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2,200-plus visit Peinhardt Farm Days

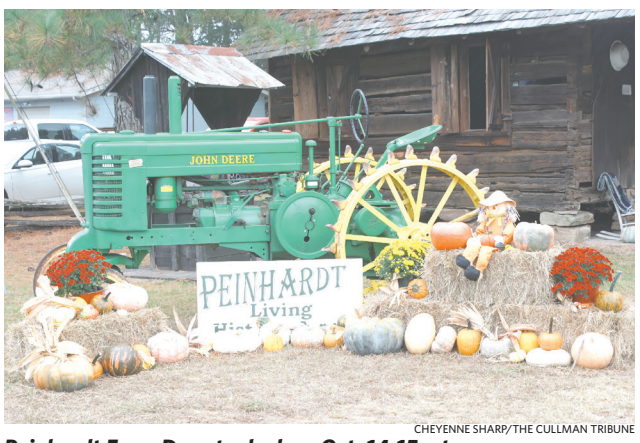
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Peinhardt Living History Farm hosted its annual Farm Days over the weekend, welcoming more than 2,200 guests to the two-day event that featured local vendors, live music, hands-on activities and much more.

Peinhardt Farm Days have entertained and educated crowds since the 1990s. The hands-on fall festival teaches all ages what farm life was like in the 1930s and 1940s in north Alabama.

Sisters Jennifer Peinhardt Tucker, Sabrina Peinhardt Hudson and Tamara Peinhardt White all truly share a love for "the farm" and the events they get to share with the community.

"We had a great weekend event despite the rainy weather on Sunday," Tucker shared. "Families of all ages came out to reminisce, learn and experience agricultural history. I personally talked to families from Florida, Georgia and Arkansas, some of which make plans to visit family here in Cullman specifically on this weekend. We are thankful that » PAGE 3



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Peinhardt Farm Days took place Oct. 14-15, at Peinhardt Living History Farm in Cullman.

Nightmares on the streets of Cullman



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

1546 Warnke Road NW boasts an extensive Halloween display, one that takes months to prepare.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Halloween- a day of the year when candy is handed out freely, knocking on a stranger's door is encouraged and nobody bats an eye at approaching a bloodied chainsaw murderer. For most, Halloween is a day or week filled with festivals, costumes and spooky attractions designed to kick adrenaline into high gear; for a handful of Cullman homes, Halloween is a lifestyle, something to prepare for year-round. Ordinary residents may decorate their porches with pumpkins and bones, a headstone display or a hoard of zombies, but these homeowners elevate the Halloween game, and set up spooks and scares for the whole community to drive by and sample.

1546 Warnke Road NW

Caution tape marks the scene where jack-o-lanterns and goblins reside, waiting to spook passersby.

This Halloween display contains oversized spiderwebs, and creepy inflatables varying from the grinning Cheshire cat to possessed trees waiting to devour a soul. With over 100 decorative pieces, there is something for all at this family friendly fright fest.

1550 Warnke Road NW

Two houses down, the threshold is guarded with a shrieking creature and evil clowns share warnings from the windows, telling cautionary tales of those who dared enter and never to return. Families of ghosts surround the perimeter, ensuring the mayhem of the night stays contained within. Vampire cats patrol the drive, deterring any mischief not wreaked by their owners.

704 Fifth St. SE

If crossing over to the other side of town is not scary enough, a Halloween "Carnevil" has been fabricated to frighten friends from the community. Desiccated pets line the walkway entering the Carnevil, as a wicked clown hangs from the rafters.

At the center of the attraction sits a table, surrounded by the evil hosts of the evening, dining on the desecrated remains of disrespectful guests. Blood spatters drip, an unfortunate product of their holiday meal.

710 Eighth Ave. SE

A children's classic gets a creepy update. "Alice In Wonderland" becomes Alice in the Underworld at this residential display.

A mammoth-sized Cheshire cat towers over the walkway into the underworld, an image of caution to all who enter; » PAGE 8

Celebrating recovery at Holly Pond United Methodist Church

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'Murder on the Silver Screen'

Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County hosts murder mystery fundraiser



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests and actors mingled as the storyline was set on Friday, Oct. 13, when Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County hosted its annual murder mystery fundraiser, "Murder on the Silver Screen."

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Cullman Lowe's hosts local fire, rescue and EMS personnel



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A group of Lowe's employees pose for a photo with Arion Crenshaw, age 5, at the Cullman Lowe's EMS Meet and Greet on Saturday, Oct. 14.

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Cullman County Youth Football Week 7 scoring recap



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 16

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 16, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 10

- domestic violence-criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 312
- theft of property; CR 387
- violation of protection order; Tally Ho St.
- dog bite; Hwy. 91
- violation of protection order; CR 1770
- domestic violence; CR 1242

Oct. 11

- assault; CR 1225
- domestic violence; CR 1318
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 1033
- theft of property; CR 734
- domestic violence; Friendship Rd.
- felon failure to register; Ashwander St. NE

Oct. 12

- domestic violence; CR 1727
- harassment; CR 643
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 755
- breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1776
- theft of property; Sportsman Lake Rd.

Oct. 13

- harassment; Hwy. 31
- domestic violence; CR 1223
- menacing; CR 469
- domestic violence; CR 703
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N

Oct. 14

- burglary; criminal mischief; CR 1319
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 715
- violation of protection order; CR 1742
- breaking entering motor vehicle; CR 1169
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1742

Oct. 15

- domestic violence; CR 1609
- harassment; CR 602
- criminal mischief; CR 782
- harassment; CR 1251
- criminal mischief; CR 294
- domestic violence; CR 1718

ARRESTS

Oct. 12 – 15

Barnett, Christopher A.; 48

- Plea Agreement- possession with intent to distribute controlled substance
- Plea Agreement- possession of dangerous drugs
- Plea Agreement- resisting arrest

Bevington, Brian A.; 56

- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft
- failure to register (two-time felon)

Briscoe, Jeffrey S.; 32

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Caudill Jr., Chester L.; 31

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Freeman, Abigail B.; 27

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (4 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Greer, Johnny C.; 24

- FTA- driving while license suspended

Hill, Joseph L.; 56

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- obstructing justice using false identity
- FTA- open container-alcohol in vehicle

Hill Jr., Lyman E.; 59

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hill, Whitley K.; 21

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hodges, Cassidy R.; 28

- Probation Violation- possession of dangerous drugs

James, Georgeann; 45

- negotiating worthless instrument

Key, Christopher M.; 44

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Kyle, Angel A.; 37

- FTA- forgery-counterfeiting
- FTA- forgery-forged instrument
- FTA- larceny /theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500 (2 counts)
- FTA- fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- burglary-non residence-no force

Lankford, Curtis A.; 42

- obstructing court order

Latz, Elizabeth A.; 34

- possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Leonard, Shaun A.; 43

- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Loggins, Ashely D.; 37

- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Mullet, Jacob B.; 52

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Nave, Jennifer L.; 41

- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Peters, Mark S.; 61

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Shearin, Amanda N.; 32

- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Tyler D.; 29

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Turner, Jacob P.; 21

- negotiating worthless instrument

Turner, Justin L.; 23

- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Winfrey, Bryon O.; 50

- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-criminal mischief-3rd degree (2 counts)
- violation of domestic violence protection order

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 13

- theft of property-2nd degree; Farmers Home Furniture; theft of property-2nd degree; trailer; $1,521
- harassing communications; persons

Oct. 14

- harassment; person; Cherokee Ave. SW
- theft of property-1st degree; person; Hwy. 157; 1994 Toyota Camry; $2,000
- theft of property-4th degree; Marvin's; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $59

Oct. 15

- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; damage to 2018 Mercedes

ARRESTS

Oct. 13 – 15

Bibby, Michael H.; 49

- FTA- leaving scene of accident
- FTA- fail to yield
- FTA- insurance violation

Weaver, Kevin L.; 52

- FTA- theft of property

Baker, Bethany P.; 30

- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Tankersley, Andrea N.; 51

- DUI

Shearin, Amanda N.; 32

- FTA- theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- expired tag (3 counts)
- FTA- driving without license

Beasley, Anthony R.; 52

- FTA- receiving stolen property-4th degree
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Lowe's (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Last weekend, Lowe's invited local fire and rescue and EMS teams to hold a meet and greet in hopes of raising fire safety awareness. Snacks and drinks were provided by the store and a wooden firetruck craft and inflatable bounce house entertained children. Residents – adults and children alike – were called to explore and ask questions about the various rescue equipment each truck contained. Inflatable rafts and wetsuits for water rescue missions; rope, harnesses and carabiners in the event of a cliff fall; and the legendary (surprisingly quiet) machinery known as the "jaws of life" were all conveniently tucked away in each rescue vehicle, ready for use at any given moment.

