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Dancing with purpose

Kicking Cancer in Cullman 2024 raises funds for Bosom Buddies

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CULLMAN, Ala — From early morning to late afternoon on Oct. 26, the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center was filled with toe-tapping, hip-swinging seniors, eager to dance the day away at the Kicking Cancer in Cullman 2024 Line Dance Workshop and Social. The event drew dancers of all ages and skill levels from across Alabama in support of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to assisting cancer patients in the Cullman area.

The workshop was led by four inspiring instructors, each a breast cancer survivor: Sherry Boatright, Jackie Tally, Helen Woods and Patra Bowman.

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GAUGE DAY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUN

Kicking Cancer in Cullman 2024 was a huge success, drawing over 80 dancers from around Alabama to participate in the day-long line dance workshop and social in benefit of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

New covered pickleball courts open at Donald E. Green Active Adult Center



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The new covered pickleball courts at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center officially opened on Oct. 18, 2024.

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Cullman's active community has a new home for pickleball with the recent opening of covered courts at the Donald E. Green Active Adult Center. A recent ribbon-cutting ceremony marked the opening of the new courts and was met with an enthusiastic crowd, including Cullman City Council members, Mayor Woody Jacobs, the Park Board and eager players of all ages. Highlighting the event was special guest Jonny Andrews, a Top 50 pickleball professional, who brought added excitement to the day.

Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson expressed gratitude for the support that made the courts possible, particularly from City leaders and the Park Board.

"We're incredibly grateful for the support of the city council and mayor in recognizing the growing need for



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pickleball courts in our area," Anderson said. "Pickleball is a sport that truly brings people together, spanning all ages and skill levels. Having covered courts available is a special feature that many communities don't have, and it's something we're proud to offer here in Cullman."

Pickleball is a rapidly growing sport combining elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong.

"It's easy to pick up but offers plenty of challenge, making it popular with people of all ages," Anderson explained. "Whether you're looking for a fun way to stay active or a competitive outlet, pickleball is a fantastic choice for fitness and fun."

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CRIME

Arrests and incidents reported Oct. 28

Cullman Tribune staff
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. — Below are the arrests and incidents reported Oct. 28, 2024. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Oct. 24

- harassment; CR 643
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; resisting arrest; Hwy. 278W
- domestic violence; CR 1426
- harassment; Hwy. 31

Oct. 25

- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 808
- violation of protection order; CR 781
- domestic violence; CR 808
- public intoxication; CR 35
- theft; CR 1775
- theft; CR 715
- theft; Industrial Park Rd.
- domestic violence; trespassing; CR 431
- theft; Champagne Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 230
- theft; CR 1736
- domestic violence; CR 735

Oct. 26

- possession of marijuana; obstructing government operations; CR 222
- theft; CR 731
- domestic violence; CR 735

Oct. 27

- domestic violence; Danes Ln.
- harassing communications; CR 1371
- burglary; CR 557
- unauthorized use of vehicle; CR 862
- criminal mischief; CR 827
- domestic violence; CR 194
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of marijuana; CR 1080
- criminal mischief; 3rd St. SW
- possession of dangerous drugs; possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1030

ARRESTS

Oct. 24-27

Aycock, April D.; 49

- FTA – theft-shoplifting, $500-less than $1500

Baker, Justin G.; 30

- assault-domestic-menacing-gun
- sell/distribute – methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- promote prison contraband (drugs)

Bartlett, Tomeka J.; 33

- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Beasley, Anthony R.; 53

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs
- FTA – escape
- FTA – possessing forged instrument
- FTA – theft-theft of property-2nd degree, $1500-$2500
- FTA – theft-miscellaneous, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – criminal trespass
- FTA – receiving stolen property, $500-less than $1500
- FTA – unlawful distribution of controlled substances

Beck, Justin R.; 25

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of dangerous drugs

Johnson, William N.; 67

- unauthorized possession, sale, delivery, use, etc., of wine or alcohol

Oliver, Amanda E.; 42

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest

Pendergraft, Unique N.; 32

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Pinon, Fidel Z.; 48

- DUI

Pruett, Joseph M.; 37

- causing of delinquency, dependency or need of supervision of children

Sachs Jr., James E.; 44

- FTA – attempting to elude a police officer

Scott, Jeffrey D.; 56

- possession of methamphetamine
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- failure of adult sex offender to register with local law enforcement and/or comply with residential restrictions

Sherrell, Cameron D.; 27

- possession of marijuana-2nd degree
- obstruction-governmental operations

Stephens, Tonya A.; 37

- FTA – possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA – possession of dangerous drugs

Thompson, Tyler D.; 30

- assault-domestic-simple assault-family

Williams, Walter A.; 37

- public intoxication
- FTA – public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Oct. 24

- failure to redeliver hired vehicle; McCurry Van and Car Rental; 2nd Ave. NW

Oct. 25

- criminal trespass-2nd degree; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- retail theft of property-3rd degree; Wal-Mart; general merchandise; $43; Olive St. SW

Oct. 27

- theft of property-1st degree; Elite Sports Alliance; cash; Lee Ave. SW

ARRESTS

Oct. 25-27

Estrada, Larry M.; 22

- FTA – driving while revoked
- FTA – speeding

Helms, Michael L.; 19

- retail theft of property-3rd degree

Price, Katlyn N.; 36

- criminal trespass-2nd degree

Brock, Damien A.; 33

- DUI

Hill, Wendi N.; 41

- GJ - fraudulent use of credit/debit card
- GJ - theft of property-3rd degree

Sandlin, Corey L.; 35

- theft of property-4th degree (2 counts)

Miller, Brasha N.; 33

- theft of property-4th degree

Lopez, Anastacio M.; 46

- DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests or incidents reported.

