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Karma in Cullman kicks off mobile summer feeding program

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – With the end of the school year comes the end of affordable or free breakfasts and lunches for many students who rely heavily on school-provided meals. Summer can be a tough time for food-insecure families who now have two more meals per day they need to provide for their kids. To help fill that need, local nonprofit Karma in Cullman has brought back its summer feeding program: Karma Kid Days. The program will provide meals for children up to 18 years old and their parents at different locations around the county at noon every Monday, Wednesday and Friday through July 27.

The program started when founder Rachel Bryant started Karma, but it grew so large that Karma had trouble financing it. No, however, Karma has partnered with Cullman City Schools to help provide meals for families. "We see a huge increase in our food bank during the summer months because families go from having to feed their kids once a day to having to feed them three times a day," Bryant explained. "This way, we can try to take a little bit of that off of the parents."



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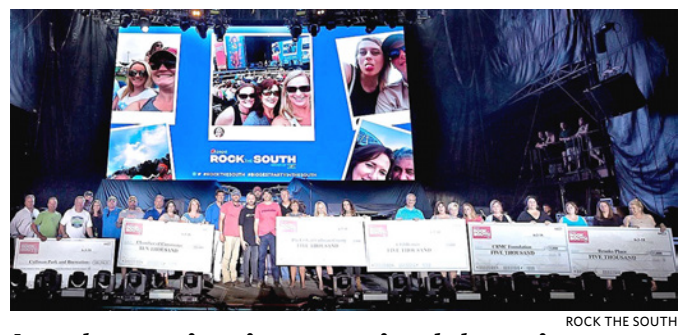
Karma in Cullman founder Rachel Bryant serves lunch at Carroll Acres Park on Monday, June 4, the first of many "Karma Kid Days" to come this summer.

Bryant said Karma Kid Days aims not only to feed the children, but also to educate them and give them a chance to have fun and be active. "We reached out to a lot of different parks and museums to see if they'd be interested in letting us come and partner with them, and this way we can reach out to children all across Cullman County," she said. "One day we'll get to go to Ave Maria Grotto, and the kids will get to eat lunch and tour through there, and for a lot of these families that might be the only time they get to go through there. We're not just feeding their bodies, we're feeding their souls and their minds."

The dates and locations of the Karma Kid Days lunches are as follows:

- Wed, June 6 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, June 8 - C.W. Day Park (Hanceville)
- Mon, June 11 - Heritage Park Splash Pad
- Wed, June 13 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, June 15 - Holly Pond Ball Park
- Mon, June 18 - Crooked Creek Civil War Museum
- Wed, June 20 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, June 22 - C.W. Day Park

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ROCK THE SOUTH

Local organizations received donations from Rock the South Saturday evening.

Rock the South donations top $139K for 2018

W.C. Mann
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CULLMAN – On Saturday evening, Rock the South (RTS) made good on its ongoing commitment to give back to the city of Cullman, handing out more than $139,000 to four local charities, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, and Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism (CP&R).

CP&R was the big winner, receiving $109,394.33. The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce received $10,000. The Link of Cullman County, Childhaven, Cullman Regional Foundation and Brooks' Place received $5,000 each.

On Monday, CP&R Executive Director Nathan Anderson reflected on the event, "It was a wonderful Rock the South event, the best I can remember. It's incredible to look at that many people in the park, that the team worked so hard to create an inviting space, having a great time."

For more on the charities that received donations, see the following links:

- The Link of Cullman - www.linkingcullman.org. See www.cullmantribunecom/articles/2017/03/03/link-cullman-celebrates-five-years-service-new-facility.
- Childhaven - http://childhaven.com. See www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/03/04/kids-are-winners-childhaven-yard-sale-declared-success.
- Cullman Regional Foundation - https://cullmanregional.com/foundation/.

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Arrest report: June 1-3

Wendy Sack
wendy@cullmantribune.com

CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for June 1-3. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No report provided; County offices closed.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thomas, Belinda S., 44
- fourth-degree theft of property

Bartlett, Rhett S., 30
- attempting to elude
- DUI
- carrying a concealed weapon
- improper lane usage
- running a red light

Tait, Jenna S., 38
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Darby, Colton R., 20
- minor in possession/ consumption of an alcoholic beverage

Zawacki, Aaron J., 19
- public intoxication

Hamlett, Payton W., 22
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Morris, Hayden L., 21
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lumpkin, Brittinie M., 33
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

McMichael, Jarrod M., 25
- public intoxication

Watts, Bradley T. Watts, 25
- public intoxication

Haynes, Jonathan C., 18
- public intoxication

Oliver, Samuel K., 23
- public intoxication

Hunt, Terry W., 63
- DUI

Akers, Jessica M., 22
- GJ- theft by fraudulent leasing

Rainey, Kelsey A., 27
- identity theft

Baird, Brandon L., 27
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- expired tag

Sherrell, Cameron D., 21
- FTA- attempting to elude

McKenzie, Cameron B., 23
- third-degree burglary

Vines, Dalton J., 22
- public intoxication

Bishop, Zachary B., 21
- public intoxication
- resisting arrest

Jones, Brent M., 39
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Lusk, Stephanie M., 34
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Cooley, Travis L., 22
- DUI

Herring, Woodrow W., 18
- disorderly conduct

Ramey, James J., 28
- public intoxication

Bell, Savanna D., 25
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Melson, Johnathon W., 25
- disorderly conduct
- resisting arrest

Thompson, Destiney K., 20
- first-degree criminal trespassing

Wise, Dustin R., 25
- public intoxication
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Price, Martin D., 31
- disorderly conduct

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No report provided.

