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CHS students form new Teenage Republicans group, hope to go countywide

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CULLMAN – In 2012 a conservative student political group, quite active and known as the Cullman Teenage Republicans, received three national level awards at the National Teenage Republican Leadership Conference held in Washington, D.C. July 16-21 of that year: Most Outstanding Teenage Republican Club in the Nation, Most Outstanding Teenage Republican (Daniel Robinson, Cullman High School class of 2012) and Most Outstanding Teenage Republican Advisor (Rebecca Branch). Since those students graduated, the group faded away, and interested students have not had great success in rebuilding. A new team of students hopes to change that, and create a countywide organization for student Republicans.

On Saturday, the Cullman County Teenage Republicans, reformed by a group of students from Cullman High School, held its first meeting. Rep. Corey Harbison, R- Good Hope was the guest speaker, and Cullman County Republican Party Chairman Waid Harbison attended as well.

Cullman County Teenage Republicans Chairman » PAGE 2



WHITNEY HARBISON

Rep. Corey Harbison, R- Good Hope and Cullman County Republican Party Chairman Waid Harbison met with the Cullman County Teenage Republicans this weekend. Left to right: Alex Roberts, Colby Hutson, Jonathan Peyton, Harbison, Alan Crisologo, Harbison, A.J. Quick, Clay Pruitt and Jacob Thiot.

20 businesses remain closed following storms, 1 permanently



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Nick Griffin
Contributor

CULLMAN – Several local businesses remain closed on the south end of Cullman after last week's hail storm caused severe damage to roofs, and in some cases, inventory. Most in the storm's path are still closed, including many in the Marktplatz shopping center; the AMC Marktplatz theater has reopened.

Jason Grimmett, vice president of Drinkard Development, Inc., the company that owns the Marktplatz center, said Monday that work has been done to prevent further water damage to the properties, but most still require still require a lot of repairs before they'll be able to open again.

"We've got major damage on the front side, some of the canopies have come off and will need to be replaced, the air conditioning has been damaged, so it's been hit. From when it first happened to today, I think we've made a lot of real good progress. Everything is dried in now, we have a temporary roof so if it does rain we're going to stay dry, but still some of the shops have not completely got the water out of them yet so those efforts are ongoing," Grimmett said. "We expect to be able to do a complete assessment mid-week of this week on what has to happen to the interior of the spaces. Some, of course, are worse than others; hopefully some of the shops can reopen in a couple of weeks, and some of them it may take quite a while. Every day we're getting a little bit closer to having those » PAGE 2

Expanded Colors of Cancer Day set for April 7

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CULLMAN – This year's Colors of Cancer Day will include three events, with a chance for everyone to participate and help raise funds for the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation. The events will take place on Saturday, April 7.

First up will be the Colors of Cancer 5K Run at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Registration will be from 6:45- 7:45 a.m. The 5K will begin at 8. T-shirts and bags for runners will be available at registration. A medal presentation will follow. For more information, contact lcole7857@gmail.com.

For the adventurous, there's the Biker's Against Cancer 5th Annual Bike Ride. Participants will meet at Professional Office Building II at Cullman Regional Hospital in the back parking lot. Registration and breakfast will be in the Colonel Cullman Room from 7:30-8:45 a.m. Kick stands up at 9:30. The cost is $25 per rider and $10 per passenger. The 110-mile trip will travel through Bankhead National Forest and back for a free lunch, provided by Cullman Regional, on return. For more information, contact Mary Dyer at 256-339-0911.

Lastly, a Swamp John's dinner will be held at the Festhalle from 4-7 p.m. For $11 per plate, attendees can enjoy the entertainment of the Revelations while eating Swamp John's fish, shrimp or chicken strip dinners. Carry-out will also be available. Buy tickets in advance at Options (2201 Second Ave. NW in Cullman) or the day of the event at the Festhalle. For more information, contact Judy Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Proceeds from all three events will benefit the nonprofit Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, which works to meet the needs of cancer patients and their families.

Pet of the Week: Help Patriot find his forever home

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CULLMAN – In the wake of last week's storms, the Cullman County Animal Shelter picked up several stray dogs around the area. Donna Ruttkay introduces us to Patriot, a rescued pet that has not been claimed and is now available for adoption.

Ruttkay told The Tribune, "We've had several adoptions last week: families looking for companion dogs for their children. This little one, Patriot, was a stray, never claimed. Another's trash is our treasure!"

Said Ruttkay, "Patriot is a Lab mix, approximately 3.5 months old. He's laid back for a puppy, with a low to medium energy level, and is accustomed to walking on a leash. He'll make a worthy companion animal; he's curious about his surroundings and craving a partner for a little low-impact exploration."

Patriot's adoption fee is $90, including DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neuter, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.



