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19th annual WSCC Student Investment Luncheon raises over $373K

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — As Wallace State Community College (WSCC) transitions into planning for spring semester, the highly anticipated event of the fall season went off without a hitch on Thursday morning, Nov. 2, 2023. The 19th annual Student Investment Luncheon saw hundreds of donors and benefactors file into Tom Drake Coliseum to place bids and invest in the futures of WSCC students, raising an astonishing and record-setting $373,787.

The luncheon is an opportunity not only to raise funds for future scholarships and endowments, but also for those students who have already received scholarships and endowments to give back to their donors through serving – literally: the servers at the luncheon were students who have benefited from WSCC's Future Foundation giving and grants. » PAGE 7



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Auctioneer Bryan Knox takes bids for a one-week stay at a luxury beach condo. The auction took place at Wallace State Community College's 19th annual Student Investment Luncheon on Thursday, Nov 2.

– VETERAN SPOTLIGHT –

Ronald 'Ron' Creech



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Ronald "Ron" Creech poses in front of a framed flag at VFW Post 2214 in Cullman.

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In celebration of Veterans Day, Tribune reporter Cayla Grace Murphy sat down with veterans at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2214 for rapid-fire interviews. The Tribune will be publishing an interview every week in November.

RONALD 'RON' CREECH

United States Army,
Reserve 1978-1988,
active duty 1988-1992

Deployments:
Korea, Panama

CGM: What do you remember most about the day you enlisted?

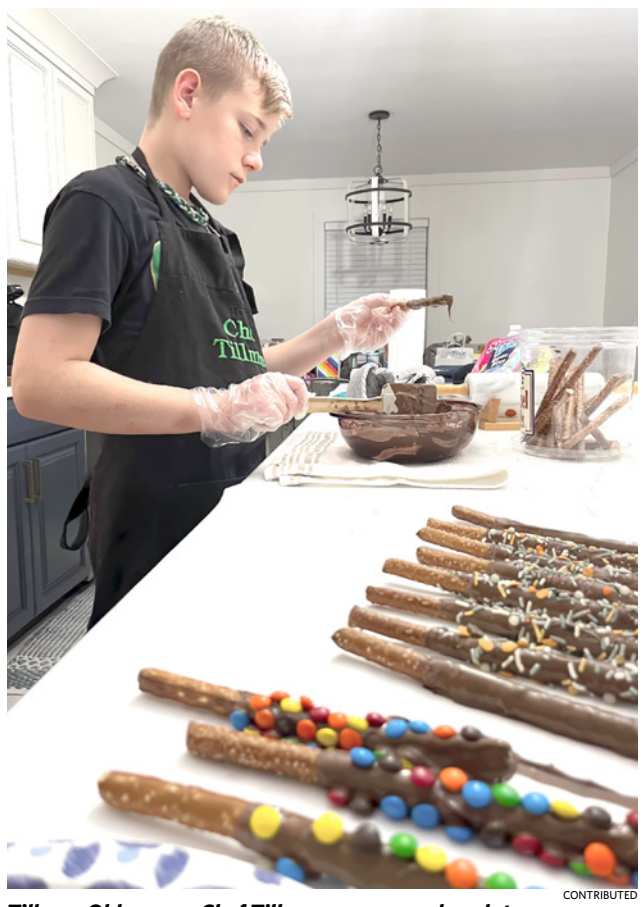
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Well Water Quality Workshop set for Nov. 14

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Chef Tillman

Local student-turned-chef hosting fundraiser for Flourish



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Tillman Oldacre, or Chef Tillman, prepares chocolate-coated pretzel rods to be sold to raise funds to Flourish of Cullman.

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WSCC hosting 'Salute to United States Veterans' featuring Concert Band, Jazz Band Nov. 9

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported Nov. 3, 2023. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 30

- harassment; CR 1147
- theft of property; CR 160
- robbery; Walker St. SW
- possession of prescription drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1400
- theft of property; CR 1435
- domestic violence; CR 1843
- criminal mischief; 8th St. SW, Garden City
- burglary; CR 1400
- theft of property; criminal mischief; CR 431
- theft of property; CR 651
- theft of property; CR 788
- domestic violence; CR 55

Oct. 31

- domestic violence; CR 824
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 69 S
- harassment; CR 1177
- burglary; CR 1845
- assault; CR 248
- theft of property; CR 437

Nov. 1

- possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; CR 216
- criminal mischief; CR 728
- criminal mischief; CR 1107
- trespassing; Hwy. 157
- trespassing; criminal mischief; CR 551

ARRESTS

Oct. 30 – Nov. 1

Alexander, James K.; 44
- FTA- DUI (alcohol)

Benefield, Felicia D.; 34
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Bryan, Jeffery A.; 37
- forgery-counterfeiting
- forgery-forged instrument
- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Copeland, Makaliah R.; 26
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft less than $500
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- possession/use of credit/debit card
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft of property-2nd degree- $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- welfare fraud, $500 less than $1,500
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family (2 counts)

Freeman, Breanna R.; 33
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hogan, Randall D.; 66
- Grand Jury- homicide-murder-non family-gun
- discharging firearm into occupied building, railroad, aircraft, automobile, truck, etc.

Hook, Samuel J.; 34
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of dangerous drugs (3 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (3 counts)
- Bail Jumping-2nd degree- non-support-child

Lenz, William D.; 52
- FTA- burglary-residence-force
- FTA- larceny/theft-theft from residence

McCown, Katelynn M.; 30
- FTA- assault-domestic-harassment-family
- FTA- damaged property-criminal mischief

McDonald, Saig M.; 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Meeks, Bradford N.; 33
- Probation Revoked- homicide-criminally negligent homicide-vehicular
- Probation Revoked- DUI
- Probation Revoked- assault-simple assault

Patron, Amanda C.; 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs (2 counts)

Price, Daniel J.; 36
- FTA- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Raines, Brian A.; 35
- attempting to elude police officer

Roach II, Roy W.; 48
- driving while suspended, revoked or cancelled
- failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA- failure/refusal to display insurance

Silva, Perla A.; 35
- FTA- fraud-defrauding secured creditors

Swafford, Jeffery S.; 48
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

White, Jarett L.; 42
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Williams IV, John B.; 41
- FTA- larceny/theft-miscellaneous theft $500 less than $1,500

Yoder, Joseph E.; 20
- criminal trespass

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 28
- leaving scene of accident; person; 1st Ave. SE and 3rd St. SE; damage to 2018 GMC

Nov. 1
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $143
- theft of property-4th degree; Books-A-Million; Cullman Shopping Center; general merchandise; $227
- theft of property-1st degree; Bill Smith Used Cars; Hwy. 157; 2019 Chevy Silverado
- theft of property-4th degree; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; clothing; $477

Nov. 2
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; person; Hwy. 157; tools; $860
- unauthorized use of vehicle; person
- unlawful breaking entering motor vehicle; theft of property-2nd degree; person; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous

ARRESTS

Nov. 1 – 2

Swafford, Jeffery S.; 45
- theft of property-3rd degree
- criminal trespass-3rd degree

McCown, Katelynn M.; 30
- FTA- domestic violence-3rd degree

Hayes, Casey M.; 35
- obstructing justice using false id

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Well Water Quality Workshop set for Nov. 14

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Alabama Cooperative Extension System – Private Well Program is offering a free workshop through the Cullman County and Blount County Extension Offices on Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center. The Well Water Quality Workshop will give residents the opportunity to learn firsthand the importance of routinely testing the quality of their well water. It will also be a great source of information for anyone interested in using well water.

Auburn University's Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station reported the most common contaminants in Alabama well water are iron, coliform bacteria, lead, nitrates and manganese. These contaminants are blocked into primary and secondary contaminants; primary contaminants such as fecal coliform bacteria, or lead could potentially pose a health concern to those who ingest any contaminated water.

"Private well water quality is not federally or state-regulated, so it is crucial for private well owners to test their water regularly to ensure that their drinking water is safe," said Cullman County Extension Office Coordinator Kira Sims.

"Even if a well appears clean and has no irregular smells, invisible microorganisms or other harmful contaminants can still be present and pose health risks to those using the water."

According to the Alabama Office of Water Resources, Alabama is home to approximately 540,000 well owners.

In 2015, a study done by the Alabama Department of Economic Affairs revealed that about 3% of Cullman residents and a shocking 19% of Blount County residents were supplied their daily water through a well.

Unfortunately, a lot of these wells are housed on private property, therefore ungoverned and unregulated. Well owners may not think to test their water supply regularly for contaminants.

"Well water testing is not a regulated public service offered by municipalities in the same sense as public water systems.

"This means that any testing, treatment or maintenance done on the system is at the discretion of the homeowner," Sims explained.

"Although a well may not appear to have any issues, well water quality can change over time because of natural or human-induced contaminants."

The workshop will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 14, at the Hanceville Civic Center, located at 902 Commercial St. Registration is required, but is free.

Attendees should register online by Nov. 10 at aub.ie/hancevillewells.

