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West Point High Beta Club supports Cullman County Animal Shelter

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Cullman County Animal Shelter was recently on the receiving end of a donation drive organized by students from the West Point High School BETA Club.

Cullman County Animal Shelter Manager Andrea Hudson said the shelter was honored to be able to visit with some of the students and she extended her gratitude to them.

"As a community we should all be proud of the qualities of leadership, academic achievements and good character they are exemplifying," Hudson said. "The future certainly looks bright with the representation of these students."

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A look at this year's MS Walk



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The MS Walk was held Oct. 19, 2024, at Heritage Park in Cullman.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The MS Walk 2024 was held at Heritage Park Saturday, Oct. 19.

Dr. Christopher LaGanke is founder of North Central Neurology Associates in Cullman, a leading center for patient enrollment in clinical trials for new oral multiple sclerosis medications. He and his wife Minday, along with their office manager Debbie Simonsen, assisted heavily in planning this year's walk.

"There was a small turnout this year because the event date changed from the spring to the fall," Mindy LaGanke shared. "We are actually doing this event on our own now and we are learning how to grow it. We are still giving some proceeds to (the National) MS Society even though we are handling this specific event on our own."

Dr. LaGanke shared Saturday was MS Day.

"We are going to keep this event date slated for next October but we will plan it on a different date," Dr. LaGanke said. "We are very thankful for a supportive community and the participation of those who joined us today."

Simonsen said High Caliber Mechanical LLC and Align Alabama were sponsors of the event. The mums and pumpkins were donated by Gibbs Garden Center and Glover's Produce.

"We had local gifts for the raffle donated by Bill Smith GMC. Monograms Plus, Dutchess Donuts, Merle Norman Cosmetics and Werner's assisted in the process," Simonsen said. "We received a lot of support from local businesses in the community and it was a great day for patients — having them aware that people care and we are here fighting for them. Doc is so passionate about MS and taking care of his patients. He hosted over 2,700 patients from all over."

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Vinemont's Wee-Wee team defeated Good Hope 24-0 Saturday to advance to next week's county championship game.

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 21

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 21, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 17

- theft; CR 473
- burglary; Hwy. 69S
- theft; 2nd St. SW G.C.
- harassment; Fairbrook Cir.
- harassment; CR 109
- theft; CR 128
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; Highland St. SE
- trespassing; CR 431
- theft; CR 15
- domestic violence; CR 246
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69S

Oct. 18

- permitting animals to run at large; CR 1442
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1718
- permitting animals to run at large; Hwy. 91

Oct. 19

- theft; CR 1598
- harassing communications; Hwy. 278E
- robbery; CR 437
- possession of dangerous drugs; Hwy. 278E
- theft; unlawful breaking and entering of vehicle; CR 223
- theft; Hwy. 157

Oct. 20

- permitting animals to run at large; CR 1814
- dog bite; CR 338

ARRESTS

Oct. 17-27

Barnes, Tabitha A.; 28
- assault-child abuse-simple-family
- Possession of methamphetamine
- Possession of drug paraphernalia

Cheatham, Nathan R.; 32
- GJ – theft-miscellaneous, $1500-$2000

Clements, Rachel G.; 31
- FTA – improper tag classification
- FTA – failure to register vehicle
- FTA – failure/refusal to display insurance
- FTA – improper passing

Cofield, Caleb C.; 39
- PROBATION VIOLATION – unlawful possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Hodge, Curtis A.; 40
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Humphrey, Amber T.; 36
- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Hurt, Cody B.; 34
- GJ – receiving stolen property

Jackson, Jeremy N.; 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, Christian S.; 26
- FTA – assault-domestic-harassment-family

Jordan, Brandy M.; 39
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jordan, Richard G.; 41
- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Keene, Martha J.; 57
- possession of methamphetamine

Kerns, Brianna M.; 32
- assault-harassment
- criminal trespass

McDuffie, Michael D.; 33
- PROBATION VIOLATION – theft-miscellaneous

McKinney, Michael W.; 44
- GJ – electronic solicitation of a child
- GJ – enticing child immoral purpose-girl

Odom, Jennie M.; 46
- possession of marijuana-2nd degree

Peck, Marce C.; 54
- possession of methamphetamine

Sturgeon, Christopher M.; 36
- auto theft

Sturgeon, Rachel N.; 36
- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Jonathan C.; 50
- GJ – rape-strong arm

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 15
- theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $530; Olive St. SW
- theft of property-4th degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $384; Hwy. 157

Oct. 18
- theft of property-1st degree; Peoples Bank; cash

Oct. 19
- harassment; person; 4th St. SW
- criminal trespass-1st degree; person; Warnke Rd. NW
- theft of property-4th degree; harassment; person; phone; $800; Morningside Dr. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 15-17

Smith, Latina M.; 54
- DUI - controlled substance

Fancher, Darryl J., Jr.; 37
- GJ - sodomy-1st degree
- GJ - sexual abuse of a child less than 12

Huffman, Crystal M.; 42
- GJ - retail theft of property-3rd degree
- GJ - organized retail theft

Pugh, James R.; 56
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McClenney, Joshua A.; 27
- GJ - organized retail theft
- GJ - theft of property-3rd degree
- GJ - retail theft of property-2nd degree
- GJ - possession of a forged instrument-1st degree

Coggins, Joshua D.; 31
- FTA - fail to register vehicle

Bradford, Kelsey N.; 31
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - driving without a license
- FTA - fail to signal

Odom, Jennie M.; 46
- FTA - insurance violation
- FTA - fail to register vehicle (2 counts)

Johnson, Ladonna W.; 44
- FTA - theft of property-4th degree

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

Join the fun at Hanceville's family-friendly trunk or treat Oct. 27

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — Hanceville Friends of the Festival is hosting its trunk or treat event in downtown Hanceville on Friday, Oct. 27, from 4-6 p.m. The family-friendly event will begin with children lining up at the corner of U.S. Highway 31 and Commercial Street, while attendees can park at Hanceville City Hall or the adjacent lot. Trunk or treat participants must be registered by Oct. 25 to distribute candy.

