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This Friday: Cullman Area Torch Run and Special Needs Track and Field Day



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Cullman County Sheriff's Office Lt. Rex Sorrow enjoys a laugh with a participant in 2017's Cullman Area Special Needs Track and Field Day. This year's event will take place this Friday, April 20, 2018.

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CRIME

Grandmother of suspect in Osborn murder facing charge in case

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CULLMAN – The grandmother of one of the men accused of the murder of Hartselle man Daniel Ray Osborn II, 22, was arrested recently and charged with first-degree hindering prosecution, according to court documents.

Osborn's body was found buried on the property of Susan Winton Smith, 65, of Fairview on March 26. Tyler Stephen Hudson, 20, of Baileyton and Andrew Jacob Maresh, 19, of Hartselle were arrested and charged with murder that same night. Authorities recovered the body of Osborn, who had last been seen by his family on Feb. 3, 2018, from Smith's property on County Road 1534 in the Fairview community. Court documents revealed that Osborn died of a gunshot wound to the back of his head.

Smith, who is the grandmother of Maresh, "did conceal the body of Daniel Ray Osborn II," according to the District Court complaint on file.

The complaint states: "On or about February 3, 2018, Susan Winton Smith was advised by her grandson, Andrew Maresh, and Tyler Hudson that they had killed Daniel Ray Osborn and buried him in her yard on CR 1534. Since then, Susan Smith never advised anyone, to include the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and/or the Hartselle Police Department of the murder/buried body of Mr. Osborn. On March 29, 2018, Susan Smith was arrested for Hindering Prosecution 1st Degree and booked in the Cullman County Detention Center."

Smith was assigned a $10,000 property bond and was released after bond was posted.

Maresh was assigned a bond of $25,000 cash, which has not yet been paid. He remains in the Cullman County Detention Center.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Susan Smith, the grandmother of murder suspect Andrew Maresh, was arrested for hindering prosecution in the case. Authorities say she knew the victim was buried on her property in Fairview.

The bail request placed before Judge Kim Chaney stated that:

- "The offender is out on bond on an unrelated drug offense." According to other court documents, the offense included possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance (Alprazolam), and additionally included possession of multiple counterfeit

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ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL

'Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit' opens at Wallace State

Grand opening planned for April 19

WSCC

The ball gown worn by former Alabama first lady Jamelle Folsom is on loan from the Alabama Department of Archives and History during the "Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit" at the Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College.

Gail Crutchfield
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HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College and The Evelyn Burrow Museum welcomes the Making Alabama: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit on campus starting this week and continuing through May 24.

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Arrest report: April 13-15

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for April 13-15. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

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Ballenger Christopher Matthew 36
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Buckelew, Michael Andrew, 30
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Canada, Phillip Author, 42
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (4 counts)
• FTA- driving without a license

Delsman, Roger Christopher, 31
• probation violation- second-degree attempted theft
• probation violation- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- driving while suspended

Denney, Jeffery Allen, 29
• third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Downs, Hershel Wayne, 58
• probation revoked- first-degree theft of property

Freeman, Dalton Mitchell, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Johnson, Mark Anthony, 31
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Jones, Randall Roy, 56
• GJ- third-degree theft of property

Kelley, Diana L., 57
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Raley, Darrell Scott, 49
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)

Robinson, Bryan Allen, 39
• writ of arrest- child support

Shelton, Savannah Rachelle, 24
• FTA- chemical endangerment of a child
• FTA- proof of liability insurance required

Sosa, Recardo Antonio, 52
• FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

Swann, Austin Aubrey, 22
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Thomas, Marissa Ann, 27
• public intoxication

Watson, Ethan Chase, 19
• public intoxication

Williams, Emma Renee, 44
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

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Wynn, Gregory P., 42
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Saldana-Vela, Jose A., 44
• DUI

Smith, Britney H., 29
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Hallmark, Christopher D., 24
• FTA- expired tag

Buckelew, Michael A., 30
• attempting to elude
• reckless endangerment
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• speeding
• reckless driving
• failure to register vehicle
• running a stop sign
• failure to signal
• driving on wrong side of road
• passing in no passing zone
• insurance violation

Bryant, Marlon F., 44
• public intoxication

Cox, Tina L., 36
• DUI

Allaire, Richard L. Jr., 58
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Hughes, Melissa D., 36
• FTA- solicitation

Loredana, ILIE, 24
• third-degree theft of property

Shelton, Savannah R., 24
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Canada, Phillip A., 42
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- switched tag
• FTA- no tag
• FTA- insurance violation

Chaviers, Daren R., 41
• DUI
• attempting to elude
• resisting arrest

Gibson, Erica, 31
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No arrests reported.

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

Cullman Regional Sleep Center receives accreditation from American Academy of Sleep Medicine

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional



CULLMAN – Cullman Regional's Sleep Center has recently received a five-year re-accreditation from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM).

Accreditation by the AASM is the gold standard by which the medical community and the public evaluate sleep medicine facilities.

Cullman Regional is proud to be a part of an elite group of centers nationwide who have met the AASM's rigorous standards in safety, patient evaluation and care, staffing and education, policies and procedures, quality improvement, facility and equipment, among other standards which incorporate the latest advancements in sleep medicine.

