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Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration set for Nov. 4

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CULLMAN, Ala. — With an estimated 7,000 (and that number is increasing) veterans in Cullman County, it can be hard to find a way that makes everyone feel seen, heard and appreciated on Veterans Day. Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Ken Brown, a mover and shaker in the local veteran community, suggests that perhaps the answer is meeting these veterans, listening to their stories and showing heartfelt gratitude, face to face. A perfect opportunity is coming up Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Cullman Regional Airport, which will host the annual Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration.

"I think it's important when we talk about recognizing veterans, that the community comes out," he said, noting that while the community gets larger and busier, the level of support for veterans has stayed » PAGE 2



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The PT-19 is an open-cockpit wooden aircraft built by Fairchild Aviation. In the 1940s, 7,700 were built and used to train Army Air Corps Pilots for WWII. The Commemorative Air Force Chapter based at the Shelby County Airport will be displaying the PT-19 at the Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, at Cullman Regional Airport.

Senior smiles: Witches and goblins and ghouls, OH MY!



CHEYENNE SHARP/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Blippi and his friends loaded up with candy and treats Thursday, Oct. 26, at Woodland Village Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Residents lined the sidewalk in wheelchairs and loungers, decked out in witches' hats and Halloween attire, beaming at the sight of superheroes, princesses and other-worldly creatures creeping into the parking lot of Woodland Village Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center (WVRHC) on Thursday, Oct 26. The COVID-19 pandemic forced WVRHC to cancel the event for the last three years, but the facility was finally able to resume its annual fall festival this year.

Food from Carnival Cravings and The Street Kitchen satiated trick-or-treaters who craved something with more substance than Twizzlers or other sweets. Jeeps from 3Sixty Jeep Club covered in caution tape and concealing killer clowns, as well as the Sanderson Sisters even made a spectacular appearance, treating children to candy rather than tricking them and stealing their souls. The lawn of WVRHC was covered with spooky inflatables and lighted spiderwebs, the perfect distractions for all of the sugared-up pirates and cowgirls.

From 5-7 p.m., squeals and laughter filled the warm air, a telltale sign that somebody was having a spectacular time. The night was a "monstrous" success, leaving questions as to who enjoyed the night more: children giggling while taking inventory of their loot, par- » PAGE 4

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Hanceville Council discusses renovation of Hanceville dispatch office



CAYLA GRACE MURPHY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Cold Springs Eagles, Lady Eagles capture 20th, 18th consecutive county championships

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CCBOE approves contract for new systemwide security system



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The Cullman County School Board listens as Media and Communications Specialist Ty Watwood briefs members on the capabilities of a proposed new security camera system.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 27

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 27, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 23

- theft of property; Day Gap Rd.
- harassment; Main St. NE, Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 935

Oct. 24

- domestic violence; trespassing; CR 1291
- interference with public safety communications; CR 143
- domestic violence; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1570
- harassment; CR 223
- burglary; Good Hope School Rd.
- domestic violence; Weeks Cir.
- theft of property; CR 1759

Oct. 25

- harassment; CR 1033
- theft of property; CR 1141
- violation of protection order; Ave. B SE
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 W

ARRESTS

Oct. 23 – 25

Bailey, Jevon; 23
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Callio, Monique J.; 46
- theft of services
- larceny/theft-shoplifting less than $500
- damaged property-criminal mischief

Clay, Sheneika L.; 29
- FTA- illegal possession/use of a credit/debit card (2 counts)

Coleman, William B.; 53
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Copeland, Cameron Kyle-A.; 25
- FTA- giving false information to police officer
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- harassing communications
- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled

Crawford, Ceilidh G.; 21
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Dooley, Tyler D.; 30
- Judges Order- murder (2 counts)

Douglas, Raymond D.; 39
- interference with public safety communication

Ellis, Kevin T.; 46
- FTA- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Fitzgerald II, Alan R.; 43
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- criminal trespass

Gay Jr., Everick J.; 24
- FTA- assault-child abuse-simple-family

Graves, Candace A.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Helms, Dewayne A.; 45
- assault-domestic violence-3rd degree-criminal trespass-3rd degree

Hicks, William D.; 27
- FTA- DUI (controlled substance)

Higginbotham, Cartis C.; 44
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need or supervision

Lamey, Angel K.; 22
- FTA- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Martin, Zachary P.; 37
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Messick, Mikayla M.; 29
- FTA- driving while license suspended

Myslinski, James M.; 40
- stolen vehicles-auto theft

Phelps, Crystal M.; 38
- Probation Violation- drug trafficking

Phillips, Patrick E.; 26
- attempting to elude police officer (2 counts)
- resisting arrest
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- criminal mischief
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- attempting to elude police officer (3 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- buying/receiving stolen property (2 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Wilson, Robert D.; 59
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 22

- theft of property-4th degree; The Foundry; 2nd Ave. SW; miscellaneous; $45
- assault-3rd degree; criminal mischief-2nd degree; person; Logan St. SW; damaged property

Oct. 23

- identity theft; person

Oct. 24

- identity theft; theft of property-1st degree; person
- theft of property-4th degree; person; 4th degree; 4th St. SW; miscellaneous

Oct. 25

- theft of property-3rd degree; person; Ward Ave. SW; miscellaneous
- assault-2nd degree; person; 2nd Ave. NE
- theft of property-1st degree; person; cash
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; damaged to 2008 Ford F150; $150

Oct. 26

- theft of property-1st degree; City of Cullman; cash
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $611
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Dialsdale Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 25 – 26

Clay, Skeneika L.; 39
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card (2 counts)

Beasley, Billy S.; 42
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Poppe, Marsha L.; 65
- theft of property-3rd degree

Sachs Jr., James E.; 46
- FTA- attempt to elude police officer
- FTA- public intoxication
- FA- insurance violation
- FTA- run stop sign
- FTA- expired tag

Shelton, Bradley S.; 31
- FTA- 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.

Celebration (from Front)

the same over the years, or even dwindled at times.

"Just one day a year, take some time out for a few hours before Auburn and Alabama play football and come out to the Veterans Day Celebration we always do the first Saturday of November."

The event is a big and boisterous one with myriad family-friendly activities that focus on life as a serviceman or servicewoman, and life as a veteran: tour military vehicles and aircraft, some dating back to WWII; ride in a Huey helicopter; view historic military weapons; enjoy and learn from period reenactors in full dress; and learn more at booths hosted by veterans organizations.

Brown encourages all Cullman residents to come out and show their support for Cullman's veterans, beyond a Facebook post or quick text, if only for just a couple of hours.

"Just hug a few vets, show them and their families that the sacrifices they made, the things they've done for our country, mean something to the rest of us. We're worth it," he said.

The Cullman County Veterans Day Celebration will be held Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cullman Regional Airport, located at 231 County Road 1360, Vinemont, AL 35179.

Parking and admission are free.

Get more details at www.cullmanveteransday.com.

Hanceville (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — At its regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, the Hanceville City Council welcomed Hanceville Police Chief Joshua Howell, who shared exciting news about an upcoming revitalization to the HPD dispatch office.

"We're going to revamp all of dispatch, which has been needed to be done for years," explained Howell, noting renovations to be made to improve office functionality and performance. These include installing a bathroom closer to the dispatch workroom, removing a wall between the dispatch office and break room, raising the ceiling, installing new consoles and purchasing new chairs.

Howell and Mayor Kenneth Nail estimated the project will take two weeks, with dispatchers working with Cullman County dispatchers while work is being completed. All calls made from Hanceville will at that time be forwarded to Cullman County.

The renovation is possible because of two grants from the Alabama 911 Board totaling $50,000.

In other business:

- The council voted to move the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, to Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, due to the original date falling on Thanksgiving.

- The council approved a request from Michelle Pender, first-grade teacher at Hanceville Elementary School for Bulldog Lane to be closed from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023, for Hanceville Elementary School's 100th anniversary celebration. The celebration serves to recognize that Hanceville has had a school for 100 years, and will feature vendors, inflatables, food trucks and activities.

- The council voted to appoint Lacey McGriff to Hanceville Public Library's Board for another four-year term.

- The council approved a $20,000 addition to fund a study for ATRIP ll Goodwyn Mills Cawood amendment.

- The council discussed and approved a 2-acre land purchase for the purpose of dumping vegetation debris; the City will pay $500 a month for six months, then the final balance due.

