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Visitors from Frankweiler arrived at the Cullman County Museum late Thursday afternoon. L-R: Sigrid Rong, Klaus Feindel, Verena Rong and Karl Fiscus

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CVS on Cherokee robbed; CPD asking for public's help

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CULLMAN – The CVS Pharmacy at 1906 Cherokee Ave. SW in Cullman was robbed Thursday night, and the Cullman Police Department is asking for the public's assistance- HAVE YOU SEEN THIS VEHICLE? The suspect's car has a white driver's side door.

According to CPD Lt. Gene Bates, the lead investigator, no CVS employees were physically harmed in the incident.

Bates said the suspect, a male, entered the store at approximately 8:10 p.m., demanding oxycodone.

"He came in, demanding oxycodone," said Bates. "He did get 32 pills."

Bates said employees believe the suspect was wearing a disguise. In surveillance videos and images, the suspect appears to be wearing a mask.

He said the scene was processed Thursday night, and that Sgt. David Nassetta and Sgt. Todd Chiaranda are involved in the investigation.

"The best chance we have of finding him is the vehicle," said Bates. "If someone recognizes the vehicle or knows where it is, please contact the police department."

Call 256-734-1434 or 256-775-7170 if you have information.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Surveillance image of the suspect





CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Surveillance image of the suspect's car, which has a distinctive white driver's side door

EDUCATION

City school board approves emergency repairs to East and West Elementary

Archery teams getting ready for national competition



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The Cullman City School Board met in an emergency session Friday morning to approve emergency repairs for East and West Elementary Schools.

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CULLMAN – In an emergency session Friday morning, the Cullman City School Board approved a proposed plan for temporary roof repairs at East and West Elementary Schools, where buildings were damaged during the March 19 hail storm. Stephen Ward & Associates, Inc. has lined up a team from West Roofing to come over from

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Cullman man indicted for counterfeiting

Dept. of Justice, U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Ala.

BIRMINGHAM – A federal grand jury on Friday indicted two north Alabama men in unrelated counterfeiting cases, announced U.S. Attorney Jay E. Town and U.S. Secret Service Special Agent in Charge Michael Williams.

A five-count indictment filed in U.S. District Court charges Connor Douglas Glass, 25, of Cullman, with making counterfeit $100 and $20 bills in Cullman and Jackson counties between January 2017 and October 2017. The indictment also charges Glass with possessing counterfeit $100 and $20 bills on Oct. 27, 2017, in Jackson County. The indictment charges Glass with separate counts of passing counterfeit bills at three different Dollar General Stores in Cullman and Jackson counties. Glass was aided by others in passing the counterfeit money, according to the indictment.

An unrelated indictment charges Montrez Chebeir Martin, 33, of Huntsville, with three counts of passing counterfeit $50 bills to separate individuals in Madison and Morgan counties in September 2017. The indictment identifies the individuals only by initials.

A fourth count of the indictment against Martin charges him as a convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a Smith & Wesson .40-caliber, on Sept. 3, 2017, in Morgan County. According to the indictment, Martin was convicted of second-degree theft in state court in Iowa in 2014 and of second-degree assault in Madison County, Ala., Circuit Court in 2017.

Each of the counterfeiting charges carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine. The charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

The Secret Service investigated the cases, which Assistant U.S. Attorney Davis Barlow is prosecuting.

Arrest reports: April 25-26

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for April 25-26. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Alvarado, Jose Garcia, 36
• second-degree criminal mischief

Bailey, Ashley Carol, 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Carr, Steven Wayne, 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Curvin, Meshach John, 22
• FTA- first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Drake, Devron Lashay, 20
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of a controlled substance

Duke, William Thomas, 32
• carrying a pistol without a license
• illegal possession of alcohol

Fuller, Dimitri Devonn, 28
• public intoxication

Goodman, Eric David, 48
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Morris, Bobby David, 44
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

Rouse, Ricky Gene, 40
• FTA- menacing
• attempting to elude

Stevens, Kimberly Leann, 47
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Trammel, Lana Kay, 55
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Walker, Jackie Lee Jr., 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bailey, Ashley C., 32
• giving false information to a law enforcement officer

George, William B., 35
• FTA- speeding
• FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Baggette, Victoria Alexis, 21
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- liability insurance required

Downs, Hershel Wayne, 58
• judge's order- first-degree theft of property

Duckett, Morgan Alyssa, 23
• fourth-degree theft of property

Gioconda, Misty Sutterfield, 43
• interfering with a domestic violence emergency

Hancock, Terry Lee, 62
• probation revoked- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Hinman, Lauren Peyton, 25
• second-degree unlawful possession marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Levi, Jacqueline Denise, 39
• FTA- DUI- controlled substance

Mason, David Ray, 44
• FTA- driving while suspended
• FTA- liability insurance required

McKenzie, Cameron Blake, 23
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Needham, Robie Wayne, 48
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Parker, Galon Wesley, 37
• parole violation/ revocation- second-degree theft of property

Peralta, Francisco Salvador, 22
• GJ- second-degree assault

Robertson, Stacey Nobles, 48
• GJ- second-degree identity theft

Rouse, Ricky Gene, 40
• attempting to elude

Thomas, Bobby Wayne, 35
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vines, Misty A., 37
• FTA- third-degree theft of property
• FTA- giving false information to a law enforcement officer

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No arrests reported.

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

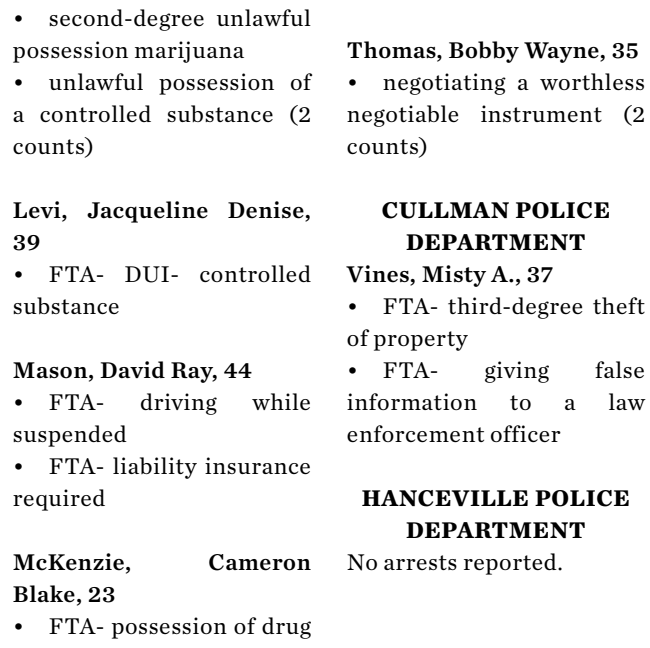
Jim Hays of Cullman joins Citizens Bank & Trust Board of Directors

Kasey Crochet Culbert
Contributor

CULLMAN – Citizens Bank & Trust recently announced the appointment of James E. "Jim" Hays, Jr. of Cullman to its board of directors. The appointment expands the board to nine directors.

