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Ribbon officially cut on Cullman's Fire Station 3; Chief Reinhardt honored

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CULLMAN – Years of planning came to fruition on Thursday morning when the ribbon was officially cut on Cullman Fire Rescue's (CFR) new administrative headquarters and Fire Station 3 off Alabama Highway 157 on Cullman's north side. Retiring Chief Edward Reinhardt had the honor of wielding the giant scissors. The station has actually been in use for more than a month, playing an active role in the emergency response to the storms of March 19.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs told the crowd, "Fire Station 3 was talked about--I started on the council in 2000, and it was a vision long before that . . . In Cullman fashion, we built something very appropriate. It is very nice, no doubt about that. Look at the facility: the command center's up here now, training's up here now, the station's up here now, emergency medical calls are up here now. And it's put it in a strategic location to better serve our community as it grows, and we just thank all of these guys and what they do for our community."

Cullman City Council President Garlan Gudger said, "This all started with all of our visions, this community's vision to have a better-quality fire protection, first responders, and we've set the bar higher than we've ever had in the history of the city of Cullman."

Reinhardt told the audience, "It's teamwork. You can't say any one person made this happen. It comes from everybody. And I want to again reiterate and thank everybody that helped with it.

"I also want to take the time to thank the crews, my staff, everybody that helped get this ready for today; they did a tremendous job. I'd like to thank my wife and my family for their patience with me during this time, which was really hectic sometimes. I just want to say, 'Thank you,' and I hope it serves well for the community and everybody enjoys it."

Gudger recognized former Cullman Mayor Max Townson and former Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Peggy Smith for their roles in the long-term planning for the station, and the three presented a plaque to Brad Pepper of Topre America for the company's gift of $150,000 toward the project. Gudger also thanked Steve Glasscock of Merchant's Bank for that institution's help.

Division Chief Brian Bradberry led the department in presenting to Chief Reinhardt a retirement gift in celebration of his 40 years of service: the bell from CFR's Engine 514, which was lost in an accident in 2006.

After the ribbon cutting, the department hosted an open house for visitors and a retirement luncheon for Chief Reinhardt and his family.

Read more about Chief Reinhardt at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/04/19/fire-chief-edward-reinhardt-reflects-40-years-service.

For more on Station 3, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/10/sneak-peek-cullman-s-fire-station-no-3.



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Cullman City Councilman Andy Page, Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Edward Reinhardt and Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs share a laugh at Thursday's ribbon cutting ceremony for the city's new fire station. Reinhardt will retire with 40 years of service on April 30, 2018.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Topre, REHAU, Birmingham Fastener win state awards



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Jamie Troutman/Cullman Economic Development Agency

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MONTGOMERY – Wednesday was a big day for manufacturers and suppliers in the state, as the Business Council of Alabama (BCA) and the Alabama Technology Network (ATN) announced the 2018 Manufacturer of The Year winners during an awards luncheon in Montgomery. During the same event, the Alabama Automotive Manufacturers Association (AAMA) presented its awards for Supplier of the Year.

Two Cullman County industries and a » PAGE 6

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Pair arrested in Cullman for trafficking methamphetamine

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Henry Sellman, III, left; Rebecca Prater, right

CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit arrested and charged two people with trafficking in methamphetamine following a traffic stop Thursday.

According to a media release from the department, during the traffic stop, officers gained consent to search the vehicle and allegedly recovered approximately 37 grams of methamphetamine, along with marijuana, two handguns and various pieces of drug paraphernalia. Both the driver, Henry Ennis Sellman, III, 35, of Vinemont, and passenger, Rebecca Anne Prater, 38, of Falkville, were arrested.

Sellman has been charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol, possession of a firearm with an altered identification number, second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Prater was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

Both Sellman and Prater remain in the Cullman County Detention Center, each on a $1 million bond.

Arrest reports: April 18-19

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for April 18-19. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Anderson, Steven Matthew, 39
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Bartlett, Rhett Stewart, 30
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Free, Montie Evan, 24
- FTA- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Garner, Weslie Danielle, 30
- FTA- criminally negligent homicide
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Harris, Steven Paul, 39
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Holmes, Carol Hankey, 68
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hosmer, Kristine Marie, 30
- first-degree theft of property

Johnson, Leigh Bailey, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McLeod, Natalie Nacole 37
- harboring, assisting or concealing- SORNA

Parker, Morgan Nichole, 23
- first-degree bail jumping- third-degree theft of property

Peppers, Jesse Lee, 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ponder, Kimberly J., 51
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Ray, Rodney O'Neal, 55
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Reeves, James Terry Jr., 26
- FTA- giving false name to law enforcement

Thornton, Edward Dean, 58
- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Tice, Cynthia Marie, 44
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Peace, Charles D., 35
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cooper, Nicholas D., 39
- FTA- insurance violation

Peppers, Jesse L., 36
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driver's license restriction violation

Ray, Rodney O., 55
- FTA- indecent exposure
- FTA- third-degree attempted burglary
- FTA- harassment

Fanning, Johnathan A., 38
- FTA- public intoxication

Huff, Grayson B., 38
- third-degree theft of property

Blakely, Ricki A., 62
- DUI

Carmona, Jennifer L., 40
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jewell, Jason Maclain, 34
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Letson, Jenny Marie, 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession /use of a credit or debit card (6 counts)
- public intoxication
- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

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Dowdy, William T., 33
- DUI

Prater, Rebecca A., 38
- trafficking
- possession of drug paraphernalia

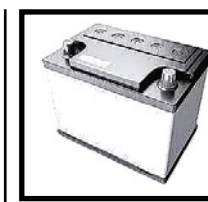
Sellman, Henry E. III, 35
- trafficking
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- certain persons forbidden to possess a pistol
- possession of firearm with altered ID

Swann, Corey A., 21
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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