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

ALEA offers Halloween safety tips

Staff Reports
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — As Halloween approaches, the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) urges everyone to prioritize safety to avoid any frights on Halloween night.

All Alabamians should be aware that around Halloween, there will likely be more pedestrians on the roads and in unexpected places. Sadly, children are more likely to be injured on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

"Halloween is meant to be a night of fun for everyone, but it's important to remember that safety comes first," ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor said.

"We all have a duty to act responsibly to not only keep yourself safe, but also others around you.

"If you are driving, please slow down and remain extra vigilant this Thursday for pedestrians and children who may dart out in the road.

"Parents, please keep a close eye on your children when out trick-or-treating. Stay in familiar areas, and visit homes where you know the individuals."

Each October, ALEA reminds parents and guardians to consider checking the Agency's online sex offender registry to use as a tool for awareness and to protect your child.

To see where sex offenders live in your area, go to https://tinyurl.com/SOALEA.

In addition to emphasizing pedestrian safety, ALEA strongly encourages everyone to commit to sober driving.

Alcohol-impaired driving is deadly and continues to be a factor in fatal traffic crashes in the United States, including on Halloween night (6 p.m. Oct. 31 to 5:59 a.m. Nov. 1). From 2018 to 2022, there were 386 traffic fatalities on Halloween night.

Fifty-two percent of those vehicle occupants were drunk. Victims in those drunk-driving crashes included 31 pedestrians and 138 drivers and passengers.

"A critical part of celebrating Halloween is planning to get to your destinations and back home safely. Those who are going out and intend to drink should make sure to have a designated sober driver or plan a sober ride home," ALEA's Department of Public Safety Director, Colonel Jonathan Archer said. "ALEA Troopers do not tolerate impaired driving any time of the year, but for your safety and for the safety of innocent bystanders, please make smart choices so this

Halloween does not turn into a nightmare for you or for the loved ones of others." ALEA offers the following 13 tips for avoiding a scare this Halloween:

Safety tips for drivers:

1. Be alert for trick-or-treaters and other pedestrians.

2. Slow down and scan the road. Remember: Slower speeds save lives.

3. Watch for young trick-or-treaters in unexpected places. Children may be unaware of traffic and dart into the street unexpectedly.

4. If you see an impaired driver, contact law enforcement.

Safety tips for pedestrians:

5. Before festivities begin, create a "buddy system" to get each other home safely and prevent walking alone.

6. Follow the rules of the road and obey signs and signals.

7. If possible, cross streets at crosswalks or intersections. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.

Unfortunately, Halloween also involves potentially deadly crashes, and impaired drivers on the road. In 2022, nearly half of all crash fatalities during Halloween night were alcohol-related.

Safety tips for party attendees:

8. Before drinking, choose a designated driver, or schedule a ride-sharing, ride-hailing or taxi service.

9. If you drink, do not drive — for any reason. Even a small amount of alcohol can affect driving ability.

Safety tips for hosts:

10. Be responsible and take action to make sure guests get home safely.

11. Prepare to call taxis or ride shares, provide sleeping accommodations, or — if you're sober — drive guests home yourself.

12. Collect car keys from guests who are drinking.

13. Provide non-alcoholic beverage options.



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Crash (from Front)

Staff Reports
Contributor

BLOUNT COUNTY, Ala. — A single-vehicle crash that occurred at approximately 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 27, has claimed the life of a Springville juvenile.

Alabama State Troopers said the 16-year-old was fatally injured when the 2018 Chevrolet Malibu the teen was driving left the roadway, struck an embankment, overturned and caught fire. Troopers said the 16-year-old was not using a seat belt at the time of the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

A 15-year-old passenger in the Chevrolet, who Troopers said was also not using a seat belt at the time of the crash, was ejected and airlifted to an area hospital for medical treatment.

The crash occurred on Alabama 132 near the 9 mile marker, approximately 1 mile west of Altoona, in Blount County.

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

Courts (from Front)

intentional. With a large number of senior participants, the center's proximity to existing courts at Ingle Park and ample parking nearby, the location was ideal. "The available parking and space worked out beautifully," Anderson said.

Anderson shared plans for potential future expansion as the sport gains further momentum locally. "We're excited to see the enthusiasm for pickleball continue to grow in our community. As the need arises, we are hopeful to expand with more courts, located within the (planned) Omni Sports District."

The courts will be open from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily, following Ingle Park's operating hours. Currently, players need to bring their own paddles and balls, as no equipment rentals are offered onsite.

Jacobs emphasized the community impact of the new courts. "It's great to see community members of all ages enjoying a sport that's bringing people together," he said. "We're proud to support this addition, which will serve as a hub of activity for years to come."

The Active Adult Center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW.

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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
• 1650 St. Joseph Dr. NW, Cullman
• Wednesday, Oct. 30 - 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, Nov. 1 - 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.
• Saturday, Nov. 2 - 8 a.m. Men's breakfast 10 a.m. Foundry Farm outreach
• Sunday, Nov. 3 - 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, 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.

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.



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List: Local fall, Halloween events

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Here are just a few of the fall and Halloween events happening around the Cullman area this week. Know of an event we missed? Let us know in the comments on Facebook!

Costume Party at Chick-fil-A Cullman
Enjoy a Halloween-themed Ice Dream bar and show off your Halloween costume while you eat dinner at Chick-fil-A!

- Date: Tuesday, Oct. 29
- Time: 5 p.m.
- Location: Chick- fil-A at Cullman, 1830 Cherokee Ave. SW

Cullman Police Department Trunk or Treat
There will be police cars, fire trucks, a helicopter, music and plenty of candy! We'll also be showing the movie "Coco" during the event this year!