Trunk participants can begin lining up on along Commercial Street, wrapping around Bangor Avenue between 2-3 p.m., with trunk decorations and preparations for the children taking place from 3-4.

In order to maintain a fun and safe atmosphere for all, particularly the young children attending, no scary costumes or inappropriate outfits will be allowed. Event organizers emphasize that participants should refrain from wearing macabre costumes or anything deemed inappropriate or they will be asked to leave.

Participants are encouraged to bring enough candy for large crowds. If needed, festival organizers will supply additional candy until it runs out.

Those wishing to participate can find registration and trunk or treat information at the Bradford Properties office, located next to Hanceville Pack and Ship on Commercial Street. For questions or more details, contact Nolan Bradford at 205-249-5588.

Jacobs proclaims October 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' in Cullman

Leanne West
City of Cullman

CULLMAN, Ala. — Mayor Woody Jacobs recently proclaimed the month of October 2024 Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) in the city of Cullman. Several agencies were represented at the proclamation presentation at Cullman City Hall including Victim Services of Cullman (Executive Director Jessica Atchley and Board President Erin Dover), Cullman Police Department (Chief Joey Duncan and Assistant Chief Brandon Patterson), Cullman Fire Rescue (Chief Darren Peeples), Cullman Municipal Court (Court Clerk Blakelee Cockrell and Chief Magistrate Laura Allison), Cullman EMS (Director James Curtis) and the Cullman County District Attorney's Office (DA Champ Crocker and Victim Service Officer Bradley Williams).

Domestic violence is the single most common source of injury to survivors – more common than automobile accidents, muggings and rape by a stranger combined. Domestic violence can affect anyone regardless of economic, racial, gender, educational, religious or societal status.

It violates a person's privacy, dignity, security and humanity through a pattern of abusive behavior intended to control and dominate. That abusive behavior can be physical, sexual, emotional, verbal, social, economic, psychological or spiritual.

But domestic violence can be prevented. Prevention requires the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions and systems – each able to add a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

"We make a difference when we bring awareness to the issue of domestic violence" said Jacobs. "I am proud to proclaim 'Domestic Violence Awareness Month' each year in order to help educate the public on how to prevent domestic violence and assist survivors."

The #DVAM2024 theme is Heal, Hold & Center. This theme asks everyone to intentionally pause and take a moment to recognize domestic violence prevention advocates and domestic violence survivors across the country by:

- Promoting HEALing by encouraging survivors to practice self-care and to take time for themselves

- HOLDing space for survivors by being present and supportive (but not forceful) as the survivor navigates their next steps

- CENTERing those who are most marginalized in our communities

During DVAM 2024, everyone is asked to use the hashtag #CallforUnity on social media and tag an advocate who embodies what it means to Heal, Hold & Center survivors. More information on the #HealHoldCenter theme can be found at www.dvawareness.org/HealHoldCenter.

In the U.S., domestic violence is a serious and widespread problem affecting 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men each year. Victims of domestic violence often need things like emergency shelter, housing, counseling, transportation, childcare, legal representation and more. Victim Services of Cullman (VSOC) was established in 1991 to help victims of domestic violence.

Over the years, the agency has expanded to provide comprehensive services (including shelter, crisis response, education and advocacy) for those impacted by domestic and sexual violence in Cullman and Winston counties.

Its stated goal is "to empower survivors and help them rebuild their lives, free from violence and fear."

"The City appreciates all of those in our community – the folks at Victim Services, our law enforcement and court officials and countless others – who work to educate our community about domestic violence and who provide much-needed services for survivors," said Jacobs.

In 1989, Congress declared the month of October to be DVAM.

Each October across the United States, organizations and individuals unite to help uplift the needs, voices and experiences of domestic violence survivors and to spread awareness about what everyone can do to help end domestic violence. As part of DVAM each year, people are also encouraged to mourn the loss of those lives ended by domestic violence, celebrate the tremendous progress victim advocates have made over the years and connect with one another with a true sense of unity to end domestic violence.



CITY OF CULLMAN

Left to right are Fire Chief Darren Peeples, Assistant Police Chief Brandon Patterson, Municipal Court Chief Magistrate Laura Allison and Court Clerk Blakelee Cockrell, Cullman County District Attorney Champ Crocker, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Victim Services Executive Director Jessica Atchley and Board President Erin Dover, Police Chief Joey Duncan, DA's Victim Service Officer Bradley Williams and Cullman EMS Director James Curtis.

To find out more about VSOC, visit www.victim-services.online or call the administrative office at 256-775-2600.

FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SITUATION:
- Call VSOC's 24-Hour Crisis Line at 256-734-6100.

Contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline:
- By calling 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) (TTY 1-800-787-3224)
- By texting START to 88788
- By using the online chat feature at www.thehotline.org
- Contact your local law enforcement agency

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Recap (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The 2024 Cullman County Youth Football playoffs kicked off at Fairview's Dafford Smith Stadium on Saturday and after playing six semifinal games, this year's championship matchups are now set. In the Pee-Wee games, the Fairview Aggies faced off against the West Point Warriors, while the Cullman Bearcats took on the Good Hope Raiders. The Fireplug games featured the Good Hope Raiders and the Holly Pond Broncos, and the Hanceville Bulldogs and the West Point Warriors. The day concluded with a pair of Wee-Wee games, as the Fairview Aggies took on the Holly Pond Broncos, and the Vinemont Eagles faced off against the Good Hope Raiders.

Pee-Wee
- Aggies 27 - Warriors 7
- Bearcats 18 - Raiders 0

Fireplug
- Raiders 22 - Broncos 6
- Bulldogs 6 - Warriors 0

Wee-Wee
- Aggies 13 - Broncos 6
- Eagles 24 - Raiders 0

Byrd (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman High School senior Aaron Byrd was recently designated a National Merit Commended Student.

