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Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism wins prestigious National Gold Medal Award

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CULLMAN, Ala. — In a journey from hopeful nominee to triumphant winner, Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST) this week won the esteemed National Gold Medal Award from the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA), in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA).

This accolade marks not just the recognition of the tireless efforts of the CPRST team, but also underlines the community's shared vision and commitment to excellence in recreational and community engagement opportunities for all residents.

The award is a beacon of excellence, innovation » PAGE 8



CPRST

James and the giant...pumpkin?



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Monstrous vegetables line a table at the Cullman County Fair.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Visiting the Cullman County Fair brings around all sorts of interesting things to look at and explore. Exhibit halls burst at the seams with vendors, arts and crafts, needlepoint, 4H posters and baked goods. One fan favorite, year after year, is exhibit hall four, the Giant Vegetable Hall. Carrots measuring 1 foot in length, a 3-pound sweet potato and the belles of the ball, a massive 180-pound watermelon and an Atlantic Giant pumpkin, weighing over 200 pounds.

Growing these giants is no easy task, requiring skill, patience and a well-honed green thumb. Brad Mitchell takes his hobby very seriously, searching for the perfect seeds for planting, germinating and preparing his fields months in advance. Preparation begins months before planting season, by employing the use of cover crops and fertilizing the soil.

Said Mitchell, "I'll plant cover crops. And then in the spring, I'll cut them down. And what that'll do is improve the soil, keep everything fresh...without throwing a bunch of unnatural, chemical fertilizers and things like that. Keep it naturally fertilized."

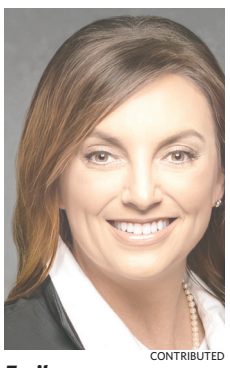
After clearing the cover crops, the real work begins. Irrigation is just as much a necessity when producing award-winning giant crops as nutrient-rich soil; the more water available to the growing plant, the larger and juicier it will be.

Mitchell explained how tedious the process can be, "I come in and I lay down drip irrigation and it goes every 2 feet, because especially watermelons have to have a lot of water."

The water and irrigation systems are on timers, to ensure the proper amount of water is being » PAGE 5

Daystar Church helping Alabama missionaries find safe passage from Israel » PAGE 8

Emily Niezer Johnston announces candidacy for Cullman Circuit Court Judge, Place 2



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LuLu Bean is looking for love



DONNA RUTTKAY

LuLu Bean's striking ears are on high alert as she observes the recreation area of the shelter. » PAGE 8

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11

Cullman Tribune staff Contributor

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
Oct. 5
• violation of protection order; CR 747
• menacing; CR 843
• theft of property; CR 1545
• trespassing; Hwy. 69 S
• drug trafficking; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
• harassment; Louise St. NE
• possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; addict in possession of firearm

Oct. 6
• theft of property; CR 1339
• harassment; CR 1598
• theft of property; CR 1194
• theft of property; criminal mischief; unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 490
• possession of controlled substance; CR 431
• drug trafficking; possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 NB at MM 305

Oct. 7
• domestic violence; Hwy. 91
• trespassing; CR 1043
• theft of property; CR 617
• menacing; CR 747
• possession of controlled substance; CR 1031
• theft of property; CR 1814

Oct. 8
• theft of property; Hwy. 157
• domestic violence; CR 1033
• harassment; CR 66
• trespassing; CR 697
• theft of property; CR 1545
• harassment; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; Butler St.
• theft of property; CR 532
• burglary; CR 1223
• criminal mischief; attempt to elude police officer; reckless endangerment; trespassing; CR 437
• possession of controlled substance; Hwy. 278 E
• domestic violence; resisting arrest; CR 831

Oct. 9
• menacing; CR 753
• burglary; harassment; CR 752

ARRESTS
Oct. 5 – 9
Austin, Elizabethanna M.; 39
• FTA- possession of prescription drugs
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Baron, Michael C.; 46
• assault-domestic-harassment-family
• resisting arrest

Boone, John T.; 39
• possession of methamphetamine

Burnette, William; 57
• public intoxication
• FTA- public intoxication

Bush, Michael Dee H.; 42
• possession of dangerous drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
• drunk/addict in possession of firearm

Davis, Dustien E.; 36
• public intoxication
• FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Draper, Vivian L.; 64
• criminal trespass
• attempting to elude police officer
• damaged property-criminal mischief
• FTA- criminal trespass

Gold, Thomas A.; 55
• violation of domestic violence protection order

Gregory, Tyler L.; 30
• drug trafficking
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Hall, Rhyan R.; 29
• FTA- failure to register vehicle

Hood, Wesley G.; 46
• theft of services

Hunt Jr., Jimmie R.; 47
• criminal trespass

Johnson, Matthew L.; 39
• FTA- permitting dogs to run at large (4 counts)
• FTA- failure to immunize dog/cat for rabies (2 counts)

Lambert, Johnathan W.; 44
• making false report to law enforcement agency

Needham, Jessi B.; 35
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Oliver, Michael A.; 46
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- using false identity to avoid/hinder arrest (2 counts)
• FTA- prohibited ale of liquors
• FTA- possession of prescription drugs

Phillips II, John W.; 46
• Probation Revoked (possession of methamphetamine

Pruitt, Crystal A.;
• forgery-checks (2 counts)
• obstructing justice using false identity (2 counts)
• attempt to elude police officer
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of dangerous drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Ramey, Shelton W.; 47
• possession of dangerous drugs

Shedd, Baylee M.; 26
• criminal trespassing

Shirley, Jason E.; 40
• drug trafficking
• possession of dangerous drugs
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sisson, Wesley CY.; 24
• FTA- improper lane usage

Smith, Wesley E.; 40
• possession of methamphetamine

Villa, Scot.; 52
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• FTA- no plainly visible tag
• FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
• FTA- permitting dogs to run at large (2 counts)

Watts, Jesse W.; 39
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Welch, Callie D.; 29
• contempt of/interrupting court proceeding

Wleklinski, Kevin W.; 46
• assault-domestic-harassment-family

Wright, Scotty J., 42
• FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
• producing marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
Oct. 5
• harassment; person; Brunner St. NW

Oct. 9
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $101
• theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $169
• theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $1,214

Oct. 10
• harassment; person; McNabb Dr. SW
• domestic violence-3rd degree; person Cleveland Ave. SW

ARRESTS
Oct. 9 – 10
Needham, Jessi B.; 35
• FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Speegle, Jonathan S.; 52
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• resisting arrest

Belcher, Benjamin M.; 58
• public intoxication
• resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests or incidents reported.