- Date: Tuesday, Oct. 29
- Time: 6-8 p.m.
- Location: Cullman Police Department, 601 Second Ave. NE

Trunk or Treat at Etha Baptist Church
There will be a petting zoo, hot dogs and drinks. Dress in your favorite costume and join the fun.

- Date: Wednesday, Oct. 30
- Time: 6-8 p.m.
- Location: Etha Baptist Church, 8417 County Road 1545, Cullman

Nightmare on Woodland Street
Old-fashioned trick-or-treating in the neighborhood! Family friendly. Enjoy the fun! Dress festive in Halloween costumes. Door to door for free candy. Hosted by Jessica Lee, Zach Lee and the Woodland Heights neighborhood.

- Date: Thursday, Oct. 31
- Time: 5 p.m.
- Location: Woodland Heights neighborhood (Neighborhood behind Moss Funeral Home), 1602 Woodland St. NW, Cullman

Ledger's Fall Festival
We'll have games, face painting, chili, hot chocolate for the kiddos, trunk or teat and more. Come dressed in costume for spooky family friendly event.

- Date: Thursday, Oct. 31
- Time: 5-8 p.m.
- Location: Ledger's Steakhouse and Grille at Stone Bridge Farms, 281 County Road 717 Cullman

Annual Dialsdale Trick or Treat!
Neighborhood Trick- or-Treat in Dialsdale Subdivision! Family Friendly. Door to door for free candy. The neighborhood has lots of Halloween decorations. Wear your favorite Halloween costume.

Hosted by Lauren Davenport and Dialsdale Subdivision

- Date: Thursday, Oct. 31
- Time: 6 p.m.
- Location: Dialsdale subdivision (behind south Walmart), Dialsdale Drive Southwest, Cullman

The Refuge Church of God Fall Festival
Free games, train ride, food, candy and prizes! Everything is free and family friendly.

- Date: Thursday, Oct. 31
- Time: 6-8 p.m.
- Location: 1115 U.S. Highway 278 East, Cullman

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PREP FOOTBALL RECAP

4 local teams collect wins in week 10

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CULLMAN, Ala. — Week 10 was the final week in which all of our local teams were on the field and four of them picked up big wins to add to their win columns. Fairview remained unbeaten with a win over East Limestone, Addison capped its regular season with a win over Phillips, Meek handled Vina on the road and Good Hope defeated Dora to claim a region title.

Fairview 42 – East Limestone 0

After a big run from Carson Jones moved the Aggies' offense deep into East Limestone territory, Fairview was stopped on fourth down a few plays later, turning the ball over to the Indians. The Aggies turned it over on downs on their next possession as well, but Fairview's defense kept East Limestone off the board and Fairview's offense began to find its rhythm late in the first quarter.

After a scoreless first quarter, quarterback Kolt Redding ran one into the end zone from 4 yards out to put the Aggies in front 7-0 at the start of the second. Fairview added to its lead on its next possession when Jake Harper punched one into the end zone from a yard out to make it a 14-0 game with four minutes remaining in the second quarter. As they've done several times this season, the Aggies were able to get some points on the board in the final moments of the half. After a big run from Jones got Fairview down inside the 30-yard line, Harper scored from 10 yards out just a couple plays later to put the Aggies ahead 21-0 with 32 seconds to play in the second quarter.

Fairview's offense stayed hot when play resumed for the third quarter, starting with a 25-yard touchdown run from Jones that stretched the lead to 28-0. Midway through the third, Redding connected with Conner Scott through the air for another Aggies touchdown to make it a 35-0 game. With less than two minutes remaining in the third, Redding hit Blake Rickard down field for a 45-yard touchdown to give Fairview a 42-0 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

A lot of younger Aggies got the opportunity to play in the final frame and they were able to keep the Indians off the board to preserve the shutout and wrap up a 42-0 win for Fairview.

The Aggies improve to 8-0 with the win and they'll travel to Good Hope this week for a massive matchup with the unbeaten Raiders.

Good Hope 47 – Dora 28

Dora got the ball first to start out the game, and they didn't waste any time finding the end zone, scoring on a 26-yard run to give them an 8-0 lead. Good Hope looked to respond on its opening series. Some tough runs by Mason Drake and Tyler Cone saw them move the ball to the 42, but later in the drive, the Raiders were faced with fourth-down-and five from the 41. Cone found Tucker Screws for 22 yards to keep their series alive. A few plays later, they were faced with another fourth down situation from the 18, but Cone found a wide-open Drake in the end zone to cut it to 8-7 with 3:37 remaining in the first quarter.

The defense quickly forced its first turnover of the game, as Drake recovered a Bulldog fumble at the 30. Two plays later, Cone connected with Carter Rutherford for a 67-yard score to give Good Hope a 14-8 lead. The Bulldogs got back in the end zone on its next series, as they scored on a 26-yard run to tie the game up at 14 with 9:42 remaining in the first half. Cone picked up 23 yards on the first play of the Raiders' next series, then two plays later, he found Tucker Malin for 16 yards to put them at the five. Cone punched it two plays later from the one to give Good Hope a 21-14 lead.

The defense forced yet another turnover on its next series, as a bad snap allowed Landon Bagwell to pick up the loose ball and take it 72 yards to the house to push the Raider lead to 28-14 with a little over four minutes to go until halftime. The Bulldogs scored on a 24-yard run to cut it to 28-21, and the score would remain the same going into the half.

The Raiders quickly went backwards on offense to start out the second half, but Cone found Rutherford for 23 yards on third down to keep the drive alive. Their offense, though, stalled after that, and they were forced to punt. Good Hope's defense forced yet another fumble, as Isaiah Owen recovered the ball at the 40. An offsides penalty put the Raiders in a third-and-one situation, then Cone picked up the first down on the next play. Three plays later, Cone found Drake for 26 yards, as that put them at the two. It took all four downs for them to find the end zone, as Cone connected with Screws for a one-yard score to give them a 35-21 lead with less than two minutes to go in the third quarter.