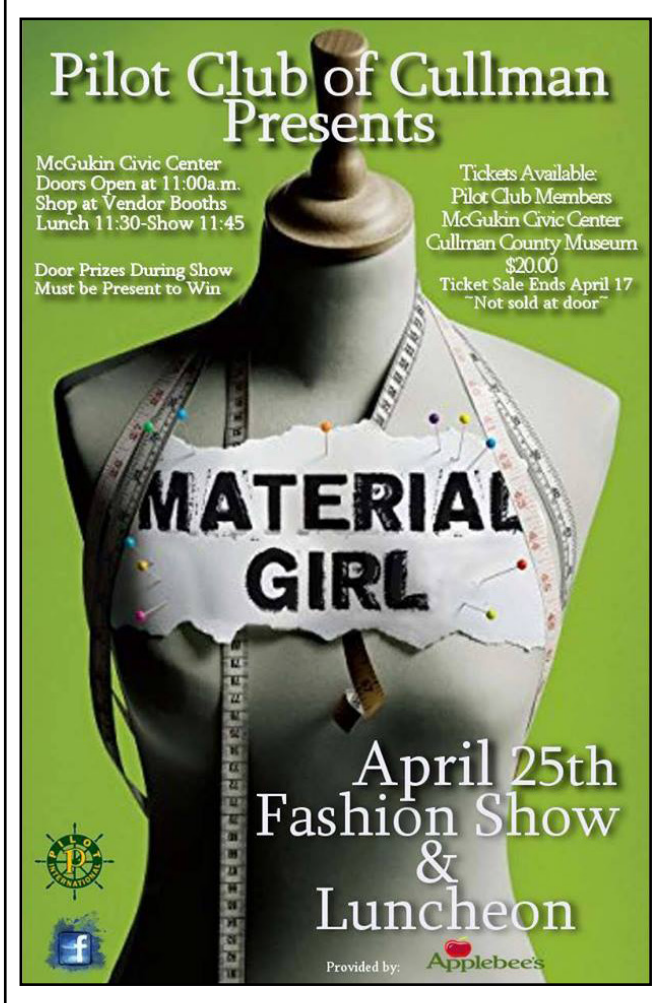
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‘Relay for Life Day’ proclaimed in Cullman

Leanne West
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CULLMAN – Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Friday proclaimed May 4, 2018 “Relay for Life Day” in the city of Cullman in honor of the upcoming 2018 Cullman County Relay for Life event. On hand to receive the proclamation from Jacobs were Haley Marecle, Helen Allen, Gail Crutchfield and Linda Walker.

This year marks the 25th year of Cullman County’s involvement with Relay for Life, a grass roots, community-based team event that is the signature fundraiser and awareness event for the American Cancer Society. The event will take place on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. This year’s theme is “In It to Win It: The Fight Against Cancer is Not a Game!”

Opening ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the Survivor/Caregiver Walk. Following the walk, a Luminaria Ceremony will be held, with each light representing a life – a life taken by cancer, a survivor or cancer, or a support for a person still fighting the disease. Then the event will close with a celebration of what was accomplished and a unified commitment to take action and help lead the fight for a world free from cancer.

“Relay for Life is a very important event and I appreciate those folks who coordinate the event and everyone who participates or donates,” said Mayor Jacobs.

“I encourage everyone to take part in or support Relay for Life and other related events.”

Relay for Life began in May of 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, raising $27,000 for the American Cancer Society to help fight cancer.

From that event, the Relay for Life movement has grown into a global event raising billions to fight cancer and symbolizing the emotional commitment each of us can make in the fight against cancer.

Cullman County’s first Relay for Life event was held in 1994 in memory of Jimmy Gilley and raised $81,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Since then, the local event has raised well over $1 million through efforts by local volunteers, sponsors, and teams. Teams that participated in that 1994 event were issued a special invitation to return this year for the 25th anniversary.



CONTRIBUTOR

Pictured L-R: Michelle Kimbrough, Haley Marecle, Mayor Woody Jacobs, Gail Crutchfield and Linda Walker

The American Cancer Society, the nation’s largest and most respected voluntary health organization, predicts that there will be an estimated 1,735,350 new cancer cases diagnosed and 609,640 cancer deaths in the United States in 2018. The American Cancer Society is making progress toward a world without cancer, and fundraising and awareness campaigns like Relay for Life help them get closer to that goal.

For information on the Cullman County Relay for Life event visit www.cullmanrelay.wordpress.com.

For more information about Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society’s ongoing fight against cancer, visit www.cancer.org.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

DeLane Hulsey, Cullman High’s star baseball pitcher, signed with the Saint Louis Cardinals on Monday afternoon. He signed the one year maximum salary contract and left Wednesday for Columbus, Georgia, where he will play Sally League Class A ball.

DeLane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F.D. Hulsey. He graduated from Cullman High School with the Class of 1955.

Mrs. Bertha Dean, age 70, of Route Three, Hanceville, died at the Cullman Hospital on Monday morning and funeral services were held on Tuesday, with Reverend Harvey Edwards officiating. Bev Howell, of Hanceville Moss Service directed interment in the Sapp Cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, Will Dean; three sons, O.E., of Michigan, S.A. and J.C., of Route Three, Hanceville; two daughters, Mrs. Jewell Allred, of Holly Pond and Mrs. Calvin Sanders, of Warrior; twenty-two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; six brothers and one sister.

George Stiefelmeyer, Junior, has been appointed as a member of the City of Cullman Utilities Board to succeed Melvin Dahlke, who resigned. Other members of this board are: J.W. Arnold, chairman and Conrad Howard, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Alice Self, age 69, died at her home at Brushy Pond on June 8th and funeral services were held at Ryan’s Creek on Friday, with Reverend Sim Calvert and Reverend J.B. Thompson officiating. Moss Service directed interment.

Pallbearers were: Opher Goodwin, Odia Cruse, Earnest Swann, Dwight and Buford Nicholas and Clellie Kilgo.

Surviving are her husband, R.O. Self; four daughters, Mrs. Guy Nicholas, of Cullman, Mrs. George Cairns, of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. David De LeCruz, of Japan and Mrs. Watson Caudill, of Akron, Ohio; two sons, Earl Self, of Cullman and Dwight Self, of Gadsden; eighteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Brushy Pond News

A special service will be held at Ryan Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, June 19th, honoring its oldest members. Everyone has a special invitation to attend.