- The council approved Police Chief Joshua Howell's purchase a vehicle pending the sale of a vehicle previously surplused in May 2023 by the council. Any remaining balance will be paid through 1033 funds.

- The council motioned to give City Attorney Dan Willingham authority to reach out to Attorney General Steve Marshall on the City of Hanceville's behalf to get a clearer understanding of fire dues, including legal precedent and enforceability.

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.
• 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.

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.

Dripping Springs DAR Veterans Program
Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. All veterans, especially Vietnam veterans, are invited to attend a special program presented by Thanh Duong Boyer, a Vietnamese immigrant and author of the book, "The Ground Kisser." All veterans will be honored. For more information, contact Athelia Gibbs at 256-502-2040 or awgibbs@centurytel.net.

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.

Cullman High School Class of 1963 60-Year Reunion
Saturday, Nov. 18, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Stone Bridge Farms, the first building on the left. The cost is $ 30 per person, payable at the door. (Pay in cash, please.) Prior to this, at 4, there will be a guided tour of the recently remodeled Cullman High School, for those who are able to attend. Please call Nancy Drake Weissend at 256-734-0696, to let her know if you will be attending, as well as any questions you may have.

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Orange Beach boat lands potential record blue marlin

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ORANGE BEACH, Ala. – When word got around that Orange Beach boat "Best Trait" was headed to Orange Beach Marina with a huge blue marlin on board, a crowd quickly gathered at the marina to watch the weigh-in.

As the 55-foot Viking sportfishing vessel owned by Scott Crump of Jasper, Alabama, arrived at the marina, the crowd pushed closer to the dock to get a glimpse of the big fish. Chris Vecsey, tackle salesman at Sam's Tackle and an accomplished angler, looked at the fish and turned to my buddy Jay Gunn, also a captain with both inshore and offshore experience, and asked, "Do you think that fish will go 1,000 pounds?"

Gunn responded, "That fish will blow 1,000 pounds out of the water."

Indeed, it did. After a delay to ensure it was weighed on certified scales, the giant blue marlin officially weighed 1,145.6 pounds, a potential Alabama and Gulf of Mexico record. The Best Trait marlin, which was 145 inches long, easily eclipses the Alabama state record of 851.9 pounds caught in 2020 by Ginger Myers. The Gulf record was set in 2002 in Mississippi by Barry Carr at 1,054 pounds. The marlin must go through the certification process by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Marine Resources Division to become an official record.

Scott "Scooter" Anderson, friend of the family, was the angler who reeled in the fish in two hours, but he said it was far from easy.

"It still really hasn't sunk in yet," said Anderson, a 32-year-old from Houston, Texas, who said he has been fishing basically his whole life. "The trip really wasn't going our way. We jumped off two fish, probably in the 500-pound class. The bite had slowed down that afternoon, so we kind of reorganized ourselves for the major (feeding) time that afternoon."

Unfortunately, a pod of dolphins moved into the area around the rig they were fishing, which prompted Capt. Chris Mowad to travel 11 miles away to the Blind Faith rig, Chevron's deepest rig at 6,500 feet about 160 miles southeast of New Orleans.

"When we got to the rig, Capt. Chris marked a couple of fish in the first 20 minutes we were there, and everything looked right," Anderson said. "After Chris marked the fish, we deployed a couple of live baits (blackfin tuna). Chris was able to track the bait on the sonar and watched the marlin eat the tuna, and the rest is history."

Marlin are known for their acrobatic jumps, but the next question was whether a fish that big could actually jump completely out of the water.

"Oh yeah, she came completely out twice," Anderson said. "The only thing is she was jumping toward the rig. We were afraid she was going to get into the rig."



BLAKE MICHALESKI

When word got out that the Best Trait was headed to Orange Beach Marina with a huge marlin, a large crowd gathered to watch the weigh-in.

Fortunately, Mowad maneuvered the boat to keep the marlin out of the rig, and Anderson settled into the fighting chair for a lengthy battle, which really didn't play out. An hour into the fight, the marlin died and began to sink.

"I felt it start sinking," said Anderson, who admits he is obsessed with marlin fishing and has traveled to the Azores, Cape Verde and Australia to pursue the sport. "We had to tighten down the drag and winch it up. I was fighting dead weight. It was definitely tough. I don't know if that's unusual for a fish to die that quickly because I've never caught one that big. I've been all over the place chasing big marlin. It's my passion. I never thought it would come out of the Gulf of Mexico."

A combination of Mowad's boat maneuvers and Anderson's winching on the Shimano Tiagra 130 reel finally got the behemoth to the surface.

"When it jumped, I was thinking it was 600 or 700 pounds," Mowad said. "When we finally saw it behind the boat, I thought, 'Whoa, that's a big fish.'"

Anderson added, "We were shocked when we pulled it up. We had no idea it was that big. We knew she was big but not that big."

Fortunately, the Best Trait has a tuna door on the transom, but the boat's crew was still overmatched when trying to the haul the marlin into the boat.

"We had to call another boat for help," Anderson said. "Chris had a friend by the rig, and a couple of their guys hopped on our boat and helped us pull it in. We had five on the boat, but we needed seven to pull it in."

Since word got out about the big fish, the Best Trait crew has been inundated with congratulations from all over the world.

"It's kind of overwhelming," said Anderson. "But we're going to keep doing what we usually do, catch blue marlin."

In fact, the boat left that night to head back out into the Gulf after restocking and refueling.

"We don't get a lot of weather windows like we have right now," Anderson said. "We're taking advantage of it."

Boat owner Crump, who was unable to make the record trip because of commitments in Jasper, said he and stepsons, whom he considers sons, transitioned from one type of Gulf fishing to marlin fishing in May of 2023 when the Viking was purchased and named. The vessel name is a combination of initials from his family: wife Beth, Scott, son Taylor Robinson, daughters, Abby and Ila, and son Tyler.

"We've had some center consoles that we used for deep-dropping for grouper and snapper until we bought this boat," Crump said.

Crump was the Toyota dealer in Jasper two years ago before health issues caused a significant change.

"I told my dad and doctor I was going to sell out, retire and enjoy life," he said. "I told Daddy that I was going fishing. I think he underestimated what I was talking about."

Since the Viking was christened in May, the boat has caught 74 marlin, including six on the trip after landing the potential record.

"We've burned a lot of fuel, but we've had a ball," Crump said. "We've put 800 hours on the boat. We keep the boat at Sportsman's-Harbor Marina. When you keep the boat at their marina, you can buy fuel at their cost. Capt. Chris figures we've saved about $25,000 because of that.

"We've entered a few tournaments and came close to winning. My wife and her sister finished second in a tournament."

Crump credits Mowad and mate Addison Gilley for the boat's successful angling adventures.

"Capt. Chris is a solid fisherman," Crump said. "He doesn't just run around and throw stuff out. He studies the current, studies the wind, studies the weather, and he's really good with the sonar on the boat. Our mate, Addison, is as good as they come. We've lost very few fish this year. We're in the running for the boat that has tagged the most marlin in the Gulf.

"With Chris and Addison, it's like one big family. We're thankful to have them."



Ghouls (from Front)

ents smiling at the thought of collecting their "parent tax" (free candy!) at the end of the night or the residents beaming with excitement.

WVHRC Administrator Emily Holcomb said she was blown away by the community's willingness to show up for the residents in her facility.

"It's really a great turnout. We are very happy with all the children and families that have come through," said Holcomb, who chuckled and added, "They should sleep well tonight," speaking of both the children and the residents.

"Decorations and preparation were handled with the utmost seriousness. Holcombe remarked, "They (residents) actually came out at about 3 o'clock, even though it didn't start until 5. They sat out there and just prepared it."

With the overwhelming success of WVRHC's fall festival, it is hard to believe that just days ago, Holcomb wasn't even sure if they would have enough candy donations to hand out to children.

"I think about a week ago we had 600 pounds," Holcomb said.

In years past, successful festivals have seen as much as 1,600 pounds of candy cross into trick-or-treating buckets.

Thanks to more than a few kind donations, Holcomb smiled from ear to ear and revealed, "I had a lot of people that just came to the front door and dropped candy off because they came and said, 'I saw that you needed candy.' We ended up with over 1,200 pounds of candy that the community donated, we have packed candy bags all day!"

