bobby Reece Evans, 80
Funeral service for Bobby Reece Evans, age 80, of Cullman, will be at 12 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Delbert Freeman officiating; interment in First Baptist Church of Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Evans passed away on Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023, at the Folsom Center. He was born Feb. 19, 1943, in Fairview, Alabama, to Edgar Reece Evans and Ruby Pearl Windsor Evans. He graduated from Fairview High School in 1962 and served in the U.S. Army from 1962-1965. He retired from American Trim (formerly known as Cullman Products) after 40+ years. He was known affectionately by locals as "Uncle Bob" or as the cute little old man with a cane who walked a German Shepherd on the east side of Cullman. He loved dogs, reading, keeping up with and talking politics, and telling stories and jokes. He was a kind and generous man who always had a smile for everyone. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William W. Evans and Jimmy L. Evans; and sister, Joyce Evans Clark. Survivors include his brother-in-law, Garry Clark; nieces, Leanne (Keith) West and Rhonda Harden; grandnieces, Kristyn Pair and Lauren (Curt) Borden; grandnephews, Eli (Cassie) West, Chet (AnnaLee) West, and Nolan (Ashleigh) West; a host of great-grandnieces, great-grandnephews, cousins, and friends; and his beloved dog and faithful companion, Susie.

Richard Jared Lindsey, 67
Funeral services for Richard Jared Lindsey, 67, of Hanceville, will be 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Reverend Alan Yeater will be officiating. Visitation for the public will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Lindsey was born on Aug. 11, 1956, in Montgomery, Alabama. He passed away on Oct. 5, 2023, at his residence in Hanceville. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Lindsey; mother, Zelda Lindsey; children, Karen Blackwood (Kim-Allen), Seth Lindsey (Amy), Leslie Vest-Hughes (Brian), and Jared Lindsey (Jennifer); siblings, Brenda McPherson (David), Mark Lindsey (Jill), Melanie Russell (Jerrod); grandchildren, Kambell Blackwood, Harper Hughes, Nolan Hughes, Kennedy Murray, and Coralee Roddy; and a host of many nieces and nephews. Mr. Lindsey was preceded in death by his father, Clifford Richard Lindsey. In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made in his honor to Cullman County Department of Human Resources to help provide for the needs of Cullman County's foster children. Those donations can be made to Cullman County DHR and sent to Cullman County DHR, P.O. Box 990, Cullman, AL 35056. Please note "Lindsey Memorial Fund" in the memo line.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Barbecue in the south in the fall

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I have a confession to make. I am addicted to barbecue. I don't have to have it every day, but I also don't go many days without some. I really don't remember exactly at what age my love for smoky pigs began, but it was quite some time ago. Growing up, we didn't eat barbecue much. I don't recall my hometown having a barbecue place until after I was grown and gone. My family had a barbecue grill, but the only meats we cooked on there were hamburgers and hotdogs. Occasionally, if we were feeling a little uppity, we might cook a chicken on there. I asked Mama once if we could throw a Boston Butt on there. She said, "Son, don't talk like that!"

I have read that Hernando DeSota, back in 1540, enjoyed the first barbecue feast in America with the Native Americans. I have some Native American blood, but I was not invited! Perhaps, not long after that, barbecue joints began popping up...or maybe not, but they've been around for a while.

The first barbecue I remember eating didn't come from a smoke pit. It can from a tin can. I'm not sure if Mama bought it at Harold Bell's IGA, or Floyd Williams Supermarket. The can said it was "Kelly's Pork with Barbecue Sauce." I thought it was pretty good stuff, but that was only because I had never actually had the pretty good stuff.

Sometime during early adulthood, I discovered a place in Birmingham, East Lake, to be exact, called Johnny Ray's. Their slogan was, "Next to home it's Johnny Rays." I didn't remember ever having barbecue like that at home. The pulled pork was great, the onion rings were the greatest, and Honey's lemon pie was a slice of pure pleasure topped with meringue. Later, they opened locations all around Birmingham, as well as in a few other towns.

I think they are all closed now, but I have found many other barbecue joints since that humble beginning. I have eaten barbecue across the nation. I have eaten barbecue as far East as New York City and as far West as Hawaii, and many points in between. Different parts of the country claim to have the best.

I spent almost a decade living in the Memphis area. Memphis has more barbecue places than they have telephone poles. I made it my mission while living there to try each and every one of them, and I think I may have. My favorites were Central Barbecue, near the Liberty Bowl, The Bar-B-Que Shop, on Madison, and Leonard's Pit Barbecue. Leonard's has been in operation since 1922, so it must be good. They say the United States has only fourstyles of barbecue. There is Kansas, Carolina, Texas, and Memphis barbecue. I've had then all, and they are all good, but we need to add Alabama barbecue to that list. Out West it mostly beef, from Memphis eastward it's mostly pork. In Alabama, we'll barbecue most anything that stands still long enough for us to catch it, but pork is our favorite. The best time to have barbecue is whenever you can. Having said that, there is something about barbecue in the fall that flings an irresistible craving on me. When my nostrils catch a whiff of pork being slowly smoked over an open flame on hickory logs, when the southern-summer temperatures have dipped down from unbearable to pleasant, and the humidity has taken a hike...well, it causes me to wonder, "What must heaven be like?" I'm not sure we will even need to eat in heaven, but if we do...

