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Local law enforcement discuses school safety

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CULLMAN, Ala. — At a high school in Winder, Georgia, (near Atlanta) on Sept. 4, the AP reported, "A 14-year-old student opened fire at a Georgia high school and killed four people on Wednesday, authorities said, sending students scrambling for shelter in their classrooms — and eventually to the football stadium — as officers swarmed the campus and parents raced to find out if their children were safe."

In light of this most recent school shooting, The Tribune talked with Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry and City of Cullman Public Safety Director Brian Bradberry about what plans are in place at local schools.

Gentry said the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) have a collaborative relationship and work together diligently to provide » PAGE 3





CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LINKEDIN

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry (left) and City of Cullman Public Safety Director Brian Bradberry (right)

Cullman Electric Cooperative and CoBank award $20K to local nonprofits



CULLMAN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Cullman County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library received a donation from Cullman Electric Cooperative and CoBank's Sharing Success Grant Program. Pictured left to right are Lynda Carter, Cullman Electric Cooperative board trustee; Amber Thornton, director of the Cullman County Public Library System; James Fields, Cullman Electric Cooperative board trustee; Julie Freeman, chair of the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County; Oakleigh Calahan, Cullman Electric Cooperative and Cullman County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library; and Phillip Garrison, Cullman Electric Cooperative board trustee.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Last week, two Cullman County's nonprofits were awarded generous checks totaling $20,000 from Cullman Electric Cooperative (CEC) and CoBank's Sharing Success Grant Program.

Yearly, CEC leaders discuss and assess which of the many local nonprofits will receive the philanthropic funds from the grant program. This year's recipients were the Good Samaritan Health Clinic and Cullman County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Each of the chosen organizations invests in the future of the community, one in the physical health of the population, and one in the educational success of its youngest residents.

"The money set aside for the donation comes from revenue Cullman Electric earns through its billing services and not electricity sales," shared Lindsey Dossey, CEC manager of communications and marketing. "Cullman Electric has participated in the Sharing Success program since it started in 2012 and has helped local nonprofit agencies receive $175,000."

Good Samaritan received a total of $8,000 to go towards its Capital Campaign. Breaking ground in 2025, Good Samaritan is just over $1 million away from its goal for its new 5,050-square-foot clinic, set to have four exam rooms, a cardio room, a medication dispensary with a drive-through and a larger dual-use waiting space to serve Cullman County's uninsured population aged 19-65.

Cullman County's Dolly Parton Imagination Library received a grant for $12,000 to support funding the chapter. The program, free to all families with young children in the area, provides free monthly books to children aged 5 and younger. In 2023 alone, the program provided 2,921 local children with more than 83,000 books.

Cullman City Schools operate under 'heightened awareness' Monday due to potential threat
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Holly Pond man killed in I-65 wreck
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Bernard Blues and BBQ draws crowds



KATIE SPICER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests enjoy the eighth annual Bernard Blues and BBQ festival on the grounds of St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School, shown here on Sept. 7, 2024. » PAGE 7

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Cullman County Youth Football week 2 scoring recap



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The Good Hope Raiders won Saturday's Wee-Wee game against Vinemont 7-6. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 9, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 5

- domestic violence; Lindsey Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 244
- dog bite; CR 160
- dog bite; CR 222
- criminal mischief; CR 1485
- theft of property; CR 1568
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; Hwy. 69N
- trespassing; CR 1269

Sept. 6

- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1828
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 768
- domestic violence; CR 866
- theft of property; US. 31
- theft of proprety; Midfield Dr.
- trafficking drugs; possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222

Sept. 7

- permitting dogs to run at large; Brooklyn Rd.
- harassment; CR 216
- theft of property; Fairview Rd.
- violation of protection order; CR 222
- trespassing; harassment; CR 8

Sept. 8

- domestic violence; CR 735
- theft of property; CR 859
- criminal mischief; CR 1338
- possession of marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 62

ARRESTS

Sept. 5-8

Akers, Nicholas J.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Anders, Shaun D.; 34
- FTA – no motorcycle endorsement
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled
- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance
- reckless driving
- FTA – switched tag

Aragon, Dale J.; 27
- FTA – possession of methamphetamine
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Bauer, Paci C.; 19
- FTA – assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Bomar, Shanna M.; 41
- drug trafficking
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Cody W.; 33
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Burnett, Joshua W.; 47
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer
- FTA – reckless endangerment
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Calhoun, Dustin L.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Dang, Kristan S.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- public intoxication

Donnelly, Jeremy J.; 45
- drug trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Giles, Gerald G.; 65
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodwin, Joseph M.; 45
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Hawkins, Brayden C.; 24
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia-1st offense (2 counts)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree – harassing communications
- FTA – driving while license suspended
- FTA – operating vehicle without insurance

Hunt, Justin L.; 34
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hyatt, Daniel L.; 50
- DUI (alcohol)

Joiner II, Paul F.; 57
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Love, Austin B.; 28
- public intoxication

Lyons, Charles C.; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Mcalpine, Melissa D.; 43
- FTA – driving while license suspended

McMinn, Jillian M.; 44
- Assault-harassment

Sivils, Amanda C.; 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Suhr, Eric G.; 46
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)
- FTA – refusal to display insurance

Swafford, Cutessa G.; 41
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Thrasher, Nicholas A.; 41
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Willoughby, Christy A.; 47
- arson-residence

Wimbs, Liles N.; 36
- FTA – driving while suspended, revoked, or cancelled

Wright, Terry W.; 67
- criminal trespass

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 5

- theft of property-1st degree; unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; Heath Attaway Auto Sales; '17 Chev. Camaro, damaged property; 2nd Ave. NW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; criminal trespass-3rd degree; person; damaged property; $33; 6th Ave. SE
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; person; damaged trailer; $10,000; Cherokee Ave. SW
- attempted theft of property-1st degree; unlawful breaking and entering a motor vehicle; Billy Ray Taylor Auto Sales; damage to '21 Chev. Camaro; Hwy. 157
- retail theft-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $8; Olive St. SW
- retail theft-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $30; Olive St. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree - harassment; person; Katherine St. NW