"Jim is an accomplished business leader and his broad experience across important industries will add a valuable perspective to our board of directors," said Charlie Williams, president and CEO of Citizens Bank & Trust. "We appreciate his willingness to serve as a director and are confident that he will add great value to our board of directors."

Hays, a Cullman native, is the president of Hays & Son Oil Co., Inc., Dodge City Travel Center, Inc., and the managing member of Hays Properties, LLC and JTK Group, LLC. These companies are centered in Cullman. Hays graduated from Cullman High Schools in 1976, the same year his family bought a small gas distributorship in Cullman. The business grew into Hays & Son Oil Company and now markets more than 20 million gallons a year of gas and fuel through retail outlets branded Conoco, Pure, Chevron and Shell and approximately 200 customers in agriculture, construction and trucking businesses. Hays and his family also founded two real estate development companies in Hays Properties, LLC and JTK Group, LLC. Hays has served in the petroleum industry as a founding member and stock holder of the Pure Oil Jobbers Cooperative which markets fuel in 10 southeastern states. He has served two terms on the Pure Oil Board of Directors and is currently serving his



CITIZENS BANK & TRUST

Jim Hays

second term on the board of the National Association of Truckstop Operators (NATSO).

Hays and his wife, Terri, have been married and working together for 36 years. They have one daughter, Karen, a teacher, and a son-in-law, Jordan Graham, who is a nurse. Hays has been a member of Northbrook Baptist Church since 1999 and has served on various committees including Stewardship, Properties and Long Range Planning.

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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 the 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.

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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
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

NELLIE M. BARBER,
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-900100.00**

CHRISTOPHER J. BARBER,
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Christopher J. Barber, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Nellie M. Barber's Complaint for Divorce by June 25, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900100.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 26th day of April, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Hanceville votes to reopen city pool; sidewalk grant sought

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday evening, the Hanceville City Council reversed gears on its plan to close the city pool at C.W. Day Park, voting instead to reopen the facility. The council voted in January to close the pool due to concern over financial losses (the pool lost more than $35,000 in 2017) and the apparent accumulation of potentially dangerous black mold in the pool.

The City had at first looked at plans to fill in the pool and install a splash pad on the site, with a proposed cost of around $65,000, less than the $75,000 estimated cost of repair to the pool. Council members backtracked, though, when splash pad estimates proved to be far too low.

When Mayor Kenneth Nail had a representative of Burleson Pool Co., Inc. in Huntsville come down and look at the pool, the expert determined that the pool suffered not from black mold, but from more easily treatable black algae. The company estimated that the pool could be treated and restored to readiness to swim for only $4,800.

With assurances from the company representative, who spoke to the council live via conference call, that the $4,800 amount plus the cost of water for a refill would make the pool ready to use, the council voted unanimously to reopen the pool and contract with Burleson Pool for the necessary treatment.

The council did not announce a specific date for reopening the pool.