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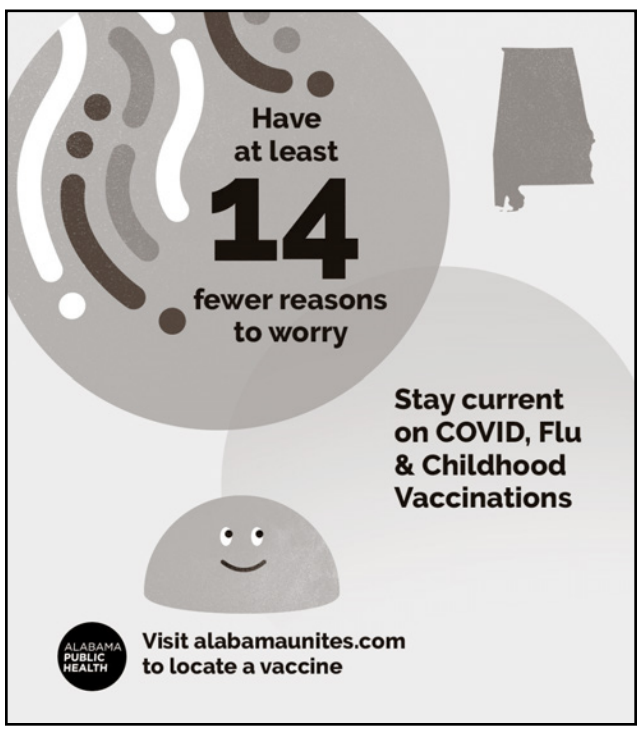
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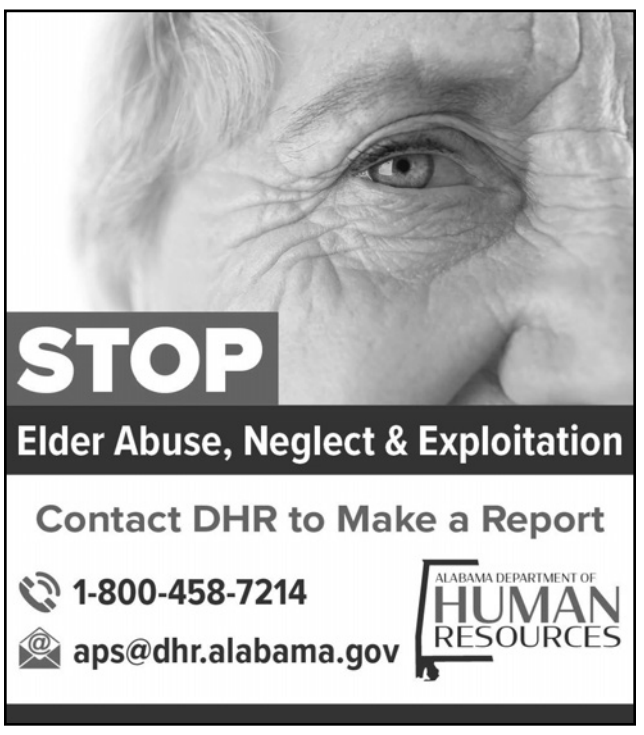


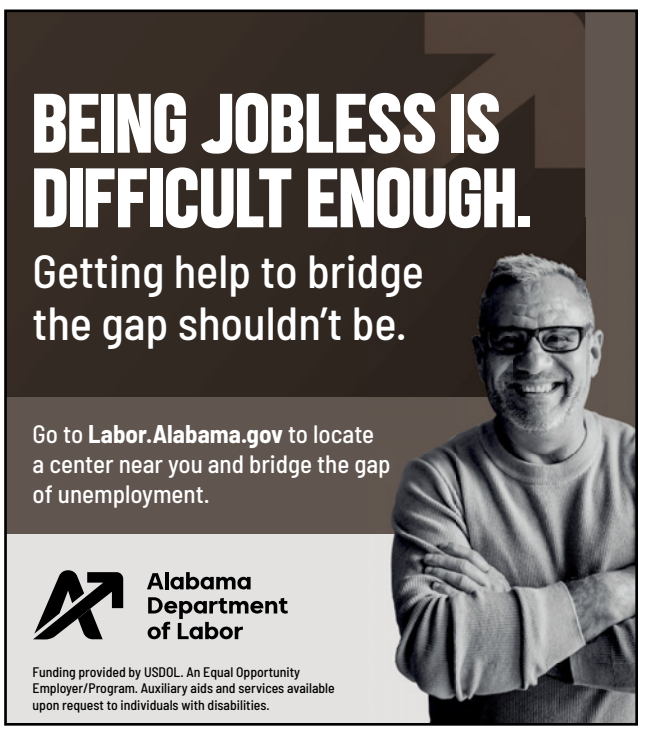
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions, just come for a fun afternoon of learning music from pop to classical styles. We will rehearse and prepare to perform at a variety of events in and around the Cullman community. Bring your friends- we will have music and everything you need to get started! For more information, text or email Miss Cindy at 256-338-4404, cindypass22@gmail.com. CCYS is sponsored by Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism.

Baileyton Bargain Days
First and third Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the old Baileyton fire station next to the town's park. Beauty and health products, toys, home goods, pet items, food and many everyday items. A donation of $20 will allow a shopper to fill up a bag, and for $40 a shopper can fill a large box. Some of the items of greater value will require a larger donation. There will be some restrictions and product limits on the items. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds will be used for park improvements and capital improvements for the town.

Alcoholics Anonymous
The Grace of God group of Alcoholics Anonymous has open AA meetings (all are welcome) Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. at the Carriage House, located next to Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE Cullman. Contact phone numbers: 256-347-1097, 256-841-2209 or 256-708-1340

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Thursday, Oct. 12 - 6 p.m. Adult potluck supper and game night
• Friday, Oct. 13 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & Testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Friday, Oct. 13 - 7 p.m. Youth Rally
• Sunday, Oct. 15 - 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. 15 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & Worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Sunday, Oct. 15 - Soup and Chili Fundraiser, free drinks , desserts and entertainment following morning service.

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!

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.

Hanceville Public Library Book Sale
Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We have lots of children's books. All books are $.25 for paperbacks and $.50 for hardcovers.

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.goodsamaritan-cullman.com.