Hanceville Assistant Fire Chief Bart Absher was on-site sharing fire safety tips, as well as knowledge of a program entitled "Knox Box."

Similar to a realtor's lockbox mechanism, a Knox Box holds a residential door key in a steel box mounted to your home.

Local EMS and fire and rescue teams hold a master key, allowing them to open the Knox Box and gain entry in the event of an emergency. Absher said all new construction buildings and businesses in Hanceville are already equipped with a commercial-style Knox Box.

Absher described the home Knox Box. "If you have anybody that has mobility issues or an older family member, we have this program.

"If they fall and can't get up, they're not hurt, they don't need to go to the hospital, they just need help to get up, we can open the door without breaking the door or breaking a window. All they have to supply us is a front door key," he said.

He acknowledged another issue that could be solved by the Knox Box, chuckling while adding, "I even had a lady ask me one time, 'If I lock myself out of my house will you let me in?' I said, 'Call us; if you have one of these and prove you live here, we'll let you in.'"

Lowe's Operations Manager Zach Lee said this is the fourth year for the EMS event at Lowe's, and he hopes it continues to grow.

"We usually bring in Hanceville City; they normally bring their firetruck," he said.

"This year Good Hope's truck is new and it's got the ladder and the big flag on it. It's been great this year."



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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CEILEY A. WHALEY, * CASE NO. PC 2023 - 325
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Teresa A. Keeton as Executor of the Estate of Ceiley A. Whaley, deceased, on the 16th day of October, 2023, all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Teresa A. Keeton
Teresa A. Keeton
Executor

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
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Cullman AL 35055
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Attorney for Executor

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

Notice of Public Hearing

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

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

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

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

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

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

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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

A part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, being more particularly described as follows: Begin at the southeast corner of the NW1/4 of the NW 1/4; thence S 83°49' W a distance of 791.0 feet to a point; thence N 2°00' W a distance of 508.00 feet to a paved county road; thence northwesterly along the south edge of the said paved county road a distance of 105.0 feet to a point; thence S 2°00' E along a straight line to a point which is 105.0 feet from the south quarter-quarter line; thence at a right angle west along a line parallel to the south quarter-quarter line for a distance of 360.0 feet to a point; thence at a right angle south along a line parallel to the east boundary of the tract herein conveyed for a distance of 105.0 feet, more or less, to a point on the south quarter-quarter line; thence at right angles east along the said quarter-quarter line a distance of 465.0 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed. The above described property is conveyed subject to the right of way heretofore conveyed to the State of Alabama. The land herein conveyed being 2.0 acres, more or less.
ALSO: Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, thence S 89°05'37 W 791.30 feet to an existing iron, thence N 2°00'00" E 105.00 feet to an iron 1/2" capped rebar set, thence S 99°05'37"W 88.11 to an existing iron and the point of beginning, thence S 89°05'37"' W 50.10 feet to an iron capped rebar set, thence N 2° 00' 00" E 466.74 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set on the South R.O.W. of County Road No. 1476, thence S 42°51'02" E 70.95 feet to an Iron 1/2" capped rebar set on said R.O.W., thence S 2° 00' 00" W 413.90 feet back to the point of beginning containing 0.5 acres more or less. Said land lying in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, T-9-S, R-2-W, Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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

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

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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.
• Wednesday, Oct. 18 - 7 p.m. Children & youth classes. Adult Bible study of Romans. Free pizza for children at 6:30 p.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup.
• Friday, Oct. 20 - 7 p.m. Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship & testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 6:30. Nursery provided!
• Saturday, Oct. 21 - 9-11 a.m. Drive-through food bank
• Sunday, Oct. 22 - Prayer - 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. 22 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & worship and message by Pastors Bobby & Pam Dodd -"First Fruits" - at 11.
• Sunday, Oct. 22 - 5 p.m. Healing service: Miracles, signs and wonders Follow those who believe! Join us! GOD answers prayers. We have seen a woman healed of pain in her fingers from arthritis, and another healed from pain in her legs from lymphedema. People are receiving a touch from the LORD!

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 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.

Fairview Lions Club Movie at the Park
Free movie at the park on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Randall Shedd Community Park on Wesley Avenue in Fairview. We will be showing "Elemental" and will start around 6-6:30 p.m. We will have concessions and drinks. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets. Bring the kids out, enjoy the movie. All proceeds will go to the Lions Club project fund. For more information call Kita at 256-385-8805 or William at 256-385-5596.

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.

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.

90th Annual Welti Elementary PTO Chicken Supper
Saturday, Nov. 4, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Drive-through only. $10 per plate for chicken and dressing, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, potato salad and cookies. 8545 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35057.

The National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Nov. 13, at the Golden Coral, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. Meeting begins at noon. Dutch lunch prior to meeting. Our guest speaker, Cris Alexander, who is a federal Blue Cross Blue Shield representative, will share needed new information regarding a change in plans. All members, as well as nonmembers, are urged to attend.

Peinhardt (from Front)

we can share this experience to the young and old alike. We especially want to thank our volunteers — without them this weekend would not be possible."

According to Peinhardt Living History Farm — the 1930s-40s were chosen because of all the monumental changes occurring in agriculture – shifting from animal-drawn power to tractor and engine power. Electricity was being installed in homes in north Alabama

Hartselle native James Horner, 27, came with his sister, Rebecca Horner, 30, and ventured to see some of the fun things the farm had to offer.

"I like archery," he shared. "The archery I did was my favorite part, and I had fun today."

Another crew, Tray and Amy Dunn, local to Cullman, homeschool their 5-year-old daughter Bolyn Dunn, who said she enjoyed seeing the tractors, doing the tater sack races and playing hopscotch.

Also from Cullman, Megan Watter and Jerry Smith shared a few of their favorite things, while 3-year-old Jack Smith practiced wood slicing.

"I liked the wagons and the dollhouses," Jack Smith said.

Many hands-on activities were demonstrated by volunteers and by vendors on the over 40 acres of the farm.

Families who visited were able to leave with fun items like pumpkins, a variety of vegetables and food items, bird houses, wooden pegs, saw rounds, locally made items and more.

Hudson shared a list of vendors but wanted to personally thank every set of hands that poured into the farm to get it ready for the weekend and be able to give light to the community.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Aggies, Knights, Bearcats win big; West Point edges Ardmore on the road

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Fairview's Barett York sprints past defenders for a touchdown during the Aggies' 38-0 win at Brewer Friday night.

CULLMAN, Ala. – With the regular season beginning to wind down, the importance of each game grows with each passing week and several local squads picked up big wins Friday night. Fairview traveled to Brewer and blanked the Patriots 38-0, the Arabian Knights blew past Boaz 63-35, Cullman hammered Columbia 49-0, Meek earned a 30-0 win at Shoals Christian, Good Hope pulled away to top Ashville 41-13 and West Point edged Ardmore on the road 21-14.