The Raider defense forced a turnover on downs on its next series, and they quickly found the end zone once again, as Cone found a wide-open Rutherford over the middle for a 53-yard touchdown to stretch their lead to 42-21. Dora cut it to 42-28 on a one-yard run. Behind some big runs by Drake, and a 20-yard pass from Cone to Rutherford quickly put Good Hope at the six. The Raiders would end up settling for a field goal, as Robert Rodriguez's 27-yard field goal attempt split the uprights, and that made it 45-28. A safety late in the game increased their lead to 47-28. They ended up burning the remaining time off the clock, as they defeated Dora, 47-28, to clinch the Class 4A, Region 5 championship. More importantly, it's the first region championship that Good Hope has won under head coach Alan Scott, and he was proud of his team for how they battled against a really tough Dora team.

"That's the most adversity we've faced this year. Our guys handled it well. We never hung our heads, and we kept fighting. That Dora team is an outstanding football team, and obviously, their running back is special. Hats off to our kids and our coaches. Our fans were outstanding, and it's just a great day to be a Raider," Scott said.

"I'm just thankful. I mean, God's blessed me so much to be coaching at my home school and to be surrounded by so many people that love this program, so I give all the glory to Him.

"That's just going to be a monumental game. I mean, Fairview's the cream of the crop in the county. They have been for a while. Coach Redding does a fantastic job, so we've got to buckle up on Monday and get ready to work again."

Cone finished 12/15 for 251 yards and four scores and added 70 more on the ground and another touchdown. Rutherford collected 163 yards on four receptions and a pair of touchdowns. Drake and Screws each collected a receiving touchdown in the game.

Drake, Bagwell (fumble recovery for a touchdown), and Owen each finished with a fumble recovery in the win for Good Hope (9-0, 7-0).



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The Good Hope Raiders defeated Dora 47-28 Friday night to win this year's 4A, Region 5 Championship.



BRANDON EVANS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Addison Bulldogs wrapped up their regular season with a 57-0 win over Phillips Bear Creek Friday night.

Good Hope will host Fairview in a battle of unbeaten teams Friday night.

Addison 57 – Phillips Bear Creek 0

Addison kicked off and on the Bears opening drive, facing a third and 11, Addison's Trennon Burns picked off a Bear pass, this would become a regular occurrence during this game. Burns took it all the way back for the touchdown getting credit for the twenty-eight-yard return. Wyatt Anderson ran in the two-point conversion and at the 10:45 mark of the first quarter, Addison led 8-0.

On the Bears second possession they managed a first down and then facing another third and long, Bulldog Seth Hammack picked off a pass and returned it twelve yards back to the Bear 37-yard line. Five plays later, Judah Wilkins scampered in from four yards out for the touchdown. Anderson again ran in the two-point conversion and with 7:29 left in the first quarter, Addison led 16-0.

The Bulldogs yet again intercepted a Bears pass, this time it was Scout Flynn who returned the ball 26 yards down to the Bear 22. It only took the Bulldogs two plays to score as Jaxson Williams rumbled in from 11 yards out for the touchdown. The Anderson extra point was no good and still with 5:31 to go in the first quarter, Addison led 22-0.

The Bears didn't turn the ball over on their next drive but were forced to punt and that is when Bulldog Elijah Roberts returned the punt 46 yards, down to the Bears' 34-yard line. A dead ball personal foul penalty against Phillips moved the ball down to the 19. Addison QB Roberts found Flynn wide open for a 19-yard touchdown catch and run on the next play. Anderson kicked the extra point and with 2:14 left in the first quarter, Addison led 29-0.

Phillips' next possession was the same as the previous ones. Addison's Roberts picked off a Phillips pass and returned it forty yards for the touchdown.

Roberts then hit Dathan Cleghorn for the two-point conversion and still with 1:01 left in the first quarter, Addison was leading 37-0. With Roberts' interception, Addison tied an AHSAA record for most interceptions in a quarter with four.

After forcing a three and out punt from Phillips deep in their own territory, Addison took advantage of a zero-yard punt. Addison's Joey Wilson cashed it in from eight yards out for the score.

Anderson nailed the extra point and at the 11:04 mark of the second quarter, Addison was up 44-0.

Phillips put together their best drive of the first half against Addison's second team defense as they moved the ball down to the Addison 27-yard line. That is when Carter Pratt stepped in front of a Bear pass and then returned it 72 yards all the way down to the Bears' 8-yard line. Pratt wasn't tackled, he completely blew all four tires and ran out of gas at the eight. Addison Head Coach David Smothers wasn't about to let Pratt's effort go to waste so on the very next play, Pratt caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from Flynn. Good thing there was a lot of space for Pratt to run to because you could tell he still hadn't recovered from that marathon he ran the play earlier. Anderson nailed the extra point and at the 8:01 mark of the second quarter, Addison was firmly in control 51-0.

The Bears next possession must have seemed like they were living in the movie "Ground Hog Day" as Anderson intercepted Addison's sixth pass of the first half and returned it 45 yards for the score.

The point after was no good and Addison led 57-0 with 7:20 to go in the half. This is how the first half ended.

With both Head Coaches agreeing to a running clock the second half flew by and the Bulldosg wrapped up a 57-0 win to cap the regular season.

Addison came away with a solid, but expected 57-0 victory over a game, but overmatched Phillips squad. Addison moves to 6-4 (5-2 region) and is off next week.