The school said in a statement, "Cullman High School is proud to announce that senior Aaron Byrd has been designated as a National Merit Commended Student by the National Merit Scholarship Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Last fall, Aaron joined over 1.3 million juniors across the nation who entered the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2023 Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®). This fall, more than two-thirds (about 34,000) of the PSAT/NMSQT® high scorers were designated Commended Students. They were named on the basis of a nationally applied Selection Index qualifying score that may vary from year to year.

"In recognition of his outstanding ability and potential for academic success in college, the NMSC will honor Aaron by sending a Letter of Commendation to him through Cullman High School.

"Although Commended Students will not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some may be candidates for Special Scholarships offered by corporate sponsors. Aaron Byrd is the son of Kevin and Carrie Byrd of Cullman."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit your calendar items or public notices to wendy@cullmantribune.com

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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Oct. 23 - 7 p.m. Children and youth classes. Adult worship, teaching and testimonies in the sanctuary. Free pizza at 6:30. Van runs in the 5 Points Area at 6. Call Cedric Davidson at 256-339-5755 for pickup.
• Friday, Oct. 25 - Celebrate Recovery. Fellowship and testimonies. Hurts, habits and hang-ups are a part of everyone's life. Come and see how to overcome these and more! Bring a dish, dessert or drink for a potluck meal at 5:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 6:30. Childcare provided.
• Sunday, Oct. 27 - 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.

Church Events: At the Foot of the Cross Church
• 2 miles north of Alabama Highway 157 on Eva Road, on the left
•Saturday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. Fall Festival
• Saturday, Nov. 2, at noon Pray Walk for Jesus in Eva, with singing, meet at Eva. All churches invited.
• Sunday, Nov. 10, at 11 a.m. Christmas Concert with One Accord
• Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. Singing with Joyful Hearts

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.

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.

Mt. Zion Church Food Bazaar
Friday, Nov. 1, from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church, located on U.S. Highway 31 North next to CATA in Vinemont. Baked goods for sale and lunch will be served from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Carry out available. Proceeds will benefit the Mt. Zion UMW (women's group).

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.





Alabama health organizations encourage Alabamians to ask their physicians about immunizations for fall and winter

ADPH
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Alabama Department of Public Health, the Alabama Hospital Association and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama are encouraging Alabamians to ask their physicians about the flu shot and other vaccines as a part of a statewide Ask Your Doctor campaign. Helpful information and additional resources can be found at the Ask Your Doctor website at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/ask.html.

Several vaccines are being recommended this year to help avoid respiratory illnesses. Each type is designed to work with your immune system to fight off certain kinds of germs and the serious diseases they cause.

Vaccines to discuss with your physician include the following:

Seasonal Influenza (Flu) – It is recommended that all individuals 6 months of age and older, with rare exceptions, get an annual flu vaccination.

Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of developing serious flu complications.

Those 65 years of age and older are recommended to have one of several specific flu vaccines designed for this age group and are encouraged to ask their vaccination site for more details.

RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus) - RSV is a common respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious. Infants and older adults are more likely to develop severe RSV and need hospitalization.

Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends an RSV vaccine for all adults over age 75, those from ages 60-74 with certain health conditions, and pregnant women between 32 and 36 weeks of pregnancy. RSV immunization is also recommended for all infants up to 9 months if the vaccine was not given during pregnancy and some infants and children up to age 23 months.

Pneumonia - Pneumococcal disease can affect those of any age. However, young children and older adults are at risk of serious illness and death due to this disease.

The CDC recommends pneumococcal vaccination for all children younger than 5 years old and all adults 65 years or older. Even if you have received a pneumococcal vaccine in the past you may be due for an updated vaccine.

COVID-19 - It is recommended that everyone 6 months and older get an updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine. Infants, children under age 5 and people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have specific recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines. Please contact your health care professional, preferred local vaccination site such as a pharmacy, or local county health department for 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine information and availability.

The statewide organizations also want to remind the public that simple hygiene efforts, such as washing your hands, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and staying home when you're sick can also help protect against these infectious diseases.

To learn more and for other helpful resources go to Ask Your Doctor.

But, again, the best recommendation we can give is to check with your doctor to see what you need to keep you healthy.

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

6 local teams earn wins in week 9

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CULLMAN, Ala. — The regular season is winding down and with the postseason fast approaching, several local teams picked up critical region wins in week nine.

Cullman 42 – Decatur 14

After handling Columbia for homecoming a week ago, the Bearcats were back on the road Friday night for a region matchup at Decatur. It didn't take long for Cullman to take control in this one. The 'Cats jumped out to a 28-0 lead in the first half and cruised the rest of the way to collect a 42-14 win.

Big gains on passes from quarterback Preston Gay to Colten Borden and Grayson Gay kept the chains moving early for Cullman's but a fumble on the 1-yard line cut the scoring opportunity short and gave the ball to the Red Raiders. Later in the first, a 17-yard touchdown run by Gay got the first points on the board for the Bearcats and JD Ellerbree drilled the extra point to make it 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

Cullman's defense blew up an option play on the ensuing possession and Troy Mann recovered the ball inside the 5-yard line to set up another great scoring opportunity. A few plays later, Cooper Loftin punched one into the end zone from a yard out to stretch the lead to 14-0.

The 'Cats weren't done scoring in the opening period. A big gain on a pass to Hudson Wilhite moved Cullman into Decatur territory and a couple plays later, the Bearcats added to their lead with a touchdown pass from Gay to Borden to make it a 21-0 game going into the second quarter.

A 12-yard touchdown pass to Cooper Ogstad put Cullman in front 28-0 with four minutes remaining in the first half and the Bearcats went into the locker room at the break leading by four touchdowns.

A 5-yard touchdown run from Loftin extended the lead to 35-0 midway through the third quarter and an interception by Kamron Myers on the ensuing possession gave the ball right back to Cullman.