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Arrest report: March 23-25

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for March 23-25. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Breedlove, Jimmy Dale, 68
• FTA- liability insurance required

Caffey, Eric Lamar, 23
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance
• FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

Cammon, Michael Eugene, 53
• unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Coats, Timothy Wayne, 46
• probation violation-third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• probation violation-third-degree forgery

Denney, Christopher Robin, 51
• public intoxication

Denton, Sara Jade, 24
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Dinkel, Wesley Keith, 37
• GJ- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Domino, Donald Kenyatta, 23
• judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Filyaw, Michael Andrew, 32
• contributing to the delinquency of a minor
• first-degree theft of property

Goodwin, Elijah James, 29
• FTA- expired tag

Graves, Steven Keith, 29
• unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Hancock, Noah Eli, 19
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lee, Denise Young, 48
• third-degree domestic violence

Lee, Hanna Deann, 25
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Loyd, Erika Rose, 42
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Meherg, Cassidy, 41
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mentzer, Joshua Robert, 21
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Mortensen, Erik Andrew, 46
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Phillips, Elizabeth Auburn, 20
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Phillips, Timothy Adam, 31
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Reed, Johnathan O'Neil, 23
• public intoxication

Ritchie, Shannon Lynn, 31
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)

Rouse, Sarah Ann, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sanford, Breana Michelle, 30
• FTA- second-degree domestic violence
• FTA- driving under minimum speed limit

Sansing, Joshua Edward, 32
• FTA- third-degree theft of property (old charge only)

Southard, Jessie Wayne, 36
• probation violation-third-degree robbery

Swann, Jamie Deann, 36
• IPA- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
• illegal possession of prescription medicine

Yarbrough, William III, 28
• FTA- liability insurance required

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Filyaw, Michael A., 32
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Badalucco, Joshua W., 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Rachel D., 47
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Harbison, Ann Marie H., 34
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree promoting prison contraband

Cooper, Albert L., 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Marlow, Christopher L., 33
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- DUI- controlled substance

Jones, Jacqueline M., 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Evans, Grady L., 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sparkman, Dustin R., 41
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driving without a license

Pope, Phillip C., 23
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• driving without a license

Gordon, Rufus Jr., 48
• second-degree assault
• harassment

Goodwin, Elijah J., 29
• FTA- reckless driving
• FTA- no tag
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- DUI (2 counts)
• FTA- driving on wrong side of road

Brandon, Jimmie D., 51
• public intoxication

Lackey, Thomas J., 32
• fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Businesses (from Front)

times identified."

As of Monday evening, the following stores remain closed in the Marktplatz and surrounding shopping centers, according to Susan Eller with the Cullman Economic Development Agency:

1. ALDI– plans to be open first of April
2. Five Guys
3. Papa Murphy's Pizza
4. ATI Physical Therapy
5. Kay Jewelers
6. Bedzzz Express
7. T.J. Maxx – closed one to two months
8. Shoe Show
9. CATO
10. Dollar Tree
11. Sally's Beauty Supply
12. Lendmark Financial Services
13. Super Cuts
14. Nail Spa
15. Anytime Fitness
16. Great Clips
17. Champion Sports Medicine
18. Palm Beach Tan
19. Golden Corral - Plans to open on Thursday, March 29; Entire roof and all HVAC had to be replaced
20. Maurice's – permanent closure

Eller said, "Stores with employees out for at least a week can file for unemployment benefits."

Group (from Front)

Alan Crisologo felt the time was right to restart the group.

"I feel that there is a great interest here in Cullman County among young Republicans to participate in the political process, whether that be in a local, state or national level. Cullman County GOP Chair Waid Harbison and the local party are completely behind the effort and are helping to establish our group," said Crisologo.

"Cullman has had a successful history with the Teenage Republicans. From 2009-2010 the membership of the former Cullman County Teenage Republicans was around 120 people and they helped sweep Republican victories in local and statewide elections.

"Since then, however, there has not been a Republican group for high schoolers to get involved in this area.

"My hope is that this organization can help teach and give young adults the opportunity to get involved in politics."

When asked what he hopes to see the group accomplish, Crisologo said, "We want to unite young Republicans from the city and county of Cullman to help serve our community.

"Our starting objective is to continue adding members and within the next two to three weeks, we will hold our next meeting.

"We will be inviting all the Republican candidates from the Cullman area to speak to our group about their respective campaigns.

"Afterwards, our members may sign up for the campaigns of their choice to help with voter outreach.

"Pending confirmation, we hope to have (Alabama) Secretary of State John Merrill host a voter drive at Cullman High School before the June 5 primary registration deadline. One of our long-term goals is to re-establish our debate team and compete on the national level."

In a social media post about the group's first meeting, Harbison wrote, "I think this is great. We need young leaders to step up and get involved.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this."


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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: AD-2018-008

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF H.E.Q.
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CORY FABIAN PATRICK QUESNEL

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KENNETH NAIL, PETITIONER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER SABRINA JANE SURRETT NAIL, IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE 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, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2018.