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

Elections (from Front)

Wendy Sack
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CULLMAN – The day is finally here. After months of hard, sometimes harsh, campaigning, the candidates must now sit back and wait while the voters decide in the Republican and Democratic Primary Elections. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Remember: Alabama voters must declare a party before they cast their ballots. That means, when you show up to your polling place, you'll have to choose to vote in either the Republican or Democratic Primary. You can't vote in both. Important to remember is whichever party you choose on June 5 is the party you must stick with if there happens to be a run-off election. For example, if you vote Republican on June 5, and there's a run-off on the Democratic ticket, you can't vote in that run-off.

That rule, the crossover voting rule, only applies to primary elections. (Note: For the 2020 elections, voters may change political parties.

A voter does not have to remain consistent with the party her or she chose in the 2018 primary election.) In the November general election, both parties will be on your ballot.

Also remember: Alabama voters are required to show photo identification before voting.

Types of IDs accepted are valid driver's license, valid nondriver ID, valid Alabama photo voter ID, valid state-issued ID, valid federal-issued ID, valid US passport, valid employee ID from federal government, State of Alabama, county, municipality, board or other entity of this state, valid student or employee ID from a public or private college or university in the State of Alabama (including postgraduate technical or professional schools), valid military ID or valid tribal ID.

Find out more, including your polling location, at https://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes.

Below is a list of candidates who will be on the ballots.

Republican candidates

Governor
- Tommy Battle
- Scott Dawson
- Bill Hightower
- Kay Ivey (incumbent)
- Michael McAllister

Lt. Governor
- Will Ainsworth
- Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh
- Rusty Glover

Attorney General
- Chess Bedsole
- Troy King
- Steve Marshall (incumbent)
- Alice Martin

Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court
- Tom Parker
- Lyn Stuart

Associate of the Alabama Supreme Court, Place 1
- Debra Jones
- Brad Mendheim
- Sarah Hicks Stewart

Associate of the Alabama Supreme Court, Place 4
- John Bahakel
- Jay Mitchell

Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, Place 1
- Christy Olinger Edwards
- Pat Thetford
- Michelle Manley Thomason

Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, Place 2
- Chad Hanson
- Terri Willingham Thomas (incumbent)

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
- Richard Minor
- Riggs Walker

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
- Rich Anderson
- Chris McCool
- Dennis O'Dell

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3
- Donna Beaulieu
- Bill Cole

Secretary of State
- Michael Johnson
- John Merrill (incumbent)

Treasurer
- David L. Black
- Stephen D Evans
- John McMillan

Auditor
- Stan Cooke
- Elliott Lipinsky
- Jim Zeigler

Agriculture and Industries
- Tracy "T.O." Crane
- Gerald Dial
- Cecil Murphy
- Rick Pate

Public Service Commission, Place 1
- Jim Bonner
- Jeremy H. Oden (incumbent)

Public Service Commission, Place 2
- Chris "Chip" Beeker Jr.
- Robin Litaker

Alabama House District 9:
- Scott Stadthagen
- James R. Bowling
- Justin Morrow

Alabama House District 12
- Corey Harbison (incumbent)
- Alex Chaney

Alabama Senate District 4
- Paul Bussman (incumbent)
- Garlan Gudger

Cullman County Probate Judge
- Tammy Brown (incumbent)
- Carol Berry

Associate Cullman County Commissioner, West Side
- Garry Marchman (incumbent)
- Andy Coffee

Circuit Judge, Place 2
- Martha Williams (incumbent)
- Melvin Hasting

Cullman County School Board, Fairview District
- Bill Ballew
- Shane Rusk
- Michael Knop

Cullman County School Board, Good Hope District
- Jason Speegle (incumbent)
- Kerry Neighbors

U.S. Representative, 4th Congressional District
- Robert Aderholt (incumbent)
- Anthony Blackmon

Democratic candidates

Governor
- Sue Bell Cobb
- Christopher A. Countryman
- James C. Fields, Jr.
- Walt Maddox
- Doug "New Blue" Smith
- Anthony White

Secretary of State
- Lula Albert "SGM Ret"
- Heather Milam

Attorney General
- Chris Christie
- Joseph Siegelman

U.S. Representative, 4th Congressional District
- Lee Auman
- Rick Neighbors

See full sample ballots here:
- **Republican Primary Sample Ballot:** https://www.scribd.com/d.../380326175/Sample-Ballot-Republican
- **Democratic Primary Sample Ballot:** https://www.scribd.com/d.../380326176/Sample-Ballot-Democratic

Donations (from Front)

- Brooks' Place - www.caccullman.org. See our story www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/04/18/hope-help-healing-inside-brooks-place-child-advocacy-center.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, deceased
CASE NO: PC2018-141

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration on the estate of BRENDA MAZE NOBLE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, KENNETH RUSSELL MAZE, on the 14th of May, 2018, by the Honorable TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

Kenneth R Maze
KENNETH RUSSELL MAZE

Clint L. Maze
Burke, Beuoy & Maze, P.C.
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Arab, Alabama 35016

TO PUBLISHER: The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks.

Tammy Brown
PROBATE JUDGE/Tammy Brown

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of BOBBIE GOODWIN, *Deceased.* Case No. PC2018-151

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Co-Administration on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to Pat Pirkle and Belinda White, on the 24th day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

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.

Belinda White, Administrator
Pat Pirkle, Administrator
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

To the publisher of *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF DONNA MARIE DAVIS, DECEASED. CASE NO PC-2018-137

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Administration having been granted to MELISSA H. WESSON, as Personal Representative of the Estate of DONNA MARIE DAVIS, Deceased, on the 17th day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Melissa H. Wesson
Personal Representative

C. Blake West
Attorney for Personal Representative
1701 Main Ave SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Phone 256-734-0026

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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Get info on Wallace State's WaLLi program Aug. 1; program for residents 50 and older

Gail Crutchfield
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WaLLi members put their artistic skills to the test during a painting class.