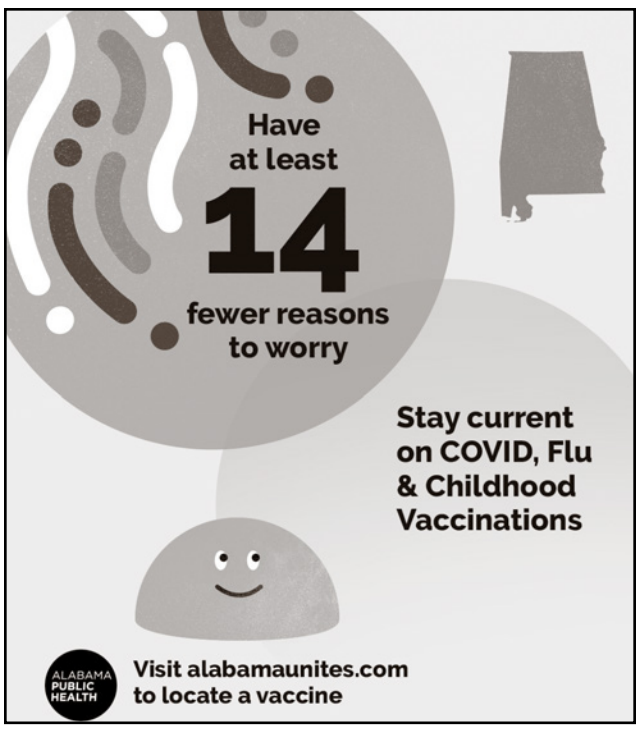
A free educational bacteria screening is available to the first 20 registrants who pick up sample bottles from the Cullman County Extension Office.

For more information, call 256-737-9386.

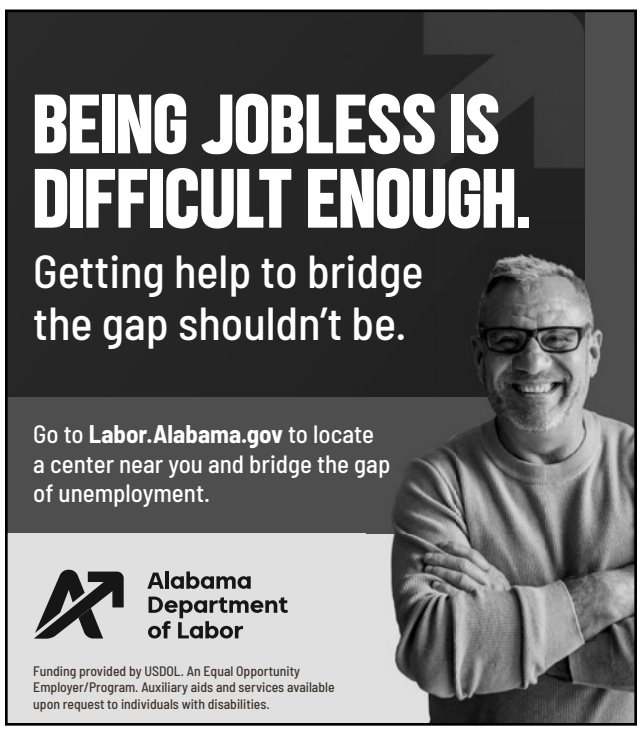
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Calling All Young Singers!
Cullman Community Young Singers (CCYS) is looking for YOU! All young singers (ages 8-15) are invited to join us on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:45 at the Little House at Art Park, 1031 Second St. SW in Cullman. No auditions,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

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

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

Church Services-Spirit Life Church of GOD
Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Saturday, Nov. 4 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast and Foundry Farm Ministry
• Sunday, Nov. 5 - 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, Nov. 5 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call 256-841-2060 for pickup. Breakfast at 9. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise & worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.

Alcoholics Anonymous
Sundays, 3 p.m. at Cullman First Church of the Nazarene, 5415 Alabama Highway 157. CLOSED literature study. Handicap accessible.

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at Cullman Housing Authority Community Center (1545 Vine Circle SW, Cullman, AL 35055). The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings
The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength and hope. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a religious one, but a spiritual way of life. Meetings will be held at The Ruehl Building (Family Life Center of St. John's Church) Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. Contact Jamie Weathersby Smith 256-708-7122 or Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

Cullman Serenity AlAnon Meetings
The Cullman Serenity AlAnon group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The AlAnon family groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. For more information, call 256-708-6645, 850-323-0490 or 256-734-2231.

Master's Hand Food Pantry at The Link
• 708 Ninth St. SE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
• Closed for lunch noon-1 p.m.

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.

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Covenant Church, 1310 St. Joseph Drive, Cullman. All are welcome.

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.

Seventh Street Baptist Church Evening of Music and Worship
Sunday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m. at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to this free event led by Frank Jones, pianist and host of the Gospel Jubilee, Oasis concerts and Sing-Agains. Come sing along and listen to hymns and spiritual songs. There will be refreshments afterward. A voluntary love offering will be accepted.

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.

Grace Episcopal Church Cheeseball Pickup
If you ordered cheeseballs from Grace Episcopal Church Women, your pickup will be Thursday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. We look forward to seeing you then. For more information, call 256-734-2231.

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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CHS seniors have Zoom meeting with Congressman Aderholt

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Seniors at Cullman High School met with U.S. Congressman Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama, on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.



OFFICE OF U.S. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT ADERHOLT

Still image of the meeting

Aderholt's office issued the following statement:
"Mr. Lawayne Morton's senior U.S. Government class at Cullman High School took a lot of interest in the three week process to choose a new House Speaker.

"He reached out to see if the Congressman could zoom into one of his classes to talk more about new (House) Speaker (Mike) Johnson and other topics.

"The Congressman's schedule worked out to where he could speak to Morton's 5th period class today.

"Beyond the new Speaker, students also asked questions about the current conflict between Israel and Hamas, growing antisemitism on college campuses, the crisis at the U.S. southern border and (Former) President Trump."



ADCNR: Celebration of bats continues at Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries

David Rainer
Ala. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Bats are ubiquitous during the Halloween season, but these creatures deserve celebration year-round for their contribution to our sustainable food production. By eating insects by the billions, bats save U.S. agriculture as much as $3.7 billion per year in pest control. Bats also play a role in the pollination of some plants.

After Bat Week ended on Halloween, the celebration at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division continued with the recognition of one of its biologists, Nick Sharp, for his contributions to bat research and protection in Alabama. As chair of the Alabama Bat Working Group, Sharp recently accepted the Alabama Wildlife Federation's (AWF) Governor's Conservation Achievement Award for Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. Sharp was also recognized individually by the Alabama Chapter of the Wildlife Society as Wildlife Biologist of the Year.

"It was extremely important to be recognized," Amy Silvano, WFF's Assistant Chief of the Wildlife Section. said of the AWF and Wildlife Society awards.

"The Alabama Bat Working Group is a collaborative conservation effort composed of multiple agencies. These organizations and individuals collectively work toward the conservation of bats and their habitat throughout the state. The group has identified bat management practices, workshop training and they host the Bat Blitz."

During this year's Bat Blitz in May in southwest Alabama, the group captured a bat species, the northern long-eared bat, that was thought to have almost disappeared from the state because of white-nose syndrome (WNS), a deadly fungal disease that infects hibernating bats. On the last day of the event, one male and two pregnant female northern long-eared bats were captured, identified and later released on a Forever Wild Land Trust tract within the Perdido River Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Baldwin County.

"The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has been intentional about acquiring land along the Perdido River corridor to add to the land that currently encompasses the Perdido WMA," said ADCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship, who serves as Chairman of the Forever Wild Land Trust Board of Trustees. "The discovery of this endangered species in the area we are working to protect is further evidence of the importance of this land in eastern Baldwin County."

Although the awards were greatly appreciated, the discovery of the northern long-eared bat was the most important event of 2023 for Sharp.

"Those captures of the northern long-eared bat caused a great deal of excitement," Sharp said. "None of us expected to catch them. For background on this, in the past few years, they have discovered populations of northern long-eared bats in coastal North Carolina and South Carolina. The reason that's important is there are no caves in those areas. They also determined these bats were active year-round, that they weren't going into hibernation. So, that's important because it means they are not going into caves and being exposed to white-nose syndrome."

Sharp said this species was one of the most common species in eastern North America. Because the population has been decimated by WNS, the northern long-eared bat was federally listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act in 2022.

"The fact that these bats were living in these areas and not dying of white-nose syndrome created this idea that we should organize the Bat Blitz to go to coastal Alabama," he said.

"We thought it was a longshot, but we decided to try. Lo and behold, on the last night of the Bat Blitz, we made those captures. It was surprising and quite rewarding – taking a longshot effort and it is paying off. This has really good implications for this species in Alabama because there are no caves in coastal Alabama."

Biologists returned to Perdido River WMA in June of this year to try to catch additional northern long-eared bats. Another male and a lactating female were captured, indicating the female had given birth in the area.

Sharp said although an attempt to track the bats with radio tags was unsuccessful, the ability to return to the site and catch more northern long-eared bats confirms a resident, breeding population in the area.

"Coastal Alabama can be added to the list of locations where these bats may survive white-nose syndrome," Sharp said. "That's quite important for Alabama and the whole bat world."

Another bat species that was once common but is now of concern is the tri-colored bat. A total of 15 bat species have been documented in Alabama.

"The tri-colored bat used to be so numerous in caves that nobody bothered to count them," Sharp said. "But now they have been heavily affected by white-nose syndrome, so now they are under review for listing under the Endangered Species Act. We anticipate that decision to come in the coming year."

Sharp said, fortunately, the status of WNS in Alabama has changed very little since 2017. WNS has not been detected in south Alabama, so it appears the disease hasn't spread any farther south.

"It's still a significant threat," he said. "White-nose syndrome continues to be a devastating disease. Despite a lot of effort, no cure or treatment has been developed. In the last couple of years, tri-colored bat numbers have looked a little more stable. Maybe they are leveling out although we don't have the numbers we used to have."

As far as conservation efforts, another cave, this one called Bat Cave in Lauderdale County near Florence, has been gated to protect the bats' habitat from human disturbance.

"The area along the Tennessee River is very important for gray bats, another endangered species," Sharp said.

"That species seems to be doing okay. The habitat in Alabama is very important to them, so being able to put the gate on that cave is another important step in the conservation of that species."