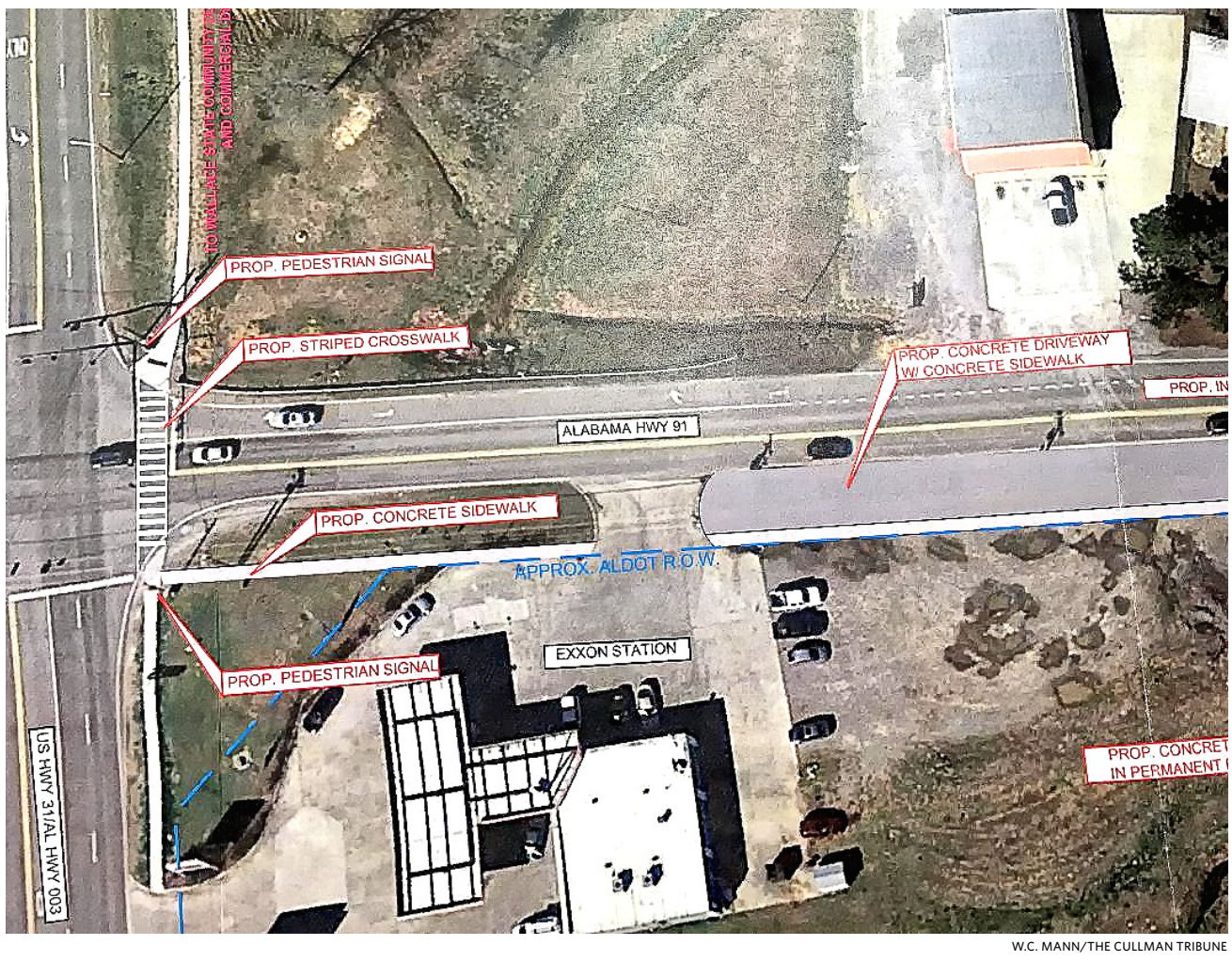
TAP grant

The council also approved a resolution to seek a state Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant to improve sidewalks along Alabama Highway 91 and Church Street, and to improve pedestrian crossings at the US Highway 31/Alabama Highway 91 intersection. Citing the needs of local residents and the role that better sidewalks could play in downtown revitalization, the council voted to seek an 80/20 grant to cover a proposed project coat of $162,652.33 with the City putting up a $32, 530.47 cash match to cover 20 percent of the project cost.

Free pantry

Cheyanne Campbell came forward during the public comments portion of the meeting and asked the council's opinion on the idea of location a free take-or-leave food pantry in Hanceville, similar to the pantry located near Mary Carter Hardware in downtown Cullman (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/01/17/little-free-pantry-coming-cullman). Members received the idea well, voting to support Campbell's plan, and recommending that the pantry be located behind the library, where it would be accessible to parking and within sight of the police station. The council even voted to commit $250 toward the cost of materials for the project.

The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hanceville City Hall auditorium, with work session at 6. The public is invited to attend.



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The council also voted to seek a TAP grant to improve sidewalks and pedestrian crossings around the US Highway 31/Alabama Highway 91 intersection.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1955

Earnest Swann has gone back to work at the American Bridge Company in Birmingham. Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hancock and boys spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Allred and family, in Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Haynes, of Auburndale, Florida, are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Leroy Campbell spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Larry Dale, of Pleasant Grove. Reverend J.B. Thompson has been ill and in the Jasper hospital. Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for Mrs. Birdie Mae Glasscock, 78, who died at her residence, on June 15th. The Reverend J.

Gilbert Speake conducted the services at Seventh Street Baptist Church. Survivors are: seven sons, Troy, Fred, Louie, Rufus, Charles, Claiborn and Harold Glasscock; one daughter, Mrs. Pearlie Mae Thomas; fifteen grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Eli Davis and one brother, Eugene Harris.

Pound loaf of bread, 15 cents at Brothers. Ad.

The June 2nd Mystery Farm has been correctly identified as that of H.K. Tilley, of Route Four, Cullman. This 102 acre farm was previously owned by Mr. Tilley's father, L.A. "Bud" Tilley. However, the present owner has been on the farm for the last 30 years. He has 75 acres in cultivation, on which he raises cotton, plants of various kinds, cattle, hogs and Shetland ponies. He does most of his farming by tractor, but some by mules.

Before her marriage on April 19th, 1924, Mrs. Tilley was Maudie Gilland. They have four daughters: Mrs. Charles Dunn, of Route One, Vinemont, Mrs. James Logan, of Birmingham, Mrs. Jack Nix, of Route Six, Cullman and Mrs. Ben Hoenig, of Columbus, Georgia and one son, Dwight Tilley, of Route Four, Cullman.

The Tilleys are Baptist. He is a director of the Farmer's Marketing and Exchange Association and she is a member of the Grandview Home Demonstration Club.

Fishing, boxing and all sports are listed by Mr. Tilley as his hobbies, while Mrs. Tilley says that traveling is her hobby. Last summer the Tilleys enjoyed a long motor trip through 16 states and into Canada.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sometimes being late might save your life

Bill King
Tribune
Contributor



I hate to be late. I had rather arrive thirty minutes early, than be ten minutes late. I also get a little annoyed at others who are late, especially if I'm waiting. It has been said that when we are late, we are actually robbing those who are waiting on us. I've been robbed of my time, but honestly, I've been guilty of robbing others of theirs too, but I don't like either. Probably, most of us have had both happen. There are legitimate reasons for being late and some that are beyond our control. We've all gotten caught in traffic, gotten lost, spilt coffee on ourselves, or overslept. There are those people; however, who are always late. As the old cliché goes, they will be late for their own funeral, but then in one sense of the word, everyone is. In this age of political correct names and titles, someone who is chronically tardy could be called chronologically challenged!

I spent thirty years of my life as a pastor and eleven as a denominational worker. I've seen my share of late arrivers and I've heard most of the excuses for being late; some humorous, some not. Every spring, when the time changes, someone always says, "Oh no, is today time change Sunday?" I must admit, I do love the surprise on their faces when they walk in only to find everyone else walking out. A teacher asked her student, "Do you realize you have been tardy every day this week; five days in a row?"

The student grinned as he said, "No, Ma'am, but that sure does make me happy." She replied, "Well, it certainly doesn't make me happy. Why on earth would that make you happy?" He answered, "Because that means today is Friday, and Friday is the last day of school!"

I read some great excuses from others for their tardiness. My favorite was a lady who said, "I was going out the door when I walked into a spider's web. I couldn't find the spider, so I had to go back inside and take another shower." Another said, "My left turn signal went out, so I had to make all right-hand turns to get to church. Do you realize how much longer that takes?" Yogi Berra once said, "I guess that is the earliest I've ever been late."

As aggravating as the problem of tardiness may be, there may be times when it could be good. My friend, Pastor Chuck Vincent, told the following story.

On March 1, 1950, choir practice was scheduled for 7:30 at the West Side Baptist Church in Beatrice, Nebraska. Most of the choir members normally arrived around 7:15. The pastor, about to head to church with his wife, discovered that his daughter's dress needed changing.

