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Victim Services raises over $30K at Masquerade Ball

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The lights of Loft 212 twinkled and reflected off countless beaded gowns and feathered masks Thursday evening, Oct. 19, as Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) geared up to host its third annual Masquerade Ball to raise funds for its shelters and services.

The ball acts as VSOC's primary fundraiser, bringing in major donations as attendees twirl to live music and bid on prize packages to benefit local victims and survivors of domestic abuse.

VSOC Executive Director Carol Horstman shared that while the event may seem like just another excuse do get dressed up during costume party season, it is so much more.

"It is always held in October in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness » PAGE 3


JANET CHANDLER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
Attendees gather for the dinner portion of Victim Services of Cullman's third annual Masquerade Ball hosted on Thursday, Oct. 19, at Loft 212.

Getting 'saucy' at Vinemont BBQ Fest


CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
A panel of seven judges chose the best of the best barbecue at Vinemont's annual BBQ Fest Saturday Oct 21.

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VINEMONT, Ala. — The sweet smell of sticky barbecue sauce rolled in the crisp air and called to hungry stomachs far and wide Saturday, Oct. 21 at Vinemont's fourth annual Chillin-N-Grillin BBQ Fest. In all, around a dozen competitive and local grilling teams accepted the assignment and attempted to grill their way to the title of "The Best."

Tucked into a corner, rows of vintage (and some not so vintage) and modified cars and trucks lined the outer edge of the parking lot. There were vintage Volkswagen Beetles, a handful of colorful corvettes and a Mustang from practically every decade.

The sidewalks of the Vinemont Sports Complex were lined with booth after booth full of vendors chomping at the bit to show off their goods.

With over 40 vendors present, every member of the family had something that called to them.

Vendor items included hair tinsel and feather extensions by Enchanted Hair, beautiful handmade domestic and exotic wood gifts by Kustom Wood Creations, freeze-dried sweets and sours by Three Moons Candy and video game-inspired scents by Side Quest Candles and Wax Melts.

The Raging Bones, a local garage band from West Point, rocked the crowd with head-banging renditions of popular songs; parents listened and sang along while keeping eyes on their children running from bounce house to bounce house.

Saturday's main attraction was the BBQ Fest Grilling Competition, where grillmasters came together to decide who is the best of the best when it comes to throwing down.

Two of BBQ Fest's teams came from out of town; Wee Daddy's drove from Athens and Bonnie Blues BBQ made the trek from Nashville. The other teams call Cullman home - Rise and » PAGE 6

Dance2Fit in Art Park


DANCE2FIT WITH KELSEY/FACEBOOK
Kelsey Wooten teaches a group how to move and get fit in the process at her twice weekly class, Dance2Fit with Kelsey.
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CHS senior May Dawsey named National Merit Semifinalist


CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL
May Dawsey
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6 teams advance to Cullman County Youth Football Championship Games


SAMMY CONFER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
The Good Hope Raiders Wee-Wee team shut out the Fairview Aggies 40-0 in the semifinals Saturday.
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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 23

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 23, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 19

- theft of property; CR 504
- burglary; theft of property; CR 730
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 31
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N

Oct. 20

- domestic violence; Johnson Ave. NE, Garden City
- burglary; New Hope Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 35
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- domestic violence; Hwy. 91
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1623
- domestic violence; CR 490
- criminal mischief; CR 1579
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 278 E

Oct. 21

- harassment; CR 1098
- criminal mischief; CR 1109
- escape; theft of property; CR 1699
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 8
- harassment; CR 1838

Oct. 22

- domestic violence; Chad Dr.
- assault; CR 1352
- burglary; CR 644
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 307
- domestic violence; interference with domestic violence emergency call; CR 436
- domestic violence; Hwy. 31
- theft of property; CR 859
- possession of controlled substance; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of prescription drugs; upoc; Hwy. 69 S

Arrests

Oct. 19 – 22

Ballenger, Zachary D.; 26
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bates, Jeremy C.; 51
- Probation Violation-burglary-burglary-3rd degree-domestic violence (2 counts)

Calloway, Cubie Ann I.;
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- flight/escape-escape
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500

Cook Jr., Ronald D.; 44
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Doss, Rita T.; 67
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-harassing communications

Dunn, Cristie A.; 55
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Edwards, Jordan M.; 40
- FTA- driving without driver's license
- burglary-residence-no force

Firlik, Colby D.; 30
- violation of domestic violence protection order

Flores-Ramos, Yariel O.; 22
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Garcia, Brianna N.; 22
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Garnett, Marcel V.; 54
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense

Godfrey, David R.; 53
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Hall, Justin T.; 34
- assault-domestic violence-strangulation or suffocation
- interference with a domestic violence emergency call
- non-support-child

Harris, Barbara A.; 34
- fugitive from justice

Harrison, George A.; 56
- violation of domestic violence protection order
- public intoxication

Henderson, Alexus G.; 18
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hester, Michael K.; 33
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass
- FTA- driving while license suspended
- FTA- fail stop sign
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Horton, Nicholas A.; 28
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of prescription drugs

Johnson, Michael Lee T.; 28
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs

Kelly, Donald W.; 38
- FTA- burglary-non-residence-force

Klosinski, Mary E.; 34
- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Leonard, Shaun A.; 43
- violation of court order

Long Jr., Craig A.; 28
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

McKnight, Loyd A.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)

Mooney, Jamey R.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- attempting to elude police officer
- FTA- resisting arrest

Prince, Tanner J.; 29
- Judges Order- possession of dangerous drugs

Rhodes, Brandy L.; 32
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stancil, Misty M.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Strong, James E.; 59
- FTA- no seat belt
- FTA- no plainly visible tag
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)

Torres, Cesar O.; 23
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Vanegas, Kiesha L.; 27
- possession of cocaine
- possession of dangerous drugs

Williams, Walter A.; 36
- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- possession of prescription drugs

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 17
- identity theft; person

Oct. 20
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; theft of property-4th degree; Bill Smith Used Cars; Hwy. 157; damage to 2018 GMC; vehicle parts; $900
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to 2021 Dodge 3500; $800
- forgery-3rd degree; Cullman Internal Medicine; forgery-3rd degree; forged checks
- burglary-3rd degree; criminal mischief-2nd degree; Apex Tool Group; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; damaged property; $2,100
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- harassment; person; CR 222
- harassing communications; person