Nella Dean Morgan is ill with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlton Haynes and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Graves are the parents of baby girls.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice Self were held at Ryan Creek Church, on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hancock and family have purchased a new television set.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sometimes you simply have to make do (part 2)

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



There are certain things you may never hear anyone from the south say. Some of those might be, “I don’t think you can buy that at Wal-Mart,” “I don’t think you can fry those,” or “I don’t think you can fix that with duct tape.” We believe most everything can be “fixed” with a roll of duct tape and baling wire. You can buy both at Wal-Mart, but you shouldn’t fry them.

Last week, my column included stories friends and readers had sent in. I was overwhelmed by the response and unable to use them all, so here are a few more.

Wendy needed to till her garden for planting, but she didn’t have a tiller. What she did have was a backhoe. Have you ever seen anyone till a garden with a backhoe?

It seems that people have made do with all kinds of things on their automobiles. Whitt told that he saw a man use a pair of panty hose for a fan belt on an old restored Model A. Doug told about a car he once owned that had slow acting windshield wipers.

They swiped up but not down, so he tied a string to the blade, ran it through that little vent window that cars had back then and then pulled the string to retrieve the blade. Buster once used a fish stringer as a throttle cable so he could make it home from the lake.

Freddy was traveling with his family and in-laws when the rear window on their Dodge Caravan shattered. They were unable to find one to replace it. He found a piece of cardboard but had no way to fasten it in. His mother-in-law removed her shoe strings, punched a few holes in the cardboard, stitched her strings through them and fastened them to the hooks used to hang clothes.

Bill and Sherry wanted a boat but didn’t have the funds to finance one. Not to be outdone, Bill brought home a tractor inner-tube, pumped it up, tied a piece of plywood to it with a rope, attached a lawn chair on top of the plywood deck, and added a trolling motor. I seriously doubt they could water ski behind that contraption, but I guess it got them down the river. No doubt, it also got them lots of looks too!

One Thanksgiving, about twenty years ago, Claude and Kay went to visit his mother. They had planned to take his mom out to dinner, but when they begin to call around they discovered most of the restaurants were closed.

They looked in the pantry for something to cook, but it was almost bare. They found a loaf of bread, tuna fish, tomatoes, pickles, beans, and a package of bologna. Not only did they use those items to “make do” for their Thanksgiving meal, it became a tradition for every Thanksgiving until his Mom passed away fifteen years later.

Tommy told about a car with doors held shut with baling wire and a muffler tied up with two Wal-Mart bags. His windshield and rear window were both cracked and a piece of cardboard covered the passenger window. He had a bumper sticker on the back that read, “Look what God has done for me!”

How very special it is when we can still realize how much God has done for us when we don’t have much and have to “make do.” If we are eating canned tuna fish and bologna or have a vehicle that is held together with baling wire and duct tape, and can still say, “Thank you, God,” we are indeed most blessed.

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Poet's Corner

On Clouds And Sunshine

By: Rita Aiken Moritz
Pell City, Alabama

Surrounded by the clouds above, dismayed
by swords that pierce me to my very soul,
the drops of rain were echoes from a heart
that in its fragile state did not feel whole.

I longed, as did a king from long ago,
for wings to fly me far away from here
and to a place where peace and rest are found;
but more than that, a respite from my fear.

Then I upon that silver phoenix soared away
and looked amazed at white clouds so reflective.
I had to ask the Lord what made them change.
He answered, “Child, it’s only your perspective.”

For on the ground, surrounded by the rain,
with vision limited, I see my pain.
But I can know the sun shines way above,
and I can rest in God’s unchanging love.



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Cold Springs FCCLA State STAR Event Gold and Silver winners with Cullman County School Board Superintendent Shane Barnette



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette, right, with Colton Williams of the Good Hope High School fishing team



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette, second from right, with Cullman County Science Fair winners



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette, right, with members of the state champion Good Hope High School weightlifting teams

EDUCATION

County school board recognizes team achievements

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GOOD HOPE – On Thursday evening, the Cullman County School Board continued its program of school outreach by holding its regular meeting at Good Hope High School. Much of the meeting was devoted to recognizing numerous personal and team achievements by system students, including:

Good Hope High School Weightlifting Team
The Good Hope High School boys' and girls' teams both won state championships, and brought back individual awards

Girls
- Bailey Swann- 2nd place and set Power Clean state record for her division
- Kate Kent-2nd Place
- Taylor McClure-2nd Place
- Destiny Jones- 3rd Place
- Emma Brock-3rd Place
- Alee Jackson-4th Place
- Bella Davis-4th Place
- Kristen Hart-5th Place

Boys
- Trevor Pace- 1st Place State Champion
- Matthew Schwaiger- 1st Place State Champion
- Austin Cordes- 1st Place State Champion
- Hudson Leverett- 2nd Place
- Cameron Twilley-3rd Place
- Justin Rasco-4th Place
- Andres Aguilar- 4th place

Good Hope High School Fishing Team
Chase Taylor and Colton Williams placed fifth in the Mossy Oak Bassmaster High School Southern Open.

County Science Fair winners
- Kayley Lindsey, GHHS - won $2,500 Wallace State Leadership Scholarship fall 2018, spring 2019
- Skylar Tucker, GHHS - won Wallace State Dual Enrollment Scholarship for course, fall 2018
- James McWhorter, GHHS - won $400 Wallace State Summer Honors Scholarship
- Chrissi Smith, GHHS - overall high school project winner, and $500 Science Fair Scholarship
- Aubrey Harris, Parkside - overall middle school project winner
- Silas Reynolds, Welti - overall elementary project winner
- Tripp Dingler, West Point ES - overall poster winner

Cold Springs FCCLA State Winners, STAR Events
- Samantha Wilcutt, Gold, Life Event Planning
- Kylie Gann, Gold, Career Investigation
- Matthew Blair and Raegan Lindsey, Gold, Illustrated Talk
- Jessica Roden, Gold, Leadership
- Tess Strawbridge, Silver, Interpersonal Communication
- Mallory Ballenger, Silver, Focus on Children
- Maddie Mitchell, Silver, Career Investigation Junior

Samantha Wilcutt and Kylie Gann will represent the state of Alabama at the FCCLA National Meeting this summer in Atlanta.

