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Cullman County Fair Parade this Saturday

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Fair Parade will march its way through downtown Cullman this Saturday, Sept. 28, in anticipation of the classic fall event, the Cullman County Fair, which will run Oct. 3-12.

Road closures will begin around 1:30 p.m. within the city of Cullman. From 1:30-4, U.S. Highway 31 North, beginning at Ninth Street Southwest and proceeding to Main Avenue Northwest, will be closed to all traffic.

Participants will begin signing in and lining up at noon. Sign-in will be held at the corner of Fourth Street Southwest and U.S. Highway 278. The Cullman Lions Club will have a tent set up to greet and sign in participants and will be providing maps for all parade walkers.

Setup and staging will be held in the blocks between Third and Seventh Avenues Southwest » PAGE 5



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Cullman County Fair Parade will take place this Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024.

Cullman City Council swears in new police chief, passes $188M 2025 budget



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs presents new Cullman Police Chief Joey Duncan a case of his favorite soda following his swearing in on Monday, Sept. 23, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman City Council on Monday swore in Joey Duncan as police chief, effective Oct. 1, 2024, filling the post being vacated by the retirement of Chief David Nassetta.

Duncan, a graduate of Cullman High School, began his law enforcement career in July 2000 as a part-time correctional officer with the Cullman Police Department. He pursued a degree in criminal justice at Wallace State Community College, and in 2001, he became a full-time correctional officer and transitioned to patrol duties in 2004. He was promoted to patrol supervisor in 2019.

In 2021, Duncan became the supervisor of the Traffic Unit. He returned to a patrol supervisor position in 2024 and has served as the coordinator for the Field Training Program and the Traffic Homicide Unit, establishing himself as a certified Traffic Accident Reconstructionist. Most recently, he held the role of interim patrol captain.

"I'm honored and humbled to be appointed as the police chief at Cullman Police Department," said Duncan. "I look forward to serving alongside the great men and women at CPD and also serve our great community."

Mayor Woody Jacobs expressed confidence in Duncan's abilities, stating, "Joey Duncan's commitment to our community and extensive experience make him an outstanding choice for police chief. I am confident that under his guidance, we will enhance public safety and strengthen trust between our officers and the community."

Council passes 2025 budget

The council passed the City's fiscal year 2025 budget in the total amount of $188,189,911, over $19 million below the 2024 budget. Council President Jenny Folsom told the audience that the budget amount was based on last year's actual revenue numbers. The General Fund, the City's day-to-day operating budget, increased slightly from $55,290,609 to $55,516,735.

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Goat Island kicks off Oktoberfest with 'Goatoberfest' this Friday through Sunday



MIKE MULLANEY

Jeff Crocker celebrates at Goat Island Brewing. » PAGE 2

Wieners on the run!

Cullman's OktoFURfest Oct. 5



CULLMAN OKTOBERFEST

Cullman's OktoFURfest will take place on Oct. 5, starting at 11 a.m. at the brand-new Tito's Wüffenplatz, a designated dog-friendly area at Oktoberfest. The event will feature Wiener Dog Races, a costume contest and a parade. A $5 registration fee is required to enter in the Wiener Dog Races. » PAGE 7

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Sept. 25

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Sept. 25, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No arrests or incidents reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Sept. 23

- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- criminal trespass-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157

Sept. 24

- theft of property-1st degree; City of Cullman; miscellaneous; Eva Rd. NE
- identity theft; theft of property-1st degree; person

ARRESTS

Sept. 23-24

Lee, Kahrese T.; 28

- receiving stolen property-1st degree (2 counts)

Raymond, Mackqies M.; 23

- receiving stolen property-1st degree (2 counts)

Clemons, Quintin L., Jr.; 22

- receiving stolen property-1st degree (2 counts)

Wolugboms, Courage C.; 30

- receiving stolen property-1st degree (2 counts)

Acree, Nikole P.; 28

- receiving stolen property-1st degree (2 counts)

Johnson, Brandi M.; 36

- criminal trespass-3rd degree

Coker, Michael J.; 49

- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – fail to register vehicle
- FTA – insurance violation

Wise, Justin D.; 40

- FTA – improper lane usage
- FTA – insurance violation
- FTA – expired tag
- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – resisting arrest
- FTA – attempting to elude

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Goatoberfest (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Goat Island Brewing will celebrate its own contribution to local tradition as it holds its fifth annual "Goatoberfest" celebration this Friday through Sunday, Sept. 27-29, 2024, at the south Cullman brewery located at 1646 John Cooper Drive. This year the event has grown from one day to a whole weekend of live music, German cuisine and family friendly activities.

"I've been involved with Cullman Oktoberfest for years," said Goat Island Co-Founder and President Mike Mullaney, himself a recent burgermeister. "Goatoberfest is just the kickoff for a week of activities, culminating with the Oktoberfest event at the festival area at Depot Park. It is an honor for me to be involved in this amazing celebration of Cullman's German heritage."

The festivities begin Friday at 5:30 p.m. with the tapping of the keg and the debut of Goat Island's recently re-released Big Bridge IPA, along with a special Strawberry Wine bottle sale.

Schedule of events:

Friday

- 5:30 p.m. Tapping of the Keg
- 7-11 p.m. Natchez Trace

Saturday

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Justin and Tab
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. Cullman German Band
- 3-6 p.m. Razz Ma Tazz
- 5-7 p.m. Stein Hoisting
- 7-11 p.m. Avenue G

Sunday

- 4-6 p.m. Singo Bingo
- 6-8 p.m. Brian Hays

Freddie Day Catering and Smokin Joe's food truck will offer authentic German dishes including brat plates, brats on a bun, wiener schnitzel, German potato salad, red cabbage, apple strudel and more. Brickyard Meats, Kona Ice and Nut House Peanuts will offer local treats, and Penguino's Ice Cream will be there on Sunday.