Later in the fourth, a 55-yard touchdown run by Loftin, his third of the night, made it a 42-0 game with eight minutes remaining. The Red Raiders were able to get some points on the board in the final minutes of the game, but it wasn't enough to overcome the early Cullman lead, and the Bearcats returned home with a 42-14 region win over Decatur.

Cullman improves to 5-4 with the win and the 'Cats will be back home this week to wrap up the regular season against Buckhorn.

Fairview 38 – Sardis 18

After handling Priceville 48-21 last week, the Fairview Aggies were back home at Dafford Smith Stadium Friday night for a matchup against Sardis. The Lions didn't make things easy on the Aggies but in the fourth quarter, Fairview was able to fend off a late push from Sardis and collect a 38-18 win to remain unbeaten.

A 60-yard touchdown run by Carson Jones gave the Aggies an early, 7-0 lead less than a minute into the opening quarter but the Lions responded with a scoring drive of their own to get points on the board.

After scoring a touchdown, Sardis' extra point attempt was blocked, keeping Fairview in front 7-6. Early in the second quarter, Aggies quarterback Kolt Redding hit Zayden Cruce down field for a 49-yard touchdown pass to make it a 14-6 game. It didn't take long for Fairview to add to its lead.

After a Sardis punt pinned the Aggies inside their own 5-yard line, Jake Harper took a handoff 93 yards for a touchdown to stretch the lead to 21-6 with seven minutes remaining in the first half.

Harper's big first half wasn't over, and he took another handoff to the house from 70 yards out with just 22 seconds on the clock to give Fairview a commanding, 28-6 lead at the halftime break.

The Lions were able to find the end zone midway through the third quarter to trim the lead to 28-12 and at the start of the fourth, another Sardis touchdown pass made it a 28-18 game with just over 11 minutes to play. Redding drilled a 38-yard field goal to extend the Aggie lead to 31-18 with 5:38 on the clock and a Jace Stevens interception gave the ball back to Fairview just a few plays later. Harper sprinted down the sideline for 50 yards and a touchdown on the next play, securing a 38-18 win over the Lions.

The Aggies improve to 7-0 with the win and they'll be back home this week to host a region game with East Limestone.

Good Hope 34 – Fayette County 12

After picking up a big region win over Hamilton a week ago, the Good Hope Raiders hit the road Friday night for another critical region matchup at Fayette County. The Raiders went into the locker room leading 13-6 at halftime and continued pulling away in the second half to earn a 34-12 win and remain undefeated.

Good Hope forced the Tigers to turn the ball over on downs on their first possession. A big run by Mason Drake moved the Raiders into and just a few plays later, quarterback Tyler Cone connected with Carter Rutherford for a touchdown through the air and Robert Rodriguez split the uprights with the extra point to give Good Hope a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter.

It didn't take long for the Raiders to add to their lead. After making another stop on defense, Cone hit Tucker Malin streaking down the sideline for a 60-yard touchdown pass and put Good Hope in front 13-0 with 7:40 to play in the first half. Fayette County was able to find the end zone before halftime and cut the lead to 13-6 at the break.

The Raiders kicked off to the Tigers to start the third quarter but recovered a fumble to take over with great field position at the start of the second half.

Later in the third, a big gain on another pass to Rutherford set up a 43-yard touchdown run by Drake and extended Good Hope's lead to 20-6 midway through the quarter.

Fayette County responded on the ensuing possession, driving down the field and into the end zone for a touchdown to make it a 20-12 game with just over a minute remaining in the third.

The Raiders picked up big yardage on a deep pass to Malin on the final play of the third quarter and at the start of the fourth, Mason ran one in from 7 yards for another touchdown to keep Good Hope ahead 27-12.

The Raiders continued to do damage through the air, picking up another big gain on a pass to Rutherford and later scoring on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Cone to Malin to make it a 34-12 game with four minutes to play.

Good Hope recovered a Fayette County fumble on the ensuing possession and kept the chains moving and the clock running to wrap up a big, 34-12 road win over the Tigers.

The Raiders improve to 8-0 with the win and they'll be back home this week to take on Dora.

Vinemont 20 – Oakman 7

The Vinemont Eagles were back on the road Friday night for a big regional game at Oakman and the Eagles put together an impressive defensive performance to return home with a massive, 20-7 win over the Wildcats.

After a scoreless first quarter, Vinemont got on the board first when Hayden Robinson ran one into the end zone for a 22-yard touchdown and put the Eagles in front 6-0 early in the second. Oakman answered with a scoring drive of its own to take a 7-6 lead late in the second quarter and went into the locker room leading Vinemont by 1.

With just two seconds remaining in the third quarter, Rush Sandlin scored on a 7-yard touchdown run to make it a 12-7 game and Kayden Henderson punched in the two-point conversion to give the Eagles a 14-7 lead.

Vinemont's defense continued to stifle the Wildcats in the fourth quarter and Henderson scored on a 7-yard touchdown run with less than two minutes to play to put the Eagles ahead 20-7. Oakman was unable to get any more points on the board in the final minute of the game and Vinemont left the stadium with an impressive, 20-7 win over the Wildcats.

The Eagles improve to 7-2 with the win and they'll be back home this week to wrap up the regular season against Winfield.

Meek 68 – Cherokee 28

After collecting a big region win over Addison last week, the Tigers were back home Friday night for another region matchup against Cherokee.

Meek dominated this one from start to finish, lighting up the scoreboard on its way to a 68-28 win over the Indians.

The Tigers jumped out to a 24-0 lead in the first quarter and continued adding to their lead throughout the first half, going into the locker room with a commanding, 38-14 lead at the halftime break.

Cherokee trimmed the lead to 38-20 early in the third quarter but Meek answered with a pair of touchdowns to make it a 54-20 game going into the fourth.

The Tigers tacked on two more scores in the final frame to pull away with a dominant, 68-28 region win over the Indians.

Meek improves to 5-3 with the win and the Tigers will be back on the road this week to for a region matchup at Vina.