WVRHC is located at 1900 Olive St., and can be reached by phone at 256-739-1490.



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Chick-fil-A to re-open Nov. 2

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BREANA POSEY

Employees learn the Chick-fil-A way, as they train and prepare to re-open to the public.

CULLMAN, Ala. — It's almost time: find your best stretchy pants and cow print shirt because the highly anticipated grand re-opening of one of the county's favorite chicken joints – Chick-fil-A (CFA) – is mere days away. After a long 19-week hiatus, the restaurant is slated to open its doors to the public at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, a day that CFA Operating Partner Breana Posey said can't come soon enough.

"We have prepared for this and we are so excited that it's finally here," she said.

On June 15, 2023, the beloved Cherokee Avenue fast food restaurant closed its doors for a complete rebuild of the franchise location. The property boasts an expanded drive-through to include two extended vehicle lanes and multiple weather canopies, a slightly smaller interior dining area and a larger kitchen with increased capacity to handle the sheer number of guests served daily.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CFA had to be innovative to continue serving the community. With its indoor dining area unusable, Posey and her team channeled their inner Ross Gellar, and with a major "Pivot!", focused the restaurant's manpower into a thriving drive-through experience. At one point in the summer months, it reached over 320 cars served in a single hour.

"It's about 60% of our business," Posey said of the drive-through.

Locals may have already noticed the new drive-through has only two lanes, instead of the previous three, but, Posey said, "These new two lanes will actually hold more cars than we could with three lanes, due to our new layout."

Two of CFA's fan favorites are returning alongside the restaurant opening. A brand new play children's play area has been constructed in the dining room, so little ones can let off some excess energy and caregivers can enjoy a long-awaited meal in peace.

And for only 10 days, the Honey Pepper Pimento Chicken Sandwich will also return to tickle the tastebuds.

Posey said, "We will be honoring the seasonal Honey Pepper Pimento Chicken Sandwich right now; it will be for a limited time. We decided to go ahead and serve that because we had so many from the community reach out and ask about it."

This week, CFA's staff of 130 employees and management arrived at the brand-new facility and have been cleaning, stocking and completing updates and training for the newly constructed restaurant's return to the community.

"We have been extremely blessed to have about half and half with new and returning experience coming back. We did keep most of our employees that had stayed up until our closure," Posey explained.

Of opening day, she said, "We will have community giveaways all day long. There will be opportunities in the dining room and we will be giving away free items randomly all day in the drive-through lines," she said.

"We will do something for the first 40 dine-in guests. We will not allow anyone on the premises before 7 p.m. on Nov 1. They can camp out; they just can't be here before 7 p.m. Nov 1, then they have to have all their personal belongings put away before 7 a.m. Nov. 2, opening day. We may have some fun things planned for the campers."

The grand re-opening is Thursday, Nov. 2, and Posey and her staff will begin serving lunch at 10 a.m. CFA is located at 1830 Cherokee Ave. SW. For employment information, text "legacy" to 205-512-9119. Find out more at www.facebook.com/CFACullman.

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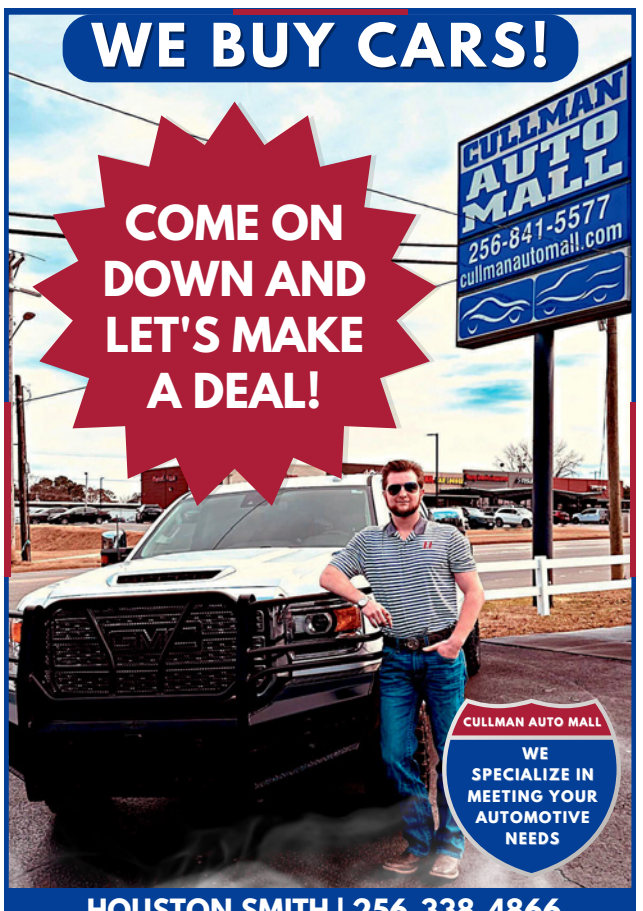
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PREP FOOTBALL

Hanceville falls at Fultondale 43-14

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The Hanceville Bulldogs fell to Fultondale on the road 43-14 Thursday night.

FULTONDALE, Ala. — Hanceville made the trip to Fultondale for a regional matchup against the Wildcats Thursday night and the score was knotted at 6 early in the second quarter but unfortunately for the traveling Bulldogs, the Wildcats dominated the rest of the way and defeated Hanceville 43-14.

The Bulldogs forced Fultondale to turn the ball over on downs on its opening possession and Hanceville quarterback Hunter Black connected with Drake Bentley for a 40-yard gain to get the Bulldogs in scoring range.

A few plays later, Dylan Lazaro knocked a 29-yard field goal through the uprights to put Hanceville in front 3-0.

The Wildcats were able to answer with a touchdown before the end of the first and went into the second leading the Bulldogs 6-3.

Early in the second quarter, Marquies Leeth took a screen pass 40 yards down inside Fultondale territory, setting up a 35-yard Lazaro field goal that tied the game at 6.

However, the Wildcats responded later in the second, finding the end zone once again to take a 14-6 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Fultondale put two more touchdowns on the board in the third quarter to extend its lead to 28-6 at the start of the fourth.

Down 35-6 midway through the fourth, L.J. Smith punched one into the end zone from 2 yards out for a touchdown and followed it up a with successful two-point conversion run to make it a 35-14 game.

Unfortunately, those were the last points the Bulldogs could get on the board and the Wildcats went on to win it 43-14.

Hanceville falls to 3-6 with the loss and will be back on the road next week to wrap up the regular season at East Lawrence.

How Jaylin Simpson became 'the most electrifying safety in college football'

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Auburn Safety Jaylin Simpson

AUBURN, Ala. — As Jaylin Simpson finished his interviews this week in the Woltosz Football Performance Center and started to walk out, teammate Eugene Asante called out, as if doing a wrestling promo.

"There goes the most electrifying safety in college football!"

"He's certainly lived up to that brand of football every Saturday," Asante said. "Simp is somebody that you know is a security blanket on the back end. He has range to go from the middle of the field to one side of the field. He's got that speed, that range, that ability to make big plays on any given down.

"Simp is somebody we appreciate and we're grateful to have on this defense. He's going to be somebody where that (game) translates to the National Football League."

Simpson is enjoying his best season yet at Auburn. Through the first seven games, he has four interceptions and his pass break-up against LSU led to another interception for D.J. James. He's among the national FBS leaders in interceptions per game (0.60) this season and was recognized by multiple national outlets last week.

ESPN, the Associated Press, CBS Sports, Pro Football Focus, Fox Sports, USA Today, Sporting News, The Athletic, 247 Sports and the Reese's Senior Bowl all had Simpson as one of their midseason All-Americans.

Simpson usually doesn't look at that kind of thing, especially during the season, but Auburn secondary coach Zac Etheridge showed him some of the various All-American accolades.

"I looked at it, and it had all the guys. I usually don't try to pay attention to it. I try to stay focused," Simpson said. "But then I went back and looked at it again because I thought it was only SEC, and I was like, 'Hold up, that's a team way out on the West Coast.' So, then I'm like, 'Oh, this is everybody in the country? That's a big deal.'

"I'm proud of myself. This is what I always wanted to do since I've been here."

Now in his fifth year at Auburn, Simpson has already surpassed the number of interceptions he had in his first four years (3) this year alone. His first pick didn't come until his junior year in 2021 against Ole Miss, and it would have never happened had Derick Hall not missed a sack.