As for the awards, Sharp said the AWF award was special, but the recognition should include all members of the working group.

"The Alabama Bat Working Group is a collection of people from state, federal and private entities," he said. "I received the award on behalf of the working group as its leader for the last eight years. I received the award, but it was not just me. It was the whole working group. It never crossed my mind that I would receive an award for the group.

"Likewise, it never crossed my mind that I would receive an award from the Alabama Chapter of the Wildlife Society. It really represents the pinnacle of my career. It's very gratifying that both of these awards are nominations from my peers. I can't ask for more than that."

Silvano said Sharp's efforts have been crucial to the conservation of numerous species in Alabama.

"Nick has been one of the pivotal members in our agency for threatened and endangered species, especially bats," Silvano said. "He, with multiple partners, has identified multiple wintering caves that we have gotten grant funds for to gate and protect. That has really been spearheaded by Nick. He has done a wonderful job in his collaborative efforts."



DYLAN SHAW

A northern long-eared bat is examined after being captured at Perdido River Wildlife Management Area earlier this year.



WSCC hosting 'Salute to United States Veterans' featuring Concert Band, Jazz Band Nov. 9

Dalton Bright
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Concert Band and Jazz Band will perform their "Salute to United States Veterans" on Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Recital Hall of the Burrow Center for Fine and Performing Arts. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Admission to the event is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

The concert will feature performances by the Wallace State Jazz Band and the Wallace State Concert Band.

The Jazz Band is under the direction of Department Chair Ricky Burks.

The Concert Band is under the direction of Dr. Justin Robinson.

One of the tunes for the concert includes the "Armed Forces Medley," a collection of official marches representing each branch of the military.

The goal of the event is to honor all of those that have served in the United States Armed Forces.

"Our annual Veterans Day concert is a special event. It is a time for us to come together, show our appreciation and pay respect to those that have served our country," said Burks.

The Jazz Band and Concert Band are two of several ensembles in the Fine and Performing Arts program at Wallace State Community College.

Instrumental ensembles also include the Pep Band, Brass Ensemble and Saxophone Quartet.

Vocal ensembles include the Concert Choir, Wallace State Singers and Vocal Jazz Ensemble.

Other offerings include Wallace State Dance's Allegro Dance Theatre, Pride Line dance team and Wallace State Theatre.

Other upcoming events offered by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts program include:

- "The Tempest," Nov. 3-5, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by the Wallace State Theatre program
- "The Nutcracker," Nov. 17-19, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by Allegro Dance Theatre
- "Christmas Spectacular," Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre, by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts program
- Broadway Night Cabaret, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m., at the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts, by the by the Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts program
- Spring Dance Showcase, March 21 at 7 p.m., at the Betty Leeth Haynes theatre, by Allegro Dance Theatre



WALLACE STATE

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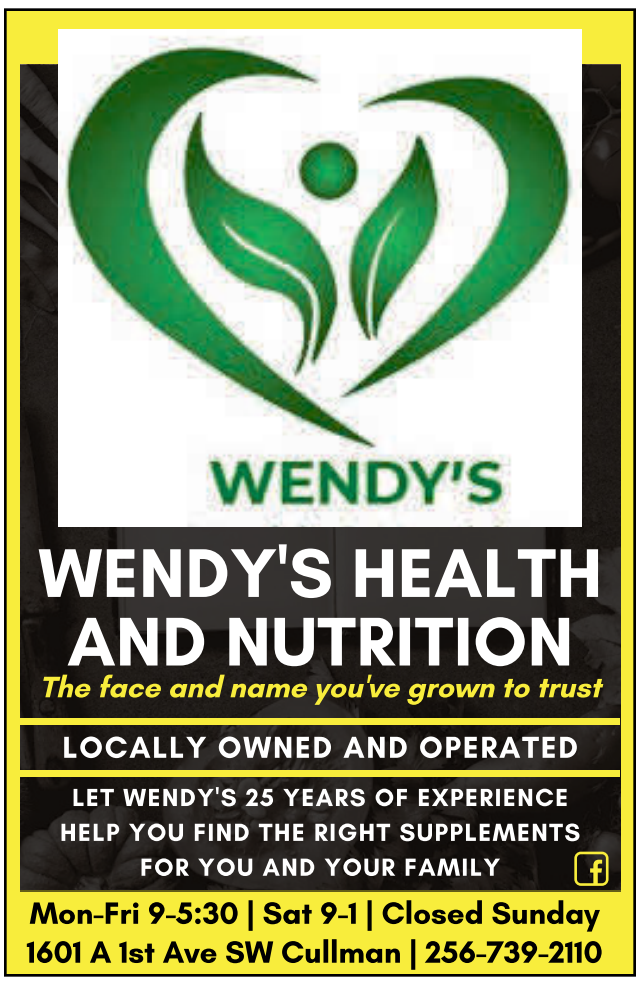














THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
NOVEMBER 4, 2023

Newcomers lead Auburn to 102-66 exhibition win over AUM

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

AUBURN, Ala. — With a trio of first-year Tigers combining for 47 points, Auburn tuned up for its season opener by defeating Auburn-Montgomery 102-66 Wednesday in an exhibition at Neville Arena.

Denver Jones made four 3-pointers and led Auburn with 18 points, Chad Baker-Mazara went 9-for-9 from the free-throw line and scored 15 points, and Chaney Johnson added 14 points.

"Those guys are good," Auburn coach Bruce Pearl said of the newcomers. "They have a chance to make us a better team. They all have great ability. Really efficient players, pretty high basketball IQ."

"It felt good being out there in front of the Auburn family tonight," Jones said. "It was really exciting for me."

Jaylin Williams also reached double figures with 11 points. Dylan Cardwell came within one point of a double-double, scoring nine points and grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds in 21 minutes.

Chaney Johnson scored Auburn's first points and Jones followed with a 3-pointer, serving notice that the new Tigers will be making an instant impact this season.

Baker-Mazera went 7-for-7 from the free-throw line scored 13 points in the first half to lead the Tigers to a 49-29 halftime lead.

"I was really excited the whole day and last night," Baker-Mazara said. "It was great to be out there representing Auburn."

Cardwell grabbed seven rebounds and Tre Donaldson had five assists in the half and finished with an 8-to-1 assist-turnover ratio.

"We got great point guard play from Denver and Tre in the last game," Pearl said, referencing Auburn's closed scrimmage Saturday vs. Furman. "For the second game in a row, Denver didn't turn it over. Playing a new position, that's really good."

Auburn used a 19-0 run to take control in the middle of the first half, holding the visitors scoreless for more than six minutes.

"We turned up some press," said Pearl. "It bothered them. It got us flying around more."

Walk-ons played the final four minutes with Carter Sobera helping Auburn reach the century mark after Jalen Harper's offensive rebound and assist.

"Sunday was really valuable. We played a really good team," Pearl said. "Auburn-Montgomery played hard. Excited for our sister school to come and play in the big arena."

Auburn tips off Pearl's 10th season Tuesday at 8 p.m. CT vs. Baylor at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on ESPN and the Auburn Sports Network.

"We could have 10 guys playing 20 minutes," Pearl said. "That's a possibility. We've got to continue to work on some things because otherwise we're not going to get stops."

Postgame notes

• Auburn improves to 9-1 in exhibition games under head coach Bruce Pearl with its 102-66 victory over AUM in Neville Arena Wednesday night.

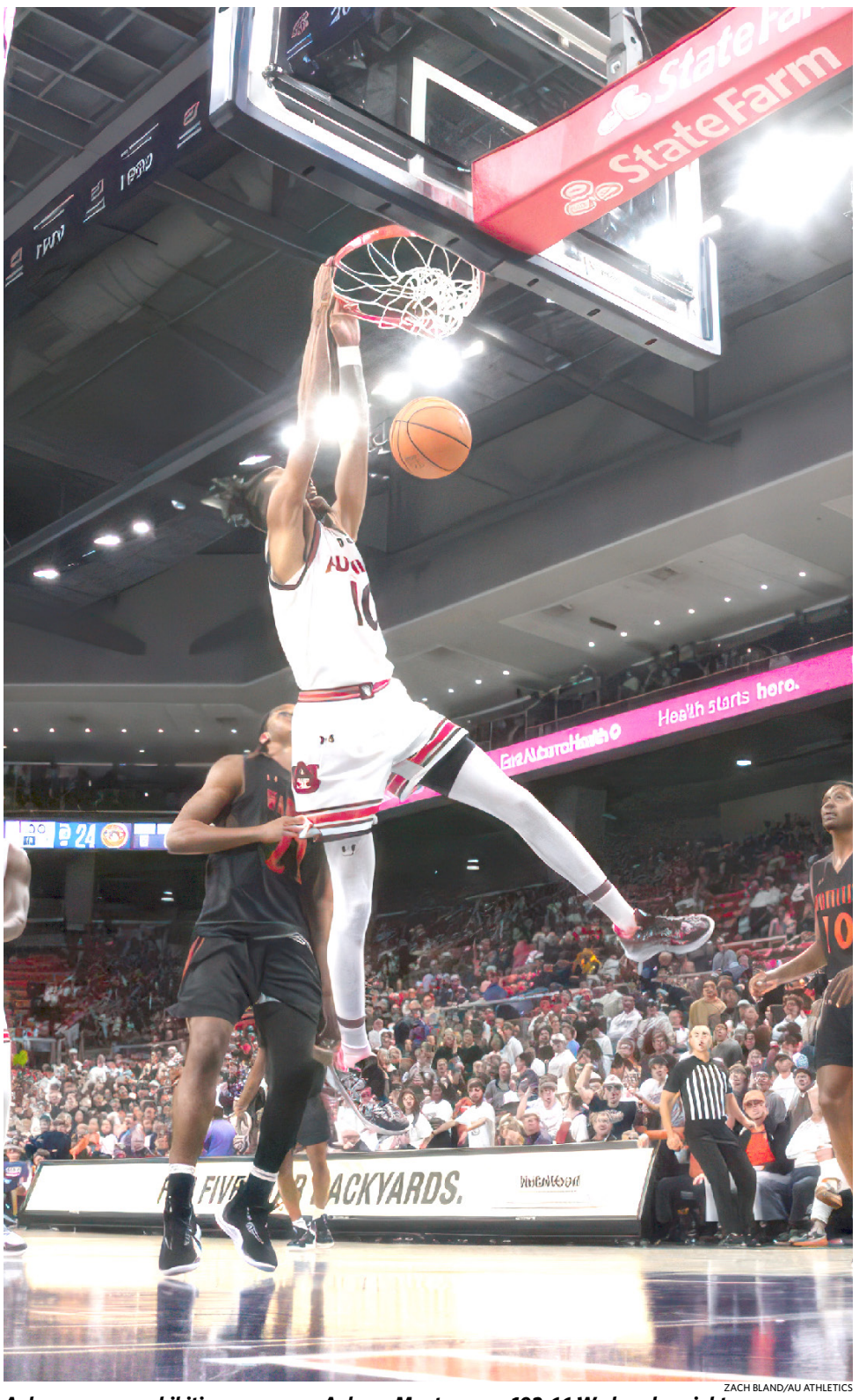
• The game marks the second time Auburn has reached the 100-point mark in an exhibition game under Pearl. The Tigers defeated Indianapolis 114-109 in overtime in 2015. The 36-point win matches Auburn's 94-58 victory over West Alabama in 2014 for the third-largest margin of victory in an exhibition under Pearl. The Tigers beat Eckerd College 97-53 in 2019 and Brevard College 99-59 in 2015.