"We are thrilled for this distinction. Our entire team is dedicated to providing the highest standards of care in our state-of-the-art facility," said Cindy Goff, director of sleep center and respiratory therapy.

"Our goal is to assure patients and their families that they are receiving quality diagnostics."

One in three Americans suffer from a sleep disorder. An estimated 22 million Americans experience obstructive sleep apnea, a common sleep disorder.

The impact can be great discomfort and an increased risk of developing other health issues such as hypertension, depression, job impairment, industrial accidents and even driving fatalities.

Cullman Regional's Sleep Center focuses on identifying the physical or behavioral factors that affect sleep, from obstructed airways and breathing issues, to conditions including apnea and narcolepsy.

The program's mission is to help patients and their families understand their sleep disorder and provide specialized treatment, sleep studies and close follow-up care.

The center's multidisciplinary team includes two board-certified sleep physicians, Dr. Scott Warner and Dr. Mark Tafazoli, as well as registered sleep technologists and technicians.

Cullman Regional's Sleep Disorders Center currently performs more than 2,000 sleep studies a year at its 12-bed center and treats patients ages 18 months and older.

Rooms are designed to create an ambiance of a home bedroom or nice hotel room.

The Sleep Center also has four handicap-accessible rooms and four rooms with Murphy beds for those who need a caregiver to stay with them.

Regular office hours for the Sleep Disorders Center are Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. Sleep Disorders Center hours are Monday – Thursday nights from 8:45 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. (subject to change to accommodate patient needs).

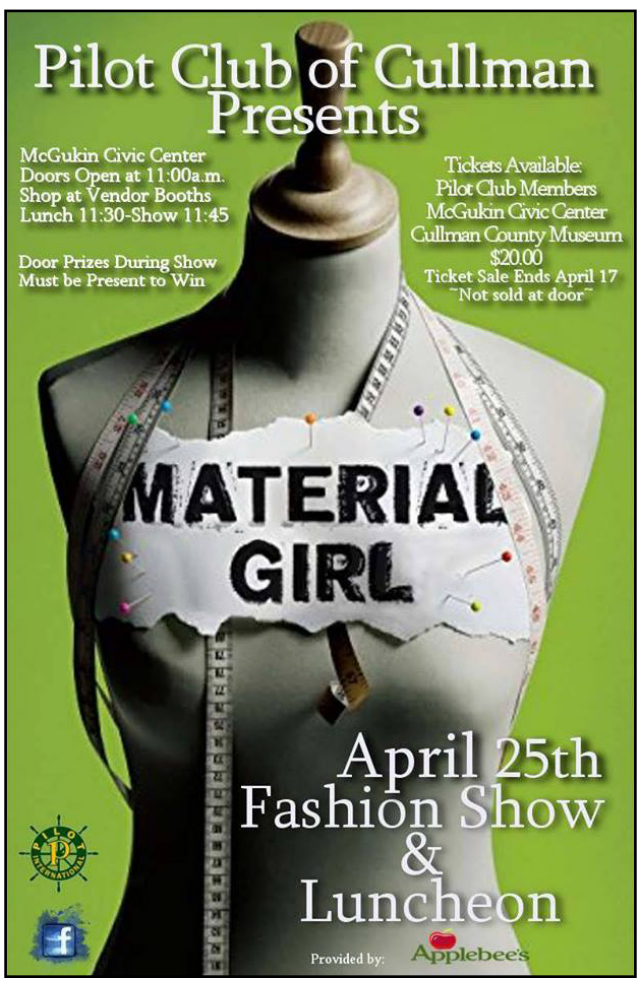
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More than 250 people came out to Heritage Park Saturday morning to participate in Walk MS: Cullman, most wearing signs on their backs in honor of those for whom they were walking.

Walk MS: Cullman draws more than 250

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CULLMAN – The rain held off long enough Saturday morning for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's annual Walk MS: Cullman event, and more than 250 participants made their way around Heritage Park.

Every dollar of the proceeds from the event goes toward multiple sclerosis research, and Andrew Bell, president of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Alabama-Mississippi Chapter said he is amazed to see how many dollars Cullman has generated for the cause over the years.

"We're expecting today to raise somewhere over $40,000 to support MS research, to support programs for people living with MS and services as well so it's a multi-faceted approach to help people living with MS and really their entire family," Bell said. "The event just continues to amaze us, and we've been so well supported by Cullman and also the surrounding communities, for that matter. We have people from Decatur here today and really all over the region to participate in Walk: MS and I think the MS community is very tight. I often times liken these events to family reunions; it's one time a year that we know we can all come together and celebrate all that we're accomplishing together. It's not possible without everybody working towards a single goal which is ultimately a world without MS."

Bell also made sure to recognize a local physician that he believes has made a massive impact, not just for people in Cullman living with MS, but those all over the country.

"The Cullman walk has been going on at least 15 years and it would not be possible without the great support of Dr. Chris LaGanke who sees patients from all over the southeastern United States living with MS.

"They travel from far and wide to see Dr. LaGanke and it's his compassionate care and his bedside manner that people so appreciate," Bell said.

