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STATE FIRE MARSHAL:

Fatal blaze may have originated in home's fuse box



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The fire consumed part of a home at 1461 County Road 706, near Stone Bridge Farms.

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CULLMAN – An early-morning house fire claimed the life of an 80-year-old woman on Tuesday. Odell Bice was pronounced dead at the scene by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick. The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office released a statement late Tuesday, through the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, that no foul play is suspected in the blaze, and that all indicators thus far point to the area of the home's fuse box.

As of press time, the official cause of the fire is listed as "under investigation," but preliminary results are leading investigators toward "accidental/electrical."

Another person in the home, Angela Hardin, 60, was rescued and airlifted to UAB Hospital, where she is listed in critical condition.

The fully-involved house fire at 1461 County Road 706 was first reported at 2:41 a.m., with the call from county dispatch relaying that two people were trapped inside the home.

Two more individuals told emergency responders on the scene that they had escaped the home, but that two people were still in the house.

Firefighters were able to get Bice and Hardin out of the structure by way of one of the home's windows.

Deputies with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office were the first to respond, along with firefighters from Johnson's Crossing Volunteer Fire Department and Cullman Fire Rescue.

The Berlin Volunteer Fire Department was called in to provided additional water, and the Cullman Electric Cooperative was also on the scene.

Bice is the third fire fatality in Cullman County this year.

Sheriff's Office hosting free women's self-defense class



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputy Chad Whaley, an 18-year CCSO veteran, will lead the 2-night class.

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is hosting a free women's self-defense class Monday and Tuesday, July 17-18 at its new training facility. The class will be led by Deputy Chad Whaley, an 18-year CCSO veteran who has trained » PAGE 3

COMMUNITY

Mom founds local charity, Curt's Closet

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CULLMAN – Two months after the loss of her son in a traffic accident, Ashley Wilson is fulfilling a years-old vision of helping needy children and families in the community.

"It's called Curt's Closet," said Wilson, "and it's something that God laid on my heart many years ago.

"Like most of us do, I put it off due to fear of stepping out of my comfort zone; but if I've learned anything in the past two months, it's that we're not promised tomorrow. We need to do the works of Christ, because that's why we're here: to love and to give.

"I would love to collect new and gently used clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunchboxes, and have it where families in need could come and let their children pick out items new to them, so they can go back to school feeling good about themselves and knowing that others love them. As a single parent, I know the burden of the expense of getting your kids back in school. It adds up so quickly.

"There's a lot of parents out there that are just not financially able to do that, so their kids do without.

"The vision in my head is so huge, that I knew I couldn't do it before this school year; so my plan is to start collecting these items now, and this time next year hold it in a location with a store feel, so they can come and pick out their items, just like they would go to Belk and shop, but the items would be free."

Wilson has set up a Facebook page for Curt's Closet at www.facebook.com/cw20curtscloset, where she can be reached and those interested can find out where to donate or get involved. More than 700 people liked the page in its first two days.

She does not plan to make this a solo operation. Many people have offered to help, and Wilson plans to begin meetings next week to get things organized.

She explained, "I plan on meeting with a couple of people next week that want to partner with me in this, because this is out of my comfort zone, and I want to do it right."

As she moves forward, Wilson will be seeking typical clothing store items like racks and hangers, and will also be looking for places to hold the "shopping" events.

Several local businesses and businesspeople have come forward to offer their sites as drop-off locations for donated items, including:

- Cullman Cosmetic & Family Dentistry- 311 Sixth Ave. SE, Cullman
- Happy Homes Real Estate- 221 Second Ave. SE, Cullman
- Paul Bussman, DMD - 1625 Main Ave. SW, Cullman
- Willow Bend Mortgage- 116 Second St. SE, Cullman
- Quick Tire Sales- 1600 AL Hwy 157, Cullman
- Bubble Gum & Blue Jeans- 400 Fifth St. SW, Cullman
- First Baptist Church (Rebekah Mickle)- 501 Second Ave. SW, Cullman
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Wilson concluded, "I'm hoping it's going to be a huge success, because if I can just spread an ounce of the joy and the love that Curt brought, not only to me but to so many, then this will be a success."



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Curt Wilson was just 15 when he was killed in a car crash on May 7. His mom, Ashley Wilson, has founded a local charity, Curt's Closet, for area kids in need.

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Alabama 200: Cullman hosts north Alabama workshop

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CULLMAN – Cullman's Alabama 200 Bicentennial workshop, held at the new Benedictine Sisters' Retreat Center this week, was attended by people from a dozen counties throughout north Alabama. Cullman County Bicentennial Committee Chairman Drew Green was very pleased with the turnout at the event, which was the fourth in a series of regional workshops being held throughout the state.

The meeting began with a welcome from Green on behalf of Cullman and the Alabama 200 team. Cullman County Commissioner Kerry Watson led a brief prayer.

Tami Reist of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and the Alabama Mountain Lakes Tourist Association gave an overview of the purpose of the workshop, after which Connor Lowery, of the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, introduced special guest speakers.

Speakers from Main Street Alabama and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, along with Troy State University's cataloging librarian, Cullman County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Director Jesse Newsom and guests who have already made plans for their upcoming bicentennial events, spoke to the audience, offering advice and encouragement to those who are seeking ideas for their cities and counties.