A man named Harry Ahl was going to take his two boys to practice, but got lost in a conversation, forgetting the time. One high school girl needed to finish her homework. Two sisters were ready, but their car wouldn't start. The pianist, Marilyn Paul, fell asleep, so she and her mother arrived much later than usual. Joyce Black, just feeling lazy, waited until the last minute.

All fifteen members of the choir were hindered from being on time. At 7:25, due to a gas leak, there was an explosion and the church was destroyed. The choir members would have probably been killed, except that they were all strangely late. Therefore, rejoice today and thank God in faith for those problems and obstacles you've been frustrated about. Who knows, you may find out someday, that the delay they caused may have actually saved your life.

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Poet's Corner

Some Thoughts On Faith

By: Rita Aiken Moritz
Pell City, Alabama

My shaky faith, one of those fickle things...
just when I need it most, it spreads its wings
to fly away and leave me in despair
and asking in my heart, "Does my God care?"
And yet I know He's helped me in the past.
So why don't memories of those times last?

My heart should trust a God, who knows my name.
And yet I don't, so fear is mixed with shame
when I so quickly stagger in dismay,
forgetting how He helped me yesterday.
And then I turn, my desperation great,
to God's own Word, where He does not berate.

Instead He offers solace there and peace,
commands the waves and raging wind to cease.
I learn about the ones who came before,
who doubted when beset with troubles sore.
I read of those who struggled with relief
and know our God will help my unbelief.

And so, with trembling faith, however small,
I go to Him, the One who knows it all.
I tell Him of my fear and of my doubt,
and of the pain that brought it all about.
Then only as our God can somehow do,
He holds me close...for He already knew.

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EDUCATION

Teachers, Students of the Year awards given at annual State of Our Communities event

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CULLMAN – As part of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce's State of Our Communities event Friday, the Teachers and Students of the Year were named.

Here are the winners:
Cullman City Schools-

- Elementary Teacher of the Year- Patti Britton, East Elementary School
- Secondary Teacher of the Year- Kim Johnson, Cullman Middle School

Cullman County Schools-

- Elementary Teacher of the Year- Letha Miller, Holly Pond Elementary School
- Secondary Teacher of the Year- LaTisha Jackson, Good Hope High School

Career Technical Student of the Year - Russell McDonald, Vinemont High School and Cullman Area Technology Academy

McDonald is the only student ever nominated for both career technical student of the year and student of the year.

Student of the Year - Grace Chambers, Cold Springs High School

Student of the Year nominees
Isaac Smith, Holly Pond; Alivia Gambrill, Fairview; Meredith Ann Calvert, West Point; Grace Chambers, Cold Springs; Russell McDonald, Vinemont and CATA; Kaitlin Schultz, Hanceville; Colby Hutson, Cullman; Carrie Doss, Good Hope; Eva Barck, St. Bernard; Hunter Kaser, Good Hope and CATA; Ethan Burson, Vinemont and CATA

For the full story on the all-day State of Our Communities event, visit www.CullmanTribune.com.



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Pictured are Student of the Year nominees. Back Row L-R: Isaac Smith, Holly Pond; Alivia Gambrill, Fairview; Meredith Ann Calvert, West Point; Grace Chambers, Cold Springs; Russell McDonald, Vinemont and CATA; Kaitlin Schultz, Hanceville; Colby Hutson, Cullman Front Row L-R: Carrie Doss, Good Hope; Eva Barck, St. Bernard; Hunter Kaser, Good Hope and CATA Not pictured: Ethan Burson, Vinemont and CATA



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Pictured is Career Technical Student of the Year Russell McDonald, Vinemont High School and Cullman Area Technology Academy, right, with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette.



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Pictured is Student of the Year Grace Chambers, Cold Springs High School, right, with Cullman County Schools Superintendent Shane Barnette.

Repairs (from Front)

Georgia and spray a polyurethane foam covering over the existing damaged roofs to stop leaks into the library and special education room at East and the entire complex at West.

According to Cullman City Schools Support Services Coordinator Hayden Faulk, the team was waiting in Georgia for a phone call even as the vote was taking place; they were to arrive and begin staging Friday afternoon, and spend the weekend applying the foam.

Some other buildings that also had damage, but are not currently leaking, will not receive the temporary seal.

The roofs of both schools will be replaced this summer.