"When you get in front of Dr. LaGanke he gives you all the time you need to ask questions and to get the information you need to leave that appointment and live your best life with MS."

The weather wasn't perfect for Saturday's walk, and that may have kept a few folks at home, but Bell said that despite that, Cullman continues to see one of the best turnouts year after year.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

"Today is a rainy day so we probably would have had another 200 or so people out with us today if the weather had cooperated, but that's one thing in event planning you can never control," Bell said.

"We expect probably 250-300 people here today, normally it's about 500 so I would say as far as per capita in the state of the Alabama, Cullman is probably our top walk considering the size of the community and the number of people it attracts. To draw 500 people in a community this size, that's significant."

PREP SPORTS

Schedule for remainder of regular season

Sammy Confer
Tribune Correspondent

Addison
- Tuesday, April 17 v. Lynn (SB) 4:30 p.m., v. Cold Springs (BB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 v. Good Hope (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 @ Good Hope (SB) 4:30 p.m.

Cold Springs
- Tuesday, April 17 @ Addison (BB) 4:30 p.m., v. Hanceville (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 @ Falkville (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 @ Vinemont (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 v. Meek (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 v. Holly Pond (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 27 @ Cleveland (SB) 4:30 p.m.

Cullman
- Tuesday, April 17 v. Albertville (SB) 4:30 p.m., @ Arab (VG SC) 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 @ Hayden (SB) 4:30 p.m., v. Decatur (VG SC) 5 p.m., @ Hoover (VB SC) 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 Hoover Classic (SB)
- Tuesday, April 24 v. Hanceville (SB) 4:30 p.m., @ Oak Mountain (VB SC) 7:15 p.m.
- Friday, April 27 Cullman High School Pre-State Blowout (SB)

Fairview
- Tuesday, April 17 v. West Point (SB) 4:30 p.m., v. West Point (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m., v. Decatur Heritage (BB) 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 @ West Point (SB) 4:30 p.m., v. Clements (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 @ Clements (VB SC) 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 v. Hayden (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26 @ Douglas (SB) 4:30 p.m.

Good Hope
- Tuesday, April 17 @ Holly Pond (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 @ Addison (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 v. Cordova (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 v. Addison (SB) 4:30 p.m.

Hanceville
- Tuesday, April 17 @ Cold Springs (SB) 4:30 p.m., @ Hayden (BB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 v. Southeastern (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 v. Holly Pond (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 @ Cullman (SB) 4:30 p.m.

Holly Pond
- Tuesday, April 17 v. Good Hope (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 18 @ Susan Moore (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 v. Cleveland (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 @ Hanceville (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 @ West Point (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 @ Cold Springs (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26 v. Susan Moore (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.

Meek
- Tuesday, April 17 @ Marion County (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 21 Winston County Invitational (SB)
- Monday, April 23 @ Cold Springs (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26 @ Oakman (SB) 4:30 p.m.

St. Bernard
- Tuesday, April 17 v. Lindsay Lane (BB) 4 p.m., v. Sylvania (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 v. West Point (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 v. Tanner (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.

Vinemont
- Friday, April 20 v. Cold Springs (SB) 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 @ Cleveland (SB) 4:30 p.m.

West Point
- Tuesday, April 17 @ Fairview (SB) 4:30 p.m., @ Fairview (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 19 v. Fairview (SB) 4:30 p.m., @ St. Bernard (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 23 v. Holly Pond (SB) 4:30 p.m., v. J.B. Pennington (VB SC) 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 24 @ Mars Hill (VG & VB SC) 5 & 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 26 v. Jasper (SB) 4:30 p.m.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Donna Harris crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County 2018

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HANCEVILLE – Topping off a fun, entertaining event on Saturday afternoon, Donna Harris was crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County 2018. The annual pageant took place at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College in Hanceville. The competition also featured contestants Jennifer Parker, Janis Simmons, Jolene Hammick, Joyce Weil, Helen Cary and Sandra Griggs.

Harris is a medical sonography instructor at Wallace State, performs volunteer ultrasound services for Sav-A-Life, is active in health and fitness activities, and is a member of Daystar Church.

She played Pachelbel's "Canon in D" on piano for the talent portion of the competition.

When the contestants were asked to share their philosophies of life, Harris told the audience:

"I believe that healthy living can make a huge impact on our quality of life, regardless of life's circumstances. I've been in the medical profession for 28 years, and I've seen countless people suffer with their health. I've held the hand of the dying, and I've celebrated new life.

"As a senior, what this has taught me is every day is a gift from God to be treasured and cherished, and to live every day to our fullest. I pray that God will grant me wisdom and His love to continue to grow into the person He created me to be."

After she claimed the title, Harris was all smiles and almost nonstop giggles for several minutes. Catching her breath, she told The Tribune, "I am shocked! I am thrilled! I just can't believe it. I'm so happy! Very honored, very honored."

Harris will represent Cullman County in the 2018 Ms. Senior Alabama State Pageant on July 28 in Irondale.

