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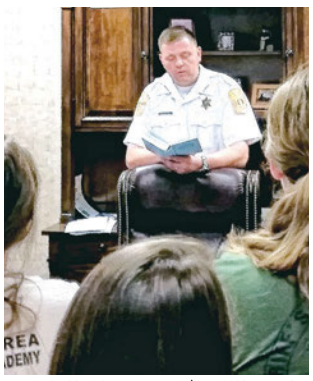
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A THIN BLUE LINE

Local man, friends, display support for law enforcement



WILL HOGUE/CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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CULLMAN – Cullman resident Jamie Speakman has taken it upon himself to show his support for local law enforcement by spray-painting a blue line on the curb outside of his home.

Speakman, whose home is located near Cullman High School, says that the idea came about when he saw someone else in another community paint their curb through a Facebook post.

"I went to the store and bought the paint, and my kids were saying, 'Dad, I don't think you can do that.' But I did it," Speakman said. "I explained to my kids the reason for doing that, for showing the support for law enforcement."

Speakman says he hopes others see what he is doing and follow suit in their support of Cullman police officers.

"I've always been a big supporter of the police," he said. "And a couple of my friends on Facebook have commented on my post saying they have done the same thing, so I guess you could say it is catching on a little bit."

Cullman City Police Chief Kenny Culpepper first heard about this show of support on Monday afternoon.

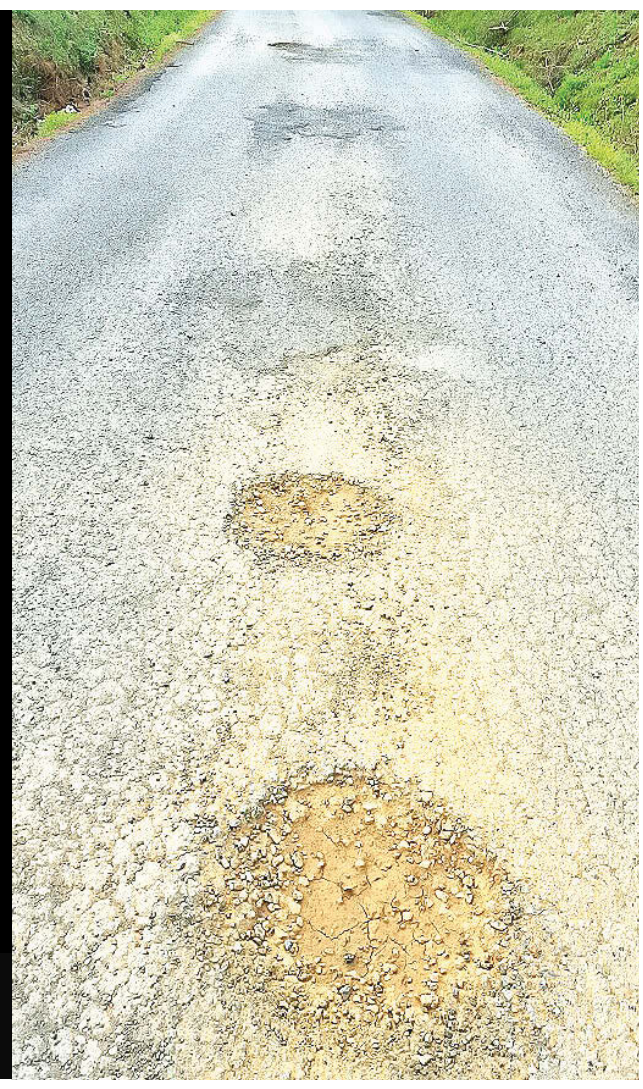
"We really appreciate P9

Cullman's (and Alabama's) crumbling infrastructure

"It is not a matter of opinion, but a mathematical fact that if funding does not increase there will be drastic and economically devastating consequences."

- Cullman County Head Engineer, John Lang

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Whitney Cotton Memorial Scholarship established at WSCC

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HANCEVILLE – From the giddiness of the first day of classes and the gleeful anxiety of not knowing what to expect to the late night cram sessions for finals, college is a stepping stone toward the future. Wallace State Community College (WSCC) is the place where many local high school students plan to begin that journey into tomorrow.

Sadly, Vinemont High School's Whitney Cotton will never know the joys and stresses of attending college. Her untimely and heartbreaking death in a car wreck just over two weeks ago cut her bright life and opportunity-filled future short.

However, 17-year-old Cotton's death will not be in vain.

On Monday morning, it was announced that WSCC will be offering the Whitney Cotton Memorial Scholarship to a student in the Vinemont High School Class of 2017 which was to be Cotton's graduating class. The one-year, full tuition scholarship will be renewable for the awarded student.

Chick-Fil-A of Cullman Community Relations and Marketing Director and Life That Counts Founder John Williams began an email correspondence with the college's president soon after Cotton's death about how the college could help the Vinemont students as they prepare for their futures while also healing P8

WEEKLY SERIES

Addiction: Meth, part 7

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CULLMAN – Chronic drug abuse can lead to loss of employment, loss of family, homelessness and myriad health conditions leading to death. Methamphetamine use provides an accelerated path to addiction, and, as with all addictions, distances the addict from his or her feelings making incomprehensible actions and choices doable and even easy.

"I've got two girls. I started using meth after they were born. I met somebody when I was married to my girls' dad and I thought he was the grandest thing on earth. I left my husband for him and the new man was a dope head. I left my kids and my family. I never went back. At the time, I wasn't even thinking about my kids. I was sneaking around doing meth before I left my family. I was still seeing my girls in the beginning. I didn't think they knew I was even using. Then, it got to the point when I didn't even go see them and I wouldn't let them come to my house because I didn't want them to be around it. It was like I quit caring," Betty shared in disbelief.

The lifelong Cullman resident began using meth at the age of 30 after beginning her drug use at the age of 13 when she tried marijuana and pills for the first time. After her father's murder when she was 28, Betty stopped using drugs for a couple of years but was soon introduced to meth.

"My dad was very abusive to my mom and he went to prison for killing his own brother. They say what goes around, comes around, and my dad's girlfriend ended up killing him." P16

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Local woman partners with area restaurants in hopes of feeding Cullman's hungry

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CULLMAN – On the Fourth of July, local resident Rachel Bryant, who founded the popular online group Karma in Cullman, began putting together something she is calling The Pending Project.

"The idea came when I was watching this video online and it was a video of these two men who walk into a coffee shop," she said. "The one man orders five coffees, two to-go, and three 'pending.' Which meant that those three coffee orders were already paid for and the next people to order, their order would already be paid for."

Bryant said that the idea grew in her head and she quickly had the thought that this could be bigger than just coffee.

"I began contacting and working with area restaurants and getting people on board," she said.

The vision Bryant has for Cullman is that all the county's restaurants will participate and anyone gracious enough to make a pending order will be able to, anywhere they go.

"I've approached all but one restaurant in the city of Cullman, and three are already on board: Krystal, Rally's and the Taco Bell on Cherokee Avenue. Every other place I visited was very enthusiastic about it, I just have to get in contact with the corporate offices and go through them. But all the shift managers have been very receptive to the idea," she said.

The process for making a pending order will vary slightly between each restaurant and how each of them want to do it, according to Bryant.

"Some of them might have a gift card that when you order you just say, 'I want to also make a pending order of $5' and that $5 will go on that gift card that the manager has access to and can be accessed whenever a hungry or needy person comes in and asks if there are any pending orders," she explained. "It's not much to just ask the restaurant you're at, 'Hey, am I able to make a pending order here?'"

Bryant says she is developing a logo and a sign or decal that she hopes to place on the doors of the participating restaurants to help patrons and the hungry know which establishments are participating in the project.

"This is really to help those who really are in need of food and are hungry," Bryant said. "I know some people are discouraged from just giving money to people with signs because what if that money just goes to buy cigarettes or alcohol, you know? This is a way for people to point those hungry and in-need to the nearest participating restaurant so they can get food."

To find out more, visit http://qrne.ws/pending or http://qrne.ws/karmaincullman.

As of July 11, participating restaurants are:

- Krystal located at 1701 Second Ave. SW
- Taco Bell located at 1669 Cherokee Ave. SW
- Rally's Hamburgers located at 724 Second Ave. NW
- William's Barbecue located at 2021 Second Ave. SW
- KFC located at 1620 Second Ave. SW
- KFC located at 5799 Alabama Highway 157
- Cici's located at 1842 Patriot Way
- Sweet Peppers Deli located at 303 Second Ave. NW
- Catfish N Que located at 171 Fourth St. SW

Run, Walk, Dance and Glow!

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CULLMAN – Sportsman Lake Park's Rock & Glow 5K will take place on Saturday, Aug. 6 from 7-11 p.m. The event will not focus on speed, but on enjoying the night with family and friends. It is for people of all different abilities, ages, shapes and sizes who are ready to get up and GLOW! Bring your creativity and leave the dull at home. Look the part; if it's brightly-colored, blinks, shines, glows or looks like something from another planet, it's perfect!

The course at Sportsman Lake is 3.1 miles in length and will be filled with glowing fun. There will also be music blasting from multiple spots throughout the course to keep you motivated! After the 5K, everyone is invited to stick around for the party.

Glow runners and walkers are encouraged to stay and dance the night away as a local DJ keeps the party going!

Admission to the park is free, but if you want to participate in the 5K you will need to register.

The cost of participating in the 5K will be $30, but children 12 and under are $15 and children 6 and under are free.

Although early registration is advised, you can register the day of the 5K, but a late fee will be charged.

This also means that you might miss out on some extra goodies provided by the race sponsors. Registration will begin as early as 6 p.m. that night.

Don't forget to bring cash with you to the event; there will be a concession trailer available at the park to purchase food after the race.

Also, there will be a booth set up with items such as T-shirts, glow sticks and other glow items for sale.

"I'm signing up! You should too," said Lauren Estes of Impact Nutrition. "We have registration forms here at Impact; let's get Cullman moving!

"This is a great 5K, both for the local runner and for families looking to have a fun, healthy, happy time," she added.

"I've ran it the last two years and my Rock and Glow T-shirt is one of my favorite race shirts. Come see me at Impact and sign up. Oh, did I mention Impact is the main sponsor? Get ready to get hooked up with products and samples at this event, as well as, a special surprise we will share about soon!"



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For more information and to register for the event, go to cullmancountyparks.com/glow-run-5k.html.

CHS cross country team to host mattress sale fundraiser

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CULLMAN – Today's youth are often charged with claims of lack of dedication, laziness and apathy by their elders. That argument's validity is put to rest by the Cullman middle and high schoolers who participate in the cross country team. The sport requires commitment and consistency to achieve any worthwhile goals in a runner's racing career.

The young men and women of Cullman who have dedicated themselves to the sport are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, July 16 at Cullman High School, located at 510 13th St. NE from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This mattress fundraiser will be new to the area and will offer pillow tops, memory foams, gel, plush tops and gel hybrid mattresses at prices up to 50 percent off the retail cost.

Additionally, free layaway will be offered, or mattresses that are paid for in full will be available for pickup or delivery within two and a half weeks after the purchase date.

There will be more than 25 different mattress sets to choose from, along with pillows, frames and other accessories.

Prices will start at $249 per mattress set, and each mattress will come with a full manufacturer's warranty.

While superficially the sport does not appear to have much overhead, Coach Trent Dean of the Cullman Bearcats Cross Country team explained, "A lot of people might think that it's cross country and there's not many expenses with running, but really when you think about transportation and race registrations and our team camp that we go to every year. We like to provide team builds and uniforms and this fundraiser is what allows us to run our program.

"The really neat thing about programs like cross country and track and field is we have both boys and girls from anywhere from seventh grade up to a senior, and a lot of times, they're out there working together. So, it's a real unique situation."

Dean has written about his personal inspiration and what drives him to lead his student athletes, "Jesse Owens said that the road up the ladder to the championships consisted of learning the importance of love, respect, dedication, determination, self-sacrifice, self-discipline and good attitude. This is the road that I strive to lead our athletes down as well as teaching them how to persevere, overcome adversity, and cope with stress and anxiety."

Local parent Ed Huddleston, who has had four sons that have participated or are currently participating in the CHS track and cross country teams, says that the programs teach excellence in everything. "It's physical activity via positive peer pressure," he said.

For more information on the fundraiser, please visit https://www.facebook.com/events/398018693655991/.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Jason Neal seeking 3rd school board term

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CULLMAN – Jason Neal today announced his candidacy for re-election to the Cullman City School Board, Place 4. If elected, this will be Neal's third term.

Neal is a lifelong resident of the Cullman area. He and his wife, Stephanie Davis Neal, have three children- Auston, a 2014 graduate of Cullman High School and a junior in college; Jordan, a 2016 graduate of Cullman High School and a freshman at Wallace State; and Olivia, a sophomore at Cullman High School.

"With a child currently in the city school system and two children who have graduated, I have a dedicated interest in the education of the children in Cullman City Schools," said Neal. "I feel that I could continue to provide strong leadership to help the board and the administration advance our outstanding school system into the future. In my previous terms I have made sure that decisions made by the school board are about what is best for the children of Cullman, and (I) believe that that remains the priority of the board."

Neal, who currently serves as the board president, counts the following among his most notable accomplishments in his last eight years with the board:

- New Academic and Family Life and Arts Building
- Blue Ribbon School Award
- Science Building Addition
- Football Stadium at the High School
- Practice Gym
- Renovated entrance and gym air conditioning at the Middle School
- Remodeling of bathrooms and hallways at East Elementary School
- Media Center and window replacement at West Elementary School
- One of five school systems in the state to maintain control of their Head Start program during and after Sequestration budget cuts
- Creation and adoption of Five-Year Strategic Plan
- Consolidation of District Administrative positions
- Reserve fund balance maintained at almost three months (State requires one month)
- Increased Fine Arts offerings
- Increased funding for extracurricular activities

Neal and his family are active members First Baptist Church, where he serves on the finance committee.

He is an agency owner for Liberty National Life Insurance Company in Cullman and has worked with the company since 1993. Neal received his Bachelor of Science degree in business management from the University of North Alabama in 1992.

Neal says he has served the youth of the community by coaching various sports in the Cullman area, where he has had the opportunity to encourage children to develop to their full potential. "It is my desire to continue this service with re-election to the school board and to expand these opportunities to all children in Cullman City Schools."



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MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2016

Sides announces re-election bid for city school board

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CULLMAN – Steven Sides today officially announced his intention to seek re-election to the Cullman City School Board, Place 3.

Sides, a life-long resident of Cullman and graduate of Cullman High School, is married to Kathy Pitzing Sides and is the father of two daughters, Katelyn and Lana, both also graduates of Cullman High School.

"My family has been involved in Cullman my whole life. My dad, Jack Sides, served one term as a county commissioner and three terms as mayor and my sister, Betty Sides Bostick, served two terms on the board of education," said Sides in a prepared statement.

"I love this community and only wish to do all I can to see it grow and prosper. I feel my history of being involved with the schools as a student, parent and citizen, makes it logical for me to continue to give back to the community in this capacity."

Sides has been executive director of the Cullman Housing Authority for 12 years, having previously served as Housing Manager for seven years.

Prior to that, he was an independent business owner in Cullman.

"My professional experience, along with my service on the board of education, has provided me understanding of the challenges in working with federal and state budgets when funds are reduced, which is a skill that would serve our schools and community moving forward," continued Sides.

"As a board member, I want to do all that I can to help Cullman City Schools maintain the level of excellence we are known for, even when difficult economic times arise, as has often been in the case in Alabama, in educating our children."

Sides has a bachelor's degree in finance from Jacksonville State University and an MBA from NOVA Southeastern University,

Sides, who currently serves as the board's vice president, has served two terms on the board so far.