Fairview 38 – Brewer 0

After celebrating homecoming with a win over Ardmore last week, the Aggies were back on the road Friday night for a regional battle against Brewer. Thanks to an impressive offensive performance on the ground and a great effort on defense, Fairview was able to build a 17-0 lead in the first half and continued to pull away in the second half on the way to a 38-0 win over the Patriots.

Fairview was forced to punt on its opening possession and on their opening drive, the Patriots connected on a deep pass down the middle of the field to move into Aggie territory. However, Fairview's defense forced a turnover on downs to keep Brewer off the board midway through the first quarter. Later in the opening period, Kolt Redding intercepted a Patriots pass to set up the Fairview offense near midfield and on a fourth down play, Barett York took a direct snap 41 yards down the Aggie sideline for a touchdown and put Fairview on top 7-0 with 10 minutes to play in the first half.

The Aggies exchanged punts with Brewer as the second quarter went on, but Fairview was able to get into scoring range in the last minute of the first half thanks to a 20-yard run down the sideline from Jake Harper. Redding split the uprights with a 24-yard field goal in the final seconds of the second quarter and the Aggies went into the locker room with a 10-0 lead at the break.

Fairview dominated the second half, starting with a 19-yard touchdown run by Harper that made it a 17-0 game. Following another Brewer punt, it was York's turn to score and the lefty QB made his way down the Aggie sideline for a 36-yard touchdown to put Fairview in front 24-0 with three minutes to play in the third quarter. York's big night continued later when he connected with Jameson Goble over the middle on the first play of the fourth quarter and Goble took it 32 yards into the end zone for another Aggie touchdown, stretching the lead to 31-0. Fairview's final scoring drive of the night was capped off by a 1-yard touchdown run from Carson Jones and Eric Gonzalez intercepted a Patriots pass on the ensuing possession to wrap up a 38-0 road win for the Aggies.

Harper finished with 163 yards and a touchdown in the win and York added another 135 yards and a pair of scores on the ground. Jones posted 86 yards and a touchdown for the Aggies and Goble finished with 31 receiving yards and a touchdown.

Fairview improves to 7-0 with the win and the Aggies will be back home next week for another regional game against Lawrence County.

Cullman 49 – Columbia 0

Cullman took the opening kickoff and after a couple of penalties and a quarterback sack, were forced to punt. The short punt put the Eagles on Cullman's 49-yard line with excellent field position. After five plays, Columbia lined up for a 37-yard field goal. Cullman successfully blocked the field goal try and took over on their own 18-yard line.

Both teams were forced to punt after drives were stopped. An apparent 67-yard punt return for a touchdown by Wyatt Buchanan was negated by a holding penalty against Cullman. Cullman finished the first quarter going for a first down on fourth down at the Columbia three-yard line. An incomplete pass kept the Bearcats out of the end zone and the first quarter ended with no score.

The Eagles were forced to punt on the third play of the second quarter. Buchanan took the punt at the Columbia 44-yard line and repeated his earlier run with a touchdown run. The PAT was good by Garrett Mobley and with 11:26 left in the first half, Cullman's lead was 7-0.

An unsportsmanlike penalty against Columbia pinned the Eagles deep in their own end of the field. On the fourth play of the drive, the Eagles fumbled the ball and Troy Mann made the recovery for Cullman at the seven-yard line of Columbia. Two plays later, Rex Chandler scored on a one-yard touchdown run. With 10:09 left in the second quarter, Cullman quickly extended their lead to 14-0.

The Eagles were quickly forced to punt and pinned the Bearcats at their own one-yard line. Aided by a roughing the passer penalty against the Eagles, Cullman marched 99 yards on several long passes completed by quarterback Tanner Gaines. A 28-yard pass to Nick Holland completed the six-play drive and with 5:20 left in the first half, Cullman's lead was 21-0.

Cullman's defense came up big again when Chance Hausler intercepted a pass at the Columbia 34-yard line. Only three plays later, Chandler scored again on a one-yard touchdown run and the half ended with the score 28-0.

Cullman ended the first half with 264 total yards of offense. Gaines completed the first half 13-of-18 passing for 205 yards. Cullman's defense held the Eagles to 52 yards total offense in the first half.

The Eagles got the ball to begin the third quarter. A sack by Mann put an end to their drive and Cullman got the ball at their own 26-yard line. Seven plays later, Gaines connected with Holland again for a 12-yard touchdown pass and the lead for Cullman was 35-0 with 6:17 left in the third quarter.

Cullman's defense continued their hard play and forced another punt by the Eagles. Early in the fourth quarter, the Bearcats took over on their own 34-yard line. Except for one short pass and a penalty against the Eagles, every yard gained by Cullman on the 66-yard scoring drive was made by Weston Keel when he scored on a touchdown run from 14 yards out. With 8:22 left in the game, Cullman's lead was 42-0.

To finish off the scoring, Cullman scored again on a 64-yard touchdown drive on a one-yard run by Elijah Dues. The final score was 49-0 as Cullman completed the shutout against the Eagles.

Cullman will host the undefeated, Region 7 leading Muscle Shoals Trojans next week.

Arab 63 – Boaz 35

Arab jumped out to an early, 14-0 lead in this one and went into the locker room leading 28-7 at the half but had to withstand an offensive burst from the Pirates in the second half and continued putting points on the board on their way to an impressive, 63-35 win. The 63 points scored against Boaz were the most the Knights have scored in a game since 2016.

The Knights put together a nine-play scoring drive to open up the first quarter, capping things off with a 28-yard touchdown pass over the middle of the field from quarterback Drew Puccio to Luke Hudson. On the ensuing Boaz possession, Lawson King stripped the football from the quarterback's hands and recovered the fumble to set up Arab's offense with a short field. Just a few plays later, Logan Silva punched one into the end zone from 16 yards out to stretch the lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter.

Following a Boaz punt, the Knights added to their lead with a methodical, 17-play scoring drive and a touchdown pass on a reverse from Noah Mann to Puccio made it a 21-0 game with just over three minutes remaining in the first half. The Pirates answered quickly, scoring in six plays and in less than a minute to cut the lead to 21-7 but Arab answered on the ensuing kickoff when Puccio received the ball near the goal line and ran it back 88 yards all the way down to the 6-yard line. On the Knights' next play, Logan Alldredge took a handoff 6 yards up the middle for a touchdown to stretch the lead to 28-7 going into the halftime break.

It took Boaz just over a minute to find the end zone at the start of the third quarter, scoring a quick touchdown on its opening drive to trim the lead to 28-14. However, Arab responded, moving the ball deep down into Pirates territory after a big gain on a throwback pass to Silva. Alldredge punched it into the end zone from 2 yards out to finish the scoring drive and build the lead back up to 35-14. Another quick score by Boaz made it a 35-21 game with five minutes remaining in the third but the scoring was far from over.

Puccio connected with Landon Strickland through the air for a touchdown to keep the Knights in front 42-21 late in the third quarter and the Pirates ran another one into the end zone to trim the lead to 42-28 just before the start of the fourth.

Silva's second touchdown run of the night gave Arab a 49-28 advantage early in the fourth, but Boaz was able to respond once again, driving the ball down for another score to make it a 49-35 game with 7:36 on the clock. At that point, the Knights were ready to put things away. The Arab defense held the Pirates out of the end zone the rest of the night and touchdown runs by Puccio and Alldredge allowed the Knights to pull away with a 63-35 win.

Arab improves to 5-2 with the win and the Knights will be back on the road next week for a big regional battle at Guntersville.

Good Hope 41 – Ashville 13

Ashville got the ball first to start the game and moved the ball down the field, as a 26-yard pass on third down put them at the 41. Two more third-down conversions had Ashville at the 15, and the Bulldogs scored on a 12-yard pass on third down to give them an early 7-0 lead with 5:55 left to go in the opening period. Good Hope looked to answer on its opening series. A pair of eight-yard passes from Colten Whatley to Tucker Malin had the Raiders at the 35, and Hank Hudson found a big hole on the left side and scored on a 35-yard run to tie the game up at seven with 3:28 remaining in the first quarter.

