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Seniors get in the German spirit at Oktoberfest Senior Day

Cheyenne Sharp, Gauge Day

CULLMAN, Ala. — Each year when Oktoberfest rolls around, area seniors are treated to a day all their own. Oktoberfest Senior Day is a day designed for Cullman-area residents 50 and older and allows them a leisurely day of games, music and food.

Cullman County Commission Chairman Jeff Clemons was at Senior Day on Friday, Oct. 4, and on behalf of the commission, shared, "It was an honor to be at Senior Day at Oktoberfest. We want to thank the City of Cullman for working with us on this great event, and we want to thank all of the sponsors and volunteers for their hard work.

"We had over 388 seniors in attendance."

Stephanie Neal, senior coordinator at the Donald E. Green Active » PAGE 3



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Cullman-area seniors enjoy Oktoberfest Senior Day at the Festhalle on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024.

Oktoberfest happening through Saturday



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The keg was tapped, opening Cullman Oktoberfest on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024.

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Dirndls, lederhosen and Bavarian hats abounded on Thursday, Oct. 3, as Cullman Oktoberfest officially opened.

Opening ceremonies took place on the main stage that currently takes up one third of Arnold Street between Depot Park and the Cullman County Museum.

The entirety of the area stretching from Depot Park through the Warehouse District was covered with German food vendors with schnitzel, pretzels and brats on a stick, allowing festival-goers a taste of the culture while immersing themselves in the German festival.

Rev. John Richter led the ceremony's prayer, in the festival's native tongue, German, before the Cullman Community Band joined in the celebration. The band, made up of Cullman residents and those from surrounding areas, played the » PAGE 8

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Cullman County Fair in full swing



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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 4

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 4, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Sept. 30

- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1082
- domestic violence; CR 497
- harassing communications; CR 818
- theft of property; CR 1551
- trespassing; harassment; CR 71

Oct. 1

- domestic violence; CR 1579
- domestic violence; CR 1635
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; CR 616
- assault; CR 1579
- domestic violence; CR 1223
- shoplifting; Schwager Rd.
- theft of property; CR 1119
- domestic violence; CR 1223
- theft of property; CR 107
- gas drive off; Hwy. 31
- criminal mischief; CR 702
- domestic violence; criminal mischief; CR 702
- theft of property; CR 52

Oct. 2

- domestic violence; CR 1545
- domestic violence; CR 824
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- harassment; Cemetery Rd.
- domestic violence; CR 1488
- domestic violence; CR 1366

ARRESTS

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2

Anders, Jeremy K.; 32
- FTA – criminal mischief
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous

Carnes, Reese I.; 23
- PROBATION VIOLATION - assault-aggravated assault family-other weapon
- PROBATION VIOLATION – kidnapping-terror-adult

Dragon, Albert J.; 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs
- unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Duke, Keelen L.; 43
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia (4 counts)
- alcohol in a vehicle
- giving false identification to law enforcement
- drug trafficking
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Hicks, Justin T.; 31
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Hubbard, Ashley S.; 39
- FTA – assault-child abuse-simple-family
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – alcohol in a vehicle
- FTA – DUI (alcohol)

Hughes Jr., Edgar L.; 51
- GJ arrest warrant – theft
- GJ arrest warrant – theft-$500-less than $1500

Hutcheson, Misty M.; 48
- public intoxication

Oakes, Justin P.; 31
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Phillips, Patrick E.; 27
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – possession of dangerous drugs
- PROBATION VIOLATION – retail theft-3rd degree
- PROBATION VIOLATION – buying/receiving stolen property
- PROBATION VIOLATION – pistol on premises of another

Price, Jenifer N.; 37
- FTA – manufacture, use, sale, etc. of synthetic urine or urine additive

Smith, Heath M.; 43
- negotiating worthless instrument

Thomason, Charity L.; 46
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Washington, Nikki L.; 28
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Whitaker, Brian K.; 43
- FTA – burglary-residence-force



Wilson, Garry M.; 39
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – criminal trespass
- damage to '15 Ford Explorer; $500
- fraudulent use of debit/credit card; person; miscellaneous charges
- harassment; person; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Oct. 2 - Oct. 3

Pugh, James R.; 56
- criminal trespass-3rd degree
- unlawful possession/receving of controlled substance
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Fortenberry, Stephen B.; 39
- theft of property-4th degree

Hughes, Jordan A.; 29
- FTA - expired tag

Kaiser, Christopher B.; 39
- public intoxication

Waldrep, Katelyn J.; 28
- public intoxication

Akers, Isaiah L.; 24
- theft of property-4th degree

Graves, Kevin D.; 38
- criminal trespass

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

History (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, marked the 15th anniversary of the Cullman Oktoberfest Candlelight Walking Tour.

This year's tour focused on the 1940s, before and after World War II, and saw tour guides Michael Sullins and Julie Burks took on the personas of famous Cullman natives Annie Lola Price and Finis "Saint" St. John Jr.

The tour began with each participant receiving a choice of a candle or glowstick to light the walking path. Everyone gathered inside the historic Cullman Train Depot building to learn some county history and get a preview of the tour.

The tour started at the Depot, then traveled through the entertainment district and ended at the Cullman County Museum.

Along the way, guests heard tell of the massive winter storm that welcomed in the decade, Cullman's soldiers and sailors in the war, the fire that resulted in the loss of a city school and the growth in Cullman after World War II ended.