Mt. Zion Church Fall Festival
Saturday, Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church (U.S. Highway 31 North next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont). Free event for community with hot dogs, inflatables, hayride, cake walk, games and face painting. Come and enjoy the evening.

'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.

Mt. Zion Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at Mt. Zion Church (located on U.S. Highway 31 North, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy in Vinemont). Baked goods for sale and lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry-outs are available. Call 205-908-8271 or 256-338-1959 for more information. Proceeds benefit the Mt. Zion UMW (Women's Group).

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.

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Good Hope hosts senior night quad match with Cordova, Corner, Fairview

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — It was Senior Night at Good Hope Tuesday night and the Lady Raiders celebrated with a quad match against Cordova, Corner and Fairview. Fairview swept their first two matches with Corner and Cordova, while Good Hope split its first matches. The Lady Raiders concluded the night by sweeping the Lady Aggies 2-0.

Good Hope 2 - Cordova 0 (Game One)
Good Hope jumped out to a quick 5-1 lead behind a point by Ivey Maddox and aces from Emma Bailey and Charly Johnson. A point and an ace from Maddox, followed by a point by Jolee McHan, helped the Lady Raiders widen their lead to 11-3. A Makenzie Cruce ace made it 14-4, then later on, kills by McHan and Johnson, followed by an ace from Cameron Koch made it 17-5. Maddox got four kills in the final run for Good Hope as they went on to a 25-8 win in the first set.

Cordova got off to a 3-1 lead in the second set, but the Lady Raiders scored the next 10 points, which included a pair of aces from Carley Adams, and a trio of kills and a point by Maddox, as that gave them an 11-3 lead.

Kills by Haley Lay and Johnson, followed by a point by Chloe Eisner and an ace from Koch, widened their lead to 18-6. A point by Lay made it 21-7, and Maddox finished off the sweep of the Lady Blue Devils with a kill, as Good Hope collected a 25-11 win in the second set.

Fairview 2 - Corner 0 (Game Two)
It was a close first set between both teams. Corner held a slim 4-2 lead, but four straight points by Fairview gave them a 6-4 lead.

The Lady Aggies would later push their lead to 11-6, but a big run by the Lady Yellow Jackets gave them a 13-12 lead. Fairview ended up taking a 20-18 lead late in the set, but Corner came back to tie it up at 21. The Lady Aggies finished the set strong, scoring the final four points, to take the first set, 25-21.

Corner held a slim 5-3 lead early in the second set, but a 5-0 run by Fairview gave them an 8-5 lead. The Lady Yellow Jackets went on a run of their own to take a 9-8 lead. The Lady Aggies got the lead right back at 12-10 and later made it a 15-12 lead. Fairview pushed their lead to 21-17, but once again, Corner rallied back to tie things up at 23. Both teams would go back and forth for a few minutes, trading points, then Fairview got the final two points, including the game-winning ace, as they ended up taking the second set, 29-27, collecting a sweep in the process.

Corner 2 - Good Hope 0 (Game Three)
It was close early on between both teams. Good Hope held a slim 6-4 lead, but a big 8-0 run by Corner gave them a 12-6 lead. A point by Mattie Wix helped jump start a 6-0 Lady Raider run, and McHan finished it off with a point of her own, as it was now tied at 12. Both teams traded runs to keep it tied up at 15. A late run by the Lady Yellow Jackets gave them a 23-17 lead. A point by Maddox cut it to 23-18, but Corner collected the final two points as they ended up winning the first set, 25-18.

Good Hope jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead in the second set, but once again, Corner went on a big run to take an 8-4 lead. They later pushed it to 12-7, but the Lady Raiders went on a run of their own, as points by McHan and Johnson, a kill by Johnson, and an ace from Cruce, tied things up at 13. Corner ended up taking an 18-15 lead late in the set, but a point by Molly Benefield cut it to 19-17. The Lady Yellow Jackets widened their lead to 23-18, and would end up finishing off their sweep of Good Hope, 25-18, and 25-19.

Fairview 2 - Cordova 0 (Game Four)
Fairview scored the first three points of the first set to take an early 3-0 lead, but a little run by Cordova cut it to 6-4. The Lady Aggies scored the next seven points to help widen their lead to 13-4, but the Lady Blue Devils answered right back with a 5-1 run to make it a 14-9 game. Fairview pushed their lead to 16-9, but Cordova later cut it to 18-13. The Lady Aggies dominated the rest of the set after that, scoring seven of the final eight points, to take the first set, 25-14.

It was close early in the second set, as Cordova held a 4-2 lead, but Fairview tied things up at five. The Lady Aggies quickly broke the tie with four straight points to take a 9-5 lead. The Lady Blue Devils, though, went on a run of their own, as they made it an 11-10 game. Fairview ended up taking over after that, going on a 14-2 run to end the set, as they swept Cordova, 25-14, and 25-12.

Good Hope 2 - Fairview 0 (Game Five)
Good Hope couldn't have asked for a better start to the first set against Fairview. Aces from Bailey and Johnson, and a kill by Benefield, helped the Lady Raiders jump out to a quick 8-1 lead. The Lady Aggies went on a big run to cut it to 9-6, but points by Benefield and Johnson made it a 13-7 game. An ace from Koch pushed Good Hope's lead to 15-8, but a kill by Laci Segrest trimmed Fairview's deficit to six at 17-11.

The Lady Raiders increased their lead to 20-12 late in the set, and later made it 22-14 on an ace from Cruce. The Lady Aggies, though, made things interesting in the end, going on a 5-1 run, which included a point by Peyton Salazar, and a kill by Jacie Blackwood, to cut it to 23-19. Kills by Ava Calvarese and Salazar, plus an ace from Reagan Dunkin, made it a 24-22 game. A block point by Johnson helped seal the 25-22 win for Good Hope in the first set.

Kills by Salazar and Kailyn Redding helped Fairview jump out to a 4-1 lead in the second set. Good Hope would answer in a big way, getting points from Carley Adams, Maddox, Benefield, and McHan, plus an ace from Maddox, as that gave them a 9-5 lead.

An ace from Koch pushed the Lady Raider lead to 13-7, but an ace from Abby McDonald helped the Lady Aggies trim the deficit to three at 15-12. A pair of kills from Maddox pushed the Good Hope lead to 17-12, but four straight points by the Lady Aggies, including a kill by Blackwood, made it a 17-16 game. An ace from Maddox widened the Lady Raiders' lead to 20-16, but points by Karlie English and Blackwood cut it to 21-19. A point by McHan made it a 24-19 game, but an ace from Blackwood made it a 24-21 game. Good Hope, though, was able to get the final point of the set to finish off their sweep of the Lady Aggies, 25-22, and 25-21.