Both teams traded punts on their next series, then Hudson recovered a Bulldog fumble at the 30. Some big yards on the ground by Hudson and Mason Drake put the Raiders at the 17, and Whatley threw a 17-yard strike to Malin to give the Raiders a 13-7 lead with 9:13 remaining in the first half. Back-to-back punts gave the ball back to Good Hope as they looked to add to their lead. Passes from Whatley to Weston Hancock (14 yards) and Malin (36 yards) had the Raiders knocking on the door once again, and Malin finished off the drive with a five-yard touchdown run to make it a 20-7 lead for Good Hope. The Raiders went into the locker room with a 20-7 lead.

The second half saw Hudson pick up 28 yards on the first play of the series for Good Hope, then later on, a 13-yard run by Tyler Cone gave the Raiders another first down. Back-to-back completions by Whatley put the Raiders at the 16, and three plays later, he found Cone for an 11-yard score to push their lead to 26-7 with 8:17 left to go in the third quarter. A 52-yard pass by the Bulldogs quickly put them within striking distance of cutting into the Raider lead, and they did just that as a four-yard touchdown pass cut it to 26-13.

Good Hope quickly countered on its next series, as a big 54-yard completion from Whatley to Malin put them at the two, and Malin punched it in on the next play to make it a 33-13 lead for the Raiders. Good Hope got the ball back after another Bulldog punt, and Ayden Black picked up a pair of first downs on the ground, as that put them at the 35-yard line. Whatley connected with Malin once again, this time, on a 35-yard touchdown, as that gave Good Hope a 41-13 lead. The reserves played the rest of the game for the Raiders, and Good Hope ended up collecting a huge 41-13 region win over Ashville, to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Whatley finished 15/22 for 225 yards and three scores for Good Hope (3-5, 2-2). Malin added nine catches for 182 yards and a pair of touchdowns, plus a pair of rushing scores as well. Cone finished with four receptions for 28 yards and a score. Hudson finished with 76 yards on seven carries and a touchdown, and also recovered a fumble.

Good Hope will head to Fultondale to take on the Wildcats in another key region game next Friday night.

West Point 21 – Ardmore 14

The West Point Warriors made the trip the state line for a regional matchup against Ardmore and after starting the final frame tied at 14, the Warriors were able to pull ahead for good in the fourth and return home with a 21-14 win.

The Warriors got on the board early in the opening period when Garit Roberson took a direct snap and punched it into the end zone for the first score of the night. Omar Segundo's extra point attempt split the uprights and gave West Point a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. The Warriors maintained that lead going into the second quarter, but Ardmore was able to answer the West Point touchdown later in the period, knotting things up at 7 going into the halftime break.

Ardmore pulled ahead with another score midway through the third to take a 14-7 lead, but the Warriors responded in the final minute of the period when JD Cochran ran one into the end zone from to tie the game at 14 going into the fourth.

Roberson's second touchdown of the night gave West Point a 21-7 lead with just under nine minutes remaining in the game and the Warriors defense kept Ardmore off the board the rest of the way to secure a 21-14, region win for West Point.

The Warriors improve to 4-4 with the win and they'll be back on the road next week for another regional matchup at East Limestone.

Meek 30 – Shoals Christian 0

After dropping a hard-fought battle at Addison last week, the Meek Tigers were back on the road Friday night for another regional road matchup at Shoals Christian. However, the Tigers were in control from start to finish this week and got back in the win column with a 30-0 victory over the Flame.

A 50-yard touchdown pass from Evan McCay to Hayden Smith gave the Tigers an early, 6-0 lead and Cameron Deaver punched in the two-point conversion to make it 8-0. Later in the first, McCay connected with Smith again for a 25-yard touchdown pass and a pass to Jacob Smith gave Meek the two-point conversion and a 16-0 lead.

Jacob Smith hauled in the first interception of the night for the Tigers and Braxton Dickerson pulled down the second to set the offense up with good field position once again. Not long after that, a 1-yard scoring run by Deaver made it a 22-0 game. Meek got on the board one more time before the halftime break when McCay and Hayden Smith found each other through the air for their third touchdown of the first half and gave the Tigers a 30-0 advantage going into the locker room at halftime.

With the quarters shortened for the second half and the Tigers letting up for the final two periods, the Tigers were able to cruise to a 30-0 win over the Flame.

Meek improves to 4-3 win the win and the Tigers will return home next week for another region game against Vina.

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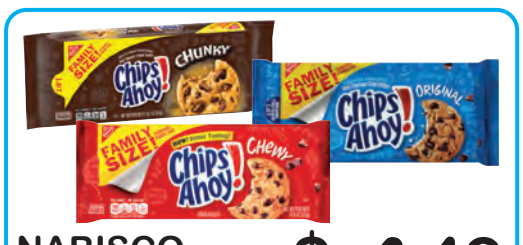
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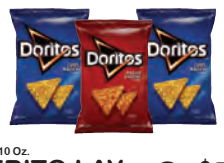
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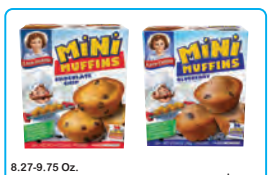
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Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — This was the final week of the 2023 Cullman County youth football regular season, and all eyes are now moving to the playoffs set for next Saturday. There were some key games that went on around the local area that determined which teams would get a spot in the playoffs. The Cold Springs Eagles traveled to take on the Hanceville Bulldogs, the Vinemont Eagles hosted the Holly Pond Broncos, the Good Hope Raiders traveled to take on the Fairview Aggies and the Cullman Bearcats hosted the West Point Warriors.

Hanceville at Cold Springs
- Fireplug: Bulldogs 18 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Bulldogs 20 - Eagles 6
- Pee-Wee: Bulldogs 24 - Eagles 0

Holly Pond at Vinemont
- Fireplug: Eagles 28 - Broncos 0
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 20 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Eagles 21 - Broncos 0

Good Hope at Fairview
- Fireplug: Raiders 6 - Aggies 0
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 40 - Aggies 6
- Pee-Wee: Raiders 14 - Aggies 8

West Point at Cullman
- Fireplug: Warriors 36 - Bearcats 28
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 48 - Bearcats 6
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 33 - Bearcats 20

Fireplug Records
- Vinemont (7-0)
- Good Hope (6-1)
- Fairview (5-2)
- West Point (4-3)
- Cullman (3-4)
- Holly Pond (2-5)
- Hanceville (1-6)
- Cold Springs (0-7)

Wee-Wee Records
- Good Hope (7-0)
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Fundraiser (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Hundreds poured into Stone Bridge Farms' Browne Stone Centre dressed to the nines in three-piece suits and perfectly bedazzled gowns on Friday, Oct. 13, to solve the harrowing mystery of who murdered Lou Zar in the speakeasy – or whether he was even really dead.

The murder mystery fundraiser dinner was hosted by Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County and aimed to raise funds for its partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which is currently serving over 2,500 children in Cullman County.

The speakeasy was a wonderous sight to behold, decked in shades of gold, cream and ebony with dazzling lights. Tables were ornamented with bottles of champagne as guests found their seats, and Wallace State's jazz band kept guests entertained as they enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres and mingled.

As guests chose specialty cigars sponsored by The Cigar Box and even posed for a photo or two in the photo booth, a select few were chosen to play roles in the mystery through character cliches.

Through dinner, the storyline was set and the pressure was on to find out whodunnit. In the midst of butchered Transatlantic accents, several plot twists and gasps from the crowd, attendees were certain they had discovered the killer, motive and method. Two rounds of intense investigation – and bribery – found Eric, second in command of the bottleggin' biz, responsible for the poisoning of Lou Zar.