HANCEVILLE – Area residents 50 and older who want to learn more about the Wallace State Lifelong Learning Institute (WaLLi) will have the opportunity to get information about the program and sign up for the next semester or the year at an Aug. 1 meeting from 2 to 4 p.m., on the 12th floor of the Bailey Center.

WaLLi was launched in 2016 as a revitalized program for area residents aged 50 and up. Enrollment is currently at 250, with members coming from Cullman, Blount and Morgan counties. It is open to all area residents, with enrollment offered by semester or by year. Membership is $40 per semester for fall and spring and $30 for the summer semester, or by year at $99 annually starting each August.

"Whether you enroll by semester or annually, you really get a lot for your investment," said LaDonna Allen, director of the WaLLi program. During the meeting, Allen will go over what all is offered to WaLLi members and allow those who sign up for the year a head start on registering for trips, activities and classes planned for Fall 2018. Annual membership also includes a WaLLi T-shirt.

WaLLi membership includes access to the Wallace State Wellness Center, WaLLi courses, seminars from community partners, trips, social luncheons, free admission to many Wallace State athletic and cultural events, discounts on WSCC Services and more. Weekly activities include exercise classes, volleyball games, yoga classes and a walking group.

Each semester is filled with educational opportunities and lectures, games, arts and crafts, movies, and more. In addition to recurring member favorites, each semester brings a new list of activities and trips.

The schedule for Fall 2018 includes an American History Trip to Montevallo and Columbiana and a thrift store trip with stops at Unclaimed Baggage in Scottsboro and stores in Arab and Albertville.

Closer to home, the group will visit Cullman Oktoberfest and the Cullman County Fair.

Allen said WaLLi members enjoy the fellowship of getting together and making new friends.

"They enjoy the socialization, the trips and we all enjoy the great food when we eat out or have our monthly potluck luncheons," Allen said.

"It is a wonderful group where members support each other and learn new things."

Allen said this fall will also feature a Living Well series of classes. Students from Wallace State's Physical Therapist Assistant program will work with them on health topics geared toward mature adults including, among other topics, fall prevention and fall-proofing your home, back safety and measuring their gait. Ballroom dancing classes will return for the fall, with any WaLLi member welcome to take the classes, with or without a dance partner.

As an added benefit, WaLLi members are eligible to join the Wallace State Alumni Association at the student rate of $15 per year. This affords them a discount on trips planned by the Alumni Association and discounts to supporting merchants and organizations.

WaLLi members do incur additional costs with some classes and trips, and most meals are Dutch treat during planned outings. But the costs are kept at the minimum, Allen said.



WSCC

WaLLi members pose for a photo outside of Saw's Juke Joint, where the group ate during a trip that also included a visit to Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum.

Unassociated with WaLLi, Allen pointed out that Wallace State offers a Senior Adult Scholarship program. The program allows area resident 60 and older to take classes at the college tuition free, with only $29 in fees to be paid for each class. Contact Financial Aid at 256-352-8182 or financialaid@wallacestate.edu for information about the Senior Adult Scholarships.

For information about WaLLi, call 256-352-7818 or email walli@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wallacestate.edu/walli.

WSCC Nursing to host free health fair at Oneonta campus June 13

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

ONEONTA – The Wallace State Community College Department of Nursing will be offering free health screenings to Blount County and area residents on Wednesday, June 13, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Oneonta campus.

The CELEBRATE Adult Health and Wellness Fair is free and open to the public.

It is geared to adults 18 and up and will have at least nine different stations participants can give visit to get evaluations and information on a variety of health-related topics.

At the stations, participants can learn about:

- potential interactions with the medications they are taking, whether they're prescribed, over-the-counter or even supplements
- exercises they can do at home
- vision screening and safe driving tips
- nutrition
- vital statistics such as blood pressure, heart rate, pulse oximetry and blood sugar
- relaxation techniques
- smoking cessation
- documenting their personal and medical history
- signs of a heart attack or stroke

"This will be the first time we've traveled with this program, and we're excited to be able to offer this in Blount County," said Amy Burtram, a nursing instructor at Wallace State. "Our students always learn a lot during these events and they enjoy helping others learn ways they can live a healthier life."

Burtram said representatives of St. Vincent's will also participate in the event, performing free cholesterol screenings and dietary counselling.

For more information about the event, please contact Burtram at 256-352-8062 or amy.burtram@wallacestate.edu.

Program (from Front)

(Hanceville)

- Mon, June 25 - Heritage Park Splash Pad
- Wed, June 27 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, June 29 - Cullman Housing Authority
- Mon, July 2 - Crooked Creek Civil War Museum
- Fri, July 6 - Smith Lake Park Shed #6
- Mon, July 9 - Heritage Park Splash Pad
- Wed, July 11 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, July 13 - Cullman Housing Authority
- Mon, July 16 - C.W. Day Park (Hanceville)
- Wed, July 18 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, July 20 - Ave Maria Grotto
- Mon, July 23 - Heritage Park Splash Pad
- Wed, July 25 - Sportsman Lake Park Splash Pad
- Fri, July 27 - Ag Center Super Hero Day

All meals start at noon on the specified days. Anyone who wants to participate should text or email the date, how many children, and how many adults to 256-735-3942 or karmaincullman@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

EARL'S BODY SHOP
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
CHARLES DOUGLAS GARMON,) CASE NO.: PC-2017-258
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **JESSICA GARMON,** as Personal Representatives of the Estate of **CHARLES DOUGLAS GARMON,** deceased, on the 24th day of May, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 24th day of May, 2018.

JESSICA GARMON
Personal Representative

STUART L. MOORE
Attorney for Petitioner
101 1ST AVENUE NE STE 103
CULLMAN, AL 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: **THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: PC2018-169**

THE ADOPTION OF K.J.A.,
D.O.B. 11-06-2013
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: **WILLIAM SKYLAR AKER, OR ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.**

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY KALYN DEANN AKER ALLEN, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 24th DAY OF May, 2018.