You will have the opportunity to test your strength in stein hoisting competitions, with prizes for the winners and qualification for the winner to compete in the state championship at the following week's Cullman Oktoberfest. Children can enjoy goat petting, a bounce house, face painting and caricature artists.

At a glance

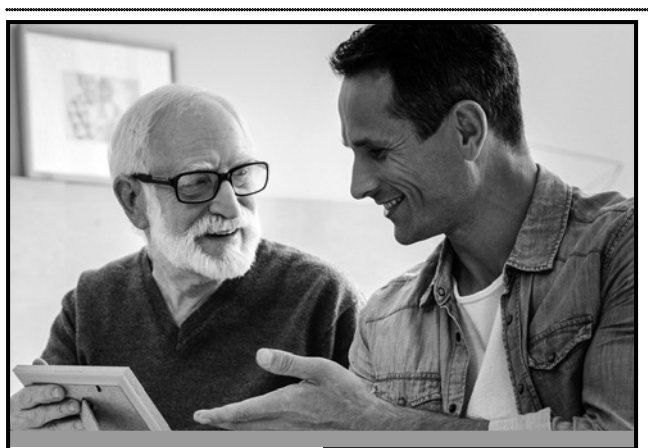
- Goatoberfest at Goat Island Brewing, 1646 John Cooper Drive, Cullman
- Friday, Sept. 27: 5:30-11 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 28: 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 29: 1-8 p.m.

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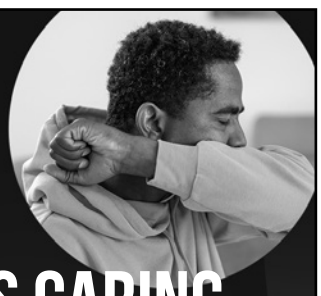

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Grace Episcopal Church Women 36th Annual Cheese Ball Sale
We are offering eight delicious flavors, including some returning favorites, all for $10 each. To see a list and place your order, go to www.holidaycheeseballs.com. All orders must be placed by Sunday, Oct. 6. Pick-up day is Thursday, Nov. 14, at Grace Episcopal Church, 305 Arnold St. NE. All balls will be frozen for your convenience. If you have questions, call the church at 256-734-6212. Proceeds from our sales help support many local organizations including the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, the Committee on Church Cooperation (CCC), the Pilot Light Home, Cullman Caring for Kids, Hope Horses and Grace Café. Our deepest thanks to you for helping us help others!

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
• Friday, Sept. 27 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Sept. 29 - 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.

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.

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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.

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.

Cullman Chapter of the National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees Meeting
Monday, Oct. 14. Dutch lunch shortly after 11 a.m., followed by noon meeting at the Golden Corral Buffet. Guest speaker will be Cris Alexander, who is our federal BCBS representative. Members and guests are urged to attend and take advantage of the upcoming open season information.

Trinity Lutheran Church German Lunch
Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 505 Commercial St., Hanceville, in conjunction with the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival taking place in downtown Hanceville that day. Adult plates will include bratwurst, German potato salad, choice of sauerkraut or red cabbage, German desserts and tea for $12. A child's plate of bratwurst, snicker doodle cookies and tea will be $5. All profits will go to Hanceville schools. Eat lunch in our historic 1885 church building and tour our present worship sanctuary. Hyatt Family reunion

Hyatt Family Reunion
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison sweeps tri-match with Lynn, Huntsville Christian

Todd Walker
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ADDISON, Ala. – The Addison Lady Bulldogs hosted a tri-match with county rival Lynn Lady Bears and brand new to 1A from AISA, the Huntsville Christian Academy Lady Saints. Addison swept both their matches and Lynn defeated the Lady Saints in two sets.

Addison 2 – Lynn 0 (25-13, 25-13)

The top-ranked Lady Bulldogs got off to their usual great regular start jumping on the Lady Bears 11-2 behind the hot serve of Mattie Johnson and the stellar defensive play of Lauren Cunningham and Katie Barrett.

Barrett then served for 6 straight points to put the Lady Dawgs into a huge 17-2 lead and it looked like the rout was on. It appeared that the ladies from Addison got complacent and the Lady Bears went on an extended run taking nine out of ten points.

With the score at 18-11, the Lady Dawgs regrouped and behind Johnson's serve went on to take the first set, 25-13.

The second set was a little different as the Lady Bears jumped out 6-4 as they were outplaying the Lady Bulldogs.

With the game standing at 11-8 Lynn, Addison's Brystil Moser took the serve and went for ten straight points to give Addison the 18-11 lead. Ava Bartlett controlled the net and Cunningham handled the digs. Addison was able to control the remainder of the game by playing excellent defense and coming up with timely hitting. Addison won the second set and match 25-13.

Addison 2 - Huntsville Christian Academy 0 (25-8, 25-8)

The Lady Bulldogs played a game against an obviously overmatched Lady Saint team and the results were predictable.

You have the newest and possibly the smallest school in 1A in their first season of league volleyball against a historic small school power in the Addison Lady Bulldogs who if they don't make the state title game the season is considered a failure.