"I'm kind of glad he missed it," Simpson joked.

On the play, Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral rolled to his right, avoided Hall, and took a shot to the end zone. He never saw Simpson who stepped in front of the receiver and snatched it away.

"It didn't even look real as the ball was coming," Simpson recalled. "It looked like a cartoon or something. I couldn't believe it. But it was there, and the only thing I was thinking in my mind was, 'Don't drop it.' And I just remember saying to myself, 'Do not drop it, do not drop it, do not drop it,' as the ball was coming.

"I caught it. I was actually going to try to return it, but I looked and saw a lot of jerseys. I was in the end zone, so I just dropped to the ground."

In that moment two years ago, the ball didn't look real. Simpson couldn't believe what he was seeing. This year, when he sees the ball coming his way, it's still a sense of disbelief.

But it's more of, "I can't believe the quarterback threw that."

Simpson, who moved to cornerback after his freshman year at Auburn, credits his move back to safety for part of the reason why he's had so many interceptions this year.

Though he misses cornerback, and the 1-on-1 battles specifically, he can see the ball a lot more playing safety, and it's allowed him to showcase his ball skills.

But it's more than that. Simpson is playing with more confidence and intelligence this year.

"I think the biggest thing from (two years ago) to now is I'm a lot smarter player," he said. "The IQ, the recognition of the offensive plays. A lot of times, I kind of know what the offense is running before they snap the ball. They give tips and and hints all over the place. You watch enough film, and you'll see that stuff. I try to notify my teammates of what I'm seeing. That's probably the biggest difference. I can recognize things."

"He's a very instinctive player," Auburn wide receiver Jay Fair said.

"Just always around the ball making plays. Smart player. Athletic. Right place, right time. It's no surprise to me that he's doing what he's doing right now."

Since Simpson arrived at Auburn, he's had older teammates in the secondary to look up to, mentors to help guide him. Players like Noah Igbinoghene, Roger McCreary, Daniel Thomas, Smoke Monday – all of whom have gone on to make NFL rosters.

This year, Simpson is that mentor. He's the one his teammates are looking up to.

"He brings that veteran mindset into things," junior cornerback Keionte Scott said.

"He's been in the program for a while. He's been playing for a while. He just understands certain situations, what needs to be done, and also just has guidance for you.

"When you come to him and ask him a question, he's on it. He's been in it for a long time, and he's in a situation where he's getting ready to exit so he's trying to give us all the game he can."

Though Simpson has never been much of a vocal leader – he's more of a leader by action – it dawned on him in fall camp the responsibility he has to lead this next group.

"The young guys that are here, they're going to have to step in and play at some point," he said. "This is going to be their team, their secondary at some point. That's when I realized I have an obligation to get these guys ready to play for when our time is up here at Auburn.

"I've embraced it. I like it. And I don't have to be the type of guy that nobody wants to hear talk. Usually when I talk, they listen because I don't speak up a lot."

The single season record for interceptions at Auburn is 9 (Buddy McClinton, 1969). Simpson would have to average an interception per game the last five regular-season games to match that. But with just two more interceptions, he could move up into a tie for fifth all-time.

Knowing Simpson, he's not worried about being fifth. He's gunning for the record.





Cold Springs (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. — This year's Cullman County Cross Country Championships were hosted at Fairview's Randall Shedd Community Park Thursday and both the Cold Springs Eagles and Lady Eagles put on dominant performances to add to their growing list of county titles. The Eagles topped Holly Pond 35-56 to claim their 20th consecutive county championship and the Lady Eagles flew past the Lady Broncos 18-51 to earn their 18th straight county crown.

Individually, Cold Springs' Ethan Edgeworth (15:36.61) and Reagan Parris (20:01.69) each placed first in the varsity boys' and girls' races respectively. Holly Pond's Travis Barnett (16:14.73), Cold Springs' Jayden Allred (16:31.77), Fairview's Alex England (16:49.55) and West Point's Rene Moreno-Tovar (17:01.97) rounded out the top five on the boys' side and Cold Springs' Macie Huffstutler (21:32.93), Holly Pond's Mila Edmondson (21:57.18) and Cold Springs runners Paizley Whitlow (21:59.56) and Daisy Mavers (22:50.60) filled out the top five in the girls' division.

Cold Springs Boys (1st Place)
- 1st Ethan Edgeworth: 15:36.61
- 3rd Jayden Allred: 16:31.77
- 7th Sage Nelson: 17:24.55
- 10th Drew Dykes: 18:12.41
- 14th Logan Perdue: 18:45.10
- 20th Blake Belcher: 19:42.65
- 21st Blaize Anderson: 19:48.37
- 29th Zander Ashworth: 22:03.00
- 46th Samuel Hunt: 26:31.83

Holly Pond Boys (2nd Place)
- 2nd Travis Barnett: 16:14.73
- 8th Matthew Putman: 17:39.33
- 9th Joshua Putman: 17:56.56
- 18th Kohl Horton: 19:28.07
- 19th Emery Barnett: 19:41.98
- 24th Caden Moody: 20:14.72
- 37th Bradley Woods: 24:20.70
- 42nd Carter Brewis: 25:24.32
- 49th Jonah Shockley: 30:51.12

West Point Boys (3rd Place)
- 5th Rene Moreno-Tovar: 17:01.97
- 11th Hayden Jones: 18:32.06
- 15th Thomas Ferster: 18:50.63
- 23rd Brier Taylor: 20:06.32
- 25th Jesus Tovar: 20:17.35
- 26th Jakob Salter: 20:17.75
- 30th Zeth McCain: 22:29.97

Fairview Boys (4th Place)
- 4th Alex England: 16:49.55
- 12th Parker Guiterrez: 18:38.11
- 17th Carlos Medina: 19:26.99
- 27th Jackson Haynes: 20:53.43
- 32nd Devon Mcgee: 23:28.97
- 34th Meighton McParlin: 23:31.30
- 39th Tucker Kimbrough: 24:36.04
- 40th Oscar Pardo: 24:47.50
- 47th Bryan Garcia: 27:12.79

Vinemont Boys (5th Place)
- 6th Brady Johnson: 17:14.18
- 16th Hayden Robinson: 19:04.40
- 22nd Andrew Landreth: 19:58.35
- 28th Yojan Patino: 21:07.68
- 31st Brayden Harbison: 22:34.12
- 35th Dekota Crider: 23:32.38
- 41st Samuel Pierce: 24:59.12
- 44th Davy Johnson: 25:48.56

Good Hope Boys (6th Place)
- 13th Drake Nichols: 18:39.23
- 33rd Kaden Mattox: 23:31.19
- 36th Roger Miller: 23:34.89
- 43rd Noah Page: 25:45.61
- 45th Lee Dickerson: 25:55.19

Hanceville Boys
- 38th Trenton Barlett: 24:29.51
- 48th Jacob Kane: 29:10.07
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- Cold Springs Girls (1st Place)
- 1st Reagan Parris: 20:01.69
- 2nd Macie Huffstutler: 21:32.93
- 4th Paizley Whitlow: 21:59.56
- 5th Daisy Mavers: 22:50.60
- 6th Kynzlie Myrex: 23:01.44
- 8th Leslie Jones: 23:46.40
- 10th Claire Huffstutler: 24:37.95
- 13th Makara Mavers: 24:58.02
- 14th Hayla Watson: 25:10.05
- 15th Allison White: 25:24.11
- 17th Charli Harbison: 25:33.43
- 18th Claire Hancock: 25:47.46
- 22nd Alana Smith: 28:57.38
- 25th Conellie Philbeck: 31:37.06

Holly Pond Girls (2nd Place)



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cold Springs Eagles won this year's Cullman County Cross Country Championship.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cold Springs Lady Eagles won this year's Cullman County Cross Country Championship.