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

ALEX CHANEY
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
P.O. Box 1052
Cullman, Alabama 35056

Area students make Chancellor's List, Provost's List, graduate from Troy University

Matt Clower
Contributor

TROY – Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Chancellor's List for the spring semester and Term 4 of the 2017/2018 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

Local residents who made the list include:

- Josie Boyd, of Bremen
- Amanda Hines, of Cullman
- Kalle Killough, of Oneonta
- Madison Neal, of Oneonta
- Emily Oden, of Cullman
- Oakleigh White, of Cullman
- Anthony Mami, of Cullman

Troy University is pleased to announce students who have been named to the Provost's List for the spring semester and Term 4 of the 2017/2018 academic year.

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

Local residents who made the list include:

- James Franklin, of Locust Fork
- Savanna Blanchard, of Hanceville
- Ashlen Jackson, of Altoona
- Eliya Knight, of Oneonta
- Andrew Kreps, of Hanceville
- Harper Puckett, of Cleveland
- Stevie Seaver, of Hayden
- Alexandria Soli, of Hayden
- Hannah Wall, of Hayden

Troy University is proud to announce students who completed the requirements for graduation during the spring 2018 semester at the Troy Campus.

Local residents who graduated include:

- Daniel Moss, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science
- Jessica Duke, of Falkville, Bachelor of Science
- Chase Campbell, of Remlap, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Emily Oden, of Cullman, Bachelor of Science

About Troy University

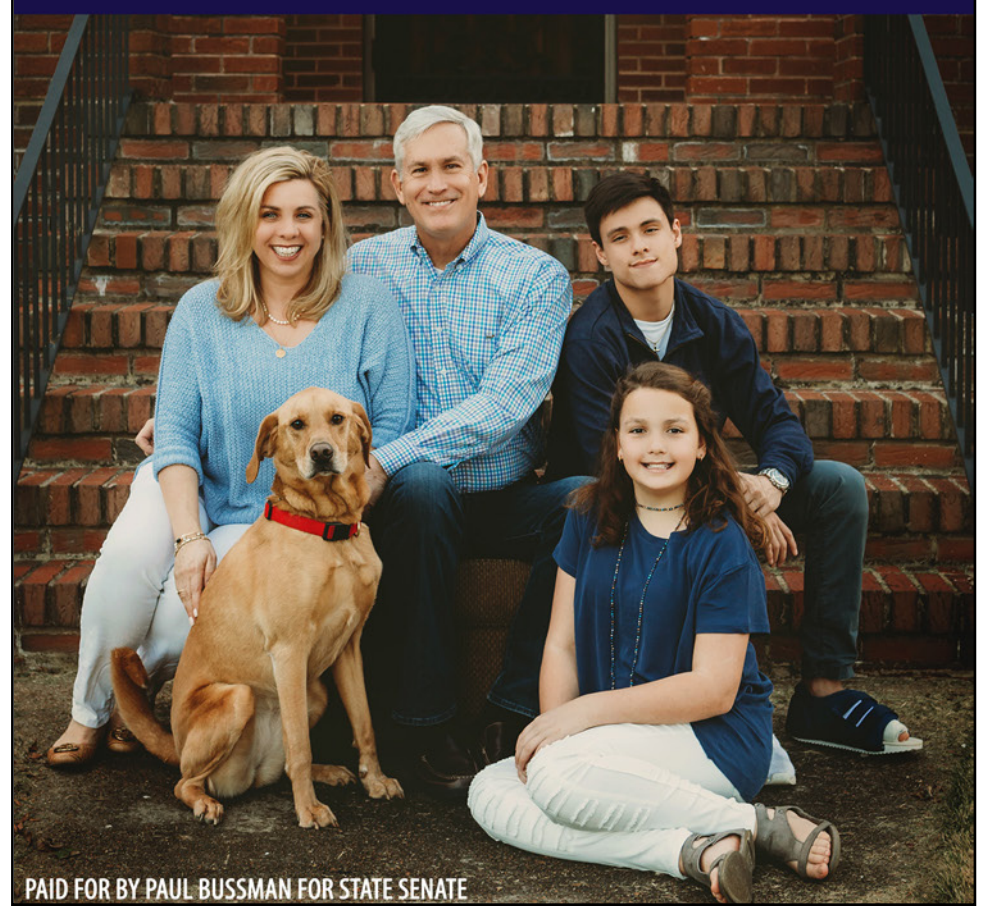
Troy University is a public, historic, international university with more than 145,000 alumni. Students choose TROY for its quality academic programs, reasonable costs and availability of financial aid, outstanding faculty, and flexible in-class and online class offerings. Students on the Troy campus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



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Rock the South after-action report

Emergency services had their hands full, but cooperation led to a smooth event

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CULLMAN – Over the weekend, Rock the South threatened to triple Cullman's population for two days. With more than two-thirds of those people trying to squeeze themselves into one small plot of land, the city's emergency services had their hands full. The key to maintaining order, safety and the mental health of area law enforcement, fir, and EMS personnel was a unified command that brought all area agencies to one table and invited others to join.

Inside the command center

Heritage Park's baseball complex announcers' tower was turned into a multi-agency command center, in which all of those entities involved in emergency services could not only share information quickly, but also literally sit down at the same table. In one booth off the central work room, Cullman Police Department (CPD) staff communicated with nine different security teams in and around the park while constantly updating their specific locations on a large map. Cullman Fire Rescue (CFR) and Cullman Emergency Medical Services (CEMS) shared a booth, doing the same for medical personnel. In a third, Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) kept a close eye on weather conditions.