Addison jumped out 9-2 behind the serve of Barrett and the defense of Cunningham and Bartlett. The game Lady Saints scored two straight points to cut the lead to 9-4 and then Miss Annabeth Powell went on a roll with 7 straight serves to give Addison the lead at 16-4.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Lady Bulldogs swept their tri-match with Lynn and Huntsville Christian Academy Monday night.

The rest of the game went as expected with Bartlett and Johnson controlling the net with several kills and the entire team completing the victory at 25-8.

The second set was competitive as the Lady Saints actually hung tough as the game was tied at 6.

Then Miss Barrett went on an incredible service run, serving for 15 straight points. Cunningham, Moster and Johnson were excellent on defense as Addison had a huge 21-6 lead. The set finished with Addison taking the 25-8 victory.

Addison senior Katie Barrett,

"I thought we played well, I mean in a slow atmosphere. We controlled the pace of both games and we were able to control our side of the net."

Official stats

- Assists: Powell 25
- Digs: Moser 16, Cunningham 9, Barrett and Powell with 7
- Kills: Johnson and Barrett with 8, Cunningham 5
- Aces: Barrett with 11, Johnson 7, Powell 4

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Addison splits tri-match with Meek, Cullman

Todd Walker
Contributor

ADDISON, Ala. — The Addison Lady Bulldogs were back in action Tuesday night, hosting a tri-match against Meek and Cullman, their second in two nights, and this one was against much stiffer competition. The Lady Bulldogs swept the Meek Lady Tigers but dropped an exciting battle with the 6A Lady Bearcats. Cullman swept Meek (25-11, 25-15) as well.

Addison 3 – Meek 0 (25-10, 25-16, 25-17)

The Ladies from Addison seem to have the Lady Tigers' number the past couple of years. Meek has a high quality 1A program under the leadership of Head Coach Callie Brewer and some wonderful players, but they can't seem to get over the team about 10 miles north of them, the Lady Bulldogs of Addison. Addison has dominated the rivalry as of late and nothing changed tonight. In game one, Addison jumped out 7-1 behind the serves of Mattie Johnson and played excellent defense. Meek made a brief run taking three of the next four points to cut the deficit to 8-4. Brystil Moser then took the serve and went for 12 straight points and Katie Barrett and Johnson controlled the net. Addison actually took 15 out of 16 points to take a commanding 23-6 lead and went on to win the set 25-10.

The second set was better as Meek, as they always do, play much better the longer the match goes on. Addison jumped out 5-0, again with Johnson serving, but the Lady Tigers would win 6 out of 7 to tie it all up at 6. Addison behind Barrett's next serve took control as Addison went on a strong run taking 12 straight and 14 out of 16 points. The defense was led by Lauryn Cunningham and Ava Bartlett. Little Calie Garrison got down and dirty with several crucial digs for the Lady Dawgs. The Lady Tigers didn't quit and came storming back winning 7 out of 10 points to cut the Bulldog lead down to 24-16 and Addison was finally able to salt away the set taking the final point on a Bartlett kill to win 25-16.

The third and final set was a pretty standard affair as Addison jumped out 14-5 behind Annabeth Powell and Barrett's serves. Cunningham and Bartlett did good net work while Moser got her dig work in. Addison was cruising. The Lady Tigers, after a timeout, came roaring back and getting 9 out of 14 points to try and get back in the match. With the score Addison 19-14, the two teams pretty much alternated scoring the rest of the way as Addison went on to win 25-17 to take the set and the game.

Cullman 2 – Addison 0 (19-25, 23-25)

The Lady Bulldogs were looking to avenge an earlier defeat to the Lady Bearcats where Cullman took 2 out of 3 from Addison. The first game started out very well for the Bulldogs as they jumped on Cullman 7-3 early on. This is when the spectators in the stands were introduced to Cullman Senior Karina Harris who played like she belonged on someone's Olympic team. She was without a doubt the best player on the floor tonight and dominated the game. Harris blocked an Addison shot to stop a short Addison run and then on the very next play crushed a ball into the floor for another Lady Bearcat point. She was in a word, unstoppable, against the Lady Bulldogs.

Addison wasn't going to back down and actually led 15-9. Cunningham and Barrett's strong offense and Johnson and Bartlett on defense led Addison to the lead. But it was just a matter of time before Harris and her teammates, especially setter Olivia Dover and hitter Ava Ray were too much for the ladies from Addison on this night. Cullman went on a dominant run taking 10 out of 12 points to take the lead 19-17. A Cunningham kill tied it up for the Bulldogs at 19 but then the Lady Bearcats took the final 6 points for the 25-19 win.

The second set was extremely close as it was nip and tuck the entire time. The ladies from Addison showed why they are one of, if not the favorite to take the 1A state title this year.

The Lady Bearcats got off to an 8-5 lead with excellent offensive work from L.K. Granger and Harris. Addison took the lead behind the leadership of Cunningham and Barrett. Barrett had 2 blocks as the Lady Bulldogs took 6 out of 10 points for a 13-12 lead. After a timeout, Cullman was led by Harris and Dover. Dover set Harris up constantly for the kill shot and Harris would deliver. The Lady Bearcats took 7 out of 9 and led 19-15. The game would go back and forth with both teams scoring but neither team able to make a run. It was the Seniors Harris and Ray leading Cullman to victory. Addison would gamely fight but there was no answer for Harris tonight as Cullman would get the sweep 25-23.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman defeated Addison on the road 2-0 Tuesday night.