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

DAN WILLINGHAM
Attorney for Petitioner
413 First Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

ESTATE OF) CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
BETTY W. MAYO DECEASED,) PROBATE COURT PC 2017-353

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to HAROLD GREGORY MAYO on the 8th day of March, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the 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.

Harold Gregory Mayo
HAROLD GREGORY MAYO
Personal Representative/Executor

ANDRIA RICHTER, Attorney for the Estate
of BETTY W. MAYO, Deceased
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-775-7757

To: _____
Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Hon. Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC2018-083

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PRISCILLA MANN HODGE, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Donna Hodge Jeffers on the 7th day of March, 2018, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Donna Hodge Jeffers
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune:*

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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Shedd, new superintendent 'the most important decision that will be made in Montgomery this year'

Shedd leads call to find new state superintendent of education

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MONTGOMERY – On Friday afternoon, Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview, chairman of the House Urban and Rural Development Committee got Gov. Kay Ivey's signature on a resolution calling on the Alabama State Board of Education to use every means at its disposal to hire the right superintendent. Shedd called the choice of a new education chief "the most important decision that will be made in Montgomery this year."

The state superintendent office has been the subject of controversy since the resignation of Tommy Bice in 2016 during a federal investigation into Alabama's claimed graduation rates.

Leading replacement candidate Craig Pouncey was passed over in favor of Michael Sentance due to an ethics complaint.

After the complaint, filed by a board member, was found to be false, Sentance quit and Pouncey filed suit. Dr. Ed Richardson currently serves as interim superintendent.

Shedd's resolution, introduced as House Joint Resolution 27 and enacted as Act 2018-342, reads:

URGING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO SEARCH NATIONWIDE FOR THE BEST CANDIDATE FOR THE ALABAMA 10 SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the best foundation for a strong and effective system of education is strong leadership with clear goals and the means to obtain those goals; currently, the Alabama State Board of Education is seeking to fill the position of the Superintendent of the State Board of Education; and WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the State Board of Education to fill the open position with proven leadership that can lead the board and the state in efforts to improve the quality of education in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education should implement measures to broaden the search to fill this important position with a proven leader who has the vision and skill to develop a strategy, to assemble an effective team, and to apply effective programs and procedures to move Alabama to the top in education; and

WHEREAS, improving the quality of education throughout Alabama should be the guiding force in this search for new leadership for the State Board of Education; the identification and recruitment of strong, proven leadership is necessary for Alabama to move forward in its education system; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the State Board of Education is urged to search nationwide for the most highly qualified person to serve as the Superintendent of the State Board of Education and perform the search and recruitment by any means necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Alabama State Board of Education so that they are informed of our expectations regarding this matter and our firm determination to support new leadership in implementing goals for improving education in Alabama.

Afterward the resolution was signed, Shedd issued the following statement:

State Representative Randall Shedd, R-Cullman, today expressed his thanks to Gov. Kay Ivey for signing a resolution sponsored by members of the House Urban and Rural Development Committee.

That resolution urges members of the State Board of Education to conduct a nationwide search for a new superintendent of the Department of Education.

"We're asking those members to find us a Nick Saban/Gus Malzahn caliber superintendent.

"Simply put, we want the best in the nation," said Shedd, chairman of the committee.

The resolution states that "improving the quality of education throughout Alabama should be the guiding force in this search for new leadership for the State Board of Education" and that the search and recruitment for the most highly qualified person to be superintendent should be done "by any means necessary."

"We want Alabama's education system to be at the top," said Shedd.

In addition to Shedd, the resolution was sponsored by Representatives David Standridge, R-Hayden; Danny Crawford, R-Athens; Rich Wingo, R-Tuscaloosa; Thomas Jackson, D-Thomasville; Prince Chestnut, D-Selma; Bob Fincher, R-Woodland; Ralph Howard, D-Greensboro; and Margie Wilcox, R-Mobile.

Friday, March 23, was the deadline for applications for the position.

Late Friday afternoon, Shedd told The Tribune, "We're encouraging them to get the best; so if the applicants they have's not the best, we hope they'll start over, you know, and do whatever it takes.

Just like we do with our football coaches, let's get the best we can get; bring education up to the top in the state, as well.

"This is probably the most important decision that will be made in Montgomery this year, and our committee--the Urban and Rural Development Committee--made this a priority, and of course the House and Senate passed it. And we think that this selection is crucial to urban and rural Alabama, so we're trying to bring awareness to it."

AL Department of Revenue: 2-month tax filing extension for storm-affected individuals and businesses

Frank Miles
Contributor



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) is extending deadlines to file tax returns for individuals and businesses who were affected by severe weather on March 19.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Alabama who have been affected by these disastrous storms," said Revenue Commissioner Vernon Barnett. "As they recover from the challenges and hardships caused by the storms, the Department is offering this assistance to hopefully help ease some of the burden."