Using signage and landmarks, radio operators could dispatch medical or security teams to specific locations within the park quickly and accurately. In the center, interagency communication was simple. While The Tribune was there, a security team called in a medical emergency; getting a medical team on the way was as easy as a CPD officer walking to the next booth to share information.

According to CFR Chief Brian Bradberry, the command center made for "a lot of good cooperation. It really helps when you've got the police right there; they can call us if they need help, and if we need help we holler at them. And Phyllis (Little, CEMA director) over there: EMA's been tremendous, too, and the National Weather Service. It's a big deal, man! I'm telling you, it really helps. I'll tell you, it's about as good as it gets when it comes to a unified command post."

Agencies

Law enforcement

- Cullman Police Department (CPD)
- Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)
- Hanceville Police Department
- Guntersville Police Department
- Tuscaloosa Police Department
- University of Alabama Police Department
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (State Troopers) covered the south gate and posted officers around the large screen at the rear field.
- Cullman County Juvenile Probation was onsite to deal with issue involving minors.

All agencies combined to have approximately 100 sworn officers at the event, plus civilian volunteers assisting with matters like water distribution. Officers from the five police departments and CCSO were divided into multi-agency teams. Any officers working the event for the first time were placed with event veterans who were familiar with typical issues and the layout of Heritage Park. No officers patrolled alone.

What most people didn't see included K9 teams with bomb-sniffing dogs brought in ahead of opening times to walk the park and check for explosive devices. And with the Las Vegas concert shooting still on everyone's minds, authorities even had a two-agency counter sniper team present at the park.

Medical services

- Cullman Fire Rescue (CFR)
- Cullman EMS (CEMS)
- Huntsville EMS
- Alabama Department of Public Health
- Wallace State Community College paramedic program
- Cullman Regional
- Regional Paramedical Services
- Air Evac Lifeteam

Bradberry said, "As always, I want to brag on the (Cullman Fire) department, but it takes a lot of different agencies to make this happen . . . Honestly, it's just a big group effort."

Other services

- Cullman Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)
- National Weather Service Huntsville (NWS)



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ALEA Sgt. Michael McBrayer, Guntersville Police Chief Jim Peterson and Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper pose for a photograph outside the command center on Friday.

A lightning strike within the 10-mile zone of concern around Heritage Park early Friday afternoon could have prompted an evacuation, but by studying live radar and satellite images on three computers in the command center, CEMA and NWS were able to determine that the storm was moving quickly away from Cullman. Evacuation was unnecessary, and the event went on with only a short rain delay.

Police Chief Kenny Culpepper also commended the civilian volunteers who came and helped with water distribution and other support activities, as well as Freddie Day Catering who fed emergency services personnel at the command center over the two days.

By the numbers

Medical

Medical emergencies ran the gamut from minor to critical, with heat exhaustion being the primary culprit and alcohol-related issues gaining ground in the evenings. Diabetic episodes, seizures and chest pains added to the count.

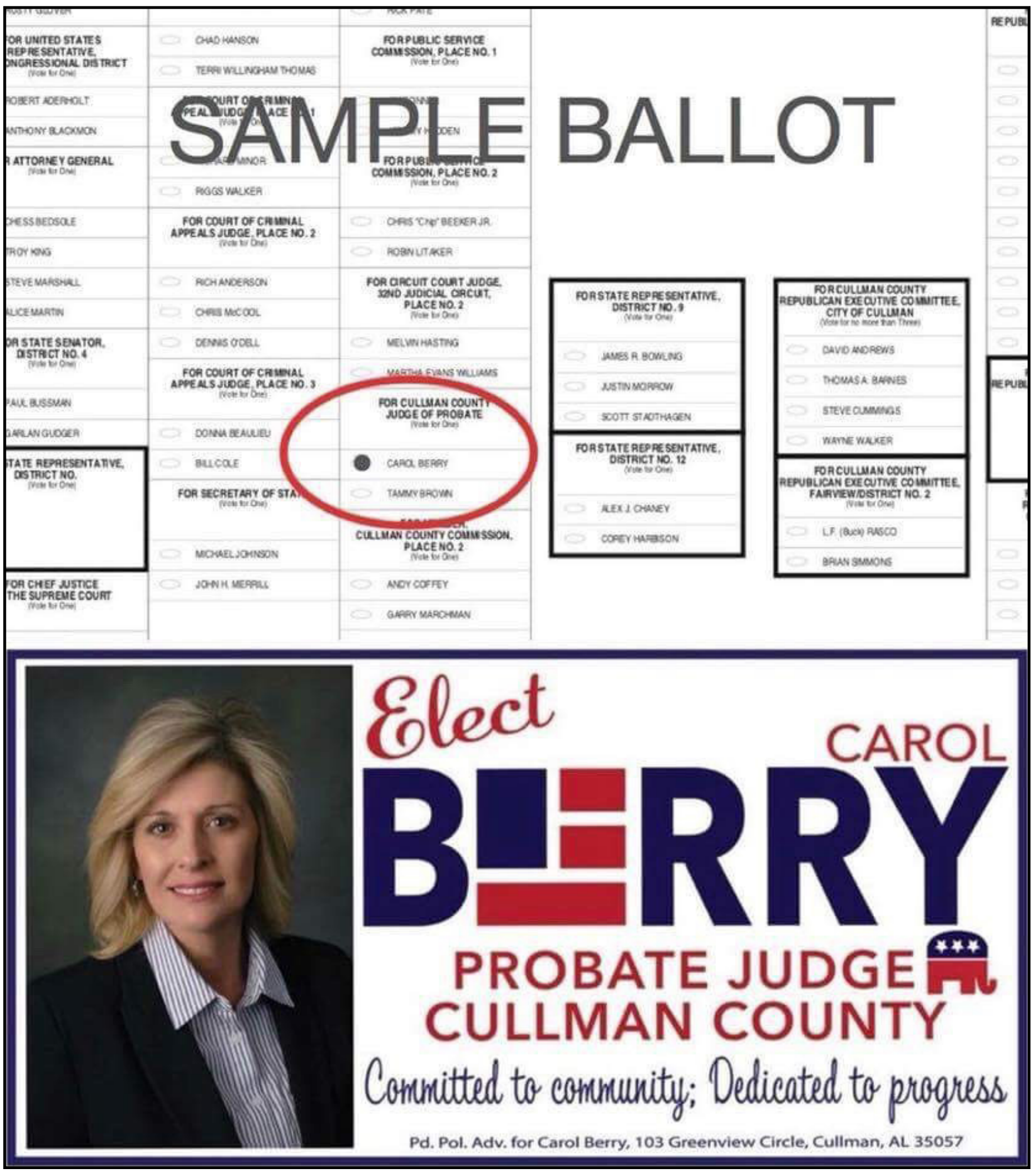
- 375 patients received minor first aid onsite
- 104 patients received treated onsite
- 30 serious patients were transported to the emergency room