During his report, Superintendent Shane Barnette also congratulated:
- West Point High School softball team for winning the county championship
- Good Hope High School scholars' bowl team for winning the 4A state championship
- All county teams that will compete in the National NASP archery tournament in Louisville, Kentucky in May

West Point board representative Gene Sullins added to that list the West Point High School baseball team that qualified for the state playoffs in Birmingham this weekend.

Barnette also recognized Parkside School for achieving Blue Ribbon School status.

Other board business
The board approved several personnel changes but did not announce the names of any affected people at the time of the meeting.

Financial Officer Ed Roberson distributed copies of the February system budget statement, showing that the system has $13,945,900.92 in its general fund, equal to a 67-day reserve fund balance.

The board approved a request to offer Summer School/Credit Recovery core courses at Hanceville High School in June, at $150 per semester credit or $200 for out of district students.

The following out-of-state field trip requests were approved:
- Good Hope High School to Chicago for the National Scholars Bowl Tournament April 26
- West Point Middle School, Vinemont Elementary School, Vinemont Middle School, Welti Elementary School, Good Hope High School, West Point High School to Louisville, Kentucky for the NASP National Archery Tournament in May

The board also approved an overnight trip for West Point Intermediate to visit the McWane Center in Birmingham, May 11-12.

The Cullman County Board of Education will hold its next meeting at 6 p.m. on May 21 at Fairview High School, with work session at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Day (from Front)

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CULLMAN – It was a beautiful sunny morning Friday when the Cullman Area Torch Run took off from the front steps of the Cullman County Courthouse. Led by Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry, the runners set out for Cullman High School's Oliver Woodard Stadium to kick off the 2018 Cullman Area Special Needs Track and Field Day, where almost 200 athletes waited to compete in events designed around their needs and abilities. Cullman County Schools Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Bridget Keef oversaw the games, while Cullman County Sheriff's Office Lt. Rex Sorrow coordinated the Torch Run.

Before the Torch Run began, Gentry told The Tribune, "This is just a good event. This will actually be my fourth year running it with all the guys with the (Special Needs Field Day), and it's just a good event for the children.

"You know, we're just all blessed to live in a community that comes out and supports our kids the way we do. Today will be a great day for all the kids.

"And at the sheriff's office, we're big proponents of taking care of our special needs children--you know we have our special needs rodeo. So this is just kind of an added bonus for us with the Torch Run, for us to do it here locally. Lt. Sorrow does a great job with it for the sheriff's office, and we just appreciate all the support."

At the stadium, Gentry passed off the torch to special needs athletes, who carried it around the track before the official opening of the games.

This year's numbers of athletes, volunteers and spectators showed a marked increase over previous years. According to Keef, "Last year we had, I think, like 130 student athletes participating, and this year we have almost 200."

Part of the reason for that, she said, was the change of venue from the Child Development Center to Cullman High School five years ago. The larger facility is better suited to large athletic events.

"It's easier to have it organized in a bigger facility," said Maureen Chaney, a retired Cullman special education teacher who worked with the program in its earlier days. "It was too small for the crowd that was growing."

Keef added, "This facility is what makes it. If it weren't for this stadium, we wouldn't be able to have it all together."

Each athlete had an assigned volunteer buddy from one of the area high schools to stay with him or her throughout the event, and so many students volunteered to help that there ended up being five more buddies than athletes.

"Every child got a helper this year, and then I had a few extra," said Keef, "and then the sheriff's department and the city police department, they also volunteer as well. And the Pilot Club volunteers, they help with our lunch."

Keef also noted the donation of event medals by Wal-Mart Transportation and the sheriff's office's donation of ribbons and cooking duties at the stadium.

"Everybody has been wonderful: all the principals, the special ed. teachers; all the club sponsors have helped tremendously. Two days ago, I was missing 30 volunteers, and today I had five extra. So they come through on the last minute.

"The city (schools) superintendent and county (schools) superintendent, Matt Gentry and the sheriff's department, and Chief (Kenny) Culpepper and the police department have just been awesome. And everybody at the CDC that helped me at school with paperwork, they've been awesome, too!"



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Runners and community leaders gathered on the front steps of the Cullman County Courthouse before the Torch Run on Friday, April 20, 2018.



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Wallace State students Challie Johnson, Taylor Urech recognized at All-Alabama Academic Team banquet

Russell Moore
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PRATTVILLE – Wallace State students Challie Johnson and Taylor Urech were recognized recently at the Alabama Academic Team Scholars banquet held at the Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Prattville.

The All-Alabama Academic Team recognition program was founded in 1995 to complement the All-USA Academic Team Program sponsored by USA Today, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the American Association of Community Colleges. The All-Alabama Academic Team Foundation conducts the annual banquet in association with the ACCS and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Johnson maintains a 4.0 GPA at Wallace State and plans to transfer to UNA to earn a bachelor's degree in marketing. Johnson, who lives in Massey, is a business major and hopes to own her own business one day.

"This has been a huge honor. I was excited to have the chance, and it's been very special to be a part of," said Johnson, a sophomore. "I've loved every minute of my time at Wallace State. It's been awesome."

Johnson is very active on Wallace State's campus, serving as the Phi Theta Kappa President, and is also a member of the Rotaract Club, the Mane Issue newspaper staff, Campus Ministries and Sigma Kappa Delta. She was named the 2018 Wallace State Homecoming Queen in January.

Urech, a sophomore from Cullman, currently maintains a 3.8 GPA as a Dental Assisting major at Wallace State. After graduation next month, Urech plans to transfer to the University of Alabama, where she'll pursue a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in general business. She ultimately wants to enroll in dental school.