Sept. 6

- theft of property-1st degree; person; miscellaneous; 14th St. SE
- harassment; person; Mark St. SW
- theft of property-3rd degree; person; phone; $800; Cherokee Ave. SW

Sept. 7

- criminal mischief-1st degree; City of Cullman; damaged property; 2nd St. SW
- criminal trespass-1st degree; Davidson Homes; Dawson Lane NE
- harassment; person; Lee Cir. SW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Mitchell Rd. NE
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 12th Way SW
- theft of property-2nd degree; person; lawn mower; $1,599; Warnke Rd. NW
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; 2nd Ave NW

Sept. 8

- burglary-3rd degree; theft of property-3rd degree; person; miscellaneous; 3rd Ave. SE
- domestic violence; criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '23 Ford Mustang; $400; Olive St. SW
- criminal mischief-3rd degree; person; damage to '08 Ford, '13 Hyundai, '19 Nissan; $200; McNabb Rd. NW

ARRESTS

Sept. 5-9

Whisman, Paul C.; 44
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hobbs, Joseph M.; 36
- theft of property-4th degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Pruett, William; 71
- harassment

Perales-Martinez, Jose E.; 21
- public intoxication

Allred, Chastity B.; 36
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

McCormick, Jeffery S.; 35
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, Cody R.; 32
- domestic violence-3rd degree – harassment

Jones, Hagen E.; 30
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Evans, Grady L.; 34
- public intoxication

Runyon, Jeremy A.; 37
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree (3 counts)
- FTA - criminal trespass-3rd degree (3 counts)
- FTA - possession of marijuana-2nd degree (2 counts)
- FTA - attempt to elude police officer
- FTA - public intoxication

Willingham, Kayla L.; 31
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

Garrett, Wesley N.; 42
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree
- FTA – receiving stolen property
- FTA - attempt to elude police officer

Fairbanks, Jeffrey D.; 58
- FTA - driving while license revoked (4 counts)
- FTA - insurance violation (4 counts)
- FTA - switched tag

Lucas, Richard A.; 35
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Calhoun, Dustin L.; 39
- FTA - possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

Pau, Cin Z.; 38
- criminal trespass-1st degree

McCauley, Comfort T.; 45
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Bauer, Paci C.; 19
- domestic violence-3rd degree

Akers, Nicholas J.; 50
- FTA - driving while license suspended (2 counts)
- FTA - switched tag

Tarvin, Daniel J.; 22
- FTA - possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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Safety (from Front)

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"Without a doubt, our children are our most valuable asset," Gentry said. "The safety and well-being of our students have always, and will continue to be, the No. 1 priority of the sheriff's office. I am very proud of our relationship with (Superintendent) Dr. Barnette and the board of education. We have been able to add four deputies to our schools since I have been in office, and I hope to increase that number moving forward."

Each school campus in the Cullman County system has a school resource officer (SRO) assigned specifically to that school. Two of the larger campuses have two SROs, and there are plans to add more to all campuses.

"Each of these deputies is highly trained and experienced," Gentry said. "Several of our SROs have military experience. The unit is also comprised of many current and/or former members of the SWAT Team."

Gentry shared that CCSO SROs are trained and certified through the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO).

"This provides training in a wide range of school safety areas, including site assessments and behavioral indicators of students," Gentry said. "Every SRO is certified as an ALICE active shooter instructor, and is trained in the RAIDER solo response for active shooting situations."

Additionally, the SROs received training throughout the year in firearms, defensive tactics and other areas vital to keeping students, faculty and staff safe.

"Our SROs work with the CCBOE and the individual schools in creating, implementing and updating the school safety plans," Gentry said. "All the school staff members are trained by our deputies on how to respond in the event of a shooting incident as well. Many times this includes scenario-based (hands-on) training, providing the teachers with a unique insight into these situations."

Due to the number of school shootings across the country, students, faculty, staff and parents have obvious concerns about school safety.

"Our SROs have one job – to keep the schools safe. While all the training and preparations are important and necessary, it is the proactive part of their job that is the most important," Gentry said. "Being at the schools and establishing relationships is the key. Across the country, the trust and communication between students, staff and law enforcement have prevented more of these horrible incidents than any other training or measure taken. The Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman County Board of Education will continue to do everything possible to ensure the safety and security of our schools."

Bradberry said he and the City's police, fire and 911 dispatch leadership recently had a school safety meeting at Cullman High School and are coordinating and planning now better than ever.

"We have truly been working hard to coordinate and work with our schools to provide the best safety possible for our schools," Bradberry said. "The City of Cullman public safety departments are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students in our community. We understand that parents need to have confidence in the measures taken to protect their children while they are at school. Our school leadership's planning efforts and their willingness to meet and train together have been instrumental for improving our first responder response to emergencies."

Bradberry said that most recently, all public safety departments came together with school administrators to work to ensure that school safety plans are aligned with first responder protocols, to help provide a seamless and effective response in any emergency situation.

"We always want to improve and maintain our preparedness, planning, and face-to-face interaction is one of the best methods of doing so in my opinion," Bradberry said. "We have very intelligent school officials and first responders who share the goal of keeping our children safe. We have been working together over the summer to maintain and improve planning in emergency preparedness/response, communication protocols, coordination between first responders and school officials, and crisis intervention."

Bradberry said they conducted comprehensive walk-through risk assessments to identify potential threats and vulnerabilities, and work closely with the Cullman County EMA to ensure they have good quality communication with the resources (state and federal) are available to them.

"Our first responders are highly trained professionals who undergo rigorous and continuous training to stay prepared for many different scenarios," Bradberry said. "This includes specialized training in school safety and emergency response. Our 911 telecommunicators are adept at managing crisis situations, ensuring that help is dispatched swiftly and efficiently. Our firefighters and police officers are equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to handle emergencies with precision and care, and our Cullman EMS professionals are an intricate part of our initial emergency response."