Addison 41 – Vina 14

Addison hosted the Vina Red Devils, and the Bulldogs had an opportunity to clinch a playoff berth with a victory.

It also happened to be Homecoming and Addison doesn't lose Homecoming games.

The Bulldogs easily handled the Red Devils 41-14, in a game that wasn't as close as the score would indicate, and they will be the three seed from Region 7.

Unofficial stats

Addison ran 21 rushing plays for 194 total yards. Addison ran 11 passing plays for 172 total yards. Addison ran 32 total plays for 366 total yards.

Addison's Roberts went 10 completions in 11 attempts for 170 yards and two touchdowns.

Addison's Hammack had 5 carries for 66 yards and a touchdown. Roberts had 4 carries for 66 yards. Anderson had 3 carries for 20 yards. J. Williams had 3 carries for 15 yards and a touchdown. Burns had 3 carries for 13 yards and 2 touchdowns. Wilkins 2 carries for 9 yards. Shelton Alexander had 1 carry for 5 yards.

Addison's Dyson had 4 catches for 84 yards and 2 touchdowns. Burns had 3 catches for 21 yards. Hammack had 1 catch for 28 yards. Flynn had 1 catch for 19 yards. Wilkins had 1 catch for 18 yards.

On defense, Dyson had 6 tackles. Burns and Major Snoddy had 5 tackles each. Brye Dollar, Bradley Willette and J. Williams had 4 tackles each. Brodie Willingham, Owen Pratt and Joey Wilson had 3 tackles each. Michael Lee, Anderson, Carter Pratt, Wilkins and Robert Gilmore Jr had 2 each.

Flynn and Roberts each had an interception. Silas Frazier had a sack.

Addison moves to 5-4 (4-2 region) and will host Phillips next Friday.



JOELLE BROOKS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Bearcats running back Cooper Loftin finished with three rushing touchdowns in Cullman's 42-14 win at Decatur Friday night.



MIKE WITCHER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope Raiders improved to 8-0 with a 34-12 win at Fayette County Friday night.



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Fairview Aggies defeated Sardis 38-18 Friday night to remain undefeated.

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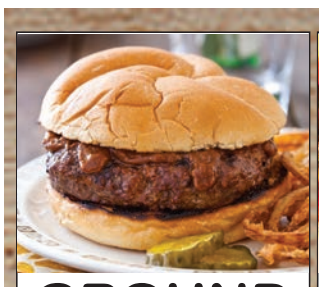
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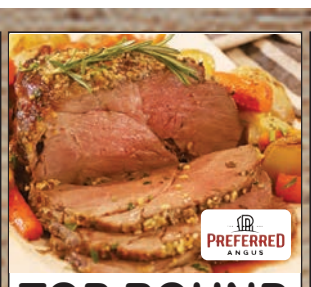


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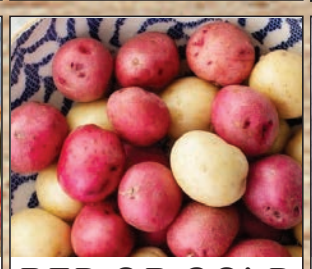
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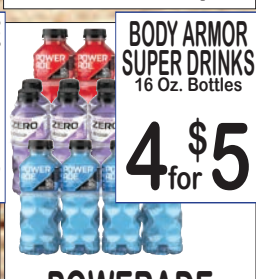


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With a beautiful sky setting the tone for the day, vendors were lined up and ready to go at the annual Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024.

Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival highlights Hanceville's sense of community

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. — The Mud Creek Arts & Crafts Festival in downtown Hanceville went off without a hitch Saturday, bringing the community together with a wide variety of street vendors offering unique goods and plenty of family fun. From frozen candy and handmade cutting boards to 3D-printed items and homemade foods, the festival had something for everyone. Attendees also enjoyed their favorite food truck options. Kids had a blast with barrel rides and a duo of inflatable slides, giving parents and other caregivers a chance to relax as their little ones burned off some energy.

The weather played its part, providing sunshine throughout the event, which saw a healthy crowd throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the festival was the return of the famous Seafood World hushpuppies, which drew people from all across Cullman, with many festivalgoers unable to resist stopping by for a taste of the nostalgic food.

Overall, the day was a resounding success, highlighting successes within the community through the display of their wares and services.

Kids giggled freely on the barrel rides and inflatable slides, the smell of barbeque and hushpuppies filled the air and smiles were abundant as people strolled through the festival.

The festival had done its part in bringing the community together.

"Although attendance was down a bit, likely due to the football games, we had a steady stream of visitors, and everyone I spoke to had a great time," said Nolan Bradford, event organizer for Friends of the Festival.

As the festival wrapped up, Bradford expressed his gratitude for everyone who helped make the event a success, "On behalf of Hanceville Friends of the Festival and our downtown merchants, we'd like to offer a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, vendors, food vendors, City employees and volunteers who helped make this year's event possible.

"We'll be sending out information for the upcoming Irish Festival as the date gets closer. Hope to see everyone again next year!"

Kicking Cancer in Cullman coming Oct. 26

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STEPHANIE NEAL

The annual Kicking Cancer in Cullman line dancing fundraiser will be this Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. The fundraiser benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

CULLMAN, Ala. — The annual Kicking Cancer in Cullman line dancing fundraiser will be this Saturday, Oct. 26, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center.

Center Director Stephanie Neal said the event benefits the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a local nonprofit that supports Cullman-area residents who are battling cancer.

"They might pay bills for them or help them with gas money for traveling to treatments, buy them groceries, buy them a wig," Neal said. "We usually have around 75-80 guests. We are expecting more this year. It grows every year."

Neal said the Center's line dancing instructor, Sherry Boatright, and her dance group put this event on each year.

"A lot of breast cancer survivors are in this group," Neal said. "They work very hard for this event each year. They also perform at the Little Pink Dress event."

Participants can register at the door on Saturday. It is $25 per person, with all proceeds going to Bosom Buddies.