A series of these workshops is being held in several strategic areas throughout the state, so that various interested organizations and individuals can brainstorm ideas and share information on how grants can be obtained for the bicentennial events and programs.

Education, the arts and tourism are among the top areas earmarked for bicentennial programs and events. Several other areas of interest were also discussed in the workshop, with Q&A sessions following each segment.

The Alabama State Council on the Arts offers grants to bicentennial-themed arts programs, as does the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Requirements and criteria for these grants can be found online at www.alabama200.org.

Other topics discussed were bicentennial promotions such as the Alabama 200 Passport , which will be done in conjunction with geocaching, an outdoor recreational activity in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches," at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world, or in this case, the state of Alabama.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and sometimes a pen or pencil. The geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name, to prove that they found it. After signing the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it. Geocaching shares many aspects with benchmarking, trigpointing, orienteering, treasure-hunting, letterboxing, and waymarking, and in this case would serve as a way to get a person's Alabama 200 Passport stamped.

According to the Alabama 200 website, Alabama 200 is "an unprecedented opportunity to experience and explore the state of Alabama. It is a chance to celebrate our place in each of the 67 counties that stretch from the Shoals to the shores. Between 2017 and 2019, Alabama 200 will engage residents and visitors in educational programs, community activities, and statewide initiatives that teach, inspire, and entertain."

Alabama 200 will be spread out over the next two and a half years, culminating in Alabama's actual 200th birthday in late 2019.

For more information or for volunteer opportunities, contact Green at the Cullman County Museum at 1-800-533-1258 , or visit www.Alabama200.org.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

News and notes from Wednesday's SEC Media Days

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Not a rumor

The Tribune learned Monday of the possibility of SEC Media Days being relocated in 2018. That is not a rumor. According to WHNT-TV in Huntsville, the SEC is taking a serious look at Media Days for next year being in either Nashville, Dallas or Atlanta.

SEC Associate Commissioner Herb Vincent said Mercedes-Benz Stadium, the site of the conference championship game, could be a possible site.

A total of 1,000 media members were reported to be in attendance this year, said SEC Network host Laura Rutledge on Wednesday, a day after SEC Media Relations Director Craig Pinkerton would not disclose an actual number when asked by The Tribune.

Media Days has been in existence since 1985. The Tribune has attended Media Days for17 of the last 20 years.

Undefeated streak in season openers to get a serious test

Nick Saban has lost only 13 games while coaching at the University of Alabama. Saban has never experienced defeat in a season opener, undefeated in 10 years, but the 2007 game does not count due to NCAA sanctions.

Saban's string of unbeaten opening day contests will be seriously tested this year by Florida State on Sept. 2 in Atlanta. Alabama has had its share of good competition to kick off each season under Saban and last year tore apart Southern California 52-6 in Arlington.

Missouri hopes home field serves them well in September

All four of Missouri's games in September will be at Faurot Field.

The Tigers are looking for a strong start with Missouri State in the opener on the 2nd and the conference opener a week later vs. South Carolina.

Missouri has Purdue coming from the Big Ten Conference the 16th and its rival Auburn will invade Faurot Field the 23rd.

A strong start and the Tigers could match their four-win total from last season in the first month of the 2017 schedule.

True passion in Alabama fans

Something that has become common through the years of Media Days is the gathering of Alabama fans waiting in the lobby of the Wynfrey Hotel to see Nick Saban and the players head toward radio row.

Fans are not allowed on the second floor where interviews take place in a variety of rooms.

Many come with items they want Saban and the players to sign and for a chance to say hello.

The Wynfrey now has a portion of the lobby roped off for the fans, so they will not interfere with the media and customers.

The Tribune observed more than 100 fans inside the roped-off section.

The passion ranges from the young to the elderly. A pair of elder gentlemen were dressed as legendary coach Paul "Bear" Bryant. There is no loss for the love of Alabama football, now that Saban has steered it in the same direction as Bryant, who coached the team from 1958 until 1982.

Texas A&M will have the national spotlight to itself for the opener

Texas A&M will receive plenty of national attention in its season opener since the game with UCLA is on a Sunday night on Labor Day weekend. The Aggies and Bruins will play in the legendary Rose Bowl Stadium (UCLA's home) Sept. 3.

The game will be nationally televised by Fox with the Aggies in a position to create a lot of positive noise for themselves by a win, or deal with scrutiny if they can't win on the West Coast.

A&M won the game by the score of 31-24 in the 2016 opener that was nationally televised by CBS.

Positive momentum for Kentucky thanks to the win over Louisville

Kentucky and Louisville play for what is known as the Governor's Cup in the Bluegrass State. The trophy had been on Louisville's campus for the past five years until Kentucky ended the run by beating the Cardinals 41-38 in Louisville last November.

It was Mark Stoops' first win against Bobby Petrino. Stoops said this was huge for the Kentucky fan base. "They have been starving for this for a very long time. Our players paid the price to win this game. This was positive momentum for us."

The hotly contested series is 15-14 in favor of Kentucky.