Good Hope will start getting ready for its area tournament next week, while Fairview will head back home to take on Cold Springs, Oneonta and Brindlee Mountain in a quad match on Thursday.



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Good Hope's Charly Johnson and Ivey Maddox challenge Fairview's Ava Calvarese's hit attempt in the Lady Raiders' 2-0 sweep of the Lady Aggies Tuesday night.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison sweeps St. Bernard on senior night

Todd Walker
Tribune Correspondent

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted the Saint Bernard Lady Saints on Senior Night and Addison came away with a three-set victory, 25-20, 25-17 and 25-18. Addison has already won the region championship and is now preparing for the Winston County Tournament that starts on Saturday.

Addison started out the first set by jumping out to a quick 3-0 lead. The Lady Saints, who looked markedly improved from earlier in the year, came back with three points of their own.

Both teams played fairly evenly and with the score standing at Addison 10-8, The Lady Bulldogs, led by the serve of Bailee Ory went on a 5-point run to take a 15-8 lead.

The Lady Saints answered right back by playing excellent defense and getting some timely hitting to cut the lead to 18-17.

Addison, showing their championship mettle, finished the set on a 7 out of 10 run to take the first set, 25-20. Addison senior, Hadley Butler served for 3 of those 7 points.

Saint Bernard started the second set playing strongly and actually held a 5-4 lead early on.

Addison, led by Butler's serve, took the Lady Bulldogs on a 7-point run for a 11-5 lead. With the score standing at 13-7 Lady Bulldogs, Miss Ory served her way to 5 straight points and the Lady Bulldogs led 18-7 and it looked like Addison would put this set away. During this Lady Bulldog run, Miss Lauryn Cunningham made one of the best defensive plays anyone could make as she almost went into the stands to save the ball and pass the ball to a teammate.

Addison would eventually win the point. The Lady Saints then took 5 of the next 7 points to show that they were not going away and cut the lead to 20-12. Saint Bernard continued playing well and cut the lead to 23-17. Addison again, was able to get the final 2 points for the hard fought 25-17.

The Lady Bulldogs started off the third set like they were ready to get Senior Night rolling.

Addison led 12-2 and did it with ease. With Dacey Baker, Lauryn Cunningham and Katie Barrett dominating the net and with Butler and Barrett serving, they looked to wrap up the game quickly.

Once again, the Lady Saints refused to quit and won 8 of the next 12 points to pull within 16-10. Addison reestablished their dominance with a short burst, led by Barrett's serve to go up 24-12. But on this evening, you could count on the ladies from Saint Bernard to not go away quietly.

The Lady Saints went on a 6-0 run to pull with 24-18. Addison finally was able to capture the final point to wrap up the set and match victory, 25-18.

Official stats for seniors
Kills were Baker with 12 and Butler with 5. Digs were Butler with 12, Ory with 11, Baker with 5, Emma Willingham 2. Aces were Butler with 7 and Ory with 4. Blocks were Baker with 3.

Senior Night began with Addison Head Coach Kaydi Woodard presenting several career milestone balls to some players. Senior Bailee Ory was presented with her 1,000-dig ball.

Senior Dacey Baker was presented with her 1,000-kill ball. Senior Hadley Butler was presented with her 1,000-dig and 1,000-assist ball.

Coach Woodard became very emotional as she spoke about her seniors and all that they have contributed to the program.

The seniors who have played four seasons, 2020-2023, have won three consecutive state championships and have an opportunity for a fourth as they are the prohibited class 1A favorite to win it all this year.

The Seniors have one title in 1A (2022) and two in 2A (2021 & 2020).

Senior Bailee Ory, parents Kim and Bill Ory, played varsity volleyball for 4 years. Ory stated that the thing she will miss most about volleyball,

"I will miss my teammates and the comradery that we shared. The team sleepovers even the early morning practices. You knew that you could count on the girl next to you. These are the memories that mean the most to me."

Senior Dacey Baker, parents Demicca and Jason Baker, played varsity volleyball for 4 years. Baker, when asked what makes Addison volleyball so special stated,

"It is the tradition. There is a lot of pressure to uphold and improve on it. No one wants to be the one to fail and let the school down.

"Even though the pressure is there you also have tremendous support from the school, parents, fans and community to help you maintain."

Senior Hadley Butler, parents Lori and Danny Butler, played varsity volleyball for 4 years. Butler stated that Addison volleyball has taught her about leadership.

"I learned about being a leader and learning what kind of leader you are. Leadership comes in all forms, from being very vocal to being more of a lead by example person.

"A team needs players that others can look up to and turn to when things start heading south. It also helped me see the value of hard-work. I mean my parents are the ultimate example to me of hard work, which went hand in hand with what Coach Woodard preached to us."

Senior Emma Willingham, parents Judy and Theo Willingham, played varsity volleyball for two years.

"Loved playing with all my teammates, the pranks that we pulled on each other. Through the ups and downs, the state championships that we won; we were always there for each other. Absolutely, will miss all our team bonding moments that helped us grow as players and as young women."

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Fall festivities ahead

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CULLMAN, Ala. — It's finally here! Dozens of events like trunk or treats, costume parties, festivals and good, old-fashioned trick or treating are coming up.

The list is set up in location/event, type/time format to make fall festivity planning a breeze! (Note: For questions about an event, reach out to the host.)

Hosting an event and don't see it on here? Shoot us a message or an email and we'll be happy to add it.

Oct. 14
- Smith Lake Docks; Trick or Treat via boat; 1-4 p.m.

Oct. 20
- Loft 212, hosted by Home League Real Estate; Costume Party (Freak show themed); 7-?

Oct. 21
- Downtown Arab; Fall Festival; 4-8 p.m.
- J. Calvert Farms; Fall Festival; 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 22
- St. Pauls Lutheran School; Fall Festival; 2-5 p.m.