"We will have four special dance instructors teaching that day and they are all survivors," Neal said. "It's always a fun event raising money for a great cause."

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ACES: Enjoying fall festivals while keeping blood sugar in check

Corynne Williams and Carol Connell

As the crisp autumn air settles in, seasonal festivals begin and are filled with tempting treats and indulgent foods. From apple-cider doughnuts to pumpkin-flavored cookies, these fall festivals are packed with delicious and exciting foods. For individuals managing blood glucose (blood sugar) levels, navigating these events can be challenging. However, there are evidence-based strategies and tips for enjoying fall festivals while maintaining balanced blood sugar levels.

Understanding the impact of fall festival foods

Research studies show that foods high in sugar and refined carbohydrates (carbs) can cause rapid spikes in blood sugar levels. Many popular festival treats, like caramel apples, funnel cakes, and sugary drinks, are high in added sugar, which can pose challenges for blood sugar management. It is well-documented that managing your carbohydrate intake is crucial for controlling blood sugar levels. Many festival foods are rich in carbohydrates, meaning they can cause rapid increases in blood sugar, especially for people with diabetes or insulin resistance.

Why this matters

Maintaining stable blood sugar levels is essential for overall health, especially for those with diabetes or prediabetes. Fluctuations in blood sugar can lead to a range of complications, including fatigue, irritability, and long-term health issues, such as cardiovascular disease. The importance of balanced eating and regular monitoring to prevent these adverse effects cannot be overstated. Enjoying fall festivals without compromising health involves mindful choices and planning. The following strategies can help you navigate the festival scene while keeping your blood sugar in check.

Strategies for enjoying fall festivals

• Plan ahead. Before attending a festival, review the menu or available food options, if possible. Identify lower-carb choices or plan to bring your own healthy and delicious snacks. Many festivals have diverse food options, including savory items like grilled meats and vegetable dishes.

• Portion control. Health is all about balance, so if you decide to indulge in a festival treat, choose smaller portions. Sampling a small portion allows you to enjoy the flavors of the season without overwhelming your blood sugar levels. Moderation is key to managing intake while still participating in the festivities.

• Choose wisely. Opt for foods that are less likely to cause a rapid rise in blood sugar. For example, instead of sugary treats, you might choose roasted pumpkin seeds or a small serving of unsweetened apple cider. By prioritizing whole, unprocessed foods that are high in protein and fiber, you can help regulate blood sugar levels.

• Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water throughout the day. Staying hydrated helps maintain overall health and can aid in blood sugar control. Avoid sugary beverages, if possible, because they can lead to a rapid increase in blood sugar levels.



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• Monitor your blood sugar. If you have diabetes, monitor your blood sugar levels before and after the festival. This helps you understand how different foods affect your blood sugar and allows for timely adjustments to your diet or insulin dosage.

Summary

Fall festivals offer tasty seasonal foods and fun activities, but it is important to stay mindful of your blood sugar levels. By planning ahead, controlling portions, choosing foods with little added sugar, staying hydrated, and monitoring blood sugar, you can enjoy the festivities without compromising your health. These strategies not only help in managing blood sugar levels but also contribute to a more enjoyable and health-conscious festival experience. Embrace the season's flavors responsibly and make the most of the fall festivities while keeping your wellness goals in focus. For more information on diabetes visit the American Diabetes Association website at www.diabetes.org.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 19-21

Gloria Mae Keller, 76
A graveside service for Gloria Mae Keller, 76, of Bremen will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at McKinley Chapel Cemetery in Bremen. Born on May 8, 1948, Gloria was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of all who knew her. She passed away on Oct. 18, 2024, at her residence. Family was at the heart of Gloria's life. She cherished every moment spent with her loved ones, whether gathered for a holiday or a simple weekend meal. Her home was always a welcoming place, filled with laughter and love. She had a deep passion for plants and found joy in nurturing her garden. She had a green thumb and a true appreciation for the beauty of nature. Her home was always adorned with vibrant flowers and lush greenery, a reflection of the love and care she put into everything she did. One of her greatest joys was her love for Elvis Presley. His music brought her happiness, and she could often be found listening to his songs or reminiscing about her favorite memories tied to his music. She will be dearly missed by her family, including her children, Pam Keller and Leisa Nickles; grandchildren, Matt, Nikki, Tonya, Vanessa and Alicia; 11 great grandchildren; 4 great-great grandchildren; her sister, Corene "Tump" Wilson; a host of extended family who she loved dearly; as well as many friends and neighbors who were lucky enough to know her. Though our hearts are heavy with loss, we are comforted in knowing that she will always be with us in spirit.

Jimmy William Williamson, 79
Jimmy William Williamson age 79 of Vinemont, Alabama, passed away Oct. 17, 2024. Jimmy is preceded in death by his wife Patricia Williamson, parents William Clarence Williamson and Clara Reese Williamson, and sisters Mary Morris and Nell Hesterly. Jimmy is survived by his sisters Diane Skinner and Maudie Phillips, special friends Randy Holmes and Missy and Dale Smith, and a host of nieces and nephews. A celebration of life funeral service for Jimmy will be held Monday Oct. 21, 2024, at 11 a.m. in the Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055, with interment to follow at Crossroads Baptist Cemetery, 6765 County Road 1141, Vinemont, AL 35179. Family will receive friends for a visitation the day prior (Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024) from 5:30-9 p.m. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Lee Silas Trussell, 96
Lee Silas Trussell, age 96 of Cullman, passed away Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Woodland Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Visitation will be on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 10-11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where service will be held at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Arley Congregational Cemetery (Smith Schoolhouse). Franklin Decatur will officiate. Memories and condolences may be shared at nicholsfuneralhomes.com.