"We had a wonderful night celebrating our literacy programs in Cullman County and are thankful for the supportive community for our libraries," shared Tanya Higdon Allcorn, representing the Friends, who poured accolades onto all the organizations and people who helped put the show on.

"Thank you to Stone Bridge Farms for hosting our event We also would like to thank Mr. David Wiggins for being our emcee and a wonderful supporter of our libraries.

"A special thank you to Premier Bank of the South, Rock the South, Cigar Box and Brothers Gutters for your generous sponsorship," she said. "We are grateful for all your support of the Friends of the Public Libraries."

The annual murder mystery dinner serves as one of the Friends' largest fundrais-ers, bringing in thousands of dollars to sponsor children in the area through its partnership with Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

The estimated cost to sponsor one child for a year is $25. A final total raised was not available as of print time.

For more information on Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County and future events it hosts, visit www.facebook.com/fotplocc.

Dodge City Tattoo Company sees hundreds at Halloween and Horror Art Market

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DODGE CITY, Ala. — While many local tattoo shops boast Friday the 13th specials for flash art and piercings, Dodge City Tattoo Company has upped the ante by pairing the specials with a Halloween and horror-themed art market. Vendors and attendees alike braved the chilly drizzle while a hundred or so tattoo hopefuls weaved in lines around the parking lot for a chance to get a great deal on a piece of art to last a lifetime.

The market focused on handcrafted goods that lean on the spookier side; artfully arranged cloches, original paintings, whimsically designed trick-or-treat bags, handmade plushies with multiple eyes and limbs and even spooky or horror-themed baby and toddler clothing were available for purchase while popcorn and barbecue kept hungry guests satiated as they waited for their turn for some tattoo therapy. Bands like Power Sink and Ramblin' Ricky Tate serenaded the crowd with rockabilly sound.

Owner John Riendeau shared that while shop mainstay artists like Rene Pretorius and Kortni Quick were holding down the fort, reinforcements were called in. Emi Aster, a previous artist at the shop and even Adriana from Blue Rose and Brian Burx from Wantful Things made appearances to slowly work their way through the long list of guests.

After nearly 17 hours of tattooing, Dodge City Tattoo Company boasted an astounding 172 tattoos completed, with some artists going all the way to 4 a.m.

Cult classics of the flash pages to choose from were a jack-o-lantern and skeleton hand, which were a crowd favorite.

"I've been tattooing on and off since I was a teenager so I've made some good connections with people I can call on to help," laughed Riendeau.

Riendeau also said the Town of Dodge City along with the shop's neighbors have been key in the success of events the shop hosts, sharing the working relationship the shop has enjoyed with them since the beginning.

"The Town of Dodge City is amazing. We've had a great relationship with them since the beginning.

"Mayor Tawana Canada would stop in all of the time, and it was like a friend visiting. Her passing really left us all heartbroken. She was amazing. The current mayor is a great guy and, like Tawana, is easy to talk to and is like a visit from a friend," said Riendeau.

Riendeau also noted his thankfulness to Life Church, the shop's neighbor, for allowing the shop to use its parking lot – and returning the favor.

"The church has always been accommodating to us every time we ask as well," he said.

"We also make sure to check when they host their trunk or treat so that we can close early that day and allow them the use of our parking lot for their event."

While the parking lot has cleared for now, Riendeau said he is already receiving messages for information about next year's Halloween market, keeping the momentum going to create an annual event to keep people from hours away coming back to visit our community.

"We knew going in last year that we wanted to throw an annual Halloween party, so next year is definitely a possibility," he hinted. "This is just my second year hosting this, and I had people driving over two to three hours just to come set up for this one! I'm super humbled and grateful that they feel this event was worth coming to from so far away."

For more information about Dodge City Tattoo Company or future events it hosts, visit www.facebook.com/dodgecitytattoocompany.



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Dodge City Tattoo Company mainstay artist Rene Pretorius tattoos a woman's arm at Dodge City Tattoo Company's second annual Halloween and Horror Art Market held Friday, Oct. 13.

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Zip through the moonlight

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Zip between the boughs of hearty forestry, weightless and at the speed of flight, experiencing the moonlit sky under a Hunter's Moon for two hours as only birds can. Clear the calendar, cancel the plans and join Smith Lake Zip Line Adventures on Saturday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m. for a Moonlight Zip Line Tour for one night only, sure to excite and exhilarate even the most active adventure aficionado.

Smith Lake Adventures says this is a first-time event, "This is our first year ever doing a moonlight tour here at Smith Lake Zipline Adventure!" Tickets are $69 per individual and can be pre-purchased (as reservations are required) online at www.smithlakezipline.com; ticket prices include all safety gear, a 30-minute safety demonstration, a guide to assist in navigating skywalks, multiple zip lines and a gnarly adrenaline rush.

The Moonlight Zip Line tour will be a level 3 tour, one of the most elaborate and intensive tours, with age and weight restrictions; guests must be 10 years or older and patrons cannot weigh less than 115 pounds or more than 265 pounds.

Closed-toed shoes are required, along with the ability to climb stairs, maintain balance and have complete control of your extremities. Ladder-type stairs will also be utilized. This tour should be considered as a heavy physical workout.

The tour will last approximately two hours, so don't forget a water bottle to avoid thirst and bug spray to avoid mosquitos. However, gumption is possibly the best supply to have on this nighttime aerial adventure. Of the impending darkness and creepy creatures that may be seen on the tour, organizers said, "There will be very little light; we will have lanterns on each of the platforms as well as on the bridges. We see anything from deer, squirrels, chipmunks, to snakes and wild turkeys."

Flying through the eerily dark sky through the canopy of lush trees on Alabama's longest zip line, a staggering 3,000 feet long, serenaded by sounds of unseen critters and the dense forest's silhouette in the moon rays is not for the faint of heart. Do you believe you have what it takes?

Smith Lake Zip Line Adventures is located at 1177 County Road 385 and can be reached by phone at 256-841-7627. The Moonlight Zip Line Tours will be at 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28. Find out more at www.facebook.com/SmithLakeZipLine.



Celebrating recovery at Holly Pond United Methodist Church

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Trauma and addiction are two things that touch everyone in some way. It may be through a sister who is struggling with alcoholism, an incarcerated father or a single mother in an unspeakable position questioning how to feed her children. Life has a way of knowing when someone is down; as the adage claims, "When it rains it pours." Addiction and trauma come in cycles, a fact Lisa Holmes is well aware of - a fact that led her to start a recovery group at her home church, Holly Pond United Methodist, following the national program, Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate Recovery is a nationwide support program and is described on its website: "Celebrate Recovery is a biblically balanced approach to help bring sustainable recovery and healing to our hurts. It guides us toward new healthy truths and life-giving habits as we repair our broken relationships." The idea is that hurt people hurt people, meaning people affected by trauma perpetuate that trauma and project it onto others.

Holmes appreciated the ideas behind Celebrate Recovery but longed for the support group's name to reflect her feelings about the program.

"We changed our name and we've changed our format from Celebrate Recovery to C.O.R., or Celebrate Our Recovery, because it's more than just a 12-step program. It's a life, an all-time program," she said. "This is a way you live the rest of your life – not just something you do in 12 steps – and you have to change your core. That's where everything in our life starts, is in our core, in our heart, in our head. And if we don't change the core, we can change our outside habits, but if the core doesn't change, nothing's going to change."

Cultivating a welcoming environment is one of Holmes' priorities, knowing that shame and being shunned are far too often attached to the stigma around addiction and traumatic situations such as domestic violence or trafficking.

Said Holmes, "I've come to realize that everybody, I don't care who they are – male, female, rich, poor, middle class – they all have a hope, a habit or a hangup. Some people can't go a day without gossiping. Some people can't go a day without extreme anger.