The tour also highlighted three of Cullman's most prominent residents during the decade:

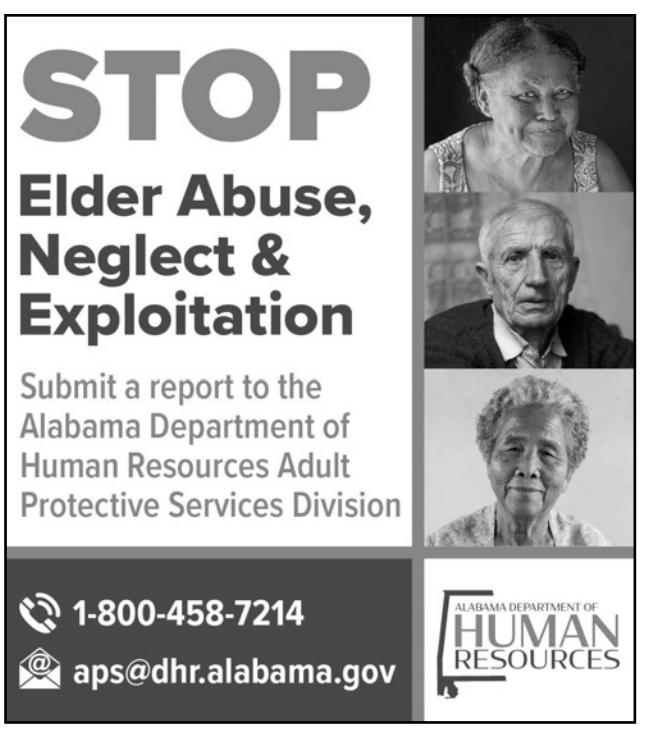
- "Big" Jim Folsom: Governor of Alabama from 1947-1951 and 1955-1959, the first Alabama governor who resided in Cullman

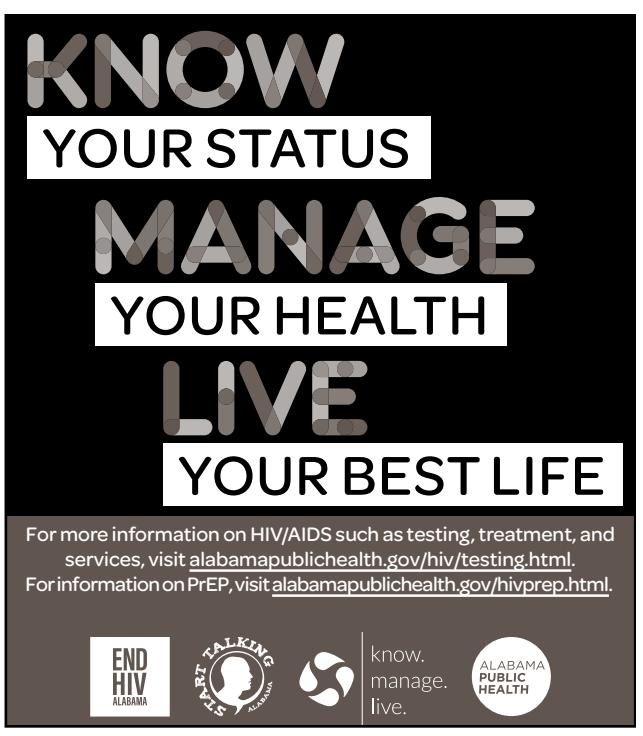
- Finis St. John, Jr., often referred to as "Saint": Attorney and Alabama state senator from 1939-1947. The St. John family holds the distinction of having four consecutive generations serving in statewide offices in Alabama.

- Annie Lola Price: Court reporter for the Eighth Judicial Circuit (1935-1947), the first woman to serve as a legal advisor to an Alabama Governor (1947-1951) and the first woman to serve on an Alabama appellate court (1951-1972)

Those interested in learning more about Cullman's history can visit the Cullman County Museum at 211 Second Ave. NE. The museum is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.













Seniors (from Front)

Adult Center, shared her enthusiasm for the event, saying, "We look forward to this event every year!"

Put on by the Cullman Commission on Aging and the Active Adult Center, Senior Day saw seniors from across the county piled into the Festhalle and treated to a grilled lunch provided and prepared by Walmart and lively polka tunes played by The Good Bellows, an eclectic grouping of musicians who play an equally eclectic grouping of instruments including cowbell, banjo, accordion and sousaphone.

"(Senior Day) gives our seniors a special day to enjoy the festivities of Oktoberfest. It's always a fun day for our seniors," said Neal.

Sponsored by Premier Bank of the South, bingo was a fun addition to this year's Senior Day.

The game's many prizes like gift cards, merchandise and cash left the seniors hopping with excitement when a bingo was made.

Seniors and individuals of all ages can enjoy Oktoberfest through Sat. Oct. 5.

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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
• Saturday, Oct. 5 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast and Foundry Farm community outreach
• Sunday, Oct. 6 - 2 p.m. Prayer service
• Sunday, Oct. 6 - 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.

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 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.

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Homecoming Service
Sunday, Oct. 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. We will start back singing about 1:30 p.m. We will have singing featuring The Williamsons from Oklahoma. Everyone is invited. All former pastors and members and their families have a special invitation to come. We will not have Sunday School or service that night. U.S. Highway 278 East, approximately 2 miles east of Holly Pond on the left. For more information, call 256-796-5968 or 256-590-1501.

Hyatt Family Reunion
Sunday, Oct. 20, from 1-4 p.m. at the Baileyton Senior Center, 195 Fire Station Road in Baileyton. Covered dish lunch. Bring any pictures or history you have.

St. Bernard Preparatory School Open House
Friday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This event provides an excellent opportunity to discover the academic, social and athletic programs offered at Alabama's only Catholic boarding school. Visitors will have the chance to meet current students, who will serve as ambassadors and tour guides, sharing their personal experiences and offering insight into life at St. Bernard, both as a day school and boarding school. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be available throughout the event. St. Bernard Prep is a co-educational boarding and day school serving grades seven through 12. Free registration and attendance: stbernardprep.com/open-house.