Oct. 21
- criminal trespass-2nd degree; person; Denson Ave. NW
- harassment; person; 4th St. SW
- breaking entering motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NW; backpack; pistol; $580
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment; person; 3rd Ave. SW

Oct. 22
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Greentree Apartments; Laurel Ln. SW; damaged property; $365
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; 6th Ave. SE; pistol; $200
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; Goldmark Apartments; Gold Mark Ct. SW; damaged property; $400
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; McNabb Rd. NW; damaged property; $365

Oct. 23
- theft of property-1st degree; City of Cullman; 1996 Ford F250; $5,000

ARRESTS

Oct. 20 – 23

Hodge, Michael K.; 33
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree (7 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree (8 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
- FTA- driving while suspended

McCormack, Ethan D.; 29
- FTA- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Parker, Roderick H.; 35
- theft of lost property

McKnight, Loyd A.; 53
- FTA- public intoxication

Calloway, Cubie A.; 22
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- following too close

Hammond, Robert A.; 52
- domestic violence-3rd degree-harassment

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

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

Johnson, Bama N.; 52
- theft of property-4th degree

Mead, Savannah T.; 30
- theft of property-4th degree

Puentes, Guillermo; 44
- theft of property-4th degree

Austin, Jean E.; 60
- theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Victim Services invites community to 'Walk a Mile in Their Shoes' Oct. 28

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CULLMAN, Ala. – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) is hosting its inaugural Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event Saturday, Oct. 28.

VSOC is attempting to raise awareness for domestic violence and flood the streets of Cullman with purple. Registration is free and begins at 9:30 a.m., with the walk commencing at 10, leaving from VSOC at 310 Third Ave. NE. Participants are encouraged to arrive decked out in purples and plums; materials will be provided for walkers to create signs to carry during the walk, emblazoned with facts and information about domestic violence.

VSOC Executive Director Carol Horstman said, "...We want to end the month with a family-friendly activity that not only raises community awareness, but also shows survivors they are supported."

Horstman and her staff work tirelessly around the clock to help one the community's most vulnerable populations - domestic violence victims and survivors.

"Domestic abuse is more than just physical or sexual violence," she explained. "Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior in a relationship that is used to gain or maintain power and control over another person."

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) reports that one in three women and one in four men have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner and that an astounding 95% of individuals who abuse their partner physically, also abuse them psychologically.

Many have trouble coming forward as a victim of psychological abuse; abusers tear down their victims to diminish their confidence and self-esteem.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline says that survivors of domestic violence are six times more likely to develop substance abuse disorders and are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their peers who suffered no abuse.

Speaking about survivors and their stories may be uncomfortable, but the stories must be told.

Said Horstman, "The more we bring these issues out into the open, the more likely victims will feel safe enough to come forward and ask for help. Help is available."

Horstman said she wants the community to know VSOC is there to help.

"For safe shelter, to schedule counseling and court advocacy services, or for more information, call Victim Services 24-hr Crisis Line - 256-734-6100," she said.

"All services are confidential and offered at no cost to victims or their family members."

Victim Services of Cullman is located at 310 Third Ave. NE. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Reach the administrative office at 256-775-2600 or get more information at www.victimservices.online.

Candy (from Front)

Silvia Vilches
Contributor

AUBURN UNIVERSITY, Ala. – Every Halloween, parents are warned to keep their children safe from intentional candy poisonings. While there are always risks, the facts of intentional poisonings reveal few incidents. From covering up crimes to illnesses, there are several factors that have propelled this urban legend.

Early origins

The urban legend surrounding poison candy can first be traced to a woman in New York state. In 1964, she handed out actual poison to children who she judged to be too old to be trick-or-treating. Her trick was handing out dog biscuits, steel wool pads, and ant bait, all with labels that clearly marked that they were poisonous. No children were harmed, but she was arrested, convicted, and served a suspended sentence for her mischief.

The candyman

A much more serious incident occurred in Texas in 1974. A father intentionally gave cyanide to his son, disguised in a Halloween candy. He also gave his daughter and three other children the same candy to make it seem as if it was random. Luckily, none of the other children ate the candy. The truth was uncovered, and the father was convicted of murder but not before creating what is now known as the Candyman poisoning story. However, this was a targeted murder, and the general public was never at risk.

International influences

Stories of poison candy from other countries have also fueled the flames for these urban legends. In the early 1980s, a crime ring threatened Japanese candy manufacturers if they would not pay ransom. Japan does not celebrate Halloween, but after some cookies and candies were indeed found to be laced with cyanide, many packets were destroyed. Because the poison was in candy, the story of candy being pulled from the shelves was attached to Halloween.

Cover-ups

Halloween candy poisoning stories have sometimes been used as a smokescreen to obscure other unlawful acts. For example, in 1970 a young boy died when he ingested some of his uncle's heroin. The family then sprinkled heroin on the boy's Halloween candy and blamed strangers to avoid being investigated. They were caught but not in time to save the young child.

Illnesses

Illness at Halloween has also been misattributed to candy poisoning, fueling more stories. In 1990, a seven-year-old girl in California collapsed after eating candy. However, she was found to have had a heart condition, and her illness was not traced to any candy, poisoned or otherwise. Similarly, in 1994, a violently ill three-year old boy was thought to have eaten cocaine in his candy. It turned out that he had been ill before Halloween, and no cocaine was ever found on his candy or elsewhere.

Media's influence

Sometimes the headlines about potential candy poisonings have grabbed the spotlight but not the facts that are later uncovered. In 1988, New Jersey police raided a store and confiscated some jelly candies that they thought were dusted with strychnine. Testing proved it was corn starch, but by then the manufacturer had destroyed 9,400 boxes of dinosaur jellies, fueling a candy poison story. The initial headlines get the wheels turning, but the less dramatic "oh, it's nothing" ending seldom make the headlines.