Law enforcement

Disorderly conduct accounted for the largest number of arrests and ejections, followed by public intoxication.

- 8 arrests took place inside the venue on Friday, 15 on Saturday, for a total of 23 arrests inside Heritage Park.
- 9 more arrests took place outside the venue; whether or not those arrests involved RTS patrons was unknown.
- Law enforcement ejected an unknown number of patrons; CPD personnel told The Tribune that, in the evenings, ejections were taking place one right after another.
- As to parking, and the clearing of parking areas at the ends of the evenings, CPD Lt. Jeff Warnke said, "Parking did really well, and the traffic plan worked really well, you know, so we got everybody out. Tuscaloosa PD's here to help us, and they said that it was amazing, as fast as we cleared traffic out. They said they can't do that at Bama during game day . . . They said, 'Whatever it was, the way you've got it set up, worked.'"

Said Culpepper, "I was very, very pleased with the concert in general this year. We feel like it was very successful, but it's something that is a tremendous group effort, and I'd like to thank all the other agencies that contributed, on the law enforcement side especially . . . That many people with such a big effort, you have to have a group cooperation. In that way, we're so appreciative, and they did a fantastic job, as did our officers--all the Cullman police officers."



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Update: Fairview veteran reaches 600-mile mark on Appalachian Trail

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FAIRVIEW – Retired U.S. Army Col. Donald Fallin, who is hiking the Appalachian Trail from north Georgia to Maine to raise awareness and funds for the Johnny Mac Fund to support the education of children of fallen warriors, reached the 600-mile mark on the afternoon of Monday, June 4. From the trail, he texted The Tribune the above photo.

Fallin completed 66 miles in the week since he returned to the trail after coming home to Fairview Memorial Day weekend for his nephew's graduation.

The Johnny Mac Fund was named for Col. John McHugh, who was killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on May 18, 2010. The West Point graduate and Army aviator left behind five children, who were aided in obtaining educations through a fundraising effort that became the Johnny Mac Fund.

While he was home, Fallin told The Tribune about his journey, "So the thing that, I guess, resonates with me personally is it's the opportunity to help those folks, because I think education is the most important investment we can do in our country, because if you invest in our children and our citizens, then the return on that investment can't be measured. You can't put a dollar amount on it.

"You know, education is the one thing that no one can take from you, and it just opens up the doors for the opportunities to live the American dream that we all strive for."

The Tribune will be keeping up with Fallin until the completion of his hike, which is currently planned for late September.

Get involved

Fallin has established a crowdfunding campaign through Gofundme.com subsidiary Crowdrise for anyone who wishes to contribute to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund. Johnny Mac is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax deductible. To contribute or find out more, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/dons-appalachian-trail-hike-for-the-johnny-mac-soldiers-fund/donaldfallin. So far, Fallin has raised right at $8,000.

For more information on the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund, visit www.johnnymac.org.

For more of Fallin's story, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/05/26/decorated-fairview-veteran-hiking-appalachian-trail-children-fallen-soldiers.



DONALD FALLIN

Col. Donald Fallin reached the 600-mile mark on the Appalachian Trail on the afternoon of Monday, June 4.

Obituary Announcements: June 5- 6

Funeral service for Helen Drake, 74 of Cullman, will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Drake passed away on Sunday, June 3, 2018. She was born August 19, 1943 in Arkansas to Howard Ray and Doris Louise Taylor. She is preceded in death by her parents, and a son, Jeff Simmons. Survivors include her children; Tony (Tammy) Simmons and Bridget (Marc) Aplin, granddaughters; Whitney Simmons, Courtney (Jacob) Morton, and Sydney Taylor, great grandchildren, Wyatt, Iris, and Elyan Morton, sisters; Jaine Sutherland and Brenda (Rick) Chappell, and a host of aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. Joe Thomas Smith, 83, of Cullman are Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Visitation on Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Smith passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Wheeler Smith and Clercie Calvert Smith; brother, Fred Smith and sister, Gaynell Farley. He is survived by his wife, Jerrie Glover Smith; sons, Danny Smith and Darrin Smith; daughters, Donna Miller and Dana Link; step daughter, Denise Glover Blackmon; sister, Nelda Beasley; nine grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; two step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren.

Memorial service for Rudolph John Plodzien, age 60 of Vinemont, will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Plodzien passed away on Friday, June 01, 2018 at his residence. He was born, October 18, 1957 in Michigan to Rudolph Alexander Plodzien and Catherine Reinheart. He is preceded in death by his parents and Michael Plodzien. Survivors include his, daughters, Tina (Antonio) Hawkins and Tabitha Terry Karp, son, Steven (Amber) Hensley, grandchildren, Payten Parson, Jada Hawkins, Jayla Hawkins, AJ Hawkins, Autumn Herd, Brittany Baldes, Mark Baldes, and Elizabeth Baldes, sister, Paula Hoover, brothers, Tommy Plodzien and Johnny Plodzien and a host of family and friends.