Bradberry reiterated Gentry's statements regarding SROs who are very dedicated to maintaining and enhancing school safety.

"We also have public safety department leaders that communicate well, and that all have the same goal of providing the absolute best school safety response possible," Bradberry said. "An emergency requires a lot of interagency coordination and preplanning, and we are as committed as ever to that task. We truly have a great team of first responders here in Cullman. We appreciate the school administrators' dedication to building quality working relationships relating to school safety, as communication and preplanning are a big part of bringing chaos under control during any emergency and we want to be the best that we can be when involving such an important mission."

Bradberry said children's safety is of the utmost importance to everyone and the support received from the mayor, city council members and school officials has made progress possible.

"Parents can rest assured that the City of Cullman is dedicated to maintaining a safe and secure environment for all students," Bradberry said. "The recent training session is just one example of our ongoing commitment to enhancing school safety through improved coordination and communication among public safety departments and school officials."

Wreck (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — A Holly Pond man was killed in a single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 8, on Interstate 65 North.

Alabama State Troopers identified the victim as Derek L. Humphries, 36.

Troopers said Humphries was fatally injured when the 2020 Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle he was operating left the roadway and struck a guardrail.

They said Humphries was thrown from the motorcycle and pronounced deceased at the scene.

The crash occurred near the 316 mile marker, approximately 3 miles north of Vinemont, in Cullman County.

Nothing further is available as Troopers with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division continue to investigate.

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The Crossing Food Bank
The Crossing is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m. We are located at 1503 Second St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055 (in the Housing Authority).

Cullman Low Vision Support Group Meetings
Third Tuesday of every month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at the Alabama Career Center, 1201 Katherine St. NW in Cullman. Contact Olivia Wade, case manager, at 256-389-2502.

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

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

Church Services- Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Mondays-Fridays- Free hot meals for children Mondays 11 a.m.-noon, Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Cullman Housing Authority Community Center 1545 Vine Circle SW. Please call Kristie 256-636-5362 for more information. Eat in or take out. Sponsored by Kids Loving Kids, Raising Arrows Ministry and Spirit Life Church.
• Kids Loving Kids Birthday Blessings serves children ages 1-18 in need of assistance to celebrate their birthdays. Register your child and pick up a birthday box with cake mix, icing, sprinkles, decorations and toys! Pickup is the last weekend of the month. Saturday (5100 Curry Highway Suite 100-B Jasper, AL 35504) from 3-5 p.m. or the last Sunday of the month at Spirit Life Church Cullman from 12:30-1 p.m. Birth certificate is required at the time of box pickup. Register at https://form.jotform.com/203435614640045. For more information, text or call 205-717-7478.
• Wednesday, Sept. 11 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.
• Friday, Sept. 13 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hangups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Sept. 15 - 9 a.m. Van runs in the 5 Points Area. Call Betty Hays at 256-930-9680 for pickup. Breakfast at 9:30. Bible study classes for children, youth and adults at 10. Praise and worship and message by Pastor Bobby Dodd at 11.
• Saturday, Sept. 21 - Drive-through food bank 9-11 a.m.

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. 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 Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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

Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center, 501 Fourth St. SW, Cullman, AL 35055.

"Christmas In September" Sale
Sacred Heart Altar Society and Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Christmas In September" Sale on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 7 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Family Life Center. Proceeds will benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry in Cullman. Currently, the groups are taking donations of gently used decorations for the sale. They will accept any items used to decorate homes for any season or holiday. Deadline to donate is Thursday, Sept. 19. Donations may dropped off at the Sacred Heart Church Office in the Altar Society Office. If you have a larger contribution, please call or text Vevyette Crane at 256-682-6960 to make arrangements. For more information, contact Vevyette Crane, Altar Society coordinator at the number listed above, or Dan Crane, K of C coordinator at 256-520-6095.

Save the Date: Little Pink Dress Benefit
Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6-9 p.m. at The Venue at Cotton Creek. Handicapped parking at north entrance. Doors open at 5:30. A night of fun with dinner included, Active Adult Senior Kickers, Wallace State Jazz Band, live and silent auctions, door prizes and much more! Ticket are $60. Tickets available through Stefani Nelson at 256-708-3191 or snelson@alfains.com or Judy Grissom at Options at 256-347-5993 or options5993@gmail.com and www.CullmanBosomBuddies.com.

Sacred Heart Oktoberfest Dinner
This year's dinner will be held in the church's Family Life Center on Wednesday, Oct. 2, beginning at 4 p.m. The dinners are available for dining in or drive through/take out and the cost of the dinner is $15. The dinner features a traditional German menu of bratwurst, German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, applesauce, bread and a homemade dessert. The meat used in the dinner comes from Brickyard Meats in Cullman, which is owned by a family of parishioners.

Huge Estate Sales! September 13, September 14. Two houses on County Road 1082 Vinemont, Al 35179. 7:00 a.m. Follow the signs.. Vintage, antiques, tools, Farmall tractor, old cameras, furniture! So much to see and too much to list. Check out pictures on PKEstateSales FB and on Antiques, primitive, vintage, tools, equipment... starts on 9/13/2024 (estatesales.net)

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A 'good ol' fashioned' scarecrow competition

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Fall is on its way, and with it comes the Cullman County Fair.

This year, the fair is offering a new competition: a Scarecrow Contest. The not-so-scary creations will be on exhibit in the Agricultural Hall, near the giant vegetables and produce they would traditionally protect.

Judging for the scarecrows will take into account the creator's creativity and originality. Contest judges will be looking for scarecrows with pizazz; it could be from the materials used, the way the scarecrow has been constructed and posed, the props it has included, how the scarecrow is displayed or a fantastic decoration extra that catches the eye.

