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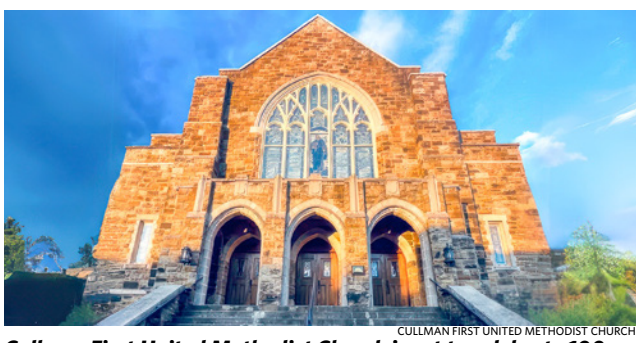
Cullman FUMC to celebrate sanctuary centennial Oct. 20

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman First United Methodist Church (FUMC) is set to celebrate a significant milestone in its history with a Centennial Sanctuary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. The event commemorates 100 years since the church began holding services in its current sanctuary.

Originally chartered in 1881, the church moved into the present sanctuary in the fall of 1924. For a century, it has served as a place of worship and community gathering, and church leaders believe this anniversary is an occasion worth celebrating.

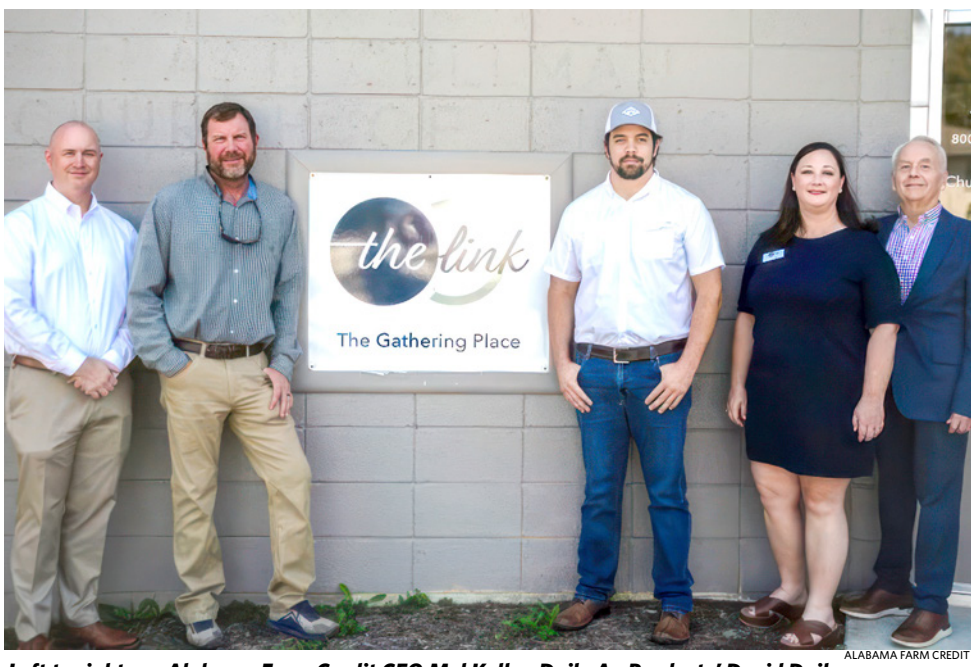
The service will feature honored guests from the church's past, with Rev. Mitchell Williams, » PAGE 3


CULLMAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Cullman First United Methodist Church is set to celebrate 100 years of worship in its current sanctuary with a celebration day on Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. Honored guests from the church's past will lead worship, and a fellowship meal will follow. All are welcome to attend this significant celebration.

The Pantry at The Link receives 802-pound food donation

Alabama Farm Credit champions partnership to fight hunger through local donation program



ALABAMA FARM CREDIT

Left to right are Alabama Farm Credit CEO Mel Koller, Daily Ag Products' David Daily, Weaver Meat Processing's Titus Weaver, The Link of Cullman County Executive Director Melissa Betts and The Link of Cullman County Board Member Jerry Smith.

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — Alabama Farm Credit is supporting an innovative partnership that unites farmers, processors and community members to reduce hunger across the state. Spearheaded by David Daily of Daily Ag Products and Titus Weaver of Weaver Meat Processing, this initiative encourages individuals to play a part in the fight against food insecurity while supporting local agriculture.

Through the program, when customers purchase locally sourced meat from Weaver Meat Processing, they have the option to donate portions of their order to area food banks. These contributions ensure high-quality, nutritious meat reaches families in need, while allowing donors to receive tax receipts for their generosity. Weaver Meat Processing prepares these donations for delivery, and on Oct. 10, a trailer of fresh meat was on its way to The Link of Cullman County for its food bank, The Pantry at The Link. Daily Ag Products donated 528 lbs. of beef and Weaver Processing donated 274 lbs. of breakfast sausage.

"This collaboration is about more than just food — it's about community, hope and making a difference together," said Mel Koller, CEO of Alabama Farm Credit.

"Our farmers and processors are the backbone of rural Alabama, and this program shows how we can all contribute to solving hunger while supporting local agriculture. Whether you're a farmer, a processor or a consumer buying meat for your home, everyone has the chance to help."

Said a media release, "Alabama Farm Credit recognizes the essential role agriculture plays in sustaining communities and is committed to initiatives that align with its values.

"This meat donation program not only addresses food insecurity but also supports sustainable, community-driven farming practices.

"Alabama Farm Credit encourages local businesses, farmers and consumers to get involved.

"By purchasing local meat and donating a portion to those in need, together we can build a stronger, more unified response to hunger."

For more information or to learn how you can participate or start a similar initiative, contact Melissa Betts at The Link of Cullman County at 256-775-0028.

Oct. 29 town hall at WSCC to discuss additional sales tax on medical cannabis

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Let's ride, witches

Les Dames Witches Ride coming Oct. 20


TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Witches will be out and about on Sunday, Oct. 20, as part of the Les Dames Cullman third annual Witches Ride. » PAGE 5

Cold Springs' Avery Gerstman crowned 2024 Cullman County Fair Queen



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cold Springs High School's Avery Gerstman was crowned 2024 Miss Cullman County Fair – or Cullman County Fair Queen, as the winner has been known for years – at the Cullman County Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024.

St. Bernard Prep hosts Fall Concert in Abbey Byre


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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 11, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No incidents reported.

