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TRIBUNE INVESTIGATES

A reader asks: Why do all of the Dumpsters in the county belong to the County?

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VINEMONT – a while back, The Tribune got a question from a contractor and area health worker about a neighborhood that is considered a dumping ground.

The question came from the community of Vinemont, which is located in Cullman County. The community is about 13 miles southeast of Cullman.

The Elks Lodge is considered to be one of the oldest and most active lodges in the state of Alabama. It was chartered in 1910 and has been active ever since.

The Elks Lodge is located at 1649 Bratton Ave. NW in Cullman.

The event, held in cooperation with the Cullman County Oldest Business, serving the area since 1874, is being held on September 29, from 6-8 p.m., will feature southern soul food, which includes fried chicken, shrimp, hush puppies, coleslaw, and homemade red beans, and rice.

The event, which is being held to raise money for the Cullman County Salvation Army, is expected to be well attended.

The event will feature performances by local musicians, as well as a silent auction.

For more information, please call Will Hogue at 256-339-0098.

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Bands wow crowds at 34th annual Cullman County Band Exhibition

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Cullman – On the evening of Saturday, Sept. 23, the marching bands of county and city schools came together at Cullman High School’s Oliver Woodard Stadium for the 34th annual Cullman County Band Exhibition. Fairview High School’s drum line provided the cadence for the entrance of the bands to open the evening.

All nine area school bands presented their halftime shows, in order:
- Cullman Middle School – “Show Me How You Dance”
- Vinemont High School – “Fright Night”
- Blountsville High School – “Latin Up! with a Twist of Life”
- Cold Springs High School – “Ladies of the 80s”
- Holly Pond High School – “Heartbeats”
- Fairview High School – “The Evolution of Boy Bands”
- Good Hope High School – “Caravana De Rhythmo”
- West Point High School – “Dance to the Music”
- Cullman High School – “The Living Tapestry”

Highlights

All of the bands did a great job, but a few moments in the program were particularly memorable:

Cold Springs is a small band, but they had a big sound with some powerful brass. They sounded like a much bigger band.

Holly Pond, with new leadership in director Evan Curtis, is going through something of a rebuilding period. The band performed its complete show for the first time.

With a little singing and clapping, Fairview High School turned One Direction’s “What Makes You Beautiful” into an audience participation event.

In director Ty Parker’s second year at West Point, his band put on a spectacular white and light-up disco dance floor for featured dancers, and the famous closing scene lift from “Dirty Dancing” while the band played “The Time of My Life.”

Cullman High School filled the field, and would have wowed the crowd with numbers alone; but did bring as much quality as quantity to the field.

Comments on The Tribune’s live feed of the event were overwhelmingly supportive of the bands and students. No negative statements were made. Many commenters expressed support for their own bands, and several showed appreciation for all. A few unedited samples:

“On behalf of the Cullman Band Boosters, and as the president, I want to thank all the band boosters from across the county on working so hard for their students and making this year’s County Band Exhibition a huge success! Every year each band gets better than the year before, and this year was no exception. All the bands were fantastic!! I so enjoyed you all! And I hope you could hear all the cheering from all those in the stands for you all. Even if the football teams are rivals, all the bands are family and we all support each other. This event is a true example of that. Congratulations to you all on another fantastic Exhibition!”

A member of Holly Pond’s color guard suffered an ankle injury during their performance, and had to be taken from the field on a cart. Parents and members of multiple bands expressed concern for her both in the crowd and online. Many feared, based on initial descriptions of the incident, that the student had broken her ankle. She was taken to the emergency room, where her injury was diagnosed as a sprain.

Afterward, Cullman Band Boosters President Mary Hovater sent out a word of thanks to the bands and all who supported the event:

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Cullman County Band Exhibition
Saturday youth football wrap-up

High school sports schedule for the week

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CULLMAN COUNTY – It was a full day of action Saturday as local youth football teams strung on the ballfields and pads and went to war in the trenches.

Good Hope Raiders 28, Cold Springs 6 (Fireplugs)
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Addison falls to no. 2 Alexandria in gold bracket of Brooks Invitational Volleyball Tournament

Saturday morning, the Lady Bulldogs were on the cusp of making it to the second round as they faced off against No. 6 Cullman in the gold bracket of the Brooks Invitational Tournament. After putting up a strong fight in the first set, the Lady Bulldogs were unable to close out the second set and dropped the match 15-25, 25-16, 15-10.

In the second set, the Lady Bulldogs were able to tie the match at 15-15, but were unable to close out the set and dropped it in a tiebreaker, 15-25. However, the Lady Bulldogs still showed heart in the third set, but they were unable to secure a win, falling to no. 2 Alexandria, 25-10 and 15-10.

Despite the loss, Head Coach Kendra Tyree was pleased with her team’s performance.

“The Lady Bulldogs worked hard throughout the tournament and we had hoped for, but I feel that they got better with today and that’s the beauty of athletics,” said Addison Head Coach Kendra Tyree. “We are focused on getting better each day to reach our ultimate goal.”

The Lady Bulldogs were assisted by several players who stood out throughout the tournament:

- Allie Chambless - 11 kills, 14 digs, 16 aces
- McKenzee Berry - 16 kills, 4 digs, 1 ace
- Abby Chambless - 10 kills, 2 blocks, 3 aces
- Hannah Helf - 6 assists, 5 aces
- Lacie Lynn Harris - 89 digs, 31 assists
- Kendra Tyree - 26 assists

Addison is scheduled to face the highest seed on Thursday afternoon at 4 p.m. in Talladega.
LIFESTYLE

Decorating tips: Fall’s wonderful bounty makes great for decorating

Loretto Gillespie

The leaves have started to turn, and if you’re like many others, you are already dreaming of fall’s wonderful bounty. It’s time to think about creating fall arrangements that will last well into winter.

First, gather some materials that you will use to make your arrangements. You can find fresh flowers and vegetables at your local farmers’ market, or you can find them at most discount stores.

Next, choose a container that will hold your arrangement. A vase or a wooden box will work well.

Then, start arranging your materials. You can use fresh flowers and vegetables, or you can use dried ones.

Finally, place your arrangement on a table or shelf where it will be seen.

Tips for making arrangements:

1. Use a variety of materials to create an interesting arrangement.
2. Make sure your arrangements are sturdy and will last for a long time.
3. Use a variety of colors and textures to make your arrangements interesting.

Happy fall, y’all!

Pumpkins last a long time, so splurge!

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Now that the leaves have started to turn, it’s time to start thinking about fall arrangements. Pumpkin arrangements are a great way to start.

First, choose a variety of pumpkins that will work well together. You can use mini pumpkins, or you can use larger ones.

Next, start arranging your pumpkins. You can use them to create a natural centerpiece, or you can use them to create a more formal arrangement.

Finally, place your arrangement on a table or shelf where it will be seen.

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