Those taxpayers affected by the storms in the declared emergency areas with returns due from March 20 through April 30 have two months beyond the original deadlines to file without penalties. The counties included in the state of emergency declaration are: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Fayette, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Walker and Winston. Taxpayers seeking this relief should write "Severe Weather Relief – 2018" in red ink on any state paper return/report which relies on this filing extension relief. In regard to electronically-filed returns/reports, affected taxpayers should contact ADOR for filing guidance.

Taxpayers may contact the following ADOR offices by telephone:

- Individual Income Tax: 334-353-0602
- Corporate Income Tax: 334-242-1200
- Pass-through Entities: 334-242-1033
- Sales and Use Tax: 334-242-1490
- Business Privilege Tax: 334-353-7923
- Withholding Tax: 334-242-1300
- Business and License Tax: 334-242-9600
- Motor Vehicle: 334-242-9000

In addition, taxpayers in areas not specifically designated in the state of emergency declaration who encounter difficulty filing on time due to weather-related circumstances associated with the March 19 storms may be eligible to request a waiver of late-filing and late-payment penalties after providing appropriate documentation to ADOR.

Note: This extension is for state taxes.

2 Cullman-area students on Provost's List, 1 graduates from Troy University

Matt Clower
Troy University

TROY – Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Provost's List for Term 3 of the 2017/2018 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List.

Local residents who made the list were Lilanya Frazier, of Joppa and Dax Houston, of Cullman.

Troy University graduates

Monica Patterson, of Cullman, graduated from Troy University during Term 3 of the 2017/2018 academic year. Patterson graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree.

Term 3 includes students at Troy's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

About Troy University

Troy University is a public, historic, international university with more than 145,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy, Ala. campus enjoy a traditional college experience, while working adult students are the centers of attention at campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, as well as at locations around the world and online.

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Nathan Harvell
(PLAINTIFF)
VS
Krystal Garcia
(DEFENDANT)

CASE NO: SM-2017-900884

NOTICE OF FILING OF LAW SUIT

DEFENDANT(S), Krystal Garcia, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the complaint brought against him/her by the PLAINTIFF, Nathan Harvell, for $4,770.00 plus court cost, cause of action being: Contract/Rent owed.

ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT MUST BE MADE BY THE SAID DEFENDANT on or before the 24th day of April, 2018, or a default may be rendered against him/her in the above styled cause.

DATED THIS THE 16th DAY OF March, 2018.

LISA MCSWAIN
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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PROFILES IN FAITH

Desperation Church kicks off Passion Week with community meal at just the right time

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ADAM WHITLEY

CULLMAN – In the wake of this past week's weather disaster, it would be a blessing to have one less thing to spend money on at the store, to get a free lunch with hot food fresh off the grill, or just to spend a few minutes among smiling faces and encouraging words. On Saturday, all three were available in one stop, as Desperation Church kicked off Passion Week with a free lunch in the parking lot at the southside Wal-Mart in Cullman. They didn't come out in response to the disaster; they were planning to be there anyway. It just turned out that they got the chance to feed a bunch of storm victims and recovery workers- a happy coincidence that some might even call providential.

"Honestly, we're just loving our community," said Desperation Kids' Pastor Adam Whitley. "That's what we're about. Our Pastor, Pastor Andy (Heis), his heartbeat is to serve the communities that we have churches in, and, honestly, outreach is always going to be his number one priority.

"And so we're just here loving everybody. We're giving them free lunch--hamburgers, chips--and just letting them know that God loves them. That's where it's at."

To begin the observance known as Passion Week, which memorializes the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, leading up to the celebration of Easter Sunday, Desperation Church is taking on community service projects around each of its three campus locations: Cullman, Jasper and Arab.

On its website, the church said: "At Desperation Church, we are passionate about seeing the need and being the answer. Throughout the year, we strive to meet needs in our local communities. The week leading up to Easter is called Passion Week, in which we focus each day on loving the community and meeting the needs of the people. This is an awesome opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in a real and tangible way!"

Service projects include lunches, block parties, renovation of teachers' lounges at selected schools, handyman projects at the homes of widows, mentoring at elementary schools, community cleanup and Easter egg dyeing parties at multiple locations including Cullman's Margaret Jean Jones Center. During the week, Desperation plans to send volunteers to help out around Cullman at the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, The Link of Cullman County, Recovering Women Outreach and The Grace Place.

Said Whitley, "Our heartbeat is to, honestly, just rebuild, revive and restore. That's one of those cheesy taglines that I think everybody always hears, but for us, we want to--the communities that we are a part of--we want to revive them, we want to rebuild them, we want to restore them. And we want to pour into the people of the communities, and we want them to be able to experience everything from the presence of God to just healthy relationships, to freedom from anything they're dealing with and struggling with. That's pretty much where we're at."



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

On concrete pavement still marked by thousands of large hail strikes, a volunteer invites shoppers at the south Wal-Mart to enjoy free lunch provided by Desperation Church on Saturday.

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The jewelry sale will be held in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional campus.