The Wildcats face Louisville at Commonwealth Stadium this year. They are looking to win at home for the first time since a 23-16 victory in 2010.

Look for full coverage of SEC Media Days at www.cullmantribune.com.

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2nd dive-in movie of the season tonight at CWAC

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CULLMAN – The second of one of Cullman Parks and Rec's most popular summer events, the Dive-In Movies, will take place tonight, Thursday, July 13.

The movie "Sing" will be shown by the outdoor pool at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center.

According to CP&R, gates will open at 6 p.m. for usage of the outdoor waterpark and pools, and the movie will start at dark, around 8:45 p.m.

Admission is free for CWAC members and $5 for non-members.

The last dive-in movie this summer will be "Finding Dory" on Aug. 3.

The Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center is located at 1636 Field of Miracles Drive SW in Cullman.

For more information, call 256-775-7946 or visit http://cullmanrecreation.org/facilties-parks/cullman-wellness-aquatic-center/aquatics/.

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)
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To: DEAN D. BROADBROOKS AND ANY AND ALL NEXT OF KIN OF JANET D. BROADBROOKS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN AND TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

Please take notice the Petition for Insolvency and Conveyance of Real Estate of the Estate of Janet D. Broadbrooks, deceased, filed by petitioner, Phylena A. Broadbrooks Babbitt, by and through her attorney of record, Beverly Paschal Poston, has been set for hearing on the 17th day of August, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. before Probate Judge Tammy Brown, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama.

Dated this the 12th day of July, 2017.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

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Class (from Front)

law enforcement officers throughout Cullman County.

The class, which will be held at 6 p.m. both nights, will focus on the Equalizer Self-Defense Program and deal with hands-on self-defense situations like muggings, assaults and more. Part one of the class will be Monday night and part two Tuesday night.

"I have said many times we at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are advocates of our citizens having the knowledge and training they need to protect themselves," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "Deputy Whaley is one the best at teaching self-defense techniques I have seen."

To register for the class, email Capt. Mark Persall at mpersall@cullmansheriff.org or call 256-734-0342. Registration is not required, but is encouraged.

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A new study in *JAMA Cardiology* shows that the drug fenofibrate might reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in patients with type 2 diabetes who have high levels of triglycerides and low levels of "good" cholesterol, despite being treated with statins. Fenofibrate is primarily used to help reduce elevated levels of triglycerides, or fat, in the blood. But the researchers wanted to know if the drug, when combined with statin treatment, could also reduce the risk of heart disease in people with type 2 diabetes. People with type 2 diabetes are at high risk of cardiovascular-related events, such as heart attacks, stroke and even death, often because their levels of triglycerides are so high, and their high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol levels are low.

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Physicians should prescribe metformin to patients with type 2 diabetes when medication is needed to improve high blood sugar, the American College of Physicians (ACP) recommends in an evidence-based clinical practice guideline published in *Annals of Internal Medicine*. If a second oral medication is needed to improve high blood sugar, ACP recommends that physicians consider adding either a sulfonylurea, thiazolidinedione, SGLT-2 inhibitor, or DPP-4 inhibitor to metformin. The American Academy of Family Physicians has endorsed the guideline. Diabetes is a leading cause of death in the United States. The disease can affect other areas of the body and can cause retinopathy, nephropathy, neuropathy, and coronary artery, cerebrovascular, and peripheral vascular disease complications. Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the disease (affecting 90 to 95 percent of persons with diabetes), affecting about 29.1 million people in the United States.

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Cullman's Catfish N Que 1 of 4 finalists in Bama's Best Catfish Restaurant Challenge

Alfa Farmers
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cullman's Catfish N Que is one of four finalists in the statewide Bama's Best Catfish Restaurant Challenge. Alabama Catfish Producers is sponsoring the second annual contest.

More than 250 customer nominations were received. The other three finalists are David's Catfish House in Atmore, Orrville Farmer's Market in Orrville and Swamp John's in Red Bay.

A panel of three judges, including an Alabama catfish farmer, will visit finalists' restaurants this week to sample their best dish and present a plaque.

The challenge seeks to reward restaurants for serving tasty U.S. farm-raised catfish, said Alabama Catfish Producers Chairman Sid Nelson.

"Our fish is some of the best on the market, and we're excited to see our product go from pond to plate," said Nelson, a Sumter County farmer.

"These restaurants dish up a safe, healthy product we're proud to provide."

The statewide champion will be named next week, leading up to National Catfish Month in August.

They will receive a cash prize, a Bama's Best Catfish plaque and will be featured in the September "Neighbors" magazine, a publication of the Alabama Farmers Federation.

One finalist will be named People's Choice Award winner based on a Facebook vote.

Starting July 12, Facebook users may vote for their favorite restaurant by liking the photo in the Alabama Farmers Federation's "Bama's Best Catfish – People's Choice Award" album. The contest runs through 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 18.

Judges are Hale County catfish farmer and Catfish Farmers of America President Townsend Kyser, the Alabama Farmers Cooperative's Jim Allen, and Fred Hunter, host of the TV show "Absolutely Alabama." Nelson will accompany judges as they travel the state visiting the finalists.

For more information on the Bama's Best Catfish Restaurant Challenge, visit AlabamaCatfish.org.