Meek 54 – Vina 14

A 15-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Evan McCay to Jaxon Brown, followed by a two-point conversion run by Jordan Phillips, gave the Tigers an early, 8-0 lead. A touchdown and two-point conversion run by Hunter Wyatt made it 16-0 later in the first quarter. Wyatt's second touchdown run of the night and a two-point pass from McCay to Conner Lane stretched the lead to 24-0 with four minutes to play in the first. At the end of the first quarter, Phillips ran one into the end zone for a touchdown and a two-point conversion to put Meek in front 32-0 at the start of the second.

A pair of Vina touchdowns cut the lead to 32-14 midway through the second quarter, but a 4-yard touchdown run from Phillips stopped the scoring run and kept the Tigers ahead 38-14. After Phillips came up with an interception on the defensive side of the ball, McCay found him through the air for an 11-yard touchdown a few plays later to give Meek a 46-14 lead at halftime.

A 35-yard touchdown run by Lane made it a 52-14 game midway through the third quarter and McCay found Lane in the end zone for the two-point conversion to put the Tigers in front 54-14. Neither team was able to find the end zone again the rest of the way and Meek returned home with a 54-14 win over the Red Devils.

The Tigers will finish their regular season at home Friday against Carbon Hill.

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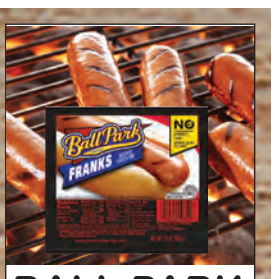
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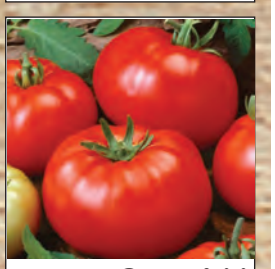
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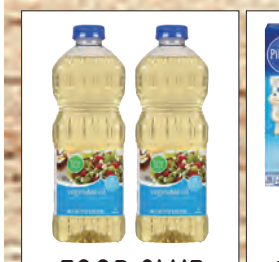
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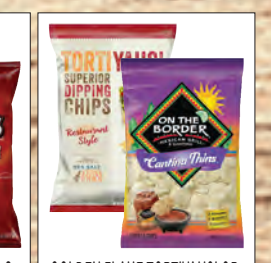


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Students participate in Forestry Career Day.

Alabama Forestry Association holds Forestry Career Day in Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. — High school students from across north Alabama had the opportunity to participate in a Forestry Career Day in Cullman County last week to learn about forest industry careers. The event was part of Alabama Woods to Goods Week and held by the Alabama Forestry Association.

The event was made possible by the support of industry partners including C&L Wood Products, Jasper Lumber Company-Tolko, Morgan County Soil and Water Conservation District and Mill Creek Lumber Company.

Students got to visit forest industry companies and various colleges and universities booths to learn more about future career pathways, use a logging simulator, view real logging equipment, watch drone and fire demonstrations and learn about how working forests are important to wildlife from the Auburn University Raptor Center.

Alabama Woods to Goods Week is a week-long promotional event to celebrate forestry's professionals, products and industry.

It is a public-private partnership with the Alabama Forestry Association, the Alabama Forestry Commission, the Alabama Forestry Foundation, the Forest Workforce Training Institute, the Alabama Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Alabama Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils.

Governor Kay Ivey proclaimed the third week in October as Alabama Woods to Goods Week which coincides with National Forest Products Week.

The week was celebrated across the state with mill tours, log site visits, forest product donations and many other educational events to highlight the industry's environmental, community and economic impact.

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 26-28

Gene Pinkard, 76
Funeral services for Gene Pinkard, 76, will be Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, with interment at First Baptist Church Fairview Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon till 2 p.m. Monday at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Mr. Pinkard passed away Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at his residence.

Dianna Cooper-Evans, 77
Funeral Services for Dianna Cooper-Evans, of Hanceville will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 29th at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow the service at Hopewell Cemetery. The family will welcome friends for visitation from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Hanceville Funeral Home. Dianna, a loving soul known for her boundless kindness and genuine heart, passed away on Oct. 28, 2024, at the age of 77. She was born on March 29, 1947. Her warmth and selflessness touched the lives of everyone who knew her. She lived by putting others before herself, always caring for friends, family, and strangers alike with dedication that defined her life. Family was at the center of Diana's world. She found her greatest joy in spending time with her loved ones, creating memories filled with laughter, love, and quiet moments that will forever be cherished. Her warmth and sincerity made every gathering brighter, and her gentle spirit left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate to know her. Mrs. Evans will be remembered not only for her kindness but for the genuine way she lived her life. Her legacy of love and compassion is a testament to the beautiful soul she was, and her memory will live on in the hearts of those who loved her dearly. Survivors include her children, Chris Nix, Kimberly Raley and Ashely Green; 10 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; sisters, Shirley Kay Smith and Ellen Ray Hudson; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Mrs. Evans was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Paul Evans; son, Scotty Lloyd; and brother, Richard Cooper. Hanceville Funeral Home is honored to serve the Cooper-Evans Family.