Winners of the Scarecrow Contest will receive a year's worth of bragging rights, as well as a cash prize, courtesy of the Fair. The first place scarecrow will be awarded $100, second will go home with $50 and third place will score $25 in cold hard cash.

Each creation must be hand-made with natural and sustainable materials. The Fair asks that no commercial costumes, rubber or plastic masks be used as part of the decoration. Entries must be appropriate for all age levels; blood and gore are not permitted in the display and no political statements will be allowed to be included.

In addition, no perishable goods, glass or appliances may be used in creating the perfect scarecrow. Electricity will not be available in the exhibit hall, and all decorations or attachments must be firmly and securely attached.

Scarecrows must also be self-supported on a base no larger than 4 square feet and less than 25 pounds in weight and between 3-6 feet tall to be considered for the contest.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

Good Hope, Fairview, Addison earn big wins in week 3

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Friday night was packed with high school football action and three of our local teams earned big region wins. Fairview handled West Point 48-13 in the eighth annual Brandin' Iron Bowl, Good Hope's defense led the way in a 7-6 win over Fultondale and Addison head coach David Smothers earned his 100th win with a 51-0 rout of Shoals Christian.

Fairview 48 – West Point 13

Fairview's Kolt Redding returned the opening kickoff all the way down to the 46-yard line. Carson Jones ripped off a 33-yard run on the first play, then three plays later, Jake Harper muscled his way in for a three-yard score to give the Aggies a 7-0 lead as they only took a little over a minute off the clock. Fairview quickly got the ball back, as Avery Latham recovered a West Point fumble on the 19. On just the second play of the series, Jones found the end zone from 14 yards out to make it 14-0 with 9:38 remaining in the opening period.

The Warriors answered quickly on its next series. On the second play of its series, Hunter Hensley found Bryant Moon for a 76-yard score to cut it to 14-7. Back-to-back punts gave the ball back to Fairview. A 13-yard pass from Redding to Zayden Cruce kept the drive alive for the Aggies, and Harper found a big hole on the left side and ended up scoring on a 70-yard run to give them a 21-7 lead. On the first play of West Point's next series, Jace Stevens picked off a Hensley pass at the 30-yard line. Redding picked up a first down on the ground and later connected with Cruce on a 10-yard touchdown to push the Aggie lead to 28-7 with less than a minute to go in the first quarter.

Harper continued his strong first half, as he took off the left sideline and ended up scoring on a 74-yard run to make it a 35-7 lead for the Aggies later in the second quarter.

After another West Point punt, Fairview added another score before the half ended, as Jones punched it in from nine yards out, and the Aggies went into the half with a commanding 42-7 lead over the Warriors.

Fairview put up a score in the third quarter, as Redding found Conner Scott over the middle for an 81-yard touchdown to make it 48-7. Hensley scored on a seven-yard run late in the fourth quarter, but the deficit was too much to overcome for the Warriors, and the Aggies picked up a 48-13 win over West Point. It is now Fairview's fifth straight win over the Warriors in the Brandin Iron Bowl.

Harper finished with 159 yards on just five carries and three touchdowns, plus three sacks on defense. Jones added 76 yards on the ground and a pair of scores, plus an interception. Redding finished 8/12 for 169 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Scott added three receptions for 107 yards and a touchdown. Cruce ended up with 53 yards on three receptions and a touchdown. Stevens finished with an interception, while Avery Latham collected a sack in the win for Fairview (2-0, 1-0).

For West Point (0-3, 0-1). Hensley finished 10/22 for 199 yards and a score and added another one on the ground. Moon added 104 yards on four receptions and a score, while Monfort ended up with 91 yards on five catches.

Both teams will continue region play this week. Fairview will travel to Ardmore, and West Point will head back home to take on Lawrence County.

Good Hope 7 – Fultondale 6

After winning their season-opener at West Point last week, the Good Hope Raiders were back home to host their region opener against Fultondale Friday night. Points were tough to come by in this one as both teams were held scoreless in the first half.

The game remained scoreless until the Raider began putting a drive together early in the third. Good Hope was able to keep the chains moving with the running game, driving deep into Wildcat territory and setting up a 20-yard touchdown pass from Tyler Cone to Landon Bagwell. Robert Rodriguez knocked the extra point through the uprights and put the Raiders in front 7-0 with 8:31 remaining in the third quarter.

Fultondale answered on the ensuing possession, driving the ball down the field and into the end zone to make it a 7-6 game with just over four minutes remaining in the third. However, the extra point sailed wide to the right and Good Hope maintained a 1-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Both defenses continued to play well in the fourth, keeping both offenses out of the end zone but in the final minutes of the period, the Raiders were able drain the remaining time off the clock and end the game in victory formation, improving to 2-0 with a 7-6 win over the Wildcats.

Good Hope will be back on the road to play Haleyville Friday.

Addison 51 – Shoals Christian 0

Addison hosted region foe Shoals Christian at A.G. Hicks Stadium Friday night and Addison dominated the Flame from start to finish, winning 51-0. Friday night's win is also the 100th for Addison Head Coach David Smothers. Coach Smothers now sports a 100-42 record in 13 years as the Bulldogs head coach.

Addison Head Coach David Smothers said, "Very proud of our guys and I know you are going to ask me about my 100th win but like I said before, this is just another ballgame. As a coach you don't get any reward from an individual accomplishment. It is all about the team. I could not have won any game on my own, it is all about the players. I have been blessed to have some really good athletes and just great kids in general while I have coached here. I was glad the way we, as a team, handled this game just like any other. We were supposed to win this game, and the young men took care of business tonight. Now, on to next week at Cherokee."

Addison travels to Cherokee Friday night.

Athens 24 – Cullman 14

After the opening kick, the Eagles put together a methodical drive, pushing the ball down inside the Bearcats' 5-yard line. However, Cullman's defense stood tall and held Athens out of the end zone on four straight plays, knocking the ball loose on fourth down and giving the ball to the 'Cats offense on their own 5-yard line. Cullman was forced to punt a few plays later and the Eagles hit a 25-yard field goal on the ensuing drive to take a 3-0 lead with 2:32 to play in the first quarter.