Among the board's accomplishments Sides is proudest of during his tenure are:

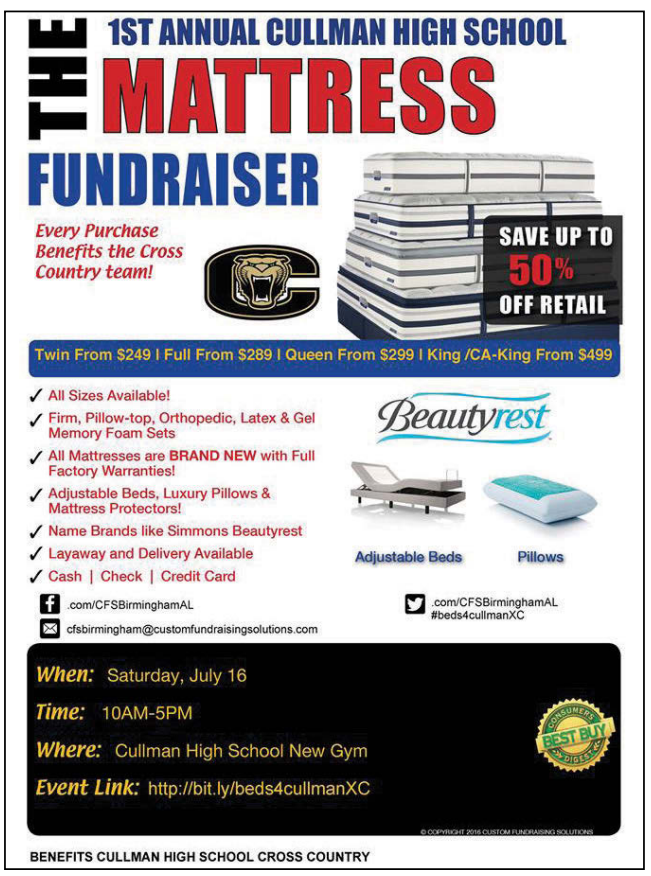
- New academic and family life and arts building, practice gym, science building addition and football stadium at Cullman High School;
- Renovated entrance and gym air conditioning at Cullman Middle School
- Remodeling of bathrooms and hallways at East Elementary School
- Media center and window replacement at West Elementary School
- One of five school systems in the state to maintain control of their Head Start program during and after sequestration budget cuts
- In academics, Cullman City Schools has continued to rank among the best in the state with test scores and increased the offering of diversified classes for our students. These key achievements were accomplished in spite of an economic downturn, through board leadership, while maintaining excellent system financial performance.

"As board president, I served on the leadership team with other members of the community and district in developing Cullman City Schools' strategic plan. This plan was created through a high level of community and stakeholder input, resulting in a five-year plan that will chart the course to move Cullman City Schools further beyond its rich tradition of excellence," Sides concluded. "I am seeking to serve on the board of education this upcoming term, so I can support the achievement of our community's desires in meeting the objectives of the strategic plan."

Cullman's municipal election will be held on Aug. 23.



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- **Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center Water Park Opening May 28:** The outdoor waterpark, slides, lazy river, and kids play areas will open for the season on Saturday, May 28 from 10am-5pm. Day passes are just $10 per person, and memberships start at $39 per month. See a full listing of hours and information on our website!
- **Summer Track & Field:** This program is open to ages 5-18 giving younger athletes a taste of the sport of track and field, and middle and high school age students the ability to work on their events over the summer months. Cost is $100; registration is open at the Cullman Civic Center now through the first practice on May 31.
- **Summer Tennis Program:** Starts Monday June 6 for all ages who can hold a racquet to high school age students. Session I will take place for 4 weeks in June; the first day, participants will be placed into skill levels and assigned times. The program takes place Monday-Friday during the session. Registration is open now at the Civic Center through June 6.
- **Free Just Play Program:** Will take place weekly at a different CP&R neighborhood park on Fridays in June and July from 1-3pm. Ages 5-12 can come for organized games, relays, scavenger hunts, capture the flag, slip-n-slides, water balloons and more. See a schedule online at our website.
- **Youth Archery Camps** will take place June 14-16, July 5-7, and July 18-22. Kids ages 7 and up will play archery games, hone their skills, perform drills, and take part in competitions throughout the camp. Registration is open now at the Civic Center. Space is limited, so sign up ASAP.
- **Youth Art Camp** will take place June 28-30 at the Cullman Civic Center from 10am-3pm each day. Camp will include nature projects, crafts, and other fun projects. Registration is open at the Civic Center and limited, so register ASAP.
- **Flag Football Registration:** CP&R is offering a safer alternative to learning and enjoying the sport of football. Registration is open now at the Civic Center or online for ages 5-14; practices start in August and games start in September.

Alabama 4-H Mud Run slated for Saturday, Aug. 13

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CULLMAN – Next month, the Cullman County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Alabama 4-H Club will be hosting the 4-H Mud Run at Stony Lonesome OHV Park in Bremen. The mud run, which the 4-H organization hopes will become an annual event, will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Preregistration is available now, and those who register by Aug, 1 will receive a Mud Run T-shirt.

Registration will be available on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 a.m., with the race starting at 8:30 a.m. The cost of registration is $30.

Two runs will be available at Stony Lonesome, with the 5K obstacle course being the main event. A 1-mile fun run will be available for younger children and will feature a mud pit.

With the 4-H clubs pledge reading, "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world," the event is said to put "the pledge into action. What better way to commit to healthy living than by getting muddy, having fun and exercising!"

Proceeds of the race will directly support the 4-H clubs throughout the state, and Cullman County Extension Coordinator Tony Glover pointed out, "The Mud Run is not an event for just 4-H members but is open to everyone as a 4-H fundraiser, so it is not designed to help 4-h'ers reach some goal but is rather a way for us to raise funds to carry out 4-H specialty programs that cost money to carry out."

Glover also noted that, "We have 4-H clubs in almost every school in the county and this fall we will positively be in every school in Cullman County because we just got an additional employee who went from half-time to full-time."

Events coming up this week sponsored by the Extension Office include an Electrical Hazard Awareness Program, Stocker Cattle Course and a three-day Home Food Preservation class.

To register for the run, visit http://qrne.ws/4hmudrunregister. Find the event on Facebook at http://qrne.ws/4hmudrun. Stony Lonesome OHV Park is located at 10075 Alabama Highway 69 S in Bremen.

For information on 4-H clubs in Alabama, please visit http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/.

For additional questions regarding the race or Cullman's 4-H program, contact the Cullman County Extension Office at 256-737-9386 or visit their office Monday - Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 402 Arnold St., NE, Suite G-1 in the Cullman County Office Building.

PREP FOOTBALL

High school football schedule takes shape

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CULLMAN – Can you feel it? Although the Alabama weather is still as hot and muggy as ever, the air is filled with electricity as football season is just around the corner. In just over a month, on Aug. 19, nine local teams take to the field to officially open the 2016 high school football campaign while Vinemont and Good Hope (on the 18th) will each play their fall jamboree games.

The Cullman Tribune will be adding two new teams to the mix this year, Addison and Meek, as well as bringing you coverage from the rest of the teams around Cullman County.

Here is a week by week breakdown of all the pigskin action.

**denotes region game*

Thursday, Aug. 18
- Good Hope at Susan Moore (jamboree)

Friday, Aug. 19
- Addison vs. Elkmont
- Cold Springs vs. Hanceville
- Cullman at Hartselle
- Cullman Christian at Meadowview *
- Fairview at North Sand Mountain
- Holly Pond at Coosa Christian
- Meek at Phillips
- Vinemont vs. East Lawrence (jamboree)
- West Point vs. Hamilton

Thursday, Aug. 24
- Good Hope vs. Vinemont

Friday, Aug. 25
- Addison at Hanceville
- Cold Springs at Berry
- Cullman vs. North Jackson
- Cullman Christian at Emerald Mountain
- Fairview vs. East Lawrence
- Holly Pond at Brindlee Mountain
- Meek at Hubbertville
- West Point at Wilson

Friday, Sept. 2
- Addison vs. Southeastern*
- Cold Springs vs. Tarrant *
- Cullman at Albertville *
- Cullman Christian vs. Clay
- Fairview at Corner *
- Good Hope at Fayette County*
- Hanceville at Fultondale*
- Holly Pond vs. JB Pennington *
- Meek vs. Lynn *
- Vinemont vs. Locust Fork*
- West Point at Hayden *

Friday, Sept. 9
- Addison at Sumiton Christian *
- Cullman vs. Oxford *
- Cullman Christian at Brooklane *
- Good Hope vs. Hamilton *
- Hanceville vs. Vinemont *
- Holly Pond at Susan Moore *
- Meek at Decatur Heritage *
- West Point at Springville *

Friday, Sept. 16
- Addison vs. Lynn *
- Cold Springs at Falkville *
- Cullman at Fort Payne *
- Cullman Christian at Cahawba
- Fairview at Mortimer Jordan *
- Good Hope at Cordova *
- Hanceville at JB Pennington *
- Meek vs. Gaylesville
- Vinemont at Fultondale *
- West Point at Corner *

Friday, Sept. 23
- Addison vs. Vinemont
- Cold Springs vs. Good Hope
- Cullman at Fayette County
- Cullman Christian vs. Victory *
- Fairview vs. Priceville
- Hanceville vs. Clements
- Holly Pond vs. Asbury
- Meek vs. Vina

Friday, Sept. 30
- Addison at Decatur Heritage *
- Cold Springs at West End *
- Cullman vs. Pell City *
- Cullman Christian vs. Chilton
- Fairview at West Point *
- Good Hope vs. Winfield *
- Hanceville at Susan Moore *
- Holly Pond at Locust Fork *
- Meek vs. RA Hubbard *
- Vinemont vs. Priceville

Friday, Oct. 7
- Addison vs. Meek *
- Cold Springs vs. Winston County *
- Cullman Christian at Marion Academy *
- Fairview vs. Curry *
- Good Hope at Haleyville*
- Hanceville at Holly Pond*
- Vinemont vs. JB Pennington
- West Point at Mortimer Jordan *

Friday, Oct. 14
- Addison at RA Hubbard *
- Cold Springs vs. Tanner *
- Cullman vs. Southside-Gadsden *
- Fairview at Hayden *
- Good Hope at West Point
- Hanceville vs. Locust Fork *
- Holly Pond at Fultondale *
- Meek vs. Southeastern School *
- Vinemont vs. Susan Moore *

Friday, Oct. 21
- Cold Springs at Cleveland*
- Cullman at Brewer *
- Fairview vs. Springville *
- Good Hope vs. Dora *
- Holly Pond vs. Vinemont*

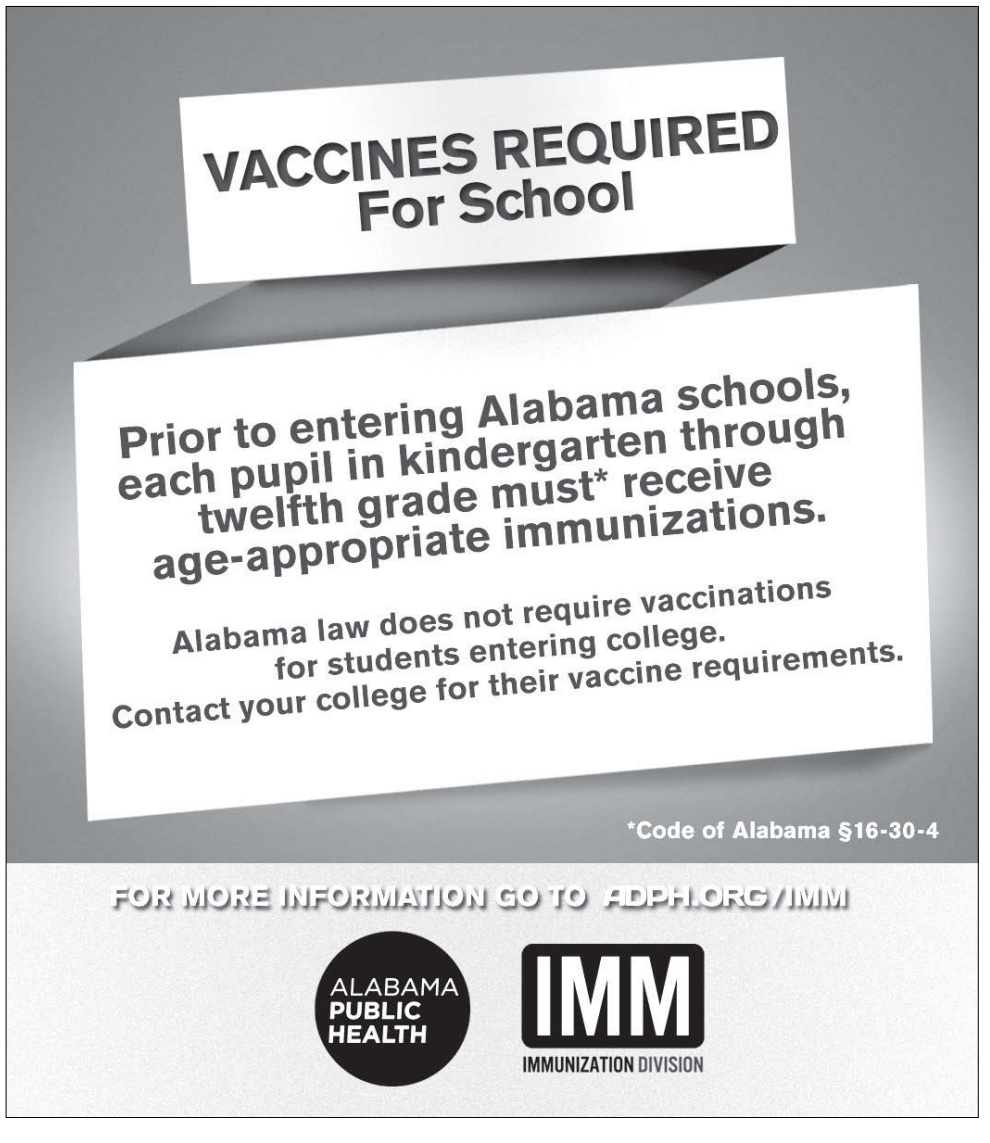
Meek vs. Sumiton Christian*
- West Point vs. Curry *

Friday, Oct. 28
- Addison vs. Winston County *
- Cold Springs at Danville *
- Cullman at Chelsea *
- Fairview at Holly Pond *
- Good Hope vs. Hanceville
- Vinemont vs. Falkville *
- West Point at Lawrence County

With a full slate of action each and every week, you are sure to see some great high school football this season.

Stay connected to CullmanSense and the Cullman Tribune in the coming weeks for profiles on each team.

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Cullman Co. Personnel Board makes proposal to Vinemont Town Council; tax debate set for Aug. 13

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VINEMONT – For the monthly meeting of the Vinemont Town Council Tuesday evening that lasted only 15 minutes, Mayor J.D. Marcum and the council welcomed a guest speaker to present a proposal that could benefit the town and other municipalities across the county.

Cullman County Personnel Board Representative Ron Stone was given several minutes by the mayor and council to provide his purpose of being in attendance.

Stone and the personnel board are proposing new tax splits for all municipalities across the county.

Facts and figures were given to the mayor, the council and members of the media by Stone. This was Stone's third visit to a municipality in the county, having seen the mayors and councils in the towns of West Point and Holly Pond before attending Vinemont's regularly scheduled meeting.

The proposal Stone said to the council is for a 50-50 split with Cullman County and its municipalities.

Stone stated the main priority for the tax split is to assist the schools across Cullman County. An example he provided was a $12,000 budget by the Town of Baileyton that goes into projects at Parkside School.

"Classrooms across the county need money," Stone added.

Stone extended an invitation to Marcum and for a member of the council to be on hand for a tax debate that is scheduled for Aug. 13 at Fairview High School.

The debate will be from 1-3 p.m. with the public invited to attend. Stone said he has been informed that Rep. Randall Shedd (District 11) and Rep. Corey Harbison (District 12) will be in attendance, along with the staff of the Cullman County Commission.