"This is an awesome honor. It definitely motivates me as I look forward to continuing my education," Urech said. "It makes me feel capable of becoming a dentist one day and accomplishing big goals."

Urech, a 2016 graduate of Good Hope High School, is a member of Wallace State's Sigma Kappa Delta and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Societies and is an active volunteer with Daystar Church.

In addition to Johnson and Urech, attending the banquet from Wallace State were President Dr. Vicki Karolewics; Lisa German, Dean of Health Sciences; Jennifer Hill, Interim Dean of Students and Tonda Carter, an Academic Advisor.

Alabama Community College System Chancellor Jimmy Baker and respective college administrators presented medallions to student recipients from each college.

"It is a great honor to recognize these 46 outstanding students from our community colleges across the state for their commitment to excellence and their service to their communities," Chancellor Baker said.

"The individuals selected for the All-Alabama Academic Team represent our state's best and brightest and I'm truly optimistic for our state's future with students like these at the helm."

The All-USA and All-Alabama Academic Team recognition is open to all eligible students. Students interested in applying submit applications to their local community college's Phi Theta Kappa nominator. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and be enrolled in a minimum of six semester credit hours. Each nominator reviews the applications and submits nominations for consideration for the All-USA Academic Team. Applications are scored and two individuals from each Alabama community college are selected for the All-Alabama Academic Team.



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Wallace State was well represented at the All-Alabama Academic Team banquet. Pictured are, from left, Wallace State interim Dean of Students Jennifer Hill, students Taylor Urech and Challie Johnson and Wallace State President Dr. Vicki Karolewics.

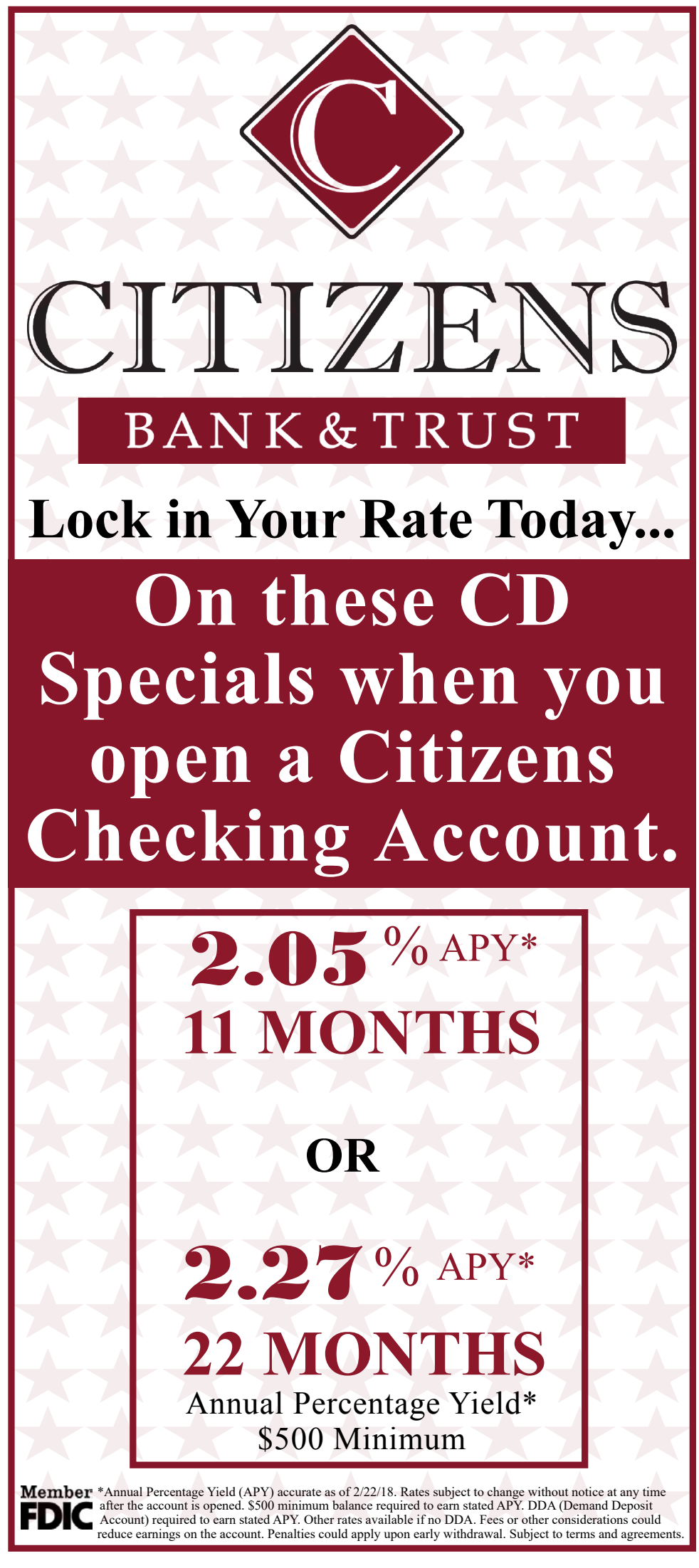
In total more than $64,000 in scholarships was awarded to the recognized students. For those students intending to transfer to a four-year, in-state institution, 14 Alabama colleges and universities also provide additional scholarships for All-Alabama Academic Team members.

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









Wallace State's men's basketball forward Jonathan Andre signs with Northern Arizona

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State men's basketball forward Jonathan Andre signed a letter of intent with Northern Arizona this week, marking the 14th consecutive season a Lions' player has inked with a Division I program.

Andre, a 6-foot-6 forward from Miami, averaged 12.9 points and 5.8 rebounds for Wallace State during the 2017-2018 season. He was second on the team in both points and rebounds and shot 46 percent from the field. Andre registered double-digit point efforts in 19 of 28 games for the Lions, starting all 28.