Other honors

- Ms. Photogenic - Sandra Griggs
- Ms. Congeniality - Jennifer Parker
- 2nd Alternate - Jennifer Parker
- 1st Alternate - Jolene Hammick

Entertainment and escorts for the ladies were provided by the "Men in Black": Cullman County Commission on Aging Director Dusty Baker, Cullman County Sheriff's Capt. Ricky Blackwood, Alabama gubernatorial candidate James Fields, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman, Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, and Cullman County Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham. Also performing were the "Weather Girls"--Abi Long, Josey Brown, and 2017 Ms. Senior Cullman County Marlys Ross; and the "Sugar Babies" senior dance team. Ms. Senior Universe Donna McGuffie and Miss Alabama Jessica Proctor were Mistresses of Ceremonies, and both sang.



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2018 Ms. Senior Cullman County Donna Harris

Hanceville Pageant Winners



HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Hanceville High School Fair Queen Representative: Abigail Long was recently crowned Hanceville High School Fair Queen representative.



HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Enhancer Winners: (First row): Abigail Long, Miss Enhancer 2018; Second row, (left to right): Katie Lee, first alternate, Tess Brown, second alternate, Mackenzie Ledbetter, third alternate, Logan Yates, fourth alternate and People's Choice Ella Absher, Miss Congeniality. Abigail Long also won the Miss Photogenic contest for the high school division.



HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Junior Miss Enhancer Winners: (Left to right): Lexi Collins, second alternate, Raegan Edwards, Junior Miss Enhancer, Chandlar Brown, first alternate and Maci Howell, third alternate. Raegan Edwards also won the People's Choice, Miss Photogenic and Miss Congeniality awards for the junior division.

Day (from Front)

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CULLMAN – This Friday morning the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Cullman Police Department, and other local agencies will put on the annual Cullman Area Torch Run leading from the Cullman County Courthouse to Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium for the Cullman Area Special Needs Track and Field Day. CCSO Lt. Rex Sorrow is coordinating the Torch Run, and Cullman County Child Development Center Adaptive Physical Education teacher Bridget Keef is handling the track and field events at the stadium.

According to Sorrow, participants in the run should plan to meet on the front steps of the courthouse around 8:30 Friday morning, where they will await word from the stadium about the arrival of the athletes.

Then sheriff's office, police and other agency representatives will light the torch and carry it from the courthouse to the stadium, where special needs athletes will help carry it around the track to open the games.

"The Torch Run is just to bring awareness to the track and field games," said Sorrow, "and just kind of open it up."

At the stadium, special needs athletes will take part in multiple track and field games, including some typical events and some that will be specially geared toward the athletes' abilities and needs. Gene Hicks, a REHAU supervisor and part-time DJ, has volunteered to provide both a sound system and music for the event, and Jimmy Dale Burgess of WFMH Radio will call the events as announcer.

Sorrow described Hicks as "a fantastic guy, volunteers his time and his equipment to come out and help us. I mean, it just adds so much, makes it such a great atmosphere to have that music there." And of Burgess, Sorrow said, "Jimmy Dale works with a lot of these special needs students, calling ball games and things like that over at the Field of Miracles, so he does a really good job with that. He knows a lot of these kids by name."

Through earlier fundraising efforts, the sheriff's office will provide free event shirts for torch runners and athletes, medals for the participants and food. Sheriff Matt Gentry and his deputies will be cooking and serving free hamburgers and hot dogs for the participants, volunteers and spectators.

"It doesn't matter who you are," said Sorrow. "If you want to just come and stop in, and see what's going on, and have a hamburger or a hot dog, we'd love to have anybody!

"The sheriff loves working with special needs students. He loves our community first of all, and then he loves our special needs community just that much more. And he puts his heart and his soul, and his money, into trying to make this a good thing, just like our rodeo.

"We always have a lot of great participation from everybody. I mean there's people from all over Cullman County that come out and participates . . . Bridget Keef, I think she does a fantastic job on her end, as far as working to get this all put together."

Planners are preparing for up to 170 athletes to take part, with 30 to 40 volunteers helping out.

All about the kids: Safe Kids Expo goes on, despite wet, cool weather

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CULLMAN – Cullman's Safe Kids Expo, sponsored by Brooks' Place child advocacy center, had to be postponed Saturday due to the threat of bad weather, but some things are too important to wait for long. On Sunday afternoon, the awareness event went ahead despite cold, windy weather and a waterlogged Sportsman Lake Park.

Parents could get information from Brooks' Place and Cullman Caring for Kids, while kids got up close with the Cullman Police Department helicopter and Cullman County Sheriff's Office gear.

A few even got to saddle up on motorcycles on display from Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA; see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/04/27/child-advocacy-leather-and-chrome-bikers-against-child-abuse). The putting course was open, and inflatables were set up near the park's train shed.

Kids could get their faces painted; and there were free hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, and snow cones for everyone.

Brooks' Place Director Gail Swafford told The Tribune, "It's the one time a year we get to give back to the community. We want families to come out and just have a good time.

"We got use of the whole park from Cullman County Parks and Recreation: all the rides, putt-putt, everything is free to the family. In addition to that, though, we want to give out information about how to keep kids safe."

Brooks' Place is a nonprofit organization that offers advocacy services to children who are the victims of physical or sexual abuse. It offers forensic interviews, counseling, medical exams and support for families headed to court.