The mayor and council informed Stone they would take a further look into the proposal and would get in touch with him as soon as possible.

In other news, the council approved the minutes and budgets from a special meeting that took place in June. It was approved by the council to accept financial figures presented to the council from last month.

Also, it was noted that Town Clerk Amy Johnson will coordinate the municipal election that will take place on Aug. 23.

Town employee Mike Graves reported concrete was being poured in a project that is underway at the Vinemont Sports Complex.

Councilwoman Joann Oakley informed the council the Girl Scouts are planning to paint the Scout Center on Saturday. Paint has been gathered by Graves.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Aug. 9 at 6 p.m. inside town hall.

Fairview marching band to hold 2nd Annual Car and Tractor Show

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview Aggie marching band is set to host its Second Annual Car and Tractor Show on Saturday, Aug. 6 at Fairview Community Park from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The event, which was rained out last year and had to be rescheduled, has a back-up date planned for Aug. 13, just in the case the weather doesn't cooperate.

While admission to the event is free, those who are bringing a vehicle for the show must pay a registration fee per car. That fee is $15 until the day of the event, when it increases to $20 per car.

"The worst thing about the event last year was getting rained out, really," Band Booster Michelle Watwood said. "The best part was the spirit at the event, you know. Having community spirit and the generosity of everyone involved."

According to Watwood, this year she and the other organizers of the event are making changes to grow the car and tractor show significantly.

"It's going to be huge," Watwood said.

"We're going to have 37 registered vendors. Those are arts and crafts vendors. Plus, seven food trucks at the event, and two helicopters. We will have Cullman EMS on location, CRMC will have a tent at the event, Children's hospital will be there, as well as Life South who will be accepting blood donations."

The event is free and anyone who walks up to Fairview Community Park the day of the event can expect to see a lot of community- and family-oriented activity, according to Watwood.

"It's going to be a huge event, with free inflatables, live music from Jonathan Ralph, Dirt Roads, and the FFA String Band all day," she said.

As was the case last year, the event is centered around the goal of purchasing new uniforms for the marching band, who have been performing in worn uniforms for many years.

Watwood expects the necessary funds to be raised for the purchase of the new uniforms, which she anticipates purchasing in November for the 2017 football season.

"They won't have them this year, but next year," she said.

Donations will be accepted throughout the event at various locations in the park.

"Come anticipating family fun and a community-oriented experience," Watwood said.

To register, contact Watwood at 256-531-2548. Visit the event's Facebook page at http://qrne.ws/cartractor.

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News from the Pond

Jimmie Dean Carnell
Tribune Contributor



HOLLY POND – Good morning Tribune readers and friends.

I hope you are handling the heat that was so overwhelming this week. Staying indoors and staying hydrated is very important to our health.

We had a special family reunion this Sunday at the Holly Pond Senior Citizen site.

Although we did not have our usual crowd for the Robert and Deaner Gilley family annual get together, those who attended had a great visit with cousins and friends. Local cousins attending included: Jane Heaton, Denise Thomas, Jimmie Carnell, Lane and Nancy Horton, Gina Webb, Anthony, Susan and Joshua Marks, Marilyn Pinyan, Sam and Shane Pinyan, Judy Brand, Leon Moore, Karen Hill, Megan and Cobie Rutherford and Sheila Adams. Out of town cousins included: Sue Gilliland, Kent and Carmen Gilley, Larry and Frances Gilley, Shirley and Clyde McCain, Nathan and Matthew McCain, Jan Gargus and Cindy Hawthorne.

I am really excited that my nephew, Anthony Marks and his family have chosen to move back into our area from Augusta, Georgia.

Susan will be teaching this fall in Blount County and Anthony, an Alabama graduate and experienced Store Manager will be seeking employment in our area. Great nephew Joshua will be entering the third grade this fall.

The East Cullman Baptist Association Prime Time Singers will be presenting their patriotic music program next Thursday morning at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The program is very good and all are invited to attend.

The group will also present a message in song at the revival that will be held next week at Pleasant View Baptist Church.

I hope each of you have a good week.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1933:
This year Easter comes on the nineteenth day of April. The seniors at Cullman High School are planning for class day and graduation. Mr. Killingsworth announced that Flora Baker is Valedictorian and Dorothy Reinstodler is Salutatorian of the Class of 1933. Herbert Hancock ranked third highest in grades for the four years of high school.

Charlie Montgomery knocked a knee out of place while at work this week.

Judge Tankersley and daughters, Gladys, Evelyn and Grace made a trip to Cullman on Saturday morning.

Miss Sara Robison was the candle lighter for the wedding of Miss Elsie Coppock and James Robison at the Baptist pastorium in Vinemont, on April 11th, 1933.

Miss Ola Mae Canant is spending a few days in Cullman with her sister, Mrs. Herbert O. Cordes.

Paul Pitts was the guest of Herbert King, on Sunday night.

The seniors at Hanceville High School in 1933 are: Gertie Adams, Bill Clapp, Audie Compton, Mary Gamble, Mildred Gibbs, Allen Gray, Helen Gray, Eula Hines, Floyd Johnston, Leila Kemp, Floyd McAnnally, Alice McNutt, Geraldine Musgrove, Helen Oden, Florence Philpot, Russell Plunkett, Edna Presley, Wenonah Simpson, Lucy Florence Troxell, Bertha Vest and James Wood.

Allen Gray is the valedictorian and Helen Oden is the salutatorian.

Alice McNutt will receive the Balfour Medal for being the best all-around student.

Elmer Plunkett will receive the Gorgas Medal for writing the best essay from a total of 55 entrants.

Married this week were Bernard Hasenbein and Miss Clersy O. Weeks.

Laziness is nothing more than resting before you get tired.

From The Files Of 1992:
Hanceville Girls Softball
20 - Cold Springs 2
The Hanceville Bulldogs, coached by Lane and Nancy Horton, defeated Cold Springs, on March 24th. Hanceville had 13 hits, allowed no unearned runs, scored 20 runs and produced 20 R.B.I.s.

Cold Springs had four hits and 13 errors. April Brand was the winning pitcher.

Individual statistics for the Hanceville Bulldogs are as follows:

- Charlotte Malcom was two for four, had three runs and one R.B.I.

- Angie Harris reached base four times, twice by error and twice by walks, had three runs and one R.B.I.

- Shana Bagwell was three for four, including a triple and double, had three runs and four R.B.I.'s.

- Ashleigh Collins was two for four, including a homerun and triple, had five R.B.I.'s and scored two runs.

- Sherrie Saunders was one for three and reached base two other times on an error and walk, scored a run and had two R.B.I.'s.

- Kerry Boren reached base three times, twice by error and once by walk and scored one run.

- April Brand was one for three and reached base once by error and once by walk. Brand had one R.B.I. and scored two runs.

- Deanna Chapman was one for four, reached base on a fielder's choice and an error, scored two runs and had one R.B.I.

-April Bennefield was two for three, including a double and also reached base on an error, had an R.B.I. and scored a run.

- Stephanie Currington was one for three, which was a triple and reached base once by error and once by walk and scored two runs.

- Charlotte Malcom made a couple of outstanding defensive plays in this ballgame.

Individual statistics for the Cold Springs Eagles are as follows:

- Julie Morgan ground out twice.

- Lori Rollo had one hit and scored a run.

- Sandy Freeman was one for two and scored a run.

- Kari Pederssen was one for two and had two R.B.I.'s.

- Jennifer Aaron was zero for one and had a walk.

- Carrie Davis reached base on a fielder's choice and ground out.

- Stephanie Hogeland flied out in the first inning and ground out in the fourth inning.

- Brandy Kilgo ground out to begin the second inning.

- Sandra Johnson struck out in the second inning.

- Julie Freeman played defense, but did not bat.

- Cindy Freeman was one for two.

- Nicki Brown ground out in the sixth inning.

- Christy Campbell

The Eagles are coached by Wanda Henderson.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

I Like To Keep My Cool

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



The Fourth of July was a hot one at our house. I know, July in the Deep South is normally hot, but it was hot without much relief for us. I do have one question. Why do things such as air conditioners always seem to die either on a weekend or holiday?

We are indeed funny creatures. No, I don't mean funny as in ha-ha laughing at my Billy Bob stories and songs but funny as in strange, peculiar, or ironic. Funny as in I lived the first twenty two years of my life without air conditioning, but now I can barely survive two days without it. That could be because I have become accustomed to the a/c and have grown soft. The fact that I can't raise the windows of my house does not help matters either. The old house I grew up in never had air conditioning. Well, actually, it didn't have lots of things, but we won't get into all that now. I never lived in a place with air conditioning until Jean and I moved to New Orleans. I didn't plan to have air conditioner there either but eventually gave in. I boldly stated that I had never had air conditioning and even in southern Louisiana this ole boy could survive. I toughed it out for, well almost two days, before I bought us a nice used window unit.

As a boy, in the summer time we raised all the windows and left the outside doors open. Screens kept all the flies, wasps, and mosquitos out except for the quick and dedicated ones. We had big hickory and oak trees around the house which provided great shade. Mama used to say that she felt sorry for people who didn't have shade trees because they didn't get any breeze. For the longest time she caused me to think that the trees created the breeze! We created our own breeze with a huge fan mounted in the window of the back bedroom. That thing would suck the hair right off the top of your head. That may be what happened to most of mine. I laugh when I think about the time Uncle Lonzo got too close and it sucked his hair piece right off the top of his head and into the fan. We ran screaming to Mama that ole Smokey the cat had been sucked into the window fan! That fan also provided me with some of my first experiences of singing with a touch of vibrato. My sister and I sang duets into the fan but neither Dad nor Mom had great appreciation of our developing talents. They used to holler from the other end of the house for us to cease and desist. Sometimes my sister sang solos into the fan but blamed me when our parents made their request. Once Mama called for her to stop but Dad had slipped in and watched (without her knowing) as she passed the buck. Sis did not enjoy the consequences, but I have to confess I did. For the longest time after that she wouldn't even sing duets with me.

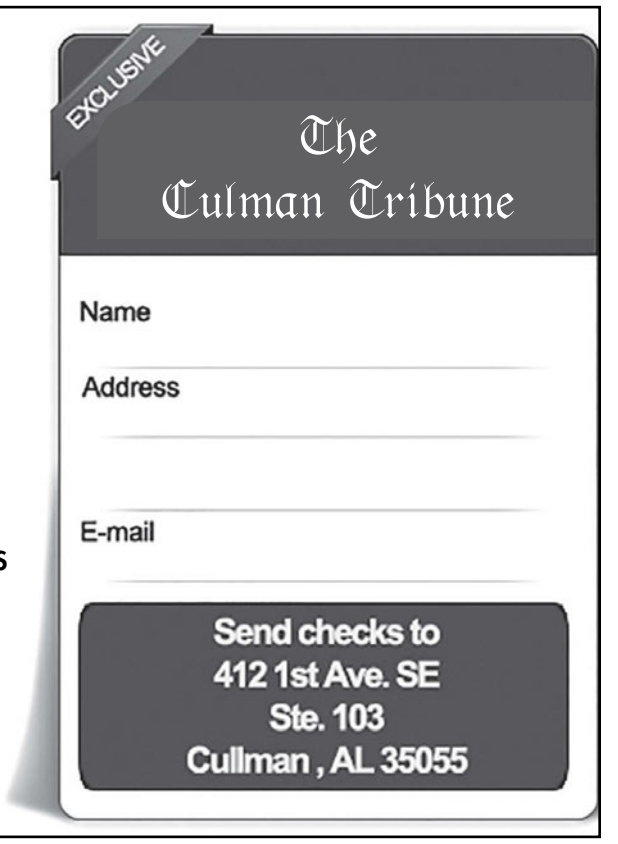
When our a/c went out my thought was that we had blown a fuse. I was tempted to blow my fuse when I realized that wasn't the problem. I had lost my cool, but not my temper. I remembered the verse in Ephesians that says, "Be angry but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger." I sure was glad when the sun went down and everything cooled off a little!

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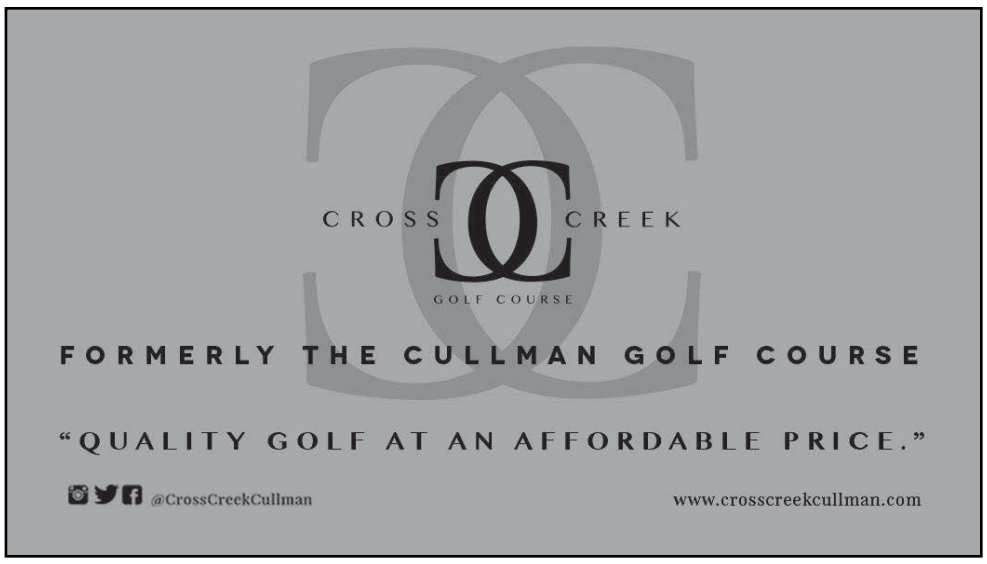
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Pioglitazone, a drug used for type 2 diabetes, may prevent recurrent stroke and heart attacks in people with insulin resistance, but without diabetes. The results, published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, suggest a potential new method to prevent stroke and heart attack in high-risk patients who have already had one stroke or transient ischemic attack.

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The antidepressant escitalopram (Lexapro) also protects against compounds that can cause memory loss and dementia, a study published in the *Journal of Psychiatric Research* has found. The study found that blood levels of two neurotoxic compounds dropped significantly in depressed patients after they were treated with the commonly used medication. Stress and depression interact in a vicious cycle. Stress can lead to depression in susceptible individuals. In turn, depression, if not treated, causes stress. This stimulates the body's immune system to fight stress and depression, as it would a disease or infection. Revving up the immune system, which includes the inflammatory response, initially protects against stress. But over time, chronic inflammation can cause a range of health problems. In this vicious cycle, depression can trigger an inflammatory response, which in turn can exacerbate depression.

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People who have peripheral artery disease (PAD), and take cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins have a lower risk of amputation and death than PAD patients who don't take stains. And the higher the dose of statins, the lower the risks, according to research presented at the American Heart Association's Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology/Peripheral Vascular Disease 2016 Scientific Sessions. PAD is a narrowing of the peripheral arteries to the legs, stomach, arms and head.

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UPDATE: Vinemont High School's Anna Hughes has surgery to remove breathing tube

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HUNTSVILLE – Two weeks after the car wreck that broke four of her vertebrae and took the life of her friend Whitney Cotton, Vinemont High School's Anna Hughes underwent another surgery on July 10 at Huntsville Hospital.

The 17-year-old had a scheduled surgery to remove her breathing tube, which she's been on since the night of the wreck, and then had a tracheotomy. The tracheotomy is hoped to aid in Hughes' breathing as she continues to be on a ventilator. The latest news is that the young lady is still sedated with her parents by her side.

Hughes' sister, Lindsey Estes, provided an update, "Her surgery went well. They did have to trach her, but they are hoping she will be able to go to rehab soon."