• After AUM went ahead 16-15 at the 12:08 mark in the first half, Auburn used a 19-0 run to go up 34-16 with 5:44 remaining before halftime. The Tigers led by at least 15 points the rest of the game.

• Auburn was led by three newcomers as Denver Jones led the way with 18 points on 5-of-9 shooting from the floor, including 4-of-8 from long range, and he was 4-of-4 from the free-throw line. Chad Baker-Mazara added 19 points on a perfect night from the free-throw line going 9-of-9 from the charity stripe. Chaney Johnson chipped in with 14 points on 6-of-10 shooting on the night. Jaylin Williams rounded out the Tigers' double-figure scorers with 11 points to go with six rebounds, four blocks and two steals in the victory.

• Auburn scored 29 points off 23 AUM turnovers. On the night, the Tigers recorded 17 steals led by K.D. Johnson and Dylan Cardwell with four apiece and Tre Donaldson with three.

• Auburn played 15 players in the win with 13 Tigers cracking the scoring column.



ZACH BLAND/AU ATHLETICS

Auburn won an exhibition game over Auburn-Montgomery 102-66 Wednesday night.

Troy knocks out South Alabama for 6th straight year, Vidal becomes Trojans' all-time leading rusher

Adam Prendergast
Troy Athletics

TROY, Ala. — On a record-breaking night at The Vet, Kimani Vidal and Chris Lewis stole the show, while the Troy defense once again flexed its muscles as the Trojans defeated South Alabama, 28-10, Thursday night in the annual "Battle for the Belt." The win was Troy's sixth straight win over its in-state rival and sixth straight win this season.

Vidal rushed for 125 yards and a touchdown to surpass the 1,000-yard mark for the season and push his career total to 3,468 yards, the most in program history. The junior from Marietta, Ga., became just the second player in program history to rush for 1,000 yards in multiple seasons, joining the man he passed for the career record, DeWhitt Betterson, as the only players in Troy history to rush for 1,000 yards in multiple seasons. Betterson presented Vidal with the game ball in the locker room following the win.

Lewis became the first Trojan since Eric Thomas in 2013 to haul in three touchdown receptions in a game, and he did so with a Jaguar defender draped over him on all three. The sophomore transfer from Kentucky put the Trojans (7-2, 4-1 SBC) on the board with a 47-yard reception early in the second quarter and gave Troy the lead for good with a 26-yard score with 19 seconds left in the half.

Lewis finished with four catches for 120 yards, while quarterback Gunnar Watson completed 19-of-27 passes for 271 yards and three touchdowns. He did not throw an interception, extending his streak to 124 straight passing attempts without a pick. Lewis has seven touchdown receptions this season, all of which have been from 20-plus yards.

Troy held South Alabama (4-5, 2-3) to just 252 yards of total offense, the Trojans' seventh opponent held under 300 yards this season. The Jaguars musted just 155 yards through the air, 133 yards under their season average, while their 10 points was 23.5 below their average on the year.

The Trojans have allowed just three touchdowns in their last five games and allowed a combined 33 points in those five contests. South Alabama was 0-for-10 on third down in the game, the fifth time in Troy's FBS history it held an opponent without a third-down conversion (first since 2017).

South Alabama struck first thanks to Troy's lone turnover of the game as the Jaguars needed to go just 44 yards, capped by a 6-yard touchdown run from La'Damian Webb with 10:13 to play in the opening quarter; the Jags wouldn't find the end zone again, and their only other points came on a 29-yard field goal in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter.

Irshaard Davis and Jordan Stringer were both late additions to Troy's starting lineup on defense, and the pair stole the show. Davis recorded a game-high 11 tackles, while Stringer had 10 stops and a tackle for loss.

After mustering just 36 yards on its first four drives, Troy needed just four plays to cover 68 yards on its fifth drive, capped by Lewis' first score of the night. The Trojans scored on four of their final seven drives of the game.

Leading 14-10, Troy delivered the knockout blow with a 16-play, 75-yard drive that chewed up more than eight-and-a-half minutes off the clock. Vidal carried the ball nine times on the drive, including his record-breaking run and a 1-yard touchdown score, his seventh of the season.

Following Reddy Steward's fourth interception of the season, and second in as many weeks, Watson hit Lewis for a 29-yard touchdown pass on 4th-and-7 with 1:48 to play in the game.

Up Next

Troy travels to Monroe, La., for a meeting with ULM (2-6, 0-5) on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Quotable – Head Coach Jon Sumrall

"Glad we won. We did not play very good football early. We tried to make it way more interesting than it needed to be. I talk a lot about how Troy doesn't beat Troy, and in the first quarter we tried to beat ourselves. I thought South Alabama had a good game plan with a young quarterback. I thought they did a nice job. Our guys were resilient. You know, 400 yards. We should have had more points. We missed a couple of opportunities to score more points and maybe put the game out of question earlier, but very happy to get the win. Hard fought game. Always a hard hard-fought game against those guys. It's a rivalry game and they can throw the records out the window. It's gonna be tough. But, really happy for our young men. Man, what a turnout. Our student section stayed. That felt like the conference championship game a little bit from last year, from the environment in the stadium. I thought our administration, [Brent Jones] and everybody, did a great job of creating in-game themes to make it a four-quarter party. So, it was a party at the end of the game, but the first part was not so much a party for us. But, great job by our fans and our student section turnout. Always a great job by the Sound of the South."

Notable

• Troy improved to 4-3 under Jon Sumrall when trailing at the end of the first quarter; Troy led 14-7.

• Since losing on a Hail Mary at App State in Week 3 last season, Troy is 18-2.

• With 125 yards tonight, Kimani Vidal now has 3,468 career rushing yards, which breaks Troy's all-time rushing record – previously held by DeWhitt Betterson (3,441). He also moved into eighth on Troy's single-season list with 1,119 yards.

• Gunnar Watson opened the scoring for Troy with a 47-yard touchdown pass to Chris Lewis. Watson has a touchdown pass in 12 straight games.

• Chris Lewis finished the night with three touchdown receptions, the most since Eric Thomas in 2013 (Savannah State).

• Kimani Vidal rushed for 125 yards, putting him at 1,119 for the season. He is the second player in program history to have multiple 1,000-yard rushing seasons (DeWitt Betterson 2003-04).

• Troy is 11-1 when Kimani Vidal rushes for 100-plus yards and 22-3 when he rushes for 50-plus yards.

• Troy finished with 400 yards of total offense, its sixth straight game with 400-plus yards. Troy improved to 46-7 since 2015 when topping the 400-yard mark of total offense.

• Gunnar Watson has thrown 124 straight attempts without an interception. Troy entered the weekend ranked 16th nationally, throwing an interception in just 1.58 percent of its passing attempts.

• Troy has allowed just three touchdowns and 33 points in its last five games.

• Irshaad Davis recorded 11 tackles, matching his career-high set at Alabama State. It was his first double-digit tackle game in a Troy uniform.

• Jordan Stringer ended the game with 10 tackles, marking a new career high.

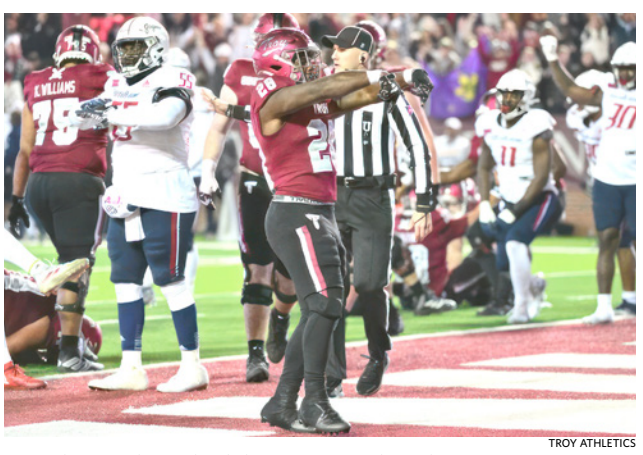
• Troy has now held 16-of-23 opponents under Jon Sumrall to fewer than 19 points. The Trojans entered the week fourth nationally in the category.