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Wallace State baseball finishes sweep of Calhoun; WSCC softball remains perfect in ACCC play

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's baseball team finished off a four-game sweep over Calhoun on Saturday, prevailing 11-3 and 2-1 at James C. Bailey Stadium.

The Lions (26-4, 11-1 Alabama Community College Conference) have won nine consecutive games, including sweeping their last two conference series.

Wallace State pounded out 14 hits in Saturday's opener.

Devin Brown finished 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles, three runs scored and an RBI for the Lions.

Dalton Sinquefield went 2-for-4 with four RBIs and two stolen bases; Dalton Cobb had a pair of hits, including a double, and two RBIs; Kolby Robinson went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Austin Triplett registered a multiple-hit performance.

Brady Sherrill finished with a single and two RBIs, Easton Kirk had a single and scored three runs and Heath Haskins added an RBI single.

Austin Parker (2-0) was the winning pitcher in his first collegiate start. The freshman from Hartselle went five innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits. He struck out three.

Zack Moon tossed the final two innings.

In the second game, Kirk's fourth-inning homer was the difference in a pitcher's duel. His blast to right field snapped a 1-1 tie, and Wallace State's pitchers made it hold up.

Jackson Tavel moved to 3-0 on the season with five solid innings. He allowed one run on four hits, while striking out four.

Sophomore Heath Olive notched his seventh save with five strikeouts over 1 2/3 innings. Robinson had an RBI double for Wallace State. Noah Fondren went 1-for-2 with a run scored, and Cobb added a single.

Wallace State continues conference play on Thursday, hosting Marion Military Institute for a doubleheader, beginning at 2 p.m.

Wallace State softball

Meanwhile, Wallace State's softball team is on fire as well, winning 12 games in a row, including owning a perfect 10-0 mark in the ACCC.

The Lions (25-10) swept Snead State last Thursday and Bevill State on Friday – both on the road.

Against Snead State, Wallace State earned wins of 12-0 and 9-3.

In the doubleheader, freshman Keeli Bobbitt finished 5-for-6 with three RBIs, four runs scored and two stolen bases, while Sydney McKissick went a combined 4-for-7 with an RBI, three runs scored and stolen base.

Megan Hill had a double and five RBIs in the twinbill for the Lions, Caroline Burns had three hits, an RBI, two runs scored and a stolen base and Tanner Robertson cranked her first homer of the season, finishing with three RBIs.

Charlee West hit a solo homer in the opener against Snead State, Alysia Anderson had a single, scored three times and tallied two steals and Sidney Edwards had a single and a pair of RBIs in the second game.

Meagan Schweiterman was the winning pitcher in the first game, striking out three and yielding two hits over five scoreless innings.

Lauren Keplinger (10-1) went the distance in the second game, striking out two and allowing three runs.



WSCC

Wallace State closer Heath Olive notched his seventh save of the season in Saturday's series finale.

At Bevill State, Wallace State won 9-2 and 5-1.

Five Lions had multi-hit games in the opener. McKissick finished 3-for-3 with three runs scored and two stolen bases, while Burns went 2-for-3 with a triple, double, two RBIs, three runs scored and a stolen base.

Hill accounted for a pair of hits, including a triple, and two RBIs; Edwards finished with four hits, including a double, and four RBIs; and Katie Burden contributed two singles. Kaley Anthony added a single.

Schwieterman (11-6) earned the win by allowing two runs in six innings. She struck out five.

Madison Grant tossed a scoreless sixth.

In the second game, Burns added three more hits, including a pair of doubles, and scored a run, and Bobbitt went 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Kaylnn Holcomb hit her third home run of the season and finished with two RBIs and McKissick added two more singles.

Anderson finished with a RBI triple and scored a run, Becca Feazell singled and scored and Jodie Farnetti scored a run.

Wallace State softball returns home on Tuesday for a conference doubleheader against Shelton State, beginning at 1 p.m.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu.

Obituary Announcements: March 27 - 28

Memorial services are incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date for Warner Harrison Jones, Jr., age 57 of Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Jones passed away Friday, March 23, 2018 at the VA Hospital. He was born February 13, 1961 to Warner Harrison and Jane Elizabeth Allison Jones, Sr. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Richard Pearce. Survivors include his wife, Pamela Jones; step-son, Paul (Chanda) Collins; brother, Matthew Jones; sister, Claudia (J.D.) Landers; two grandchildren, Caiden Collins and Jaci Baker; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

William "Bill" Logan McGaughy, 71, of Lynn, entered into rest on March 24, 2018 at his home. Mr. McGaughy was born on January 20, 1947, in Eldridge, Alabama. Bill enjoyed the open road riding his motorcycles, tinkering around with wood working projects, and he loved his dogs. Bill is survived by his son, William Dion McGaughy and his girlfriend Jenny Bonnell; daughter, Dawn "Sis" Elder and her husband Michael; brothers, Roger (Norma) McGaughy, David (Karla) McGaughy, Jay (Margaret) McGaughy; sisters, Elizabeth Dungeon, and Lisa McGaughy. He was "Pappy" to 3 grandchildren, Kiana McGaughy, Beth and Cara Janney; 7 great grandchildren, Riley, Wyatt, Collin, Izabella, Eli, Landen and Logan; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lillie McGaughy and 2 sisters, Faye and Joyce.