The soon-to-be senior Hughes will continue her stay in the neuro intensive care unit in Huntsville until her doctors deem her healthy enough to move into a rehabilitation hospital that will continue her treatment.

If you would like to help the Hughes family with the increasing expenses of Anna's healthcare, please visit the GoFundMe page set up by Estes at https://www.gofundme.com/2bnwfdg. Donations are also being accepted at any Cullman Premier Bank location.

Fundraisers Scheduled for Anna Hughes

Augusta's on July 21
Cullman County, we are having a fundraiser on Thursday, July 21 4-8 p.m. at Augusta's Sports Grill for Anna Mackenzie Hughes to help with her medical expenses! Please come out and help the Vinemont community support Anna in getting the medical attention she needs! Your help is greatly appreciated! Please tell them that you are there to support Anna!

Yard Sale at Vinemont School on July 23 at 7 a.m. - details pending

Yoga at Rumor's Deli on July 25 - details pending

Smith Farms on Aug. 6 - details pending



RANDY HUGHES

2016 Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy held this week

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CULLMAN – The first Cullman County Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy (SYLA) is being held this week at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). Area teenagers, between the ages of 15 and 18, are meeting every day this week and will finish up with a graduation ceremony on Friday at 6 p.m. at Wallace State. The CCSO hopes to make the academy an annual event.

"One of the most important things you can do as a young leader is to keep your name clean," Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry told the class.

"Do what's right. Make those good decisions and things will always work out in the end. That's a good thing."

The class is made up of 13 students and begins each morning at 5:45 a.m. for physical training at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center.

After a thorough workout, there is a 2-hour break and the group meets up at the CCSO.

Monday's activities included guest speakers and tours of the facility.

The group's first tour was of the jail, and then they made their way throughout the building stopping to see special places like the interrogation rooms, the evidence room and Gentry's office.

While visiting Gentry, the students learned quite a few tidbits about his job that most people don't know.

"The Office of the Sheriff is a friend to the people," Gentry explained.

"The sheriff is the only elected official in the state of Alabama that has the ability and authority to swear in a posse. Think about it; if something bad happened outside right now, the sheriff of the county has the authority. I could swear in everybody in this room and you can go out and arrest those people under the authority of the sheriff. The sheriff is the only person in the state of Alabama that can do that."

Lt. Rex Sorrow did a lot of work to make the SYLA a reality.

He serves as the main instructor for the class and seemed to enjoy working with the group.

"This is a good little first class," he said toward the end of the day.

"We're learning what we need to do better, what we need to do different. It's a good size class to learn from," he smiled.

"One of the visions that Sheriff Matt Gentry shared with me when coming into office was to provide the youth of Cullman County with a leadership-based academy," he continued.

"Of course it's going to have a law enforcement feel to it, but I think we are on track for our very first ever Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy here in Cullman County. It's a good feeling to work with people such as Sheriff Matt Gentry, Chief Brett Holmes, Maj. Matt Hogue and Capt. Ricky Blackwood who genuinely care for you, the citizens of Cullman County.

"I personally want to thank our lunch sponsors for the week which include...Carlton's Italian Restaurant, Publix, Chick-fil-A and Desperation Church. I also want to thank all of the presenters, instructors and coaches. I am looking forward to the rest of the week's sharing of leadership, knowledge and the passion of law enforcement with the youth of Cullman County."

If you or your teen missed out on this year's academy, there is always next year. The academy is suggested for upcoming high school juniors and seniors.

Students can pick up an application for the academy from the school resource officer at their high school when school begins in August.

Registration will begin in Jan. 2017 for the summer of 2017 academy.

The academy is free for the youth of Cullman County.

Scholarship (from Front)

from the tragic loss of their beloved classmate.

"We're glad to be a part of something that can give some encouragement to at least one of her classmates," said WSCC President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

Williams is working with several local businesses and agencies to secure additional funding for the awarded student's book costs and other possible school expenses.

Vinemont High School Principal Ferrell Runge shared, "It's tragic. It's every parent's worst nightmare," referencing the June 25 event which has permanently altered the atmosphere in his school and community. Runge went on to express his deep gratitude toward Karolewics, her staff and Wallace State.

Also in attendance were WSCC Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management Jennifer Hill, who will be assisting both Runge and VHS Counselor Johnny Whaley in the coming weeks with establishing the criteria for the scholarship, and WSCC Vice President Dr. Tomesa Smith. Additionally, Williams' wife, Alexis, and WSCC Communications and Marketing Coordinator Gail Crutchfield were present.

FCA mixes faith with sports



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CULLMAN - "The vision is to see the world impacted by Christ through sports." These were the words spoken by Northeast Alabama Fellowship of Christian Athletes Director of Campus Ministries Matt Herring when asked about the FCA following a full day of sports camp activities. FCA Power Sports Camp kicked off Monday morning at the Cullman Civic Center. Stay connected to CullmanSense and The Cullman Tribune for more in the coming days on the camp. To find out more now, visit http://northalabamafca.org/cullman.

Therapeutic recreation dance classes kick off at Cullman Civic Center

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CULLMAN – Cullman City Parks and Recreation's Therapeutic Recreation Program partnered with The Factory Dance Productions and kicked off a free, six-week therapeutic dance class on Saturday. The class is for individuals ages 6 and up with all types of special needs and abilities and meets on Saturday afternoons at the Cullman Civic Center.

"On Aug. 14 there will be a performance at the civic center to showcase what they have learned during the class," said Dance Instructor Keri Payne. "We are very excited to be able to offer this class for free and hope it will benefit all of the participants."

The CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Program uses recreational activities, leisure and play to enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical, mental, social or emotional limitations or abilities.

The program targets more than play and uses the power of recreation and leisure activities to support the rehabilitation process and promote overall wellness.

Activities are targeted at education, teaching, playing and participation in a number of meaningful activities.

The program offers several events, activities and ongoing programs throughout the year. It is open to all ages and anyone with special needs of varying levels. The program's activities are free to attend and are supported by the efforts of the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department.

After the day's dance session was finished, the dancers were a little tired, but very happy.

"Today's dance class was great!" Stormi Brock said with a great big smile. Brock is a dancing pro; she attended the program when it was held at The Factory Dance Productions dance studio last year. It was hard to tell, though, who enjoyed the class more, Brock or her mother.

"I really enjoyed watching them dance today," said Brock's mother, Penny. "I took videos so we can practice dancing at home. In her summer program she has an X-box Kinect and dances along with it like crazy. We would be dancing at home with our Kinects, but her brother moved out recently and took the X-box with him," she chuckled.

On Saturday the dancers were divided into two separate classes; ages 6-10 met from 2:30-3:15 p.m. and ages 11 and up met from 3:15-4 p.m. From now on, the classes will be combined.

"We had about six or seven dancers in the first group," Payne explained, "and three in the second group. I am going to combine the group and have just one session with everyone from now on. It will meet from 2:30-3:30 p.m. every Saturday."

"We are going to make this a regular thing and have it two or three times a year; each will be a six-week session. They will have their performance on Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. here at the civic center. Everyone is welcome to come and watch; it will be free of charge."



SHARON SCHULER KREPS/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The dance classes were a hit and everyone had a blast. If you didn't make it to Saturday's class, you can still come, it's not too late. Be sure to wear something comfortable to move in!

The end-of-session performance will be Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.

Infrastructure (from Front)

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CULLMAN – As Cullman County continues to recruit new businesses and the retail market improves dramatically, the streets become busier and the once small southern town with small southern town charms starts developing bigger problems.

These problems would be of no issue with the adequate infrastructure and the institutions running at full capacity in order to maintain it – but that is not the case.

The Cullman County Road Department and City Street Department are each operating with severely underfunded budgets, and underemployment.

"I currently have about 25 people at my disposal right now, but I could easily use 10 more," said Cullman City Street Department Superintendent, Scotty Talley.

"And that wouldn't necessarily even make sure we could stay ahead of all the problems, but it would help us stay from getting three and four months behind."

Tally, who is in his first year as the superintendent of the street department, has been working with the department for more than 18 years.

"I started on a crew and worked my way up," he said. "I have definitely seen the growth of Cullman affect the ability of our crews to keep up with the demand for repairs and basic maintenance."

The county and city road and street departments each receive funding from a state fuel tax, with the county receiving the majority of its funding from this tax.

Cullman has grown rapidly since 1992, meanwhile, that is the last year in which the fuel tax was addressed. The fuel tax, which currently stands at $0.06 per gallon, would be about $0.10, adjusted for inflation. (See http://qrne.ws/costofliving)

HBO comedian John Oliver highlighted Alabama's lack of interest in maintaining dams in a take-down piece of the entire country's disregard for infrastructure's importance. (See http://qrne.ws/johnoliver)

"Alabama doesn't even have an inspection agency to monitor its 2,000-plus dams. Zero inspectors. That means the state of Alabama has exactly the same number of dam inspectors as the band Alabama," Oliver said.

While the total budget for the County Road Department is around $8 million annually, "the allotment for road building materials within our budget is approximately 1.3 million," said Cullman County Head Engineer, John Lang.

According to Lang, the cost of resurfacing a 1-mile stretch of county road is $85,000, and that resurfacing has a lifecycle of 10 years.

The cost to base, tar and gravel a 1-mile stretch of road is $40, and that job has a lifecycle of seven years.

In order to resurface each paved road with tar and gravel at the end of each lifecycle, the Cullman County Street Department needs to pave 215 miles-per-year with tar and gravel, and 150 miles-per-year with asphalt.

The cost of this basic maintenance is $9.2 million, and $13.6 million for each respective method.

There is a deficit of $14.8 million dollars that the county deals with annually and has been dealing with since 1992. This deficit in funding has been unaddressed for over 24 years.

Even though there is growing recognition of the national, state and local problem, it is the citizens who must act. (See http://www.drivealabama.org/news/judge-david-money-we-need-a-solution-for-alabamas-declining-infrastructure/)

Infrastructure is something that is not a remarkable topic, unless discussing modern engineering marvels such as the Hoover Dam and the Panama Canal.

Pushing for four-cent fuel-tax increases is an infinitely less-glamorous endeavor. However, it is much more important.

"I deal with the county funding crisis," said Lang.

"The discrepancy is starkest in the county where you can see roads that were once paved that are just turning to dirt. I try to educate the people. We are stuck with the buying power of 1992 money in 2016. It is not a matter of opinion, but a mathematical fact that if funding does not increase there will be drastic and economically devastating consequences."

To learn more, visit http://www.drivealabama.org/advocacy/. To contact representatives, see http://www.drivealabama.org/join-us/contact-your-legislators/.

Support (from Front)

the support from the community," Culpepper said.

"It is the first I have heard of it, but we are really grateful. We've always had great support from the Cullman community and we really do appreciate the act of support from this gentleman and anyone else."

Speakman says that his support of police officers is strong and he likes to show officers as much respect as possible, and he teaches his children to do the same.

"You know, people should just thank an officer the next time you see one. We tell our kids, we want our kids to understand to respect police officers. When we're eating and see a police officer eating there too, we pay for their meal. You know, you don't have to spend money, but just tell them you're thankful for them," Speakman said.

Speakman says that by painting the thin blue line in front of his house he is telling any officers who see it that his is a home that supports the work of local law enforcement.

The "thin blue line" is a term commonly used to refer to police officers, in that they stand as the thin line that protects society from good and evil, chaos and order. The emblem is many times used as a show of support for law enforcement.

EARL'S BODY SHOP
2251 Decatur Ave., N.W.
734-2406



NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Shirley Swann And Estate Of Shirley Swann to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Generation Mortgage Company dated August 25, 2011; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1657, Page 558 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 22nd day of September, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
That real property situated in the County of Cullman, State of Alabama, described as follows, to-wit: All that certain parcel of land situated in City of Cullman being known as: Commencing at a point on the South line of the forty, which said point is 420 feet East from the Southwest corner of said forty, thence East with the forty acre line 105 feet, thence at right angles North 210 feet to a point marked, thence West 105 feet to a point; thence South 210 feet back to the point of beginning. Subject to highway right-of-ways. Lying and being in the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 1 O, Range 3 West, in Cullman County, Alabama, and being more fully described in Deed Book 398, page 183 recorded on 1990-04-11, among the land records of Cullman County, Al. Being the same property conveyed to Shirley Swann by deed from Lloyd W. Pichelmayer, Catherine Pichelmayer dated 1990-04-03, recorded 1990-04-11 Deed Book 398, page 183. Parcel ID Number: 17-06-23-3-009-016.000

Said property is commonly known as 1417 Bolte RD SE, Cullman, AL 35055.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Shirley Swann and Estate of Shirley Swann or tenant(s).
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1310
Birmingham, AL 35203
(800) 275-7171
FT21@mccallaraymer.com
File No. 931316
www.foreclosurehotline.net

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

RICHARD JEROME BURKETT,) CASE NO.: PC-2015-307
Deceased.

NOTICEOF HEARING ON PETITION TO SELL REAL ESTATE

Please take notice that a hearing on Petition of Administrator to sell real estate for debts in regard to the Estate of Richard Jerome Burkett, deceased, filed by Blake C. West, attorney for Petitioner, C. Michael Burkett, is hereby set the 5th day of August, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama before Probate Judge, TAMMY BROWN, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama.

DATED this 17 day of June, 2016.

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

C. BLAKE WEST
Attorney for Petitioner
1701 Main Avenue SW, Suite 5
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 734-0026

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: AD 2016-013

IN THE MATTER OF:
SHANIA RENE KRAFT,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: DEVIN COX AND ANY UNKNOWN OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE NAMED MINOR CHILD WHOSE IDENTITY, ADDRESS AND/OR WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY PAMELA KAY BASINGER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 17 DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

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

ANNETTE IRONS PARKER
Attorney for Petitioner
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 775-4444

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 20, 2004 by Jeffery L. Denson, and wife Melinda K. Denson, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book 1369, Page 832 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 27, 2016:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, being a ¾" iron pipe, thence N89°30'00"W 615.50 feet to an existing angle iron, thence N18°03'28"E 281.20 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set, thence N62°31'00"Q 266.43 feet to an existing ½" rebar on the East R.O.W. of Al. Hwy 69, thence N27°16'44"E 25.00 feet to an existing spike on the ROW, thence S62°32'59"E 262.35 feet to an existing iron fence corner post; thence S62°29'56"E 586.27 feet to an existing angle iron, thence S0°51'07"E 26.24 feet back to the point of beginning, containing 2.3 acres more or less. Said land lying in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Sec. 7, T10S, R2W, Cullman County, Alabama.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-July 7, 14, 21, 2016

STATE OF ALABAMA IN THE PROBATE COURT

CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: PC-2016- 139

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF KATHERINE BISHOP

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION TO PROBATE WILL

TO: **NATHANIEL PILGRIM, TONYA BISHOP THRASH AND ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN RELATIVES OF KATHERINE BISHOP.**

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on the 5th day of August, 2016 AT 9:30 (am)/pm in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition to Probate Will filed in said Court by Rex Pilgrim. That any objection to the Petition to Probate Will should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2016.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
Randy A. Hames
Attorney For Petitioner
427 Second Avenue Sw
Cullman, Alabama 35055

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 2, 2009 by James M. Strater, Jr. and wife Rachel Strater, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1608, Page 750 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 19, 2016:

Commencing at an existing iron purported to be in the NE corner of the NE *1/4* of the SW 1/4 Section 6, Township 12 South, Range 4 West, Cullman County Alabama; thence S1^{0}01'19"W 875.29 feet to an existing 2 ½" pipe; thence N89^{0}40'45'W 278.46 feet to a ^{1}/f rebar being the point of beginning; thence continue N89^{0}40'45"W 240 feet to ½" rebar; thence S00^{0}50'05'W 365.00 feet; thence S89^{0}40'45"E 240 feet to a ½" rebar; thence N00°50'05"E 365.00 feet to the point of beginning. Being 2.01 acres, more or less. Including a 1997 Redman Sheraton mobile home bearing VIN # 14900070 located thereon.
Less and Except all powerline rights of way and all other rights of way and easements of record.
Also Less and Except and egress ingress easement 20 feet in width the center of which begins N00°50'05"E 176.97 feet from the SE corner of the above described property; thence S65°01'20"W 112.58 feet; thence S68°40'34'W 76.54 feet; thence S1^{0}24'48"E 100.67 feet to the end of said easement.
Also an egress ingress easement 20 feet in width the center of which begins N89°40'45'W 168.29 feet from the SE corner of above described property; thence S1°24'48"E 55.45 feet; thence S7^{0}33'25'W 61.34 feet; thence 515^{0}57'33'W 81.42 feet; thence S13°25'39'W 61.75 feet; thence 540^{0}54'54"W 64.88 feet; thence N82^{0}19'27'W 103.81 feet; thence 576^{0}12'10'W 60.78 feet; thence S00^{0}02'00'W 297.48 feet to the Northeasterly right of way of County Road 222.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-June 30, July 7, 14, 2016

NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD 97.