- 3rd Mila Edmondson: 21:57.18
- 7th Caroline Lamoureux: 23:15.37
- 12th Kynleigh Wood: 24:52.54
- 19th Violet Adams: 26:15.26
- 21st Jayden Persall: 28:19.37
- 28th Clara Spitzer: 32:55.05
- 29th Kalie Bartlett: 33:08.44
- 32nd Dallas Welton: 39:11.17

West Point Girls (3rd Place)
- 9th Lilly Patterson: 24:14.35
- 11th Elizabeth Lee: 24:50.56
- 16th Dorothy Salter: 25:24.96
- 23rd Maggie Warren: 30:12.78
- 26th Alyssa Carr: 31:43.14

Hanceville Girls
- 24th Gabby Hunter: 31:01.44
- 27th Whitney James: 32:07.56
- 30th Piper Butts: 35:13.74

Good Hope Girls
- 31st Mary Self: 35:50.84

Vinemont Girls
- 20th Whitney Quick: 26:31.72

West Point JV Boys
- 1st Sawyer Harris: 12:31.90
- 2nd Teagan Heaton: 12:54.52
- 4th Miles Fairchild: 13:36.96
- 5th Jackson Reid: 14:09.15
- 6th Carson Jones: 14:13.64
- 7th Griffin Jones: 14:25.85

Harmony JV Boys
- 8th Michael Howell: 15:10.61
- 11th Collin Clark: 16:12.47
- 12th Kollin Knighten: 16:29.82
- 13th Malachi Meade: 16:33.11
- 14th Easton Jones: 17:48.92

Vinemont JV Boys
- 3rd Clark Johnson: 13:02.66
- 10th Lukas Ming: 15:35.99
- 15th Cade Jankowski: 26:07.40

Good Hope JV Boys
- 9th Jace Day: 15:18.82

Fairview JV Girls
- 2nd Lola Haynes: 14:43.04
- 3rd Molly Lindsey: 15:39.50
- 4th Xana Wester: 16:09.07
- 10th Shelby Mitton: 17:20.11
- 12th Castaneda Violeta: 17:26.39
- 14th Naveah Horton: 18:21.18
- 17th Paisley Hopper: 18:41.67
- 18th Anna Bell Smith: 18:48.82
- 19th Emma Buckelew: 19:18.65
- 21st Daniela Castaneda: 20:00.64

Good Hope JV Girls
- 1st Katie Parrish: 14:42.87
- 5th Sara Self: 16:18.09
- 6th Caitlin Nisley: 16:36.03
- 7th Aubrey Scott: 16:45.47
- 11th Kaleigh Williams: 17:22.30
- 15th Brylee Benefield: 18:26.40
- 22nd Evelyn Quinn: 20:07.96
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- 28th Paytan Lamb: 24:21.35
- 29th Ali Estes: 24:30.93
- 30th Hailey Pike: 24:39.34
- 31st Alicia Garmon: 25:49.50
- 32nd Madison Billings: 27:22.11

West Point JV Girls
- 9th Audrina Berreles: 17:10.30
- 20th Auburn Burtis: 19:27.08

LEGALS

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STATE OF ALABAMA * **IN THE PROBATE COURT**

CULLMAN COUNTY * **CASE NO.: PC2022-404**

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PHILIP KEITH DAVIS, deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

TO: THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF PHILIP KEITH DAVIS

It is ORDERED by the Court that this matter be set for hearing on the 29th day of November, 2023, at 9:30 am to consider the Petition of the Personal Representative for Final Settlement and Discharge.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice of this hearing.

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Done this 25th day of October, 2023

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JULIAN R. CAMPBELL, * CASE NO. PC 2023-339
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Martha Ann Campbell as Personal Representative of the Estate of Julian R. Campbell, deceased, on the 26th day 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.

Martha Ann Campbell
Personal Representative

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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, JUDGE OF PROBATE

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2023-336

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BILLY HERSHEL WOOD, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Kassie Wilson on the 26th day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that 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.

Kassie Wilson, Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC 2023-326

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ULEN SAMUEL QUATTLEBAUM, DECEASED

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that a verified Petition for Summary Distribution was filed by Larry U. Quattlebaum on October 6, 2023.

Thirty (30) days after the notice of publication hereof and pursuant to the law of the Alabama, the Court shall be requested to enter an order directing summary distribution of the estate of said decedent.

Dated this the 25th day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

TO: PUBLISHER OF *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice **one time** in said newspaper, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CALVIN B. WILLIAMS, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
*
Deceased * CASE NO. PC-2023-304

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Holden Hyatt, Holland Hyatt,
Hayden Hyatt and
All Known and Unknown Heirs of the
Estate of Calvin B. Williams, Deceased

That on the 19th day of September, 2023, a Petition For Probate of Will, was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Sharon Denise Faulkner, as Petitioner, and that the 29th day of November 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a .m. has been appointed as the day for hearing said Petition, at which time you may appear and contest the same, if you deem it proper to do so.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 19th day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
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.

Attorney for Petitioner:
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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 *
DEBRA ANN YANEY COIA, * CASE NO. PC 2023 - 129
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE: Letters Testamentary having been granted to Robert Frederick Coia as Executor of the Estate of DEBRA ANN YANEY COIA, deceased, on the 19th 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.

Robert Frederick Coia
Executor

Shay Persall
SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 Second Avenue SW
Cullman AL 35055
(256) 841-7800

Attorney for Executor

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

RANDY PAUL CALLOWAY, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-338

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF RANDY PAUL CALLOWAY, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Procesa G. Calloway on the 17th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that 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.

Procesa G. Calloway, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
WILLIAM RAY WOOTEN * CASE NO PC 2023-296
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary have been granted to Gene Leland Gamble, as Personal Representative of the Estate William Ray Wooten, deceased, on the 11th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County.

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

Gene Leland Gamble
Personal Representative of the Estate of
William Ray Wooten, deceased.

Clement J. Cartron
Attorney for Petitioner
Carton & Jacobs LLC
2310 Market Place, Suite B
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

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TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
) Case No.: JU-2016-000573.06
)
DIXON SILAS)

NOTICE AND ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Father in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that the Biological Father, Douglas Dixon, of Cullman, respond to the Petition by the 20 day of November, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Kimberly H. Drake, 419 2nd Ave SW, Cullman AL 35055, or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW, Cullman AL 35055.

DONE this 4th day of October, 2023.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
JUVENILE JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.
Witness my hand and official seal, this 11th day of October, 2023.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
)
) Case No.: JU-2016-000570.06
)
DIXON LILYANN)

NOTICE AND ORDER

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication on the Biological Father in the above styled action, it is therefore:

ORDERED and **ADJUDGED** that the Biological Father, Douglas Dixon, of Cullman, respond to the Petition by the 20 day of November, 2023, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioners.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioners: Kimberly H. Drake, 419 2nd Ave SW, Cullman AL 35055, or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW, Cullman AL 35055.

DONE this 4th day of October, 2023.

/s/ WELLS R. TURNER III
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STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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Witness my hand and official seal, this 11th day of October, 2023.
Lisa McSwain
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

In Re the Estate of)
)
Shirley Ann Peterson,) Case No. PC 2023-311
)
Deceased)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Nancy P. Carretero as Personal Representative of the Estate of Shirley Ann Peterson, deceased, on the 10th day of October, 2023, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate,

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

Nancy P. Carretero
Personal Representative
Nancy P. Carretero

To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:
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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate, Tammy Brown
Cullman County, Alabama

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

WILLIAM HENRY YOUNG, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-285

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM HENRY YOUNG, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to William Jerome Young on the 11th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that 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.

William Jerome Young, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune:*

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Jacobs proclaims November Home Care and Hospice Month

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mayor Woody Jacobs on Thursday, Oct. 26, proclaimed the month of November "Home Care and Hospice Month" in Cullman, urging residents to recognize and appreciate home care and hospice professionals in the community. On-hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs from Aveanna Home Health & Hospice (formerly ComfortCare) were Emily Hall, Jeremy Hogland, Logan Brooks, Jennifer Harbin and Randi Harrison.

"End of life decisions are hard for people and their loved ones to make – or even discuss," said Jacobs. "Home health and hospice professionals not only meet the needs of patients who are dealing with serious health conditions or nearing the end of life, but they also provide much-needed support for the patient's family."

November is set aside each year in the United States as "National Home Care and Hospice Month" to honor all professionals who work in home care and hospice. Both home health care and hospice providers strive to provide access to individualized services based on a patient's unique care needs and wishes.