Urban myths of anonymous Halloween sadism arose during the 1970s, prompted by media speculation. Researchers think that the fear of strangers gains traction when people became more mobile, and communities are not as traditionally connected. The Halloween poison candy legend fits into this fear of strangers. However, systematic reviews have not found any consistent pattern or even frequent poisoning events, accidental or intentional.

A teachable moment

For parents, these scary stories provide a great opportunity to teach your child about food safety.

As with all food, it is important to ensure that candy packaging has not been tampered with, is not open, and that candies are safe in size for your child to eat. Do not keep poisons of any kind, including vaping products, within reach of young children.

Meanwhile, treat this scary urban legend as mostly Halloween lore.

HELP WANTED

GENERAL MAINTENANCE PERSON

Apply: Colony Town Hall (256) 287-1192
65 Byars Road, Colony, Alabama
Hours: 8:30 – 12 noon, Monday-Thursday
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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. 25 - 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. 27 - 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!
• Sunday, Oct. 29 - 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. 29 - 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 testimony by Mark Walker at 11.
• Sunday, Oct. 29 - A call to prayer at 2:30 p.m.

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.

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.

St. Bernard Prep Open House
Friday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Connect with current students who will serve as ambassadors and tour guides. For families unable to attend the Open House, the Admissions Office extends an invitation to participate in a "Shadow Day" experience. This initiative allows students to spend a day at St. Bernard, becoming a "student for a day" to become better acquainted with the school. To arrange a Shadow Day visit, interested parties should contact Meg Glover at 256-739-6682. www.stbernardprep.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.

Chambers Family Reunion
The Chambers (David Lon, Dock, Gene, Will) Family's annual reunion will be held Sunday, Nov 5, at the Berlin Community Center (usual location) on U.S. Highway 278 East starting at 11 a.m. Dinner will be at noon. Family members and friends, plan on attending. Bring favorite food dishes, family histories, stories, photos, etc. to share. For information, contact Rodger Walling at 256-734-8235.

Cullman Elks Lodge Holiday Craft Fair and Vendor Expo
Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Cullman Elks Lodge. $1 donation enters you to win door prizes. $1 donation benefits local charities.

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.

Taste of Cullman Grown Food Show
Monday, Nov. 13, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wallace State Community College Peinhardt Conference Center. General admission is $10; students get in for $8. Purchase tickets at the door. All proceeds go to those in need for Thanksgiving meals through The Link of Cullman County.

Ball (from Front)

Month," she explained.

Myriad businesses and personal sponsors come together year after year to make the fundraiser impactful, but Horstman said this year's takes the cake.

"We are thankful to all the businesses and community members who donated items for our silent and live auctions. This community is always so generous to us, but this year they went above and beyond!" she exclaimed.

"We consider this year's Masquerade Ball to have been a great success, raising over $30,000 for Victim Services' shelters and domestic violence services," she smiled, adding that the event was certainly not the work of one woman.

"We couldn't have done it without our dedicated board of directors and staff!" she said.

To support VSOC during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, consider joining in on its upcoming awareness walk on Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, beginning at 10 a.m. Attendees are asked to wear purple.

Games (from Front)

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. — The semifinal round of this year's Cullman County Youth Football playoffs were hosted at Good Hope's James W. Shabel Stadium Saturday and after six hard-fought games, next week's championship matchups are now set.

In the Fireplug games, the Vinemont Eagles took on the West Point Warriors and the Good Hope Raiders faced off against the Fairview Aggies.

The Wee-Wee contests featured games between the Good Hope Raiders and the Fairview Aggies and the West Point Warriors and the Holly Pond Broncos.

In the Pee-Wee matchups, Vinemont battled the Holly Pond Broncos, and the West Point Warriors faced the Cullman Bearcats.

Wee-Wee Semifinals
- Raiders 40 - Aggies 0
- Broncos 12 - Warriors 0

Pee-Wee Semifinals
- Eagles 14 - Broncos 0
- Warriors 27 - Bearcats 6

Fireplug Semifinals
- Eagles 14 - Warriors 0
- Raiders 12 - Aggies 0

This year's Cullman County Youth Football Championship Games will be played at Good Hope starting with the Wee-Wee game between Good Hope and Holly Pond at 2 p.m. with Pee-Wee and Fireplug title games to follow.

WSCC Criminal Justice hosting 'Crime Scene House' to benefit Lions' Kitchen

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — While haunted houses and frightening corn maze experiences are fairly common this time of year, few things spark more fear than the scene of a violent crime - well, a replica of one, anyway. Wallace State's Criminal Justice academic division is offering a unique spin on gory attractions by hosting its very own "Crime Scene House" on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, with proceeds benefiting Lions' Kitchen, an active food and toiletry pantry on campus.

Coordinated Care Specialist and head of Lions' Kitchen Bobby Tarvin said she was thrilled to learn that Lions' Kitchen would be the beneficiary of such a distinctive fundraiser.

"I was thrilled to learn that the Criminal Justice department wanted to hold such a unique fundraiser in honor of Lions' Kitchen," said Tarvin, explaining that the criminal justice club on campus, Lex Corpus, partnered with the pantry earlier in the year by way of a $400 donation.

"With 120 students actively using the pantry thus far this semester, the help is very much needed," she smiled.

"Their continued support of students facing food insecurity within our college is deeply appreciated!"

The Crime Scene House experience will begin at 9 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. The house is located about three minutes away from Wallace State's campus and can be found by inserting these coordinates into any GPS or maps app: 34°04′01.1″N 86°47′32.8″W. Admission is $1. Can't swing by the Crime Scene House, but still want to give to Lions' Kitchen? Physical donations can be dropped off at the Lions' Kitchen Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Arab topples Guntersville, Aggies remain unbeaten, Vinemont earns region win

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The playoff picture is beginning to take shape and several local teams earned big wins last week to further secure their postseason resumes. The Arabian Knights traveled to Guntersville and defeated the Wildcats on the road for the first time in 10 years. The Fairview Aggies improved to 8-0 with a hard-fought win over Lawrence County and clinched a home game in the first round of the state playoffs. Vinemont kept its postseason hopes alive with a big win at Danville, Meek punched its playoff ticket with a win over Vina and Addison improved to 6-2 after winning a non-region matchup over Falkville.