WHEREAS, property owner Edith Thompson Bullard, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, Edith Thompson Bullard is requesting vacation of a portion of County Road 97 described as follows, to-wit:

A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND BEING SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 97 THAT RUNS THROUGH A PORTION OF EDITH BULLARD THOMPSON TRACT, AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 513, PAGE 215 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING 30 FEET LEFT AND RIGHT OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE:

COMMENCE AT THE PURPORTED NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 3, AND RUN SOUTH 17 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 21 SECONDS WEST, (BEARING BASED ON ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD83. GRID.), A DISTANCE OF 958.80 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTH LINE OF EDITH BULLARD THOMPSON TRACT AS RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 513, PAGE 215 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA WITH THE CENTERLINE OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD NUMBER 97, HAVING AN ALABAMA STATE PLANE, WEST ZONE, NAD83. COORDINATE VALUE OF N. 1463356.06', E. 2103076.42', SAME BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUN NORTH 00 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 11.72 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 39 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 52.80 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 67 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 40.09 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 74 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 15 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, A DISTANCE OF 29.32 FEET TO THE ENDING POINT.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating a portion of County Road 97.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of Thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of County Road 97, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2016, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 30th day of June, 2016.

BY: /s/ J. Chad Floyd
J. Chad Floyd
Attorney for Cullman County
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Telephone: (256) 775-4893

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

2003 Nissan Altima, Vin. #1N4BL11D63C117520.
2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee, Vin. #1J4GX48S04C155041.

The following vehicles will be sold on August 26, 2016, for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057. Phone number: 256-775-3754.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2016-035**

IN THE MATTER OF:
Ethan Antonio Villa,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: ANTONIO VILLA, JR., WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KEVIN NATHANIEL JACKSON AND CHRISTINE DAWN JACKSON. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 7th DAY OF July, 2016.

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

HEATH MEHERG
Attorney for Petitioner
409 1st Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35056
256-734-0458

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, August 1, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.**
Sale Location: **Cullman County Courthouse East Entrance**
500 Second Avenue, S.W.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
Write of Execution Parties: **AGCOR Steel, LLC**
vs.
Wesley J. Dye
334 County Road 111
Bremen, Alabama 35033

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 Wesley J. Dye, property, described as follows:

Lot #8 in the Lakeview Road Subdivision as recorded in the Judge of Probate Office, Map Book 5, Page 187 and 189 in the Office of the Cullman County Courthouse, Cullman, Alabama.

Subject to existing rights of way for public roads, utility lines, easements and restrictions of record, if any.

Source of title: Deed Book 582, Page 131, Office of Judge of Probate, 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 Wesley J. Dye, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

Dated this the 30th day of June, 2016.

BY:
Sheriff Matt Gentry

ORDINANCE NO. 2016 – 13
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that the Kenneth Dale and Beth Ann Caviness has petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman:
PPIN: 007560 PARCEL: 09-05-22-0-001-028.019
DESCRIPTION: Lot No. 5 of the First Addition to Lake George Estates as recorded in Map Book 7, Page 197 in the Probate Records of Cullman County, Alabama. Subject to right of way of South Central Bell as recorded in Deed Book 389, Page 291. Also subject to 50 foot high water easement along the South side of the subject property and a 40 foot minimum building line fronting Wistful Vista Drive as shown by plat recorded in Map Book 7, Page 197. Also subject to buffer zone to the City of Cullman along with any easements and rights of way together with rights reserved by the City of Cullman for land adjoining Lake George. This conveyance is subject to the following:

1. Subject to right of way for Wistful Vista Drive, a 40-foot minimum building line and a 5-foot utility easement along the North side of the property as shown on the recorded plat of Lake George Estates First Addition in Map Book 7, Page 197.
2. Subject to a 50 foot high water easement along the South side of the property which adjoins Lake George.
3. Subject to right of way easement to South Central Bell recorded in Deed Book 389, Page 291.
4. Title to any portion of the Land below the normal high water level and rights of the public and others entitled thereto in and to the use of that portion of the described premises within the bounds of Lake George.

Subject to easements, encumbrances, restrictions, rights of way, covenants, encroachments, set-back lines, restrictions, ad valorem taxes for the current year, and agreements and all other matters of record which are applicable to the above-described real estate or that would be disclosed by an accurate survey or careful physical inspection of the above-described real property. For source of title, see Deed Book 560, Page 649, being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
ADDRESS: 445 COUNTY ROAD 1335, VINEMONT, ALABAMA 35179.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 11th day of July, 2016. /s/Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 11th day of July, 2016. /s/Max A. Townson - Mayor

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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

BOWE LOURA,)
Plaintiff,)
)
V.) Case No.: DR-2016-900153.00
)
BOWE WILLIAM,)
Defendant.)

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: WILLIAM BOWE

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Cullman County Alabama. You are hereby commanded and required to file with the Clerk of the Court and to serve upon Plaintiff's attorney, *Melvin Hasting, 407 2nd Ave. S.W., Cullman, Alabama 35055*, an Answer to the Complaint before the 6th day of September, 20 16, or a Default Judgment will be entered against you.

This the 5th day of July, 20 16.

Lisa McSwain
CIRCUIT CLERK

To the publisher of Cullman Tribune:

You are hereby directed to publish the above notice each week for four successive weeks in said newspaper.

DONE this 2nd day of July, 2016.

/s/ MARTHA E. WILLIAMS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

MELVIN ALEXANDER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2016-900136.00**

MINDY RAYE ALEXANDER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Mindy Raye Alexander, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Melvin Alexander's Complaint for Divorce by September 5, 2016 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2016-900136.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the11th day of July, 2016.

Lisa McSwain (gd)
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
MELVIN HASTING
407 2nd AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Tina A Walker An Unmarried Woman to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association dated August 9, 2013; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1719, Page 37 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, PNC Bank, National Association, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 4th day of August, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CULLMAN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS A TRACT OF LAND BEING IN THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, DESCRIBED AS: □□COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTH HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 13.5 FEET; THENCE WEST 955 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE WEST 210 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 210 FEET; THENCE EAST 210 FEET; THENCE NORTH 210 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. □□BY FEE SIMPLE DEED FROM DAVID WAYNE WALKER, MARRIED AS SET FORTH IN BOOK 499 PAGE 441 DATED 12/06/2000 AND RECORDED 01/31/2001, CULLMAN COUNTY RECORDS, STATE OF ALABAMA. □□Tax ID: 10-06-23-0-001-002.002

Said property is commonly known as 201 County Road 1530, Cullman, AL 35058.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Tina A Walker or tenant(s).
Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
as holder of said mortgage
McCalla Raymer Pierce, LLC
Two North Twentieth
2 20th Street North, Suite 1310
Birmingham, AL 35203
(800) 275-7171
FT21@mccallaraymer.com
File No. 929016
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO.: AD- 2016-032

IN THE MATTER OF:
AUSTIN BAILEY CADIERE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF AUSTIN BAILEY CADIERE WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JOHN DAVID HAMRICK AND MAMIE DIANE HAMRICK. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS IS SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 5th DAY OF July, 2016.

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

ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
Attorney for Petitioner
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
215 Main Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256)775-4444

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2016-031**

IN THE MATTER OF:
PEYTON NICHOLE COLEGROVE,
A minor child.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: KIMBERLY COLGROVE WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN.

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CARL PAYNE and DIANN PAYNE. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, POST OFFICE BOX 970, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35056.

DONE THIS 23rd DAY OF June, 2016.

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

GREGORY A. JOHNSON
Attorney for Petitioners
100 4th Avenue N.E.
Cullman, Alabama 35055
(256) 739-0006

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Alton Bailey And Kathy Bailey Wife to NationsCredit Financial Services Corp of Alabama dated March 15, 1999; said mortgage being recorded in Book 1100, Page 579 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-3AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-3AG to be recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE FOR CIM TRUST 2015-3AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-3AG, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 11th day of August, 2016 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
Tract number twenty-eight (28) of the Lowery Estate Property, as shown on the Plat recorded in Map Book 8, Page 11, and 13, in the Judge of Probate Office. in Cullman County, Alabama.□□Subject to all easements, restrictions, reservations, and rights of way of record.

Said property is commonly known as 256 Cty Rd 248, Cullman, AL 35057.
The indebtedness secured by said Mortgage has been and is hereby declared due and payable because of default under the terms of the Note secured by said Mortgage, including but not limited to, nonpayment of the indebtedness as and when due. The indebtedness remains in default, and this sale will be made for the sole purpose of paying the same, including all expenses of the sale, attorney's fees, and all other payments provided for under the terms of said Mortgage.

Said property will be sold subject to the following items, which may affect the title to said real property: all zoning ordinances; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property; any outstanding taxes, including but not limited to, ad valorem taxes, which constitute liens upon said property; special assessments; all outstanding bills for public utilities, which constitute liens upon said property; all restrictive covenants, easements, rights-of-way; the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law; and any other matters of record superior to said Mortgage. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the party in possession of the real property is Alton Bailey and Kathy Bailey or tenant(s).
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Legal Notice

Notice is hereby give to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80:
2004 Ford Explorer, Vin. #1FMZU64KA4UA95055.
The following vehicles will be sold after August 6, 2016, at 1106 Katherine Street, Northwest, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

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Thursday

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at Holly Pond Town Hall

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 14, 6-8 p.m. Join us for our monthly meeting held at the VFW. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.; meeting to follow beginning at 7 p.m. 112 Veterans Drive Cullman, AL 35055

Hanceville City Council Meeting
Thursday, July 14 at 7 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Heritage Skills: Quick and Healthy Meals on a Budget
July 14 at 6 p.m. at the Agriplex. Donna Shanklin, of the Cullman County Extension Office, will lead this hands-on class on meal preparation. Register online at Agriplex.org. $5 per person.

Good Hope Fishing Team B.A.S.S. National Championship Fundraiser Spirit Night at Augusta's
Thursday, July 14 from 4-7 p.m. Come join us for a fun night at the best restaurant in Cullman! We will be giving away prizes throughout the night and have a drawing at the end of the night for a rod/reel combo!

Perinatal and Infant Loss Support Group
Meets the second Thursday of each month, with the first meeting July 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Cullman Electric Cooperative on Eva Road.

Cullman County Board of Education Meeting
The Cullman County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the Cullman County Schools central office board room, 402 Arnold Street, NE, Cullman. (Work Session 5:30 p.m.) Notice the change in the meeting time to 6 p.m.

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Carmike Cinemas Summer Kid Series
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. from June 2- August 4. This special includes admission to the chosen movie, a 16 oz. drink and 46 oz. popcorn for $4 plus tax. This is for all customers regardless of age. The July 14 movie will be "Monsters vs. Aliens."

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Dance Lessons
Ballroom, Latin and Swing Dancing - Thursdays, $10 per class. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Overeaters Anonymous
Overeaters Anonymous will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House, located behind Grace Episcopal Church. For more information, contact 724-376-2124 or 256-352-1143.

Cullman Senior Center Live Band and Karaoke
The Cullman Senior Center will have a live band or karaoke every Thursday from 8 a.m. - noon. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

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Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosts Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Celebrate Recovery
Hanceville First Baptist Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. 104 Church Ave, NE Hanceville, AL 35077

Electric Jam
Grace Episcopal Church. 305 Arnold Street NE. Jazz, Blues & Rock. Free - Food, Music, Fun! If you play or sing you're invited to jam with us! Covered Dish Supper 5:30-6 p.m. Jam 6-8 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Every second Thursday of the month!

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Thursday, July 14 from 6-8 p.m. Join us for our Monthly Meeting held at the VFW. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., meeting to follow beginning at 7 p.m. 112 Veterans Drive.

Friday

Fairview HS Class of 1963 Reunion
Friday, July 15 at noon at Waterbrook Restaurant, 10645 U.S. Hwy 278 E in Holly Pond. For more information, call 256-339-3451.

Swamp John's Dinner
Friday, July 15 from 4-7 p.m. at Tri-County Volunteer Fire Department. Plates $10. Money will go to help build a community storm shelter. Call 256-302-4202 or 256-507-2313 for information or tickets.

Student Art Show
Friday, July15 is the student art show at the end of local artist Laura Walker's art camp. Stop by and see the 36 students' work. Happening at the The Link Community Place in the reception room/Fellowship Hall at 2 p.m. 708 Ninth St. SE

Yard Sale to Benefit Couple's Adoption
Yard sale will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, inside Building One at the Cullman County Fairgrounds by Sportsman Lake. The sale will be going on from 7 a.m.- 4 p.m. each day. Sale being held by Brittney and Jared Hopper to raise funds for the adoption of their child from China.

Sensory-Friendly Trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. On Friday, July 15 at 10 a.m., the gang will head out for a free sensory-friendly trip to Cullman Fire Station No. 2 which will include safety tips and a tour of Cullman's newest fire station by the fire fighters and a visit from members of the Cullman Police Department. The fire station is near Marvin's at 1711 Main Ave. SW in Cullman. Lunch at Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits, at 1821 Cherokee Ave. SW, will follow the tour. Bates has requested RSVPs via the group's Facebook page for this event.

Sensory-Friendly Showing of "Finding Dory"
5:30 p.m., Friday, July 15
Cullman Carmike 10, 232 Olive St. SW, Cullman
$5 if reserved by Wednesday, July 13
$6 at the door
MUST RSVP!
Rhonda Davis 256-962-2208 or Sarah Bates 256-338-1301
On Facebook: Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group
Sensory Friendly Movie Details: NO previews, the movie auditorium keeps their lights turned slightly up (dim lights will remain on) and the sound turned slightly down, for all ages and special needs to be able to "feel free to be you."
Families are permitted to bring their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks from home.

Weekly Just Play! Program- Cullman City Parks and Rec
When: Fridays at 1 p.m. in June & July
Where: A different CP&R small park each week (July 15 – East Side Park, July 22 – Carol Acres Park, July 29 – Ingle Park)
What: A free weekly program for ages 5-12 with organized time at the parks including: scavenger hunts, water balloon fights, slip-n-slides, capture the flag, kickball, relay games and more!

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Hanceville Farmer's Market
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Cullman Senior Center Gospel Singing
The Cullman Senior Center will have a Gospel Singing beginning at 9:30 a.m. every Friday. Special guests share devotions at 10:30 a.m. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

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Cullman High School Mattress Fundraiser
Every purchase benefits the CHS Cross Country Team. Saturday, July 16 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Cullman High School new gym. Event link: http://bit.ly/beds4cullmanXC

Therapeutic Dance Classes- Free to the Public
Individuals with all types of special needs and disabilities are welcome! Saturdays, July 9-Aug. 13 at the Cullman Civic Center. Ages 6-10, from 2:30-3:15 p.m.; ages 11 and up, from 3:15-4 p.m. Wear anything comfortable to move in! End of session performance will be Sunday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. For more info, contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.