The Safe Kids Expo was the brainchild of District Judge Kim Chaney about 20 years ago. According to Swafford, "He wanted to have something for families to come out and just get information, and so he kind of started it. And then we kind of picked it up after that. He's still very involved."

While making the rounds at the park, Chaney shared, "There's a lot of volunteers that are here, and a lot of agencies here that work to support the interests of children. And Cullman County's a special place, because they care about their kids; this is a priority.

"And for people to be out here on sort of a coolish Sunday to support kids and programs, I think it speaks well of our community. I'm just glad to see it. Children are our most important natural resource."



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Safe Kids Expo founder Judge Kim Chaney and Brooks' Place Director Gail Swafford

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Murder (from Front)

bills.

• "The offender admitted to being involved in a murder on February 3, 2018."

• "The listed offender has made threats toward the co-defendant as well as witnesses to this case."

Hudson was assigned a bond of $15,000 cash, also unpaid, and remains in the Cullman County Detention Center.

The bail request placed before Judge Kim Chaney stated that:

• "The listed offender stated that he is in fear of his own life and that he would commit suicide due to the fact that he couldn't live with what he had done."

• "The offender admitted to being involved in a murder on February 3, 2018."

Authorities from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Hartselle Police Department and Cullman County Coroner's Office worked together to recover Osborn's body in Fairview.

On March 27, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office said in a statement, "(On) Monday, March 26, 2018, Cullman County Sheriff's (Office) 'CCSO' investigators and Hartselle Police Department investigators responded to an address in the Fairview community, Cullman County. This response was from several weeks of a relentless investigation of a missing person's case that was initiated in the Hartselle community. Sadly, in the course of the investigation, the victim's body was discovered buried at the residence."

The statement said that after the discovery of the victim's body, investigators, working in conjunction with the Cullman County District Attorney's Office, continued the investigation throughout the night.

"I would like to commend the hard work and dedication from the Hartselle Investigators and the Investigators from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office in working this case together. Our prayers go out to the victim's family during this time of tragedy and loss," said Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry.

Exhibit (from Front)

Presented by the Alabama Humanities Foundation in partnership with the Alabama Bicentennial Commission, Alabama Department of Archives and History, and the Cullman County Museum, the centerpiece is the interactive exhibit that tells of the state's history from the 1700s through present day. In conjunction with the traveling exhibit, there are displays specific to Cullman County's history collected by the Cullman County Museum from numerous sources throughout the county.

"We are honored to be among the first counties in the state to be chosen to premiere the bicentennial exhibit," said Kristen Holmes, administrator of the Burrrow Museum. "As we are celebrating the state's 200th anniversary, we're also celebrating the uniqueness of Cullman County through the artifacts and pieces brought in by the Cullman County Museum and area groups and organizations."

The museum is honored to display the gown worn by former Alabama first lady Jamelle Folsom, which is on loan from the Alabama Department of Archives and History.

Accompanying the exhibition is another showcasing the artwork of beloved Cullman artist, the late Dot Graff. A number of her pen and ink sketches and watercolors are on loan from her daughter, Kitty Warren, to The Evelyn Burrow Museum during the Alabama 200: A Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit.

An official grand opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Burrow Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. A discussion led by Maurice Gandy will be held at 11 a.m. in the Burrow Center Recital Hall. Gandy will present "Famous Lost Words: Recording and Preserving Oral History," an interactive session filled with stories and anecdotes and information about preserving oral history.

Gandy's presentation will be followed up by ribbon cutting and reception, with refreshments, entertainment and tours of the exhibit.

The college will also host a Bicentennial Art Competition for local students in grades K-12 and for Wallace State students as well. The winner in each level will receive a $100 cash scholarship award; second and third place will receive ribbons. The deadline to enter the competition is April 24. An artists' reception and award ceremony will be held May 14.

Obituary Announcements: April 17 - 21

Services for Mr. Ernest Travis Cox, age 76 of Falkville, are incomplete at this time. He was born in Tennessee on December 2, 1941 to the late Wilbert Milford Cox and Smantha Virginia Stovall Cox; and passed away on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Memorial service for Charles Acton "Sonny" Glaser, 81 of Cullman, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, with Rev. Dr. John Richter officiating. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting family with arrangements. Mr. Glaser was born January 20, 1937, to parents Charles Edward "Ed" And Mildred Heinl Glaser. He was a graduate of Howard School of Pharmacy in Birmingham. He was a pilot and fishing was his passion. He loved Cullman and the people of Cullman. Mr. Glaser was a pharmacist for 55 years and the owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy for 30 years. He passed away Thursday, April 12, 2018, at Grandview Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Sherri Lee Glaser. Survivors include his wife Sue Griffin Glaser; and a son, Scot (Jerri) Glaser.