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Wallace State receives $1.8 M in grants for Workforce Development

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College recently announced that it has received almost $1.8 million in grants from the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) for Workforce Development.

The bulk of the funds, $1.1 million, was awarded to continue to provide career technical dual enrollment scholarships for area juniors and seniors.

These scholarships allow high school students to concurrently earn high school and college credits while training for in-demand careers in several technical and health science programs at the college.

The remainder of the funds will be distributed as follows:

• More than $158,000 will go toward CDL training in Oneonta. The funds will be used to purchase a new tractor/trailer to be stationed at Oneonta, allowing the program to run monthly in Blount County. With the support of Skills for Success, Blount County residents may complete CDL training free of charge.

• $142,000 to support capacity expansion of the Diesel Technology and Advanced Automotive Technology programs. Purchases from these funds include eight engine adaptor plates and seven internal combustion engines. This equipment enables multiple students to practice hands-on skills simultaneously. The grant application included support from Velocity Truck Centers, Truckworx and Bardy Kilmury Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

• Almost $140,000 to update Diagnostic Medical Sonography equipment to industry standard. Purchases will include two standard ultrasound machines, a portable ultrasound machine and an ergonomic vascular table. This proposal was supported by Huntsville Hospital.

• More than $133,000 to support the Mechatronics, Electronics and Robotics Technology program. These funds will be used to purchase two Fanuc CR 5iA Collaborative robots, which teach operators how to work with robots safely. They are operated using a simple touchscreen designed with drag-and-drop technology. The are ideal for manufacturers with little to no robotic experience. Such machines are already in use with Kamtek, REHAU and Topre, with at least three more WSCC supporting employers expected to adopt this technology within the next two years. The equipment will be used to train students and incumbent workers alike.

• $50,000 was provided to Wallace State Adult Education to continue its ability to offer Alabama Career Essentials (ACE) Certificates. ACE is a free training course designed by the ACCS to provide Alabamians with relevant, cutting-edge and industry-driven employability skills training to better prepare individuals for the Alabama workforce. These funds will be used to employ an ACE instructor at the Hanceville campus.

• $50,000 will support Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) exploration activities for area elementary, middle and high school students. These activities include the competitive STEAM Academy offered to area fifth graders, week-long annual STEAMmer Camps offered each summer and the VEX Robotics Competitions offered on the Hanceville campus each fall. This year, Wallace State will host the regional and state tournaments.

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COUNTY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Good Hope captures 4th consecutive county crown; Lady Raiders win JV championship

Nick Griffin, Sammy Confer
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The Good Hope Lady Raiders defeated West Point 3-0 to win their fourth consecutive county volleyball tournament championship.

HOLLY POND, Ala. — This year's County Volleyball Tournament finished up with a pair of championship matches Thursday night and for the fourth consecutive season, the Good Hope Lady Raiders claimed the county title. Good Hope swept West Point 3-0 in Thursday night's finals, led by tournament MVP Carley Adams. It was a good night for Good Hope in the JV division as well. The Lady Raiders topped West Point 2-1 to earn this year's JV championship.

Good Hope 3 – West Point 0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-12)

The opening set between the Raiders and Warriors was a tight one. Neither team could build more than a 2-point lead early on and the score was still knotted at 11 midway through the set. Trailing 20-19 late in the set, West Point was able to rally and pull ahead 22-21 at one point but Good Hope outscored the Warriors 4-0 the rest of the way and took a hard-fought first set 25-22.

The Raiders jumped out to a 4-1 lead to start the second set, but West Point battled back to tie things up at 10 as the set went on. That's when Good Hope took control, putting together a 9-1 run to pull ahead 19-11. The Raiders moved in front 23-14 and closed out the second set 25-17 to take a 2-0 lead in the match.

Good Hope was dominant in the third set, finishing strong with the county title on the line. The Raiders led 7-1 early on and stretched their lead to 17-8 later in the set. Good Hope continued pulling away and completed the sweep with a 25-12 win, collecting its fourth straight county championship.

2024 Cullman County All-Tournament Team

- Carley Adams, Good Hope (MVP)
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Jolee McHan, Good Hope
- Caselyn Whatley, Good Hope
- Caitlee Simmons, West Point
- Charlie Aris, West Point
- Laklin Shadix, West Point
- Carley Stephens, Vinemont
- Morgan Flanagan, Vinemont
- Whitney Quick, Fairview
- Kailyn Redding, Fairview
- Sadie Nail, Holly Pond
- Zoe Pitts, Hanceville
- Cloe Shelton, Cold Springs

2024 All-County Volleyball Team

- Caselyn Whatley, Good Hope
- Campbell Koch, Good Hope
- Charli Aris, West Point
- Laklin Shadix, West Point
- Patton Fell, West Point
- Abby Kuykendall, Vinemont
- Carley Stephens, Vinemont
- Morgan Flanagan, Vinemont
- Caroline Miller, Vinemont
- Kailyn Redding, Fairview
- Anna Strane, Fairview
- Allie Light, Cold Springs
- Makenzie Twilley, Hanceville
- Blakely Baggett, Holly Pond

2024 Samantha Perdue Award winner

- Karys Henderson, Hanceville

2024 Cullman County Youth Volleyball Association Scholarship recipients

- Cameron Baty, Cold Springs
- Anna Taylor, West Point
- Jolee McHan, Good Hope
- Carlee Stephens, Vinemont
- Alyssia Mitchell, Holly Pond
- Olivia Stallings, Hanceville
- Josie Earl, Fairview

Good Hope 2 – West Point 1 (26-24, 18-25, 15-10) (JV)

The first set was a back-and-forth affair between both teams. It was tied at three early on, but West Point was able to break it and take an 11-8 lead. That would be the biggest lead for either team in this set. The Lady Raiders went on a rally and ended up take a 14-12 lead, but the Lady Warriors scored the next four points to get the lead right back at 16-14. West Point held a slim 18-15 lead, but Good Hope tied things up at 18. It went back-and-forth in the last part of the set. The Lady Warriors took a 24-23 lead late in the set, but the Lady Raiders collected the final three points to help seal the 26-24 win.