Alan Reid Lemon, 68
Alan Reid Lemon, of Cullman, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 25, 2024, at the age of 68. Alan was born in Pontiac, Michigan, to the late Russell Raymond Lemon, Sr. and the late Myrna Loy Barnard Lemon, on Feb. 28, 1956, making him a Left-handed Lemon born on Leap Year. Mr. Lemon was a hard-working man who was good at anything he attempted to do, and if he didn't know how to do it, he could figure it out. He worked many years as a grinder but in his free time, Alan loved to work on cars. Mr. Lemon was good at building racing cars and motors, and he enjoyed competing with the cars he built. Alan had an incredible sense of humor and anyone who spent any time with him knew the fun and freehearted man he was. Mr. Lemon loved nature and birds, and he had a soft spot for his pets, Kiki and Belle. Alan was also a lover of music, and the classics were among some of his favorites. Mr. Lemon was a kindhearted man who was good to everyone, and he loved his family dearly. His wife and children were his joy, and they will miss him greatly. Although Alan is no longer here with them, his humor and spirit of kindness will remain with them forever. Mr. Lemon is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Randy Lemon and Dennis Lemon; as well as his sister, Denise Lemon. Those left to cherish Alan's memory includes his wife, Peggy Lemon; sons, Derrick Lemon (Becca), Alan Lemon, Tony Lemon; daughters, Sara Miller, Jenna Pettiet (Jason); stepson, Shawn Woodard; brothers, Jim Lemon (Kennetta), Isaac Lemon (Cecilia); grandchildren, Jordan Lemon, Addison Miller, Oliver Lemon, Raegan Lemon, Zander Lemon, Briana Lemon, Isaac Pettiet, Selah Grace Pettiet, Benjamin Pettiet; honorary grandchildren, Aslyn, Rylan, and Aubrey, Austin and Kylee Miller; sister-in-law, Joyce Miller; special friend, Mark Burton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family. Ms. Peggy would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Alabama Home Health and Southern Care Hospice for the extraordinary care and love shown to Alan in his final days. There will be no services at this time for Mr. Lemon. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Lemon family.

Lawrence Welton Woods, 85
Lawrence Welton Woods, of Blountsville, Alabama, passed away on Oct. 24, 2024, at the age of 85. Mr. Woods was born, as a twin, on Nov. 7, 1938, in the small community of Liberty, in Blount County, Alabama, to the late Richard Augustus and Sophia Gertrude Vanzant Woods. Mr. Woods served his nation honorable in the United States Army before working as a machinist for many years. Mr. Woods was a hard-working man who enjoyed woodworking and grafting trees in his spare time. He was an amateur radio operator, and he had a great knowledge of God's word and was able to quote it from memory. Welton and his twin, Elton, shared a very special bond. Mr. Woods enjoyed being a twin and the two were rarely separated. Welton loved his wife of 54 years, Janice, dearly and his daughters were a source of joy for him as well. His little dog, Sophie Jean, also held a special place in his heart. Mr. Woods is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Stephanie Lemaster-Bonner; sisters, Dorothy Yarbrough (Leamon), Martha Smith (Junice); and brother-in-law, Rodney Bradford. Those surviving Mr. Woods includes his wife, Mary Janice Hutchens Woods; daughter, Angela Woods; grandson, Bryant Lemaster; brothers Ervin Woods (Dorothy), Elton Woods (Glenda); sisters, Shirley Bradford, Barbara Gilliland (Roger); and a host of nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. Friends are invited to join the family for a time of visitation on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 27, 2024, from noon until services begin at 2 p.m. All services will be held in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel with Tyler Cantrell officiating. Following services, Mr. Woods will be laid to rest in Rock Springs Cemetery where his nephews will serve as pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Woods family.

Ricky Eugene Roberson, 67
Funeral Service for Ricky Eugene Roberson, age 67 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bob Stewart officiating. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Roberson passed away on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at Cullman Regional. He was born, Dec. 20, 1956, in Flint, Michigan, to Franklin Eugene Roberson and Jesse Irene Roberson. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his daughter, Ericka (Tommy) Robertson; grandchildren, Kaylie and Connor Roberson; sister, Debby (Bruce) Walker; nephew, Jared (Kimberly) Walker; special friend, Donna Roberson; and a host of aunts, cousins, family and friends.

Linda Lou Moody, 80
Funeral service for Linda Lou Moody, age 80, of Cullman, will be Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Pastor Etsel Riddle. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service and interment will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Linda was born Feb. 18, 1944, to Ernest Shoemaker and Inez Gorham Shoemaker. She passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jimmy Moody; grandparents, Grover and Hester Gorham; grandparents, William and Martha Shoemaker; half-brother, Ernest "Loyd" Shoemaker, Jr.; half-sister, Anita Shoemaker. She is survived by her sisters, Brenda Young (Raymond), and Katye Delashaw; nieces and nephews, Jennifer Harris (Matthew), Jonathan Young, Jeffrey Young, Jeremy Young, Tyler Delashaw (Darian). Linda was a caring and soft-spoken individual who spent her time enjoying her favorite things - the Atlanta Braves, Andy Griffith, cats, country music, and crossword puzzles. She lived a life full of love for God and family. We have many fond memories of Linda, and life won't be quite the same without her. Faith, however, will eventually triumph grief as we are affirmed of her deliverance to the Holy Father. Grant unto her eternal rest, o Lord. Rest in peace, our dear sweet Linda Lou. You are very loved, and we will miss you dearly.

Steve Harrison Krapf, 56
Steve Harrison Krapf, age 56, of Vinemont, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at UAB Hospital. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Steve was born on Dec. 22, 1967, to Henry Krapf and Mary Donley Krapf in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, David Krapf. He is survived by his loving wife, Regina Krapf; two sons, Clayton Prince, and Steve Krapf; one brother, Joe Sullivan; two sisters, Tiffany Krapf (Dan), Shana Krapf; three grandchildren, Camila Prince, Ryan Krapf, Romy Krapf; a host of nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Joseph Wayne Thompson, 80
A graveside service, for Joseph Wayne Thompson, age 80, of Cullman, is planned for Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Union Hill Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery in Morgan County. All friends and family are welcome. Wayne was born Feb. 3, 1944, to Joseph R. Thompson and Clemmie Moore Thompson. He passed away on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, at Walker Rehab and Long-term Care in Carbon Hill, Alabama. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. He is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Barbara Todd, Betty Judy, and Brenda Strickland. He is survived by his sister Joan McAnnally and her husband, Larry; several nieces and nephews.