Charlie J. "Junior" Welborn, 85 of Moulton, entered into rest on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at his home. Mr. Welborn was born on December 13, 1932, in Lawrence County, Alabama. He graduated from Lawrence County High School in 1951. Charlie proudly served his country in the United States Army for 2 years during the Korean War. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), and Good Conduct Medal. Charlie worked for Clancy Lumber Company and Russell Forest Products. He enjoyed collecting Bear Bryant and Alabama memorabilia. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, Double Springs, where services will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 2 p.m. Reverend Jacob Chandler and Reverend Tim Harris will officiate. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill #2 Cemetery, Double Springs. Charlie is survived by his wife, Betty Lou Walker Welborn; step daughters, Jacqueline Posey, Debbie (Thomas) Nalley; and brother RayBurn (Janice) Welborn. He was "Paw Paw" to 2 grandchildren; Celina Stewart, Jason Stewart; 6 step grandchildren, Brandy Washington, Amy Thomas, Adam Chandler, Keith Chandler, Jacob Chandler, Alyssa Posey; 1 great grandchild, Marli Lynn Stewart; 9 great step grandchildren, Zac Washington, Donovan Washington, Jada Washington, Trinity Pointer, Lincoln Chandler, Georgia Chandler, Grayson Chandler, Emma Chandler, Skylyn St John; and 1 step great great grandson, Zayne Washington. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Williams Welborn; mother, Fannie Welborn; father, Charlie Lynch Welborn; daughter, Debbie Welborn Stewart; son in law, Lecil Stewart; sisters, Maverine Welborn Corbin, Gussie Dae Welborn Harris; brother, Dean Welborn. The family would like to thank the Alacare Hospice employees; Callie, Jewell Ann, Ava, Holly, and others for their excellent care.

Funeral services for Linda Carol Jennings, 70, of Vinemont will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Jennings passed away Sunday, April 15, 2018 at Cullman Regional Hospital. She was born November 20, 1947 to Conrad and Ruby Reed Taylor. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Rayford Taylor; a sister, Bobbie Hullett. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Charles Jennings; sons, Steve Jennings, Stan (Tara) Jennings; sister, Betty Hancock; grandchildren, Baylee Jennings, Abby Jennings, Daiquiri Powell; great-grandchild, Layne Jacob; a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Tuesday evening at the funeral home from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

James Johnson, also known as "Bulldog" to those who knew him best, 46, of Holly Pond, passed away Saturday, April 14, 2018. He was born November 25, 1971 in Oneida, New York, to Terrance and Sharon Pickard Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a loving father and grandfather. He was a mechanic and worked most recently for Greencraft Small Engine Repair in Cullman. James had a love for bulldogs and was given the nickname "Bulldog" as a result of his affection for the breed. He is preceded in death by his mother. Mr. Johnson is survived by his father; brothers, Chris Johnson, Wayne Johnson, and Tony Pickard; sisters, Jody Roque and Tina LaFrance; three daughters, Karley, Kalie, and Kelly; and three granddaughters, Leelah, Estella, and Lakota. Memorial services will be Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Friends and neighbors are invited to visit with the family beginning at 2:30 p.m. until the service begins. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Johnson.

Funeral services for Lloyd Albert Flint and memorial service for Bonnie Sue Flint will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 18th, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Friendship Methodist Cemetery, Pastor Joshua Doss officiating. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Flint passed away Sunday, April 15th, 2018. He was born May 19, 1954 to Harold Lloyd Flint and Catherine Ann Cain. He was preceded in death by his mother, Catherine Cain; his mom, Judith D. Flint; wife, Bonnie Sue Flint; sister, Terri Lynn Flint. Survivors include his father, Harold Flint; brothers, Joshua (Christi) Flint, Murphy (Denise) Ward, Glen Ward, Millard Ward; sisters, Sharon Johnson, Brenda (Jimmy) Junior, Debbie Ward (Randy), Linda (Brittnie Dye) Ward; a host of family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday at the funeral home from 12 until 2 p.m.

Rebecca Landrum, age 51 of Holly Pond, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018 at her residence. She was born, March 13, 1967 to Donnie Ray and Glenda Briscoe. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the family. She is preceded in death by her parents, granddaughter, Selena Martinez. Survivors include her, husband, Darrin Lindsey, sons, Joseph Millwood, Barion Millwood, Joshua Millwood, daughters, Jessica Baker, Misty Martin, grandchildren, Asia Millwood, Nelson Hernandez, Adriana Martin, Anna Martinez, Brionna Martin, Austin Millwood, Caden Parker, Maycie Millwood, Karmyn Millwood, Strycker Millwood, Bryson Millwood, Kendra Millwood, Lakelyn Millwood, sister, Tammy Edwards, brothers, Tim Briscoe, Tommy Fuqua, Billy Joe Martin and a host of family and friends. Memorial services will be Friday April 20, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Hilltop Church of God in Hulaco, AL.

Memorial service for Charles Michael Thornton, 65 of Cullman, will be 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel. Visitation will be 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Mr. Thornton was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 15, 1952 to parents, Alvin Albert and Geneva Mae Helton Thornton. He passed away April 14, 2018, at Brookwood Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Ronnie, David, and Malcolm Thornton. Survivors include his son, Charles (Cali) Thornton; "Lady Friend," Kristi Lewis; the brothers and sisters of the Jack Aces Riding Club; several nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends.

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Located in a converted private residence, Brooks' Place puts children at ease with interview, counseling and waiting areas that are decidedly more home and less office.

Hope, help, healing: Inside Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center

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CULLMAN – Tucked away on a quiet side street not far from Cullman High School is the office of an organization most Cullmanites know little about. Most folks have heard the name Brooks' Place, but even after 20 years of service to the community, many aren't aware of the powerful role the group plays in the lives of Cullman County's children.