ARRESTS
Oct. 7-9

Baker, Frank R.; 49
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Bohannon, Kathleen S.; 62
- FTA – illegal possession of prescription drugs

Brock Jr., Bobby J.; 66
- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Campbell, Owen B.; 18
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Chapman, Melissa S.; 44
- PROBATION VIOLATION – counterfeiting

Criscoe, James M.; 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- possession of dangerous drugs

Crosby, Brittney R.; 37
- obstructing justice using a false identity
- auto theft

Duncan, Devin S.; 24
- FTA – assault-aggravated assault-family-other weapon

Early, David A.; 28
- FTA – contributing to delinquency of minor

Edge, Ronald K.; 70
- harassing communications

Fraley, Nicholas L.; 54
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Gaddis, Tyler J.; 30
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Hollis, Candi L.; 36
- FTA – causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Holmes, George R.; 53
- assault-domestic-harassment-family

Hunter, Jonathan P.; 46
- FTA – promote prison contraband (drugs)
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Martin, Dannal J.; 40
- FTA – driving while license suspended

Martinez, Catalino I.; 37
- DUI (alcohol)

Murphy, Jerome L.; 38
- GJ – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Neely, Robin M.; 61
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Noe, Jennifer E.; 50
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- FTA – concealing stolen property, less than $500

Williams, Jonathan B.; 47
- sell/distribute methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS
Oct. 7
- domestic violence-3rd degree; person; Olive St. SW

Oct. 9
- criminal mischief; City of Cullman; damaged property; $230; Cleveland Ave. SW
- theft of property-1st degree; Farmers Home Furniture; trailer; $2,990; 2nd Ave. SW
- identity theft; person
- domestic violence-3rd degree; domestic violence-menacing; person; Hwy. 31 N

Oct. 10
- duty upon striking unattended vehicle; City of Cullman; damage to '17 Ford Explorer; $300

ARRESTS
Oct. 9-10

Criscoe, James M.; 36
- FTA – domestic violence-3rd degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
- attempt to elude
- criminal trespass-3rd degree (2 counts)
- public intoxication

Neely, Robin M.; 61
- FTA – driving while suspended (2 counts)
- FTA – switched tag
- FTA – insurance violation

Gaddis, Tyler J.; 30
- FTA – insurance violation

Duncan, Devin S.; 24
- theft of property-4th degree
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Copeland, Cameron K.; 26
- domestic violence-3rd degree
- domestic violence – menacing
- assault with bodily fluids

Cofield, Joseph C.; 36
- FTA – fail to yield
- FTA – driving while suspended

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

for
Interlocal Solid Waste Authority (ISWA)
Contract to Lease and Provide Operation of the ISWA Transfer Stations, Including Estill Springs Transfer Station and Fayetteville Transfer Station, and to Provide Transportation and Disposal Services for Solid Wastes

The Interlocal Solid Waste Authority (ISWA), composed of the City of Tullahoma, City of Shelbyville, and the Counties of Franklin, Lincoln, Moore and Bedford, and other members and participating entities, is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified persons for the purpose of selecting Contractor(s) with which to negotiate a professional services Contract(s) to Lease and Provide Operation of the ISWA Transfer Stations, including Estill Springs Transfer Station and Fayetteville Transfer Station, and to Provide Transportation and Disposal Services for Solid Wastes, as described more fully in the RFP that contemplates the transportation and disposal of solid waste for a period of no less than five (5) years beginning April 1, 2025, with the potential for renewal periods.

Proposals must be submitted to the ISWA as stated in the RFP. Proposals are due on or before **4:00 p.m. (CST) on October 23, 2024,** and will be valid for 180 days from the Proposal Due Date. All Proposals must contain a statement to this effect. Proposals not received pursuant to the submittal terms of the RFP will not be opened or reviewed.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the detailed Request for Proposal documentation at no charge by contacting:

Interlocal Solid Waste Authority
Carol Fulmer, Reg. Administrator
419 Joyce Lane
Winchester, TN 37398
carol@ISWArecycle.net

The ISWA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to waive irregularities. The ISWA reserves the right to withdraw its Request for Proposals at any time.

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Centennial (from Front)

a retired elder and former senior pastor at Cullman FUMC, and Rev. Jeff Moore, former youth director at the church and current family pastor at Epworth UMC in Huntsville, leading worship during the celebration.

The service will also include musical performances by local vocalist Paige Clabo.

Following the service, attendees are invited to enjoy a fellowship meal provided by the congregation and sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Cullman FUMC hopes this centennial celebration will not only be a reflection on its history, but also an opportunity for those who have been part of its journey to reconnect with the church.

"In the spirit of a homecoming, we hope you will reach out to friends and family, inviting them to help us honor our past as we look forward to a bright future," stated the announcement article shared with the church's congregation.

"Who knows, some may have wandered away from our church but would love to come home, and this homecoming celebration could be the first step.

"Remember our vision for ministry, we are a genuinely welcoming community where faith fuels positive change. Please plan to join us for this great day in the life of our church," the statement continued.

For more information about the Centennial Sanctuary Celebration or the church's upcoming events, contact the church at 256-734-6690 or visit www.cullmanfumc.com. Cullman FUMC is located at 320 Third St. SE.

All are welcome to attend this special day of remembrance and celebration.

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

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

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

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

Church Services: Spirit Life Church of GOD
• Spirit Life Church of GOD, 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Sunday, Oct. 13 - 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.
• Sunday, Oct. 13 - 5 p.m. Healing service
• Saturday, Oct. 19 - Drive-through food bank from 9-11 a.m.

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

TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly) Meetings
Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m., at the Donald E. Green Adult Active Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW. The first meeting is free. TOPS, a national program, is a hands-on/pounds-off approach to weight loss and management through weekly meetings providing information, accountability, support and encouragement where you make the changes that make sense to you.

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

Cullman Al-Anon Meetings
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of friends and family whose lives have been affected by alcoholism. The Cullman Serenity Al-Anon Group meets each Monday at noon at 1519 St. Joseph Dr. NE. There is also a Zoom meeting each Tuesday at noon. The Courage to Change Al-Anon Family Group meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church at 305 Arnold St. NE in the Carriage House, located between the church and the Arnold House on the corner. For more information call 256-734-2231 or 256-531-4429.

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

Cullman 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.

Chambers Family Reunion
Sunday, Nov. 3, at the Berlin Community Center (U.S. Highway 278 East), beginning at 11 a.m., with dinner at noon. Bring several of your favorite food dishes, family pictures, stories and other items that relate to the family past and present. Family friends are also invited. Contact Rodger Walling for furth information at 256-734-8235.