• Troy held South Alabama to three points in the second half. It marked the second consecutive game that Troy has held an opponent to just three points in the second half.

• Troy held South Alabama to 252 yards of total offense, marking the seventh opponent Troy has held under 300 yards of offense this season. Troy entered the week ranked second nationally in this category. The Trojans have held 16 of their last 18 opponents to 400 yards or fewer.

• Troy held South Alabama without a third down conversion tonight (0-for-10). It is the fifth opponent Troy has held without a third down conversion since moving to the FBS ranks and first since 2017 (Arkansas State).

• Troy has held a team to less than 100 yards rushing or 100 yards passing in six of the last seven games after holding South Alabama to 97 rushing yards.



TROY ATHLETICS

Troy defeated South Alabama 28-10 Thursday night to win this year's "Battle of the Belt."

FOR SALE

2001 Dodge Pickup, V-8, automatic, 147,000 miles, $4,900.

2005 Corolla, V-6, automatic, 190,000 miles, $2,800. Call 256-636-1304 or 256-734-6930.





Crimson Tide in the NFL Spotlight: Week 8

Josh Maxson
UA Athletics

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — The National Football League concluded Week 8 of the regular season Monday evening. Below is a look at how former Alabama players performed on the gridiron last week.

Jalen Hurts shined in Philadelphia's road matchup with the Washington Commanders. The veteran signal-caller completed 29-of-38 passes for 319 yards and four touchdowns in the Eagles' 38-31 divisional win. Hurts tied his season-high total for passing yards, while tossing touchdowns to former Crimson Tide wideouts DeVonta Smith and Julio Jones to help Philly improve to 7-1 on the year.

Smith excelled for the Eagles with seven receptions for 99 yards and one score. Also posting an impressive effort at wideout was Jaylen Waddle of the Miami Dolphins. Waddle recorded seven catches for a season-high 121 yards to go with a touchdown in the Dolphins' 31-17 win over Mac Jones and the New England Patriots.

Rounding out the offensive group was running back Jahmyr Gibbs, who shined in the Detroit Lions' 26-14 win over the Las Vegas Raiders on Monday Night Football. Gibbs carried 26 times for 152 yards and a touchdown while adding five receptions for 37 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, C.J. Mosley and Quinnen Williams continued their dominant play for the New York Jets. Mosley totaled 12 tackles, including half a sack, while adding one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry in a thrilling, 20-13 overtime win against the New York Giants. Williams contributed eight total tackles, including one for loss, to go with a quarterback hurry in the inner-state showdown.

A pair of Patriot defenders excelled up front in New England's matchup against Miami on Sunday. Christian Barmore registered five tackles, one sack and a quarterback hurry, while linebacker Mack Wilson Sr. totaled seven tackles, five of which were solo, and added one tackle for loss in the AFC East pairing.

Get all the latest information on the team by following @AlabamaFTBL on X and Facebook and @AlabamaFBL on Instagram. General athletic news can also be found at UA_Athletics on X and Instagram and AlabamaAthletics on Facebook.


AP

Former Alabama receiver Jaylen Waddle

Auburn Made: Week 8 NFL rundown

Greg Ostendorf
AU Athletics

From Montravius Adams to Derrick Brown to Colby Wooden, Auburn has an impressive group of interior defensive linemen in the NFL. All three shined in Week 8.

That and more in this week's Auburn Made NFL rundown.

BEST OF WEEK 8

Montravius Adams, DT, Pittsburgh Steelers
Prior to this season, Adams had not registered four or more tackles in a game since 2020. He's now done it in back-to-back games and in three of his last four for the Steelers.

On Sunday, he finished with four tackles and a tackle for loss against the Jacksonville Jaguars. Adams also added two quarterback hurries, and with a PFF grade of 78.6, he was Pittsburgh's highest graded defender with an above-average snap count (24).

Derrick Brown, DT, Carolina Panthers
Brown has been one of the top performers for Carolina all season, and it was no different Sunday as the former top-10 pick finished with five tackles and a pass deflection on third down to help the Panthers secure their first win of the season.

He was one of a handful of players who received a game ball from head coach Frank Reich following the win. Brown now has five or more tackles in five of the team's seven games this season.

Colby Wooden, DL, Green Bay Packers
The box score isn't always indicative of a player's performance, especially on the defensive line.

On Sunday, Wooden made the most of his 14 snaps producing one pressure and one run stop.

For his efforts, the rookie defensive lineman earned a PFF grade of 75.7, the fifth highest grade on the Packers' defense. He has a grade of 61.8 for the season.

Other Tigers in the NFL
- Tank Bigsby, RB, Jacksonville Jaguars
- Angelo Blackson, DL, Jacksonville Jaguars
- K.J. Britt, LB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Anders Carlson, K, Green Bay Packers
- Daniel Carlson, K, Las Vegas Raiders
- Carlton Davis, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jamel Dean, CB, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- Jack Driscoll, OL, Philadelphia Eagles
- Rudy Ford, S, Green Bay Packers
- Derick Hall, LB, Seattle Seahawks
- Josh Harris, LS, Los Angeles Chargers
- Noah Igbinoghene, CB, Dallas Cowboys
- Jonathan Jones, CB, New England Patriots
- Carl Lawson, DE, New York Jets
- Roger McCreary, CB, Tennessee Titans
- Owen Pappoe, LB, Arizona Cardinals
- Jamien Sherwood, LB, New York Jets
- Darius Slayton, WR, New York Giants
- Braden Smith, OT, Indianapolis Colts
- Jarrett Stidham, QB, Denver Broncs
- Daniel Thomas, S, Jacksonville Jaguars
- C.J. Uzomah, TE, New York Jets
- Chandler Wooten, LB, Carolina Panthers

DNP (Reserve/Injured)
- Prince Tega Wanogho, OT, Kansas City Chiefs (IR)
- Kilian Zierer, OT, Houston Texans (IR)

Practice Squad
- Marlon Davidson, DL, Tennessee Titans
- Shedrick Jackson, WR, Cincinnati Bengals
- Eku Leota, LB, Carolina Panthers
- Seth Williams, WR, Jacksonville Jaguars



AU ATHLETICS

Luncheon (from Front)

These students also participated in a "cheering section," raising shakers and poms along with their voices to congratulate winners of live auction bids.

The luncheon featured silent auction items ranging from baked goods, gift baskets, handmade goods and collectors' items, as well as live auction items like holiday getaways, experiences and handcrafted furniture.

Combining table sponsorships, auction winnings, paddle raises and general giving, this year's luncheon raised an astounding $373,787 to pour back into students attending WSCC. According to WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics, the record-breaking amount seems par for the course for the college this year as it rides the high of other record-setting achievements.

"It has been a record-setting year for Wallace State. Record enrollment, recognition as a Top 150 Community College by the Aspen Institute and another record for fundraising through our annual Student Investment Luncheon," said Karolewics, expressing that while WSCC's mission is to improve the community as a whole through education, the luncheon makes education more accessible to students who otherwise might not have the means.

"Our faculty and staff pour into our students to develop them into talented professionals. When our community invests so heavily in our students, it transforms not only their lives, but the lives of their families for generations to come. Our mission is to provide learning that transforms lives and communities," she said.

"This kind of generous giving enables us to do just that, one valuable life at a time," she continued. "We are eternally grateful to our Future Foundation board members and to our very generous donors."

To learn more about the scholarships managed by WSCC's Future Foundation along with requirements and application periods, visit https://wallacestate.academicworks.com.

LEGALS

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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 ADOPTION OF C. M. M.
A minor child.
D.O.B. 07/05/2012

CASE NO.: AD2023-071

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEFF DAVID MASSEY AND UNKNOWN FATHER OF A CHILD C. M. M., BORN JULY 5, 2012 TO REBECCA LYNN KIMBRIL MEFFORD

Please take notice that a *Petition for Adoption* was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Steven Aaron Mefford, Petitioner. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2023.

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

Patrick Caver
Attorney for Petitioner
1210 Highway 31 NW
Suite E
Hartselle, Alabama 35640

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

WALKER BROTHERS LTD. *
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PLAINTIFF. *
*
VS. * CASE NO. CV 2023-900303
*
CHRIS BURGESS and *
CANDACE BURGESS. *
*
DEFENDANT *

NOTICE

The Defendants, Chris Burgess and Candace Burgess, must answer the Complaint to Quiet Title filed by Walker Brother LTD on or before the 26th day of December 2023, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them in case number CV-2023-900303 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama.

DONE this the 24th day of October, 2023.

Lisa McSwain
LISA MCSWAIN, Circuit Clerk

Plaintiff's attorney:
J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street SW, Suite 102
Cullman AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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

Steven C. Smith, Esquire
Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorneys for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, Alabama 35056-0398
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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 *
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
Martha Ann Campbell
Personal Representative

Shay Persall
Attorney for Personal Representative

SHAY PERSALL LAW, LLC
700 2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Telephone: (256) 841-7800

TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF)
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) Case No.: JU-2016-000573.06
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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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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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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

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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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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 24th 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:
Dan J. Willingham
FULLER, WILLINGHAM & CARTER, LLC
413 1st Avenue S.W.
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-2023

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Sharon H. Barrett
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
P. O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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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

RANDY PAUL CALLOWAY, DECEASED CASE NO. PC 2023-328

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*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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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:

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Attorney for Petitioner:
Dan J. Willingham
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413 First Avenue SW
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256-734-2023

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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
Robert Frederick Coia
Executor

Shay Persall
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:

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

Gold Rush Jewelers opens in new location

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — A local, family owned business known for its elegant jewelry and watches, Gold Rush Jewelers held a ribbon-cutting ceremony recently at its new location.