Oct. 25
- East Side Baptist Church; Fall Festival; 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Etha Baptist Church; Festival and Trunk or Treat; 5-8 p.m.
- Falkville Church of Christ; Trunk or Treat; 5:30-7 p.m.
- Falkville Town Hall; Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 26
- Cullman Health and Rehab Center; Trunk or Treat; 6-8 p.m.
- Woodland Haus Assisted Living; Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 27
- Bangor Fire and Rescue; Trunk or Treat; 5-?
- Hank's Sports Bar; Costume Party; 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 28
- A Nightmare at Depot Park; Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.
- Arrowhead Bar and Grill; Costume Party; 8 p.m.-?
- Arrowhead RV Park; Trunk or Treat; 5-8 p.m.
- Baldwin Heights Baptist Church; Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.
- Berlin Farmer's Market; Trunk or Treat; 5-8 p.m.
- Cullman Agricultural Center; Fall Festival; 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Ebenezer Baptist Church; Fall Festival; 5-8 p.m.
- Elks Lodge; Costume Party; 7-11:30 p.m.
- Family Support Services; Trunk or Treat; 5 p.m.-?
- Goat Island Brewing; Costume Party (80s themed); 7 p.m.-?
- Johnston RV Center; Trunk or Treat; 2-5 p.m.
- Life Church- Cullman; Fall Festival; 6-8 p.m.
- Renovation Church; Judgment House; 5-8 p.m.
- Smith Lake Park; Trunk or Treat; 6-8 p.m.
- The Garage; Costume Party, Trunk or Treat; 3 p.m.-?

Oct. 29
- Brooklyn Church; Fall Festival; 4 p.m.-?
- Center Grove Baptist Church; Trunk or Treat; 4-6 p.m.
- Cullman Church of Christ; Fall Festival; 4-6 p.m.
- Daniels Chapel Baptist Church; Trunk or Treat; 4-7 p.m.
- Garden City Park; Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.
- Lake Catoma Baptist Church; Fall Festival; 3-6 p.m.
- Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church; Fall Festival; 5-8 p.m.
- Northbrook Baptist Church; Fall Festival; noon-3 p.m.
- Renovation Church; Judgment House; 5-8 p.m.
- Sumiton Senior Center; Fall Festival; 5-8 p.m.
- Vinemont School Spooktacular; Festival and Trunk or Treat; 5-7 p.m.

Oct. 30
- Valley Tavern and Grille; Fall Festival; 6 p.m.-?

Oct. 31
- Cullman Police Department; Trunk or Treat; 6-8 p.m.
- First Baptist Church of Fairview; Hallow Him; 6-8 p.m.
- Holly Pond High School; Trunk or Treat; 6-8 p.m.
- Lonesome Dove Cowboy Church; Trunk or Treat; 6 p.m.-?
- Nightmare on Woodland, neighborhood behind Moss Funeral Home; Trick or Treat; 6-?
- Redeeming Grace Cullman; Trunk or Treat; 5:30-7 p.m.

Lights on 436 hosting inaugural 'Spooktacular' light show

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CULLMAN, Ala. — While haunted houses and corn mazes have provided Halloween entertainment for years in the community, one man has been quietly preparing a Halloween experience that Cullman has never seen. Ronnie Allred of Lights on 436 combines old-fashioned spooky nostalgia and modern technology to produce a truly bespoke holiday light show that's sure to entertain the whole family.

Creating a sense of wonder and awe through synchronized lights is nothing new for Allred.

Known for his synchronized Christmas shows - and more recently, his 4th of July show - Allred decided to up the ante and give the people what they want, with the first "Spooktacular" on the books.

The half-hour set list includes timeless Halloween classics like "I Put a Spell on You" and "Monster Mash," a scene from "The Haunted Mansion" and a few more modern tunes to round out the experience.

"After the success of the show for Christmas and the 4th of July, I have had so many ask if we could do a Halloween show," said Allred, who happily obliged.

Seasoned attendees of Lights on 436 will be able to appreciate the new equipment as well; Allred has brought in ghosts, spiders, bats and tombstones to shake up the look and add more dimension to the experience.

Allred shared that while the show started with humble hobby beginnings, it has turned into a full-scale production.

Thousands of LED pixel lights and set lists that appeal to every age work in tandem to keep audiences interested, entertained and coming back for more.

"I just want everyone to enjoy a show like most people have never been able to see. I still am blown away by the community support for things like this," he said. "I am very thankful to have the ability to do this."

Lights on 436 is located at 5070 County Road 436, Cullman, Alabama, 35055. The show's opening night is Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, and it will run every night from 6:30-10 p.m. until Halloween night on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023.

There is no admission fee, but Allred asks that viewers be courteous to one another and turn off headlights if possible.

Tune in to 100.1 to hear the music in sync with the lights, and enjoy the show!

To stay up to date with Lights on 436, visit https://tinyurl.com/LightsOn436.

Pumpkin (from Front)

distributed at all times, even in times of drought. Landscape fabric goes down next, to prevent weeds from infiltrating the patch and straw to cushion the garden bed for the prize-winning produce, ending with netting on posts around the perimeter, to stop weather from moving the vines. Mitchell's hard work doesn't end there; he also hand-picks each one of the flowering vines, choosing which he believes have the potential to produce a record breaker.

Explaining the picking and choosing process, Mitchell elaborated, "You start with two and then at some point pretty early on, you have to say, 'Okay, this one's going to look better than that one,' so you cut it. And then meanwhile, every day you go in and there will be new watermelons all over the vines. You have to go there and pick each one of them off." Sometimes, he said, the budding fruit hides under larger leaves, begging for a chance to grow up. "If you're not careful, they'll hide under a leaf or something and after three or four days of growth they'll be big. So you go through and you pick off all the ones that you don't want, to make sure all of the good stuff goes to the big one."

Sun damage is also a concern when it involves producing giant vegetables for competition, a concern that Mitchell is well aware of and equally well prepared for. "I build these shape structures to put over to keep the sun from bleaching it out."

As if the science and delicacy behind these bourgeoning beasts isn't enough, moving them to their competition zone is a feat in itself, requiring forklifts, wood pallets and a net reinforced with lifting webbing.

As a Master Gardener, Mitchell has been gardening all his life, not only for competition. Gardening began as a hobby, a way to stay true to the past while providing for the future, he said. "I mean, our forefathers ate vegetables that were in season. So what, you know, there are people in New York in December, 3 feet of snow and they're eating strawberries from where? It's just truly knowing where your food comes from and knowing what goes into it."

This was the first year for the Monster Vegetable Contest at the Cullman County Fair; Mitchell came up with the idea of a contest, to entice the younger generation into gardening and growing their own food.

"This little thing right here, the Monster Vegetable Contest, it was the first year for this. I wanted to do something to kind of draw people in; as they walk by and they see that big pumpkin sitting over there, they do a double take."