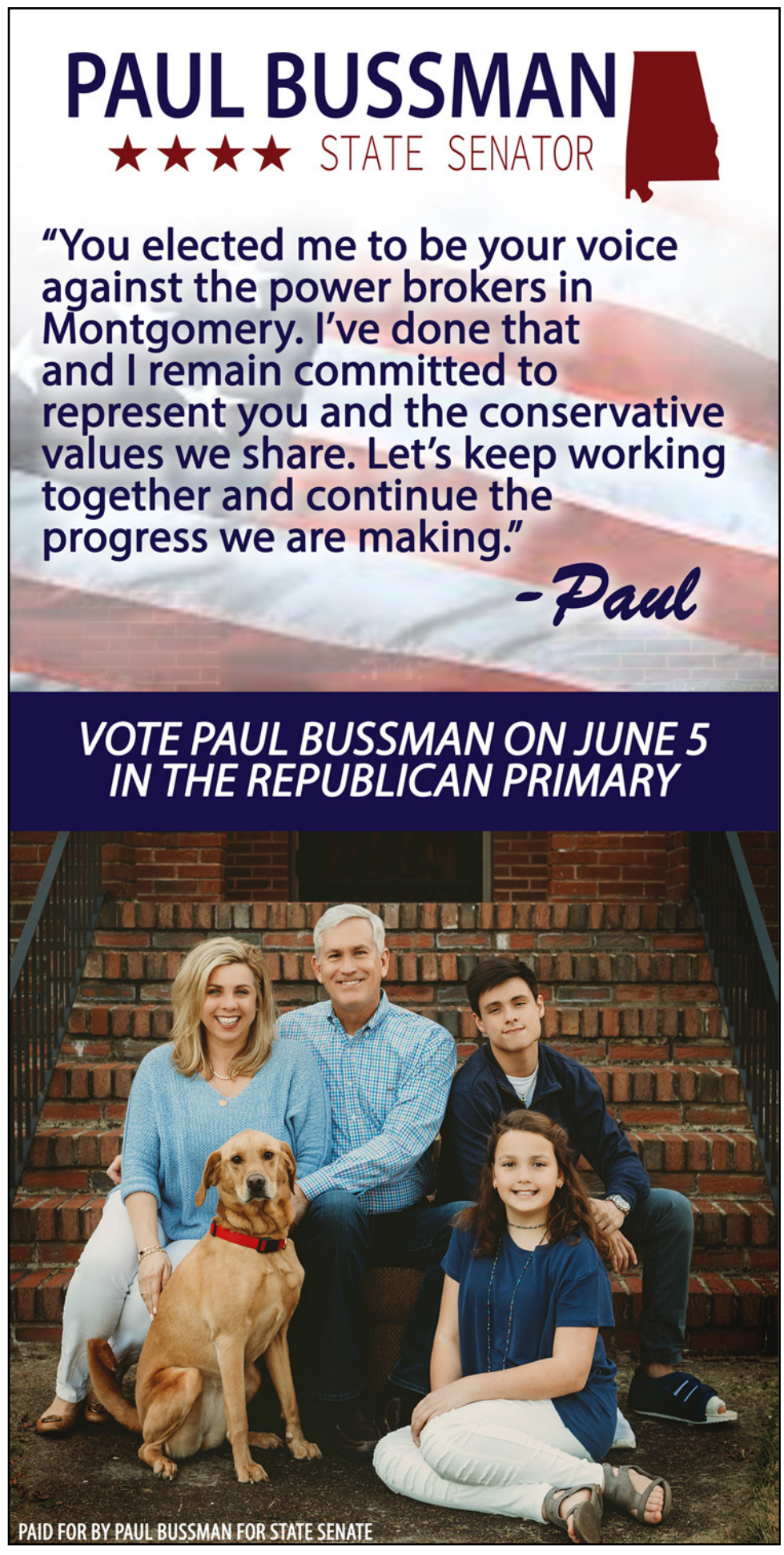
The board also granted permission for East Elementary School and Cullman Middle School archery teams to travel to Madisonville, Kentucky on Saturday to compete in the National Archery in Schools Program (NASP) Pre-National Archery Tournament.

Additionally, the two schools got the okay to travel to Louisville, Kentucky on May 10-12 to compete in the NASP National Archery Tournament.

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Carroll Acres Park ribbon cutting May 1

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CULLMAN – Cullman Parks and Recreation will be unveiling its newest development, a brand new, state-of-the-art playground at Carroll Acres Park, with a ribbon cutting on Tuesday, May 1 at 4 p.m.

Parks and recreation board members, key staff and city council members will be on hand for the event, and the first 50 people in attendance will get a free grilled hotdog.

The new playground features net climbing material and other fun play elements for all ages.

Carroll Acres Park, located in the Carroll Acres subdivision, is at the corner of Briarwood Lane Southeast and Timberlane Drive Southeast. The park is the latest to get upgraded playground equipment. Stiefelmeyer Park and Culpepper Park also recently received new playgrounds.

Work is also nearing completion on the huge new Connected Park playground at Ingle Park.

For more information, contact 256-734-9157 or info@cullmanrecreation.org.



CULLMAN PARKS AND RECREATION

New playground equipment at Carroll Acres Park

Seniors enjoy annual Fish-o-Rama in Hanceville

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HANCEVILLE – Hanceville area seniors gathered around the pond at Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Senior Fish-O-Rama Friday morning. Several anglers brought in large loads, most of which were released back into the pond for Saturday's Children's Fish-O-Rama, which will take place from 7-11 a.m.

Senior winners were:

- George Gurganus - largest fish at 2 lbs. 15 oz and the largest overall catch at 48 lbs. 5 oz.
- Bill Pitts - number two overall catch at 32 lbs. 9 oz.
- Ray Lollar - number three largest overall catch at 13 lbs. 8 oz.



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Senior George Gurganus, center, had the largest fish at 2 lbs. 15 oz and the largest overall catch at 48 lbs. 5 oz.

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Trump approves major disaster declaration for Cullman, Calhoun, Etowah and St. Clair Counties

Office of Gov. Kay Ivey
Contributor

CLANTON – Gov. Kay Ivey announced Friday that President Trump has approved a major disaster declaration in response to the severe weather and tornadoes that occurred March 19, 2018. The federal disaster assistance is designed to supplement state and local recovery efforts in Calhoun, Cullman, Etowah and St. Clair Counties. Public Assistance provides municipalities and county governments assistance with debris removal, emergency protective measures and disaster damage restoration of infrastructure.

"The recovery process following a disaster is a long and tough road and I appreciate President Trump for approving this major disaster declaration request," Ivey said. "This declaration will provide much needed assistance to Alabamians affected by the March 19th storms and will ease the burden on local governments as they continue the recovery process."

Individual Assistance has been made available for homeowners and renters in Calhoun, Cullman and Etowah counties. Residents within the counties may now apply for federal disaster assistance for uninsured and underinsured damage and losses resulting from the March 19th storms. Assistance for eligible survivors can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, and for other serious disaster-related needs, such as medical and dental expenses. Long-term, low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may also be available to cover losses not fully compensated by insurance and that do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

"I cannot thank our federal partners enough for their support during the joint damage assessments as well as the constant communication as we awaited final approval," Director Brian E. Hastings said. "Recovering from disasters requires the whole community. Volunteers, first responders and local Emergency Management officials have done an exceptional job during the response phase and now we are pleased to have federal assistance to help with the long recovery process."

For information on how to register with FEMA, you can do so by phone or online:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov
- On the FEMA Mobile App
- Calling 800-621-3362 (FEMA). Applicants who use Video Relay Service may also call 800-621-3362. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability and use a TTY may call 800-462-7585 directly; for those who used 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362.
- The toll-free numbers are open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET, seven days a week.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures. The purpose of the program is to reduce the loss of life and property due to natural disasters and to enable mitigation measures to be implemented during the immediate recovery from a disaster.