FACEBOOK/CATFISH N QUE

Colony fills vacant council seat; good news on summer food program

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COLONY – The biggest order of business on the table at Colony's town council meeting Tuesday was the selection of a new member to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Councilwoman Myra Twitty.

Both candidates who presented themselves last month appeared again before an apparently split council to offer their services.

Ethel Alexander, a former Boeing employee and retired teacher with a master's degree in early childhood education, has lived in Colony for 14 years.

She has been active in the area as a volunteer, planning and hosting events like the recent Black History and Senior Fashion programs.

Melvin Hammond, a retired postal worker and Navy veteran, has lived in Colony since last July. He is a computer programmer and has been active in several civic and social organizations, holding various leadership positions.

After the two presented their credentials and reasons for seeking the office, Councilman Curtis Johnson made a motion to appoint Alexander.

He, Mayor Donnis Leeth and Councilman Julian Fields voted in favor of the motion, while Councilwomen Jamelle Dimbo and Tammy Malcom abstained from the vote.

Alexander was presented her handbook and other paperwork, and is expected to be on board shortly.

Summer food program commended by the North Alabama Food Bank

Johnson reported that the summer food program is still going strong. It has averaged around 20 students on a typical day, and Wednesday special educational events have seen up to 46 in attendance.

Leeth reported on a recent visit by the North Alabama Food Bank's Child Hunger Corps liaison Laurel Moffat.

The mayor stated, "We got inspected by Miss Laurel she said our summer food program is the best that they've got in Alabama. And she said that the kids we've got are real amenable; she asked them questions, they answered them good. They said the food was good, and that we treated them good."

Colony's summer feeding program was the first of all those in Cullman County to start, and the only one planning to serve food on every weekday in June and July (with the exception of July 4).

Other council business

The council approved a contract with Verizon that will cut the town hall's phone bill from more than $300 to $105 per month, and allow the transfer of calls to the educational complex and community center.

Fields reported that crews will be working in the town soon to clear some ditches and install culverts.

The contractor will install pipe supplied by residents, and will have pipe available for purchase. Interested residents should contact Fields or the town hall.

When the floor was opened for public comments, Hammond, the unchosen council candidate, put forth a plan for a town celebration called "Colony Day" to take place on Labor Day weekend, either on Labor Day or the Saturday before.

His ideas included a picnic, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, kids' games and food vendors, and he offered to take charge of planning.

Council members were open to the suggestion, and put forth ideas of their own like a community softball game and craft vendors.

Hammond will return to the next meeting with preliminary plans for discussion.

The Colony Town Council meets at Colony Town Hall on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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New Colony Councilwoman Ethel Alexander, with Mayor Donnis Leeth

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Commission gets earful on special events district expansion; amendment heads to city council

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CULLMAN – During its regular meeting Monday evening, the Cullman City Planning Commission held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the city ordinance that created the downtown special events district. The amendment, which would allow for open-container alcohol consumption during special city events, now heads to the Cullman City Council.

The amendment expands the boundaries of the district as follows:

- **SOUTH** - north side of Fifth Street Southeast
- **WEST** - east property line of the CSX railroad, from Fifth Street Southeast to parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department
- **EAST** - west side of Second Avenue, from Fifth Street Southeast to parking and facilities housing the Cullman Police Department
- **NORTH** - the Cullman Police Dept. and its parking lot

Randy Britt, of the Cullman Association of Realtors, spoke in favor of the amendment and added a recommendation of his own, "We need to further the ability of businesses in Cullman to make available their goods and services. I understand, from what I read in the paper, that it would be under the firm control of the council. I'd also ask you to consider a skateboard park... Everything comes into play to make Cullman better for all of us.

"It's in the center of the county. You can't get to Cullman without going through Hanceville, Holly Pond, Vinemont, Good Hope, West Point. So I would ask you to consider it, with controls, as always."

Next came Ron Pierce of the Downtown Merchants' Association to promote the change, "I think it's very important for our city to have special events that run from Festhalle all the way down to Busy Bee, and I could never say enough about that.

"You know, we've got a few empty buildings there; we need to show a lot of activity in one of those blocks down there. And all of this adds up to make--I mean Cullman's a wonderful place; people love to come here for special events, and in my opinion it all needs to be covered under the ordinance that y'all are working."

When the floor was opened to anyone opposing the expansion, Joe Wilhite came to the podium and immediately laid into the commission for considering the measure, "You know, as I walked in here today, I was shocked. I was coming in, expecting the generation we raised to be in here running this; but I look around and there's a bunch of grayheads that should know better. Five, seven, 10 years ago, I would've bragged on Cullman, that's my home."

Commission Chairman Mike Voss cut off the attack to ask for the specific reasons why Wilhite opposed the ordinance.

Wilhite responded, "Look what you're doing to our kids, putting a skate park down here by the entertainment district."

Voss again stopped Wilhite to ask if his opposition was based on what the special events district could do to children. Wilhite agreed, then continued, "Somebody is trying to turn us into a party town. You see where our park is- destroyed, because somebody was making millions of dollars. But yet, what about our kids? They don't have no place to play. We had a 'drain the swamp' in Washington, we had a 'drain the swamp' in Montgomery, and I think Cullman needs to have a 'drain the swamp.' I think there's new people that needs to be running our town."