A Cullman interception gave the ball back to Athens' offense with good field position and the Eagles took advantage, scoring on a 21-yard touchdown run to extend the lead to 10-0 with just over eight minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Chance Hausler dove to intercept an Athens pass later in the quarter but neither team was able to get any more points on the board in the first half and Cullman went into the locker room trailing 10-0 at the break.

A 7-yard touchdown run put the Eagles ahead 17-0 early in the third quarter but the Bearcats responded on their next possession. Quarterback Preston Gay hit receiver Grayson Gay on a screen pass, and he took it 47 yards to the end zone for a touchdown. JD Ellerbee's extra point attempt split the uprights and trimmed the lead to 17-7 with eight minutes to play in the third.

Cullman's next possession ended with a turnover on downs and Athens was able to drain most of the time remaining in the fourth quarter on the ensuing drive. After running nearly nine minutes off the clock, the Eagles punched one into the end zone from 4 yards out to make it a 24-7 game with just over three minutes to play. The Bearcats put together one more scoring drive before the game ended, capped by a 26-yard touchdown pass from Gay to Rex Chandler but the 'Cats ran out of time and Athens went on to win it 24-14.

Gay finished with 175 yards and a pair of touchdowns through the air to go with 79 yards rushing. Cooper Loftin added 42 rushing yards on 11 carries.

Cullman will be back on the road Thursday to face Jasper.

Gordo 54 – Hanceville 3

The Hanceville Bulldogs were on the road Friday night opening up region play against Gordo and the Green Wave dominated from start to finish. Gordo jumped out to a commanding 47-3 lead in the first half and cruised in the second half to secure a 54-3 win.

Hanceville trailed 20-0 at the end of the opening period but while trailing 26-0 early in the second, Dylan Lazzaro drilled a 25-yard field goal to trim the lead to 26-3 with 9:28 to play in the first half. Gordo was able to build a 47-3 lead by the halftime break and kept the Bulldogs off the scoreboard in the second half, pulling away to win it 54-3.

Hanceville will be back on the road this week for another regional matchup at Carbon Hill.

Sylvania 48 – Holly Pond 6

After putting together an explosive offensive performance against Hanceville a week ago, the Holly Pond Broncos were back on the field Friday night, opening up region play at Sylvania. Unfortunately for the Holly Pond crowd, the Broncos didn't have as much success this week and they dropped their region opener to the Rams 48-6.

Sylvania led 13-0 at the end of the first quarter and continued adding to its lead in the second, extending the lead to 41-0 at the halftime break. Trailing 48-0 in the fourth quarter, Broncos quarterback Sawyer Olinger sprinted into the end zone for a 36-yard touchdown, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early lead and Holly Pond fell to the Rams on the road 48-6.

The Broncos will be back home to host Brindlee Mountain Friday.

Phil Campbell 44 – Vinemont 42 (4OT)

Kayden Henderson scored from 10 yards out on the first play of the second quarter to put the Eagles up 8-0. Vinemont then forced a turnover on downs and held the ball for the remainder of the half to maintain an 8-0 lead at the break.

Phil Campbell got on the board with nine minutes to play in the fourth quarter to cut the score to 8-6. Vinemont quickly answered when Kayden Henderson raced 58 yards to the end zone to put the Eagles up 14-6. The Bobcats tied up the game at 14 with 59 seconds remaining in regulation.

Phil Campbell found the endzone first in overtime, Vinemont answered in their half of overtime thanks to Henderson knotting the game at 22. On the first play of the second overtime Henderson scored but the Bobcats answered to tie the game at 30. The Bobcats scored first to start the third overtime; Vinemont answered right back on the first play as Henderson broke free for a score to tie the game at 36.

Vinemont scored on the first play of the fourth overtime thanks to the hard running from Henderson but an unsuccessfully conversion gave the Eagles a 42-36 advantage, Phil Campbell scored and successfully converted the two-point try which ended up being the deciding factor in a thrilling, back and forth, 44-42 4 OT game to kick off region play.

Vinemont will be back on the road Friday to take on Midfield.

Susan Moore 34 – Cold Springs 20

Trailing 6-0 in the first quarter, Cold Springs quarterback Ethan Day ran one into the endzone from 10 yards out to tie the game at 6 and Matt Williams punched in the two-point conversion to give the Eagles an 8-6 lead with less than a minute to play in the opening period.

Susan Moore responded with another touchdown on the ensuing possession, but Cold Springs was able to move back in front when Williams dove into the end zone and made it a 14-12 game going into the locker room at halftime.

The Bulldogs pulled ahead 18-14 with just under four minutes remaining in the third quarter and they held onto that lead going into the start of the fourth.

Williams' second touchdown of the night came early in the fourth quarter and gave the Eagles a 20-18 lead, but Susan Moore found the end zone two more times in the final 10 minutes of the game to wrap up a 34-20 win over Cold Springs.

The Eagles will be back on the road Friday to face Cleveland.

Hackleburg 34 – Meek 8

Hackleburg jumped out to a 20-0 lead in the first quarter, but Meek was able to get on the board when quarterback Evan McCay hit Jaxon Brown down field for a 30-yard touchdown pass.

McCay found Ryan Ewing in the end zone for the two-point conversion and trimmed the lead to 20-8 with less than a minute remaining in the first.

The Tigers went into the locker room trailing 27-8 at halftime and after a scoreless third quarter, the Panthers tacked on one more touchdown at the start of the fourth to cap a 34-8 region win over Meek.

The Tigers will travel to play Phillips Bear Creek Friday.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Good Hope's Tyler Cone (5) threw the lone TD pass in the Raiders' 7-6 win over Fultondale Friday night.



SHERRY BROWN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview's Jake Harper (14) and Blake Rickard (3) celebrate during the Aggies' 48-13 win over West Point Friday night.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Addison's 51-0 win over Shoals Christian Friday night was the 100th win for Bulldogs Head Coach David Smothers.