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Jacobs proclaims October 'Beef Month' in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed the month of October "Beef Month" in the city of Cullman. October has been designated as Beef Month since 1964 to recognize and promote the beef industry.

"Cullman County is known for its thriving beef industry and for being one of the top agricultural counties in Alabama," said Jacobs. "The beef cattle business is one of Cullman's top agricultural industries."

Jesse Crumbley, David Benefield and Terry Slaten from the Cullman County Cattlemen's Association were on-hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs.

The Cullman County Cattlemen's Association is a county chapter of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association, which was organized in 1944 to protect the interests and welfare of Alabama's cattlemen and the cattle industry.

The more than 400 members of Cullman County Cattlemen's Association, Cullman County Cattlewomen's Association and Cullman County Junior Cattlemen's Association sponsor and participate in events and activities throughout the year to promote the beef cattle industry in our county.

The beef cattle business in Cullman County is a $21.4 million industry that provides over 350 full-time jobs locally.

Cullman County currently ranks second in the state with over 55,000 head of cattle and calves.

"Cullman County's beef cattle industry is important to the City of Cullman" said Jacobs.



CITY OF CULLMAN

Left to right are Jesse Crumbley, Mayor Woody Jacobs, David Benefield and Terry Slaten.

"Each year, I and other local city, town and county officials sign the 'Farm-City Week' joint proclamation proclaiming 'Farm-City Week' to honor and recognize our county's agricultural industry and the cooperative partnerships formed between our urban and rural communities."

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WSCC ATHLETICS

Women's Tennis excels at ITA SE Regional Championships; Volleyball shines at Showdown on the Wabash Tournament

Special to The Tribune
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Women's Tennis team delivered impressive performances at the 2024 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) Southeast Regional Championships, held at Sand Mountain Park in Albertville from Sept. 27-29. With standout showings in both singles and doubles play, the Lady Lions secured multiple titles and set the stage for future national competition.

In doubles action, sophomore Noelle D'Angelillo of Orlando, Fla., and freshman Jaedyn Martin of Madison claimed the A draw doubles title. Their path to victory included hard-fought battles in the semifinals and finals, ultimately culminating in a 7-5, 6-3 win over Oxford College of Emory University's Lily Liu and Olha Los. With this victory, D'Angelillo and Martin earned an automatic bid to the Oracle ITA Cup in Rome, Ga., where they will compete against the top players in the nation.

The Lady Lions' success continued in singles play. Both D'Angelillo and Martin delivered strong performances throughout the tournament, with D'Angelillo taking home the A draw singles title after a series of commanding wins. Martin also impressed with her deep run, making it to the final round.

Both teams now look forward to the national stage, with D'Angelillo and Martin set to represent Wallace State alongside sophomore Zac Riley of Brisbane, Australia, and freshman Alexander Edley of Durban, South Africa, who also received an at-large bid for singles, at the Oracle ITA Cup from Oct. 10-13.

Wallace State Volleyball Sweeps Southwestern Illinois in Straight Sets (3-0)
The Wallace State Volleyball team kicked off the Showdown on the Wabash tournament hosted by Vincennes University with a 3-0 sweep over Southwestern Illinois College on Oct. 4.

Freshman Rachel Mecklenburg of Madison led the offense with 12 kills and 13 assists, adding 10 digs, two service aces and two block assists. Sophomore Chloe Jackson of Athens contributed seven kills, two service aces, two digs and two block assists.

Freshman Amanda Monge of Davenport, Fla., added 10 kills and 14 digs. Freshman Molly Shiflett of Corner tallied four kills, 14 digs, one service ace and one block assist.

Freshman Abby McDonald of Fairview led the defense with 13 digs. Freshman Ali Price of Rainsville added eight digs. Sophomore April Burgess of Alabaster chipped in with two kills, five digs and one block assist, while freshman Aliana Quesada of Orlando, Fla., contributed two digs to round out Wallace State's defensive effort.

Wallace State Volleyball Outlasts Vincennes in Five-Set Battle (3-2)
Wallace State pulled out a 3-2 victory over Vincennes University on Oct. 4 during the Showdown on the Wabash tournament.

Mecklenburg led the team with 20 kills, 21 assists, 18 digs, three service aces and two block assists. Jackson contributed 10 kills, two service aces, two digs and two block assists. Shiflett tallied nine kills, 11 digs and two service aces. Monge added 12 kills, 15 digs and two service aces.

McDonald led the defensive effort with 16 digs, while Price added seven digs. Freshman Ava Calvarese of Fairview and Quesada each tallied one dig, and Burgess chipped in with four digs to round out the team's defensive contributions.

Wallace State Volleyball Sweeps Wabash Valley in Straight Sets (3-0)
Wallace State secured another 3-0 sweep, this time against Wabash Valley College, on Oct. 5 during the Showdown on the Wabash tournament. The Lady Lions won with set scores of 25-22, 25-14 and 25-21.

Jackson led the offense with 12 kills, adding one service ace, one solo block and one block assist. Monge contributed 11 kills, 10 digs and one assist. Mecklenburg added eight kills, 12 assists, six digs and one service ace. Shiflett tallied three kills, nine digs and two service aces, providing key support in the back row.

McDonald anchored the defense with five digs, two service aces and two assists. Price added six digs and one service ace. Burgess and Quesada each chipped in with two digs, while freshman Kailey Dickerson of Wellington tallied six digs.



WSCC
The Wallace State Women's Tennis Team competed at the ITA Southeast Regional Championships Sept. 27-29.

Wallace State Volleyball Claims 3-0 Victory Over Edison State (3-0)
Wallace State closed its strong performance at the Showdown on the Wabash tournament with a 3-0 win over Edison State Community College on Oct. 5. The Lady Lions secured the victory with set scores of 25-20, 25-18 and 25-7.

Jackson led the offense with 15 kills, contributing two digs in the match. Mecklenburg followed with 11 kills, nine digs, two assists and one service ace.

Dickerson added seven kills and four digs, while Monge contributed six kills and 11 digs.

McDonald provided strong support with 14 digs, four assists and three service aces. Price tallied seven digs, Shiflett tallied four digs and freshman Amelia Fowler of Sardis City recorded 2 digs. Burgess, Calvarese and Quesada each chipped in with one dig to round out Wallace State's defense.