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CP&R Community Classes- Rock Climbing
Hurricane Creek Park - Saturdays at 10 a.m., $25, call to register at 256-734-2125. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

War Recovery
From 1-2 p.m. at Redemption Assembly of God. 516 Shaeffel Rd. Cullman. We have court refer. in Cullman Co. Call Susan, 256-620-6966 for more info.

Saving Forgotten Warriors
Organization helps area disabled and in-need veterans. Volunteers are needed and donations are accepted. See Facebook page "SFW" for more info or call Jeremy (352-440-4076), Tammy (256-286-3136) or Josh (256-615-5263).

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Sunday

Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church Revival
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CP&R Community Classes- Wilderness Survival Course
Sundays with reservation, call to register at 256-734-2125. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Sunday Brunch Buffet at TP Country Club
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Monday

Garden City Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall

West Point Town Council Meeting
Monday, July 18 at 6 p.m. at West Point Town Hall

Beat 8 Community Meeting
July 18 at 6 p.m. at the Beat 8 Community Center; Neighborhood watch group meeting.

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Monday Fun-Days at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center
1/2 priced day passes for just $5 each from 6-10 p.m.

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Monday night free swims will continue to be sponsored by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Program (http://cullmanrecreation.org/programs-events/therapeutic-recreation/). Free swims are held from 6-8 p.m., and swimmers and their families are asked to sign in at the front desk of the Cullman Wellness and Aquatics Center upon arrival.

CP&R Community Classes- Painting
Oil Painting and Acrylics - Mondays from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

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Cullman Senior Center Bingo
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Kiwanis Club
The Cullman Kiwanis Club invites all local men and women who are interested in taking part in community service along with great fellowship, fun, networking, and learning to attend their weekly meeting at noon each Monday at St. John's Church Christ Hall. Come see what Kiwanis is all about and enjoy a great luncheon meal as well.

Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group
Victim Services of Cullman's Domestic Violence Survivors' Support Group meets every Monday from 5-7 p.m. at the old County Board of Education Building (310 Third Ave. SE) Childcare is available. Call 256-775-2600 for more information. Crisis Line: 256-734-6100.

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Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Tuesday

Cullman City Council Meeting
Tuesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. in Cullman City Hall Auditorium. This meeting will take the place of the July 25 meeting, which will NOT be held.

Cullman City School Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 19 at noon in the Central Office boardroom

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Agriplex Book Club: The Garden of Invention: Luther Burbank and the Business of Breeding Plants by Jane S. Smith
July 19 at 6 p.m. From Amazon: "The wide-ranging and delightful history of celebrated plant breeder Luther Burbank and the business of farm and garden in early twentieth- century America ... Luther Burbank's blight-resistant potatoes, white blackberries, and plumcots-a plum-apricot hybrid-were celebrated as triumphs in the best tradition of American ingenuity and perseverance." Free. Pre-registration required. Register at www.agriplex.org.

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Swamp John's Dinner
Saving Forgotten Warriors (SFW), the local nonprofit whose goal is to provide aid to local veterans in need, has many summertime fundraising events which are necessary to continue helping and advocating for the heroes in the Cullman community. SFW will host a Swamp John's dinner on July 19 from 4-7p.m. at the VFW. Plates will be $12.

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Carmike Cinemas Summer Kid Series
Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10 a.m. from June 2- August 4. This special includes admission to the chosen movie, a 16 oz. drink and 46 oz. popcorn for $4 plus tax. This is for all customers regardless of age. The July 19 movie is "Rio 2."

Cullman Farmers Market – Festhalle
Fresh, local produce, breads and meats, along with plants and crafts. The Farmers Market is now open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. through October. Located at 209 First Ave. NE.

CP&R Community Classes- Yoga and Dance Fitness
Yoga- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.; Nia Dance Fitness / Ageless Grace - Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Cullman Civic Center. For more information, contact Waid Harbison at 256-734-9157.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday.

Dodge City Senior Citizen Luncheon
Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Come enjoy fun, food and games at Dodge City Town Hall.

Cullman Caring for Kids- United Way Food Bank
The food bank is open every Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. - noon for eligible families. Located at 402 Arnold St. NE Ste. W-1. For more information, or to make a donation, call 256-739-1111. www.cullmancaringforkids.com

Board Games at the Library
Each Tuesday the Cullman County Public Library will host a gaming program from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. A variety of board games, cards and dominoes are available for play at the library for teens and adults.

Cullman Knifty Knitters
Members of the Cullman Knifty Knitters group meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Cullman County Library. Everyone is invited to learn how to knit yarn, and needles are free. This group is open to all ages, both accomplished knitters and those wishing to learn the art form. Crocheters are also invited to take part in these weekly meetings. Please call Lesia for more information at 256-734-2720 ext. 23.

AA Meeting
The Cullman Downtown Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 1519 St. Joseph St. NW. Every day at noon will be an open discussion meeting, Sunday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion and speaker meeting, Tuesday at 7 p.m. is an open discussion meeting (with meal at 6:30 p.m.), Wednesday at 7 p.m.; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is women's big book study; and Friday at 7 p.m. is a closed discussion meeting (no card signed). All meetings are non-smoking. The last Tuesday of each month is open speaker meeting/ birthday night. For more information, contact the AA coordinator at 256-736-6000.

Celebrate Recovery
Meets at Holly Pond Methodist Church on Tuesday nights. Free meal at 6 p.m. Program starts at 6:30 p.m. Two court stamps available. Open to everyone with a Hurt, Habit or Hang-up. 37851 AL Highway 91 in Holly Pond.

Addiction Recovery
The Link of Cullman County hosting Christ-centered, 12-Step Addiction Recovery meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. 1101 Third Ave. SE in Cullman. Call 256-775-0028 for more information.

Free English Classes
The Link of Cullman County hosts classes, 10 a.m. on Mondays and 6 p.m. on Tuesdays. Beginner and Advanced classes available. Call 256-775-0028 for information.

Wednesday

July Morning Blend
Wednesday, July 20 at 8 a.m. at Karma's Coffee House. Chamber of Commerce staff will welcome members and visitors to Karma's every month to discuss the hottest topics in business and share tips, ideas and viewpoints.

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Hanceville Farmer's Market
The Hanceville Farmer's Market has locally-grown fruits, vegetables and meats, as well as arts and crafts. They are open on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 200 Bangor Ave.

Good Hope Senior Center Meeting
Seniors meet every Wednesday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch at 11 a.m., games, crafts, special speakers and more Contact Gene Bradford at 256-636-2100 or Jackie Gentry at 256-739-0403.

Cullman Senior Center Bingo
Play Bingo at the Cullman Senior Center every Monday and Wednesday. Activities from 8 a.m. - noon. A hot meal is served at 11:30 a.m. daily. For more information, call 256-734-0145. The Cullman Senior Center is located at 1539 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Saint Monica's Group
Saint Monica's Group is for those who are addicted to drugs or alcohol. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. each week in the Rectory basement of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. For more information, please contact either Brian at 256-595-5015 or Rita at 256-507-0358.

Wednesday Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club
Lunch Buffet at TP Country Club from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 256-739-0738 for more information.

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Divorce Care Support Group
The Link of Cullman County, 6 p.m. Call Denise at 256-590-3719 for more information.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

ATTENTION LOCAL NONPROFITS
Local nonprofits that are interested in applying for funding assistance through the United Way of Cullman County should call 256-739-2948 or contact Sammie Danford, sdanford@uwaycc.org, for information on applications, which are available on/after July 15. Applications are due by noon on Aug. 17.

Sensory-Friendly Movies
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Sensory-friendly movie days will continue this summer at the Carmike 10 in Cullman at 1950 Marketplatz Center. The movies are free to all aged special needs folks and the cost to accompanying family members is $4 each. The cost covers a drink and a popcorn. Families who plan to attend are asked to RSVP with Rhonda at 256-962-2208 or Sarah at 256-338-1301. Thursday morning showtime of 10 a.m., "The Peanuts Movie" on July 28.

Special Needs Bowling
The Cullman Autism and Special Needs Family Support Group has several group activities planned for this year's summer break in addition to their regularly scheduled events. Their special events for the summertime include summer bowling held on June 9 and 23 and July 7 and 21. Each night of bowling fun will be hosted at Cullman Bowling located at 1710 Talley Ho St. SW in Cullman from 5-7 p.m. Free for all age ranges of the special needs community, who are allowed to wear their own shoes if desired, bowling will be $5 for family members who will be required to wear bowling shoes.

Electric Jam
Grace Episcopal Church. 305 Arnold Street NE. Jazz, Blues & Rock. Free - Food, Music, Fun! If you play or sing you're invited to jam with us! Covered Dish Supper 5:30-6 p.m. Jam 6-8 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share. Every second Thursday of the month!

Bob's Grief Support Group
On the last Thursday of each month, Bob's Grief Support Group meets at the Chapel at Smith Lake Park. For more information, please call 256-595-7331.

Project Closet
At Longview Church of God, on the second Wednesday of each month from noon - 6 p.m., the public is welcome to come and shop for clothes at no charge. Donations of clothing are accepted, and shoppers can swap donations for any clothing in the closet. Call 256-734-2566 for more information.

Food Assistance
Every second Saturday at Harmony Word of Life Church. NEW HOURS: 1 - 3 p.m. Take Highway 157 to Battleground, turn right onto County Road 1212, go half mile to County Road 1204, turn left and drive a half mile. 256-739-2956.

Free GED Classes
Sponsored by Wallace State Community College Adult Education Program. Call 256-352-8077 or 1-866-352-WSCC for more information.

Clothes Closet
Addington Chapel UMC in Bremen has clothes available free to those in need. No qualifications or paperwork needed. Call 256-287-1791 or 256-287-1828

Masonics of Cullman County Meetings
Held at 7 p.m. at the following locations: Baileyton 472 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-6611); Cullman 421 (Mondays, call 256-734-1231); Logan 500 (second and fourth Tuesday, call 256-747-4243 or 256-747-2908); Simcoe 854 (second and fourth Thursday, call 256-796-5794 or 256-796-5018); Vinemont 562 (first and third Thursday, call 256-796-7244).

Cullman County Commission Meetings
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday, except in cases where the meeting date falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following day. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse, unless otherwise specified.

Cullman Community Lions Club Meetings
First and third Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center

CP&R Therapeutic Recreation Program Events
The program uses recreational activities, leisure and play to enhance the quality of life for individuals with physical, mental, social or emotional limitations or abilities. The program targets more than play and uses the power of recreation and leisure activities to support the rehabilitation process and promote overall wellness. Activities are targeted at education, teaching, playing and participation in a number of meaningful activities.
The program offers several events, activities, and ongoing programs throughout the year. It is open to all ages of anyone with special needs of varying levels. The program's activities are free to attend and are supported by the efforts of the Cullman City Parks and Recreation Department. For any questions regarding the program contact Kelly Pulliam at 256-734-9157 or kpulliam@cullmanrecreation.org.
Upcoming Events
• Swim Night & Cook Out / August 2 / 6 p.m. / CWAC
• Pizza & Bingo Night / September 8 / 5:30 p.m. / Civic Center

Sinyard Family Reunion
The Sinyard Reunion will be on Saturday, August 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Moody Center.

Municipal Elections
August 23, the election for mayor, council and school board will be held August 23. For more information on the upcoming municipal election contact the City Clerk's office.

Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group
Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group is affiliated with the Autism Society of Alabama. They meet on the second Saturday of each month from 5-7 p.m. at the Margaret Jean Jones Center located at 1807

Beech Ave. SE in Cullman.

American Legion Post 4 Monthly Meeting
Second Thursday of each month, from 6-8 p.m. Join us for our Monthly Meeting held at the VFW. Dinner is served at 6 p.m., meeting to follow beginning at 7 p.m. 112 Veterans Drive.

Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment
Cullman Marine Corps League Detachment is forming. Join now and become a charter member. Once a Marine, always a Marine. Contact Jeremy Hogan (USMC) at 352-440-4076 or jeremyhogan.sfw@gmail.com. Active service or honorably discharged Marines. FMF Corpsmen and Chaplains.

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July 21 "Rio 2"
July 26 &28 "The Peanuts Movie"
August 2 & 4 "Penguins of Madagascar"

6th Annual WSCC Basketball Academy
Wallace State men's basketball coach John Meeks and the Lions will host the 6th annual Wallace State Basketball Academy during five different sessions this summer. There are three full-week sessions and two half-week sessions scheduled. Full-week sessions are scheduled for June 20-24, July 18-22 and Aug. 1-5. Full-week sessions are Monday through Friday. Half-week sessions are scheduled for June 27-29 (Monday through Wednesday) and July 28-30 (Wednesday through Friday). The camp, held at Wallace State's Tom Drake Coliseum and the Wellness Center, is open to boys and girls ages 5 to 17 and will be conducted from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursdays and from 9 a.m. to noon on Fridays during the full-week sessions. The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the half-week sessions. Prospective campers can be dropped off as early as 8 a.m. and picked up as late as 5 p.m.
Registration forms can be accessed at www.wallacestate.edu/athletics by clicking on the men's basketball page and/or those interested can contact Meeks at 256-352-8365 or at John.Meeks@wallacestate.edu. During the full-week sessions, the registration fee is $130 for a five-day session or $75 for half-day sessions (9 a.m. to noon). During the half-week sessions, the registration fee is $75 for a three-day session or $40 for half-day sessions (9 a.m. to noon). A $60 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. Sibling discounts are available.
Each prospective camper will be split into respective age groups, be treated to lunch each day and leave with a trophy and additional prizes. Campers will learn about fundamentals, footwork and teamwork, among other features. Guest speakers will also be on hand. Wallace State's men's basketball team won the 2016 ACCC regular-season title under coach Meeks and has won two ACCC tournament titles during his tenure (2012, 2014).

Sandlin Reunion
The 82nd Annual Sandlin Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 6, beginning at 10 a.m. through 3 p.m., at Cold Springs Community Center, 8821 County Road 109, Bremen. Bring a covered dish and drinks. Plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice will be provided.

Weekly Just Play! Program-Cullman City Parks and Rec
When: Fridays at 1 p.m. in June & July
Where: A different CP&R small park each week (July 15 – East Side Park, July 22 – Carol Acres Park, July 29 – Ingle Park)
What: A free weekly program for ages 5-12 with organized time at the parks including: scavenger hunts, water balloon fights, slip-n-slides, capture the flag, kickball, relay games and more!

2nd Fridays at Festhalle
When: Friday, August 12, and September 9 at 6 p.m.
Where: Festhalle Marketplatz
What: Late night farmer's market, craft vendors, live music, kid's games and activities and food trucks.

Exercise in the Park
When: Tuesdays at 6 p.m. from September to November
Where: Depot Park
What: Free fitness class for anyone to attend led by an instructor from the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center including Yoga, Cardio Party, Zumba and more.

Summer Concerts Series
When: Thursdays in September at 6 p.m.
Where: Heritage Park
What: Free concert series at the recognition gardens at Heritage Park with country, modern music, rock & roll and more.

Discount Days at the Wellness & Aquatic Center
Monday Fun-Days
1/2 priced day passes for just $5 each from 6-10 p.m.

Dive-in Movies
July 21 and August 11
Come pay just $5 for free swim and use of the waterpark starting at 6 p.m. with a movie by the pool starting at dark around 8:45 p.m.!

SafeSitter Babysitting Certification Class
Cullman Regional Medical Center will offer a one-day babysitting certification class for boys and girls ages 11-14 on July 22. The course encourages children to become responsible sitters. Each participant will receive a SafeSitter information and supply kit. Lunch and snacks will be provided. According to CRMC Community Relations Coordinator Meredith Easterwood, the class will take 20 students, and the class usually fills up. The cost is $35 for children of WomenFirst members and $55 for others. For more information or to register, visit www.crmchospital.com or call 256-735-5600.