Cullman Head Coach Amy Hudson said, "I thought we played much better tonight as we were able to terminate. We got the big shots when we needed them. We have had a problem with unforced errors this season but tonight we were able to cut those back considerably. I thought that our service game was executed very well tonight as we didn't miss a lot of serves. Karina (Harris) was really good tonight."

Addison Head Coach Kaydi Woodard said, "Glad to get the win versus our county rival and region foe Meek. I thought the ladies played well and were focused. The Cullman game was at a different pace. We played hard and didn't back down from them. (Karina) Harris was dominant for them. She was the best player on the court, but I think the one that really deserves credit is their setter (Olivia Dover). She is a jump setter, and they are really hard to read where the ball is going to end up which confuses the defense. Cullman also runs a quick offense which can pose some problems as well. Still proud of the way the girls fought and both games were winnable for us."

Official stats for Addison

- Assists: Powell 46
- Digs: Barrett 20, Moser 19, Cunningham and Garrison with 14 eachh
- Blocks: Bartlett 6, Johnson 3 and Powell 1
- Aces: Bartlett, Johnson and Moser with 3 each
- Kills: Barrett 14, Johnson 12, Cunningham and Bartlett with 10 each

Addison honored Bulldogs Volleyball legend Morgan Ray at halftime. Ms. Ray is suffering from a rare form of Ovarian Cancer and was supposed to be present but unfortunately, she had to be hospitalized and could not attend. She was represented by family members. Ms. Ray is a 2012 graduate of Addison and was an instrumental part of two Addison State Championship teams. Ms. Ray represented the North team in the Alabama North/South Volleyball game and got a scholarship to West Alabama where she was a four-year starter. I personally know Morgan and her family, and I can tell you that Morgan is a better person than she was a volleyball player. If you are a believer, then pray for her and her family. The World needs more Morgan Rays out there.



St. Bernard AP Biology students master biotechnology skills with micropipettes

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — Seniors at St. Bernard Preparatory School are gaining hands-on experience in biotechnology by mastering the use of micropipettes in their AP Biology class, under the guidance of instructor Connie Briehn. This essential laboratory skill is the foundation for several advanced experiments the students will be conducting throughout the academic year.

Micropipettes, precision instruments used to transfer minuscule amounts of liquid, are a cornerstone of modern scientific research. With their capacity to handle volumes between 1 and 1,000 microliters, they are indispensable in fields like microbiology, chemistry, genetics and molecular biology. In the classroom, students will be using these tools for at least eight laboratory experiments, including gel electrophoresis, a process used to separate and analyze DNA, RNA or proteins based on size.

"One of the labs students will perform is gel electrophoresis, where they will learn to load tiny wells with minute volumes of liquid to separate DNA fragments," said Briehn. "They'll be using restriction enzymes to cut DNA into segments, run the gel and then analyze the results, simulating the process used in DNA fingerprinting."

Briehn, who previously retired from Wallace State and joined St. Bernard Prep in 2023, is passionate about providing her students with real-world lab experiences. She said she is thankful to Wallace State for loaning the micropipettes, as purchasing these specialized instruments would otherwise strain the school's budget.

"These pipettes cost approximately $200 each, and while we have a few on loan, we really need a dozen of our own," Briehn explained. Thanks to a generous grant from Cullman Electric Cooperative, she has already secured funding for six new micropipettes.

For more information about St. Bernard Prep's biology program or to learn how to support the school's growing STEM initiatives, contact the administration office.



ST. BERNARD

Senior Madi Kerber works with one of the micropipettes during class.

Parade (from Front)

and Fifth and Ninth Streets Southwest. Line positions also indicate a participant's position in the parade, which will run north of Highway 31 from Seventh Street Southwest to Arnold Street Northwest.

"This is a big deal for us to start off with the parade and get the community fired up. The community really gets to see the highlights of their community and we all have a good time" said Lions Club President Chris Brooks.

Parking for the parade is free, but local businesses do have the right to restrict public access to private parking areas; be aware of any signage or boundaries that may indicate a private parking lot or area. The parade begins at 2 p.m. Get ready for lights, sirens beauty queens, marching bands and more – and of course, candy!

The parade is expected to run until 4:30.

Council (from Front)

2025 budget include:

- A 4% pay raise for all full-time City employees, and an annual pay supplement of $800 to be disbursed in November
- Absorption of increases to health, dental and Air Evac medical benefits for full-time employees
- No increase in residential sanitation, water and sewer rates
- $4,500,000 in sewer improvements to the Mann Basin
- $11,516,927 in projected local funding for Cullman City Schools
- $280,000 in information technology upgrades
- $519,426 for tourism-related costs, up over $95,000 from 2024
- Over $10 million dedicated to paving, the largest paving budget ever
- A streetscape project at Fourth Avenue and Fourth Street Southwest, and a neighborhood project on Logan Street Southwest, both funded by a combination of grants and local funds
- A $255,000 increase in funding for road construction and repair over 2024
- An increase of $1,858,151 for Cullman Regional Airport, mostly for equipment purchases
- Communications equipment upgrade for fire, police and dispatchers
- Five new police patrol units, and a $1.4 million multi-use fire truck
- New pay plans for fire and police with incentive plans for training
- Continuing development of the OmniPlex Sports and Civic Center, and development of the Community Theater
- Multiple upgrades to parks and recreation facilities across the city
- Upgraded county museum displays
- A citywide traffic study

The budget includes continuing support for several non-governmental organizations and local charities including:

- Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD)
- Cullman Area Mental Health Authority
- Cullman Regional
- Liberty Learning Foundation, Inc.
- Cullman Child Advocacy Center
- Good Samaritan Health Clinic
- The Link of Cullman County
- Victim Services of Cullman
- Cullman Community Band
- North Alabama Agriplex
- Cullman VFW Post 2214
- First Source for Women
- Cullman Caring for Kids
- Pilot Light, Inc.
- Hope Horses, Inc.
- United Way of Cullman County
- Childhaven

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.