The jewelry store has been in business since 1982 and is owned by Cullman's Dwight and Ann Pope.

The store changed locations, and boasts a completely remodeled and revamped storefront that highlights its popular jewelry pieces, watches, engagement selections and more.

The store re-opened in its new location Sept. 28, but celebrated a grand opening with giveaways Oct. 27.

Gold Rush Jewelers is now located at 301 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. It is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Get more information at www.facebook.com/grjewelers or by calling 256-739-2833.



LAUREN ESTES/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

A selection of watches on display at Gold Rush Jewelers

Preparing pets for freezing temps: Indoors and outdoors

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Summer feels like it was gone in the blink of an eye and Cullman locals woke up this week to frigid temps and frosty air. Residents are breaking out heavy coats and winter shoes, swapping tank tops for hoodies and Crocs for Uggs. The sun is setting earlier and temperatures are plummeting at night. While individuals often prepare themselves, their families and their homes for the cold, sometimes pets may be overlooked. Yes, even indoor pets may need a little extra help during the colder winter months.

Dr. Melody Sharp, a veterinarian at Stewart Animal Clinic, said, "Arthritic pets may have a harder time in the cold weather and be more painful.

"Slick surfaces can also make it more difficult for them to be able to grip and (they) risk injuring themselves further. Many endocrine diseases such as diabetes, Cushing's, hypothyroidism and kidney disease can also make it extremely hard for pets to regulate their internal temperatures."

Hyper puppies and older good boys may appreciate a rug or a blanket lining stairs that may ice during freezing temperatures, helping them avoid slips and falls.

An older pet with arthritis or joint pain may need more help navigating stairs or steps; just as with humans, cold temperatures can agitate joint issues.

For indoor pets that may have an underlying illness, limiting outdoor time for walks and play is advisable. Sweaters, boots or other protective gear can be used to protect furry pals from the freezing elements.

"If at all possible, keeping pets indoors is always the safest option," said Sharp.

"If inside is not an option, offering multiple shelter types outside with cover from the wind or moving them into a sheltered area like a garage or shed (is advised), being careful of my potential toxins that may be stored there as well."

Outdoor pets should always have access to clean, unfrozen water. Boots, sweaters and coats for outdoor animals are also an adorable way to protect those furry friends and keep them warm during a sudden or lengthy freeze. Every animal should have a bed, which should be made of thick, dry bedding such as blankets, sheets, towels or pet beds, and if at all possible should be raised off of the ground to minimize heat loss. Hypothermia is a risk for any animal spending significant time outdoors in the winter, and if not treated quickly can create problems with an animal's heart and cause cardiac arrest.

Checking for animals underneath and around cars before driving is something Sharp encourages everyone to do. "It's also important to make noise before getting into and starting any vehicle as this is a common place our feline friends will find warmth," she said. "Creating noise before starting can allow them time to escape and negate the risk of injury from the vehicle."

It is always a good idea to have animals seen annually by a veterinarian, no matter the season. Pet owners who suspect an animal may have hypothermia should contact a veterinarian immediately.

Tillman (from Front)

Cayla Grace Murphy
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Tillman Oldacre, or as his online following might know him, Chef Tillman, is a student at West Elementary who plans on making this holiday season a bit sweeter for clients of Flourish of Cullman. Selling his decadently drizzled and delightfully decorated chocolate-coated pretzel rods, Oldacre has managed to meet his original goal of $500 to benefit Flourish – no small feat for a 12-year-old busy with school and extracurriculars like basketball.

Oldacre took to the kitchen one morning to help his dad make breakfast nearly a year ago, and found a new passion. Oldacre's mom, Tiffany Green-Oldacre, said that while Oldacre cooks a lot on his own, they're still there to help when needed.

Her son gets his cooking inspiration from TikTok viral chefs, with one particular favorite that has garnered over 11 million followers.

"He loves watching cooking videos and then we will try the recipe," explained Green-Oldacre, "His favorite chef is Nick DiGiovanni!"

When asked what inspired him to use his newfound kitchen skills to benefit one of Cullman's many nonprofit, he put it simply – it's a family tradition.

"My mom and dad. My parents have taught me not to be greedy and to be humble and give back," he explained, with Green-Oldacre chiming in, "Our family really loves to give back and never wants or expects credit, but it does feel great to be recognized!"

Oldacre shared that while helping with organizations like the Jimmie Hale Mission is pretty regular for his family, he wanted to pick something closer to home.

"My mom and I were discussing local charities and we talked about Flourish and I asked her to tell me more about it. I thought that would be a great one to donate to," he explained.

"I think Flourish is great because they help adults with differing abilities find jobs and homes to be independent."

Oldacre smashed his original goal of raising $500, and has moved the goalpost to $1,000 – a change he's challenged by, but is certain he can make happen, even if some folks don't like the salty-sweet combo of a chocolate-coated pretzel.

"My goal was $500 and we have already surpassed that so our new goal is $1,000," he said, "If you don't like pretzels, I still want to encourage you to give and donate. It's easy to help others by being kind!"

Already craving one of his salty-sweet treats? You can find them at Nomadic Threads located at 106 First Ave. NE during Christmas open house from Nov. 10-12, 2023.

Prices are $3 for two, $8 for five or $20 for a dozen. Treats will have a variety of toppings like milk chocolate, salted caramel, vanilla, Oreo crumbs and sprinkles.

Creech (from Front)

it's a family tradition. I was a junior in high school and a friend of mine (who) graduated a few years before had come by trying to get my brother to join. My mother wouldn't let him join, but she let me go. So I went with him, had lunch with the National Guard that day, and signed the paperwork.

CGM: Can you describe a funny moment from boot camp?

RC: I remember our assistant drill sergeant always told us jokes, and he told us a joke about his brother in Vietnam. His brother flew helicopters, and came across this Viet Cong. Started cussing at him, shot at him, nothing, no reaction. Flipped him off, and then he got shot down!

CGM: What are some things you remember most about your deployment?

RC: Oh, a lot of things. We had a lot of fun, but there was bad times, too. Probably one of the things I remember most is losing seven men in Korea when their Humvee was fragged. I was 28 years old, and I was an old man in the military; all the other kids called me grandpa!

CGM: Do you have any advice for people transitioning back to civilian life?

RC: They have those classes, but do your due diligence about what you want to do when you get back.

CGM: Do you have anyone you want to recognize or remember from your time in service?

RC: Well, there's a lot of them. But one of the guys was a little Vietnamese kid who was my roommate, Khan Nuyan. He was 18, but for an 18-year-old, he was very mature. He was born in Vietnam, was about 3 when his mother put him on a boat in Thailand to go to the United States. He was raised by his sister in California. He was a good friend when I was there. Besides my family at home, he was my rock.

CGM: Anything else you'd like to add for our readers?

RC: It was an honor to serve; if I was able I'd do it again. I would say to the ones thinking of joining, be sure you understand what you're doing. When you join, it's a commitment. And it's a commitment for life. Your service may end, but that oath is for life. To fight against all enemies against the state, foreign or domestic, that's for life.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on November 27, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time, anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-03 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to speak.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 03

AMENDING THE CURRENT ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, TO RE-ZONE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY AS SET FORTH HEREIN

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through Section 11-52-84, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, and specifically Sections 11-52-77 and at the request of property owner, the petitioner, the following describe the tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

Property Owner: N31, LLC.

Parcel 1: Lot 3A. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 141.81 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 3A of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential District.

Parcel 2: Lot 6. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 4.24 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 6 of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District to R-4 Residential District.

Parcel 3: Lot 7. Legal Description: A tract or parcel containing 15.16 acres of land, more or less, and being known as Lot 7 of the Resurvey of Lot 3 (Future Development) of the Plat of Lot 5, of the Re-subdivision of Lot 3, Noble Ridge Subdivision as recorded in the Plat Records of Cullman County, Alabama, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District to R-4 Residential District.

within the city limits of Cullman, Alabama, and lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama, designated as R-4 Residential District on the Zoning Map of the City of Cullman, Alabama, under Ordinances No. 2004-03 and as may be reflected in any comprehensive master plan for the City of Cullman, Alabama, be, and is hereby changed from B-3 Business District and M-1 Manufacturing District to R-4 Residential District.

SECTION 2. That this ordinance be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in advance of its final passage in a newspaper with general circulation within the City of Cullman, Alabama, the first publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim and the second publication either verbatim or synopsized, with the last publication being at least 15 days prior to the date set for public hearing and passage of said ordinance.

SECTION 3. That a public hearing be held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the 27th day of November, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at which time interested parties and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

SECTION 4. That all notices as required by law be given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing, and in addition thereto, a certified letter be sent by the Clerk to all contiguous property owners at their last known addresses as shown by the tax records for the City of Cullman, Alabama.

SECTION 5. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Cullman, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

SECTION 6. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage or adoption as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

Submitted by Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

Wallace State Community College-Hanceville has the following open position:

Machine Tool Technology-Tool and Die Instructor

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at 256-352-8029.

Wallace State Community College is an equal opportunity employer.