Voss again asked if Wilhite had a specific point to make about the ordinance.

When Wilhite responded by asking how many churches would be located around the district, Voss ended the discussion.

In the end and after a detailed explanation of how open alcohol containers would only be permitted in the district within the time limits of special events approved by the city council, the commission simply agreed to send an official report to the council indicating that the hearing had been held, with two speaking for and one against out of three total who came to speak.

Other business

The commission approved several site plans and other items, as follows from the agenda:

- Short-form subdivision – 1001 Fifth Ave. SE and 1005 Fifth Ave. SE – move lot line to allow more parking on one of the lots
- Short-form subdivision – Hays Properties – Hays Drive Northwest and Northcrest Drive Northwest - allows development of multiple properties on the site
- Preliminary site plan – Johnny's Bar-B-Q – SE corner of Denson Avenue and Third Street Southwest - to create more parking for the restaurant, and ultimately allow the restaurant facility to expand. The passed motion sends the plan on to the city council with a favorable recommendation.
- Revised site plan – Chambers Farm & Garden Supply – McNabb Road Southwest and Fourth Street Southwest (Hwy. 278) - to place on the record a parking lot exit already installed by the Department of Transportation during its work on Hwy. 278
- Proposed site plan – 412 Second Ave. SE - to allow development of a building that will require two businesses and a church to share a single dumpster. The motion was passed contingent upon city council approval and the submission of signed documentation showing agreement among all three entities involved.
- Conditional use request – 412 Second Ave. SE – request to add a loft apartment to a business property
- Vacate Property – Street right of way at Hays Drive Northwest and Northcrest Drive Northwest - to allow removal of a cul de sac, and construction of a through street on property being developed
- Annexation – 198 County Road 1334
- Annexation – 91 County Road 1401
- Annexation – 2139 County Road 1338

All three annexations were approved with conditions. Two of the properties have limited access for garbage and fire trucks due to narrow roads; their owners were to be informed that fire and garbage service would not be available.

The third is located an extended distance from downtown Cullman and could be annexed mainly by its connection to a city-owned portion of Lake George.

The owners of that property must still receive water, garbage and certain other services from the County.

The Cullman City Planning Commission usually meets on the first Monday of each month, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Baileyton mulling urgent care facility

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

BAILEYTON – The Town of Baileyton held its monthly council meeting this week, where they welcomed guest Dr. Josiah Daily, who has expressed an interest in opening a cash-only urgent care facility in the town's medical center. "I want to bring the medical community back to this area and provide a service for the community," said Daily. Mayor Johnny Dyar called an executive session to discuss the prospect of Daily renting the town's medical center, located adjacent to the town hall at 105 Fire Station Road. After the discussion, the council stopped short of signing a contract with Daily.

The council expressed its eagerness to welcome a medical care facility back to the community. According to town clerk Patricia Gilbert, Daily is very interested, but hasn't committed. Gilbert said it's been well more than a year since the medical center had someone in place, and the building has been vacant for seven months. When it was operational before, it was only open one afternoon a week.

In old business, dirt and rock has been laid as repair work on Summit Road bridge is coming to a close. The Town is now waiting on further inspection to see if any other work will be needed. Dyar reminded residents that signs are posted and, "If someone gets hurt, it's not our fault. If traffic comes through, it's their fault." Dyar has contacted the Cullman County Sherriff's Office requesting presence in the area while road work remains active.

The Town has cut down trees on Oliver Road amid public safety concerns. Said Dyar, "It's something that'll pay off in the long run by preventing wrecks." The decision did not come without controversy. Some residents on the road are upset over the loss of trees; however, the Town argued that it hasn't cut anything that isn't on the right-of-way.

Continuing a tabled discussion about a possible donation of $650 to Parkside Elementary School for an outdoor classroom, the council welcomed a representative of the school, who said the area will have a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) focus for kindergarten students as well as other younger students at the school. The council approved the donation after a lengthy informal discussion; however, payment will not be made until the next budget is drafted in October.

In new business, Dyar said he will meet with a Coke representative to sign a contract to update existing Coke equipment in the area which hasn't been done in 12 years. In other news, the Town of Baileyton will be hosting an Alabama House District 11 meeting at the Baileyton Senior Center (95 Fire Station Road) on Saturday, July 15 at 9 a.m. The public is invited. Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview will speak about his appointment as chair of the House Committee on Urban and Rural Development.

Speaking on behalf of Shedd was local community activist, Ron Stone. Stone thanked the council for hosting the event, saying, "We need to let them know what Baileyton stands for, and that's cooperation." The council agreed to spend $200 on breakfast supplies, as a tremendous turnout is expected.

Dyar reminded those in attendance of Baileyton's annual Roger Latham Memorial Walking Horse Show, which will be a two-day event on July 28-29.

The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

Vinemont considers support of Good Samaritan Health Clinic

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – The Vinemont Town Council spent a big portion of its meeting this month discussing the Good Samaritan Health Clinic with the clinic's executive director Jolanda Hutson, who is requesting funding from the Town. Good Samaritan provides medical care to uninsured people throughout Cullman County.