The second set was like the first one. West Point held onto a 6-4 lead, but Good Hope would tie things up at seven. Both teams traded points for most of the set. The Lady Raiders cut it to 13-12, but the Lady Warriors scored the next four points to take a 17-12 lead. The Lady Raiders made it a 19-16 game later on in the set. West Point, though, went on a 6-2 run to close out the set, as they tied the series up at one with a 25-18 win over Good Hope to force a tiebreaker set.

Good Hope got out to a 3-1 lead in the third set. West Point, however, came back to tie it up at five. The Lady Raiders broke the tie in a big way, as they went on a 6-1 run to take an 11-6 lead. They stretched their lead to 14-7 and held off a late West Point rally to win the set, 15-10, and the JV county championship.

2024 All-County JV Team

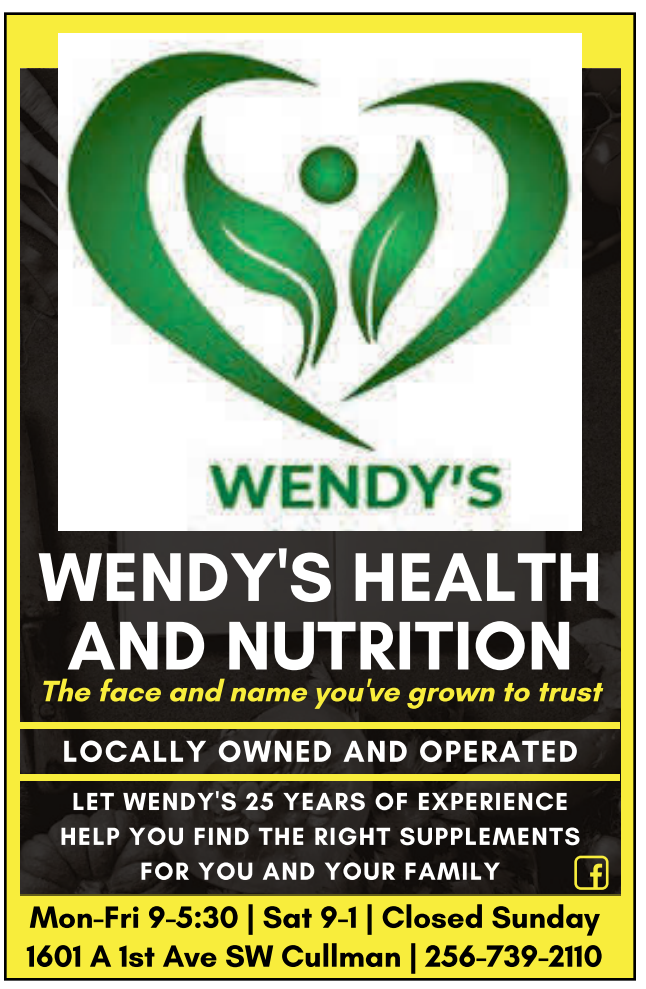
- Maggie O'Neil, Good Hope
- Calleigh Granger, Good Hope
- Kloe White, Good Hope
- Gracie Garmon, Good Hope
- Alaina Riggs, West Point
- Braley Phillips, West Point
- Chloe Hale, West Point
- Natalie Foell, Vinemont
- Lexi Link, Hanceville
- Josie Jones, Hanceville
- Mali Gregory, Fairview
- Acelyn Cruce, Fairview
- Anna Olinger, Holly Pond
- Ava Olinger, Holly Pond



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The Good Hope Lady Raiders defeated West Point 2-1 to win this year's JV county volleyball tournament championship.





Hunters reminded to keep safety at forefront this fall

ADCNR
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama hunters are apparently more aware of the safety aspects of climbing a tree during hunting season. During the 2023-2024 season, only six treestand accidents were reported, down significantly from the average.

Unfortunately, Alabama's two years without a hunting fatality ended with two this past season.

Michael Bloxom, hunter education coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, said the first fatality occurred during a duck hunting trip in January. The teenage victim pulled his shotgun out of the back seat of the truck with the muzzle pointing toward him when the shotgun discharged.

"That is a classic example of a common accident," Bloxom said. "Always have the muzzle pointed in a safe direction whether it's traveling, hunting, target shooting or whatever. And if you're traveling, it's better to keep the firearms unloaded and cased."

The second fatality occurred during a feral swine hunting trip at night in March when another teenage victim was shot by one of his hunting partners.

"They had shot a hog during a legal nighttime hunt," Bloxom said. "The rifle was slung on the shooter's shoulder, and they were walking to go get the hog. Apparently, the victim was walking behind. Somehow, that rifle slung around on the hunter's arm, pointed backwards and went off, striking the victim.

"One thing to point out with semi-automatic rifles or shotguns: Sometimes you think they're unloaded when actually another round has been cycled into the chamber.

"The best practice is to remove the magazine and cycle the action to make sure the chamber is clear."

Four other firearms-related accidents were nonfatal. One hunter was using a pull-up rope with the muzzle of the gun pointed up when it discharged. Two duck hunting accidents and one dove hunting accident occurred when hunters shot at low-flying birds.

The total of six treestand accidents is far lower than last year's 15 treestand accidents.

"Typically, two-thirds of all hunting accidents are treestand accidents," Bloxom said.

"We actually may be making some headway on getting people to wear their fall-arrest systems. That includes your safety harness and your safety line attached to the tree."