The Monster Vegetable Contest was a huge success, with Mitchell already making plans for 2024. "My goal for next year is trying to talk some people and challenge them," he said.

Mitchell believes that seeing giant produce in person will excite children and spark an interest in food sourcing and gardening. "When you bring kids in here and they see that produce, they think, 'You know, I could probably do something like this,'; they're interested in it and they want to know more and then when you tell them about it, it sparks an interest in the younger generation that keeps it going. It gives kids the opportunity to ask questions about it because most of the stuff they see is already processed. The kids' faces light up and they ask the questions. In this day and age, there's not enough of that. There's not enough of kids outside and in the dirt and playing and learning things like that. It doesn't happen enough these days."

Vinemont (from Front)

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VINEMONT, Ala. — At the Vinemont Town Council meeting Tuesday night, resident Shirley Arnett addressed the council members regarding a previously discussed U-turn on U.S. Highway 31 North. The council voted to add a "right turn only" sign at the Town's right of way at the end of Park Drive.

The council approved a payment of $24,152.00 to the Alabama Municipal Insurance Corporation, to be broken into three payments of $8,050.66. AMIC holds the Town of South Vinemont's liability, automobile and property insurances.

Arrangements for the Vinemont's annual BBQ-Fest, which will be held Oct. 21, were a topic of discussion. The council agreed to provide an ATM for patrons to boost cash sales with vendors on-site. BBQ-Fest will take place at the Vinemont Sports Complex, beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 4 p.m.

The following events were discussed:

• Beginning Thursday, Oct 12, Patton Drive and Cheryl Street will be receiving maintenance; expect delays.

• Vinemont Senior Luncheon will be Oct. 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., with soup and sandwiches for refreshments.

• Vinemont Schools will host a trunk-or-treat Oct. 29 from 5-7 p.m.

• Vinemont's Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal will be held Nov. 18 in the Vinemont lunchroom from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

• Town of Vinemont Christmas Tree Lighting and Tinsel Trail will be Dec. 9, time TBD.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ANDREW BEXON MCKIMMON, Deceased. * CASE NO.: PC2023-297

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY MCKIMMON as Administrator of the Estate of ANDREW BEXON MCKIMMON, deceased, on the 6th day of October, 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.

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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
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Judge of Probate

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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,

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

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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.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney:
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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.

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

Plaintiff's Attorney:
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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Cullman, AL 35055
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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
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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
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 14th day of September, 2023.

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

FILED IN OFFICE
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
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CULLMAN COUNTY

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

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

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

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

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Arrowhead RV Park hosting Halloween drive-in movie, 'Beetlejuice'

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CRANE HILL, Ala. — It's been said by many that if you speak his name three times, he will appear. "Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice!" On Sunday, Oct. 15, Arrowhead RV Park will hold its first Halloween drive-in movie event, showing the 1988 cult classic movie "Beetlejuice."

Guests can expect family fun for all ages and a scary good start to the 2023 spooky season. Admission is free and gates open for parking at 6:30 p.m. Chairs and blankets are encouraged, but not necessary.

The fun begins at 7:30, when those three words are uttered across the field, "Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice, Beetlejuice!" and the cursed bio-exorcist himself screeches across screen.

Food and snacks may be brought in, and are even encouraged.

Lisa Watts, an employee at Arrowhead, said, "People are welcome to bring drinks and snacks in their vehicle."

Traditional movie theater-style concessions and refreshments such as boxed candy, chips, popcorn, bottled water and soda will be available for purchase at scary prices, all under $3.

"Beetlejuice" is a 1988 Tim Burton classic film, following the spirits of a departed couple as they try to sabotage and scare away the family that moved into their home.

After many unsuccessful efforts, a malicious and devious spirit is employed to finish the job. It is rated PG and would be suitable with parental guidance for all ages. The movie does contain comedic violence and slight references to death and dying.

The National Weather Service predicts that temperatures in the Cullman area are expected to dip into the mid-low 40s Sunday evening, enhancing that fall feeling and continuing the recent cold snap.

The night air will likely be crisp and chilly, so bundle up and make sure to bring blankets to stay cozy while enjoying the festivities. Bringing along a roasting stick and marshmallows may not be a bad idea, either.

Said Watts, "If it ends up being chilly and you still prefer chairs and blankets, we will have the firepit set up and ready!" Staff and employees of Arrowhead RV Park are hopeful for a good turnout, with Watts enthusiastically adding, "I can't wait to see everyone there to kick off a cozy and spooky season!"

Arrowhead RV Park is located at 761 County Road 941 in Crane Hill and can be reached by phone at 256-747-2519.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 10-11

Bertha Sue Lake Hill, 69
Funeral service for Bertha Sue Lake Hill, age 69, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel with Bro. Harold Coomer officiating. The family will receive friends from noon until 2 p.m. Interment will be at Johnsons Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Hill passed away Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born March 7, 1954, to Melvin Taylor Lake and Bertha McCleskey Lake. She was a loving wife, mother, and mother to all. She loved flowers and cats as well. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roy Hill; sisters, Mary Elizabeth Spahr and Shirley Jones. She is survived by son, Brent (Lindsey) Hill; brothers, Roy (Susan) Lake, Leldon (Paulette) Lake, and James (Judy) Lake; niece, Leah Jones (Eric) Ivie; family and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Vickie Lynn Hooper, 59
Memorial service for Vickie Lynn Hooper, age 59, of Cullman, will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Hooper passed away on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at University of Alabama Hospital in Birmingham. She was born Sept. 27, 1964, to Robert Allen Hooper and Mary Lou Hooper. She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Janet (William) Snell. Survivors include her son, Eric Steven (Amber) Heald; daughter, Brooke (Colby) Glasscock; grandsons, Devyn Heald, Max Heald, Cameron (Autumn) Glasscock, and Colton Glasscock; mother, Mary Lou Hooper; brother, Keith Hooper; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Jack Dean Herren, 84
Graveside services for Jack Dean Herren, 84, of Oneonta, will be 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Blountsville, AL. Reverend Paul Campbell will be officiating. Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Herren was born on May 27, 1939, in Lamar County, Alabama. He passed away Oct. 8, 2023, in Oneonta, Alabama. Survivors include his son, Kevin (Marian) Herren; and his daughter Kathy Garrett; grandchildren Jordan, Ryan, Noah, Kaelyn, Stella Mae, Ruth Ellen, Hurston; and a host of nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hanceville Methodist Church. P.O. Box 255, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

Gloria Ann Barton, 67
Gloria Ann Barton, 67, of Haleyville, passed away Oct. 9, 2023, at Lakeland Community Hospital. She was born March 12, 1956, in Haleyville, Alabama. Visitation will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville where a funeral service will follow at 11 p.m. Burial will follow the services at Bethel Baptist #2 Church Cemetery. Dr. Ron Horton will officiate. Gloria is survived by her son, Brian Moody; sister, Deandra (Robert) Ford; granddaughter, Tori Steele; two great-grandchildren; niece, Carlie Ford; nephews, Jonathan Ford, Jeff Barnett, and Jamie Barnett; sister-in-law, Paulette (Johnny) Barnett; and a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kimsey Barton Jr.; son, Kimsey Dustin Barton; parents, Carlie and Fayrene Barnett; and grandparents, Reverend Hugh and Zula Barnett, and Melvin and Lessie Tittle.