Andre, a transfer from Mercy College in New York, will have three years of eligibility remaining for coach Jack Murphy and the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks, who compete in the Big Sky Conference.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play at the Division I level and I'm excited for the opportunity. I went through the recruiting process with an open mind, and coach (John) Meeks and the staff helped me throughout," Andre said. "Northern Arizona was the first offer I got during the season, and they stuck with me through the ups and downs. I feel like I'm joining another great family. They care about me."

Andre and Wallace State teammate Trevoris Waugh both played at high school powerhouse Miami Norland, where they won a state championship. Andre becomes the eight-player in as many seasons to sign with a Division I college under Wallace State men's basketball coach John Meeks. "I think that's a big statement for our program. I think Division I coaches see the preparation level our players have both academically and on the basketball court. No player leaves here unprepared, and I think that is a testament to the level of players we continue to draw into the program," Meeks said.

"Northern Arizona is getting a player in Jonathan (Andre) who can do a lot of things on the floor. He's a good shooter and is skilled offensively where he can play multiple positions effectively. He's accomplished many things during his one year with us, and I'm proud of him."

Andre is grateful for his one season in Hanceville. "We fought through a lot as a team, and I think that helped me grow as a person and athlete. We started off hot, hit a dry spell and picked it back up again. That's part of life as well. I hope to take those lessons to the next level," Andre said.

Along with Andre signing with Northern Arizona, Meeks secured sophomore commitments this week from returners Chris Rollins, Jerry Lwamba, Jalen Hodges, Demarkus Lampley, Geordon Walker, Max Clark, Mike Johnson and Josh Scott.

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



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Wallace State's Jonathan Andre signed with Northern Arizona University this week after averaging 12.9 points and 5.9 rebounds in his one season with the Lions.

WSCC women's golf wins 2nd consecutive ACCC Tournament championship

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State's women's golf team captured its second consecutive Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC)/ Region 22 Tournament championship this week, earning it in convincing fashion.

The Lady Lions won by an impressive 98 strokes, securing their fourth tournament championship of the spring at Cross Creek Golf Course.

Wallace State freshman Michaela Bryan earned her first tournament low medalist title and teammates Annalee Stephens, Anna Seahorn and Anna Williams were also All-Tournament selections.

Wallace State NJCAA Hall of Fame coach Dan York was named the ACCC Coach of the Year, adding another piece of hardware to his trophy case.

"This is an awesome group of women, and they work extremely hard. It speaks volumes when you have four girls make the All-Tournament team, including another low medalist," York said. "They take pride in what they do and have fun."

Bryan, a Tupelo, Mississippi, native, has knocked on the door of a low medalist title all season and broke through in the ACCC Tournament, outlasting Stephens by five strokes. She finished with a 20-over par 164 (81-83).

Among Wallace State's four tournament championships this spring, Bryan was twice an All-Tournament selection.

"I came to Wallace State with big expectations, and it's great to see the hard work pay off in this tournament and all season. Winning with this team is fun. We don't worry about the leaderboard. We go out and play the best we can each round," Bryan said.

Stephens, a Jasper native, finished as the individual runner-up after winning three low medalist crowns over the past two months. Stephens carded a 25-over 169 after winning the ACCC low medalist championship last season.

"I'm happy for Michaela and for our team. It's a great knowing our team has won the first two conference championships and began something special," Stephens said.

Seahorn, a freshman from Red Bay, made an All-Tournament team for the fourth time this season, placing third with a 170.

Anna Williams rounded out Wallace State's All-Tournament selections. She finished tied for fourth with a 177.

Wallace State sophomore Dalys Mullican finished 7th overall, carding a 186.

Snead State was the runner-up as the league tournament continues to grow in numbers.

Before this week, Wallace State previously earned championships this season at the Northeast Alabama Tournament, Calhoun Invitational and Snead State Spring Invite.

Wallace State, in its third season overall, now turns its focus to the NJCAA Division I National Championship tournament to be played May 14-17 in Mesa, Ariz.

The Lady Lions finished 12th in the nation last season.

"We know the competition will be tough, but our team this season is much better than last season's.

"We have five players who can shoot in the 70's and hang with anyone. We should be much more confident," Stephens said.

Added York: "We are excited and looking forward to going to nationals. Annalee and Dalys have been there and can tell our team what to expect. There's nothing better on that stage than experience," York said.

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Wallace State's women's golf team won its second straight ACCC Tournament championship! Pictured are, from left, Anna Williams, Dalys Mullican, Annalee Stephens, Anna Seahorn and Michaela Bryan.

Awards (from Front)

third with county connections made strong showings in categories based on company size:

• Birmingham-based Birmingham Fastener, which maintains a distribution center in Hanceville, was named the BCA/ATN Medium Manufacturer of the Year.

• While only the top places were awarded, REHAU Automotive, LLC was the runner-up for Large Manufacturer of the Year.

• Cullman-based Topre America was recognized as the AAMA Large Supplier of the Year.

"If you think about that," said Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer, "a county this size, and they recognized 12 or 15 manufacturers in all of Alabama, and we had three of them there, and two of the three win, and the other one's a runner-up, that's pretty dang impressive!"

ATN Cullman Center Director Perry Shields told The Tribune, "As the director for the local ATN, I was very proud of all of our local companies. I work hand in hand with all three companies. Congratulations to Topre for being a winner in the Supplier of the Year, and congratulations to REHAU Automotive for being first runner-up in the Large Manufacturer of the Year category, which is a very competitive category with companies like ADTRAN and Amerex . . . Those are a prestigious group of companies, and just to have them nominated, much less be first runner-up--very proud of them, the great work their plant Manager Albert Von Pelser and his team has done over the years. We're proud to partner with them."

Manufacturer of the Year finalists included ADTRAN, Inc; Amerex Corp.; Birmingham Fastener; Cahaba Brewing Co.; Ecovery, LLC; KAMTEK; REHAU Automotive, LLC; and Singin' River Brewing Co.