Bloxom said the incorrect assumption is that many treestand accidents occur using climbing treestands.

"Of our accidents this past season, three were hang-on stands and three were ladder stands," he said.

"Most people think climbers are more dangerous. I went back at our records and looked. In general, it's the hang-on and ladder stands. People can leave the hang-ons up for years and years.

"They really need to be taken down and inspected every season. I had one accident, and the hunter couldn't understand why it failed, but the stand had been up so long that the tree had actually grown around the chain securing the stand.

"The ladder-stand accidents tend to be because of improper installation. They've really got to hook that center strap or support bar in tight. Most of the instructions call for three people to install them. If you don't put that ladder stand up correctly, it can be a problem."

Although individuals who need to complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license have a variety of options to complete the course, Bloxom still thinks the in-person classes provide the most benefits. Visit www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/HunterEd for information and classes available. Anyone born on or after August 1, 1977, is required to complete an approved hunter education course. The hunter education courses are available for those 10 years and older.

"The online courses meet the IHEA-USA certification requirements and do a great job with consistent delivery and messages for those who prefer online learning," Bloxom said.

"However, for those who feel they need a bit more hands-on training, we're promoting our in-person classes. At the in-person classes they can interact with the instructors and ask questions. In our traditional classes, we try to find locations where we can have shotgun shooting or rifle shooting.

"In places where we can't do live fire, we have some nice pellet rifles with scopes that we use to teach shooting skills and safety skills. We have the orange Mossberg training guns that are non-firing that students can use and get hands-on experience.

"And the students have a chance to put on a safety harness. Some people claim it's too hard to put on, it takes too much time and it's uncomfortable.

"But we teach them they can have a safety harness on in a minute or less and possibly save their lives. I also urge the kids to bring their dads and granddads, because they, unfortunately, need the safety reminders."

WFF Hunter Education urges hunters to follow the 11 guidelines for using a treestand safely:

1. Always wear a safety harness, also known as a fall-arrest system, when you are in a treestand, as well as when climbing into or out of a treestand. Statistics show that the majority of treestand incidents occur while climbing in and out of a stand.

2. A safety strap should be attached to the tree to prevent you from falling more than 12 inches.

3. Always inspect the safety harness for signs of wear or damage before each use.

4. Follow all manufacturers' instructions for use of a safety harness and stand.

5. Follow the three-point rule of treestand safety. Always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder before moving. This could be two arms and one leg holding and stepping on the ladder or one arm and two legs in contact with the ladder before moving. Be cautious that rain, frost, ice or snow can cause steps to become extremely slippery. Check the security of the step before placing your weight on it.

6. Always hunt with a plan and, if possible, a buddy. Before you leave home, let others know your exact hunting location, when you plan to return and who is with you.

7. Always carry emergency signal devices such as a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, signal flare, PLD (personal locator device) and flashlight at all times and within reach even while you are suspended in your fall-arrest system. Watch for changing weather conditions. In the event of an incident, remain calm and seek help immediately.

8. Always select the proper tree for use with your treestand. Select a live, straight tree that fits within the size limits recommended in your treestand's instructions. Do not climb or place a treestand against a leaning tree.

9. Never leave a treestand installed for more than two weeks since damage could result from changing weather conditions and/or from other factors not obvious with a visual inspection.

10. Always use a haul line to pull up your gear and unloaded firearm or bow to your treestand once you have reached your desired hunting height. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree.

11. Always know your physical limitations. Don't take chances. Do not climb when impaired by drugs, alcohol or if you're sick or fatigued. If you start thinking about how high you are, stop climbing.

Bloxom also reminds hunters to review and follow the 10 commandments of firearms safety:

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

2. Control the muzzle of your firearm. Keep the barrel pointed in a safe direction. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not wish to shoot and insist that your shooting and hunting companions do the same.

3. Be sure of your target and beyond. Positively identify your target before you fire, and make sure no people, livestock, roads or buildings are beyond the target.

4. Never shoot at water or a hard, flat surface. A ricocheting bullet cannot be controlled.

5. Don't use a scope for target identification; use binoculars.

6. Never climb a tree, cross a fence or jump a ditch with a loaded firearm.

7. Store guns and ammunition separately. Store firearms under lock and key and use a gun case to transport firearms.

8. Make sure your barrel and action are clear of all obstructions.

9. Unload firearms when not in use. Never take someone else's word that a firearm is unloaded. Check yourself.

10. Avoid drugs and alcohol when hunting or shooting. Even some over-the-counter medicines can cause impairment.

For those interested in firearms instruction, WFF's Hunter Education Unit hosts multiple one-day courses teaching firearm safety and marksmanship. Go to www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-alabama-academy/firearms-101-introduction-handguns-and-shotguns and search for a course near you that provides assistance from certified firearms instructors.







Pumpkin: The fall superfood

Taylor Bonn and Carol Connell

Pumpkin is not only one of fall's staple foods, but it is also a superfood. It is nutrient dense and part of the winter squash family. Pumpkin is commonly thought of as a vegetable, but it is actually a fruit because it grows from a flower that requires pollination. By itself, raw pumpkin can be bitter. However, when combined with other foods, it can be made into tasty holiday treats and used to make savory dishes and snacks. You don't have to save pumpkin just for the fall season.

Buy it year-round

Although found fresh in the grocery store in early fall, pumpkin is available in stores year-round.

Pumpkin can be found in cans as pumpkin puree, which offers just as many nutritional benefits as fresh pumpkin does.

However, like any canned food, it is important to pay attention to the nutrition panel and look for added sugar and added salt labels. Try to purchase 100% pumpkin puree options to avoid any added ingredients sneaking into your foods.

Nutritional content

Pumpkin is a complex carbohydrate that is rich in nutrients. It is low in calories and high in fiber, which keeps one feeling full for longer and supports gut health. This vegetable also can help prevent blood sugar levels from spiking, which is especially important in diabetes.