"Some people can't go a day without self-hate. People who have been in an abusive relationship, I've seen this go both male and female. Especially if you're a male who's been in that, there's such a stigma that they shut out everybody. Because how can I go talk to God about the fact that I'm abused by my wife? Mentally or physically. I realized that everybody needs help."

Helping comes naturally to Holmes, filling a void that addicts often lose through their struggles; Holmes replaces the village for them, making C.O.R. meetings a family event. Does the meeting fall during dinnertime? C.O.R. provides a meal along with a meeting. Childcare can be expensive, so Holmes and C.O.R. provide childcare for the duration of the meeting. Receiving support while trying to navigate sobriety, past trauma or even struggles of everyday life can be the difference in relapsing or flourishing mentally and physically.

Without support, Holmes understands how easy it can be to fall into depression and old habits.

"Everybody has some kind of depression," she said. "It can be a loss of a job, it can be childbirth, it can be anything that can reel us into that depression state. We cut ourselves off from friends, family, everybody, and especially from God because we get all confused about it. That's the one time we need to run toward God. We need to saturate ourselves with the word of God, with a prayer line, because that helps us to realize that even though my mental state right now is not where I want to be, I'm not alone."

Celebrate Our Recovery meets every Tuesday night at 6 at Holly Pond United Methodist Church at 37861 Alabama Highway 91. Dinner and childcare are provided.



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Celebrate Our Recovery meetings include dinner and childcare ensuring barriers are removed for people seeking support.

Jacobs proclaims October 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month'

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mayor Woody Jacobs on Monday officially proclaimed October 2023 "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" (DVAM) in the city of Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation from Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) were Outreach Advocate Lacey Lemley and Emergency Shelter Advocate Leasia Murphree.

Domestic violence affects more than 10 million people in the United States each year. It is the single most common source of injury to survivors – more common than automobile accidents, muggings and rape by a stranger combined. Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of economic, racial, gender, educational, religious or societal status. Domestic violence violates a person's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through a pattern of abusive behavior intended to control and dominate another person. That abusive behavior can be physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, social, economic, psychological or spiritual.

But domestic violence can be prevented! Prevention requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions and systems – each whose "one thing" (#1Thing) adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

"Many people want to do something but believe their actions can't make a difference," said Jacobs. "But if we each commit to doing just one thing to stop domestic violence, we could see a real difference."

#1Thing ideas to address domestic violence include:

- Being a caring and consistent adult in the life of a child
- Talking to loved ones about domestic and sexual violence and oppression
- Creating a culture of consent in our homes
- Using social media to raise awareness among peers
- Reaching out to Victim Services of Cullman or another organization dedicated to ending domestic violence to learn how to help
- Listening to and validating a survivor of trauma
- Taking the #1Thing Community Pledge to end domestic violence (find it at www.dvawareness.org/1thing).

More ideas can be found at www.dvawareness.org/1thing.

In the U.S., domestic violence hotlines receive around 20,000 calls each day from domestic violence victims. These victims need things like emergency shelter, housing, counseling, transportation, childcare, legal representation and more. VSOC was established in 1991 to help victims of domestic violence.

Over the years, the agency has expanded to provide comprehensive services (including shelter, crisis response, education and advocacy) for those impacted by domestic and sexual violence in Cullman and Winston counties. Their stated goal is: To empower survivors and help them rebuild their lives, free from violence and fear.

"The City is very appreciative of the efforts of the folks at Victim Services and other local organizations to educate our community about domestic violence and to strive toward the goal of ending the cycle of domestic violence," said Jacobs.

In 1989, Congress declared the month of October to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every October across the United States, organizations and individuals unite to help uplift the needs, voices, and experiences of domestic violence survivors and to spread awareness about what everyone can do to help end domestic violence.

This year's DVAM theme is: Heal, Hold & Center encourage everyone to:

- Promote HEALing by encouraging survivors to practice self-care and to take time for themselves.
- HOLD space for survivors by being present and supportive (but not forceful) as the survivor navigates their next steps.
- CENTER those who are most marginalized in our communities.

As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), people are also encouraged to mourn the loss of those lives ended by domestic violence, celebrate the tremendous progress victim advocates have made over the years, and connect with one another with a true sense of unity to end domestic violence.

What is the #1Thing you can do to end domestic violence or to #HealHoldCenter survivors?



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Pictured left to right are Victim Services of Cullman Emergency Shelter Advocate Leasia Murphree, Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Victim Services of Cullman Outreach Advocate Lacey Lemley.

To find out more about VSOC, visit www.victim-services.online or call the administrative office at 256-775-2600.

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION:

Call VSOC's 24-Hour Crisis Line at 256-734-6100.

Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

- By calling 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) (TTY 1-800-787-3224)
- By texting START to 88788
- By using the online chat feature at www.thehotline.org

Contact your local law enforcement agency.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 14-16

Geraldine Sharpton, 87
Funeral service for Geraldine Sharpton, age 87, of Cullman, will be at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Robert Lancaster and Dr. Johnny Crider officiating; burial at New Hope # 1 Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. noon on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Sharpton passed away on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, at Cullman Regional. She was born, May 9, 1936, to John M Crider and Sophie Irene Crider-Hancock. Mrs. Sharpton was a lifelong teacher, where she taught at Dowling and Addison Elementary until her retirement. She loved Scared Harp music and she traveled all over to attend the singings. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Tina Sharpton; son, John Sharpton; grandson, Zach Sharpton; three sisters; and two brothers. Survivors include her husband, Dalton Sharpton; sons, Wade (Kim) Sharpton and Gene "Butch" (Lisa) Sharpton; grandchildren, Valerie, Jared, Jessica, Christy and Luke; nine great-grandchildren; and sister, Essie Mae Hollingsworth.

Edna Faye Davenport, 84
A funeral service for Edna Faye Davenport, age 84, of Cullman, will be Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2023, and from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service on Sunday. Rev. Steve Rodgers will officiate. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Ms. Davenport passed away Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at The Folsom Center. She was born May 25, 1939, to Lunie W. Fowler and Dortha (Skinner) Fowler. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert (Bob) Davenport; grandson, Sammie Basinger; brother and sister-in-law, Delbert (Melba) Fowler; sisters and brothers-in-law, Glenda Mae (Jerry) Smith, and Nancy (Tony) Wynn. She is survived by sons; Charles (Janice) Sellers, Kenneth (Rhonda) Sellers, Darrell (Roxanne) Sellers; daughters, Pat (Mike) Floyd, Barbara Basinger, Darlene (Wally) Kirkpatrick; 15 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren; a special nephew, Billy (Mary) Davenport; along with a host of nieces and nephews and other family and friends. She was a loving wife, mother and mamaw to all. Ms. Faye, as she was so lovingly called by all her little ones, worked in the church nursery at Christ Covenant for 20 plus years. She also worked at King Edward Cigar Plant as well as Cullman Products. Her most fun job was operating a boat business with her husband. Faye was a member of Baldwin Heights Baptist Church. She was a talented seamstress whose main profession was to recover upholstery. She was a charter member of the Heartland Quilt Guild where she took up the art of quilting and won numerous ribbons on her beautiful handiwork. Ms. Davenport was an excellent cook, and everyone always raved about her tasty chicken and dumplings and her delicious Red Velvet Cake. Although we know where she is and certainly don't want her to come back for more pain and suffering, she will be missed by all that knew and loved her. The family would like to say a special thank you to her caregiver Ladonna Cushman, and to the Folsom Center for her care. Pallbearers include Chad Floyd, Todd Floyd, Josh Sellers, Daniel Sellers, Dylan Sellers, and Tyler Sellers Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Wayne Abbott, 79
Wayne Abbott, age 79, of Crane Hill, passed away on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at his residence. He was born, Sept. 25, 1944, to Dewey Edwin Abbott and Evie Darling Abbott. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, John Bradley Abbott. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Abbott; son, Robert (Terrie) Abbott; daughters, Sonya (Eric) Bruner and Tammy Abbott; brother, Jerry (Sharlene) Abbott; sisters, Kathy Rickert, Sandra Abbott, Linda (Ron) Duren and Patty Abbott; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family and friends. No services to be announced at this time.