Home health care is a wide range of health care related services provided for patients in their home. Registered nurses (RNs), under the direction of an attending physician, assess and monitor health care needs and provide a variety of skilled nursing services including medication management and education, wound and post-surgical care, pain management, nutritional support, dressing changes, diabetic care and more. The home health care team also generally includes social workers who help patients and families manage and alleviate the stress that medical conditions often create; home health aides who assist patients with the tasks of daily living and personal care; and therapists to help patients regain functional mobility, speech, fine motor and other skills.

Hospice care and palliative care are focused on improving the quality of life for people and their caregivers who are experiencing a terminal illness. The care team generally consists of an attending physician who coordinates care, RNs who cares for the patient and offers family support, aides who assist with bathing and dressing and other everyday activities, a social worker who gives emotional support and financial guidance, a chaplain who provides spiritual support to the patient and their family and other professionals or volunteers who coordinate services or offer non-medical care and support.

"In recent years, my family has had to utilize the services of home health and hospice professionals for several loved ones," said Leanne West, executive assistant to Mayor Jacobs. "We are very grateful for the care given to our family members and for the guidance and caring support and concern they showed to us. I don't know how we would have gotten through those hard times without them."

According to recent statistics, about 12 million people in the United States require some form of home health care for conditions such as diabetes, heart failure, chronic skin ulcers, osteoarthritis and hypertension. Home health care offers security, dignity and the ability for patients to maintain as much independence as possible.

Approximately 1.6 million people in the United States receive care by hospice providers each year. The majority of hospice care takes place in the home, allowing patients to spend their final months at home with loved ones. Hospice care is covered under Medicare, Medicaid and most private insurers.

"Our community benefits greatly from the services of our home health and hospice professionals," said Jacobs. "I am proud to help the folks at Aveanna Home Health and Hospice spread the word about these services by proclaiming November 'Home Care & Hospice Month' in Cullman."

To find out more about home care and hospice services in our community, contact any of the home health and hospice organizations in Cullman or visit the National Association for Home Care and Hospice at www.nahc.org.



LEANNE WEST/CITY OF CULLMAN

Pictured left to right are Jennifer Harbin, Emily Hall, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Randi Harrison, Logan Brooks and Jeremy Hogland.

CCBOE (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
cheyenne@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) held a special-called board meeting on Oct. 25 during which it voted to enter into a contract with Spot.ai to upgrade to a systemwide security camera system over the next two years.

Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said, "Every one of our cameras from every one of our schools will be on the same platform. So I can go in my office and see on my TV and see the front door at every one of our schools, and constantly rotate."

The board said the new system could potentially save hours of time administrators currently use to search through footage manually.

Barnette continued, "Right now, as administrators, if there is an incident in a school, we are having to search through hours of footage, and now we can narrow it down to any motion detected by the cameras, even down to what color shirt they had on."

The state-of-the-art camera system allows a live stream link to be sent to handheld devices in case of suspicious activity, alerts administration of loiterers in the school zones and could even allow license plate identification for each vehicle on campus in the future.

Fairview High School was a pilot school to test the new camera system. Cullman County Schools Media and Communications Specialist Ty Watwood explained that Fairview's camera system was one of the systems most in need of repairs. "We have a lot of old stuff around the county; some places are good, some are not," said Watwood, who explained there are over 800 cameras currently in use in the county school system, with many of them in disrepair or not functioning. In previous years, it was the responsibility of each principal to use sales tax funds allocated to his or her school or other school funds to replace or upgrade camera systems.

Spot.ai eliminates those hurdles, and has a yearly subscription fee of $96,245 for five years paid for by safety grants and local funds, as opposed to the roughly $30,000 it would cost to replace each school's cameras individually.

The board approved the purchase unanimously.

The school system's maintenance department requested approval to purchase new software to replace SchoolDude, which logs and keeps track of maintenance requests and services performed on machinery and equipment.

"What I'm really excited about is, let's say there's an air conditioning unit out there on our campus, not just an air conditioner but many different things, we're going to be able to put a barcode on there," Barnette explained.

"We can walk by and scan this barcode with this app and it will tell us how old that unit is, how much money we have spent on that unit; that way we can decide right then if we need to continue to repair that unit or if we should replace that unit. I think it's going to save us money in the long run."

The board agreed and approved $11,000 to purchase the new software.

In his Superintendent's Report, Barnette was excited to announce that all retired staff and faculty will be able to gain free entry to any Cullman County Schools sporting event.

"Beginning Friday of this week (Oct. 27), anybody that has retired from Cullman County Schools can come to Bridgett Rodgers' office, which is my secretary, and with a short (sic), just filling out where they retired from, and how many years they were with us, they can get a pass to get in free to any Cullman County sporting athletic event."

Barnette also recommended and the board approved a request from the school system's technology department to purchase a 2024 Ford Transit 150 cargo van from the state bid list; this move is set to cost the CCBOE $55,731. However, it's a move Barnette and Technology Coordinator Brian Williams said desperately needs to be made.

"We have a van that our technology department uses to go out to different schools, and unfortunately we have passed used vehicles down to them over the years; so when we replace something, they (the technology department) get the leftovers," Barnette explained, "And it (the current van) is just absolutely worn out, and our bus maintenance does the maintenance on it and they basically have said it's costing more to repair it than it is to get a new vehicle."

The board approved the following agenda items:

• Approval of Non-Faculty coaches, along with their contracts of Kolton Sellers and Bridget Elrod

• Approval for Good Hope High School to pay the following individuals for summer work for football to be paid from local school funds- Richard Dillashaw, Samuel Dingler, Tyler Hudson, Matthew McCulloch, Patrick McDonald, William C. Weaver and Mitchell Witcher.

• Approval for Vinemont Middle School to pay Lance Lay, Kerry Thompson and Preston Boyd for refinishing the Middle School gym floor, to be paid from local school funds.

• Approval for Welti Elementary to employ and pay Tara Twilley as after-hours personnel to be paid from local school funds.

• Approval for Cold Springs to employ and pay Heather Johnson as before and after school tutor to be paid for by ESSER funds.

• Approval to pay Jenna Mayo a stipend for managing district-wide Robotics Team tournaments during the 23-24 school year to be paid from general funds.

• Approved the salary schedule for the 2025 elected superintendent.

• Approved the resignation of Sandra Twilley from Welti Elementary

• Approved the voluntary transfers of Dr. Kellie Tanner, Carrie Morrow and Keisha Wright.

• Approved the appointments of Bobby Daniels, Anna Calvert and Sheila Welborn as temporary part-time teachers and Christa Hale as a Child Nutrition Worker.

• Approval of a salary schedule change for Pamela Draper

• Approved the following substitutes in teaching, bus driving and CNP:

- o Edward Sandlin
- o Megan Shedd
- o Karen Duncan
- o Carrie Gilespie
- o Kristie Grund
- o Tammie Heaton
- o Glenda McClure
- o Sandra Montanez
- o Betty Pitts
- o Kaytrean Williams
- o Mildred Wright
- o John Bowen
- o Ashley Drake
- o Janna Greer
- o Constance Thrailkill
- o John Veres
- o Caroleta Waters

The CCBOE's next board meeting is scheduled for Nov. 9, with the work session at 3:30 p.m. and the meeting immediately following. The CCBOE is located at 402 Arnold St. SE and can be reached by phone at 256-734-2399, the hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

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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 *
STANLEY RAY HARPER, * CASE NO.: PC2023-016
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

TO: MICHAEL SHANE HARPER,
AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

The Petition for Sale of Personal Property filed by Toni Jenkins, Petitioner, by and through her Attorney of record, Dan J. Willingham, has been scheduled for the **29th day of November, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.**, before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

All persons having interest are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Done this the 25th day of October, 2023.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune:

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Noah Galilee
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Work. It's something most of us have to do at least five days each week. However, for some the work week turns into a work month, which morphs into working nearly every day.

I'm not complaining as the profession that chose me suits all aspects of life and allows a lot of freedom of movement – something not offered by any of my previous employers.

Now, for many an early morning wake-up call is a hassle, though most don't have to experience too many 3:30 a.m. alarms to get set for the day. There are many, though, who must do this every morning to prepare for a long day – most likely stuck in a confined space doing a task that once only took until 5 p.m., but for some reason now keeps them well into the late night hours.

But why?

If you dig just past the surface, you'll most likely find management rife with issues. So much so that those under their instruction often call for management to be fired while others begin to plan their escape due to vacation days being struck down for the holidays.