Many essential vitamins—such as vitamin A, some B vitamins, vitamin C, vitamin E and vitamin K—and several minerals—like potassium, zinc, iron, copper and magnesium—are in pumpkin.

It is a source of other nourishing ingredients as well like beta-carotene, antioxidants, and omega-3 and omega–6 fatty acids. All these nutrients can help keep the body healthy in many ways.

Health benefits

Antioxidants and vitamin A in pumpkin protect the human body from inflammation and supports the immune system, which helps keep people from getting sick.

These nutrients can also help reduce the risk for chronic diseases like cancer and dementia. Antioxidants, along with fiber and vitamin C and K, are heart-healthy nutrients. Skin health may improve as well as pumpkin contains essential oils, vitamin C, carotenoids, and other nutrients, which help protect and moisturize the skin. Vitamin A-rich pumpkin also helps keep eyes healthy and protects vision.

Zinc can help with eye health and other processes like immune defense and wound healing. Iron in pumpkin assists in red blood cell formation. This supplies the human body with oxygen which, among many other things, is important for brain health.

Add pumpkin to your diet

Pumpkin can be included in many different meals and snacks throughout all seasons of the year. Some foods with pumpkin can be high in added sugar and salt, so it is important to remember to consume these foods in healthy amounts.

- Add pumpkin into your favorite roasted vegetable dish.
- Bake a pumpkin pie.
- Incorporate pumpkin puree or chopped pumpkin into your cozy fall soups and chilis.
- Make pumpkin spice pancakes for breakfast.
- Save the pumpkin seeds from your carved pumpkin and roast them. (Make it sweet with brown sugar or add some savory spices, like garlic powder and pepper.)
- Bake chocolate-chip pumpkin bread or muffins.
- Blend some pumpkin into your morning smoothie.

It should also be noted that pumpkin is high in potassium. Some individuals with health conditions like kidney disease, may need to monitor their potassium intake. Look out for pumpkin next time you go grocery shopping to add extra flavor and nutrition to your diet—especially this fall when it's fresh from the patches.

Fair (from Front)

Katie Spicer
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CULLMAN, Ala. — On Thursday, Oct. 3, crowds began lining up at the gates as early as 3:30 p.m. before Cullman County Fair Association President Charlie Chambers welcomed attendees to the 70th annual Cullman County Fair sponsored by the Cullman Lions Club. Paige Clabo opened the ceremony with the national anthem while the Cullman Fire Rescue Honor Guard hoisted the nation's flag. Chambers then introduced longtime fair manager, Jerry Bonner, who cut the ceremonial ribbon before the crowd poured in. The fair is open through Oct. 12. Get more info at www.cullmanfair.org.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 3-4

Mary Jean Kelso, 69

Mary Jean Kelso of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 1, 2024, at the age of 69. She was born in Cullman, Alabama, on Jan. 11, 1955, to Alton Gene and Mary Francis Phillips Gibbs. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be announced at a later date by the family. Survivors are: Husband: Edmin Leon Kelso, Daughter: Shelly (Jon) Turner, Sons: Garrett (Brandie) Kelso, Edwin (Wendy) Kelso, Nathan (Stephanie) Turner and several grandchildren and other family. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Karri Laine Oden, 56

Karri Laine Oden, age 56, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024. Karri is survived by her husband, Burtis Oden; her son Todd Eric Phillips; her son Joshua Wade Phillips (Juliane); and her son Blake Phillips (Halli); her mother Dianne Brock; her grandchild Kaleb Wade Phillips, her grandchild Asher Lee Phillips and her grandchild Ezra Shepherd Phillips. Karri was preceded in death by her father Harold Brock. A celebration of life visitation for Karri will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, from 1-2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055, followed by a a celebration of life funeral service at 2 p.m. Karri will be laid to rest in Fairview First Baptist Church Cemetery, 1022 Welcome Road, Cullman, Alabama, 35058.

Alton Wallace Pitzing, 88

Funeral Service for Alton Wallace Pitzing, age 88 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at Seventh Street Baptist Church with Eric Martin officiating; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pitzing passed away on Friday, Oct. 4, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Feb. 16, 1936, to Roy John Pitzing and Bertha Mae Hathcock Pitzing. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Pitzing He was survived by his wife, Patricia Pitzing; children, Kathy (Steve) Sides, Michael (Sara) Pitzing, Leah (Patrick) McClusky; sister, Gladys Barnett; and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Alton and Pat met in San Francisco in 1959, their 64th wedding anniversary will be celebrated on May 14, 2025. Mr. Pitzing was a long time member of Seventh Street Baptist Church, dedicated member of the Cullman Lions Club , and served in the military police for the United States Army. In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Seventh Street Baptist Church.

Kenneth "Kenno" Allen Bailey, 71

Kenneth "Kenno" Allen Bailey, age 71, passed away peacefully at his home in Holly Pond, Alabama, surrounded by his loved ones on Oct. 3, 2024. Kenneth was born June 22, 1953. He graduated from West Point High School. He is survived by the love of his life, Malissa, of 49 years. Together they enjoyed riding motorcycles and camping. Along with many memories, traveling together to Cades Cove and the Smoky Mountains. He is also survived by his son Bryan (Dana) Bailey; like a son Wesley Bennefield, his sister Elaine (Larry) Hagemore, his nieces Melissa Bailey and Shawn (Kasey) Nabors; great nephews Jacob and Jordan, and great nieces Arlie and Trinity. He is preceded in death by his parents, Averon and Della Bailey, his brother Carl Bailey, and nephew Stephen Kent. A celebration of life visitation will be held at Moss Service Funeral Home 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055, Sunday Oct. 6, 2024 from 5-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you enjoy a great meal in his memory. The family would like to thank Affinity Hospice for the care and support they have shown towards Kenneth.