Arab 29 – Guntersville 19

After outracing Boaz in a 63-35 shootout at home last week, the Arabian Knights were on the road Friday night for a big regional matchup against Guntersville and for the first time in 10 seasons, the Knights returned home with a win over the Wildcats.

Guntersville struck first with a 30-yard touchdown pass on its opening drive, but the ensuing extra point attempt was blocked by the Knights, making it a 6-0 game. Both teams exchanged punts on the next two possessions, but Arab was able to seize some momentum on its second drive. After converting on fourth and short, a big run by Logan Alldredge moved the Knights offense down to the Guntersville 20-yard line. Alldredge took his next carry down to the 5 and two plays later, Puccio ran it into the end zone from 6 yards out to tie the game at 6. Aiden Wooten's extra point gave the Knights a 7-6 lead early in the second quarter.

It didn't take long for the Wildcats to respond. A big gain on a pass down the Arab sideline moved Guntersville's offense down inside the 5-yard line and they punched it into the end zone two plays later to move in front 13-7 midway through the second.

A fumble on the ensuing Wildcats possession was recovered by Arab deep in Guntersville territory and the Knights offense took advantage of the short field a few plays later when Puccio ran his second touchdown of the night into the end zone to put Arab on top 14-13 going into the halftime break.

The Wildcats got on the board early in the second half with a 50-yard touchdown pass to pull ahead 19-14 at the midway through the third quarter but they were held out of the end zone on the two-point conversion attempt, holding the lead to 5. Arab capped off its next scoring drive on the first play of the fourth quarter when Logan Silva dove into the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown and a successful two-point conversion gave the Knights a 22-19 lead early in the final period.

Arab forced the Wildcats to punt the ball away on their next possession and the Knights pieced together a long, methodical drive that consumed most of the remaining time in the fourth quarter. Finally, with less than three minutes to play, Alldredge took a handoff from the 5-yard line and sliced through the defense for a touchdown to make it a 28-19 game. Wooten's extra point stretched the lead to 29-19. Guntersville picked up yardage quickly and the Wildcats were in scoring range with a little over a minute remaining, but Hagan Stewart intercepted a pass in the end zone to seal the deal and wrap up a huge, 29-19 win for the Knights.

Arab improves to 6-2 with the win and the Knights will finish the regular season on the road against Hazel Green next week.

Fairview 14 – Lawrence County 7

The Fairview Aggies hosted the Lawrence County Red Devils in another huge region game Friday night and after battling it out for three quarters in a low scoring affair, a late touchdown helped the Aggies get past the Red Devils 14-7.

Fairview got the ball first to start out the game and quickly got past midfield behind hard-nosed runs by Carson Jones and Barrett York. Later on, an 8-yard pass from York to Cade Yeager put the Aggies at the 27, but they coughed the ball up on the next play and Lawrence County recovered it. The Red Devils got a first down on the first play, but the Aggie defense stiffened after that and ended up stuffing them for no gain on a fake punt attempt. Big runs by Kolt Redding and Jones, plus an offsides penalty, had the Aggies at the eight-yard line, but another fumble gave the ball back to the Red Devils.

Lawrence County picked up a couple of first downs during its next drive, but Fairview's defense settled down and forced a punt. The ball sailed over the punter's head, and he got tackled at the 16, as Fairview set up shop from there.

The Aggies got hit with the penalty bug during the drive, and a Kolt Redding pass got picked off to end the drive. A 30-yard pass by the Red Devils quickly put them at the 17, but a pair of penalties quickly put them behind the sticks. They attempted a field goal, and it fell short. The Aggies got the ball behind, and their running game continued to wear down the Red Devil defense, as Jake Harper picked up three first downs during the drive. A costly penalty, though, forced them to punt.

A Lawrence County punt gave the ball back to Fairview, and on the first play, an unsportsmanlike penalty after the play on the Red Devils put the ball at the 44. Behind Redding, Jones, and York, the Aggies quickly moved the ball to the 11. Three plays later, Redding found Jameson Goble in the corner of the end zone for a seven-yard score to give the Aggies a 7-0 lead with 2:15 remaining in the first half. Another punt and two plays later, the Aggies went into the locker room with a 7-0 lead.

Fairview forced a Red Devil punt to start the second half, and the Aggies picked up three first downs on their first three plays of its opening series. A penalty put them behind the sticks, and they were forced to punt. Three straight punts gave the ball back to Fairview. Big runs by Jones and Harper had the Aggies at the 25, but back-to-back penalties, saw their drive get stopped to a screeching halt, as they were forced to punt. The Aggies got the ball back after another Red Devil punt, and a big run by Harper, plus a face mask penalty on Lawrence County, put the ball at the seven, but two plays later, the Red Devils recovered another Aggie fumble.

Later on in their drive, a pass interference penalty on Fairview gave Lawrence County a first down. On the next play, a 76-yard run tied the game up at seven with 7:29 left to go in the game. The Aggies started its next drive from the 20, and a Harper run gave them a first down. After Redding found Yeager for 11 yards, Harper broke free for a 22-yard run to put them at the 34. Harper collected another first down during the drive, then later on, Redding connected with Yeager for an eight-yard gain and another first down. Two plays later, Redding found the end zone on a huge four-yard run to give Fairview a 14-7 lead with 3:03 left to go in the contest.

The Aggies picked the perfect time to force their first turnover of the game, as Redding picked off an errant pass with a little over two minutes left. Jones picked up a huge first down, and a pair of kneel downs later, Fairview was able to breath a huge sigh of relief after the game, as they held off a feisty Lawrence County squad, 14-7.

Redding finished 6/8 for 40 yards and a score, added a rushing touchdown, and had the late interception to help seal the win for Fairview (8-0, 5-0). Harper added 172 yards rushing on the night, while Jones ended up with 116 rushing yards.

Fairview will head to Russellville for an enormous battle with the Golden Tigers next Friday night, as the winner will clinch the No. 1 seed in the region.

Vinemont 32 – Danville 19

The Vinemont Eagles were back on the road Friday night for a big regional matchup against Danville and after dropping three straight coming into this week, the Eagles bounced back to pick up a crucial, 32-19 win over the Hawks.