Obituary Announcements: April 26 - May 20

Vicki Lynn Sparman Hays, 58, of Crane Hill passed away on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at her residence. No services are planned at this time. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Ila Obera Cobb Holt was born in Addison, AL, on June 28, 1929. She peacefully broke free from life's painful shackles on April 21, 2018, while at home in Mobile, AL. She lived her life as a fierce protector of those that she loved. She was a dedicated wife, loving mother and Granny'o, and a devoted great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband of almost 71 years, Otha Holt, who no doubt left us in September of 2017 to go get their heavenly mansion ready for his sweetheart. She was also preceded in death by her parents: Noah & Flora Cobb; brothers: Raymond Cobb, Doyle Cobb, & Marvin Cobb, and sister: Nola Dean Cleghorn. She is survived and missed dearly by her daughters: Betty Lazauskas and Tammy Jones; grandchildren: Melody (Ryan) Gartman and Kathryn Jones; cherished great granddaughter: Karis Gartman; two sisters: Betty Porter and Jean Wakefield, as well as a host of family and friends. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at Addison First Baptist Church at 10 a.m., with Brother Kenny Sudduth and Brother Mark Kimbrell officiating. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:4

Mr. Robert F. Meyer, 90, of Bessemer passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at his residence. No services are planned at this time. Nichols Funeral Home directing.

Graveside service for Bonnie Jean Waldrop, 91 of Hanceville will be 2 p.m. Saturday April 28, 2018 at Hopewell Cemetery, Jon Creel officiating. Mrs. Waldrop died Thursday, April 26, 2018 at her residence. Family will receive friends at Hanceville Funeral Home Saturday beginning at 12:30 p.m. The daughter of the late Robert E. and Lydia Patrick Creel worked many years in the accounting department at Cullman Products. She is survived by her son, Rodney (Tracey) of Fishers, IN.; grandchildren Evan and Katie Waldrop; Siblings Robert (Linda) Creel, Donald (Wanda) Creel and Ruth Brigham. Also surviving is a sister-in-law, Frances Creel. Preceding her in death were brothers Elwyn (Louise) Creel and H. Leo Creel.

Funeral Service for Vickie Corbin, age 69 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Simcoe Community Church with Troy Puckett and Craig Vaughn officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. Mrs. Corbin passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at her residence. She was born, February 11, 1949 to Voight and Mary Katherine Heinl. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd Corbin, parents, sister, Connie Sparks, grandson, Cameron Corbin, and her dog, Cookie Corbin. Survivors include her, daughters, Brandi Maze, Christy Schnittker, son, David Corbin, grandchildren, Paige Schnittker, Kyle Corbin, Lane Schnittker, Logan Schnittker, Annie Corbin, great grandchild, Ezzileia Constant, sister, Patricia Corbin and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

James Dingler, 76, of Holly Pond passed away Monday, April 24, 2018. He is preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth Elmer Dingler and Veola Hann Yelli; wife, Carolyn Schrader Dingler; son, James Alan Dingler; and brother, Erven Dingler. Survivors include his daughters, Carol Richards and Tammy (Allen) McKendree; brother, Clayburn Isaac Dingler, of Texas; eight grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and one great grandchild on the way. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2018 at Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel.

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CATA students compete in state SkillsUSA competition; 3 headed to nationals

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CULLMAN COUNTY – Three Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA) students whose SkillsUSA community service poster project was featured in a recent Tribune article (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/04/05/cata-students-map-way-career-island) won the State Championship this past Wednesday in Birmingham at the State SkillsUSA Competition. Juniors Peyton Oden (Fairview High School), Carter Robertson (Fairview High School) and Jacob Ryder (Good Hope High School), who attend career tech classes at CATA, will go on to compete in the National SkillsUSA competition in Kentucky in June.

CATA Building Construction Tech Teacher Mike Burkett described the project as "an educational tool that is part of a Community Service project for SkillsUSA, a leadership development organization for Career Technical Education students.

The work emphasizes the importance of Personal Skills as a part of an overall employment framework that also includes Workplace and Technical Skills. Their premise is that without adequate Personal Skills on day one of a new career, the other two just aren't as essential to local employers."

The three used a treasure map theme to appeal especially to students in the intermediate or middle school grades.

According to Burkett, "Studies show that personal skill development has the greatest impact on students in the middle school ages, and they carry that on into high school."

In addition to the championship team, CATA had others competing at the state level. Dustin Burney, Jordan King and Jason Peck placed second in State Chapter Display.

Other individuals and teams had entries in Individual Class Project Display, Chapter Display, Team Class Project Display and Promotional Bulletin Board. CATA also sent a five-person Quiz Bowl team.

Said Burkett, "I am so very proud of all the CATA students who competed at SkillsUSA, and especially happy for the students who won and placed in their respective divisions. They all worked very hard and responded well to adversity and pressure throughout the competition, all the while remaining respectful and responsible to everyone. We are very blessed with great students at CATA and in Cullman County. I also want to express our gratitude to the many local business and political leaders, along with teachers, principals and parents, who supported our CATA students during their district and state SkillsUSA competitions."



MIKE BURKETT/CATA

Jacob Ryder, Peyton Oden and Carter Robinson display their treasure map after winning the SkillsUSA State Championship Wednesday.

Cullman's Drew Fillinger elected 2018-2019 Samford University SGA officer

Philip Poole
Contributor

HOMEWOOD – Samford University recently held elections for 2018-19 Student Government Association officers.

Drew Fillinger, of Cullman, was elected sophomore class vice president. Fillinger is a musical theater (BFA) major.

The SGA represents and promotes student interest in the decision-making process of Samford University by cultivating and maintaining leadership among students. The SGA also develops, coordinates and executes activities and services for the benefit of students.

ABOUT SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

Samford University is a premier nationally ranked private university deeply rooted in its Christian mission. Founded in 1841, Samford is the 87th oldest institution of higher education in the United States. U.S. News and World Report ranks Samford 3rd among regional universities in the South. Samford enrolls 5,509 students from 45 states, the District of Columbia and 29 other countries in its 10 academic units: arts, arts and sciences, business, divinity, education, health professions, law, nursing, pharmacy and public health. Samford also fields 17 NCAA Division I teams that compete in the tradition-rich Southern Conference.

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TO AMEND SECTION 10-27 OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES
TO ADOPT THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE AND ITS COMPANION CODES
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 10-27 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman enacted 2010 is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (a) in its entirety.