Geraldine Sweatmon, 89
Geraldine Sweatmon, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 9, 2023, at the age of 89. Ms. Sweatmon was born in Cullman County, Alabama, on Jan. 13, 1934, to Benjamin Bloomer and Ruby Sherrer Robertson. Ms. Geraldine was a graduate of Holly Pond High School and long-time resident of the area. She was gifted with a green thumb and loved raising flowers and vegetable plants from her greenhouse. Ms. Sweatmon was proud of her booth at Lacon, which she was actively running until recently, where she sold her beautiful plants. She spoiled her little dogs, Jane and Pee-Wee, and enjoyed the companionship she found with her pups. Geraldine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who loved her family and enjoyed cooking special dishes for them. Ms. Sweatmon was a special Maw Maw, and she will be missed greatly. Ms. Sweatmon is preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Earl Cornelius, Daniel Sweatmon; sons, Ricky Cornelius, Micky Cornelius; daughter, Diane Kilgore; brother, Buddy; and sisters, Betty Jean, Pearlie May, and Lillie Jane. She is survived by six grandchildren, Chris, Stephanie, Amy, Krystal, Nicole, Cody; brother, Wayne; sister, Norma Fay; brother-in-law, Henry; and a host of great-grandchildren. The family will receive guests on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be held at New Hope #2 at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday, following visitation, with Pete Grund officiating. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Sweatmon family.

Render Jackson "R Jay" Heard Jr.
R. Jay passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family and friends in Georgia where he remained the last years of his life. He was born in Griffin, Georgia and raised in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a loving father who cared deeply about his children. Jay was a sergeant in the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam Era. He became a resident of Cullman, Alabama in 2003 and began life as a truck driver locally as well as cross country, where he earned the nickname "Ol' Devil Dawg", for his love of the Marine Corps. He was an avid bowler in the Cullman bowling leagues and enjoyed all the friends he made with the sport. He loved singing especially gospel hymns and oldies, road trips were not the same. He would turn it in to a sing-a-long and have everybody joining. He loved to help out with his kids and their extracurricular activities like softball/baseball, where he coached his kid's team in the summer league. Jay majored in Art at the University of Alabama! He loved painting and airbrushing. Jay had a great sarcastic sense of humor and could always make you laugh. He enjoyed making people laugh and smile, even on his bad days. He was the type of man to give you the shirt off his back and help anyone in need. Over the years Jay took in his children's friends as his own when they needed a safe place. A special message to you guys, "He loved you all and considered you to be his extended family." To Jay you guys made him feel young again. Jay was survived by his four children, three sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, his adopted children, a sister, nieces and nephews, and a great nephew. Christie and Tyler Shirley (daughter/husband); Robert Jackson Heard (son); children—Brylee Henley, Rayden Heard, Rari Heard; Angela and Eric Horton (daughter/husband); children—Kaleb Cavanaugh, Aiden Horton Elizabeth Lynn and Robert Mendoza (daughter/spouse); children -- Levi Hokanson and Victoria Lynn Jessica Kelso and Haley Day- adopted daughters; Nelma Ann Taylor – sister; Cameron Goolsby – Nephew; Darlan Goodman – niece; Alexandra Goodman – great-niece; Bronson Ivester – great-nephew; Jaxson Hammond – great-great-nephew. Jay's final words would be, do not be sad on my departure but rejoice in my laughs and smiles I have given you during passing. Semper Fi and Roll Tide Roll! A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023 at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel at 6 p.m. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home on Wednesday Oct. 18, 2023. In lieu of flowers: The family request donations be made to The Cullman VFW or Cullman Caring for Kids.

Janet Lowery Elmore, 68, of Cullman
Janet Lowery Elmore, age 68, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023. Janet was born in Alabama. A visitation for Janet will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at Ridout's Gardendale Chapel, 2029 Decatur Highway, Gardendale, AL 35071. Following the visitation will be a graveside service at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Memorial Gardens, 2100 Moncrief Road, Gardendale, AL 35071. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.ridoutsgardendalechapel.com for the Elmore family.

John Frutiger, 79, of Cullman
Graveside Service for John Frutiger, age 79, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Mr. Frutiger passed away on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at his residence. He was born July 26, 1944, to James C. Frutiger and Virginia Scott Frutiger. Mr. Frutiger was a Public Health Environmentalist for the Cullman County Health Department for 31 years. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Jane Ann Fields. Survivors include his wife, Gail Frutiger; son, Jonathan Frutiger; daughter, Mary Kathryn (Ted) Baker; stepson, Gordon Cobb; grandchildren, Mary Miller Baker, Anna Scott Baker, Reagan Cobb, and Reese Cobb; brother, Thomas Frutiger; and brother-in-law, Larry Fields. The family would like to especially thank Aveanna Hospice for their care and support. In lieu of flowers, the family request you make a donation to your favorite charity.

Gayla "Gail" Ann Smith Price, 78
Mrs. Gayla "Gail" Ann Smith Price, 78, of Arley, passed away on Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at her residence. Freeman-Hood Funeral Services has been entrusted with the arrangements. Mrs. Price is preceded in death by her husband Clarence Price; father Elton Smith; mother Mozelle Watts; and brothers Dolphus "Doc" Smith, Nolen Smith, Dennis Watts, and Ray Watts. She is survived by her daughters Vickie Hendon (George), Melissa Vaughn, and Christi O'Rear (Chris); son, Steve Price (Denise); sister Charlene Elliott (Billy); grandchildren Bridgette Thompson (Douglas), Matthew Price (Taylor), Samantha Price (Chance Sampson), and Sydney Lynn O'Rear; great-grandchildren Kalandra Thompson, Destiny Thompson, Briley Denson, Breonna Denson, Trey Thompson, Alexis Thompson, Lane Price, and Lexi Price; brothers-in-law Don Price, Paris Lambdin, and Amos Price; sisters-in-law Rosemary Price, Avelyn Smith, Roma Kirkland, and Alice Akins (Julius); and a host of nieces, nephews, and church family and friends. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Smith School House Arley Congregational with funeral services to follow on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Robert Partridge and Bobby Smith will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Freeman-Hood Funeral Services for the funeral services through the crowdfunding link on the funeral home website or checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 1594 Jasper, AL 35502. Memories and condolences may be shared at https://www.freemanhoodfh.com.

Bobby J. Ryan, 85
Funeral services for Bobby J. Ryan, 85, of Hanceville, will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Joel Coots will be officiating. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. Visitation for the public will be from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Ryan was born on Jan. 7, 1938, in Blount County to the late David L. and Ilene (Hays) Ryan. He passed away on Oct. 15, 2023, in Eva, Alabama. Survivors include his children, Anthony Christopher Ryan and Ronald Ryan; grandchildren, Aaron Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Joanna Sessions, Jennifer Thompson, Jamie White, Whitney Harvell, Christin Williams, Alex Ryan, and Bobbie Ryan; 19 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; sisters, Janie Rice and Jackie Jackson; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Mr. Ryan was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Ryan; daughter, Cynthia Thornton; and siblings, Jimmy Ryan, Johnnie Tanguy, and Judy Ryan.