Nov. 5 General Election sample ballots released

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Secretary of State Wes Allen recently announced that the sample ballots for the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election are now available on the Secretary of State's website at www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

"Sample ballots for all 67 counties have been made publicly available on our website, www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

"I would encourage all Alabamians to review these sample ballots as they get ready to head to the polls on Nov. 5," Allen said.

The Secretary of State's website has several features for Alabamians to use heading into the General Election.

"At www.AlabamaVotes.gov, Alabamians can register to vote with a valid Alabama driver license, verify their voter registration status, check their polling location and track their absentee ballot," Allen explained.

"My team and I work very hard to ensure that our website is a functional tool for all Alabamians to utilize as they prepare to go vote on Nov. 5."

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification before casting a ballot.

View the sample ballots at www.sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/2024-general-election-sample-ballots.

EMA (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) said the Cullman area could see as much as 5 inches of rain through this Saturday. Director Tim Sartin said with the strengthening of Hurricane Helene, the area could see more rain than has been predicted.

"We are also going to have some straight-line winds as well," Sartin said.

"We could have winds upwards of 30-40 mph. It is a good policy to remember that every storm is different.

"They may have some of the same features, but they are still different. Don't underestimate the danger if you've avoided impacts from previous storms.

"Don't wait; prepare today for the hazards expected later this week."

Sartin offered the following tips to residents:

- Bring in or secure any loose items like furniture, decorations or tools that could become projectiles
- Trim any tree limbs that might damage the house ahead of time
- Avoid going outside and being struck by flying debris
- Make sure your phone is charged in case you lose power
- Unplug electronics and appliances to prevent damage from power surges if the power goes out

To prepare for flooding, he said residents should:

- Make a plan for your household, including your pets, so that you and your family know what to do, where to go and what you will need to protect yourselves from flooding
- Learn and practice evacuation routes, shelter plans and flash flood response
- Gather enough supplies, including non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies and water, for several days, in case you must leave immediately or if services are cut off in your area
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container and create password-protected digital copies
- Protect your property and move valuables to higher levels
- Declutter drains and gutters, install check valves and consider a sump pump with a battery

To stay safe during flooding, residents should:

- Evacuate immediately if told to evacuate
- Never drive around barricades; local responders use them to safely direct traffic out of flooded areas
- Contact your health care provider if you are sick and need medical attention. Wait for further care instructions and shelter in place, if possible. If you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911.
- Listen to EAS, NOAA Weather Radio or local alerting systems for current emergency information and instructions regarding flooding
- Do not walk, swim or drive through flood waters. Turn around; don't drown!
- Stay off bridges over fast-moving water. Fast-moving water can wash bridges away without warning.
- Stay inside your car if it is trapped in rapidly moving water. Get on the roof if water is rising inside the car.
- Get to the highest level if trapped in a building. Only get on the roof if necessary and once there, signal for help. Do not climb into a closed attic to avoid getting trapped by rising floodwater.
- Learn your evacuation routes today in case you're directed to leave by local authorities due to a flood

According to Sartin, the key to storm safety is, "Don't wait. Communicate."

"Make your emergency plan today," he said. "Have a plan and practice it when it is not flooding so when it does flood you know what to do. Also, be mindful that it could take up to 30 days after you sign up for flood insurance to take effect.

"Download the Everbridge (app) to stay informed with updates from Cullman County EMA. Also, you can follow us on Facebook for updates."

LEGALS

NOTICE OF SALE

The following storage units contents will be sold at West Point Mini Storage, 5677 Co. Rd. 1114, Vinemont, AL 35179 at 10:00 A.M. on Sat. Oct. 5th: Units #107 & 99. We reserve the right to reject any or all offers.

Notice of Public Hearing for Removal of an Unsafe Structure

The Cullman City Council will hold a public hearing to hear, consider, and act upon all objections or protests, if any, for the removal of an unsafe structure located at 1509 Bower Drive SE, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on October 21st, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium of Cullman City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

PIN: 47443. Parcel number: 17-06-14-4-001-004.021.

Legal description: Lot Number 19 of Arbor East Subdivision, a subdivision that lies in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 14, Township 10, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama record in Map Book B-97-B.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JAMES MICHAEL OZIER, * **CASE NO. PC2024-307**
Deceased. *

Case# PC2024-307
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Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, AL
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NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
(SELF-PROVED WILL)

TO: JOHN K. OZIER, JENNIFER O. RUDULPH, JOAN OZIER SMITH AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF JAMES MICHAEL OZIER, DECEASED.

Petition for Probate of Will (Self-Proved Will) filed by Anita Jane Downs, Petitioner, by and through Attorney, Steven C. Smith. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter for the **20th day of November, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

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

Done this the 16th day of September, 2024.

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.