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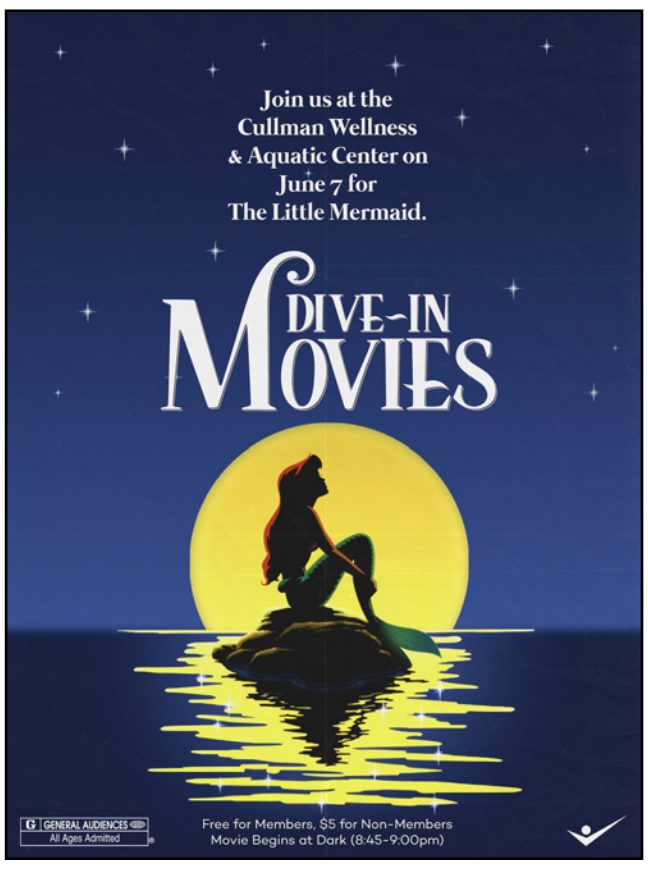
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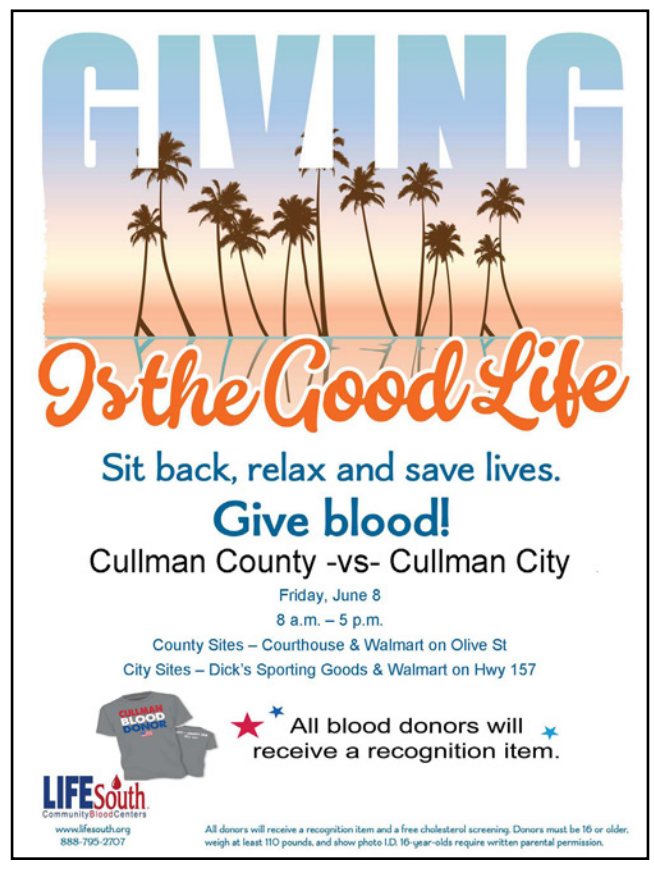
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Griffith family to establish fund for mental health services

Kallie Butler
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CULLMAN – The Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation on Monday announced the upcoming establishment of the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund. The Griffith family is establishing the fund with an initial gift of $25,000 to the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation. A formal check presentation will take place Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 10 a.m. at WellStone Cullman (1909 Commerce Ave NW Cullman, AL 35056).

The memorial fund is being created in memory of Cullman attorney and community leader Stephen K. Griffith. The Stephen K. Griffith Fund will support the increased availability of mental health services in Cullman County.

Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation Treasurer and WellStone Chief Operating Officer Chris Van Dyke shared, "Steve Griffith was and still is incredibly respected by our community. His death was a tragedy that will not be forgotten. The Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation Board of Directors has the distinct privilege to help the Griffith family establish and grow a memorial fund in his honor. We deeply appreciate the Griffith family's generosity and their vision to invest in preventative services for the Cullman community."

Van Dyke continued, "WellStone and the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation are leading a local coalition to plan for long term expansion of treatment availability, with the ultimate goal of providing local, 24/7 access to care for those facing mental health issues and acute crises."