White City Reunion
July 23 at White City Community Center, 1542 County Road 617 in Hanceville. For all former students of White City. Begins at 10 a.m. - ice and paper products furnished. Old photos welcomed. For more info, call Ronnie McElroy Crocker at 256-347-6976.

Perinatal and Infant Loss Support Group
Meets the second Thursday of each month, with the first meeting July 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. We will meet at the Cullman Electric Cooperative on Eva Road.

Fairview High School Marching Band 2nd Annual Car & Tractor Show
Aug. 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Fairview Community Park. Car entry: $15 pre-registration, $20 day of the event. Contact Michelle Watwood for more info at 256-531-2548

Bearcat GROWLS
Growing Resources for our Winning Local Schools; Aug. 13, 3-7 p.m. at Depot Park; Live music by Avenue G; Info booths on local schools and nonprofits; admission is a donation of new school supplies (monetary donations will also be accepted). For more info, contact Mary Hovater at mahovater@aol.com.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Youth Conference
Saturday, Aug. 6 in the Arab High School auditorium; Worship led by Pleasant Valley and Temple Baptist Youth; For more info, call 256-640-7539. Tickets are $10 each.

Rock and Glow 5K
Sportsman Lake Park, Saturday, Aug. 6 from 7-11 p.m. Run/Walk/Dance/Glow. For more info or to register, visit www.CullmanCountyParks.com.

Freedom Fridays
Free admission on Freedom Fridays at Camp Liberty; Patriotic movies on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month at 7 p.m. from August through Veteran's Day (Nov. 11); Camp Liberty is located in Battleground at 15719 Highway 157.

Alabama 4-H Mud Run
Saturday, Aug. 13 from 7:30 a.m.-noon at Stony Lonesome. The 4-H Mud Run will be a 5K (3.1 miles) obstacle course race at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park located in Cullman County. There will even be a 1-mile fun run and mud pit for the younger participants. Registration opens at 7:30 and the race will begin at 8:30 a.m.
REGISTER here for the event:
http://www.active.com/breman-al/running/mud-runs-races/alabama-4-h-mud-run-2016?int
Check out other 4-H events on the 4-H events page: http://www.aces.edu/4-H-youth/AL4-H/events.php. If you have additional questions, please contact the Cullman County Extension Office for more information:cullmancounty@auburn.edu

North Central Alabama Young Democrats Community Fun Day
Sunday, July 24 at 1 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park; Free Food ~ Games ~ Music ~ Family Fun ~ Conversation ~ Community Planning ~ Speakers: Beth Clayton -Alabama Young Democrats president, Josh Coleman-NCAYD president, Emma Turner- Alabama High School Democrats president, Bob Parker-Forward Alabama chairman, David Putman-Candidate for Congress, Ron Crumpton-Candidate for Senate. (More to be announced soon)

CRMC Foundation 25th Annual Golf Extravaganza
The CRMC Foundation has announced that its 25th Annual Million Dollar Hole-In-One Golf Extravaganza will take place on Monday, Sep. 12 at TP Country Club. Several events will be a part of the Golf Extravaganza, including a golf tournament, putting contest, helicopter golf ball drop and the Million Dollar Hole-In-One qualifying and final shoot out contests. The Foundation will also host a morning and afternoon golf session for the 4-person scramble. Register today to participate or sponsor. Various sponsorship levels are available and all proceeds benefit the CRMC Foundation. Don't miss out on the opportunity to take part in this fun-filled event while supporting your local hospital. For more information, call the CRMC Foundation at 256-737-2565 or email crmcfoundation@crmchospital.com.

Autism Parent Support Group Meeting
July 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Warren's Home Décor, LLC. Located 1622 Second Ave. NW in Cullman. Please share the word, we want to be able to support our parents who have special needs children. This is for parents only.

Swamp John's Meal
The Masonic Lodge #400 will hold a Swamp John's meal from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 2, at Hanceville Assembly of God Church, 402 Shady Main Drive Southwest. Plates are $11 and include: chicken, shrimp, fish or a combo, with slaw, hushpuppies, fries, a sweet and tea. Proceeds to help buy Christmas gifts for needy children. For tickets or information contact Junior Heaton at 256-735-8021 or email: 2jheatons@gmail.com

Veterans Appreciation Day
Free to veterans and their families, Veterans Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, July 23 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be free food and drinks, a bounce house for the kids and a dunking booth. There will be a hot dog eating contest and a watermelon eating contest. Held at VFW, 112 Veterans Drive in Cullman. For more information, call Dan Raley at 256-347-4732.

Hospice of Cullman County's MEGA Cash Draw Down
Hospice of Cullman County's MEGA Cash Draw Down, its largest annual fundraiser, will be held on Thursday, July 21 at 6 p.m. in Cullman Regional Medical Center's Colonel Cullmann Room, located in the Community Education Center in Professional Office Building II. This year's event will feature a chance to win $10,000, and guests will also enjoy dinner, door prizes and more.

Dinner will be served to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m. with the MEGA Cash Draw Down beginning promptly at 6 p.m.
Tickets cost $100 each; however, this year, ticket holders can add $25 insurance to their ticket, which allows the ticket to have a second chance at the grand prize. As an added bonus, ticketholders who attend the event will have a chance to win additional cash prizes of $500 and $1,000. All monies raised will fund indigent patient care. For more information or to buy tickets for the Draw Down, please call the Hospice office at 256-739-5185 or visit online at www.HospiceofCullmanCounty.com.

West Point High School Class of 1962 Reunion
July 23 from 2-4 p.m. at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in West Point. Call Linda at 256-747-6883 for more information.

23rd Annual EvaBank Midnight Run 5K
Friday, Aug. 19 at 11:59 p.m.at the Cullman Civic Center. The 23rd Annual EvaBank Midnight Run 5K will be a fun, exciting experience you don't want to miss! Come join us for this blacklight run with several neon color stations, a pre and post-race glow party under blacklights, and more! Serious runners will be able to easily pass the color stations to focus on their times. The race will be chip timed for all participants, and the top 3 in each category will receive a medal, as well as $250 to overall male and female winners and $200 to masters male and female winners. Cost is $25 which includes a T-shirt. Register at the Cullman Civic Center or online at active.com.

Clucknbrew
CP&R's community tailgate kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 2:30-11 p.m. This wing festival will feature dozens of local businesses and organizations cooking off their version of the infamous chicken wing. Event goers can sample all the wings they can take while watching Alabama & Auburn football games as well as other NCAA games of the week at our game-day tent. Free kid's games and activities will also be on hand for the duration of the event as well as special contests, activities and more! The event will take place downtown at Depot Park.

Second Native American Indian Charity Powwow
Aug. 20-21 at 9 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park. Benefits The Lighthouse, Inc., Cullman's 12-bed transitional home for men. All dancers are welcome; dancers in regalia admitted free; Native American drumming and dancing, Native American food and craft vendors. This is a family event. Children under 5 admitted free; children 6-12 $3; adults $5; senior citizens 62+ $3. Gates open at 9 a.m. daily. Grand entries at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and noon Sunday. For more information, contact George "White Wolf" Teague at 256-347-2943 or georgeteague57@yahoo.com.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Cullman Autism & Special Needs Family Support Group
Saturday, July 30 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Cullman Applebee's. Includes: 2 pancakes and 2 sausage patties, coffee & soda. Juice (Apple & Orange) -- an additional donation. Carry-outs available. Your servers will be families affected by autism and special needs! Get your tickets in Cullman at Warren's Home Décor (1622 Second Ave. NW) or Colvard - AllState Insurance (1726 Cherokee Ave. SW, Ste. C). For more information, contact Rhonda or Sarah at 256-962-2208 or 256-339-1301.

Senior Spirit

A program sponsored by the City of Cullman Parks and Recreation Department that focuses on recreational, social and leisure opportunities for individuals 50 & over. There is no membership fee and programs are offered at the Donald E. Green Senior Center.

Exercise Area
An exercise area with several types of equipment is available for seniors to use provided they have a release form signed by their physician.
Date: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri.
Time: 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fitness for Life
Walking and light cardio stretching classes that help boost your energy.
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Time: 8-9:15 a.m.
Instructor: Catherine Hasenbein

Line Dancing
Date: Year-round
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
Beginners: 9:15-10 a.m.
Adv. / Kickers: 10 a.m. - noon
Instructor: Sherry Boatright
Cost: FREE

Senior Spirit Singers
Join this group that sings old time Gospel Hymns. The group is available for Special Events, Revivals, Assisted Living facilities and Nursing Homes throughout the Community.
Date: Mondays
Time: 10 a.m.
Instructor: Helen Orr
Cost: FREE

Sacred Harp Singing
(Fa-So-La)
Learn this old style of traditional singing that took root in the Southern region of the United States as a part of the larger tradition of shape note music.
Date: 1st & 3rd Wed. of each month Time: 9-11 a.m.

Monday Jam Session
Come together with other seniors to listen to pickers as they play old time country music or try your talent at picking and singing with them.
Date: Every Monday
Time: 1- 4 p.m.
Group Leader: Barbara Whitehead

Fun & Games
Bring a friend or make new ones with a fun filled day of fellowship, card playing or dominos.
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 9 a.m.-until

Bingo
Date: Tuesdays
Time: 1 p.m.
Play a minimum of 12 games

Art Classes
Art classes in oils, acrylics and other venues. This is a relaxing and rewarding activity. Seniors are responsible for furnishing their own supplies.
Date: The 1st Tues. of each month
Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Instructor: Nance DiPiero
Cost: $10 per class

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Date: 1st Wednesday of each Month
Time: 1 p.m.

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Instructor: Fabian Holland
Cost: Free

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Date: Every Friday
Time: 1 p.m.
Instructor: Craig Mann
Cost: $10 for 1 hour

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OBITUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 6 - 12

Ruth LaVonne Thurman, 78, passed away July 5.

Service held July 8. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Lillie Delois Weaver, 69, passed away July 6.

Service held July 9. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Kaylor Erwin Martin, 55, passed away July 6.

Service held July 9. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Jefferson Sanford Smith, 73, passed away July 8.

Service held July 10. Holly Pond Funeral Home directed.

Edna Jean Leipert, 76, passed away July 8.

Service held July 11. Cullman Heritage Home directed.

Leo Schwaiger, Jr., 91, passed away July 6.

Service held July 11. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Zachary "Zac" Rice, 30, passed away July 7.

Service held July 11. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directed.

Richard Melvin Scott, 52, passed away July 9.

Service held July 11. Hanceville Funeral Home directed.

Jean Frances Butler, 76, passed away July 8.

Service held July 12. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Ruth Hall, 94, passed away July 8.

Service held July 13. Cullman Funeral Home directed.

Clovis Jarrett, 89, passed away July 11.

Service held July 14. Moss Service Funeral Home directed.

Wendy Marie Davis, 52, passed away July 11.

Service held July 14. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home directing.

Robert Eugene Letro, 85, passed away July 5.

Arrangements have yet to be announced. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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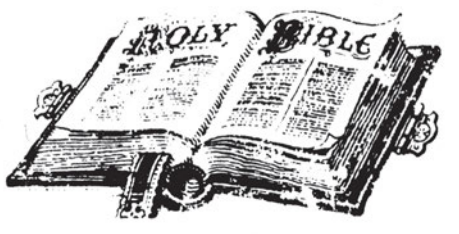
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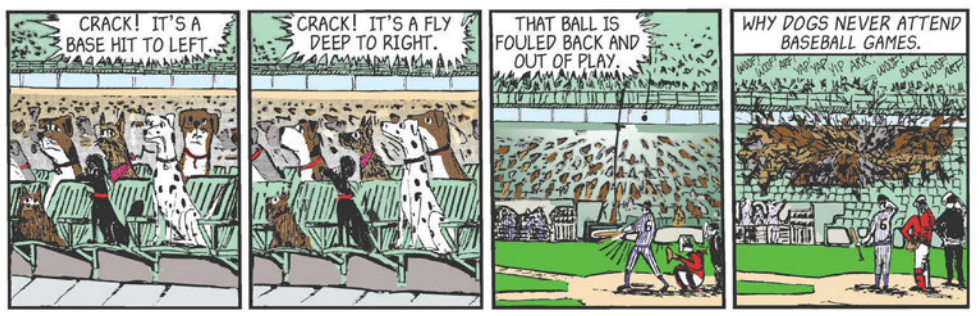
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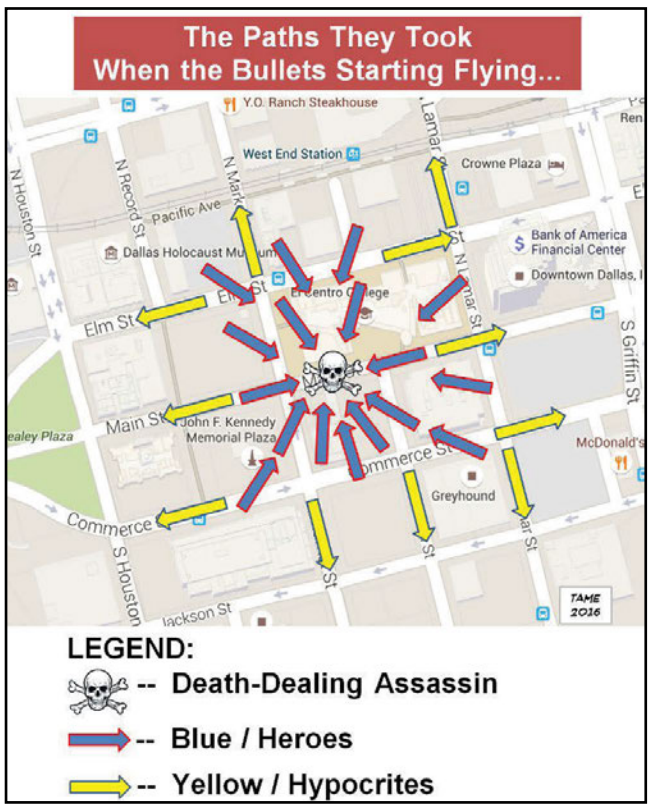


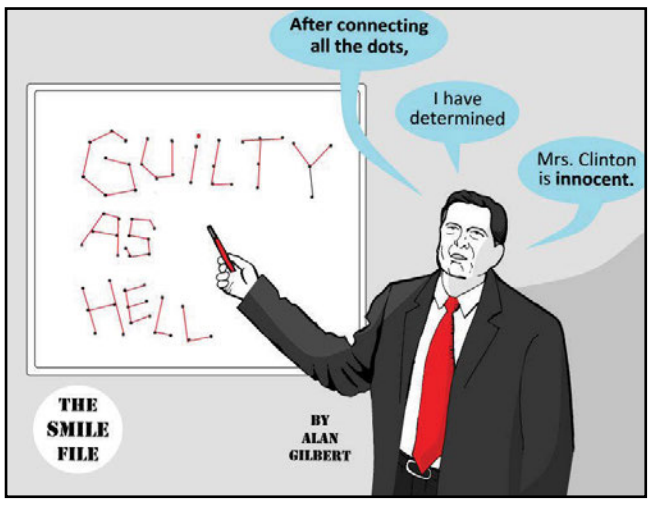
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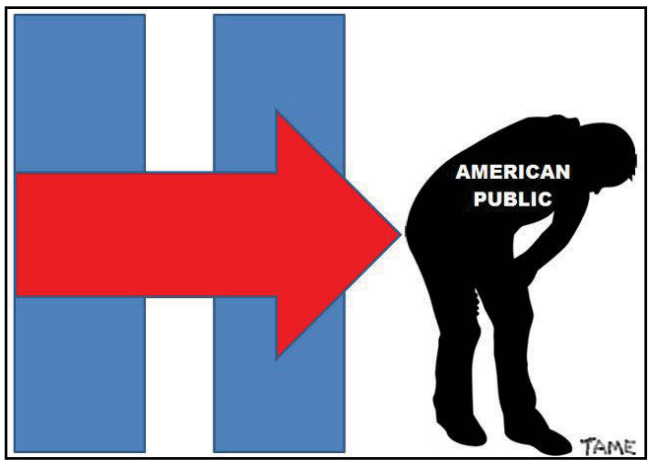
- Each year in the U.S. there are 27,000 cancer cases that could be prevented with human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. HPV vaccine can prevent 9 strains of cancer.
- Three doses of HPV vaccine should be given to adolescents aged 11-12 years before exposure to the virus.
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- To prevent HPV cancers, contact your healthcare provider or the county health department.