Sounds like a horrible script to a bad movie, but unfortunately there's always a good group or two that falls apart at the seams due to inept management who'd rather sit at a desk barking orders than get up and lead by example. But this isn't a new problem for many across our city, county, state or country.

Why though?

Once you are at a management level there should be more work being done, not less. Delegation shouldn't turn into passing the buck, as the burden should fall on those at the front of the line, not those working at base pay and minimal hours each week.

However, in some businesses and government facilities this is not the case. Even from my days back at Blockbuster some of the laziest employees were ranked up to management while those who worked several double shifts each week were kept at the base level with no sign of ever moving up.

Now don't get me wrong, there are plenty in management positions who are working on the frontlines with their teams to ensure cohesive behavior while setting the tone and pace for all others. To those non lazy managers and owners, a tip of the cap to you for being involved instead of yelling from a distance.

In the end there are truly two types of management when you break it all down. Those who work hard, arrive earlier than required to prep for a long day and who stay late ensuring the shift's duties are completed before leaving it to others. Then there are those who yell, argue and sleep under their desk...metaphorically speaking of course.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 26-27

Sharon Annette Crutchfield, 64
Sharon Annette Crutchfield, 64, of Cullman, was called home, following a hard fought battle with cancer, Tuesday evening Oct. 24, 2023. To know Annette was to love her. She had many qualities inherited from her father. He was seen most in her smile and her love of making folks laugh. If you knew her for any real length of time and she had never made you laugh you probably didn't have a sense of humor. Annette was greeted in heaven by her father Luther Gerald Butler as well as a host of aunts and uncles and her grandparents. Left behind to carry her memory are her husband Steven W. Crutchfield, daughter Samantha Grace Atchley, son-in-law Justin Atchley and mother, Helen Rowell Butler. Also left are many friends and extended family who were so loved and cherished. A Celebration of Life service for Annette will be held at Cullman Funeral Home on Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. The family requests in lieu of flowers donations be made to Restoring Women Outreach of Cullman or the American Cancer Society. A very special thanks goes out to Southern Care New Beacon for taking care of Annette and helping her and her family during the last moments of her time here with us. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Christopher A. Jetton, 59
Christopher A. Jetton, age 59, of Vinemont, Alabama passed away at his home on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. He is survived by his Mom: Joanna Veigl Jetton, a sister Cindy Jo Stewart, a brother Dr. Chuck A. Jetton, a niece Allison S. Stadler, a nephew Reid A. Stewart and two special cousins, Carla and Laura. There will be no visitation. A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Jetton family. Donations may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul of Cullman.

Karen Barnes-Hancock, 66
Graveside services for Karen Barnes-Hancock, 66, of Crane Hill, will be 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at Ryan's Creek Cemetery in Bremen, Alabama. Mrs. Hancock was born Sept. 29, 1957, in Childersburg, Alabama. She passed away Oct. 25, 2023, in Crane Hill, Alabama. Mrs. Hancock is survived by her husband, Robert Hancock; daughter Candace Hancock (Shane); son, Jeremy Kennemur (Natasha); grandchildren, Aden, Moses, Isaac; brother-in-law, Bill South. Mrs. Hancock was preceded in death by her parents, James and Nalgie Barnes; brother, Jackie Barnes; sister, Jamie South. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hancock Family.

Adilee Hardin Bartlett, 95
Funeral service for Adilee Hardin Bartlett, age 95, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at First Baptist Church of Fairview with Dr. David Chambers officiating; interment in First Baptist Church of Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Bartlett passed away on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at Woodland Haus. She was born June 24, 1928, in Morgan County, Alabama, to Lenox Hardin and Mary Ellen Hardin. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer Bartlett; parents; and brothers, W. L. Hardin, Sam Hardin, Alton Hardin, and Gladys Hardin. Survivors include her son, Howard (Wanda) Bartlett; daughter, Glenda (Steve) Parker; grandchildren, Leslie (Jackie) Needham, Sharon (Adam) Dyer, Blake (Jessica) McKoy, and Hillary (Eric) Parker; five great-grandchildren; step-grandchildren, Jennifer (Marty) Rice, Nissa (Emory) Stern, and Billie (Ian) McFadden; six step-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Judy Ann Amore, 76
Funeral services for Judy Ann Amore, 76, of Cullman, will be 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Welcome Baptist Church Cemetery in Baileyton, Alabama. Reverend Ory Hampton will be officiating the service. Mrs. Amore was born Jan. 24, 1947, to the late Habert and Evelyn Ryan. She passed away Oct. 24, 2023, in Cullman, Alabama. Survivors include her children, Portia Smith (Joe), Saundra Whatley (Danny) and Patsy Nunn; grandchildren, Kristin Powers (Trey), Alex Jones, Tiffany Phillips (Tae), Jody Jones (Serena), Ashley Hildreth (Anthony), Bradley Capps (Hanna); Rusty, Brett, Ashley, and Holly Whatley; and Brandi Smith; great grandchildren, Reagan Powers, Jaiden Freeman, Josi Jones, Alli Freeman, Jesse Jones, Tripper Jones, Alayah Hildreth, Kennedi Phillips; Connor, Cameron, Cana, Colten, Caselyn, and Cashten Whatley; Matt and Gavin Smith; siblings, Edward Ryan, Nancy Stricklin, and Michael Ryan; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Amore was preceded in death by her husbands, Odis Howell Lee, Richard Lowell Nunn, and James "Jim" Amore; brother, Robert Edmondson; sisters-in-law, Joyce Edmondson, and Ann Ryan; and nephew Mark Ryan. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Amore Family.

Cheri Lynn Apel, 75
Cheri Lynn Apel, age 75, passed away peacefully Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. Cheri was born in Troy on May 16, 1948, to the late Laura Evelyn and Dan Hataway. She attended Auburn University before marrying Ronny Apel in 1968 and moving to Cullman. Cheri's proudest accomplishment was raising her two sons, attending all their sporting events and creating a memorable childhood for them while supporting her husband, Ronny, as he grew the family business. Cheri was an Auburn fan who married into a family of Alabama fans; however, to her great delight, she raised two Auburn fans who then each married Auburn fans, resulting in an almost entirely Auburn family. One of Cheri's greatest joys was being "Ri" to her six grandchildren. Cheri was committed to her family and enjoyed spending time with them and expressing her love through creating. Cheri's creative gifts were countless but most notably: She was a fantastic cook who loved preparing special dishes for her family, always making their favorite dessert for their birthdays. Her artistic talents were many as she enjoyed smocking, hand embroidering, and French hand sewing heirloom clothing for her grandchildren and painting ceramic pieces to gift to others. Having exceptional decorating talents, she created liveable and beautiful spaces for her family to enjoy, both at home and at the beach. She will forever be cherished as a wife, friend, and mother and was a source of inspiration for all who had the privilege of knowing her. Cheri was preceded in death by her parents, as well as Ronny's parents; Arthur and Maebell Apel. Cheri is survived by her husband Ronny Apel; sons Hank (Julie) Apel and Kurt (Megan) Apel of Cullman, Alabama; grandchildren Gracie, Tucker, John Henry, Brant, Macey, and William Apel of Cullman, Alabama; sister Carole (Rex) McDaniel of Ozark; brother-in-law John (Marie) Apel; sister-in-law Cheri Dalgleish; and many nieces and nephews. Services will be held at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, 512 Second Ave. SE, Cullman, AL 35055, on Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023. Visitation begins at 1 p.m.; funeral service begins at 3 p.m. Graveside service to follow at Cullman City Cemetery, 821 Lessman Circle, Cullman, AL 35055. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be sent to St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Mission 150, 512 Second Avenue, SE, Cullman, AL 35055. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Lieutenant Commander, Dennis Clark Harris Sr., 92
Lieutenant Commander, Dennis Clark Harris Sr., age 92, of Decatur, died Friday, Oct. 20, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents Dennis Elmore and Nell Ruth Clark Harris and a brother, William Richard Harris. Mr. Harris is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn Bronson Harris; daughter, MaryNell Saunders (Jim); son, Dennis Clark Harris Jr. (Ann'Marie); granddaughters: Dr. Jenniver L. Clark (Jeff) and Samantha L Faucett (Andrew); great-grandson, John Alexander Clark; and sister, Martha Ann Hooper. The Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Decatur. Inurnment will follow in the Columbarium at St. John's Episcopal Church. Military Honors will be rendered at the inurnment. Please visit www.mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Argie Lee Mosley, 88
Funeral service for Argie Lee Mosley, age 88, of Cullman, will be Sunday, Oct. 29, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, with Bro. Tommy Graves and Bro. Tim Aris officiating. Family will welcome friends from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Interment will be at Bowman's Chapel Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Mosley passed from this life Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023. She was born Oct. 13, 1935, to Nick Angrum Eddy and Elzie Thornton Eddy. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kledith Mosley; step-mother, Vivian Eddy; brothers, Shelley Eddy, Jerry Eddy, Carvin Waldrop, Troy Waldrop; sisters, Tressie Garner, Cornelia Eddy; daughter-in-law, Sharon Mosley; grandsons, Jeff Mosley, Chris Rodgers; granddaughter, Bobbie Mosley; sons, Dewessie Mosley, Rayfol Mosley; daughter-in-law, Becky Mosley. She is survived by sons, Wayne (Linda) Mosley, Dennis Mosley, Rickey (Karin) Mosley; daughter Kim (Mike) Rodgers; brothers, Harvey (Ivy) Eddy, Marlin (Deb) Eddy, Milton (Beverly) Eddy; sisters, Shirley (David) Kiker, Brenda (Gary) Lockhart, Karen (Tim) Barker; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; family and friends. Argie was a member of Logan Baptist church. She was a wonderful mother and raised six good kids. She loved music and was a self-taught guitar player. She especially loved to sing gospel music. She will be very missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