Cleason Emory Stricklin, 80
Cleason Emory Stricklin, born Dec. 19, 1942, to Synthia Dakota Kilgo Stricklin and Lawrence Winfield Stricklin, passed to his heavenly reward Sep. 29, 2023. Cleason was born while his father was in basic training shortly after the beginning of WWII. Cleason, born with a cleft palate, was a fighter from birth. He underwent several operations in Birmingham to repair his birth defect. Due to his severe situation his father was allowed to leave training to briefly visit with him. Sadly Lt. Lawrence Stricklin was killed in battle on April 18, 1945 just a few miles from Berlin and only a few months before the end of the war. Mr. Stricklin was also predeceased by his granddaughter, Lisa Kicklighter. Synthia married Arthur Charles Brock, whom she had previously dated, on Nov. 8, 1946. Arthur became Cleason's second father and treated Cleason as if he were his own son. Arthur served during WWII in the Army and later transferred to the Air Force. Arthur left the military after the war and the family farmed for a short while. Arthur was called back into the Air Force during the Korean War. Cleason started school in Shreveport, Louisana where Arthur was training. Cleason was a very bright, inquisitive, self-motivated, student and did well everywhere their military family went. Cleason attended Logan Jr. High and West Point High School before graduating from Herschel V Jenkins High School in Savannah, Georgia. At 6 feet 3 inches Cleason was a gifted athlete who excelled at basketball and especially baseball. He played JV basketball and baseball for Jenkins High and at only 15 years of age tried out for the Savannah Pirates baseball team. The Pirates offered to sign him when he turned 16. Sadly, he suffered knee injuries that required surgery and ended his dreams of playing major league baseball. He attended Auburn University briefly before landing a job with the Seaboard Coastline Railroad where he worked for the next 30 years. He married Velma Bland Kicklighter a single mother with three children. He also fathered a son, Charles Lawrence Stricklin. Cleason worked very hard to support his family. He worked the night shift with the railroad and a day job as an engineer with the City of Savannah. Cleason was involved in the Railroad Union and held several leadership positions. He was an outdoorsman and enjoyed saltwater fishing, hunting, and was an avid metal detector. He especially like learning about the Civil War battles fought in the Savannah area. He studied their locations and using his metal detector gathered a large collection of Civil War artifacts, many of which he donated to local museums. After his wife Velma died, he married Patricia Ann Harley who also worked for the railroad. They were married 26 years until her recent death. Cleason was a kind and generous soul who loved people and made friends easily. He will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his son, Charles Lawrence Stricklin; his wife Janice; daughter, Debra Kicklighter; sons, James Kicklighter, Steven Kicklighter and his wife Mary; brothers, Durwin Brock and wife Pam, Darrell Brock and wife Charlotte; grandchildren, Sharon Stricklin, Jeremy Stricklin and wife Cole, and Katy Stricklin; great-grandchildren, Aiden Hearn, Oliver Hearn, Jude Stricklin, Myles Stricklin, and Jordan Hicks. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Stricklin family. The graveside service for Cleason Emory Stricklin will be at Shady Grove Cemetery, Saturday Oct. 7, 2023, at 11 a.m.

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Nightmares (from Front)

a skeletonized Alice, Tweedledee and Tweedledum and Mad Hatter celebrate a Very Merry Un-Birthday party while the Queen of Hearts glares daggers from behind.

Keep in mind that these are residential homes, and not open to the public.

Displays are available to see in a drive-by setting, until Halloween night, when door-to-door trick-or-treating commences.

Some displays may contain smoke machines, sound or flashing lights, so exercise caution when visiting these attractions at night; they may be spookier than anticipated.

Did you see the solar eclipse?

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Residents in Cullman County saw an annular solar eclipse in the sky on Saturday, Oct. 14. The event occurs every one to two years and, depending on weather and cloud coverage, was able to be seen across the county. For three hours and three minutes, the moon cut into the bright sun, slowly casting shadows for all to witness. Families assembled in driveways, holding pinhole projectors and colanders, allowing little ones to join the wonder. Groups of astrological enthusiasts gathered together in yards and parking lots to visualize the eclipse, many meeting and greeting neighbors and friends as they took turns with their specialty eclipse glasses.

According to NASA, "An annular solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth while it is at its farthest point from Earth.

Because the Moon is farther away from Earth, it appears smaller than the Sun and does not completely cover the star.

This creates a 'ring of fire' effect in the sky."

One group of students congregated and spoke about a recent science lesson, courtesy of this solar spectacular. Jackson Sharp said, "We just learned about an annular eclipse yesterday at school; it's really cool."

Students studied facets of the eclipse such as umbra and penumbra.

Sharp continued, explaining the lesson, "The umbra is the darkest part of the shadow and the penumbra is just the shaded part. You will see a total eclipse if you're in the umbra and a partial eclipse if you are in the penumbra."

Students were not the only residents excited about gazing into the galaxy for this eye-catching occurrence. WVTM Chief Meteorologist Jason Simpson also got in on the fun, stating, "Just in general, it's a neat event," he said on Saturday.

"The temperature dropped a single degree during the peak in Cullman this afternoon, but it's not quite as dramatic as the one in 2017 when we actually had some spotty storms in progress that collapsed as we got to the peak!"



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A group of watchers examine the sky as they view the annular solar eclipse Oct. 14.

Staying safe while staying warm

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CULLMAN, Ala. — October is a month of fun: hayrides and pumpkin patches, costumes and candy. If Alabama is your home, it also brings some crazy weather. Monday may require shorts and a tank top, and by the time Wednesday rolls around, it's time to crank up the heat. Southern weather is unpredictable and staying safe is paramount. Space heaters, electric blankets and heating pads may be cozy, but if you aren't careful and smart with your heating appliances, they can also be catastrophic. Fire and rescue teams from all across the state are taking to the public and spreading fire safety awareness and sharing tips on safely staying warm.



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Ian Namie, a paramedic/firefighter with Cullman Fire Rescue, shares heating safety tips in October, National Fire Safety Month.

Ian Namie, a paramedic/firefighter at Cullman Fire Rescue explained the cornerstones of fire safety: proper maintenance of heating equipment, maintaining an appropriate number of plugs in one outlet, placing the heating module away from any flammable items and a nationwide platform, "Close Before You Doze." Failing to keep up with proper maintenance of heating equipment is the most common catalyst for house fires.

Namie offered a few tips. "Make sure that your stuff stays in date, staying up to date with your equipment making sure that it's not super old or dusty," he said. Soap and water, or a lightly dampened cloth should be used to clean heaters and portable heating units; canned compressed air can clean any dust and debris from crevices and cracks that a cloth can't reach.

Overloading outlets is also a major cause of residential fires.

Said Namie, "Make sure that when you're plugging things in you don't overpower the outlet. That's a big one. Don't have 16 plugs in one outlet."

A standard home outlet should have no more than 1,500 watts of power being sent out to devices at once, so check all devices for wattage before using that outlet extender. Extenders and surge protector strips might have six to eight outlets, but they should never be used all at once. Flammable items should be moved away from any heaters or heating elements. Curtains, blankets, clothing, paper or any items that could catch fire should stay a minimum of 3 feet away from heaters in the home. Fabric and paper catch fire and spread rapidly causing devastating damage in a matter of minutes; moving items that could ignite could thwart a fire sparking.

If a fire erupts and a household is sleeping, a bedroom with a closed door can reach 100 degrees Fahrenheit rather quickly. In the same vein, a bedroom with an open door reaches 1,000 just as rapidly.

"Close before you Doze" is a national platform put forth by the Fire Safety Research Institute, focusing on habits such as shutting a door to a bedroom before bed, to pare down the number of deaths and injuries due to residential fires.

Describing the benefits of Close Before You Doze, Namie said he has seen the difference the barrier of a door makes.

"It makes a huge difference in the house whether or not your door is closed when you go to sleep. There are plenty of pictures you can find where if you looked in that one room, it looked like the house never caught fire. What it does is help the smoke from the heat from traveling into that room. It's night and day."

Space and wall heaters are common fixtures in many American homes, and many of them are used without difficulty or malfunction. Following fire and heating safety guidelines could potentially avoid a homeowner's worst nightmare, and even save a life.

Get more tips from Cullman Fire Rescue at www.facebook.com/CullmanFireRescue.