Vinemont received the opening kickoff with Diego Rodriguez taking the ball into Danville territory. Starting on the Hawks 48-yard line, Rodriguez carried it 4 yards down to the 44. Rush Sandin got the ball to the Hawks 38 and Rodriguez went 14 yards on his next carry before Sandin carried it 19 yards down to the Hawks 4-yard line. On first and goal from the 4, Kayden Henderson punched it into the end zone and got Vinemont on the board with a 6-0 lead.

Danville started its first drive on its own 36. Hawks running back Cristian Rodriguez was the team's work horse. He went for 52 yards on nine carries before the Hawks turned the ball over on downs at the 22-yard line.

Vinemont wasted no time as Sandin went for 6 yards on first down. Facing third down and long later in the drive, Rodriguez took the handoff from Sandin and went 74 yards for another Eagles touchdown, making it a 12-0 game.

The Eagles started their next possession with their strong ground game, driving the ball down to the 1-yard line where Sandin called his own number and put the Eagles up 18-0 with 7:21 remaining in the second quarter.

With the half coming to a close, Danville finally got on the board with 13 seconds and managed to trim Vinemont's lead to 18-6 at the break.

Danville got the ball to start the third quarter and the Hawks came out swinging, scoring on an 8-yard touchdown pass to pull within 5 points of the Eagles at 18-13. A big return on the ensuing return from Vinemont's Josh Wilhite gave the Eagles great field position and with the ground game going strong they drive the ball down to the Hawks 7-yard line where Rodriguez scored his second touchdown of the night to give Vinemont a 24-13 lead with 5:45 left in the third.

Danville started its next possession on its own 35. Rodriguez carried the ball up to the 42 and the next play saw Wyatt Summerford running open down the left sideline and a beautifully thrown ball led to another Hawks touchdown, cutting the Vinemont lead to 24-19 with 5:14 left in the third.

Vinemont put the final score on the board in the third quarter when Kayden Henderson took the ball into the end zone from 6 yards. The two-point conversion was good, and Vinemont led 32-19 with 1:55 left in the third.

Danville's next drive ended with Josh Rhodes picking off a Hawks pass at the Vinemont 13-yard line.

The Eagles drove the ball down to the 17-yard line before fumbling the ball away. The Eagles scored on every possession except their last two and the final possession of the first half.

Next week the Eagles will travel to Albertville to face Asbury in another regional matchup.

Addison 28 – Falkville 6

The fireworks started early, as Addison's Jed "Wizard" Wilkins created another highlight as he took the punt back 65-yards for the Bulldog touchdown. Still don't know why teams kick to this young man as he has returned numerous kicks for scores during the season. The two-point attempt was no good and at the 10:21 mark of the first quarter, Addison led 6-0.

Addison took over with 9:58 to go in the second quarter at their own 15-yard line. This drive turned into the Wilkins-Braden Luker drive as 8 of the 11 plays featured one or both of these players.

Facing a third and eight call, Wilkins went around end for 11-yards and a first down. Luker then took back-to-back carries for 8-yards apiece and another first down. Lest we not forget the humble fullback, Hayden Holland on third and two dragged Blue Devils for 11-yards and another Bulldog first down. The 11 play 85-yard drive was capped off with Wilkins scoring his second touchdown of the night on a nice 4-yard run. Holland muscled in the two-point conversion and Addison led 14-0 with 2:57 left on the clock. Addison had taken off over seven minutes of the second quarter on the drive.

Falkville, using Powers short completions, drove down to the Bulldog six-yard line. Powers completed a huge 13-yard pass to Cash Lawrimore on fourth and three at the Bulldog thirty-three.

Powers came up big again on another fourth down call with a six-yard completion to Fowler on fourth and four from the fourteen. Powers then sealed the deal with a cross the field throw to Fitzgerald who made a very nice over the shoulder catch. Fitzgerald was able to complete the catch and keep his feet inbounds for the 6-yard touchdown. The two-point was no good and with 1:09 to go in the third quarter, Addison's lead had been cut to 14-6.

Addison answered the bell and after a short kickoff, Addison took over at midfield. After an Addison penalty, Wilkins found Holland for 13-yards and a first down at the Devil thirty-seven-yard line. Two pop passes, Wilkins to Luker, gained 17-yards and had Addison with a first and ten from the Devil twenty-two.

Four plays later, Luker powered his way into the endzone for the breathing room touchdown. The two-point was no good and with 7:37 to go in the game, Addison had extended their lead back out to 20-6.

The Bulldogs interception seemed to take the life out of the Blue Devils and Addison was able to drive down the field and eight plays later, Mr. Luker cashed it in for his second touchdown of the night as this one came from 21-yards out. Elijah Roberts found Wilkins in the back of the endzone for the two-point conversion and with only 2:42 to go in the game, Addison led comfortably 28-6. This is how the game would end as Falkville, never giving up, got down to the Dawg twenty-five-yard line when time expired.

Addison came away with a 28-6 win and will now move back into region play with a trip to Phillips next week.

Meek 46 – Vina 8

After shutting out Shoals Chrisian on the road last week, Meek returned home Friday night to host Vina and after building a 40-0 lead in the first half, the Tigers cruised to a 46-8 win in the second half.

A 54-yard touchdown pass from Evan McCay to Ryan Ewing gave the Tigers an 8-0 lead early in the opening period and a 65-yard touchdown run by Cameron Deaver stretched the lead to 16-0. McCay got loose for a 45-yard touchdown run to make it a 24-0 game early in the second quarter and after extending the lead to 32-0 later in the period, McCay connected with Ewing for a 15-yard touchdown to put Meek in front 40-0 at the halftime break.

Both teams agreed to shortened quarters in the second half. An 8-yard touchdown run by Brady Baxter gave the Tigers a 46-0 lead in the third quarter and Vina was able to score and put eight points on the board later in the fourth but those were the only points scored in the second half and Meek held on to win it 46-8.

The Tigers improve to 5-3 with the win and they'll be back on the road next week for a regional battle at Cherokee.



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The Vinemont Eagles defeated Danville on the road 32-19 Friday night.