Mr. Dennis M. Calvert of Fultondale passed away at his residence at the age of 73 on March 25, 2018. He was born in Crane Hill Alabama on November 6, 1944 to Dennis A. and Christine Burrow Calvert. Mr. Calvert is a veteran of the United States Air Force. He worked as an Air Traffic Controller for the Federal Aviation Administration. He is preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services are Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Livingston Chapel Cemetery in Crane Hill with Rev. Ron Collett officiating. Survivors are: wife Doris Drummond Calvert of Fultondale, daughter Mitzi Ann Cochran of Fultondale, son Dennis Chadwick (Wendi) Calvert of Kimberly, sister Evelyn (Charles) Easterwood of Bremen, Ray (Barbara) Calvert of Crane Hill and 5 grandchildren. Visitation will be at Moss Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until 12 noon.

Visitation for Jean Seenes "Gram", 77 of Cullman, will be Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at a later date in Akron, Ohio. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Seenes passed away Saturday, March 24, 2018 at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born November 26, 1940 to Floyd Jackson & Hannah Marie Phillips Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard A. Seenes; daughter, Jackie S. Seenes; sister, Ruth Collier. Survivors include her daughter, Rose M. Shaffer; grandchildren, Jason (Stacy) Shaffer, Amanda Shaffer, Carrie Shaffer, Jessica (Oakie) Seenes, Jonathan Seenes; great-grandchildren, Dameon (Kayla) Shaffer, Cody Shaffer, Lissa Shaffer, Antonio Seenes, Kayla Shaffer, Trinity Shaffer, Zoiey Shaffer, Jade George; great-great grandchild, Nevaeh Shaffer; sister, Norma Holmes; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Sandra "Sandy" Kay Hicks Bell, 62 of Addison, went home to be with the Lord on March 25, 2018 surrounded by her family. She was born on October 20, 1955 in Fitzgerald, Georgia. Sandy was a member of The Rock/Christ Fellowship Church for 37 years, where she served as a Sunday School Teacher and sang in the choir. She graduated from Addison High School in 1974 and went on to graduate from The University of North Alabama in 1981. Mrs. Bell taught Kindergarten at Double Springs Elementary School for 27 years. Sandy enjoyed decorating, cleaning house, painting, hanging wallpaper, doing yard work, working in her flower beds, shopping and especially loving on her grandkids. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. at The Rock Family Worship Center - Smith Lake Campus, where services will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Pastor David Nelson and Pastor Rusty Nelson will officiate. Burial will be in Kemp Cemetery. Sandy is survived by her husband of 42 years, Creig Bell; son, Spencer Bell and his wife Ashlynne (Nelson); daughters, Gracie Flynn and her husband Scott, and Katie Bell; sister, Patricia Turner and her husband Ric; mother-in-law, Margie Bell; special relative, Violet Wilkins; and she was "San San" to her 6 grandchildren, Meri Kayte Flynn, Scout Flynn, Kash Cantrell, Cruce Bell, Cannon Bell and Charlotte Bell. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.G. and Imogene Hicks; and her father-in-law, Cordell Bell.

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Cullman County youth excel during 3-day Junior Beef Expo

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MONTGOMERY – Hours of training, grooming and practicing culminated in applause, ribbons and banners for winning youth livestock exhibitors at the 60th Alabama Junior Beef Expo (JBE) March 15-17. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation with numerous community and business sponsorships.

"I'm convinced what we're doing to support this event is one of the most important things we can do for our state," said Federation President Jimmy Parnell. "These young people are our future, and we need to help them prepare to be leaders."

Special guest Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey provided words of support to exhibitors when she visited the JBE March 16.

The JBE was held inside Teague Arena on the Garrett Coliseum grounds in Montgomery, and thousands of dollars in prize money was awarded to winning exhibitors. Special college scholarships were also presented.

For the Market Show and the Heifer Show held March 15 and 17 respectively, division winners were awarded based on cattle breed and performance. The March 16 Showmanship contest split competitors into classes based on age and awards were presented based on the exhibitor's skills in the ring.

Grand champion awards were presented to:

- Ashlyn Ruf of Limestone County and Grand Champion Market Steer Mr. Incredible
- Dow Boyd of Coffee County and Grand Champion Heifer HLVW Pays To Shine 1730
- Bryce Hendricks of Coffee County and Grand Champion Bred & Owned Heifer HCC Miss Versace D2
- Rayne Starkey of Jackson County - Senior Showmanship Grand Champion
- Victoria Thompson of Lee County - Intermediate Showmanship Grand Champion
- Gus Ashley of Montgomery County - Junior Showmanship Grand Champion

In total, 175 youth participated and exhibited 325 animals in the expo. JBE is held annually in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo.