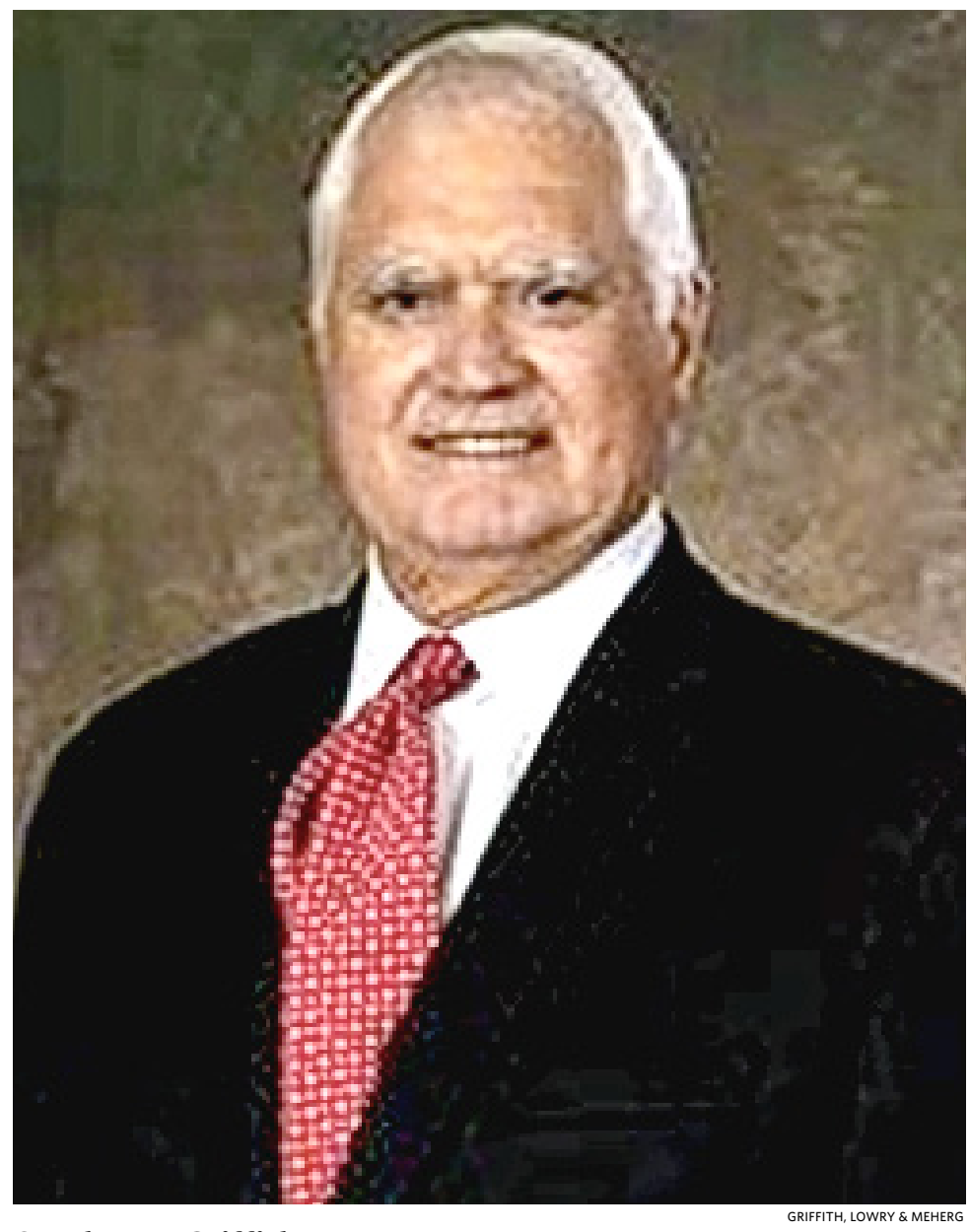
The Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation encourages the community to contribute to the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund to honor Griffith and his family as well as to help expand mental health services in Cullman County. Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

Donations can be made to:
Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund
c/o Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation
P.O. Box 2186
Cullman AL, 35056

From The Tribune:
Griffith died at his home on July 17, 2017 after an assailant entered the residence and attacked him.

During a press conference the next day, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry said, "This is a subject that we've talked about many times. It's a subject that makes me angry to talk about, and that's mental illness. What we have identified (is) that in 1997, there was a case involving (the assailant) Mr. Walker, and for the last decade he believed that the victim had a part to play in a case that he was involved in.

"We've identified that Mr. Walker had mental issues. Mr. Walker became infatuated with Mr. Griffith, even though they had no connection. There was no connection between the two. And yesterday, that mental illness led Mr. Walker to Mr. Griffith's residence, in which he took his life. In Mr. Walker's mental state, he believed there was a connection. There was not."



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Stephen K. Griffith

Both Cullman Rite Aid stores to close this month

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CULLMAN – Walgreens management confirmed Monday afternoon that both Cullman Rite Aid locations will be permanently closing this month. No official confirmation was given on the exact date of the closures.

A press release from the Rite Aid Corporation on March 5, 2018 said that the company had transferred 1,651 stores and related assets to WBA (Walgreens Boots Alliance) and had received cash proceeds of $3.6 billion.

It said WBA would purchase a total of 1,932 stores, three distribution centers and related inventory from Rite Aid for an all-cash purchase price of $4.4 billion.

The transfer of those stores to Walgreens was expected to be complete "in the spring of 2018."

"We are always disappointed to hear that one of our corporate citizens who has been in the community for many years has announced a closure.

"It not only affects the employees, but it affects many of our citizens who turn to them daily for household supplies, make up, and especially prescriptions," said Cullman Economic Development Agency Retail Development Manager Susan Eller.

"However, we have great options in the community with locally-owned and national pharmacies that will be able to step in and help these citizens overcome this inconvenience.

"These closures will leave an empty slot in two centers; they are both nice sized stores that offer a great location and easy access.

"There is a lot of interest in Cullman at this time and I don't see either of these spaces staying empty for very long."

Cullman Rite Aid pharmacy customers should contact the store about having prescriptions transferred to Walgreens, according to a voice mail recording from Rite Aid.

Calls to the corporate offices of both Walgreens and Rite Aid have not been returned.

The Cullman stores are located at 1606 Second Ave. SW and 715 Cullman Shopping Center NW (next to Five Below).



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Rite Aid on the south side of Cullman, located at 1606 Second Ave. SW, seen here on June 4, 2018

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