John "Sonny" Alton Hinkle, 82
Graveside service for John "Sonny" Alton Hinkle, age 82, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at Oak Level Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hinkle passed away on Monday, Oct. 9, 2023, at the Folsom Center. He was born April 13, 1941, in Texas to L. M. Hinkle and Katie Mae Hinkle. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his son, Larry Holder; daughter, Sharon Kopp; sister, Francis Hernandez; nephew, Jimmy (Linda) Burnett; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Randy Lee Tucker, 66
A Celebration of Life service for Randy Lee Tucker, age 66, of Cullman will be Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Shane Wolfe officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mr. Tucker passed away Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at his residence. He was born Feb. 18, 1957, to Oliver Wiley Tucker and Mary Lee Bagwell. He loved Auburn football, Bruce Springsteen and spoiling his niece and nephew. Most of all, he loved Jesus. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Willie and Farris Tucker, and Velma and Troy Bagwell; mother; brother-in-law, Stan Mann; and niece, Bridgett Nichols. He is survived by father, O.W. Tucker; aunts, June Young and Linda Harbison; sisters, Becki (Mike) Gable, Connie Tucker, and Cindy Wright; nieces and nephews, April (Patrick) Gable, Maggie (Payton) Holt, Brian Wright, Madison Wright, and Katie Wright; a long list of great nieces and nephews; beloved family and friends. Galatians 2:20, KJV– I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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Youth Pet Show brings unusual and adorable contestants

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair is in town and this year, brought a new competition along for the ride. The Cullman County Youth Pet Show was held on Oct. 8, and delighted patrons. Two categories were available for entry: Dogs and Other than Dogs. Although the contestant pool wasn't large, the contestants themselves had talent and adorability that was larger than life.

The four contestants in the Dog category were Halie Evans with Dozer, Alyssa Sams with Nala and Grace Trevino and both of her pups, Oni and Dresden. Contestants were judged on three criteria: Best Costume, Best Trick and conformation, or the build of the dog, according to breed standards. Pets were paraded around the arena, demonstrating their skills and illustrating their captivating appeal.

In the Best Costume category, two of the adorable contestants donned cow-themed Halloween costumes and spooked the crowd. Nala and her human, Alyssa Sams, clinched first place, with Halie Evans and her pup, Dozer, coming in second.

In the Best Trick category, the furry contestants showed their skills in a trick session. Heading out into the arena, Sams demonstrated Nala's countless talents and Nala cheekily waved, spun in a circle and rolled over like she had been doing tricks her whole life. Trevino and her dogs Oni and Dresden, respectively, showcased their impressive willpower by resisting treats and laying when commanded.

Evans and Dozer were the last competitors in the Best Trick category; Dozer embodied the king he is as he struck a deal and shook Evans' hand. Nala and Sims took first place, followed by Oni and Trevino in second, Dresden and Trevino in third and finally, Dozer and Evans in fourth.

Conformation was the third and final category of the Dog portion of the show; contestants were judged based on the build and temperament of the dogs based off of breed standards. Nala and Sams swept the board with yet another first place title; Oni and Dresden, both with Trevino, snatched second and third place respectively; and Dozer rounded out the competition with a fourth-place win.

The Other Than Dogs category was open to any domesticated pet, you guessed it, other than dogs. Contestants were also judged in three categories: Best Dressed, where contestants rocked and sashayed in an outfit of choice, Most Unusual and Best Trick.

Entrants included Halie Hight with Buttercup the guinea pig, Amelia Cameron-Morin with Ember the cat, Cynthia Nail with Effie Trinket the guinea pig, Elsi Folks with Dude Wellington the rabbit, Ellie Errett with Dandelion the rabbit, Katie Errett with Cream the guinea pig, Heidi Errett with Chicken Feathers the chicken and Anna Errett with Dragon the Rabbit.

Best Dressed saw eight contestants, and Ellie Errett and Dandelion the rabbit, who wore a Girl Scout uniform, secured the first-place ribbon. Heidi Errett and Chicken Feathers took home second, Anna Errett with Dragon the rabbit came in third, Katie Errett with Cream the guinea pig fourth, Folks with Dude Wellington the rabbit fifth, Nail with Effie Trinket the guinea pig sixth, Cameron-Morin with Ember the cat seventh and rounding out the category, Hight with Buttercup the guinea pig placed eighth.

All eight of the furry contestants also tried for first place in the Most Unusual category. Amelia Cameron-Morin and Ember won the blue ribbon, followed by Hight and Buttercup in second, Nail and Effie Trinket in third, Folks and Dude Wellington in fourth, Heidi Errett and Chicken Feathers in fifth, Anna Errett and Dragon in sixth, Katie Errett and Cream in seventh and finally Ellie Errett and Dandelion closed the category in eighth place.

Only five of the competing unconventional pets opted to compete in the Best Trick category and competition was fierce. Ellie Errett and Dandelion earned yet another first-place title with Dandelion's trick of putting sticks on a campfire. Anna Errett and Dragon took home second, thanks to Dragon's ability to stand and beg for treats. Katie Errett demonstrated how Cream knows what she likes, her talent of nodding yes to treats and no to baths ultimately locked in third place. Heidi Errett and Chicken Feathers took home fourth, with Chicken Feathers' ability to stay, sit and stand. Folks and Dude Wellington with his magic tricks, making treats disappear, closed the competition in fifth place.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Dandelion the rabbit, with her owner, Ellie Errett, demonstrate Dandelion's Girl Scout knowledge as she replenishes sticks on a fire.