Hutson is requesting that municipalities support the clinic, since it serves members of their communities. Hutson said that estimates show that 13 percent of patients at the clinic have Vinemont zip codes, but the figure could be higher as a Cullman zip code covers a portion of Vinemont's residents. The clinic is a nonprofit, and has several streams of revenue; however, the clinic is receiving less support in the form of grants. This has lead them to seek more financial support from the communities they serve.The council was sympathetic toward Hutson and the plight of the uninsured, but no final decision was reached. According to Mayor Radginal Dodson, the council will discuss funding among themselves over concerns of financial ability and state regulations. Dodson said he could not promise anything now, but a decision should be reached before the next budget is drafted.

In old business, striping has been added to Patton Road, Patton Drive, School House Road and Tillery Road. The striping was completed the afternoon of July 11, and residents are no longer asked to take an alternate route.

In new business, drainage issues have been reported on Kelly Road. Drain lines will be installed in the right-of-way which should alleviate the problem. The Town has recently installed four cameras in the Vinemont Community Center, also known as the Scout House, to deter unapproved activity. Lastly, the council approved a request by Dirty Dawg Pet Spa and Rescue to install a sign. Due to an unusual ordinance, the council must approve every commercial sign that is requested in the town's limits. The request was approved as long as the sign complies with another sign ordinance that doesn't allow flashing signs.

The Vinemont Town Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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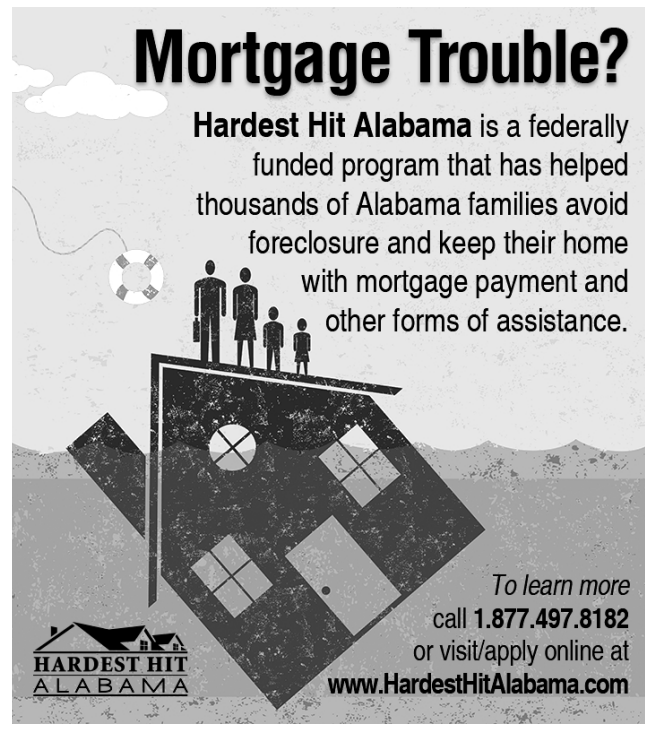
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Obituary Announcements: July 12 -16