Cyndi Hood, 65

Cyndi Hood, a virtuous and loving woman, passed away peacefully on Sept. 30, 2024. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother whose love was never-ending. Born on Feb. 3 1959, Cyndi Hood dedicated her life to her family and friends. She was known for her caring nature, hard work, and selflessness, always putting others before herself. Her home was a haven of warmth and kindness, where everyone felt welcome and loved. Cyndi Hood had a passion for camping and cherished every moment spent with her loved ones in the great outdoors. Her joy was found in the simple pleasures of life, surrounded by family and friends. She is survived by Husband Rick Hood, Sisters Penny and Judy, Children Richard Hood the 2nd, Lisa Tucker (Husband Dewayne) and Nikki Porter (Husband Brent). Grandchildren Gaea, Alee (Husband Garrett), Autumn, Rick Hood the 3rd Arianna, Blaklee, AJ, Auron, Brentley, Malachai and Great Grandchildren - Kylee, Rylee, Mathias. Her legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew her. A celebration of Cyndi Hood's life will be held on Oct. 5, at 1 p.m. at Addison Community Center. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Walnut Ridge Fire Department in Arkansas.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JOSH HERON,
PLAINTIFF,

v.

TAYLOR LINDSAY CARE,
DEFENDANT.

CASE No. CS-2024-900082

NOTICE OF FILING PETTION

To: Taylor Linday Care

The above listed Defendant, TAYLOR LINDSAY CARE, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer Plaintiff's PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF PATERNITY and CUSTODY by 9th day of NOVEMBER, 2024 or thereafter a judgment by default may be rendered against the Defendant in case No. CS-2024-90082, District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this 27th day of September, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk of Cullman County

Attorney for Plaintiff
Melvin Hasting
P.O. Box 517
Cullman, AL 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: ESTATE OF
MARY ALICE MOORE, Deceased. **CASE NO: PC 2024-**339

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to CHARLES W. MOORE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of MARY ALICE MOORE, Deceased, on the 27th 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.

CHARLES W. MOORE,
Personal Representative for the Estate of
Mary Alice Moore, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 669
Cullman, Alabama 35056
256-739-1962

STATE OF ALABAMA	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY	*	CASE NO. PC 2024-282

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JESSE JAMES JONES, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to David Lee Jones on the 3rd day of October, 2024, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

David Lee Jones
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of	*	
BILLY J. FULLER,	*	**CASE NO.: PC2024-351**
Deceased.	*	

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to YOGI CUTCHER, as Personal Representative of the Estate of BILLY J. FULLER, 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.

YOGI CUTCHER
Personal Representative

Betsy M. Harrison
Attorney for Personal Representative
Post Office Box 339
Double Springs, Alabama 35553

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
ELBERT MONROE LEE
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC 2024-326

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to JAMES C. LEE as Personal Representative of the Estate of ELBERT MONROE LEE, deceased, on the 19th 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.

James C. Lee
Personal Representative

J. Bradley Wilson
Baggett & Wilson, LLC
206 Ninth Street, Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, Alabama 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

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Boy on a hot tin roof

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



Mama had a mysterious situation. Her dried apples kept disappearing. Each day their number seemed to be less than it had been the day before. For some strange reason, she seemed to think I knew something about it. Mama must have thought I was extremely smart, because she came to me quite often for answers about things she didn't understand.

Mama called the place where we dried our apples "The Pump House." Dad called it "The Well House." Well, I figure both were correct, because our well was located in there as well as an electric pump for the well.

Our "Pump/Well House" was a multipurpose building. It was actually a good-sized, cement-block shed. It was tall enough for a grown person to stand up inside and large enough to house several items.

Our cats loved to hide out and snooze inside there, rather than on a hot tin roof. They loved to jump up and scream like their much larger cougar cousins when I opened the door. Mama scolded me for scaring them, when the truth was, they usually scared the bejeebers out of me!

I loved to push my favorite hybrid hound dog, named Big Pud, in there. I loved it much more than he did, especially when the cats were inside there. He often knocked me down as he tried to get back out through the door before it closed. He was faster than most wide receivers!

An occasional black-widow spider made her home there, and a red-wasp condo or two usually hung in the corners. The tin roof had a slight slope and served as the perfect place for drying apples. Mama would spread an old white sheet on top of the hot tin roof and completely cover it with slices of freshly cut apples. It was simply more temptation than I, or the birds in the trees, could withstand!

Directly behind the pump/well house were four apple trees. I don't know what kind of apples they produced, but two of them grew red apples, one yellow and one green. The green ones were tart and the yellow ones were sweet. We also had a cherry tree. Those cherries would put a pucker on your lips bigger than my Aunt Blanche's when she came near to smooch me on the cheek. I fell out of that cherry tree once and landed flat on my stomach.

It was like a belly flop off a diving board, but with no water beneath. I had never had the breath knocked out of me before, so I had no idea what was happening to me. Since I couldn't get my breath, it scared me half to death. I wasn't able to verbalize a prayer, but silently, I told the Lord I would surely see Him shortly!

When Mama caught me, red-handed, climbing up one of the apple trees and jumping over on top of the well/pump house, she hollered, "Put those apples down and climb down from up there!" I knew if I did, the "end" result might be worse than falling out of the cherry tree. I also realized I couldn't spend the night up there, so I might as well come on down and face the music.

Well, it's that time of year again when the apples are ripe and ready. I wish the pump/well house was still there, but even more so, I wish Mama was still here. How I would love to have one more of Mama's homemade fried apple pies. I would even be willing to climb up there and gather a few dried apples to make it happen.