Section 2. Section 10-27 of the Code of Ordinances City of Cullman is hereby amended to read:

Section 10-27.

a) The city adopts by reference as though fully set forth in this article the following building and technical codes, as modified by the city herein and from time to time.
   1) International Building Code, 2015 edition.
   2) International Existing Building Code, 2015 edition.
   3) International Residential Code, 2015 edition.
   4) International Plumbing Code, 2015 edition.
   5) International Mechanical Code, 2015 edition.
   6) International Fire Code, 2015 edition.
   7) International Energy Conservation Code, 2015 edition.
   8) National Electrical Code (NFPA 70), 2014 edition.
   9) ICC/NSSA Standard for the Design and Construction of Storm Shelters, ICC500-2014 edition.
   10) ANSI/ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-2013 Energy Standard for Buildings except Low-Rise Residential.
   11) ADA Standards for Accessible Design, 2010 edition.
   12) NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, 2012 edition.

Section 3. All other sections of said Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 23rd day of April, 2018. /s/ Garlan E. Gudger, Jr. – President of the City Council

ATTEST: /s/Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 23rd day of April, 2018. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

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JIM HAYS OF CULLMAN JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT CITIZENS BANK & TRUST



Citizens Bank & Trust announces the appointment of James E. "Jim" Hays, Jr. of Cullman to its Board of Directors. The appointment of Hays expands the Board to 9 directors. "Jim is an accomplished business leader and his broad experience across important industries will add a valuable perspective to our Board of Directors," said Charlie Williams, President and CEO of Citizens Bank & Trust. "We appreciate his willingness to serve as a director and are confident that he will add great value to our Board of Directors."

MORE ABOUT JIM HAYS

Jim Hays, a Cullman native, is the president of Hays & Son Oil Co., Inc., Dodge City Travel Center, Inc., and the Managing Member of Hays Properties, LLC, and JTK Group, LLC. These companies are centered in Cullman, Alabama. Hays graduated from Cullman High School in 1976, the same year his family bought a small gas distributorship in Cullman. The business grew into Hays & Son Oil Company and now markets over 20 million gallons a year of gas and fuel through retail outlets branded Conoco, Pure, Chevron, and Shell and approximately 200 customers in agriculture, construction, and trucking businesses. Hays and his family also founded two real estate development companies in Hays Properties, LLC and JTK Group, LLC. Hays has served in the petroleum industry as a founding member and stock holder of the Pure Oil Jobbers Cooperative which markets fuel in 10 southeastern states. He has served two terms on the Pure Oil Board of Directors and is currently serving his second term on the board of the National Association of Truckstop Operators (NATSO).

Hays and his wife, Terri, have been married and working together for 36 years. They have one daughter, Karen, a teacher, and a son-in-law, Jordan Graham, who is a nurse. Hays has been a member of Northbrook Baptist Church since 1999 and has served on various committees including Stewardship, Properties, and Long Range Planning.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Citizens Bank & Trust opened for business on March 3, 2003, is headquartered in Guntersville, Alabama and is traded publicly as an Over-The- Counter (OTC) stock under the symbol CBTH. It is the largest community bank based in Marshall County and has eight full-service offices located in Albertville, Arab, Cullman, Elkmont, Guntersville, Hazel Green, New Hope, and Rogersville, a loan office in Oneonta, a wealth management division, and a mortgage division. Citizens Bank & Trust is insured by the FDIC and is an equal housing lender. For more information visit www.citizensbanktrust.com or find Citizens Bank & Trust on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or YouTube.

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New law targeting drunk drivers named after Cullman DUI victim Curtis Wilson

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On Wednesday evening, Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman, who served on one of the committees that worked on the bill, was at Daystar Church's Good Hope campus to give Curtis Wilson's mother Ashley Wilson copies of resolutions mourning her son's death and naming the new state DUI law the "Curtis Wilson-Stephanie Harmon Interlock Act."

CULLMAN – A new Alabama law (SB1), passed during the 2018 legislative session, increases penalties for people charged with driving under the influence (DUI), requiring the installation of ignition interlock devices in their vehicles, even if they enter a diversion program, closing a loophole in the existing interlock law. The law carries the name of Cullman DUI crash victim Curtis Wilson. Under a legislative resolution (Alabama Senate Joint Resolution 142), Act No. 2018-554 is entitled the "Curtis Wilson-Stephanie Harmon Interlock Act."

Wilson, a student at Cullman High School, was killed when the vehicle in which he was a passenger was struck by a drunk driver on County Road 222 in May 2017 (See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/05/08/community-mourns-chs-student-killed-wreck-curt-wilson-memorial-fund-established and www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/10/10/brad-meeks-indicted-reckless-murder-wreck-killed-chs-student-curtis-wilson). Harmon, from Montgomery, was killed by a drunk driver in Georgiana in 2005.

The ignition interlock devices link a breathalyzer to a car's ignition system and require a negative result before the car can be cranked. Some states that require such systems have seen reductions in DUI arrests and DUI-related deaths of 20 percent or higher in the first year of implementation.

According to the wording of the original bill, it would "require each person approved for a pretrial diversion program to be required to have an ignition interlock device installed for a certain period of time; . . . (and) provide that a person convicted of a third offense would be authorized or required to obtain an ignition interlock device after the completion of his or her incarceration."

Alabama Senator Paul Bussman, R-Cullman was at the Good Hope campus of Daystar Church Wednesday evening to present Curtis Wilson's mother, Ashley Wilson, an Alabama Senate resolution expressing mourning for her son's death, along with the resolution naming the new legislative act.

Bussman, who, along with his wife Holly, is an elder at the church, told the congregation, "We tried to pass this bill for eight years, but we couldn't get it passed because there was one or two senators that did not want it passed. The only reason it passed this time was Curtis Wilson. I was able to look those senators in the eye, and tell them, 'You need to stop.'

"And I want to tell you that those senators came to me and said, 'I am sorry for what happened.' They are sorry for what happened, and they will not stand in the way of the bill this year. And we passed this legislation."

After the service, Ashley Wilson spoke to The Tribune.

First reaction?

"Blown away. I had no idea. And extremely honored, yes. I am actually speechless. I don't know what to say, because I am just blown away by this. And to think that Curt's death is going to help prevent any family from going through this . . . I'm thankful that something good's coming out of it."

We made Wilson smile when we asked how Curt's Closet is doing.

"It's going amazing! It is! God is blessing it left and right. It's amazing what's going on there." Wilson shared that the clothing and accessory charity served 40 kids in March, and 17 so far in April. Prom season was a special time, as numerous local donors sent dresses to Curt's Closet to be given away.