Virginia V. Drake passed away on July 10, 2017 at the age of 89. She was born in Hanceville on May 7, 1928 to John William and Cuba Harris Manning. Mrs. Drake worked at Goodyear in Decatur while attending Cullman High School during World War II. She also went to school and became a licensed cosmetologist. In 1946 she met Talmadge Drake at Mayo's Beauty Shop and on November 8, 1947, they were married. They bought a house and started farming and they had a Grade A Dairy for 26 years on the farm they are still living on and sold the milk to Deep South Dairy. Mrs. Drake was the owner and parts manager of D and H Cycles for 45 years until she slowed down at the age of 87. She loved her customers and friends she met while working there. She loved to campout and ride motorcycles. Her real passion was cooking, canning and providing for her family and friends. Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Elder David Guttery officiating. Interment will be in Flint Creek Cemetery. Survivors are: Husband of 70 years: Cloyce Talmadge Drake, Daughter: Renaa Starlet (Jerold) Hopper, Sister: Maud Nelyne Parker, Granddaughter: Mandy C. (Dave) Park, Great Grandchild: Alexa Manning Park and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Dora Mae Stewart Brindley, 89, went home peacefully July 10, 2017 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease at Bon Secours Nursing Home in St. Petersburg, FL. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 22 at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison, AL from 10 a.m. to noon, where services will be at 12 p.m. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Frances and Robert Howell, Kenneth City, FL; son and daughter-in-law, David and Debi Brindley, Plantation, FL; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four brothers, and two sisters. Dora was preceded in death by her loving husband of 54 years, Owen; younger daughter, Debbie; parents, Milous and Georgia Stewart; brothers, Wallace and Willis Stewart; and sister, Margaret Chambers.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carole Jean Lee Thrasher, 76 of Holly Pond, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Holly Pond First Baptist Church, Herman Lambert officiating. She will lie-in-state from 1 pm until funeral time at the church. Interment following in Holly Pond Cemetery. Mrs. Thrasher was born on August 30, 1940 in Cullman County, AL to Hobert G. Lee and Rachel M. Boatright Lee. She worked at Cullman Industries and Oneida, but spent most her life as a housewife caring for those she loved most. She was a member of Holly Pond First Baptist Church. Mrs. Thrasher went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Thrasher is predeceased by her parents and husband, of 53 years, Marvin Hulett Thrasher. Survivors include her son, Dewayne (Amber) Thrasher; daughters, Renee (Harold) Walker and Pam (Charles) Shelnutt; grandchildren, Nevada (Jeff) Golliver, Clint Walker, and Abbie Thrasher; and a great-grandchild, due later this month, Walker Jack Golliver. Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Saturday evening at Holly Pond Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Pallbearers will be Kerry Watson, Clint Walker, Jeff Golliver, Mark Watson, Terry Watson, and Ronnie Boatright. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Diane B. Morgan and Charles Morgan on October 2, 1998, originally in favor of Oldstone Mortgage Company, LLC which was recorded on October 14, 1998 in Mortgage Book 1082, Page 250 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Union Planters Bank, N.A., by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on May 23, 2016 in Misc. Book 316, Page 852 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Travelers Bank and Trust, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on July 1, 2016 in Misc. Book 317, Page 800 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to CitiMortgage, Inc., by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 30, 2017 in Misc. Book 323, Page 146 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, and subsequently assigned and transferred to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust A, by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on January 30, 2017 in Misc. Book 323, Page 147 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that, under and by virtue of the power of sale and terms contained in said mortgage, Shelton, Harrison and Pinson, LLC, as counsel for Mortgagee/Transferee, will on July 26, 2017 sell at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of Cullman County, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to wit: A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 36, DESCRIBED ABOVE, GO SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 199.5 FEET, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PARCEL OF LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 225.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 2 DEGREES 0' WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1333.5 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 9' EAST, A DISTANCE OF 202.5 FEET; THENCE SOUTHEAST IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. For informational purposes only, the street address of the Property to be sold is 948 County Road 607, Hanceville, AL 35077. The successful bidder at the sale will be required to provide the full amount bid in certified funds at the time of the sale. ANY PROPERTY ADDRESS PROVIDED IS NOT PART OF THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SOLD HEREIN AND IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISCREPANCY, THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION REFERENCED HEREIN SHALL CONTROL. This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expense of foreclosure. THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD "AS IS, WHERE IS". SAID PROPERTY IS SOLD WITHOUT WARRANT OR RECOURSE, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED AS TO TITLE, USE, OR ENJOYMENT AND WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION OF ALL PARTIES ENTITLED THERETO. Neither the mortgagee, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of the mortgagee make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property offered for sale. Any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition, including those suggested by Code of Ala. (1975) Section 35-4-271, expressly are disclaimed. This sale is subject to all prior liens and encumbrances and unpaid taxes and assessments including any transfer tax associated with the foreclosure. The Mortgagee/Transferee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in the 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. Nicholas P. Edwards Shelton, Harrison and Pinson, LLC Attorney for Mortgagee/Transferee 701 Highlander Blvd., Suite 270 Arlington, TX 76015 817.522.7550 NEdwards@shp-law.com A-4625332 07/06/2017, 07/13/2017, 07/20/2017

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
COREEN UPTON
DECEASED.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.
CASE NO.: PC2017-161

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 29th day of June 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Danny Ellard Laney
Danny Ellard Laney, Personal Representative of the Estate of COREEN UPTON

To: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three (3) successive weeks in said newspaper and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Prepared by:

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF:
FRANCES MARIE MANLEY,
DECEASED.
CASE NUMBER: PC 2017-178

Letters Testamentary of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of June, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Betty Joyce Manley Parker
BETTY JOYCE MANLEY PARKER

Annette Irons-Parker
ANNETTE IRONS-PARKER
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To: Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
Honorable Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

TRACIE DANIEL WOOTEN,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2017-000144.00

GARY LANE WOOTEN,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Gary Lane Wooten, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Tracie Daniel Wooten's Complaint for Divorce by August 28, 2017 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2017-000144.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 27th day of June, 2017.

Lisa McSwain
Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
RANDY A. HAMES
427 SECOND AV SW
CULLMAN, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
DEARL GENE PHILLIPS,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-037
Deceased.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Jonathan Scott Speegle and Kelly Williams Carlsen,** as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of **DEARL GENE PHILLIPS,** deceased, on the 6th day of July, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 6th day of July, 2017.

JONATHAN SCOTT SPEEGLE
KELLY WILLIAMS CARLSEN
Co-Personal Representative

Beverly Paschal Poston
Attorney for Estate of
Dearl Gene Phillips, Deceased
200 First Avenue SE
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TO THE PUBLISHER OF: **THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE)
OF DONALD WAYNE SHEDD,) Case No.: PC-2017-130
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CHRIS THOMAS, Personal Representative on the estate of DONALD WAYNE SHEDD on the 19th day of June, 2017 by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of)
) Case No. 7815
Carl Willard Thomas, Deceased)

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Gaylia Murphree, as Administratrix Cum Testamento Annexo, having filed a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Carl Willard Thomas, deceased and it appearing to the Court that said petition is in proper form, it is,

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Court as follows:

1. That the Cullman Tribune publish this notice to John D. Thomas, Bobby Joe Thomas, Gaylia Murphree, individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Hazel Gober, Clifton Thomas, Bonnie F. Davis, David Thomas, Randy Thomas, Andena Frank, Darlene Thomas, Mary H. Thomas, Personal Representative of the Estate of Larry C. Thomas, Martha Jane Thomas McNabb, Susan Thomas, Ricky Thomas, Gene Mayfield, Jeffery Mayfield, Marcina Guffy, Danny Helms, Dwayne Helms, Margie Spitalsky, Evelyn Adkin, Diane Hoops once a week for three consecutive weeks, and thereafter file with the Court a copy of the notice so published and an affidavit of publication.