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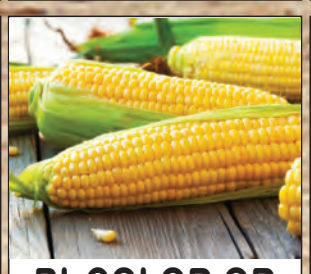
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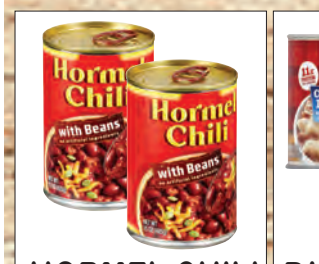
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Threat (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman City Schools operated "under heightened awareness" Monday due to a possible threatening social media post. The situation is still being investigated; however, Cullman City Schools, the City of Cullman and Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker shared the following statements:

According to Cullman City Schools, "A person reached out to the local police dispatch regarding an alleged social media post that claimed there was a threat made toward Cullman High School, though the screenshot of the post was reportedly deleted before it could be viewed by police investigators. But out of an abundance of caution we are in a state of heightened awareness at Cullman High School, and we have an enhanced police presence on and around all of our campuses.

"We are taking every precaution to ensure student and faculty safety, with extra security precautions in place, police officers on campus, as well as limited movement protocols where applicable for students and staff.

"Law enforcement will continue to closely patrol our campuses, as well."

At the time, the City of Cullman said in a statement: "Due to a possible threatening social media post, Cullman Police Department officers are on site at Cullman High School.

"Officers are assessing the situation and have set up a secure perimeter as an additional safety precaution. CPD will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary."

When asked for a statement, Crocker said, "I can't make a comment on this directly before anyone has been arrested or more information is available.

"But the charge of making a terrorist threat has to be a credible threat to cause disruption or evacuation. This is an ongoing investigation.

"My office will be working closely with our police and school officials to protect our students."

Crocker added that with this charge the difference is seeing if someone does show up or take steps to follow through with the threat, which usually distinguishes whether it's a credible threat or not, and you see if there are steps made to actually carry it out rather than an idle statement.

"This is an ongoing investigation," he said. "My office will be working closely with our police and school officials to protect our students."

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Joe Hobby
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It's hard to believe that it's been almost a quarter-century since our generation had its own version of Pearl Harbor. But it's true – 9/11 occurred almost 25 years ago. It was a seminal event that every American will remember as long as they walk this earth. It was bigger than the Challenger, and maybe even the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

This is my account what happened. I've been meaning to write it for some time because I want my grandchildren to know. And I'm only describing the events of my day because, like those who lived through Pearl Harbor, they are etched in my mind forever.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was in Chicago, attending a huge international trade show. Since it didn't open until 10 o'clock, I took an early walk through the park that flanks Lake Michigan. A couple of miles later, I went back to my room and turned on "The Today Show" – Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric had been my wake-up companions for years. But instead of two hosts yakking, NBC was showing the World Trade Center towers, one of which was spewing black smoke from its midsection. No one was sure what happened; however, there was some conjecture that a small plane had hit the building – maybe the pilot of a corporate jet had a heart attack.

I went to the bathroom, showered and returned to the television. Immediately, I froze in horror in front of the screen. The second tower had been hit – a mirror image of the first. Furthermore, now we knew the cause, because there was a video of a passenger jet slamming into the building.

The broadcasters used the term terrorism, and mentioned someone named Osama bin Laden. Turning away from the TV, I went to my hotel window, and looked toward the Sears Tower. It was only a block away. I shuddered, because like everyone else in downtown Chicago, I thought it may be on the terrorist's list.

By the time I dressed and got to the lobby, televisions were blaring. The mood was somber, subdued and scared. Everyone realized that America had been attacked on its own soil. Well, everyone but one of my fellow employees, Mims. I met him at the first-floor elevator.

"What's going on?" he asked.

"You mean you haven't had the TV on?"

He had not. So, I filled him in on everything as he stared at a TV. Finally, he turned to me and said quietly, "One of my customers and good friends has an office in the first tower. I hope he gets out."

We walked out of the hotel and ducked in a nearby diner for breakfast. A small black and white playing the news sat on the counter. Soon after ordering, someone pointed at the screen and said, "Look!" We gasped as the first tower collapsed. Mims burst into tears. "I just watched my friend die!" he wailed. Within a half hour the second skyscraper disintegrated into a cloud of dust and rubble. We were witnessing a mass murder take place right before our eyes.

While we were in the diner, the FAA suspended all domestic flights. And every airborne plane was instructed to immediately land at the nearest airport. Flights coming into the United States were directed to land Mexico or Canada. Now thousands of passengers were stranded.

This created a mad scramble at every rental car desk in Chicago, causing some individuals to become quite creative. People began booking trains. Some were buying clunker cars. I even heard of one guy who negotiated a flat rate with a cab to drive him from Chicago to Dallas.

Our group decided the best idea was to split up: two of us headed to Hertz, while Mims and I headed to the convention center. The huge pavilion was nearly deserted; the scant few who were in attendance huddled around televisions. It was there we learned more about the extent of the attack. We knew that an airplane headed for the White House had been taken down. In addition, the Pentagon had been hit. Could there be more?

By noon, the streets of Chicago, normally bustling with thousands of people, were deserted. No cars, almost no cabs. The scene of such a vibrant city laying silently before us like a wounded animal was one I'll never forget. The only sounds we heard were fighter jets that continuously circled the downtown area.

It took us days to get ground transportation. We finally snagged a U-Haul truck – not our first choice, but it got us home. It was a quiet, pensive trip. Listening to the news as we drove made it clear that 9/11 changed us. It sickened us.

It angered us. We felt vulnerable. Not since The War of 1812 had someone taken the fight to us in our country. Innocents died. There were also buckets of questions about why and how this could happen in America. However, I also felt a wave of patriotism and unity I haven't felt since. And stories emerged about heroes, bravery, honor and sacrifice.