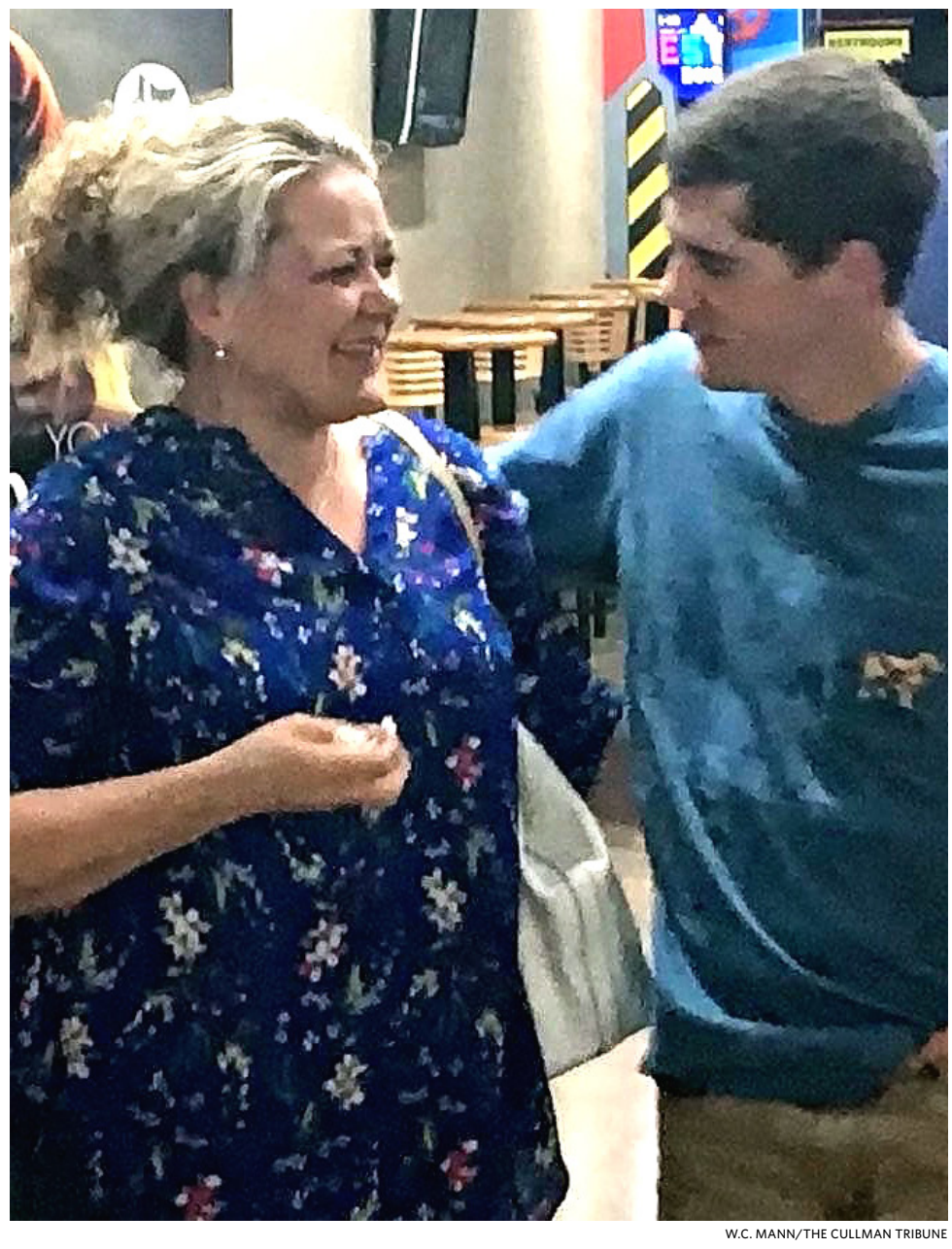
"I've had some girls come in and pick out prom dresses, and leave with a huge smile on their face, and ready for that special night in a beautiful prom dress that someone has donated to Curt's Closet. And they're able to leave there with a free dress."

For more on Curt's Closet, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/07/13/mom-founds-local-charity-curt-s-closet and www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/02/26/curt-s-closet-open-thursday.

A special request

Wilson reported to us that Curt's Closet is currently short on backpacks. Packs or other donations can be dropped off at numerous locations around town, including:

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- Happy Homes Real Estate- 221 Second Ave. SE, Cullman
- Paul Bussman, DMD- 1625 Main Ave. SW, Cullman
- Willow Bend Mortgage- 116 Second St. SE, Cullman
- Quick Tire Sales- 1600 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman
- Bubble Gum & Blue Jeans- 400 Fifth St. SW, Cullman
- First Baptist Church (Rebekah Mickle)- 501 Second Ave. SW, Cullman
- 1st Federal Mortgage- 101 First Ave. NE #230, above Flavors, Cullman



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Items can also be dropped off at Curt's Closet on Thursdays and Fridays.

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Willkommen (from Front)

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CULLMAN – From April 26 to May 5, Cullman's Friends of Frankweiler are hosting four "Friends of Cullman" from Cullman's sister city in Germany. After being greeted at the airport in Birmingham and transported to Cullman by Drew Green and Ernest Hauk, Sigrid and Verena Rong, Klaus Feindel and Karl Fiscus were welcomed to town late Thursday afternoon with a reception at the Cullman County Museum.

Myrna Hermetz, who coordinated the reception, told the Tribune that the group and their hosts planned to attend a reception at Goat Island Brewing Friday evening, relax at Smith Lake during the day Saturday, enjoy a spread of American cooking at the lake home of Elaine Fuller and family Saturday evening, and attend Sunday morning services at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church.

"I'm just always real excited when they come," said Hermetz.

"My roots are in Germany, and that's why I get excited when they come."

At Thursday's reception, The Tribune asked Feindel, who has visited Cullman several times, what brings him back.

"Oh, the friendly people! It's my second hometown, Cullman. Very nice here!" he smiled.

For more information on Friends of Frankweiler, visit www.facebook.com/friendsoffrankweilerandcullman/.



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The Friends of Frankweiler reception at the Cullman County Museum was an opportunity for old friends to get reacquainted. Frankweiler's "Friends of Cullman" have hosted Cullman travelers, and three of this year's four German visitors have traveled to Cullman before.