The Manufacturer of the Year awards recognize Alabama's manufacturing enterprises that exhibit excellence in leadership, performance, profitability, and workforce relations. Winners are selected by an independent panel of judges based on demonstrations of superior performance in customer focus, employee commitment, operating excellence, continuous improvement, profitable growth, and investment in training and retraining.

"The annual Manufacturer of the Year Awards seek to honor Alabama manufacturers – from the largest industrial employers to the smallest businesses – for displaying efficiency, safety, and excellence in their products and the process for making them,' said William J. Canary, president and CEO of the BCA. 'Quite simply, manufacturing is an economic engine powering the state's economy."

Governor Kay Ivey was the 2018 MOTY Awards keynote speaker.

"From automobiles to aerospace to everyday products and equipment, whether for our own use or for export around the globe, Alabama's manufacturers create high-quality jobs and produce substantial economic benefits," Ivey said. "Our manufacturers are very important to us and we are committed to helping them succeed and thrive."

Since its beginning in 2000, the BCA and ATN award ceremony has attracted Alabama dignitaries and manufacturing leaders to honor companies that are committed to improving Alabama's economy.

ATN Executive Director Keith Phillips said the companies acknowledged today represent the best in Alabama manufacturing and the use of technology.

"Now in its 19th year, the Alabama Technology Network and the Business Council of Alabama are honored to salute Alabama's best manufacturers for their valuable participation in not only the state's economy but also the economies of their employees and the suppliers who do business with them,' Phillips said."

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Alabama unemployment rate up slightly to 3.8%; Cullman's rate dips to 3.2%

State adds 20,000 jobs over the year, experiences increased wages

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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Labor released the state's latest unemployment numbers Friday morning. Alabama's preliminary, seasonally adjusted March 2018 unemployment rate is 3.8 percent, up slightly from February's rate of 3.7 percent, well below March 2017's rate of 5.0 percent. Cullman County's rate fell to 3.2 percent, down from 3.6 percent in February 2018, and significantly down from March 2017's rate of 4.2 percent.

Statewide, March's rate represents 81,229 unemployed persons, compared to 80,571 in February and 109,645 in March 2017.

According to Alabama Labor Secretary Fitzgerald Washington, over the year, Alabama's wage and salary employment increased 20,100, with gains in the leisure and hospitality sector (+4,400), the professional and business services sector (+3,400), and the education and health services sector (+3,400), among others.

Wage and salary employment increased in March by 12,600, compared to February 2018. Monthly gains were seen in the leisure and hospitality sector (+4,600), the professional and business services sector (+2,500), the trade, transportation, and utilities sector (+1,900), and the construction sector (+1,600), among others.

In March, 2,081,906 people were counted as employed, up from February's count of 2,080,346, and significantly higher than March 2017's count of 2,063,770.

"Alabama is benefiting from a strong economy right now, and this month's employment numbers show that we are keeping that momentum going," said Washington. "Alabamians are working and employers are adding jobs. Not only that, but wages are rising as well. In fact, our construction industry is recording its highest weekly wages in more than a decade."

Average weekly earnings in the construction sector were $975.53 in March, the highest in a decade, up $64.25 from February, and up $87.99 from March 2017. Average weekly earnings for all private industry were $811.01 in March, up $4.96 from February, and up $28.16 from March 2017.

"All of our major cities and metro areas saw their unemployment rates drop both over the month and over the year," continued Washington. "Sixty-six of 67 counties saw their rates drop this month, and all counties have significantly lower rates now than they did a year ago. We can also once again say that all of our counties have single digit unemployment rates, as Wilcox County had both the largest monthly and yearly drop to bring its rate down to 9.4 percent."

Counties with the lowest unemployment rates are: Shelby County at 2.8 percent, Cullman County at 3.2 percent and Marshall County at 3.3 percent. Counties with the highest unemployment rates are: Wilcox County at 9.4 percent, Clarke County at 7.4 percent and Lowndes County at 6.9 percent.

Major cities with the lowest unemployment rates are: Vestavia Hills at 2.4 percent, Homewood at 2.6 percent, and Alabaster, Hoover and Northport at 2.8 percent. Major cities with the highest unemployment rates are: Prichard at 6.9 percent, Selma at 6.4 percent and Anniston at 5.7 percent.

Wallace State Medical Laboratory Technician program celebrating Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 22-28

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Community College's Medical Laboratory Technician program will be celebrating Medical Laboratory Professionals Week April 22-28 with a number of activities. Presented by the America Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), the week is an annual celebration of medical laboratory professionals and pathologists who play a vital role in health care and patient advocacy.

The theme for the 2018 Lab Week is "Star Lab: Helping patients live long and prosper."

"As medical laboratory technicians, we take our jobs very seriously," said Chris Cleghorn, director of the Medical Laboratory Technician program at Wallace State. "It's very important that we perform our duties correctly to ensure proper care is given to every patient. Our job at Wallace State is to make sure every graduate has the training and knowledge they need to perform their duties accurately and with the utmost professionalism."

Wallace State's Medical Laboratory Technician program is transitioning this fall to a 1+1 curriculum format, where students will complete their first year of academic prerequisites before applying to the program and completing the associate degree in the next year. Applications are currently being accepted through June 1.

Medical laboratory technicians collect samples and perform tests to analyze body fluids, tissue and other substances. Their findings help physicians diagnose and treat their patients. They must be able to use technology, be detail oriented, and have dexterity as they work with needles and precision laboratory instruments. The must also physical stamina to work on their feet for long periods of time and to assist patients.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) predicts employment of medical laboratory technicians will increase by 14 percent from 2016 to 2026 as an aging population is expected to lead to a greater need to diagnose medical conditions.

The national median annual wage for medical laboratory technicians in May 2016 was $39.950. The middle 50 percent earned between $26,010 and $31,250 and the highest 10 percent made more than $61,000, according to BLS.