WSCC ATHLETICS

Men's Golf earns runner-up finish at Calhoun Fall Invitational; Volleyball sweeps Lawson State; Lindeman and Mecklenburg named ACCC Players of the Week

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WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Wallace State Men's Golf team continued their strong season with a second-place finish at the Calhoun Fall Invitational, hosted by Calhoun Community College at Burningtree Country Club in Decatur, on Oct. 6-8.

Wallace State battled through three rounds to secure their runner-up spot in a competitive field of 11 teams, posting a total score of +15. The Lions shot an impressive -2 in the opening round, followed by +7 and +10 in rounds two and three, respectively.

Sophomore Cole Lindeman of Priceville led the charge for Wallace State, finishing first overall with a stellar performance, shooting -4 for the tournament. Lindeman's consistency was on display throughout, as he posted an even-par 72 in the first round and finished with back-to-back rounds of -2.

Freshman Tristan Tidemann of Chanhassen, Minn., and sophomore Sam Mitchell of Pottstown, Pa., both put together strong showings, each shooting +6 overall to finish tied for seventh place. Tidemann opened the tournament with an impressive -2 in the first round and bounced back in round three with a -1, while Mitchell maintained steady form with a -2 in round one and finished the weekend strong.

Sophomore Nick Cook of Enterprise finished 16th overall, shooting +9 for the tournament. Cook's best round came in round two, where he posted a -1, helping keep the Lions in contention.


WSCC
Wallace State's Cole Lindeman (left) and Rachel Mecklenburg (right) were each named ACCC Players of the Week.

Rounding out the team's efforts, freshman Dylan Hunt of Essex, U.K., contributed with rounds of +6, +7, and +11.

Lindeman Earns ACCC Men's Golf Player of the Week Honors
This week, Lindeman was named as the Men's Golf Player of the Week by the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) for his third-place finish at the Chuck Kalanick Memorial Tournament. Lindeman posted a three-round total of -2, helping lead the Lions to a second-place overall finish.

Wallace State will next compete at the Turtle Point Invitational, an NCAA Division I tournament hosted by the University of North Alabama, at the Turtle Point Yacht & Country Club in Killen on Oct. 13-15.

Wallace State Volleyball Sweeps Lawson State
The Wallace State Volleyball team earned a 3-0 sweep over Lawson State Community College on Oct. 9, with set scores of 25-12, 25-16 and 25-18. The Lady Lions delivered a balanced attack, with multiple players making key contributions.

Sophomore Chloe Jackson of Athens led the team with 12 kills and two service aces, while freshman Amanda Monge of Davenport, Fla., added 11 kills, 10 digs and one block. Freshman Rachel Mecklenburg of Madison recorded six kills, seven digs, 16 assists and one block, providing solid play both offensively and defensively. Freshman Molly Shiflett of Corner contributed six kills, four digs, one assist and four aces to round out the attack.

Freshman Ali Price of Rainsville tallied 15 assists and two digs. Freshman Abby McDonald of Fairview recorded eight digs, four assists, one kill and two aces. Sophomore April Burgess of Alabaster and freshman Kailey Dickerson of Wellington each added one kill, with Burgess also contributing two digs.

Mecklenburg Earns ACCC Volleyball Offensive Player of the Week Honors
This week, Mecklenburg was named as the Volleyball Offensive Player of the Week by the ACCC for her outstanding performances. Mecklenburg tallied 61 kills (3.58 per set), 71 assists (4.17 per set), 10 aces, 48 digs and 12 blocks, making a significant impact on both sides of the net.

The team will next compete at the Snead State Invitational Tournament in Boaz on Oct. 12 and 13. They will face Northeast Mississippi Community College at 2 p.m. and Jones College at 6 p.m. on Friday, followed by matches against Pearl River Community College at 11 a.m. and Walters State Community College at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The Wallace State Volleyball team is currently 25-8.

Tax (from Front)

Special to The Cullman Tribune

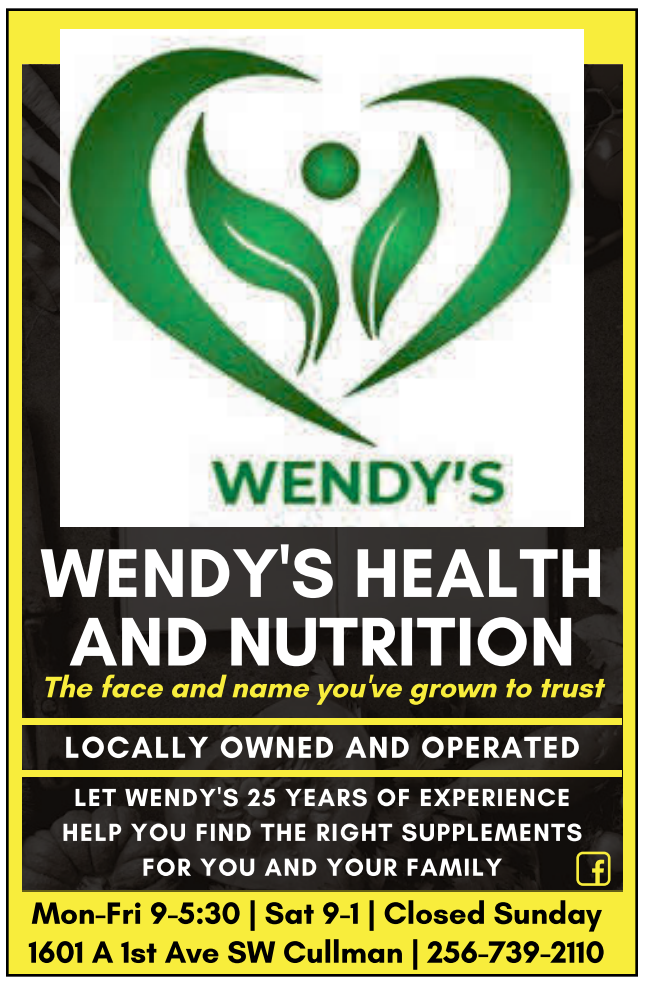
HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Wallace State Community College will host a town hall meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m., in the auditorium of the James C. Bailey Center. The meeting will be for public discussion on Local Amendment 1, which will appear on Cullman County ballot on Nov. 5. The event will be led by Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker; WellStone COO Chris Van Dyke and Cullman County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Capt. Ed Potter.