2. That said petition is hereby set for hearing on the 11th day of September, 2017 at 10 o'clock A m.

3. That any person having any objection to the Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Carl Willard Thomas, deceased should makes the same known in writing filed with this court on or before the day and time of said hearing.

DONE this 7th day of July, 2017.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

Beverly Paschal Poston
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
DORINDA DALE SHEDD,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-133
DECEASED.)

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to CHRIS THOMAS, Personal Representative on the estate of DORINDA DALE SHEDD on the 19th day of June, 2017 by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Michael D. Haynes
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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

HOWARD T. GARDNER, deceased CASE NO.: PC2017-169

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF HOWARD T. GARDNER, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Maylon L. Butler on the 5th day of July, 2017, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Maylon L. Butler, Personal Representative (Administrator),
and
Steven C. Smith, Attorney for the Estate

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Veterans focus of Hope Horses for Heroes program

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CULLMAN – Hope Horses for Heroes got underway Tuesday afternoon and will take place every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. until Aug. 15. The therapeutic program, a joint effort between Hope Horses, Inc. and Saving Forgotten Warriors, was founded to advocate for the mental health of local U.S. veterans who need assistance.

Hope Horses provides equine therapy programs for children and adults with special physical, mental, social and emotional needs.

Now, with the help of Saving Forgotten Warriors, they are using those techniques to aid veterans as well.

The executive director for Hope Horses, Kelsey Rice, sees a lot of value in the work they do and is excited to get veterans involved in the program.

"We started the veterans' program in February as a pilot program to see if there was a need in the community for that and we found that it was so we partnered up with Saving Forgotten Warriors.

"This summer our goal is to have four veterans and today is the first day so we're excited to get that started."

The program isn't just about learning to ride horses; it's more about the healing process of taking care of and getting to know a horse, along with the other tasks that come with maintaining a barn with six horses.

"It's not just a riding program; everyone gets to learn everything from working in the barn, to grooming horses, to riding, to basic chores," Rice said.

"Typically our veterans will come in on the first day and get introduced to the area and just see what Hope Horses is all about. We want everyone that comes in to feel welcomed."

Hope Horses has a plan in place for how they want to serve veterans by both educating them on what Hope Horses does and showing them affection through the horses and volunteers.

"Our goal during the veterans' program is to really work on our equine facilitated learning in order to build self confidence, social skills and really learning a lot about communication and tailoring all of that with the horses." Rice said.

"A horse has a personality so you're working with that too and we're learning how our personalities can connect with them."

Hope Horses for Heroes will take place every Tuesday night through until Aug. 15.

Hope Horses is located at 1301 Convent Road NE in Cullman.

For more information, visit http://qrne.ws/hhfh or www.facebook.com/hopehorsesinc.

2 Hanceville women arrested on animal cruelty charges

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HANCEVILLE – Two Hanceville women were arrested on Tuesday, July 10 and charged with seven counts each of second-degree cruelty to a dog or cat, a Class A misdemeanor.

According to a media release from Cullman County Animal Control, officers responded to a residence on County Road 512 "in reference to dogs that were involved in a heat-related crime."

Upon investigation, Amanda Yancey Monaco, 47, and Leah Ann Wilbanks, 47 were arrested.

CCAC says both women made bonds of $3,500 and are scheduled to appear in court.

Sgt. Chris Westmoreland says the investigation is ongoing.

According to Alabama Criminal Code 13A-11-241:

"A person commits the crime of cruelty to a dog or cat in the second degree if he or she, in a cruel manner, overloads, overdrives, deprives of necessary sustenance or shelter, unnecessarily or cruelly beats, injuries, mutilates, or causes the same to be done. Cruelty to a dog or cat in the second degree is a Class A misdemeanor."



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Amanda Yancey Monaco, left and Leah Ann Wilbanks, right

Undercover operation leads to multiple charges for West Point woman

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CULLMAN – A West Point woman is behind bars, charged with five counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest was made as a part of an undercover operation.

On June 9, Cullman Police Department Investigators Justin Craft and Eric Cole served arrest warrants on Tara Lynn Coleman, 34, of West Point for three counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

According to the CPD, at the time of her arrest, Coleman had additional warrants pending. Once those were complete, Craft and Investigator Scott Sanford served them on Coleman at the Cullman County Detention Center, where she remains jailed.

Anyone with information on illegal drug activity is asked to contact Investigator Craft or Sanford at Cullman Police Department at 256-775-7183 or 256-775-7179.



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