Bro Billy Bob is a story-telling, song-singing, humorous ministry of Bill King. The character was created in 2002, by Bill King, for what he intended to be a one-time appearance at a Valentine banquet, at Gracewood Baptist Church, in Southaven, MS, where Bill served as pastor. Billy Bob has made more than 1,000 appearances since then, across many states in the U.S. Bill King is a multi-talented songwriter/musician who plays several instruments including guitar, banjo, harmonica, mandolin, ukulele, and a commode seat guitar. While Billy Bob's stories and songs are intended to bring a smile to your face, his deeper message is intended to touch your heart. Bill is an ordained Baptist minister. Prior to his retirement in local-church ministry, he served for 30 years as a pastor, and most recently retired after 15-years as a Baptist Director of Missions. He is also a published author of 10 books and writes a syndicated weekly-newspaper column. brobillybob.com

HISTORY

Files from yesteryear: 1930, 1936

From the files of 1930

The County Board of Education has moved into its newly remodeled building, which is one of the finest in the state.

Mrs. T.A. Smith had charge of the P.T.A. program on Tuesday.

A book week program was given and Mrs. M.H. Killingsworth and Mrs. Henry Meyer gave a report from the recent P.T.A. meeting.

From the files of 1936

The beloved preacher, Reverend B.E. Fulmer is pastor at Ebenezer this year.

School opened on Monday. Mr. Chaney and Misses Winn and Speegle are the teachers.

Miss Clyde Crider has accepted a position as secretary in the office of Clarence Keller, register of equity in the courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gunn left on Monday for Tampa, Florida, where Mr. Gunn has been transferred.

Miss Mozelle Nunnelly is teaching at Walter this year. She lives at Welcome.

Reverend Hunt of Holly Pond was Saturday guest of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Nunnelly.

C.T. Bailey, County Agent, is urging farmers to plant long staple cotton, far a better price at the selling place.

Mr. W.A. Nail of Bolte has a new pair of mules.

There is going to be a box supper at Bolte on Friday night for the benefit of the school.

Jerry Shafer and Glenna Eubanks were married on Saturday night.

A shower was given for Mrs. John Brown, at her home, on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Melba Bradford, of Baldwin, was the Sunday afternoon visitor of Miss Christine Styles.

There will be jobs available for 1,800 young men in the United States Army. There will be many ways to advance.

Red Cross is now doing a membership drive.

The Dwight Fullers are building a new home.

The Hanceville Lutheran Church was organized in the fall of 1885.

Western Auto has opened a new store in Cullman. The store is owned and operated by C.H. Grob, at First Avenue East.

Professor and Mrs. Joe Ray of Hanceville were in Cullman on Saturday.

Mrs. William Lessman is critically ill at her home on the Bremen Pike.

Colonel Thomas Millican, Ezra Williamson and Roy Ingle spent Monday in Scottsboro.

Mrs. Conrad Howard and Miss Trischel Cordes spent Tuesday in Birmingham.

POET'S CORNER

Departure | By: Randy C. Hale

I fear to let you go,
though I should anyway.
Takes more faith to part,
verses asking you to stay.

If I could see the future
and know it to be kind.
I might not fight to hold
you here another day in time.

The window of my soul
can't pull the blinds on you.
And trust that parting
would be the thing to do.

If I keep you here
one day might make a difference.
Awake to a new morning
with a blissful existence.

But that's not what is, likely,
to change this perfect storm.
Returning to a golden day,
recover and reform.

I fear to let you go,
though I should anyway.
Takes more faith to part,
verses asking you to stay.

CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

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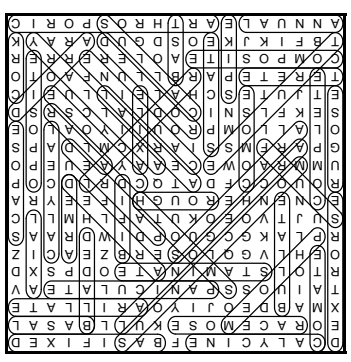
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Oktoberfest (from Front)

national anthem and the anthems of each branch of the U.S. military, all represented by area residents, including Mr. Roy Drinkard, who flew the United States Marines banner during the tribute.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, decked in German garb, spoke to the crowd and thanked Cullman City Council members for supporting the annual festival.

"I'm proud to be able to present this and our German heritage and keep this alive," he said.

Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, told the crowd, "Thank you for being here. We are excited about Oktoberfest when we celebrate our heritage, and that's what we're here to do for the rest of this weekend. Enjoy the beer and have a good time!"

As the ceremony moved closer to the main event, the tapping of the keg, 2023 Oktoberfest Burgermeister Dale Greer took the stage to welcome Burgermeisters past and this year's Burgermeister, Amy McAfee Wood.

"Ms. Amy McAfee Wood, will you come up here, please?" asked Greer as Wood came to share the stage with her son, Alex.

"Amy has been a champion of Cullman County for decades," Greer shared. Wood's family is prominent in Cullman. Her late father, Danny McAfee, was the founder of Cullman Cabinet and a proponent of boosting Cullman's economy and connection to its heritage.

Greer continued, "There is nobody more involved in a business standpoint or church standpoint or civic standpoint, always participating in everything everywhere."

Before tapping the keg (and emotions) with the mallet made by her late father, Wood addressed the audience, saying, "I would just like to welcome you all to the 2024 Oktoberfest and thank you all for coming out tonight, and hopefully tomorrow and tomorrow night and Saturday as well, to our three-day festival. We are looking so forward to the festivities that are about to begin."

Wood swung the mallet and sprayed the ale to signify the official commencement of the 2024 Oktoberfest celebration.

The event will continue throughout Cullman's Warehouse District and Depot Park area through Saturday, Oct. 5. See the full schedule of events at www.cullmanoktoberfestival.com/schedule-of-events.



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