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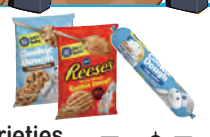
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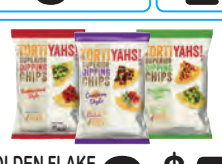
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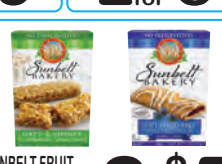
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CHS celebrates students awarded with academic honors

Staff Reports
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Students at Cullman High School recently earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

At Cullman High School, five students received academic honors. Nick Holland, Elianna Hollis, Ashton Lambert and Cole Carden received the National Rural or Small Town Recognition Award, and Nora Sheffield received the National Rural or Small Town Recognition Award along with the National Hispanic Recognition Award.

"We're thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they've been doing. We're proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT and AP exams," Allison Tuggle, Cullman High School principal.

"There's so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future."

The criteria for eligible students includes:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher
- PSAT/NMSQT assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in ninth and 10th grade
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino or Indigenous/Native



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Left to right are Nick Holland, Elianna Hollis, Ashton Lambert, Nora Sheffield and Cole Carden.

Cullman Primary Care undergoing consolidation

Noah Galilee
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CULLMAN, Ala. — With its roots deeply planted in providing core primary care services, Cullman Primary Care, PC (CPC) has seen rapid expansion over the past few years. However, recent challenges have prompted the medical group to reassess and consolidate its range of specialties.

"Cullman Primary Care, PC started with a foundation of core primary care physicians and over the last several years added multiple specialty offices to assist with local continuity of care," said John Reynolds, CEO. While the group's growth was indeed impressive, it was not without its challenges. A combination of decreased reimbursements from insurance plans, heightened medical supply costs and rapid expansion resulted in the upcoming consolidation.

Starting Oct. 31, certain specialty offices including Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology, Psychiatry and General Surgery/Wound Care will no longer operate under the CPC umbrella.

"Most of these providers are remaining in our community, and our primary care physicians will continue to support them with patient referrals," Reynolds added.

Patients who frequent these specialty facilities are urged to ensure they have a transition in place.

"If a patient has not received communication on their care continuation, needs information on where their specialist has relocated, or requires medical records information, they can contact the CPC Care Line at 256-736-CARE," Reynolds emphasized.

Regarding the short notice of these changes, CPC clarified that the date aligns with the end of its fiscal year.

Yet, providers are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for patients well into mid-November.

CPC will continue to serve the community, having consolidated its family practice physicians to its 408 Clark Street location.

Furthermore, it will continue to provide in-patient services at Cullman Regional Medical Center, Urgent Care services at 1406 Wall Street and Diagnostic testing at 501 Clark Street.

Several physicians, including Dr. Kurt Blake (Rheumatology) and Dr. Joseph Forester (Allergy and Immunology), will be relocating to 1948 Alabama Highway 157, POB 1, Suite 450. Dr. Brad Moody (General Surgery) will set up his practice at Horizon Surgical, P.C.

Unfortunately, CPC's psychiatrists, including Dr. Santosh Pillai, Dr. Mary K. Thrower and Dr. Casey Lowrey, have not yet established new practice locations and are currently referring patients to other local programs.

CPC consolidated its family practice physicians to its 408 Clark Street location, but still provides inpatient services at Cullman Regional Medical Center, Urgent Care services at 1406 Wall Street and Diagnostic testing at 501 Clark Street.

Family Practice can be reached at 256-734-3202 and hosts:

- Dr. Gregory Bostick
- Dr. Nathaniel Burnham
- Dr. Chris Coccia
- Dr. Joseph Johnson
- Dr. Thomas Montgomery
- Dr. Mike Machen
- Dr. Randall Quinn
- Jennifer Anderson, CRNP
- Tammy Cornelius, CRNP
- Jessica Rice, CRNP (home visits)
- Justin Wilson, CRNP

Urgent Care can be reached at 256-736-2856

- Natalee Kilpatrick, CRNP

Hospitalist Program hosts:

- Dr. Angelia Elliott
- Dr. Lloyd James
- Ashley Drake, CRNP
- Katherine Mann, CRNP

Diagnostic Center can be reached at 256-739-9898

- Dr. Ross Barnett

Dr. Kurt Blake- Rheumatology
1948 Alabama Highway 157, POB 1, Suite 450, Cullman, AL 35058
Phone: 256-735-5380

Dr. Joseph Forester- Allergy and Immunology
1948 Alabama Highway 157, POB 1, Suite 450, Cullman, AL 35058
Phone: 256-735-5125

Dr. Brad Moody- General Surgery
Horizon Surgical, P.C.
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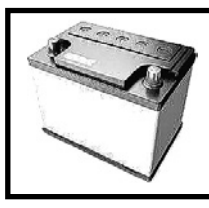
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of more than 16,000 Semifinalists in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program this fall. Allison Tuggle, Cullman High School principal, announced that senior May Dawsey was named as a Semifinalist in this prestigious program.

An academically talented high school senior who was the only NMSC Semifinalist named from all of Cullman County, May now has the opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly $28 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, May must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95% of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

The National Merit Scholarship Program honors individual students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Over 1.3 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2022 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.



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BBQ (from Front)

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Teams had the choice of two competitions, and were encouraged to enter both. One competition was People's Choice - the first 200 guests were invited to purchase a set of tickets which then bought a grilled wing from each competing booth; guests were also given a voting ticket to drop into the basket of their favorite team.

The second competition was best Backyard BBQ. In this competition teams had strict guidelines and restrictions to follow and were judged based on their ability to grill two meats: a chicken thigh and bone-in pork ribs.

A stipulation of the competition was that local business, Butcher Meat Co. provided the meat used, the cost of which was included in the teams' entry fees, to ensure safe transportation to the event, and ensuring each team had the same quality and cut of raw product.

The judges dutifully tasted and tested each team's grilled items and ultimately, after many napkins, wet-wipes and deliberation, declared first through fifth place in each category.