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Wallace State Community College Medical Laboratory Technician student Khanie Cantrell, left, examines bacteria on a blood agar plate, while Anna Wheeler inputs her findings into an iPad.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with Section 17-9-5 of the Code of Alabama, notice is hereby given that a Democrat and Republican Primary Election will be held in Cullman County, Alabama on June 5, 2018. The following offices will be on the ballots:

Democrat Ballot

- Governor
- United States Representative, 4th Congressional District
- Attorney General
- Secretary of State
- State Democratic Executive Committee (Male) District No. 11
- State Democratic Executive Committee (Female) District No. 11

Republican Ballot

- Governor
- Lieutenant Governor
- United States Representative, 4th Congressional District
- Attorney General
- State Senator District No. 4
- State Representative District No. 9
- State Representative District No. 12
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
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- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 2
- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place No. 3
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- State Auditor
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- Public Service Commission, Place No. 1
- Public Service Commission, Place No. 2
- Circuit Court Judge, 32nd Judicial Circuit, Place No. 2
- Cullman County Judge of Probate
- Member, Cullman County Commission, Place No. 2
- Member, Cullman County Board of Education, Fairview/District No. 2
- Member, Cullman County Board of Education, Good Hope/District No. 7
- State Republican Executive Committee, Cullman County, Place No. 2
- State Republican Executive Committee, Cullman County, Place No. 3
- Cullman County Republican Executive Committee, At Large
- Cullman County Republican Executive Committee, City of Cullman
- Cullman County Republican Executive Committee, West Side
- Cullman County Republican Executive Committee, Fairview/District No. 2

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
HANNAH NICOLE BATES, Deceased,) CASE NO. PC2018-113

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to **LIONEL J. BATES** and **SONYA L. BATES**, Personal Representatives on the estate of **HANNAH NICOLE BATES** on the 3rd day of April, 2018, by the **HONORABLE TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County**, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or the same will be barred.

Gregory A. Johnson (JOH 152)
Attorney for Petitioner
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TO: Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
LINDA JESTER STEPHENS
Deceased. PC2018-132

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration have been granted to Bennie Levolice Jester as Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF LINDA JESTER STEPHENS, deceased, on the 13th day of April, 2018 by Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. 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 shall forever thereafter be barred.

Bennie Levolice Jester,
Personal Representative.

J. Witty Allen
Attorney for Estate
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To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
FANNIE JANE TIDMORE * CASE NO: PC2018-129
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR SUMMARY DISTRIBUTION

A petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of FANNIE JANE TIDMORE, has been filed by WILLIAM E. MAXWELL, III, on the 11th day of April, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by the law or same will be barred.

That said petition is hereby set for hearing on the 20th day of June, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

William E. Maxwell, III
Petitioner

Attorney:
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Please publish the foregoing notice in the Cullman Tribune ONE TIME and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
BILLY GLEN FREEMAN, * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
deceased. * CASE NO. PC2018-107

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Sue Freeman, as Administratrix of the Estate of Billy Glen Freeman, deceased, on the 3rd day of April, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Done this the 3rd day of April, 2018.

TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for 3 consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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‘Making Alabama: Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit’ open at WSCC through May 24

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HANCEVILLE – The “Making Alabama: Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit” officially opened at the Evelyn Burrow Museum at Wallace State Community College Thursday and the building was packed with anxious visitors waiting to take their trip through the exhibit. The exhibit is a statewide celebration of 200 years of statehood presented by the Alabama Humanities Foundation in partnership with the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the Alabama Bicentennial Commission. The exhibit showcases the decisions and turning points that shaped Alabama history, culture and geography through interactive displays and teaching resources.

Before the ribbon cutting, a few representatives from the different organizations spoke, including Chairman of the Cullman’s Alabama Bicentennial Committee, Drew Green. After some introductions, the event’s guest speaker, Maurice Gandy, was invited up on stage to deliver his lecture, “Famous Lost Words: Recording and Preserving Oral History.” As an English professor and feature correspondent for the Mobile Press-Register, Gandy’s lecture was meant to inspire people to use some basic techniques of interviewing and recording to better remember and pass on personal family histories as well as community histories.

After the exhibit was opened, Green gave a quick breakdown of what the exhibit has to offer on both a statewide and a local level.

“The Cullman County Bicentennial Committee was approached about hosting this exhibition and the way it’s designed there are actually five set-ups and it’s designed to travel to all 67 counties,” Green said.

“They chose us in Cullman to be one of the first places to host it because they knew we had done an exhibition in 2015 and it was big success, so they wanted us to have one of the first ‘Making Alabama’ exhibitions so people from other communities would come see us and use us as an example. It goes through 2019 so if you miss it here you can see it somewhere else, but you will never see the local part of it.”

Green went on to talk about some of the work that went into preparing the exhibit as well as some of his favorite features.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The ribbon was cut on the “Making Alabama: Bicentennial Traveling Exhibit” at the Evelyn Burrow Museum on the campus of Wallace State on Thursday, April 19, 2018. The exhibit is open through May 24.

“There’s eight different eras that the main exhibit represents and then we’ve tried to pull in local aspects of that. I work at the Cullman County Museum and instead of me doing everything we approached different organizations that we thought were a good fit.

”The first panel is pre-history up to 1700 so I contacted the Cullman County Archaeological Society and they did a case for me. One of the most interesting ones that I was excited about, a lot of people don’t know about Cullman’s connection to the space industry,” Green said. “Mary Hovater, who is a graduate of Wallace, and her father, Joe Hayden, both have been involved with NASA, and her father early on helped make the gyroscopes that all the rockets used, it was made in Cullman. It’s just kind of been a labor of love, but we’ve had a lot of volunteers in our local committee that helped us, so it was fun.”

Green is relieved and excited that the doors are finally open and now he’s just ready for people to come out and see what they’ve built.

“We’ve been excited since we shut the last case and wanted to get everybody here, so we could show it. We were pretty sure we were going to here some ‘oohs’ and ‘aahs,’ and we did, so we’re grateful for that,” Green smiled.

“It’s going through the 24th (of May) and we encourage people to come and if there are groups that want to come they can call here or the Cullman County Museum and let us know and we’ll make arrangements to guide them through, otherwise it’s open anytime you’d like to come.”

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