Naomi Lynn, 94
Funeral Service for Naomi Lynn, age 94 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Steven Sutter officiating; burial at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Family visitation will start at 10 a.m. Public visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Lynn passed away on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, at Hanceville Nursing Home. She was born Oct. 16, 1930, in Cullman, Alabama, to Arthur Lee and Vennie Iris Hulsey. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leldon Lynn; parents; daughter, Kitty Lynn; brothers, Jessie (Jane) Hulsey, and Cecil Hulsey; sisters, Wanda Aderhold, Mamie Heth, and Glenda Walker. Survivors include her daughter, Karen (Richard) Bohannon; granddaughters, Kara (Richard) Gazaway, and Nicole (Parth) Bohannon, great grandchildren, Ellie Gazaway, and Tripp Gazaway; sisters, Clarene Reid, Juanita Lynn, and Linda Clardy; and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Grady Jackson Talley, 93
Grady Jackson Talley, age 93 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024. Grady is survived by his wife, Melba Talley; his sister Sue Allred. Host of nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews. A celebration of life visitation, for Grady will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL 35055. Following the celebration of life visitation, will be a a celebration of life funeral service at 1:30 p.m. at Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055. Grady will be laid to rest in Cullman City Cemetery, 812 Ninth Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055-4812. Serving as pallbearers are Tim Talley, Gerry Lee, David Estes, Bobby Moody, Kent Cooper and Ed Hays.

Dustin James Coville, 50
Dustin James Coville, 50 of Fairview, a lifelong truck driver, completed his final trip on Oct. 19, 2024, unexpectedly at home with his wife of 31 years, Anna Coville, by his side. Dustin was born Feb. 23, 1974, in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dustin is preceded in death by: his oldest brother, Jacob Alexander Coville, his paternal grandparents, John and Eunice Coville. His maternal grandparents, Bob and Pat Dart. And his Father-in-Law, Donald Kimbrough. He is survived by: his wife, Anna Coville, his parents, James "Jimmy" Anthony Coville, and Jessie Coville. His children, Damon (Abby) Kimbrough, Jessica (Cory) Pritchett, Marshall Dylan Coville, and his son Tyler Otzel, who lives in North Platte, Nebraska. His younger brother, Casey (Angela) Coville, his special cousin Alex (Brittany) Coville. His grandchildren, Tucker, Addison, Skipper, Penelope, Fuller, Finn, and Milo. His Mother-in-Law, Rebecca Kimbrough, Sister-In-Law, Angel (Shane) Hornsby. Bother-in-Laws, David Kimbrough, and Michael Kimbrough. He is also survived by a host of Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dustin was saved and baptized in 1995. Dustin knew that eternal life only comes from Jesus Christ, who died and gave His life for us so we can have life through Him. Dustin had a servant's heart and was always willing to help a friend in need or even a perfect stranger. He was the guy that would stay on the side of the road with you until midnight and work on your broken car when other people wouldn't even stop to see if you were okay. Dustin absolutely loved golfing, especially with his boys. He was an avid fisherman, and fishing was one of his greatest passions (just as any fishermen, he had tall tales). He also had a deep love of old cars and antiques, especially helping his sons work on their C10s. He was a lover of Alabama football, and of animals and nature. He could be stern when needed but was really a big teddy bear. Dustin was known lovingly as Duck to his immediate family but known as Chicken to his work family; and known as Pappy Duck to his grandchildren. Dustin was a valued member of River Valley/Tyson Foods (formerly American Proteins) in Hanceville, Alabama for 25 years. He was a team leader of Farm Mortality and such an integral part of his work family and an extremely dedicated employee. Dustin had a great love for his annual truck driving championship which he took very seriously and proudly displayed his awards and ribbons. He was beloved by his farmers at his work, so much so that even the farmer's wives made him special treats every Christmas, and his farmers never failed to dote on him and load him with presents and special items every year telling him that he always went above and beyond. Most of which could not even stand the week of his vacation. Dustin loved his wife's cooking, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas. He had an unhealthy love affair with spaghetti, so much so, that we can't even get the kids to eat it. Dustin was the ultimate Santa in our home. He was the guy that stayed up until 3 a.m. wrapping Christmas presents for the kids and grandkids. Dustin knew how to make you laugh and was a big ole prankster at heart. We want to say so much about him that there aren't enough words, but most of all we want you to know he was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, and friend. Pallbearers: Marshall Dylan Coville, Damon Kimbrough, Tucker Kimbrough, Cory Pritchett, David Kimbrough, Shane Hornsby, Casey Coville and Alex Coville. His final resting place is at Corinth Baptist Church in Joppa, Alabama. Dustin's obituary was lovingly written by his wife and children. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Coville family.

Ramona Mauter York, 91
Ramona Mauter York, age 91 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. A visitation for Ramona will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, from noon to 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055. A celebration of life funeral service will occur Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel, 1901 Second Avenue NW, Cullman, AL, 35055. An interment will occur Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at Cullman Memory Gardens, 1516 Bolte Road SE, Cullman, AL, 35055.

Lazetta Mize Nuss, 92
Lazetta Mize Nuss, age 92 of Gardendale, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024. Lazetta was born in Cullman Alabama on May 7, 1932, to Alvin and Martha Emily Farley Mize. She is preceded in death by her husband of 41 years: James Nuss, daughters: Janis Nuss and Tiena Henson, sister: Myrtle Mann and her parents. A Graveside Service will be on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at 10 a.m. at Center Hill Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama with Chaplain David Mann officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside. Survivors are: daughter: Melanie (Max) Daily, grandchildren: Hollye (Phillip) Dueitt, Hamilton (Kayla) Henson, Hanna Henson, Nicole (Andrew) Hall, great grandchildren: Nina Belle Dueitt, Levi Dueitt, Ronia Dueitt, Elijah Henson, Ezra Henson and Emelia Hall. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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On Monday November 4, 2024, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Rezoning request on 3rd Avenue SE – Old Edwards Place – R-1 to R-4
2. Conditional use request – 112 Denson Avenue NW – move house to address
3. Short form subdivision – 14th Street SE & Welti Road SE – create two lots
4. Short form subdivision – 2126 2nd Avenue NW- combine two lots into one lot
5. Conditional use request - Brantley Avenue NW – modular office building

For further information contact Brian Landreth or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

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Contest (from Front)

Lauren Estes
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CULLMAN, Ala. — The Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County are hosting their annual Pumpkin Painting Contest at the Cullman County Public Library this week. Cullman County Public Library System Assistant Director Shelby Creekmore said the contest is for kids 18 and younger.