Six-hundred miles later, we pulled into my driveway. As I took my luggage out, I couldn't help but glance around my neighborhood. Everything looked the same – but it wasn't, and it will never be again.

LEGALS

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOSEPH SCOTT VARNER, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-305**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to CYNTHIA GLAZE FOSTER as Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH SCOTT VARNER, deceased, on the 16th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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

CYNTHIA GLAZE FOSTER
Administrator

Joseph Callaway
Attorney for Administrator
Marsh, Rickard & Bryan
2222 Arlington Avenue South, Suite 210
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

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

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

Legal Notice

Surplus property of Wallace State Community College (Hanceville Campus) will be offered for sale on the website www.govdeals.com Various sales will occur on this website, please check the www.govdeals.com website weekly to see any current sales. This is a government auction website and you MUST be registered on the website to bid on any items. You may view the surplus property to be sold without registration. The govdeals.com website will contain detailed information including descriptions and photos. Items may be inspected by APPOINTMENT ONLY: Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact Wesley Sams at inventory@wallacestate.edu to schedule any appointments. All items listed are to be sold "AS IS, WHERE IS". Wallace State Community College reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

REQUESTS FOR BIDS

Cullman Regional Airport
Vinemont, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received until Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. at Cullman Regional Airport located at 231 County Road 1360, Vinemont, Alabama 35179 and at said time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for: Taxilane Pavement Maintenance at Cullman Regional Airport. Major items of work include: Full Depth Asphalt Patching, Crack Seal, Seal Coat, Pavement Markings.
Information for the Project can be found on the following website: https://www.gmcnetwork.com/bids/.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC, located at 117 Jefferson Street North, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, Attn: Jennifer Farineau Ph: (256) 382-7804 or email: Jennifer.farineau@gmcnetwork.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a one-time administrative fee of $20.00 for digital access/file sharing access and/or payment of $50.00 for each printed set. Said cost represents the cost of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, therefore no refund will be granted. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to "Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC." Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid, but not to exceed $50,000. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to the City of Cullman / Cullman County.

All Bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975, and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Engineer; the Bidder shall show such evidence by clearly displaying the license number on the outside of the envelope in which the Proposal is delivered. "A contractor must have a Heavy and Railroad major license or a Heavy and Railroad specialty license to **bid as prime for this project**."

Bids may be held by the City of Cullman / Cullman County for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract.

Award of contract is subject to requirements in the contract documents including, but not limited to, the following Federal provisions:

1) Civil Rights – Title VI Assurances

The City of Cullman / Cullman County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in the bids received.

Cullman Regional Airport
Ben Harrison, Airport Manager
231 County Road 1360
Vinemont, Alabama 35179

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 7 - 9

James Lonell Aderhold, 70

Funeral Service for James Lonell Aderhold, age 70 of Logan, Alabama, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Paul Cleghorn officiating; burial at Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Aderhold passed away on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at his residence. He was born Aug. 19, 1954, in Alabama, to Clovis Lonell Aderhold and Wanda Hulsey Phillips. He was preceded in death by his Parents. Survivors include his daughter, Meagan Aderhold, son, Jacob Aderhold, brother, Randy (Carolyn) Aderhold, sister, Sandy (Michael) Harbison, grandchildren, Ava and Madelynn Aderhold. And a host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

GradyLloydEvansJr.,62

Grady LLoyd Evans, Jr., age 62 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Friday, Sept. 6, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Dec. 18, 1961, in MI to Grady Lloyd Evans, Sr. and Myra Nita Van Evans. He was preceded in death by his Parents, and sister Joanie Evans. Survivors include his wife, Sonya Evans, Sons, Grady (Cathy) Evans, III, and Jayke (Abigail) Evans, Grandson, Waylon Evans, Sisters, Sheila (Jeff) Mullins and Sandra Murty. Host of nieces, nephews and extended family and friends. Celebration of life at later date.

Kermit Clelie Kilgo, 73

Funeral services for Kermit Clelie Kilgo, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at Kenny Grove Baptist Church. Burial will follow the service in the adjoining cemetery. Bro. Tim Aris and Bro. Brian Calvert will be officiating services. Mr. Kilgo will lie-in-repose at the church on Wednesday from noon-2 p.m. The family will also welcome friends for visitation from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Kenny Grove Baptist Church. Mr. Kilgo, 73 of Crane Hill, passed away peacefully on Sept. 7, 2024. He was surrounded by his family who adored him. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to all. Kermit was a hard-working man who loved his family fiercely. He was always willing to lend a helping hand and was a friend to all who knew him. He was a man devoted to God, his family, and who always put others first. We know Heaven is sweeter with him there. Kermit Clelie Kilgo was born on July 26, 1951, to James Clelie and Vergie Avelyn Kilgo. He was preceded in death by his loving parents; brother, Harry James Kilgo, great granddaughter, Joey Ann Henderson; and siblings-in-law, Glenn (Mary) Bookout, Raymond Campbell and Ella-Mae Sanders. He leaves behind, his loving wife of 54 years, Martha Kilgo; his children, Craig Kilgo, Karen (Brad) Henderson, Kathy (Brad) Gorham, and Lori (Josh) Warden; grandchildren, Noah (Rilee) Henderson, Kadie (Chris) Brown, Trent (Sadey) Gorham, Georgia Gorham, Mary Warden and Jude Johnson, Abby Warden, Saddler Kilgo, Sutherlynn Kilgo; great grandson, Shepherd Bradley Henderson; sister, Sarah (James) Basinger; in-laws he loved like siblings, Charlie (Rita) Harbison, Jimbuck (Peggy) Harbison, Stewart Sanders, Wynona Campbell and Rita Kilgo; and a host of nieces and nephews who he loved very much. Although we will miss him deeply, we take comfort knowing his last breath on Earth was followed by his first breath in Heaven. Because of Jesus Christ, we have hope and look forward to the day we meet again and never part. Serving as pallbearers will be Chris Bookout, Darrin Calvert, Jason Harbison, Jimmy Harbison, Wesley Harbison and Shane Kilgo. Honorary pallbearer will be Glenn Calvert.