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Poet's Corner

DON'T LET TROUBLES GET YOU

Don't ever let life's troubles,
get in your way
of what you set out to do.
Hard times may come but better
ones are in store for you.

You have to accept the bad with
the good.
No matter where it might lead.
The Lord knows all about you and
exactly what you need.

So always do what you gotta do,
what the situation demands.
Be strong and firm and never
back down.

Don't be afraid to make a stand.
For you never know what
tomorrow may bring.
Whether it be sunshine or grey.
Just do your best and be your
best and live life day by day.

By: Margaret Sterling • Addison, Alabama

OPINION

"No Conflict Has Ever Been Solved with Violence"

Winslow Myers
PeaceVoice

The inside of Obama's head must be a fascinating place. Our first black President, clearly one of the most self-aware and brilliant minds that ever held the office, must not only walk a line between sympathy for black victims of unwarranted police violence and support for the risky work that police must do daily to maintain us as a society of laws, but also make wrenching, complex decisions about how best to put the enormous military forces at his disposal to constructive use in faraway lands.

Further, he presides over a gridlocked congress, subject to an apparent subliminal racism of its own, that has fought him tooth and nail, him and anyone else who thinks a few small gun law reforms might not be a bad idea at this chaotic, bloody moment in our history. At the same time, he meets with subordinates regularly to decide who may be worthy of assassination by drone somewhere in the lawless hinterlands of Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan or Iraq—what some have called extra-judicial murder. Sometimes the cognitive dissonance must be mind-boggling.

Martin Luther King Jr., in his famous Riverside Church speech of 1967, "Beyond Vietnam," cataloged the ingredients of the toxic brew we must acknowledge and eliminate if we really hope to make America great: rampant racism, materialism, and militarism. America's original sin, the slave trade and its lingering consequences, is far from resolved. Donald Trump's rhetoric only drags us back into the dark side of our history, taking us further from the light of resolution.

Racism, materialism, and militarism are closely woven into our culture and with each other. When our militarism seeks out enemies to justify itself, they are frequently non-white (and since World War II—except for some Serbs in 1999—when we actually attack and kill, none are caucasian). Our economic system, rigged to benefit a small number of the privileged, is fatally tied to the manufacture of bombs and fighter planes and missiles and submarines. Material greed is the motivational engine driving the contemptible lobbyists for the gun industry like the NRA and the equally contemptible politicians that lack the courage to pass common-sense gun regulation. The "chickens coming home to roost" element in the Dallas horror is inescapable. The shooter was a veteran who had been deployed to Afghanistan. Instead of trying to capture him alive, perhaps allowing us to learn more about whether his experience abroad affected his mental stability, a "drone" (robot-delivered) bomb was used to blow him up, a tactic associated with the military, never before with police.

One way we have avoided confronting ourselves has been to take on the strange and futile task of playing policeman to the whole world. What hubris gives us the moral authority to play this exalted role? The events of this past week demonstrate how much work we have to do at home before we browbeat the rest of the world into arranging their affairs to suit our interests.

Erik Wilson, the black deputy mayor pro tem of Dallas, spoke the most important words this week: "No conflict has ever been solved with violence," he told CNN. "It's always been solved with conversation. And that is something that we need to focus on." If this country—if this planet—is to have a future beyond racism, militarism, and materialism, we and our leaders must embrace Erik Wilson's diagnosis and prescription as something worthy of consistent application at home and abroad. What kind of conversation with each other and with our fellow human beings beyond our borders will give form to a shared vision of peace beyond our own "civil wars" and the endless war on terror?

There's a huge upside to our situation: we are a free country; in fact, we are still the hope of the world, as we know because so many millions would give an arm and a leg to come here. We are free to face our pain, anger and fear, and our addiction to violence as the unworkable response to these emotions. We are free to name our challenges honestly, and to find new ways to meet them by deep conversation in our "civil public square."

Whether we agree or disagree with the specific prescriptions of a candidate like Bernie Sanders, he has exemplified an integrity and moral consistency that speaks to many of us, especially young people. He has touched a longing in us, only intensified by this week's horrors, to embrace a vision of authenticity and inclusivity beyond the reflexive violence of the wars at home and wars abroad that share all too much in common.

OPINION

A Growing Movement for a Culture of Nonviolence

Rivera Sun
PeaceVoice

Is America tired of its violence yet? While the media reports on the onslaught of shootings, militarism, police violence, and hate-motivated violent crimes, growing numbers of citizens are taking a stand in nonviolent action and community organizing nationwide.

And, from the increased involvement in Campaign Nonviolence, the grassroots movement that organized more than 375 actions in a single week in all 50 states and seven countries to end all forms of violence, it appears that many Americans are serious about creating a culture of active nonviolence.

More than 10,000 people participated in Campaign Nonviolence's annual Week of Actions in September 2015, and organizers say the number may double this year. What is it about this endeavor that captures the imagination of people in all 50 states and seven countries?

Campaign Nonviolence and its initiating organization, Pace e Bene, propose that war, poverty, racism, and climate destruction are all forms of violence.

They encourage people to connect the dots between the many issues in our world, and the commons threads of physical, emotional, structural, systemic, and cultural violence that run through the challenges we face.

The movement promotes and educates about the viable, nonviolent alternatives such as restorative justice, conflict resolution, living wages, sustainability, unarmed peacekeeping, nonviolent civilian-based defense, peace teams, racial and economic justice, nonviolent communication, and renewable energy.

In 2016, Campaign Nonviolence launched the Nonviolent Cities Project, which offers organizing tools for transforming the systems, structures, and practices of one's area into nonviolent alternatives. Campaign Nonviolence organizers work in their local communities year-round, offering education, book clubs, workshops, film screenings, local campaigns, training in schools and churches, and nonviolent actions in support of the goals of the movement.

Each year, participants in Campaign Nonviolence take public action to promote the concept of a culture of active nonviolence and to oppose all forms of violence.

During the Week of Actions this September 18-25, more than 125 actions in all 50 states are already being planned.

People will challenge war, militarism, militarized policing, mass incarceration, wealth and income inequality, military recruitment in public elementary schools, ecological destruction, global warming, fossil fuels, pollution, toxins, water privatization and poisoning, poverty, low wages, racism, bigotry, hatred, bullying, gun violence, domestic abuse, lack of affordable healthcare, and more.

Groups, individuals, organizations, and movements are all encouraged to participate during the Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions.

Campaign Nonviolence's vision of a world of active nonviolence strikes a chord of yearning in the hearts of a violence-weary public. The Campaign Nonviolence Week of Actions offers an opportunity for engaging your local area in these concepts and endeavors.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Local couple takes journey of a lifetime; holds fundraiser for international adoption

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CULLMAN – Local couple Jared and Brittney Hopper are on a journey of a lifetime. After struggling for years with the difficulty and pain associated with infertility, the young Hoppers decided to open their minds and their hearts to the possibility of adoption.

Brittney Hopper said, "Together, we decided to shift our focus. I mean of course we would love nothing more than to be able to bring a newborn baby into this world together, but for now, it just wasn't an option. Why would we not want to love a child that is already here and needing a family? Why would we not want to provide a loving home to a child who has nowhere to go and nobody to love them? Why would we not want to make one less orphan in the world? We decided that adoption was our calling."

That's when the respiratory therapist and her husband began to think outside the box and outside of the country.

"We are so excited to begin our journey. We have prayed and set our hearts on foreign adoption from China. We are super excited to be able to provide a loving and caring home to a child that is already in this world and needs us just as much as we need them!

"We are blessed to be a part of an awesome church and we have amazing family and friends who support and believe in us. A popular saying in the adoption community says, 'The world may not change if you adopt a child but, for that child, their world will change.' These words could not be more true. We are getting so close to making our adoption dream a reality."

Jared Hopper, after working as a sheriff's deputy for nine years, now works as the Cullman County Revenue Sales Tax Enforcement Officer and Brittney Hopper commutes to Children's of Alabama in Birmingham every day.

Adoption, both stateside and internationally, is an expensive process and can cost upwards of $36,000 before the adoption tax credit is applied.

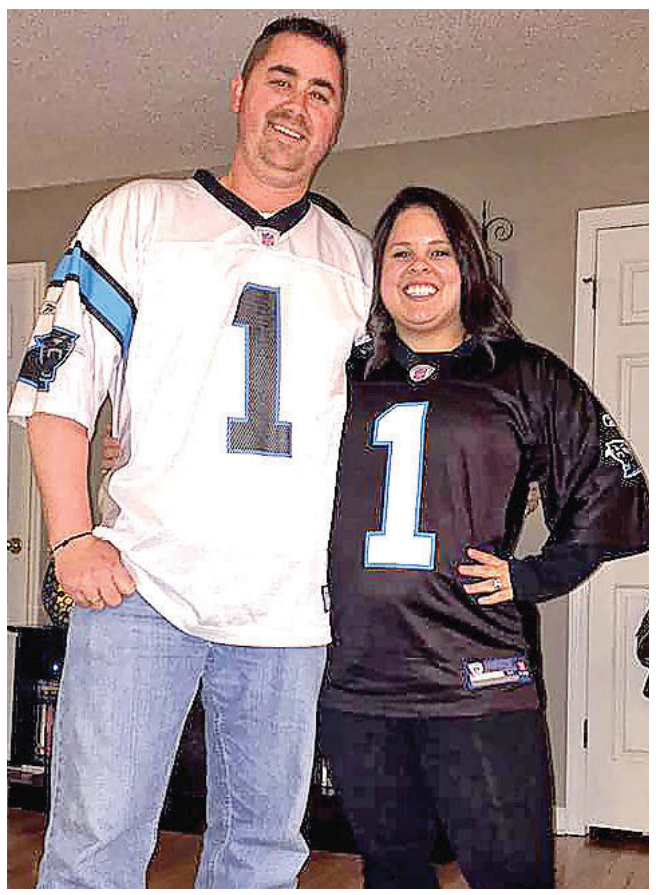
Even after the credit, a family can be looking at almost $23,000 in out-of-pocket expenses. And, the tax credit is not guaranteed.

To help defray the expenses, a yard sale is being held this Friday and Saturday, July 15-16, inside Building One at the Cullman County Fairgrounds by Sportsman Lake. The sale will be going on from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

"We are working hard to have as much of our funds as ready as possible. We are truly thankful for every dollar that we receive. Adoption can be expensive," said Brittney Hopper.

"Any amount helps and it is so awesome to know that many different people are taking a part in our journey to help bring our baby home. We will be eternally grateful for every donation we receive, but we also ask for an abundance of prayers. We believe in the power of prayer!"

Cullman County Fairgrounds are located at 1501 Sportsman Lake Road NW in the city of Cullman.



BRITTNEY HOPPER

Addiction (from Front)

Quick to point out that her childhood is not an excuse for her drug use, Betty says it's just a part of her story and her past which made it easier for her to make poor choices.

"I had been molested by my stepdad from the time I was about 7 until I was 16. I guess that's why I started using when I was just 13. I guess that's why I did it. Me and my counselor have talked about this and that's the only reason I can figure out why I even started using. I got wild."

After she began using meth, Betty eventually lost her job and began displaying common symptoms of long-term meth abuse with increased paranoia, mood swings, increased anxiety and difficulty sleeping.

In her own words, "I was a basket case and I hated, absolutely hated, myself."

Methamphetamine use can also produce vast cardiovascular problems including increased heart rate and blood pressure and irregular heartbeat. Psychosis is common with visual and auditory hallucinations and delusions.

Eventually, Betty stopped using meth, but initially, it wasn't by her own choice.

"I quit using when I got arrested for the third time. Third time. Not once, not twice but three times. I can't say anything bad about CNET (Cullman Narcotics Enforcement Team). They saved my life. When I got arrested, one of the guys told me, 'Betty, I'm not letting you out until we can find a long-term rehab for you.' I went to jail, and sure enough, Judge Chaney pulled my bond.

"In jail was the first time I ever got on my knees and prayed. I fell to my knees and said, 'I know I've messed up but please just wrap your arms around me and let me know that you're there.' I swear I could feel something coming around me. It was pretty awesome.

"I was already on bond from the other arrests. I just knew that I wasn't getting out since he pulled my bond. One of the ladies here at the house was in jail with me and she talked me into filling an application out. I didn't see any sense in it. I thought there was no way the judge was going to let me out, but he did.

"He said he would let me out if I came here. I'm still dealing with the courts, but Judge Chaney has been really awesome. I haven't failed a drug test since I've been here. I'm the house mom here now. I'm not saying this place saved my life, but the structure, the support and the people who work here have helped a lot. They didn't have to accept me."

Betty was released from jail almost a year and a half ago directly into the hands of Carol Berry and Restoring Women Outreach, which now operates three sober living facilities in Cullman and offers a 12-month program.

"I'm still here in the recovery house after 17 months because it's a safe place for me. I graduated from the program in February, but I'm still here and I've been clean for a total of 19 months. I'm afraid to leave because, if I'm having a bad day, I'm afraid I might use even though I don't crave it. But, who's to say I won't use? I hope I'm strong enough to not use and I feel like I am, but I can be 100 percent certain. Right now, living in this home, I am 100 percent certain and safe. It also helps me to work with these girls who are new to the program. I've been blessed by them.

"I wanted to leave every day in the first six months I got here. I just wanted to leave. I just wanted to get out of here. That's when all of my feelings started coming back and I wanted to run away from them. This is the first time I've worked with the feelings, the guilt and the shame about leaving my girls and family. I love them so much."

Betty's relationship with her daughters is improving, slowly but surely.

"I didn't think they knew I used until I got arrested, but they did. I don't see them a lot but not because I don't want to. I do see them though. They're grown with their own babies now. I've been struggling with seeing them and reaching out to them without forcing them to accept me. My youngest has started sending me pictures of her baby. We drove by where she worked and I finally had the courage to go in. I tried to find some excuse to be there so I decided to buy some lip gloss. I was walking down the aisle and she said, 'Mom?' I looked up and we talked for a long time. That's the first time I've heard her say 'I love you' in 20 years. I've not tried to push them.

"I'm making my living amends with them and letting them see, by my actions, that I'm a different woman and a different mom now. She and her husband are building a new house and she wants me to come and look at it as they're building it so that's awesome. My oldest daughter hasn't come as far but I'm okay with that today. I used to have said, 'You're going to come see me! I gave you birth!' Today we can go at her pace.

"Life has been really good since I got here. Things that I never would have thought would happen are happening. My sister is an addict and she's now been in recovery since February. God is working with all of my family. I had never been able to pray with anybody, and when I would go on my passes, I would pray with my family.

"I had never been able to do that until now. My ex-husband even texted me and said he just wanted me to know how proud he was of me."

Today, Betty works hard with the ladies in the recovery home, works at a local restaurant and works diligently at her 12-step program. She has long-term goals now as well.

"I want to write a book. I've started writing bits and pieces of it. It's going to be called 'Second Chance' and I want all of the girls here to write a chapter and share their stories.

"The girls at the house help me so much. When it is time for me to go home, I still want to be involved in this house and with these girls. When I first got here, I hated myself. I was so ashamed and didn't even know who I was. Today, I love myself, and that's something I can teach them."

View the entire addiction series online:

Part 1: http://cullmansense.com/articles/2016/05/22/addiction-family-affair-part-1

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