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Obituary Announcements: Nov. 2-3

Kathryn Louise Samples, 69 Kathryn Louise Samples, age 69, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023. Kathryn was born in Cullman, Alabama on Jan. 2, 1954. Graveside services will be held on Sunday Nov. 5, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Berlin with Rev. Kerry Cleghorn officiating. The family will receive friends at the cemetery at 2 p.m. Survivors are: sons: James (Cassandra) Samples, David (Hannah) Samples, daughter: Chrysta (Robert) Smith, Brother: Phillip (Sheila) Clemons, grandchildren: Deacon (Liv Johnson) Samples, Dakota Samples, Makayla Samples, Levi Smith, Kieran Samples and Ellie Samples. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Samples family. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Betty Jean Leipert, 88 Betty Jean Leipert, age 88, of Cullman, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023. She was born on March 3, 1935, in Cullman, Alabama to Jesse Lee and Vanara Marie Newsom. Mrs. Leipert was a caring mother and diligent house wife who worked selflessly to care for her family's needs. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband: Eugene Ferriel Leipert, brother: Willard Newsom, and sisters: Faye Letson, and Ann Rhorscheib. Survivors are: brother: Dennis Newsom, daughter: Beverly (Tony) Barnett, son: Randy (Dina) Leipert, grandchildren: Bryan Barnett, Brandi (Jake) Hooper and Jesse Leipert. Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Greg Leipert officiating. Interment will follow services at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, from noon until service time at 2 p.m. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.mossservicefh.com for the Leipert family.

James David Johnson, 63 James David Johnson, age 63, of Bremen, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Oct. 27, 1960, to James Carrolton Johnson and Betty Sue Johnson. He was preceded in death by his father, James Carrolton Johnson; sister, Debbie Wilson; grandfather, Louis Johnson; grandmother, Dessie Johnson; and grandfather, T. M. Henderson. Survivors include his mother, Betty Johnson; sister, Joanne Barnett; nieces, Dixie McClendon, Jessica Nickles, and Courtney Nickles; nephew, Kevin Wilson; great-nieces, Maggie Wilson and Aliyah Gaddis; great-nephews, Amari Gaddis, Isaiah Barnett, Elijah Barnett, and Atlas Shelton; aunt, Mary Henderson; and a host of other aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Billy Joe "Bill" Ray, 83 Funeral service for Billy Joe "Bill" Ray, age 83, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Richard Richie officiating; interment in Hopewell 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. Mr. Ray passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at Cullman Regional. He was born Nov. 3, 1939, to Monroe C. Ray and Thelma Dean Ray. He was an educator at West Point High School, Vinemont High School, and Wallace State Community College, and also drove a school bus before retiring. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael Ray; grandson, Matthew Ray; and brothers, Harry Ray and Wayne Ray. Survivors include his wife, Martha Sue Ray; sons, Larry (Kelly) Ray and Jeffrey (Angela) Ray; daughter, Janice Ray; daughter-in-law, Julie Ray; grandchildren, Madison Ray, Tyler (Jordan) Ray, Jordan Ray, Emma Ray, Landon Ray, Dalton Ray, and Aubrey Ray; and a host of family and friends.

Nedra Joyce Blackwood Smith, 81 Graveside service for Nedra Joyce Blackwood Smith, 81, of Cullman, will be Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Memorial Gardens, with Bro. Craig Johnson officiating. The family is asking in lieu of flowers, donations to be made to the American Cancer Society. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Mrs. Smith passed from this life on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023. She was born June 22, 1942, to Robert David Blackwood and Virginia Estelle Martin Blackwood. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Kenneth Wayne Smith, Sr.; infant daughter; brothers, Roy Blackwood, Eual Blackwood, Billy Ray Blackwood; sisters, Ruth White, Sylvia Taylor, Geraldean Goodwin. She is survived by her son, Kenneth "Kenny" (Donna-Marie) Wayne Smith; sister, Faynell Rosenbalm; sister-in-law, Dawn Powers; a host of nieces and nephews; family and friends. Nedra loved her family very much and was always there for them, no matter what. She loved her dogs, Bear and Bambi as well. She will be very missed by all who knew and loved her. Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.cullmanfuneral-home.com.

Mary Joyce Hampton Watts, 65 Mary Joyce Hampton Watts, age 65, of Cullman, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at her residence. She was born Nov. 6, 1957, to Afton Thomas Hampton and Vera Lillie Hampton. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Camellia Hampton; and brother, David Hampton. Survivors include her son, Jesse Watts; daughter, Lori Watts; brothers, William Hampton, Bobby Hampton, and Thomas Hampton; and sister, Sandra Roberts. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

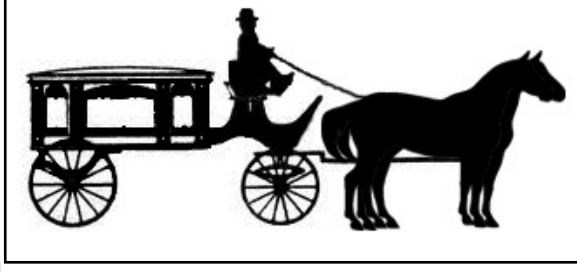
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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

When the harvest came in, a celebration went up

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



When was the last time you went fishing with a stick? No, I'm not talking about a spear that you might use to stab a fish, but a stick that you might use to catch one. When I was a kid, I loved to fish with a cane pole. The problem was that I didn't always have one, but I could always find a long stick. I would break off the limbs, tie a line to the end of it, fasten a hook to the end of the line, put a worm on the hook, and catch myself a stringer full of bream.

Last Sunday afternoon, I went fishing with such a stick. No, I had not returned to that mountain stream in Eastern Tennessee that I wrote about last week. The really strange thing was that I went fishing where there was no water, and I actually caught something. Instead of casting my line in water, I casually let it down over a backdrop with water painted on it. I didn't use a hook but a wooden clothes pin. I didn't catch a brim, or a bass, but a bunch of candy...one piece at a time. I was fishing at Lanier Baptist Church, where I am privileged to serves as pastor, during our fall festival.

We had a wonderful time. Inside, we had a cake walk and a book walk for everyone. Outside, we had games for the children. They pinned the face on a giant pumpkin painted on a sheet of plywood.

They painted faces on real pumpkins as well. They pitched bean bags at boards with holes in one end, shot miniature basketballs at a little goal, and bowled with a plastic ball and pins. We played on a giant- inflatable slide and a bounce house, courtesy of East Liberty Baptist Association. Those two items were extremely popular with the kids. I even saw kids now in their sixth-and-seventh decades sliding! The big hit of the afternoon was an appearance by an eightfoot- tall robot named Ace Justice. He rode a motor-powered scooter around and interacted with the children, as well as to a few adults, with his AI digitized voice. We ate charcoal grilled hotdogs and awardwinning homemade chili. We presented the top-three chili cookers certificates suitable for framing. We finished the event with a program by my friend and professional illusionists Bruce "Kid" Davie, from Arkansas. Then, as everyone made their ways to their cars to go home, they stopped to trunk-or-treat in the parking lot. We all went home almost sick from all that candy and the other goodies we had eaten. Fall festivals used to be called harvest festivals. These go back as far as Old Testament days and early European days.

In America, they date back to the days when we were mainly an agricultural society that depended on our crops for our sustenance and livelihood. At the end of the growing season, and after all the crops had been harvested, there were giant celebrations. Most of those farmers and families had prayed that God would grant a gracious crop, and then gave thanks to Him afterwards. These were often hosted by communities, schools, and churches. It was at one of those events, many years ago, where I first fished for candy and prizes with a stick in a pond that had no water! Even though most of us are no longer farmers, this is still a good season of the year to celebrate how God has provided our needs and blessed.

Bill King can be reached at bkpreach@yahoo.com or 334-745-0588 (office).

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1916, 1920

From the files of 1916

W. Tom Vandiver spent Monday in Birmingham.

The Honorable George Parker spent Wednesday at Brilliant.

A dance was enjoyed at the Growlers Club rooms on Friday night.

Mrs. A. Dreher will entertain at the Symphony Club on November 23rd.

Claud Griffin spent the first of this week in Memphis.

Miss Emma Ehrensberger spent the weekend in Birmingham.

Doctor P.M. Allison has returned home from Battle Creek, Michigan.

In the election of November 7, 1916 in Cullman County these were elected: Probate Judge-Fred J. Buchmann (R), Circuit Clerk-O.S. Roden (D), Tax Collector-Lee Cochran (R), County Commissioners-L.A. Kelton, E.T. Knight, J.B. White and J.A. Vickery (all Democrats).

The biggest graveyard is that of buried talents...I may not go so far, so fast, but I see more along the road.

From the files of 1920

The Charles D. Parker Department Store in West Cullman closed September 3, 1920. It was located four blocks west of the Cullman County Courthouse. This sale was announced with a two-page advertisement in The Cullman Tribune.

There had been so much rain the Tennessee River was swollen to flood stage.

Mr. Dave Trimble is teaching a singing school at Brushy Pond and he has a large school.

Mr. Homer Mitchell had dinner with the Bill Hancock family on Friday.

Mr. George Harbison and daughter spent Friday night with Mr. Will Calvert and family.

Onnie Calvert and Miss Sarah Bates attended the singing on Sunday at Brushy Pond.

Messrs. Leldon Griffin, Marvin Kelly and Paul Burnum will re-enter the University of Alabama this fall.

Postmaster S.J. Griffin and Ike Moore returned last week from a motor trip to several points in Mississippi

These Cullman girls will attend Athena College this winter: Misses Allene Fuller, Irma Kinney, Edna Herrin and Anna Lola Price.

Mr. and Mrs. L.R. Thompson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peinhardt and Mrs. Agnes Vann at the end of last week.

Miss Bessie Pate was the weekend guest of Miss Pearl Tillery. They attended church at Buelah.

Mr. and Mrs. Will J. Swafford are having a nice dwelling house built.

Mr. H.J. Alvis and two daughters, Viola and Hattie, attended the baptizing at Central on Saturday afternoon.

These young people spent Sunday at Cold Springs: Misses Wallace and Julia Crossfield of Gadsden, Thelma Kinney and Annie Kelly; Messrs. John and Charlie Martin, Talmadge Bland and Marvin Kelly.