Battle of the Heroes winners

1. The Retired REHAU Fire Team
2. Cullman County Sheriff's Office
3. Cullman Fire Rescue
4. Cullman Army Recruitment
5. Hanceville Fire & Rescue

People's Choice winners

1. Codeman's BBQ
2. Wee Daddy's BBQ
3. Rise and Swine
4. BrightFuture BBQ
5. Cullman Fire Rescue

Backyard BBQ winners
Chicken thighs

- Rise and Swine
- Codeman's BBQ
- BrightFuture BBQ
- Bonnie Blues BBQ
- Wee Daddy's

Bone-in pork ribs

- Wee Daddy's BBQ
- Codeman's BBQ
- Fire Hose Wings
- Rise and Swine
- Bonnie Blues BBQ

Grand Champion and Reserve Champion

Cody Vondrasek with Codeman's BBQ swept the competition and wowed the judges' tastebuds to the point of being declared the competition's Grand Champion, and Rise and Swine took home the Reserve Champion title.



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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 PATRICIA DEWESE BROWN, Deceased. * **CASE NO.: PC2022-226**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Testamentary having been granted to LARRY KEITH BROWN, as Personal Representative of the Estate of PATRICIA DEWESE BROWN deceased, on the 19th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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 will be barred.

LARRY KEITH BROWN
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
407 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three 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 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
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Executor

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:
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2009 White Volkswagen Jetta, Vin# 3VWRZ71K69M092387
2002 Red Chevrolet Cavalier, Vin# 1G1JC524X27283468
2007 Red GMC Acadia, Vin.#1GKER33717J127404
2003 Gold Chrysler Town and Country, Vin.#2C4GP74L13R195754
2003 Silver BMW 325, Vin.#WBAEU33493PF58757
If not claimed, these vehicles will be sold for towing, repair and work done. Sale date is Friday, November 24, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. Call Vance Johnson at 256-339-5752.

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1. Short form subdivision – 1846 Brantley Avenue NW
2. Short form subdivision – US Highway 278 West
3. Rezoning request – R-3 to R-4 Logan Street SW and Veigl Avenue SW
4. Conditional Use request for storage units on Cleveland Avenue NW

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

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1. Amendment/deletion to the Zoning Ordinance for Ordinance 2011-23 and 2011-25

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama ("Board"), at the Wesley A. James Operations Center, 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL 36618-0249 until **12:00 p.m.**, Local Time, November 13, 2023, and then publicly opened and read at **1:00 p.m.** for furnishing all labor, materials, and performing all work for the following project: Contract No: M5712-2780, Project Name: Access Roads Annual Contract 2024 Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance.

Plans and Specifications may be inspected at the Board's offices at 4725 Moffett Road, Suite A, Mobile, AL, or at the office of McCrory & Williams, Inc, Consulting Engineers, 3207 International Drive, Suite G, Mobile, AL. Electronic Plans and Specifications may be obtained via e-mail for review only from McCrory & Williams, Inc, Telephone: (251)476-4720.

Copies of the Plans, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be obtained from McCrory & Williams, Inc at 3207 International Drive, Suite G, upon a non-refundable payment of $75.00 per set. No Contract Documents will be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to bid submission time.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held at MAWSS, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618 on October 31, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders and subcontractors should attend.

Bids must be submitted on the standard forms included with the Contract Documents.

Envelopes containing bids must be sealed and delivered to the Director, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile, Alabama, 4725A Moffett Road, Mobile, Alabama 36618-0249: "Bid for constructing (Contract No.) M5712-2780 (Project Name) Access Roads Annual Contract 2024 Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance to be opened at 1:00 p.m., Local Time, November 13, 2023". The Bidder's Alabama State Contractor's License Number and discipline shall be on the envelope.

Bid guarantee in the form of certified check, bid bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the Board will be required for at least 5% of the bid amount, not to exceed $10,000.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

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A Pre-bid Conference will be held at MAWSS, 4725 Moffett Road, Mobile, AL 36618 on October 31, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. Local Time, to discuss bidding and project requirements. Prospective bidders and subcontractors should attend.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 21-23

Sandra Kay Satterfield, 73
Sandra Kay Satterfield, age 73, of Holly Pond, Alabama passed away on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023. Sandra was born in Cullman, Alabama. A visitation for Sandra was held Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (in Welti). A celebration of life funeral service followed at Mt. Zion Baptist Church (In Welti), with interment at Welti Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Satterfield family.

Cindy James Ory, 57
Memorial service for Cindy James Ory, 57, of Arley, was held Sunday, Nov. 12 , 2023, at Liberty Baptist Church in Helicon. Cindy James Ory was born June 17, 1966, to Carl and Barbara Adair James. She is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Bruce James. Survivors include her daughter, Ryan (DJ) Saldana; sister, Pam (Randy) Carpenter; nephew, Elliott (Abbie) Carpenter and a host of cousins and friends. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Charlotte Onell Butler, 96
Mrs. Charlotte Onell Butler, age 96, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Friday, Oct. 20, 2023. She was born on June 22, 1927, in Cullman, Alabama to Oscar and Rosetta Laney Edmondson. She is preceded in death by her Husband: Maxie Butler, Son: Leldon Ray Butler and her parents. Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at Seventh Street Baptist Church with Rev. Eric Martin officiating. Interment followed in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: daughter: Gale Butler (Tom) Sawyer, son: James Lionel (Connie) Butler, four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and five step-great-great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers: the family request donations be made to Seventh Street Baptist Church of Southern Care Hospice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Butler family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Betty Pearl Clark-Lott, 94
Funeral services for Betty Pearl Clark-Lott, of Hanceville, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Mountain Grove Congregational Church Cemetery. Reverend Phillip Doss will be officiating the services. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Lott was born on Nov. 24, 1928, to the late Alex Clark and Susie Mae Dodgen-Clark in Cullman, Alabama. She passed away at the age of 94 on Oct. 22, 2023, at The Folsom Center in Cullman, Alabama. After the passing of her late husband, Sonny; Betty enrolled and attended Wallace State Community College. Spending several years there, she obtained a degree in Culinary Arts, and an associate degree in medical transcription. In addition, she also spent roughly 25 working in the genealogy department at WSCC as well as the upholstery department. Betty was also deep in her faith and a devoted member of Mountain Grove Congregational Church, serving as a clerk in her earlier years then transitioning to a treasurer for approximately 40 years. Most would say that she was the best Sunday School teacher around. Early mornings and late nights were no burden when it came to seeing after the church. If there was an event to be planned, a meal to be served, or a floor that needed sweeping, Betty was the one you could always count on. Many of us here will miss her sweet and nurturing soul; however, she is in the hands of Jesus where she has longed to be. Survivors include her daughter, Judy Yates; grandchildren, Adam Lott, Amanda Yates-Burns (Chris), Gerald Lott, and Lyndzee Diffy (Justin); great grandchildren, Mark Lott, Ponder Lott, Jaxx Diffy, Lakelee Diffy, Everleigh Diffy, Journi Diffy, Caitlyn Crabtree, Kaden Crabtree, and Kelsie Crabtree; brothers, James Clark (Betty), David Clark, and Henry Clark (Peggy); sister, Myrlie Davis; daughter-in-law, Brenda Etheredge (Mike); and a host of many nieces, nephews, and others bound by love. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Lott was preceded in death by her husband, Sonny Lott; sons, Dennis Lott and Mark Lott; sisters, Mary Clark, Hazel Bush, and Ruth Smith; and son-in-law, Lawden Yates. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lott Family.