Local Amendment 1 proposes an additional 15% sales tax on the sales of medical cannabis products, in addition to all other sales taxes currently imposed by law. Medical cannabis products refer to any product lawfully sold in the county in a dispensary licensed by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission. Those voting yes on the amendment are choosing to vote for the tax, while those voting no would be voting against the tax.

Proceeds from the tax will be split between the Cullman County District Attorney's Office and the Cullman County legislative delegation. The bill indicates the district attorney's office will get 67% of the proceeds to use for personnel purposes. The remaining 33% will be used at the discretion of the legislative delegation for mental health issues.

The bill allowing the vote was signed into law May 24, 2023, and was sponsored Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope; Rep. Tim Wadsworth, R-Arley; and Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview.

The Oct. 29 meeting is open to the public.



St. Bernard students join hurricane relief effort for rural Georgia

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — Students and faculty at St. Bernard Preparatory School have mobilized to support hurricane relief efforts, with a focus on aiding the storm-ravaged community of Kite, Georgia. Jonathan Farley, St. Bernard's music instructor, is coordinating the initiative alongside his aunt, Jamie Hutchins, with the assistance of Betty Jo Vincent and her family, owners of Vincent Furniture.

The relief response has been overwhelming, with families, local businesses and churches working together to bring much-needed supplies to Kite.

The rural area was devastated by hurricane-force winds reaching 109 mph, leaving the community without power or water for over nine days. While a mobile laundry service has been established, they are running low on essential supplies like detergent.

"We are so grateful for everyone who has contributed so far," said Farley. "Initially, the supplies were set to be sent to North Carolina, but due to the abundance of donations there, we are redirecting efforts to Kite, Georgia."

In Kite, Light House Ministries will serve as the distribution center, with Amanda Harry acting as the local point of contact for coordinating the relief efforts.

St. Bernard students have played a key role in organizing, loading and collecting supplies. Their efforts represent the school's values of service, leadership and community outreach.



ST. BERNARD

St. Bernard Prep junior Daniel Pichardo helps load supplies to be delivered to hurricane victims.

Cullman Tractor Supply hosting 4 family events Oct. 19

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman Tractor Supply is set to host a full day of community-focused events on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. With four exciting activities lined up, there's something for everyone, from pet lovers to crafters and those looking to support local vendors. All four events will take place in parallel making it easy for attendees to check everything out.

Starting at 9 a.m., Tractor Supply will offer a pet photo shoot, where customers can bring their animals, costumed or not, for professional photos taken by a local photographer.

The first 25 participants will receive a free magnetic picture frame.

Cullman County 4-H, Cullman High School FFA and Cullman Middle School FFA will also be present to join in the fun.

"At Tractor Supply, we understand that pets are a part of the family.

"That's why we're excited to host an event that will create Halloween memories for pet owners and animals alike," shared Seth Johnson, manager of the Cullman Tractor Supply store.

Alongside the photo shoot, the store will host a kid's craft event where young customers can create farm-themed picture frames, decorating them with stickers and other colorful items. This craft activity will be available while supplies last.

The Cullman County Master Gardeners will be onsite to engage with attendees during the craft event.

For animal lovers looking to add a new member to the family, Tractor Supply will also hold a pet adoption event with the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

"As an active advocate and supporter of pet rescue and adoption, Tractor Supply strives to inform our customers of the pet adoption process by providing a safe and comfortable space for placing adorable animals in welcoming homes," said Johnson.

Lastly, customers can visit the farmers market, where local artisans will offer arts and crafts, and there will be homemade goods and a food truck.

"This is a great opportunity for members of our community to support local farmers while also getting to enjoy deliciously fresh food," Johnson added.

For more information, call Cullman Tractor Supply at 256-775-4445. Visit the store Oct. 19 to enjoy the festivities.

Cullman Tractor Supply is located at 1731 Second Ave. SW.

Witches (from Front)

Cheyenne Sharp
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CULLMAN, Ala. — Sunday, Oct. 20, will see myriad "witches" descend on downtown Cullman's Warehouse District – for a good cause.

"Period poverty" is a relatively new term, bringing awareness to the uncomfortable reality that many families with young women in the Cullman area face: the inability to provide adequate sanitary supplies for menstrual needs.

Les Dames Cullman is a local nonprofit looking to bridge that gap between young ladies and needed hygiene supplies.

To break those barriers, the organization provides pads and tampons to students in Cullman area schools completely free of charge through dispensers installed in various bathrooms at every area high school.

The Les Dames Witches Ride is a fundraiser that supports the effort.

Les Dames Cullman Executive Director Katherine Anderson shared, "On Oct. 20, we are hosting the third annual Witches Ride fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year."

During the Witches Ride, individuals and groups from local organizations, businesses and clubs don their pointy hats and warm up the brooms (bikes, ATVs or other vehicles; walking participants are welcome) and parade through Cullman's Warehouse District for a show like no other.

Funds raised from the ride come directly from the $50 per witch entry fee. That same $50 will also provide one local girl with period products for an entire year.

Said Anderson, "We have found that one in three girls in Cullman cannot afford the products they need every month, which leads to absenteeism, insecurity and embarrassment in school."

The witches will "fly" Sunday, Oct. 20, beginning at 2 p.m., throughout Cullman's Warehouse District.

There will also be inflatables, food trucks, live music, candy and special witch brewed beverages for children – and brews with extra magic for adults.

Sign up to participate in the ride and get more info at www.lesdamescullman.com/ride.

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Guy Hunt Library hosting book signing with Marlena Smith Oct. 24

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HOLLY POND, Ala. — Holly Pond's Guy Hunt Library has a special event lined up for Oct. 24, at 10:30 a.m. – a special book signing with local author Marlena Smith.

A 2004 Holly Pond High School graduate, Smith has deep roots in the community and has been writing since she was in grade school.

Librarian Shiela Wilhite said Smith draws inspiration from her own small-town life and crafts heartfelt stories of love and community.

"Reading is an essential skill that plays a critical role in lifelong functioning," Wilhite said.

"Book signings provide a wonderful opportunity to encourage readers to explore new adventures within the pages of a book.

"For the library, these events add a fun, interactive element that allows patrons to meet authors and perhaps discover new resources available at the library.

"Authors, who pour their hearts into creating stories across all genres, relish the chance to connect with readers at book signings, sharing their passion and dedication to their craft."

Wilhite said Smith has had a deep love for writing since a very young age. She lives just a short distance from the Guy Hunt Library, making her a cherished local author.