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for Petitioner
P.O. Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056-0398

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-213**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to BILLY E. SHAW, as Administrator, of the ESTATE OF JOHNNY HARVEY SHAW, deceased, on the 9th day of September, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

BILLY E. SHAW
Administrator

H. Doug Redd
Attorney for Petitioner
5343 Old Springville Road
Pinson, Al 35126

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 9th day of September, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
B.J.H.) CASE NO. JU 2023-106.02
A Minor Child, 08/04/2009)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the father of B.J.H. born to Denise Haynes on or about 08/04/2009, respond to the Petition by the 24th day of October, 2024, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 10th day of September, 2024

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

FILED IN OFFICE
SEP 10 2024
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

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 10th day of September, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

ESTATE OF) CASE NO. PC 2024-253
PAMELA R. KEY, DECEASED,) **PROBATE COURT**

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **DONDI SHARPTON,** on the 9th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Dondi Sharpton
DONDI SHARPTON
Personal Representative

Billy W. Jackson
BILLY W. JACKSON
Attorney for the Estate of PAMELA R. KEY, Deceased
JACKSON & WILLIAMS
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-739-2546
bjackson@jacksonwilliams.org

To: _____
Publisher of THE CULLMAN TIMES

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

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
CARLES LEMEUL FARR, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-123**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to SHIRLEY WILLIAMS FARR, as Personal Representative of the Estate of CARLES LEMEUL FARR, deceased, on the 25th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

SHIRLEY WILLIAMS FARR
Personal Representative

Melvin Hasting
Attorney for Personal Representative
407 2nd Avenue SW
Post Office Box 517
Cullman, Alabama 35056

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
LEROY POPE,) **Case Number: PC2023-381**
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama

In the matter of the Estate of Leroy Pope, Deceased

Letters Testamentary upon last will and testament of said decedent, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of September 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are required to file an itemized and verified statement of such claim in the office of the said Judge of Probate within six months from the above date, or said claim will be barred and payment prohibited.

Linda Pope
Personal Representative

Tonya C. Palmer
Attorney for Personal Representative
1939 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: Estate of
LEWIS NATE TERRY, CASE NO. PC2022-053
Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL, AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL and AMENDED PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CHARLCIE HENSLEY, LAURIE POUNDERS, JOSEPH TERRY, J.H. TERRY, DEBBIE SHEPARD, BEVERLY BELL, AND ELVIE PROCTOR, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES.

Petition for Probate of Will, Amended Petition for Probate of Will and Amended Petition for Probate of Will for the Estate of Lewis Nate Terry, Deceased, filed by Alvin Terry, Petitioner, through Attorney Melvin Hasting. A hearing on this matter has been rescheduled for the **20th day of November, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama

All Persons are hereby given notice to appear, and contest said petition if they think proper.

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

DONE this the 16th day of September, 2024.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
CHARLES J. MCCABE, **CASE NO.: PC 2023-345**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Deborah Ann McCabe Stam, Personal Representative of the Estate of Charles J. McCabe., deceased, on the 18th day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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

Deborah Ann McCabe Stam
Personal Representative

Charles L. Anderson
Anderson, Williams & Farrow, LLC
7515 Halcyon Pointe Drive
Montgomery, Alabama 36117

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

Please publish the above Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks and send an affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
B.J.H.) CASE NO. JU 2023-106.02
A Minor Child, 08/04/2009)

NOTICE

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Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 10th day of September 2024

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

FILED IN OFFICE
SEP 10 2024
LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY

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 10th day of September, 2024.
Lisa McSwain
Clerk of Circuit Court

City of Cullman proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — As it usually does each September, the City of Cullman has proclaimed October Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the city. However, this year at the proclamation signing by Mayor Woody Jacobs, many of Cullman's leaders and official organizations joined in the fight against domestic violence in the area.

Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) was on-hand to accept the proclamation, with Director Jessica Atchley noting the importance of the declaration. VSOC created a Domestic Violence Taskforce, a group of individuals and teams from local organizations and agencies including Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, Judge Chad Floyd, Cullman Police Department, Cullman County Sheriff's Office, local attorney and VSOC Board Member Annette Parker, the Department of Human Resources, Cullman EMS and Cullman Municipal Court.

"We want to show a collaborative effort with how prevalent it is in our area. According to the last statistics published, Cullman is actually 11th in the state for domestic violence," Atchley shared. "We really want to tell the (residents) of Cullman, 'Hey, everybody's here for you.'"

Each piece of the task force plays an integral role in the spotting and decrease of domestic violence, with each arm implementing measures and procedures for suspicions, accusations, arrests and court proceedings resulting from domestic violence. The task force covers most areas needed by victims looking to escape dangerous situations: law enforcement in the event of escalation, court staff and attorneys to assist with legal situations and DHR to ensure the safety and well-being of all parties involved, including children.

Victim Services of Cullman is located at 310 Third Ave. NE. and in addition to its immediate and transitional shelter, the local resource offers a wide panel of counseling options for survivors of any level of domestic violence, including parenting classes to help rebuild parenting relationships and counseling sessions for children who have been witnesses to or victims of domestic violence themselves. Court Advocates and supports are also available through VSOC. Contact the administrative office at 256-775-2600 or the 24-hour crisis line at 256-734-6100.



Monograms Plus celebrates 25 years with Girls' Day Out

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The brick and mortar may be brand spanking new, but the business it houses at 802 Main Ave. NE is a long-standing staple in the community. Monograms Plus held its Girls' Day Out on Saturday, Sept. 21, in celebration of 25 years in business, providing longtime customers and first time visitors an afternoon to remember.

The community came together in a big way to celebrate the curated emporium's momentous quarter-century anniversary with a day full of prizes, swag bags and important announcements for the future business owners of Cullman.

To make the day of sales, smiles and treats even sweeter, the first 50 people in line got to grab stuffed swag bags, scratch off gift cards for random dollar amounts and enter the "money pit" for a chance to grab extra Monograms Plus bucks.