Lacy Jean Laney, 35
Funeral service for Lacy Jean Laney, age 35, of Cullman, will be Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, at 1 p.m. at Blair Congregational Methodist Church, with Bro. Dan Hopper officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday at the church. Interment will follow at Blair Cemetery. The family is asking for donations to the family for Lacy's children, in lieu of flowers. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Lacy passed from this life on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023. She was born March 4, 1988, to Paul Gene Byrams, Jr. and Charlotte Cantrell Byrams. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Casey Byrams; grandparents. She is survived by her husband, Kyle Laney; in-laws, Jeff and Kay Laney; son, Casey Laney; daughter, Katherine Laney; sisters, Stevie Jo (Wesley) Stump; sister-in-law, Kristi Ballew; nephews and nieces; Bryson Stump, Jaidyn Stump, Walker Stump, Weston Stump, Jacob Ballew, and Cole Ballew; a host of family and friends. Serving as pallbearers are Bryson Stump, Wesley Stump, Jacob Ballew, Cole Ballew, John Kyzer, Jeremy Gilbert. Lacy's sweet children said they will always remember her as "the most awesomest, loving, beautiful mommy in the whole wide world". She was a woman who loved her kids and her family so much and made them her life. She will be very missed by all who know and love her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneralhome.com.

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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

What did we see in East Tennessee?

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



After our recent visit to the Foxfire Museum, Jean and I spent the next four days in Eastern Tennessee. We lodged in Johnson City, which is between the Blue Ridge Mountains and The Great Smokey Mountains. If you love mountains, it's a great place to visit. We spent a day in Jonesborough, Tennessee's oldest town. Nashville may be the capital of country music, but Jonesborough is the storytelling capital. Each October, storytellers come there from all over the United States for the three-day-long National Storytelling Festival. So, now you think you know why this old story teller went to Jonesborough, but you would be wrong. I didn't know, and if you don't know, you can't go! I do hope to go back next October.

We loved visiting and walking across the Elizabethton Covered Bridge. It is a 134-foot-long covered wooden bridge, built in 1882. It stretches across the Doe River, in downtown Elizabethton. From the banks of the river, we watched ducks, geese, and children play in or beside the river. A giant blue heron landed and waded in the shallow water directly in front of us.

As my eyes gazed at sheer beauty and my ears listened to the music of the shallow water as it flowed across the numerous rocks, I thought that must be the most peaceful place on earth...or at least in Eastern Tennessee. Then, the very next day, we visited a place that may have won the mountain's peace prize.

If you follow the Doe River, several miles east of the covered bridge, you will find yourself at Roan Mountain. Roan Mountain State Park has over 2,000 acres or hardwood forest and rugged mountain ridges. We drove all the way up to Carver's Gap at the top of the mountain, stopping occasionally to stare at the river that looked like the perfect place to go fly fishing.

At the top, 5,512 feet high, we had gone as far as we could go...and still be in Tennessee, that is. That's because a big-green sign with a state flag painted on it said, "Welcome to North Carolina."

On our way back down Roan Mountain, we saw another sign, a brown one, that said, "The Miller Homestead." We turned left there, and traveled back up into the mountains and back in time. Way back in 1870, Dave and Louise Miller followed a rough wagon road up the mountain to the place that would become their farm and home. They rented and farmed the property for many years, eventually buying 200 acres of land there. In 1907, their son Nathaniel built the family house that still stands there to this day. The house, and the farm it sets on, have been perfectly preserved to remind us how the early settlers in those mountains used to live. Three generations of the Miller family lived and worked on that farm for more than 90 years. Many of them are buried in the family cemetery we visited there.

As I stood on a hill, overlooking the white wood-frame farmhouse, the barn, and other out buildings, I listened to the wonderful quietness of that place. The October leaves were not at full color, but still it was enough to hold me in awe. For the second time, in two days, I had seen one of the most beautiful places in Eastern Tennessee! As I looked back at how life used to be, I thought ahead and smiled as I dreamed about how amazing life is going to be in the most beautiful place anyone here has ever seen.

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HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1954

From the files of 1954

Mrs. Cecil Looney, of Geraldine, was the guest last week of Mrs. Lois Weeks. Mrs. Weeks returned home with her for several days.

Mrs. Jimmy Duren, of Birmingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Nail and Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Duren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Owens, of Rossville, Georgia, were the guests this weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Genhard Boerner, who were enroute to their home in Jacksonville, Florida, were the weekend guests of Reverend and Mrs. Roscoe Wilhite.

Hulaco Activities

The Ryan P.T.A. met on Monday night. John Julian was elected president, replacing Mrs. Kathleen Allford, who served last year. The first vice-president is Whitney Earwood, the second vice-president is Ray Burden, the secretary is Quinton Wright and treasurer is Mrs. Earlene Write. The P.T.A. gave Mrs. Cleo Blackwood the Home Economics Teacher $25 to buy supplies for the Home Economics room. The project for this year is improvement in elementary classrooms. Every parent is urged to be present for the next P.T.A. meeting, which will be on October 5. The two new teachers this year are Mr. Howell and Lester Ralph. Lester has taught and coached before at Ryan High School.

Mrs. "Shag" Butler (Pat Latham) is ill in the Arab Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Nesmith visited relatives at Athens on Monday.

Jo Grace entered Childhaven on Monday. She has spent several days with the Donald Graces.

Picnicking at the Port of Pines, on Labor Day were the James Wright family, the D. H. Grace family, Mrs. Carolyn Wright, Miss Jo Grace and the Theo Wright family from Birmingham, who spent the weekend with his parents. The Robert Wright family from Guntersville visited relatives here on Sunday.

Bennie Ralph, from California, surprised his mother, Mrs. Anna Ralph on Friday about 9 p.m., when he arrived home unexpectedly and then announced he had a job at Huntsville and had come to stay. Ben has been in California for several years.

The Howard College Extension meets each Thursday at 6:30 p.m., at Ryan Church.

The W.M.U. met at the church on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

POET'S CORNER

Something Scratching | By: Randy C. Hale

There is something scratching

in my closet?

It is very, very creepy.

I've gotten use, to it,

listening makes me sleepy.

I often wonder what it is,

that could be trapped inside?

But digging in that closet,

I never take the time.

So go onscratching noisome haint,

scratch away you may.

One day, I just make take a look,

but rather not today.

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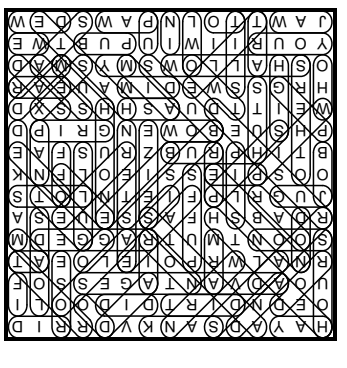
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