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Class 1 Senior Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Rayne Starkey of Jackson County, first; Paige Quick of Cullman County, second; Michael Morrison of Clay County, third; Cheyenne Ritter of Lauderdale County, fourth; and Annie Smith of Chilton County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Class 3 Senior Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Ashlyn Ruf of Limestone County, first; Bryce Hendricks of Coffee County, second; Lakin Whatley of Montgomery County, third; Sarah Parker of Chambers County, fourth; and Sydni Benefield of Cullman County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Class 12 Intermediate Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Jacey Adkins of Baldwin County, first; Austin Alexander of Cullman County, second; Mary Hannah Gullatt of Lee County, third; Marie Downey of Autauga County, fourth; and Alexia Thomas of St. Clair County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Class 14 Intermediate Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Walker Johnson of Cullman County, first; Abbey James of Autauga County, second; Madison Thrailkill of Autauga County, third; Emma Claire Long of Dale County, fourth; and Colbie English of Escambia County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Class 17 Junior Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Dow Boyd of Coffee County, first; Mattie Wood of Cullman County, second; Tyler Crim of Tuscaloosa County, third; Lauren Jones of Chilton County, fourth; and Alyvia Watson of Mobile County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Class 18 Junior Division Showmanship winners at the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) were, from left, Gus Ashley of Montgomery County, first; Hannah Grace McHugh of Lee County, second; Ella Grace Downs of Elmore County, third; Evan Roden of Cullman County, fourth; and Luke Ray of Tuscaloosa County, fifth. The contest was March 16 at the Teague Arena in Montgomery. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Mattie Wood of Cullman County won reserve division champion for the Chianina breed during the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) Market Show March 15. She is pictured with her winning steer, 2M Pistol, and her father, Matt Wood. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery.



ALFA

Evan Roden of Cullman County won Bred & Owned (B&O) champion for the Maine Tainer division during the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) Heifer Show, March 17. He is pictured with heifer Daisy Duck and father Rusty. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Sydni Benefield of Cullman County won Bred & Owned (B&O) champion for the he Chianina division during the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) Heifer Show, March 17. She is pictured with heifer SFB Molly RAE 6D and her sister Olivia. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Evan Roden of Cullman County won reserve champion for the All Other Breeds (AOB) division during the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) Heifer Show, March 17. He is pictured with heifer Minnie and his father, Rusty. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.



ALFA

Nathan Alexander of Cullman County won champion for the Charolais division during the Junior Beef Expo (JBE) Heifer Show, March 17. He is pictured with heifer CCC Whiskey Girl 105D and Paige Quick. JBE is presented by the Alabama Farmers Federation and held in conjunction with the SLE Rodeo at Garrett Coliseum.

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BUSINESS

Harrison Outdoors debuts new name, location

Nick Griffin
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Harrison Outdoors, formerly Greencraft Mowers, held its grand opening recently, and customers found their way to the new location as soon as the doors opened. Owner Ross Harrison has shifted to the new location at 1631 Second Ave. NW, just around the corner from the original Greencraft location at 1414 Sportsman Lake Road NW.

Rebranding has been on Harrison's mind ever since he first bought the business.

"I've been thinking about it since I bought my uncle out in 2013. Obviously, I wanted to recoup some funds before I just jumped into a new facility, but I really got serious in the last year. We've just outgrown where we were; it's an outdated facility, we needed more room, we needed something up to date and we needed to be able to provide better efficiency on service and a cleaner sales facility so that's what we did. This deal worked out to lease this building the first of the year, so we've been working hard since January 1 to be able to open before spring."

The old location is still being put to use, for the benefit of the new facility. Because the new location is close by, Harrison and his staff have been able to use the original building as a warehouse and an extension of the new facility. The proximity to the old store also means that customers new and old won't have to learn any new directions to find the new store.

"I didn't want to go far. We've been established; this is an established business that was started in the late 80s and so we obviously get a lot of new customers, but we also have a lot of old customers that are very familiar with where we are. So, I didn't want to have to train every old customer we had that's 10 miles away or however far they are," said Harrison. "The big advantage is we are very close to where we were, basically just around the corner and also our buildings almost touch in the back, so it gives us the ability to have a warehouse basically at our sales facility and not have to go to an off-site location to get products that are in storage."

The aesthetics of the new location are something that Harrison thought was very important and help separate the new store from the original. The new location is larger with new floors and a sleek look that Harrison believes his customers will notice as soon as they walk in. The fresh, clean look will not only be a plus for the customers up front, but also for the technicians working in the back.