"Paint products will be provided for you to use at the library on the 22nd and 24th or your child can paint their pumpkin at home," Creekmore said.

"The winner will be announced Oct. 25 and will receive a Samsung Galaxy tablet."

The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Public Libraries of Cullman County, and they are excited to see the creative results, Creekmore shared.

"There is no cost to participate (unless, of course patrons want to use their own paint at home) and the pumpkins need to be turned in at the library by the 24th for them to be considered in the contest," Creekmore said.

"The pumpkins will be displayed here at the library and patrons may pick them up after the 25th if they would like to keep them.

"Submissions will be judged Oct. 25, and winners will be announced on social media that day."

For more information, visit the Cullman County Public Library Facebook page.

Shelter (from Front)

praised the caring community and said she is always humbled when people think of the shelter for donation drives.

"We use a ton of food and treats on a daily basis for the cats and dogs in our care, not to mention cleaning supplies and cat litter," Hudson said. "So the extra help is always appreciated so much. It is very important for a community to support their local animal shelter.

"We strive to make the community proud. Positivity is what is needed for an animal shelter. Our ultimate goal is to give the animals in our care a second chance at a loving home. Positivity, likes and shares on our Facebook page help us tremendously in getting animals either back to their owners or placed in a loving home."

Schools/groups can always make a phone call and schedule a time to spend time with the animals, Hudson shared.

"The public is always welcome to stop by as well," Hudson said.

"We are open from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and we highly encourage visitors. We love interaction with our community and anyone is welcome to come by. We have an area where they can take the dogs outside and play and we also have a cat room where they can spend time with the cats.

"A lot of people come by on their lunch break to decompress from a stressful day. There is nothing better than animal therapy."

The Cullman County Animal Shelter accepts donations of any kind and can put each item donated to good use.

The shelter is located at 935 Convent Road. For more information, visit the Cullman County Animal Shelter Facebook page.

LEGALS

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
TOMMY FERRELL JONES, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC 2023-194

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Tommy Ferrell Jones, Jr., as Administrator of the Estate of Tommy Ferrell Jones, deceased, on the 18th 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 will be barred.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF CULLMAN)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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

Date & Time of Sale: Monday, Nov 16 2024 at 11:00 a.m./p.m.
Sale Location: Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Writ of Execution Parties: Carroll's Contemporary Designs
vs.
Chanda and Danny Sterling
539 County Road 539
Hanceville, Alabama 35077

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

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter the Northeast quarter of Section 27, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, thence N-1°-31'47"W a distance of 646.91 feet to a point, thence N-89°-38'54"W a distance of 392.29 feet to a point, thence S-00-12'48"W a distance of 451.80 feet to a point, thence S-89°-47'12"E a distance of 210.52 feet to a point, thence S-0°-16'-18"W a distance of 193.32 feet to a point on the North right of way line of a paved county road, thence S-88°-50'-00"E along said right of way line a distance of 201.17 feet to the point of beginning.

Said land lying and being in the SW ¼-NE ¼ , Section 27, T-11-S, R-2-W, Cullman County, Alabama and containing 5.02 acres more or less.

Source of title: Pursuant to the description provided in Plaintiff's Amended Writ of Execution issued on or about 22 August 2024 in case DV-2024-900091 in the District Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Dated this the 10th day of October, 2024.

BY: Matt Gentry, Sheriff
Sheriff Matt Gentry

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARGARET ANN MILLIS, * CASE NO.: PC2024-039
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to LAGEITA CAROL WATKINS HARRIS, as Personal Representative, of the ESTATE OF MARGARET ANN MILLIS, deceased, on the 16th day of August, 2024, by Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court.

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

Lageita Carol Watkins Harris
Personal Representative

Attorney for Petitioner:
Michael J. Baggett
BAGGETT & WILSON, LLC
206 Ninth Street Southwest, Suite 102
Cullman, AL 35055

TO: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

DONE this 16th day of August, 2024.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
MARY SUE BANISTER, * CASE NO. PC2024-322
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION TO PROBATE WILL AND FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: REGINA WIMBERLY, DEBORAH SHASTEEN LONG, HUNTER SHASTEEN, J.J. SHASTEEN a/k/a JAMES S. SHASTEEN, III, DONNA CAGLE, AMANDA JONES, LARRY SEMEVOLOS, JERRY DILWORTH AND ANY OTHER NEXT OF KIN AND HEIRS OF MARY SUE BANISTER, DECEASED.

Petition to Probate Will and for Letters Testamentary filed by William Thomas Blankenship, Petitioner, through Attorney Clint L. Maze. A hearing has been scheduled on this matter for the **20th day of November, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.,** before Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, Alabama.

All persons are hereby given notice to appear if they think proper.

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

Done this the 4th day of October, 2024.

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

To the Publisher: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice four (4) successive weeks is said newspaper.

Clint L. Maze
Attorney for Petitioner
Wilmer and Lee, P.A.
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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO.: PC2024-337

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF SHERLING TERRY GOODWIN, DECEASED,

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to KENNY GOODWIN, as Administrator of the Estate of SHERLING TERRY GOODWIN, Deceased, on the 3rd day of October, 2024, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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.

Kenny Goodwin
KENNY GOODWIN
Administrator of the
Estate of
Sherling Terry Goodwin, Deceased

PERRY D. KNIGHT
Attorney for the Estate of
Sherling Terry Goodwin, Deceased
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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

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2024-376

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PATSY ANN WHALEY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Timothy Lee Whaley on the 21st 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.

Timothy Lee Whaley
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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