"Marlena Smith reached out to the Guy Hunt Library in May about doing a book signing," Wilhite said.

"After communicating over the busy summer months, we were able to schedule her book signing for Oct. 24.

"The library is excited to host this event for Marlena and provide patrons with the opportunity to discover some great new reads."

Smith's books include "Ella," "The Intruder," "A Momentary Glance" and "The Power of Love." Both are clean romance novellas that reflect the charm and warmth of her experiences. Smith spends her days working with churches to help them grow, and her nights weaving tales that resonate with readers.

Meet Smith Thursday, Oct. 24, at 10:30 a.m. at the Guy Hunt Library at 60 Lions Park Road in Holly Pond.

Concert (from Front)

Joyce Nix
St. Bernard

CULLMAN, Ala. — St. Bernard Preparatory School held its Fall Concert on Oct. 9, in the historic Abbey Byre, delighting the audience with a diverse musical program that highlighted student talent and dedication. The event, attended by faculty, students and families, was opened with a prayer by Fr. Linus Klucsarits, chaplain of St. Bernard Prep.

The concert highlighted the musical accomplishments of 53 students, many of whom performed for the first time.

The evening began with Dr. Craig Mann introducing the Appalachian Dulcimer Instrument Class, which performed a series of beloved pieces, including "Beach Spring," "Oh Susanna" — featuring a solo by Emilie Gutowski — "Immaculate Mary," "Amazing Grace" and a duet of "Can't Help Falling in Love" by AC Douglas and Dr. Mann.

Under the direction of Mr. Jonathon Farley, the Concert Band performed renditions of "Midnight Mission," "Midnight Sky," "Midnight Madness," "Pure Imagination" and "Afterburn."

The Choir, led by Sr. Therese Lopez, followed with renditions of sacred music, including "Ave Verum," "Ave Maria" and "Ubi Caritas," filling the Abbey Byre with reverence and peace.

Farley returned to the stage with the Jazz Band, energizing the room with performances of "Watermelon Man," "Green Onions" and "Georgia on My Mind," featuring solos by Gutowski and Joey Shadowens. The Jazz Band rounded out its set with "Brazil" and "25 or 6 to 4," with solos by Sara Woods and Shadowens.

Fr. Linus concluded the evening by applauding both the students and instructors who guided them. He expressed his gratitude, saying, "For many of these students, this year is their first time touching an instrument or singing, and they have impressed us all."

Fr. Linus closed the concert with a final prayer and thanked everyone for attending.

The delightful concert set the tone for an exciting year of music at St. Bernard Prep

St. Bernard is currently accepting students for Semester II of the 2024-25 academic year. Visit www.stbernardprep.com or contact the Admissions Office at 256-739-6682.



NOTICE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

GENERAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION NOVEMBER 5, 2024

State of Alabama
Cullman County Probate
Office Elections

TO: All Cullman County Voters

There will be a School of Instruction held for all election workers in Cullman County on October 16th, 17th, 22nd, & 23rd between the hours of 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM, pursuant to *Ala. Code §17-8-9 (a)*. All election workers selected by the Appointing Board are required to attend a School of Instruction.

Thank you for your service.

Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate
Cullman County

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JASON ALLEN TITTLE, * **CASE NO.: PC2024-355**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to DIANA TITTLE as Administrator of the Estate of JASON ALLEN TITTLE, deceased, on the 10th day of October, 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.

DIANA TITTLE
Administrator

Nelson Allen
Attorney for Administrator
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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 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

NOTICE OF CIVIL LEGAL ACTION

David Gibbs and/or Chastin Gibbs, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Complaint of Advanced Poultry Equipment and Supply, Inc. by December 2, 2024, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against them individually and severally in Case No. 25-SM-2024-900446, Small Claims Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Shane Hanrahan
P.O. Box 758
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Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and K & M Electrical Contractors have completed their portion of the construction phase of the City of Cullman RTP Palomino RV Resort Trail Improvement Project (22-RT-55-02). As part of this project the city extended, paved, and installed lighting along the trail. Rogers Group, Chilton Contractors, and K & M Electrical Contractors hereby give Notice of Completion of the above referenced project. Any person or party having an unpaid claim against the Contractors listed above for supplying labor, materials, supplies or workmanship on this project should notify the City of Cullman Engineering Department, 204 2nd Avenue, NE, Cullman, Alabama 35056 or by phone at 256-775-7109 within the next thirty days.

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
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Cullman, Alabama 35056
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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
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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

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)
LORENA M. MALONEY,) **CASE NO:** PC2024-360
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of October, 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.

Christian Alan Maloney
Christian Alan Maloney, Co-Executor of the
Estate of Lorena M. Maloney, deceased

Timothy Brian Maloney
Timothy Brian Maloney, Co-Executor of the
Estate of Lorena M. Maloney, deceased

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To: Publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*

PLEASE PUBLISH THE ABOVE NOTICE THREE (3) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN SAID NEWSPAPER.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

STATE OF ALABAMA
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Regular Session enacted Act No. 2023-255 (HB469), which ordered an election to be held on a proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 relating to Cullman County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, to be published once a week for four successive weeks preceding the date appointed for the election in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in the county affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, an election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama, in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-255

(a) Effective on the first day of the second month after the ratification of this amendment, there is levied, in addition to all other taxes of every kind now imposed by law, an additional tax on the sales of all medical cannabis products sold at retail in Cullman County at the rate of 15 percent of the gross proceeds of the sales.

(b) All provisions of the state sales and use tax statutes with respect to the payment, assessment, and collection of the state sales and use tax, making of reports, keeping and preserving records, penalties for failure to pay the tax, adopting rules with respect to the state sales and use tax, and the administration and enforcement of the state sales and use tax statutes which are not inconsistent with this amendment shall apply to the tax levied herein. All provisions of the state sales and use tax statutes that are made applicable by this amendment to the tax levied under this amendment, and to the administration and enforcement of this amendment, are incorporated by reference and made a part of this section as if fully set forth herein.

(c) The tax shall be collected, as the Cullman County Commission from time to time may determine, either by the commission or by any person, whether public or private, with which the commission may contract to collect the tax levied herein.

(d) All amounts collected by the commission from the tax shall be remitted by the county treasurer as follows:

a. Sixty-seven percent to the District Attorney of the Thirty-second Judicial Circuit for personnel purposes.

b. Thirty-three percent to the Cullman County Legislative Delegation to be used at their discretion on mental health issues.