Brooks' Place is actually Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center, a place where children who are victims of physical or sexual abuse can come for help. Once through the door, kids receive a forensic interview in a comfortable setting (no white walls and big tables; it's kid-friendly, with furniture and accessories to accommodate young children to teens), observed via video cameras by law enforcement and Cullman County Department of Human Resources (DHR) representatives who form part of the center's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT).

Children can also receive free non-invasive medical examinations including testing for HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, and free counseling from certified center staff.

Brooks' Place has assisted victims and non-offending caregivers in getting protective orders against offenders and has provided other services for victims and families headed to court.

Brooks' Place recently celebrated 20 years of child advocacy service in the Cullman community. Over the years, it has grown to become something approaching a one-stop center for child victims and their caregivers. The on-site medical services are a recent addition to the program, a great improvement over the days when victims would routinely have to travel as far as Huntsville or Birmingham for exams.

Medical services are provided by a staff nurse who also has degrees in forensic science and criminal justice.

"Each child who comes here is offered a medical exam," said Brooks' Place Director Gail Swafford, "whether or not they disclose abuse or not, because we want to make certain that any unmet medical needs are identified, and then we can make the appropriate referral.

"The other part of that, though, is if there has been sexual abuse or physical abuse, she (the staff nurse) specializes in that. She has specific lighting that can show old bruises, for example, that's not visible to the naked eye, but she can also do the medical exams to make sure that the child's body is not hurt in any way, but also, if need be, collect forensic evidence. She can also go to the jail to collect evidence from the offender, and she has done that before."

Also relatively new to Brooks' Place is an outreach program headed up by Kaylee Proctor. Under a nationwide legislative movement known as "Erin's Law," public schools in more than 30 states are required to provide age- and developmentally-appropriate education to students about recognizing sexual abuse and how to report it, training for faculty and staff on dealing with abuse issues and victims, and both training and support for parents and guardians on recognizing signs of abuse and finding resources to help the victims.

After Erin's Law was passed in Alabama, Brooks' Place began going out into local schools to offer the program.

Proctor told The Tribune, "Erin's Law allows us to go into the schools and do sexual abuse prevention education for the kiddos. We do kindergarten, third grade, seventh grade in all of the Cullman County and Cullman City schools. It allows us to teach them body safety, internet safety skills, not just 'stranger danger' and fire safety. It's so many more important things we need to teach them about ways to keep themselves safe."

In its first year of outreach under Erin's Law, Brooks' Place made in-school presentations to 2,665 students, plus parents and school faculty.

Similar programs are also available for older students but are administered through the office of District Judge Kim Chaney or the Juvenile Probation Office.

Said Swafford, "I think the public is learning more about us because of the outreach and going into the schools, because that's a big thing to me, is prevention. When (Proctor)'s going into the schools, she is teaching them that it's nothing to be ashamed of, it's okay to tell somebody that you trust, because many times an offender has already convinced them that what they've done is wrong and they're going to get in trouble. So a big thing is 'It's never your fault.'

"And we're developing a relationship with those kids and kind of helping them know what to do, I guess. They don't have the skills; I mean, they don't know. That's the big thing about that."

The center also offers a program for juvenile sex offenders because, as Swafford explained, "We want those kids, early on, to learn the skills that they need not to do this behavior again. And those are court-ordered, and they're never on campus at the same time as our other victims."

Though they don't see too many of them, Brooks' Place also welcomes adults who were abuse victims as children.

Brooks' Place partners with the courts, the Cullman County District Attorney's office, Juvenile Probation, DHR, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Cullman Police Department, WellStone Behavioral Health (formerly Cullman Area Mental Health Authority), and others to provide an array of services.

"The beauty of that is," according to Swafford, "it is a partnership. Everyone, the workers in each one of those agencies, works together to provide services for those families."

The center operates on funding from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), supplemented by local contributions and donations, and all of its services are provided free of charge to its clients. Last year, Brooks' Place conducted 265 forensic interviews, and it maintains an active caseload of around 100 clients at any given time, including both victims and some caregivers.

The importance of Child Advocacy Centers (CACs)

Brooks' Place is one of 35 Child Advocacy Centers in the state of Alabama. In 2017, their staffs and Multi-Disciplinary Teams:

- reviewed 15,979 child abuse/neglect cases
- conducted 8,552 forensic interviews
- referred 1,996 cases for prosecution
- provided 22,630 counseling sessions

Without intervention, counseling and support services, child and teen abuse victims incur an average of $2,635 more annual medical costs than non-victims. As adults they are less likely to own a home, car or stocks, and they earn an average of $8,000 per year less than non-victims.

Areas with easy access to a CAC report felony prosecution rates for child sexual abuse almost three times higher than areas without, and those cases tend to be processed 20 to 30 percent faster than in non-CAC communities.

How does Brooks' Place determine success?

Swafford said, "One of our goals is focusing on the mental health of the family . . . restoring them to a healthy level of functioning, because it is very traumatic to go through an event like that, especially the parents feeling guilt or whatever. We work with them, too. But I think that's the measure of success.