Free Obituary Listings

Have your funeral home contact us

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Complete obituaries may be found free of charge at CullmanTribune.com/obituaries.

Recap (from Front)

Sammy Confer
sammy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — Week two of the 2024 youth football season is now over, and there were some intriguing games that went on around the local area. The Vinemont Eagles hosted the Good Hope Raiders, the Fairview Aggies traveled to take on the Hanceville Bulldogs, the Cold Springs Eagles hosted the West Point Warriors, and the Cullman Bearcats went to Holly Pond to take on the Broncos.

Good Hope Raiders at Vinemont Eagles
- Fireplug: Raiders 14 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Raiders 7 - Eagles 6
- Pee-Wee: Raiders 6 - Eagles 0 (OT)

West Point Warriors at Cold Springs Eagles
- Fireplug: Warriors 8 - Eagles 0
- Wee-Wee: Warriors 22 - Eagles 0
- Pee-Wee: Warriors 36 - Eagles 0

Fairview Aggies at Hanceville Bulldogs
- Fireplug: Bulldogs 30 – Aggies 0
- Wee-Wee: Aggies 26 – Bulldogs 8
- Pee-Wee: Aggies 40 – Bulldogs 6

Cullman Bearcats at Holly Pond Broncos
- Fireplug: Broncos 38 - Bearcats 0
- Wee-Wee: Broncos 8 - Bearcats 0
- Pee-Wee: Bearcats 22 - Broncos 0

Crowds (from Front)

Katie Spicer
katie@cullmantoday.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — This past weekend marked the eighth annual Bernard Blues and BBQ festival hosted by St. Bernard Abbey and Preparatory School.

Each day of the festival was marked with soulful music.

Visitors set up on the lawn of the beautiful, shady campus to enjoy the rhythm and blues of Elnora Spencer early Saturday morning. Kingfish then took the stage to close out the day. Sunday featured Debbie Bond and Rick the Radiator Band in the morning, followed by Earl Williams and the Juke Band as the grand finale.

Contests galore commenced throughout the weekend. Winners took home cash prizes and a hand-crafted trophy, courtesy of Sandra Abbott.

Brothers Q BBQ Supply took home the title of Grand Champion of the Kansas City BBQ Society Cookoff and first place in the Backyard Chicken division. First place was awarded to Smokey Bees BBQ for the Best Backyard Ribs.

Local artisans lined the streets with one-of-a-kind products for sale.

Each booth provided crafted goods from jewelry and home decor to freshly ground grits - there was something for everyone!

The festival concluded with the highly anticipated grand prize drawing for $10,000.

The lucky winner was Cynthia Hopkins of New Port Richey, Florida.

LEGALS

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, Sept 23 2024 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055

Writ of Execution Parties: Mercer Transportation Co., Inc.
vs.
Christopher Boyd
18405 Hwy. 91
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Christopher Boyd, property, described as follows:

A parcel of land located in the SW1/4 – SE 1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West. Cullman County, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northeast corner of said SW 1/4 – SE1/4 of Section 23, said point being a 5/8 " capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SE 1/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West along said northern right-of-way, a distance of 154.63 feet to the center line of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning: Thence continue South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of-way a distance of 541.97 feet; thence North 11 degrees 36 minutes 58 seconds West a distance of 505.44 feet; thence North 87 degrees 13 minutes 49 seconds East a distance of 222.71 feet to the centerline of a dirt road; thence along said centerline the following: South 14 degrees 07 minutes 59 second West a distance of 32.30 feet; thence South 19 degrees 02 minutes 23 seconds West a distance of 34.41 feet; thence South 14 degrees 56 minutes 35 seconds West a distance of 23.21 feet; thence South 02 degrees 51 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 25.65 feet; thence South 16 degrees 49 minutes 04 seconds East a distance of 33.48 feet; thence South 28 degrees 47 minutes 39 seconds East a distance of 30.14 feet; thence South 35 degrees 34 minutes 53 seconds East a distance of 33.08 feet; thence South 25 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 30.06 feet; thence South 15 degrees 18 minutes 51 seconds East a distance of 16.99 feet; thence South 04 degrees 25 minutes 36 seconds East a distance of 37.16 feet; thence South 01 degree 24 minutes 43 seconds West a distance of 81.44 feet; thence South 18 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds East a distance of 33.18 feet; thence South 47 degrees 19 minutes 40 seconds East a distance of 29.09 feet; thence South 76 degrees 18 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 23.09 feet ; thence North 81 degrees 08 minutes 12 seconds East a distance of 26.95 feet; thence North 76 degrees 28 minutes 06 seconds East a distance of 98.22 feet; thence North 70 degrees 48 minutes 41 seconds East a distance of 42.95 feet; thence North 63 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East a distance of 34.32 feet; thence North 61 degrees 03 minutes 42 seconds East a distance of 59.87 feet; thence North 82 degrees 11 minutes 52 seconds East a distance of 31.59 feet; thence South 77 degrees 03 minutes 25 seconds East a distance of 23.78 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 2.21 acres, more or less.

ALSO: A 20 feet wide access easement located in the SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 12 South, Range 3 West Cullman County, Alabama, being 10 feet on each side of the centerline more particularly described as follows: Commence at the northeast comer of said SW1/4-SE1/4 of Section 23. said point being a 5/8" capped rebar; thence South 00 degrees 16 minutes 27 seconds East along the east boundary of said SW 1/4-SEI/4 a distance of 446.00 feet to the northern right-of-way of State Route 91; thence South 71 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds West, along said northern right-of- way a distance of 154.63 feel to the centerline of a dirt drive and the Point of Beginning:

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Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided by Plaintiff's attorney.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Christopher Boyd, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 20 day of August, 2024.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

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BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
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