(e) For purposes of this section, "medical cannabis product" means any product lawfully sold in the county in a dispensary licensed by the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission.

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, November 5, 2024, in each newspaper qualified to run legal notices in Cullman County, Alabama.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Why did he say that?

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



People can say some strange things. Some of these statements are quite annoying, while others may be funny and enjoyable. Some of the things people say leave me shaking my head and wondering what they said and why they said it.

Do you know what I mean? I'm talking about things like asking, "Do you know what I mean?" I've known people who ask that question after every statement. Sometimes I'm tempted to say, "No, I don't know what you mean, do you?" If they are giving me instructions on how to open a parachute, I want them to make sure I know what they mean; otherwise, please, just assume that I do.

Fast food drive-throughs are some of the worst. No, I'm not talking about when I've ordered a hamburger and they tell me, "That will be $32.98."

Just for the fun of it, I sometimes say, "Oh, I'm sorry, did I order a dozen?" I'm also confused why some burger places still call their burger a Big Mac or a Whopper. They should take a lesson from the Artist Formerly Known as Prince and call those the burger formerly known as "Big" Mac or the Whopper. I think they are telling us a whopper. Maybe they should call them the Little Mac and the Wimper. Sorry, I digressed on you there...but you do know what I mean, don't you?

Some phrases and questions leave me a bit confused as to what to do. Why do workers at drive-throughs say, "That will be $423.89 at the window." I'm like, "What are my other options?" I want to say, "How much will it be if I come inside and pay at the counter?" or "How much is it at the door?"

Why do people say, "That will be X-amount today?" How about tomorrow? Or how much was it yesterday? I guess I'm figuring since I'm buying it today, I'll figure out that the price they give me is for, well, today. Why do they ask, "What can I get started for you?" I want them to get something finished for me! I love the ones who ask, "Can I help you...today?" I want to say, "I'm not sure, can you?" If you can, please do... today." My high school English teacher would have said, "I don't know, can you? You may."

Why do people say, "I learned something today that I didn't know." If we already knew it, is that learning? In the good ole South, we have some sayings that go beyond explanation. Why does "I'll be there directly," mean I will be there sometime before the day is over? Do "Over there" and "Over yonder" mean the same thing? Exactly where is either, and is one further than the other? I am fairly certain that "Way over there or yonder" is further, and if you tack on the word way several times, it may take several weeks to get there.

Why did our parents ask us, "Do you want me to pull this car over?" I can tell you from personal experience that was a trick question. The answer was never yes, unless there was a drive-through where you pay at the window ahead.

Why do people say, "I don't mean to be rude, when they are being rude?" Since I love a play on words, my favorite one is, "I don't mean to be mean."

I don't mean to be mean with all these ponderings, I'm just wondering out loud why we say some of these things. Do you know what I mean?

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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

October | By: Randy C. Hale

I tied the heads of the dried
sunflowers along the fence line
to treat the birds of autumn.
The finches and titmouses
swoop in delight at such a treat.

Summer's hummingbirds
have flown south,
silencing the busy air
once filled with the fluttering
of their turn at the feeders.

I love the crisp air
as the grass bows to die.
Leaves begin their turning,
soon to drop in colored rains,
leaving barren limbs behind.

The skies are blue this autumn day.
Winter waits while October's gold's
consumes us.



CULLMAN TRIBUNE WORD SEARCH

OCT. 12

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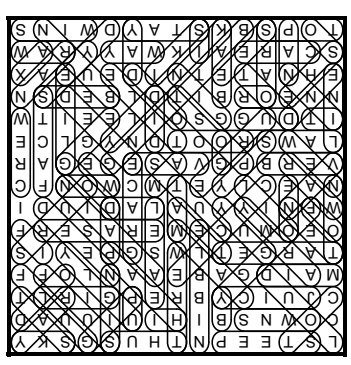
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Co-op offers rebates to members through TVA EnergyRight

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CULLMAN, Ala. — As temperatures creep lower, households can probably expect to see electricity prices creep higher. Energy usage often increases in the colder months. Families spend more time at home, safe from the chilly temps and, in turn, use more energy and power to live in and heat their homes.

When the cooler months roll around, local electricity providers may recommend households apply for any of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) rebate programs to prepare for and potentially mitigate energy usage and problem areas.

"Regarding our programs, we do offer several energy efficiency rebate programs through TVA EnergyRight. All of these key programs are linked on our website," said Cullman Electric Cooperative Communications and Marketing Manager Lindsey Dossey.

"We recommend that members start with the DIY Energy Assessment."

The DIY Energy Assessment is just that – a homeowner's guide to self-assessing their home for potential energy waste and leaks.

The assessment takes owners through the most common areas of energy loss, often leading to immediate energy savings when corrected.

Said Dossey, "This is the easiest and cheapest way to start looking at ways to cut energy costs."

After the DIY assessment, homeowners can access TVA EnergyRight rebates, the TVA EnergyRight Quality Contractor Network and the EnergyRight Marketplace.

Available rebates can be found at www.energyright.com/residential/rebates and include incentives for simple fixes such as $50 rebate for an annual tune-up of a home's HVAC system.

"This is a great time of year to get a system tune-up – while temperatures are mild and before the weather turns cold," Dossey said.

Homeowners can also find rebates for updating a home's insulation throughout the attic, walls and floor, envelope air sealing or, in some cases, a full HVAC system upgrade, depending on the home's needs.

In order to receive TVA EnergyRight rebates, homeowners must have all repairs and modifications completed by an approved contractor. The Quality Contractor Network gives homeowners the ability to access hundreds of licensed and insured contractors trained to meet TVA's quality guidelines in the local area. Contractors can be searched by zip code and proximity.

The EnergyRight Marketplace is an area where homeowners can search for and purchase new and energy efficient appliances. Appliances can be searched by price as well as energy usage.