Priscilla Diane Smith, 57
Funeral Service for Priscilla Diane Smith, age 57 of Baileyton, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Jeremy Calloway officiating; burial at Duck Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Smith passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at her residence. She was born April 29, 1967, to Alvis Finley and Carolyn Finley. She was preceded in death by her father and her grandparents. Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Smith; sons, Rocky (April) Smith, Rodney (Heather) Smith, Zachary (Kristy) Smith; grandchildren, Lillie Smith, Shine Harper, Jake "buttercup" Harper, Blaine Smith; sister, Virginia Rhoades; nephews, Ethan Bice, Zayne Bice, Zaxton Bice, Tyler Hendrix, Shannon Ivey, Justin Rhoades, Dawson Rhoades; niece, Bambi Contreras; sister-in-law, Angela Hendrix; and a host of family and friends.

Baby Richard Ryan Sharpton, Jr.
Graveside Service for Baby Richard Ryan Sharpton, Jr. of Cullman, will be at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at Bethel Methodist Cemetery. Baby Richard passed away on October 27, 2024 at Grandview Medical Center. He was born Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to Richard Sharpton, Sr. and Cheyenne Humphreys Sharpton. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was preceded in death by his Pawpaw, Heath Humphreys and grandmother, Christy Holland-Sharpton. Survivors include his parents; brother, Liam Sharpton; Mawmaw, April Humphreys; Nana and Pop, Donna and Emmett Humphreys; Pawpaw, Billy Ray Sharpton, II; great grandpaw, Billy Ray Sharpton, Sr.; and a host of aunts, cousins, family and friends.

Linda Susan Ruland, 73
Linda Susan Ruland, age 73, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024. Linda was born in Brevort, Michigan on Oct. 12, 1951. She was the beloved wife of Rev. Warren Ruland for 52 years. Linda was married to Rev. Warren Ruland on Jan. 8, 1972, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brevort, Michigan. She held various positions of employment, but mainly enjoyed being a loving wife, mother and grandmother (Nana). She and Rev. Ruland had three children: Tiffany May (Jeff) Davis of Jefferson City, Missouri; Warren Michael (Michelle) Ruland of Austin, Texas; and Sheerah Lyn (Justin) Pruett of Cullman, Alabama. The grandchildren are: Micah Lyn Davis, Mackenzie May Davis, Mayson Susan Davis; Gracie Lyn Ruland, Renee Jean Ruland; Walker John Pruett, Fisher Blake Pruett, and Miller Kate Pruett. Linda was preceded in death by her mother Margaret Buckholz of Engadine, Michigan and her brother Henry Buckholz of Engadine, Michigan. She is survived by her brothers: Charles, John, and Richard Buckholz of Engadine, MI and sister Bertha Steiner. A Celebration of Life Funeral Service will be held on Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, at Moss Service Funeral Home at 2 p.m. with Rev. Warren Ruland officiating. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you donate to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. Please share condolences and memories with the family at www.mossservicefh.com. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Bette Mae Ratliff, 93
Bette Mae Ratliff, age 93, of Bremen, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, at her residence. There are no services planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Bette was born Aug. 17, 1931, in Eureka, Montana, to Gerald Frost and Clara Rich Frost. She is preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Clara Frost; husband, Charles Ratliff; son, Grover Ratliff; grandson, Robert Alan Ratliff II. She is survived by her children, Carol Ratliff (Price), Gerald Ratliff, and Robert Ratliff; grandchildren, Rich Tallman, Miranda Shelton (Keith), Kyle Ratliff, Ashleigh Eddy (Aaron), Raechael Ratliff, Leah Belser (Griff), Todd Abbott (Holly); great-grandchildren, Oliver Eddy, Adalene Eddy, Callum Eddy, Kaden Ratliff, Kase Ratliff, Abby Shelton, Kennedy Shelton, Emma Shelton, Sophie Belser, Lily Abbott. Family describes Bette as the "loving place in their home". She loved her family dearly and there was nothing she wouldn't do for them. Her purpose in life was to help those in need and her children can remember her doing so on a regular basis. Everyone that knew her loved her and she will always be remembered for her love and kindness she gave so freely. In lieu of flowers, please click here https://www.samaritanspurse.org/memorial-page/bette-mae-ratliff-bremenal/ to donate to Bette Mae's memorial giving page at Samaritans Purse, for those were devastated by Hurricane Helene in the mountains of North Carolina.

Carolyn Paschal White, 86
Funeral service for Carolyn Paschal White, age 86, of Cullman, will be Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2024, at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Ben McKenzie and Bro. Wade Maynard. Visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. prior to the service and interment will be held at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home is honored to serve the family. Carolyn was born July 2, 1938, to Starling and Annie Paschal. She passed away on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2024, at UAB Hospital. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Rader White; sister, Doris Bailey. She is survived by one son, Philip White (Kristy); one daughter, Marla Ellett (Will); one brother, Joel Paschal (Carol); one sister, Linda Merritt; four grandchildren, Oakleigh Calahan (Jacob), Jacob White, Caleb Ellett (Jessica), and Logan Ellett; one great-grandchild, Mary Patrick Calahan; a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, family and friends. Family describes Carolyn as a virtuous woman of strong Christian faith and love for her God. She was given the gift of service by Him and used it faithfully to help and support others. She was a wonderful wife, mom, grandma, great-grandma, sister, and friend to all. She kept her focus on God and her family and will be remembered for all days to come by those she loved and who loved her. If friends or family wish to donate in lieu of flowers, please do so in Carolyn's honor to the Community Meal Fund at Northside Baptist Church: 1310 Katherine Street NW, Cullman, AL 35055. 256-734-8717 website: nbccullman.org.