LuLu Bean (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — LuLu Bean, an approximately 2-year-old female dachshund and chihuahua mix with a cream and ebony patched coat is available for adoption at Cullman County Animal Shelter. Good things come in small packages, and LuLu is no exception. Her slender stature makes her an ideal candidate for cozying up on your lap; paired with her low energy level, she's the ultimate choice for people who live life on the chill side.

LuLu prefers to stay close to your side on walks, and cherishes the time you spend with her. The world can be big, boisterous and scary for a dog so little, but her confidence will soar with you by her side to give her encouragement. LuLu is looking for a lifetime companion and aims to be that canine comfort we all like to come home to at the end of the day. Ready to love on LuLu? 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. Her adoption fee is reduced as she is already spayed, and includes 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.

Daystar Church (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — Daystar Church and Lead Pastor Jerry Lawson have set the wheels in motion to help Alabama residents leave Israel amid growing turmoil. Approximately 15-20 missionaries from the Birmingham area have been stranded in Israel, a country now embroiled in war with Palestinian militant group Hamas, which attacked Israel Saturday, Oct. 7.

According to the Associated Press, "The war, which has claimed at least 1,900 lives on both sides, is expected to escalate."

Lawson said he was approached by one of the families in his congregation who sought out the church's help. He said he and his church have banded together and made plans that will hopefully bring the Alabamians home.

"They are in a relatively safe place, but they need to cross the border of Jordan," said Lawson. "But they're looking for safe passage across the border. We're praying that there are no more attacks from the terrorists. We're praying that the border to Jordan is not closed."

Rescue efforts are being funded by Daystar and its congregation, along with help from the community.

Said Lawson, "Local people have been just trying to help out. I know one family in our church paid $1,800 for some hotel rooms for them to stay. The church has bought $25,000 worth of flights. They do have tickets to fly out on Friday the 13th; they have to get into Amman where they can fly back to America."

Donations to the mission can be made to Daystar Church. Most of all, Lawson asked for prayers for all involved.

"We're praying that there are no more attacks from the terrorists. We're praying that the border to Jordan is not closed. And we're praying for their safety," he said. "And we're praying for the peace of these family members here who are so worried about their family because they've seen the images of the horrible atrocities that are happening. We're praying for their peace, and most of all for God to protect those people over there."

Medal (from Front)

and commitment within the parks and recreation sector, making it one of the most sought-after honors.

"For our parks department, being selected as a finalist for the Gold Medal was an incredible source of pride and accomplishment," said CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson.

Anderson emphasized that from the nomination to winning the award, the journey was reflective of CPRST's dedicated service, innovative approaches and deep commitment to community well-being, making Cullman not just a fantastic place to live, but a prime destination for engaging recreational activities.

The competition was no small feat, with over 10,000 eligible agencies across the United States vying for the honor, particularly in the fierce Class V division, for agencies serving populations of 30,000 or fewer.

Yet, CPRST rose to the pinnacle of excellence, establishing itself as the nation's top agency in its division.

"This is a historic milestone for Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, as we are the first and only agency in Alabama to receive the Gold Medal.

"This award is a testament to the relentless dedication and collective efforts of our team and community partners, working together to make Cullman the best place to live, work, worship and play," Anderson said upon the announcement of the award.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Rusty Turner, chairman of the Cullman Parks Board of Directors, extended their heartfelt congratulations to CPRST for the monumental achievement, acknowledging the evidence of hard work and the reflection of Cullman's commitment to providing world-class parks and recreational opportunities.

Turner noted, "This award underscores the dedication and passion our team brings to the community every day. It's an inspiration to keep pushing the boundaries of excellence in the future."

Despite the rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process during the nomination, the journey toward the Gold Medal Award showcased the exceptional work of CPRST and was a shining example of community collaboration.

Anderson highlighted that the award, indeed, is a "collective achievement," a testament to the strong, supportive bonds within the community, making Cullman truly remarkable.

As CPRST celebrates well-deserved recognition with the 2023 National Gold Medal Award from AAPRA, its commitment to enhancing the quality of life and building a vibrant community in Cullman remains steadfast.

This recognition marks Cullman as a premier destination for parks and recreation, providing exceptional opportunities for all.

For more details about the award-winning services and facilities of Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism, visit www.cullmanrecreation.org. For more about the award, see www.aapra.org/National-Gold-Medal-Award.

Johnston (from Front)

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman attorney Emily Niezer Johnston this week announced that she is a candidate for Cullman County 32nd Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Place 2.

Johnston is a native of Cullman County and has practiced law in the county for the past 22 years. In 2006, she began work with a large Cullman law firm doing general litigation. In 2012, she opened her own practice, and in 2015 she was offered a job at Wallace State Community College as the director of paralegal studies. She said she enjoyed teaching young people who want to work in the legal field. Seeing students reach their goals was rewarding. In 2020, the Cullman County Commission hired Johnston as the Cullman County Attorney, a job she holds today.

Johnston has years of experience in the courtroom prosecuting for the Lee County District Attorney's Office, as well as all types of litigation including breach of contract, construction litigation, employment law matters and workers' compensation cases.

Johnston stated she will carry on the business of her court with fairness and uphold the laws of the State of Alabama, moving her docket of cases to make judicious use of tax dollars.

"Keeping Cullman County a safe place to raise our families is a priority, as is keeping criminals off the streets and behind bars," stated Johnston.

Johnston was raised in Cullman in a family dedicated to public service. Her late father Charlie Niezer served as a deputy district attorney in Cullman and her mother Kay Niezer was a school-teacher. Johnston's grandparents, G.O. and Lola Mae Anderson, operated the Ritz and Martin Twin Theater in Cullman. Her younger sister Alice works for the Cullman County School Board.

Johnston attended Cullman High School and graduated in 1992. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education from Athens State College. After graduation from Athens, she decided to follow in her father's footsteps and attend law school at Cumberland School of Law.

While in law school she taught legal research and writing and was on the Mock Trial Advocacy Team for two years competing nationally. She also served as the director of the Trial Advocacy Program. She was a member of the Birmingham Inns of Court and was chosen by faculty to be in the Order of the Barristers Honor Society for exceptional skill in trial advocacy, oral advocacy and brief writing.

The 32nd Judicial Circuit Court Judge, Place 2 seat is currently held by the Honorable Martha Williams, who will not be seeking re-election.

The 2024 Republican Primary Election will take place Tuesday, March 4, with the 2024 General Election Nov. 5.

"I will be asking for your support and vote in these two elections," said Johnston. " You can follow my campaign through Facebook at www.facebook.com/johnstonforjudge and I welcome any questions."