Traffic on Main Avenue Northeast was unusual on the Saturday morning, with 100 people in line before the store opened and the very first person arriving at 4 a.m., an incredible six hours before the doors were unlocked.

Owner Lynsey Todd smiled and said, "We were so excited to arrive Saturday morning and see the long line of customers on the front porch."

Todd also hoped to make a true difference with the occasion, much like Monogram's Founder, Margaret Hamm. Todd has created and funded through Monograms Plus a $500 scholarship for women entering a business-related field or $500 toward a start-up business expense.

The entrepreneurial scholarship will be given out yearly each September in honor Hamm's legacy.

"We are very thankful that Margaret Hamm started this business 25 years ago in her garage, and to see what it has evolved into 25 years later is just miraculous," Todd shared.

"We are also incredibly grateful to all of our customers who have supported us along the way. Thank you, Cullman."



LYNSEY TODD

Monograms Plus celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024.

Run (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's Oktoberfest will host a special event for dog lovers during this year's festivities – OktoFURfest. The event will take place on Oct. 5, starting at 11 a.m., at the brand-new Tito's Wüffenplatz, a designated dog-friendly area at Oktoberfest. OktoFURfest will feature a variety of fun, pet-centered activities, including Wiener Dog Races, a costume contest and a parade. The Wiener Dog races will include six categories based on the dogs' ages and conditions: Lil' Smokies (0-1 year), Frankfurters (1-2 years), Bratwursts (3-4 years), Schnitzels (5-7 years), Knockwursts (8+ years) and Braunschweigers (special needs). Each division will have first-, second and third-place winners, with medals awarded to the top dogs. The division winners will compete in a final race to determine "The Fastest Wiener," with the winner receiving a trophy.

In addition to the races, the costume contest is open to any pet dressed in costume. OktoFURfest will conclude with a parade for all pets in attendance. All dogs must be kept on a leash when not racing, and owners will receive check-in information via text the week of the event. A registration fee of $5 is required for entry.

For more details or to register, visit https://register.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/wienerdograce. For more information on Cullman's Octoberfest, visit www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com or the Cullman Oktoberfest Facebook page.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 24-25

Joyce Annette Hammond, 92
Joyce Annette Hammond, age 92 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024. Joyce was born in Alabama on Aug. 20, 1932, to William Forest and Amelia Annette Rush Moncrief. She is preceded in death by her parents, 1st husband: Norman J. Reasonover Sr., 2nd husband: Albert A. "Billy" Hammond, brother: William R. Moncrief, sister-in-law: Bonnie R. Moncrief, grandson: Christopher Tackett, step-mother: Zadie Hays Moncrief, step-daughter: Billie Marie Aldridge. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be announced at at later date. Survivors are: daughters: Nancy Reasonover (Bob) Stretcher, Barbara Reasonover (Jerry) Hicks, Amy Hammond, sons: Marc (Jennifer) Reasonover, William (Kandi) Hammond, step-son: James (Lynn) Hammond, grandchildren: Kelly Hicks, Victoria Hammond, Erik Jennings, a host of nieces, nephews and other family. The family want to send a special thank you to the staff and residents of Summerford H&R for making the last 15 months so much better for Mom, especially Diane Helms, Albert Newton, Anita Stewart and the late Gayle Barley. You were great friends and you made her smile and laugh. The family request in lieu of flowers that donations be made to your favorite charity. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Mark Sidney Edens, 74
Mark Sidney Edens, age 74 of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away peacefully in his home on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, surrounded by his family. He was born May 13, 1950, to Eugene "Gene" Edens and Hazel Ruth Edens. Mark spent his early years in Jonesville, Virginia then moved to Mt. Carmel, Tennessee before transferring to Alabama. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Jaclyn Edens and son, Justin Edens. Survivors include his loving wife of 50 years, Sharon Edens; son, Jarrod Edens; daughter, Jessica Edens; grandchildren, Dylan Yankee, Fletcher Jennings, Ava Edens, Amelia Edens; daughter-in-law, Julie Jennings Edens; sister, Martha (Mike) Willis; brother, Rick (Shirleen) Edens; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, family and friends. Mark was a graduate of the University of Arkansas Montevallo with a degree in Forestry. He owned and operated a woodyard in Jonesville, Virginia until 1985 when he took a position with Louisiana Pacific until his retirement in 2017. Mark was a member of Desperation Church and a man of great faith and integrity. He will be dearly missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. We would like to show our appreciation to Gentiva Hospice for the care of Mark during this time. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Cancer Society or Parkinson's Foundation. Visitation will be held at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, from 6-8 p.m. Mark will then go back to his home town of Jonesville, VA for a visitation on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024, from noon - 2 p.m. at Jones Family Services in Jonesville, Virginia; followed by a graveside service at Lee Memorial Gardens at 2:30 p.m. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home and Powell Valley Funeral Home-Jones Family Services is in charge of arrangements.