"In doing this, I had an intention to make it nice. I didn't know to what extreme that would go. I was talked into doing some extra things that originally, I had not planned on, but now I'm glad that I did after seeing the facility; that would be doing the floors like we did, doing the metal across the walls, just making it look modern," Harrison said. "When I try to come up with these ideas I put myself in the shoes of the customer and a place that I would want to go in and feel comfortable buying whatever the product may be and so I wanted this to be a clean, well-organized facility. My main goal that I've told all my employees, myself included, is I want to be able to provide the best customer service around. Cullman is very word-of-mouth advertising, and obviously if you treat someone the way they want to be treated, they're going to recommend you because they had a great experience there and so that's what we're trying to do. The number one thing walking in the front door is a cleaner, larger showroom that's welcoming to customers. They don't feel like they're cramped, they don't feel like they're having to trip over items to look at what they want to look at and we can provide better service in the shop. It's bigger, it's going to be able to provide more efficient service just because the technicians have more room to work in their areas and a cleaner shop environment also, not just the sales side."



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Harrison Outdoors employees Ricky Cone, customer service representative; Gaynell Partain, customer service representative; Patrick Stark, parts manager; Ross Harrison, owner; Chris Edmondson, service manager/ technician and Alex Parker, technician pose for a photo on Friday, March 16 at the store's new location.

Harrison is optimistic that the move, along with the re-branding of the business, will make for some new growth and new clientele going forward.

"When I purchased the business, I changed the corporate name to Harrison Outdoors because obviously I wanted to grow the business, but I didn't want to be just a lawnmower shop or just a chainsaw shop; I wanted to be somewhat of an outdoors store," Harrison said. "Now I'm not talking about selling fishing equipment; I'm talking about things that go along with lawn equipment. Some things that you'd see on your patio whether it be chairs or grills. Just small things like that, that go along more with an outdoors store, not just what people think of as a lawnmower shop.

"It's kind of a difficult change because people know Greencraft Mowers and that's why we still have it on the sign, but we would like to eventually get the mindset that we are Harrison Outdoors."

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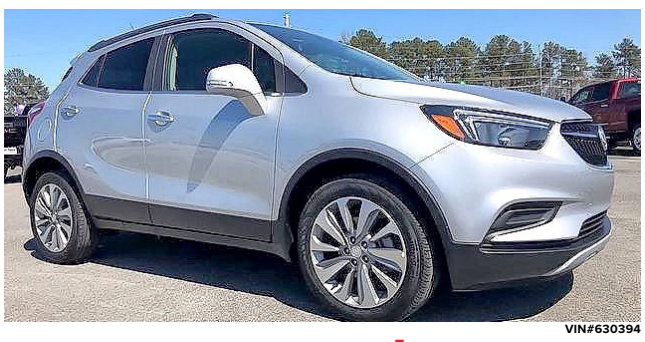
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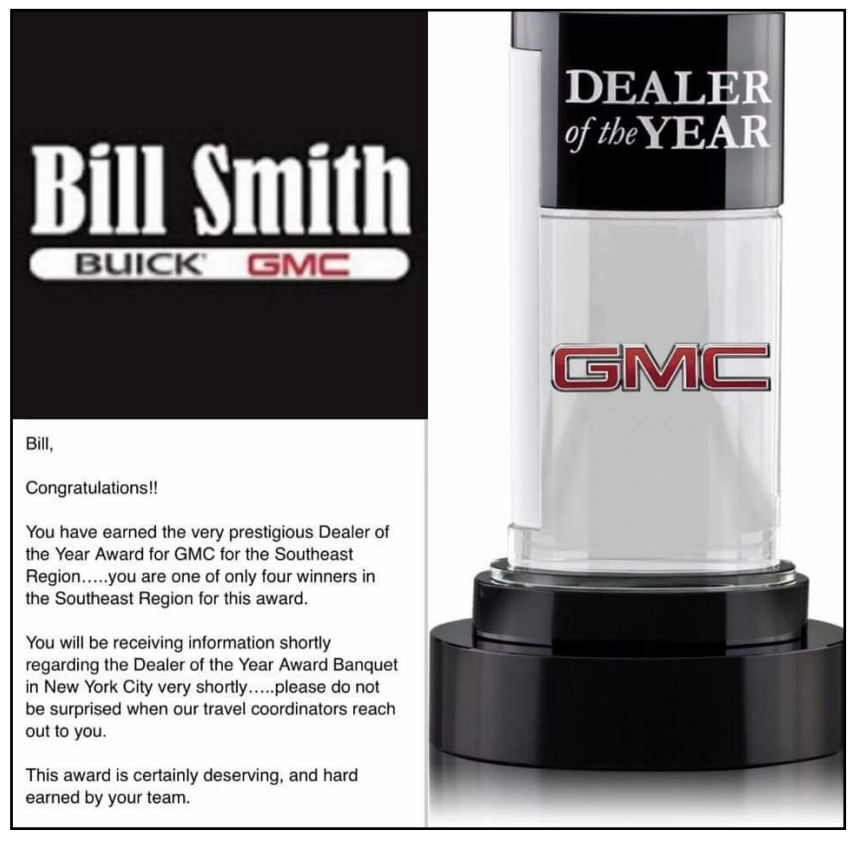


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