POET'S CORNER

Hiking on an October Day | By: Randy C. Hale

The dry leaves crack under our feet as we walk the worn trail into the woods behind my childhood home.
My granddaughter totes a walking
stick, like my grandmother and
great-grandmother once did many
years ago on this same land.

My mother was born here near our
path in a log cabin where only a few
remaining stones and brick remain.
We passed to a spring fed pond
where sun perch brim and rock
bass swim beneath muddy green waters.

We come to a branch where a
homemade bridge has fallen.
A few lingering planks lay, inviting
us to ford cautiously. It spooks her but does not prevent her from lifting her arms as I pick her up and span the narrow beams to the other side.

Once across, she's down again as
I stop to take a quick picture,
causing me to fall behind her pace, when she says,"come on Pa paw."
We hear a woodpecker's call, but
can't find him in our sight as we
wander on.

Life will move fast again once we
return home, but here it seems
slower and friendlier as the keeping
moments pass between us on this
fresh October day when generations
pass on the aged earth beneath
our feet as shadows seep into
memories.



For Penelope

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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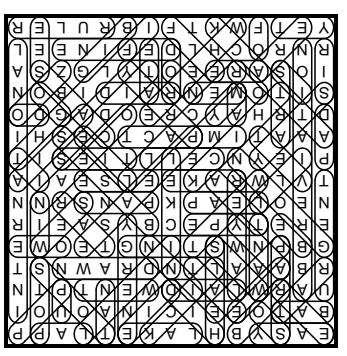
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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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St. Bernard Prep students unite in spiritual display with Living Balloon Rosary

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — In a heartfelt demonstration of unity and faith, students at St. Bernard Preparatory School recently participated in a unique and inspiring event, the Living Balloon Rosary. Led by Sr. Therese Lopez, director of Campus Ministry, the school community gathered to form a giant rosary using vibrant, colorful balloons, symbolizing their shared devotion to prayer and reflection.

The Living Balloon Rosary, an initiative organized by the school's Campus Ministry, brought together students, teachers, and parents in a powerful display of communal spirituality. Lopez, expressing her enthusiasm for the event, shared, "The Living Balloon Rosary is a distinctive and meaningful way for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection. It represents our shared faith and the bond that unites us as a community."

During the event, participants joined together to pray the rosary, enhancing the experience with the visual representation of the rosary beads created by the colorful balloons.

The event served as a poignant reminder of the importance of faith, unity and togetherness in the St. Bernard Prep community.

Lopez encouraged the entire school community to actively participate, stating, "This event provides a beautiful opportunity for our school and families to connect in a spiritual and communal way.

"I encourage you all to participate and share this experience with your children. It is a moment of reflection, devotion and unity that strengthens our bond as a school family."

The Living Balloon Rosary not only highlighted the school's commitment to spiritual growth, but also showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of St. Bernard Prep students.

Through events like these, St. Bernard Prep continues to foster an environment of faith, learning and community, enriching the educational experience for all its students.



ST. BERNARD

St. Bernard Prep Shadow Day: Discover life as a Saint!

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard is inviting interested students to experience a day in the life of a Saint through our Shadow Day program! Admissions Director Meg Glover encourages families to participate in a Shadow Day to see if St. Bernard is for them.

"It's the perfect opportunity to immerse yourself in our welcoming community and gain firsthand insight into what makes St. Bernard Prep exceptional," Glover said.

"Many people are curious about the enriching academic and vibrant social life at St. Bernard Prep School. This is a great way to see the school in action."

What to expect on Shadow Day

Interactive school tour: Explore the picturesque 800-acre campus, and state-of-the-art facilities such as the Abbey Byre Theater, Heidrich Building Liberal Arts Library and the Fazi-Richard Athletic Center.

Attend classes: Spend the day attending classes alongside friendly students. Experience engaging teaching methods and witness the supportive learning environment.

Lunch with SBP students: Enjoy a complimentary lunch in our cafeteria.

Shadow Day logistics

- Time: Arrive at 7:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, where Glover will warmly welcome you. The school day begins promptly at 7:50 and concludes at 3:15 p.m. If a student is unable to stay for the full school day that is OK; we can work with your schedule.
- Dress code: Dress casually and neatly. Feel free to showcase your school spirit by wearing St. Bernard apparel.
- Registration details: Pre-registration is required to ensure a personalized and comfortable experience for visiting students.

Registration for fall Shadow Days is currently open – secure your spot now and embark on this exciting journey by contacting Glover at 256-739-6682 or mglover@stbernardprep.com.

St. Bernard hosting exclusive Kansas City Barbeque Society Judging/Table Judging Classes

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — Attention, barbecue connoisseurs and holiday shoppers! St. Bernard Preparatory School is thrilled to announce that it will be the ultimate destination for barbecue expertise as it hosts a Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS) Judging Class and Table Judging Class at the St. Bernard Dining Hall on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024.

This event not only offers passionate barbecue enthusiasts a chance to refine their skills, but also provides a unique and exciting Christmas gift idea for those who seem to have everything.

For anyone who has ever dreamed of becoming a Kansas City Barbeque Society certified barbecue judge, this is the golden ticket!

To participate in this exclusive class, aspiring judges must be a member of the Kansas City Barbeque Society.

KCBS Representatives and Instructors, Randy and Carol Bigler, will conduct the training. The Biglers said, "If you are not already a member, visit the KCBS website (www.kcbs.us) to sign up and obtain your KCBS number.

"Once you have your membership, register for the class at www.stbernardprep.com/bernard-blues-bbq." (Please note that the KCBS membership fee is $45 per person and must be paid to KCBS before registering for the class.)

The KCBS Judging Class, priced at $125, and the Table Judging Class, priced at $55, promise an immersive experience into the world of barbecue evaluation.

Seize this opportunity to enhance your expertise and get ready to judge your first competition by spring!

"We are delighted to invite barbecue enthusiasts to St. Bernard Preparatory School for this exceptional event," said Joyce Nix, director of marketing and public relations at St. Bernard Preparatory School.

"This class offers not just learning but a chance to be part of a passionate community of barbecue connoisseurs.

"Moreover, it's the perfect Christmas gift for the person who seemingly has everything — a truly unique and memorable experience."

Considering the limited class size, early registration is highly recommended. Secure your spot today by visiting www.stbernardprep.com/bernard-blues-bbq or calling Joyce Nix at 256-255-5860.

COLUMN

A slice full of memories

Joe Hobby
Contributor

Decisions, decisions. What was I going to eat for supper? That's always an important question for me, but today is a special day. Today was the first day that my taste has come back since I had Covid (my fourth time, by the way). In addition, my wife's out of town for a few days, so I have a wide latitude on what to pick for my celebratory meal. After a moment of thought, it came to me: I wanted a Chef Boyardee pizza. I know most of you are thinking, "I still don't think he has any taste. Pick a steak or a piece of fish, you dummy. Or go out and buy something good." Nope - I want a Chef Boyardee pizza that I make in my own kitchen. As you might've guessed by now, more than taste is in play here.

You see young 'uns, there was a time in America when Domino's was a game you played on the kitchen table, and Little Caesar was a Roman emperor. Back then, a calzone sounded like the name of a new Ford sedan. Keep in mind that in the early 60s, besides New York and Chicago, pizza places were few and far between. In my neck of the woods, we had a little chain called Pasquale's and that was about it. Shakey's hadn't come along yet, and Pizza Hut was a new chain in the Midwest. So, if you wanted a pizza in the South, most of the time your mom made it, using a good ol' box of Chef Boyardee.

Now properly motivated, I hopped in my truck and drove to the grocery store. Within a few moments, I spotted that iconic red package right by the spaghetti sauce. It's hard to believe that this product has been around since 1955. I picked one up, checked out and headed back home. Mission accomplished.

The minute I opened the box and laid out the contents on the counter, time slipped away. In an instant, I was back in my mom's kitchen – green linoleum floors, yellow walls and all. I could clearly see her hard at work mixing both flour packets with warm water, forming it into a ball and then stretching the dough into a couple of decent sized pizzas. Next, she would pour the small can of pizza sauce, infused with paper thin slivers of pepperoni, over both pies. Finally, both pizzas were topped by splitting a small packet of powdered cheese. If we were lucky, she added some ground beef. About 20 minutes in a 350-degree oven, and we had pizza! Then you popped up a couple of TV trays, poured some Cokes, and bingo! The perfect weekend meal. Now, over a half century later, I was making the same kind of pizza exactly like my mom did.

Chef Boyardee's boxed pizza mix is one of the few things from my childhood that is unchanged. The box, the ingredients, the cooking procedure, even the taste, are precisely how I remember it (Note: they did eliminate the cheese packet. I forgave them because the canned Parmesan works just fine). It's reassuring. So my meal was about more than a homemade pizza out of a box. It was about my childhood, my mom and my family. Nostalgia is triggered by sights, sounds, smells, even taste. So, each bite I took was infused with rich memories. That's more than a bargain for around five bucks.

And what's even better is that since I made two pizzas, I've got breakfast covered for tomorrow morning. I won't even heat it up – after all, cold pizza was part of my childhood, too.

Joe Hobby is a barbecue-loving comedian from Alabama who wrote for Jay Leno for many years. Find more of Joe's stories on his blog: https://mylifeasahobby.blogspot.com. Follow him on Facebook at Joe Hobby Comedian-Writer.

CULLMAN REGIONAL | Medical Group

PRIMARY CARE NEW LOCATION

Starting November 6

Internal & Family Medicine Clinic

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Dr. Cameron Brimer
Dr. Haley Mabrey
Dr. John Morgan
Dr. Lauren Robinson
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Dr. Andrew Jones

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