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1936

From the files of 1936

Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ray attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. Sam Bradford, at Bethsadia, on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Kittie Smith, who has been nursing Miss Katherine Girley, has returned to her home at Reform, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Calvert of Akron, Ohio, left Wednesday for their home.

Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Quattlebaum and daughter, Thelma, of Birmingham, have returned home after a visit with her sister, Miss Daisy Quattlebaum.

Doctor and Mrs. Jack Fisher of Moulton spent Sunday in Cullman as the guests of Doctor Fisher's mother, Mrs. O.M. Fisher.

A good selection of beds and springs for $5.00. Ad.

Mr. Paul Motzkus had the misfortune of losing a fine mule last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervon Thompson have moved to Cullman.

Mrs. Dora Bridges and son, Floyce and Mrs. Luther Wood and daughter, Ola, visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garner at Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Parker visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruby Cheatom has gone to her home in Akron, Ohio.

A razor bought 200 years ago is still being used by Oliver Ballard of Ionia, New York.

Miss Nadine Allen was the Sunday afternoon guest of Miss Nova Self.

Miss Charlie Thompson left on Saturday for a visit to her parents at Marion, Alabama.

Doctor and Mrs. McAdory were in a gulf storm, while on a fishing trip to Gulf Shores.

Cullman County has reported twelve cases of infantile paralysis.

The W.H. Compton home burned in Hanceville last Thursday. The Compton family has moved to a tenant house, until they can repair or build.

The Tribune wishes to thank those who have extended their subscriptions to The Tribune for another year. They include: Zelma Self, Birmingham, R.C. Calloway, Cullman, Mrs. Ethel Leak, Logan, Verda Rane, Cullman, Roy Scott, Cullman, Arnold Leak, Mississippi, Mrs. S.F. Grenade, Holly Pond, Cora Duke, Hanceville, O.D. Dial, Hanceville, Robert Lang, Cullman, J.E. Easterwood, Lacon, Sallie Knight, Joppa, D.W. Miller, Cullman, Mrs. O.D. Dial, City, Cortez Speegle, Crane Hill, Hazel Mitchell, Eva and Lydia Bonner, City.

POET'S CORNER

Look Closer | By: Randy C. Hale

Some things we must see up close to see the beauty there.
The young girl's curled eyelashes,
the young boy's muscles flared.

The shadows that move so slowly, the falling of one leaf.
The detail on a turtle shell,
a subtle tiny wink.

The magic of a spider web,
much more than nuisance brings.
The busy little poet sees those
types of things.

Not everything stands out for you when you go quickly by.
There's so much hidden gracefully
for the well-trained eye.

The pappus of a dandelion
a sparrow quiet in flight.
The art that children draw for you, the light in mother's eyes.

You have to come up near
to see the dragon fly
or bend so slightly over
to view some ants pass by.

Spontaneously look closely,
and stop your briskly pace.
To see what might be there for you,
that might so briefly stay.



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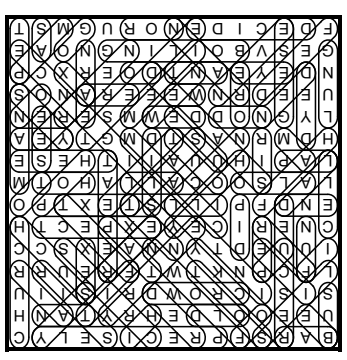
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Fair (from Front)

and Cullman County work really well with us every year, and of course the Lions Club helps, and the proceeds go back to our community!" he exclaimed.

Chris Brooks, president of the Cullman Lions Club, said that while of course the proceeds benefiting the community are invaluable, maybe even more important is delivering that feeling of entertainment and excitement to kids in the community.

"It is an honor and pleasure to be here at the fair," Brooks smiled.

"I can't wait for the kids to come in and see their faces light up in awe, some that may be coming here for the first time, even!"

Brooks also said preparation for the fair itself is no small feat for the Lions Club, sharing that it is months in the making. Hundreds of volunteers from all across the city and county have teamed up to deliver an experience that is both nostalgic and one-of-a-kind.

"It's been months, probably three months in the background, and that last month is always getting really geared up. The last week has been wide open!" laughed Brooks.

The Cullman County Fair is going on now until Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. For a full list of opening times, rides and event schedules, visit www.cullmanfair.org.

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