Get more info at www.cullmanec.com/energy-and-money-savings-programs.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 10-11

Krista Irene Snider, 39
Funeral service for Krista Irene Snider, age 39, of Cullman, is Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, at 3 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home chapel, with Bro. Dudley Brock officiating. Visitation will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the chapel and interment will be at Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Krista was born Dec. 11, 1984, to Timothy Snider and Jerri Lay Snider. She passed away on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She is preceded in death by both her grandfathers, Sam Snider, and Jim Crist. She is survived by her parents, Tim and Jerri Snider; son, Greyson Lynn; daughters, Abigail Hutchinson, Kerri Hutchinson; one brother, Tad Snider, grandmothers, Ann Crist, and Jean Snider; a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, and family and friends. Krista was a CNA and worked with elderly people every day, which was her passion. She was a selfless and giving person and put others' needs ahead of her own. She loved spending time with her family and in her free time, would watch a lot of Law and Order. She was a special person and is gone too soon. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Ray Elton Haymon Sr., 90
Funeral service for Ray Elton Haymon, Sr., age 90, of Vinemont, will be Saturday, Oct. 12, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Mt. Hope Baptist Church in Crane Hill, officiated by Pastor Paul Campbell. Mr. Haymon will lie in state from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service and interment will be held at Livingston Chapel Cemetery in Crane Hill. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Obituary written by family: Ray Elton Haymon, 90, died at the Hanceville Nursing Home on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024. He was born on Sept. 10, 1934, and lived most of his life in Crane Hill, Alabama. He was a member at Mt. Hope Baptist church and served as a deacon there. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and active in the Republican Party. He was an outgoing person who never met a stranger. He was greatly loved and will be missed by his family. He is survived by three daughters; Ranae (Gene Ramsay) Heaven, Norcross, GA, Rhoda (David) Whitlock, Vinemont, Sherry (Michael) Nash, Bessemer, two sons; Elton (Angie) Haymon, Arab, Dale (Tammy) Haymon, Athens, eleven grandchildren; Zachary (Laura) Heaven, Jacob (Sara) Heaven, Sarah (A.J.) Walsh, Rachel Rodriguez, Joshua Nash, Michelle Nash, Ragan (Laura) Haymon, Ryan (Taylor Ann) Haymon, Breanna (Bill) Christie, Ben Haymon, Luke Haymon and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years, Shirley Lott Haymon, parents Ira and Lola Haymon, two brothers; Bobby Haymon and Roy Haymon, two sisters; Irene Haymon and Betty Hamner, and a grandson, Caleb Haymon.

James Matthew Holmes, 53
James Matthew Holmes, age 53, of Eva, Alabama passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2024. James is survived by his son Jameson Holmes and his mother Jean Mason. James was a big baseball fan and loved the beach and fishing. James was preceded in death by his father James Carlos Holmes. A celebration of life memorial service for James will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, 2024, from 2-4 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Melvin Clay Mayo Jr., 84
Melvin Clay Mayo, Jr., of Decatur, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 5, 2024, at the age of 84. Mr. Mayo was born on March 17, 1940, in Birmingham, Alabama, to the late Melvin Clay Mayo, Sr. and Verla Mayo. Melvin was a kind and generous man who was always supportive of those he loved. He enjoyed the water and could be found boating or skiing on Smith Lake as often as possible. Mr. Mayo had a good sense of humor, and he enjoyed joking and laughing. Melvin loved to travel. He had a love for the Smokey Mountains, and he cherished his many visits to Hong Kong. Birds and animals also held a special place in Melvin's heart, especially his little dog, Lucy. Mr. Mayo was a strong father and a loving husband of thirty-seven years to his beloved Deb, and he will be missed very much. Those left to cherish the many memories of Mr. Mayo includes his wife, Delbra Brazell Mayo; sons, Clay Mayo, III., Chris Adkins (Paulette), Joseph Parker; daughter, Lee Ann Parker; grandchildren, Amber, Austin, Jake, Cole, and Tabitha; and a host of cousins, extended family, and treasured friends. A memorial for Melvin will be announced at a later time. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Mayo family.

Phyllis Adele Petty, 84
Phyllis Adele Fussell Petty, age 84, passed away on Oct. 10, 2024, at her residence, surrounded by her loving family. A celebration service is planned for Phyllis on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Aspen Hill Methodist Church in Pulaski, Tennessee. The family will welcome family and friends for a memorial gathering from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Phyllis was born in San Antonio, Texas, to David Haywood Fussell and Sally Blondell Stevenson Fussell on Jan. 25, 1940. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas Petty; sister, Debbie Fussell; brother, David Fussell. She is survived by her son, Doug Taylor; stepsons, Thom Petty (Hollie), and Paul Petty; stepdaughters, Patrice Petty, and Shaun Petty; grandchildren, Kassidy Taylor, and Evey Taylor; step-grandchildren, Justin, Zach, Ian, Keithen, Bryce, and Chelsea; one great-grandchild, Mac McCart; two nephews, Shawn Fussell, and Major Fussell. Phyllis was a woman filled with love for others. She loved her family and her church family beyond measure. She was a faithful member of Aspen Hill Methodist Church. In her leisure time, she loved to read and garden her flowers. She was a frequent traveler and really enjoyed going on cruises. She enjoyed her life to the fullest and used her energy and talents to serve others every opportunity given. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Jeffery Alan Hasting, 57
Funeral services for Jeffery Hasting, 57, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Good Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, Oct. 13, from 6-8 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mr. Hasting was born Aug. 5, 1967 in Florida. He passed away Oct. 11, 2024, in Huntsville, Alabama. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Hasting family.

Jane Demarice (Formby) Watts, 88
Jane Demarice (Formby) Watts, age 88, of Hanceville, Alabama, passed away peacefully on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2024. Jane was born Oct. 1, 1936, in Cullman, Alabama. She graduated from Hanceville High School and received a B.A. Degree in Education at St. Bernard College. She taught elementary school for 25 years and was an outstanding educator. All of her students loved her. After her retirement, she enjoyed travelling with her husband Wendell, gardening, tending her roses and other flowers in her garden, and she was also an avid reader and she passed her love of books on to her kids. Jane was a great cook and always brought something good to church on Sundays. She also provided beautiful flower arrangements for her church for all the changing seasons, as well as care packages and food and flowers for members of the church in need. Jane loved her dog Sadie. They would often sit together in front of the tv together and watch her favorite shows. Sadie was such a great companion to her and I know she will miss her dog mom. Jane was preceded in death by her father Lewis Holmes Formby, her mother Florence Formby, brother Robert Formby and her sister Louise Burford. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Wendell Watts; Children: Gary Watts(Mary), Robyn Crawford(Victor) Niece: Josephine Burford Grandchildren: Christi Watts(Will), Aaron Watts(Andrea) Great grandchildren: Alex Watts and Aiden Watts, and a host of other family members and friends Visitation will be held at Mount Vernon Primitive Baptist Church on Oct. 13 from noon - 2 p.m. The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. with burial in the church cemetery following the service. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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