Annette Eudell Sears, 77
Funeral service for Annette Eudell Sears, age 77, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Paul Monk officiating; burial at Mt. Olive Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Sears passed away on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023, at her daughter's residence. She was born July 28, 1946, in Alabama to Dallas Mitchell Pigg and Eunice Eudell Pigg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny M. Sears; son, Darian Sears; parents; and brother, Buddy Pigg. Survivors include her daughter, Amy (David) Wallace; son, Jonathan Sears; daughter-in-law, Donna Sears; six grandchildren, Caitlin (Andy) Chambers, Brianna (Josh) McClure, Abbie (Parker) Smith, Dylon Wallace, Averi Wallace, and Adyson Wallace; three great grandchildren, Ella Claire Chambers, Paxleigh McClure, and Emersyn Chambers; brother, James Pigg; and three sisters, Lila Staudt, Sarah Pigg Lindsey and Regina (Jimmy) Thompson.

Eula Johnson, 87
Funeral service for Eula Johnson, 87, will be Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at 11 a.m. at West Hartselle Baptist Church with Bro. Harold Thompson officiating and Peck Funeral Home directing. Burial will be in Hartselle City Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Peck Funeral Home. Mrs. Johnson passed away on Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born May 25, 1936, in Cullman County, to James Monroe Chappell and Izetta Graham Chappell. She was employed in retail sales for Super X Drugs Store prior to her retirement. She was a member of the West Hartselle Baptist Church. Mrs. Eula was a renowned cook, gardener, and she loved to sew. She was preceded in death by her parents. Survivors include, husband - Solomon J. Johnson; son - Billy Craft; sister - Nell Dunlap; grandchildren - Jacob Craft, Hunter Johnson (Abbie), Leah Lawrence (Mitch), and Noah Johnson; great-grandchildren - Eliza Johnson and Everlee Johnson; great-nephew - Trystan Weaver. Pallbearers will be Jeff Woodruff, Brent Eaton, Greg Boggs, Danny Jones, John Skelton, and Trystan Weaver.

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Dance2Fit (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Every Tuesday and Thursday night, Kelsey Wooten gears up, grabs her sneakers and heads to southwest Cullman's Art Park for her Dance2Fit outdoor classes.

Teaching a dance fitness class wasn't Wooten's plan for her future; in fact, she was attending classes at a local gym when she was asked to be a substitute instructor, fell in love with the Dance2Fit program, and became a full-time instructor. After teaching classes at her local gym, Wooten branched out and started offering her classes outside the gym, in a private studio setting. When the COVID-19 pandemic caused two of Wooten's studios to close, she took a more natural approach. Still wanting to continue her classes, but knowing some may not be comfortable indoors in close proximity to others, she said, "I decided to offer it outdoors so everyone felt comfortable distancing if they wanted to. It just feels great being outside having fun!"

Dance2Fit at Art Park has been a staple in Wooten's life since she started offering the program at the local park earlier this year; before that, it was "a girl in her front yard."

"I've been doing outdoor classes for almost two years, but started this year at the Art Park," she said. "Before that, I was doing it in my front yard. With doing it at the Art Park, I just ask that people donate $5 if they can. Some donate more and some can't at all, which is fine!"

Wooten described the Dance2Fit program, saying, "It is similar to Zumba in a dance fitness point of view, but it's different. It's called Dance2Fit. It's hip hop/pop music that we dance to and add fitness with it. For example, we have songs where we are popping (crunches) and squats, but also dance, too."

Inclusivity for age and activity levels is something Wooten always has an eye on as well.

"It is for any fitness level and any age!" she said. "I use edited music as much as possible, and I provide modifications for those that need it."

Wooten and her Dance2Fit class meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:45 p.m. at Art Park, located at 1031 Second St. SW.



Ivey, Boozer commit to increasing Alabama's investment in Israel bond holdings

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Governor Kay Ivey and State Treasurer Young Boozer on Friday, Oct. 20, announced the Alabama Treasurer's Office plans to increase its investment in Israel bond holdings to support Israel.

"Alabama unapologetically and unequivocally stands with our friend and ally Israel. I am proud our state will increase our investment in Israeli bonds as they rightfully defend themselves and fight for their people," said Ivey. "The state of Alabama was the first state to recognize Israel as a nation, and we will always support them as one of our closest and strongest allies." The Israeli government will be issuing new bonds and Alabama has been placed in the forefront of the list of institutional buyers. As soon as these bonds are accessible, the State Treasurer's Office is committed to increasing its holdings. "We believe in Israel's ability to weather storms and emerge stronger, just as it has in the past," said Boozer. "Investing in Israel Bonds is a testament to our longstanding belief in Israel's resilience and the value it brings to the global economy." Despite any challenges or times of crisis, Israel has always demonstrated remarkable resilience and innovation. By investing in Israel bond holdings, Alabama aims to support Israel's ongoing efforts, their economy and future growth, especially in this time of war.

The State Treasurer's Office has been investing in Israel bonds since 2016.

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