"Part of what we're looking at also is getting justice for that family. That doesn't always happen, for various reasons. It has to rise to a certain level in the law for us to even get into court. So we don't judge by the number of convictions, although that is important. It's more about the kids.

"We work together for the safety of the family, and to provide services for them. That's success to me, is ensuring that they're safe and emotionally healthy."

The final word

"At the end of the day," said Swafford, "we want these families to be healthy: emotionally, physically. They deserve a childhood, and we want to restore that.

"People say their lives will never be the same. While that is true, it can be better because you can take from that and, for whatever reason it happened, but that's not a child's identity. It is an event that happened in their life. So we work from being a victim to a survivor to a thriver, because we never want it to hold them back."

For more information about Brooks' Place, visit www.caccullman.org or www.facebook.com/brooksplacecac/.

For more about Erin's Law, visit www.erinslaw.org.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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The Petition of Dorothy Jane Friedrick Falkner and Tina Jo Friedrick to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Jane Meyer, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 3rd day of May, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

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Cullman hooked on 'The Little Mermaid'

Community packs Cullman High auditorium for stage adaptation of Disney classic

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"You got to purse your lips like this" - Sebastian (Justin Weygand) coaches Ariel (Marie Bean) on how to win over Prince Eric

CULLMAN – On Friday evening, among the hottest and most scarce commodities in the city of Cullman were empty seats in the Cullman High School auditorium, as the community packed the house to see the CHS Performing Arts production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid." Family members and friends of the huge cast and crew came to support their own, families with young children turned out in droves for the Disney-based story, and the ambitious production and brand-new stage effects created its own draw for kids of all ages.

Before the curtain rose, CHS Theatre Director Wayne Cook said, "We're very excited! This is our second public performance, and we expect there to be a large crowd here tonight. We had a really good crowd last night, but we expect there to be a lot of people."

The theater troupe gave multiple abbreviated performances for school groups during the days leading up to opening night on Thursday, and Cook was pleased to have the opportunity to present the complete show during the public events.

"Our kids have been tremendous," said Cook. "They have outperformed themselves this year, and just done a great job. And we've had a lot of great feedback from the people, and we're very excited about it.

"I'm very proud of these kids. They work hard. I've often said that our community has tremendous talent. You know, what my privilege is is to be able to just kind of direct it, mold it, shape it and put it into places where it can be seen.

"That's what we do: myself and Ms. Skinner. And of course, I work with two other people: Sarah Jane Skinner--who's our choral director here, and Nohe Naehu--she's with The Factory dance studio, but she's also our choreographer and she teaches here at the school. And so, it's kind of like having a dream team of people that work with these kids, just all the different elements we have going on here for a production like this. It's been great, and these kids love all of them, and they work hard and respond to this, so it's a big honor to be able to work with these kids, and we look forward to keeping that going."

Ariel herself

The Tribune caught up with the little mermaid herself, Marie Bean, before the show started. She talked about playing the iconic role:

"It's been so much fun, but also very nerve-wracking, because, like, I want to portray the part correct, so all the kids can enjoy just as I did as a kid watching the movie. And I feel like I've done a pretty good job of that, and I'm very proud of myself. And I take pride in what I do, because I really enjoy it every single day. So, yeah, it's been a really fun and exciting experience."

The biggest challenge?

"The biggest challenge is right before I go onstage. That is when I get the most nervous, but once I swim out there, everything's fine. It's like all of it just goes away."

The most fun part?

"The most fun is getting to do it with all of my friends. It's truly a family, and just being together every single day, going through the motions. I'd say just experiencing it all is the most fun for me."

The goal for CHS Performing Arts

Said Cook, "You know, our idea was to try to provide quality theater for the community and teach these kids what high quality theater is. We really try to achieve something that's not your typical high school production. I mean, we want it to be something that people say, 'Well, that's not what I expected from a high school performance.' That's our goal. Sometimes we achieve it--most of the time we achieve it. I feel like we've done that this year. They hear that from us; we give them high expectations, and they rise."

Cast and crew

"Mermaid" was a massive all-hands-on-deck production for CHS Performing Arts, with a huge cast and crew including:

Principals

- Ariel - Marie Bean
- Sebastian - Justin Weygand
- Scuttle - Blake Tetro
- Prince Eric - Jady Pipes
- King Triton - Rutland Turner
- Ursula - Abby West
- Flounder - Powers Bates and Slade Turbyfill
- Ariel Understudy - Laci New
- Ariel Body Double - Isabella Allred
- Prince Eric Understudy/ Body Double - Cameron Baumgartner
- Grimsby - Graffin Shaddrix
- Flotsam - Ethan Hendrix
- Jetsam - David Goymer
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- Atina - Natalie Thrasher
- Adella - Mary Claire Page
- Allana - Laci New
- Pilot - Matthew Smith
- Windward - Devon Campbell
- Leeward - Adam Cooner
- Maid #1 - Winter Murray
- Maid #2 - Madison Smith
- Maid #3 - Olivia Holbrook

Seagulls - Sam Jones, Cameron Baumgartner, Clay Brown, and Matthew Smith

Princesses - Tiffany Dotson, Avery Barlow, Chandler Greer, Dana Cordes, Mallory Johnson and Kate Rains

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