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Competition (from Front)

Gauge Day
gauge@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN, Ala. — The Garage in Cullman is gearing up for its annual Day of the Deadlift party, set for Saturday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. The event invites the public to join for a Halloween-packed evening featuring a deadlift competition, Halloween costumes and community fun.

With a $50 entry fee for competitors, the deadlift contest will have a cash payout awarded based on participation, with both male and female winners recognized. Gym merchandise will be up for grabs, alongside free training sessions provided by local fitness trainers Zack Gordon and Elizabeth Standridge. Spectators can enjoy the event free of charge.

The Garage Owner Tamara Gourley shared her excitement for the event, saying, ″ I would love to see the community come out and support everyone lifting. It's going to be a great time. We will have some lifters participating in costume. This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to come and check things out without pressure or intimidation. Everyone is welcome and it is completely free and open to the public ″

The party will feature Halloween-themed activities, including trunk-or-treat, along with food and drinks, with the famous tamales making a return. Aurora Mobile IV & Wellness will also be on-site, offering IV wellness options.

For more information on the event, contact The Garage at 256-962-0463 between 4-8 p.m. or visit the Day of the Deadlift event page at https://tinyurl.com/DayoftheDeadliftCullman.

The Garage is located at 4330 County Road 703 in Cullman.



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Election (from Front)

Office of Wes Allen
Contributor

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen is encouraging Alabama voters to visit www.AlabamaVotes.gov before heading to the polls for the Nov. 5 General Election.

"AlabamaVotes.gov makes several important tools available to Alabama's voters. Before heading to the polls on Nov. 5, I would encourage all Alabama voters to visit our website and verify their voter registration status and polling location," Allen said. "Our website also provides those who voted absentee the ability to track their absentee ballot.

″You can also view the sample ballot for your county and read up on Alabama's photo ID requirements for voting on our website."

On Election Day, polls will be open 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification when voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

Election results will be posted at www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

Purpose (from Front)

by artists like Ed Sheeran and Sabrina Carpenter, the instructors introduced participants to new moves and joined in on familiar dances and tunes, offering guidance whenever needed.

The music never took a break even when the dancers did.

Song after song was announced, allowing attendees to pick and choose which ones to participate in.

Often, just as dancers headed back to their seats, a familiar song would be called out, prompting them to dart right back to the dance floor.

When it was an instructor's turn to teach a dance, the entire ensemble of attendees would move to the dance floor.

Familiar steps, like the mambo step or the grapevine would be called out as the instructor demonstrated the next step in the dance.

Just like that, the group would move as a unit, practicing the song before a final, fun run-through.

"Isn't that beautiful? That many people out there learning that dance? To me, it's just wonderful," Boatright shared.

"I tell them sometimes, 'There is nothing prettier than to see a group this size all moving together.' You look out there, and everyone is doing the same movement and dancing, yet they all still have their own individual style as well. It's beautiful."

While the main goal was to raise funds for Bosom Buddies, Boatright said she hoped the event captured the joy of line dancing and the community it fosters.

The Active Adult Center offers line dancing classes for seniors 55-plus, from beginner to advanced, allowing dancers of all skill levels to connect and grow, not just as dancers, but as a community of people.

For Shirley Nelson, a longtime dancer, the impact has been life changing, "It's my lifesaver," Nelson said.

"I take care of my husband right now, and I have been dancing with Sherry for 17 years now and I love it.

″It's what has kept me mentally and physically fit and has allowed me to take care of my husband. I will be 90 in May."

For dancer Rachel Mountz, line dancing has become one of the most cherished parts of her retirement.

"When I retired it was one of the main things that I wanted to be able to get into. We line danced at church camp when I went in the summer as a teenager, and I loved it.

″And I never really got a chance to do it again for a long time." Mountz shared. "As soon as I retired, I was asked to come line dance and I did. I loved it."

Nelson, having seen the mental and physical wealth provided to her through dancing, encouraged others in the community to give line dancing a try, saying, "If you can't do the dances right away, don't worry about it.

″Eventually, you will get some; it just takes time and patience. Mentally, it helps you get out there around other people, talk to other people, and gives you relief from whatever is bothering you at that time, even if it may not be much, but it helps to be around other people."

The total amount that was raised from the Kicking Cancer in Cullman 2024 fundraiser will be announced at a later date.

The Active Adult Center is located at 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW in Cullman. For more information on dance classes or other activities at the center, contact the center at 256-734-4803 or info@cullmanrecreation.org. For more information on the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, email CCBBFinc@gmail.com or visit www.cullmanbosombuddies.com.

LEGALS

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
F.L.F., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-600.03**
a minor, DOB: 08-10-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KIMBERLY TAYLOR FARMER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to the above referenced child born on August 10, 2023 by the 3rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment terminating her parental rights may be entered against her in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of October, 2024.

Lisa McSwain
Circuit Clerk

Petitioner:
Cullman County Department of Human Resources
P. O. Box 990
1220 St. Joseph Street NW
Cullman, AL 35056

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CULLMAN COUNTY

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412 First Avenue SE
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF *
F.L.F., * **CASE NO.: JU 23-600.03**
a minor, DOB: 08-10-2023. *

NOTICE OF TERMINATION HEARING

KAGUN DAVID FULLER, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights filed by the Cullman County Department of Human Resources in regards to a minor child born on August 10, 2023, to Kimberly Taylor Farmer by the 3rd day of December, 2024, or thereafter a judgment terminating his parental rights may be entered against him in the Juvenile Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 21 day of October, 2024.

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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 18 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 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 * 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

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
Smith & Smith, LLP
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Cullman, AL 35056-0398
(256) 734-4721

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.
725 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway
Arab, AL 35016

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
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