Gary 'Don' Mitchell, 72
Gary "Don" Mitchell of Bremen, Alabama, passed away Sept. 21, 2024. Don is preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Edith Mitchell, and his father-in-law Robert Speegle. Don is survived by his wife Miranda Lashelle Mitchell, sons Chase, Chance "Haley," and Collin Speegle, grandchild Cameron Speegle, brothers David Edward and Kenneth Ray "Judy" Mitchell, brother-in-law Daniel "Kim" Speegle, mother-in-law Sandra Speegle and a host of extended family and friends. Don was a true family man as a loving brother, husband, and father. Don was a business owner of 20 years and a skilled mechanic. Don loved all types of sports, and would enjoy just about anything that was on. As a talented cook and what some would consider a "grill master," Don found joy in preparing delicious meals for his family. His warmth and dedication will be deeply missed. Services for Don will be held Sept. 25, 2024, in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel 1901 Second Avenue NW Cullman, AL, 35055. Family will receive friends for a visitation from noon until the service time at 2 p.m., with interment to follow at Cold Springs Church of Christ 8392 County Road 109, Bremen, AL, 35033. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Donna Sue Holloway, 63
Funeral service for Donna Sue Kilgo Holloway, age 63 of Cullman, is Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, at noon at Cullman Funeral Home. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 10 a.m. to noon and interment will be at Emeus Cemetery in Logan, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Donna was born Oct. 14, 1960, to Coy Kilgo and Ina Posey Kilgo. She passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She is preceded in death by her parents; son, Matthew David Holloway; aunts and uncles. She is survived by her husband of almost forty-one years, David Holloway; son Joshua Holloway (Maranda); one sister, Debra Kilgo; one grandchild, Corey David Holloway; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and family and friends. Donna is described by family as a wonderful wife, mother, and "Ne-ne". She was a good Christian woman and showed that daily with her love and devotion to God and her family. She had a quick-wit and was always laughing and smiling. Her personality was as vibrant as her red hair. She was truly loved by all who knew her. Pallbearers will be Allen Holloway, Brody Holloway, Randy Beavers, Joseph Beavers, Phillip Brewer, and Chad Hurst.

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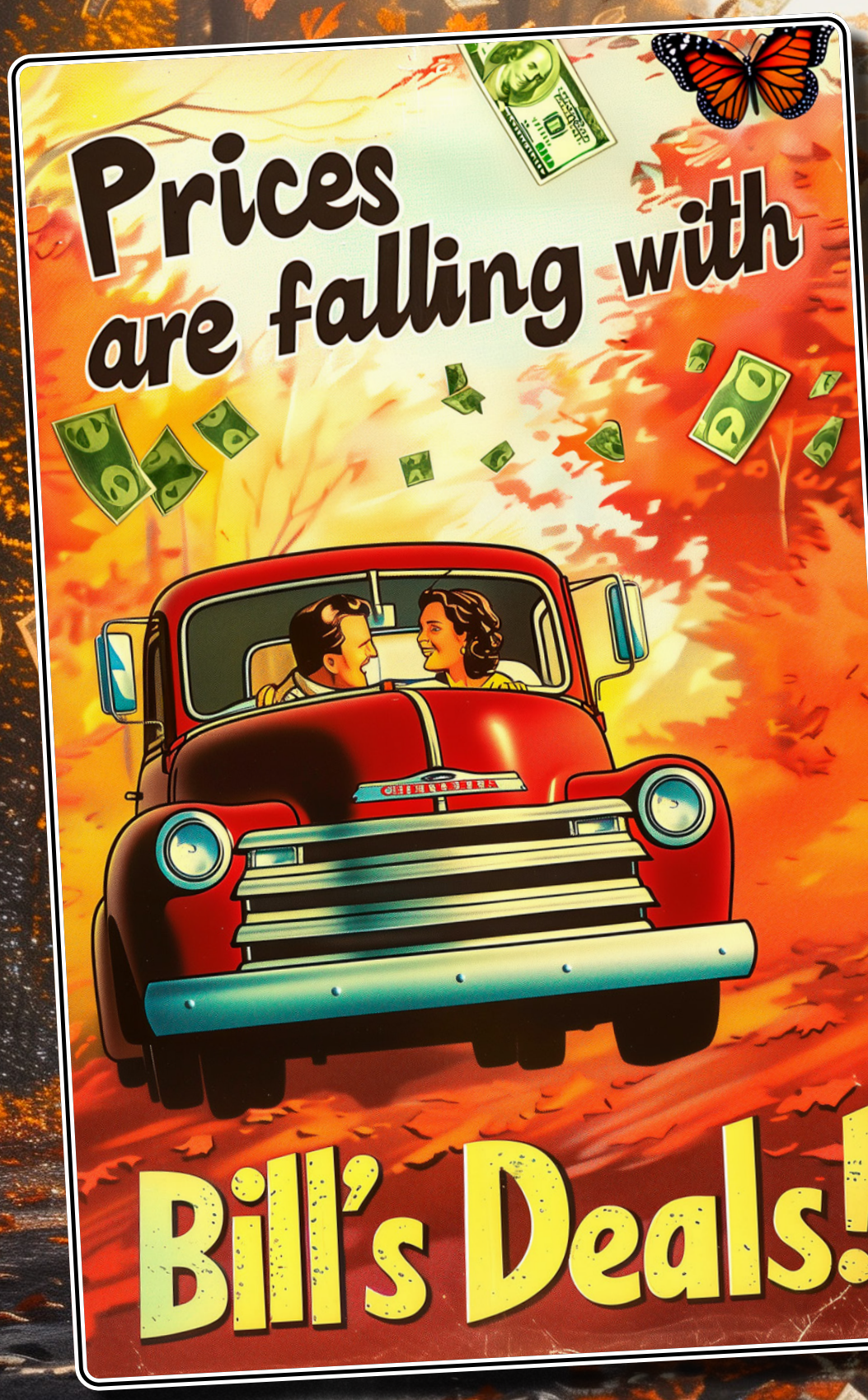
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