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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Inside Technology Village Cullman with newly-named Director, John Wessel



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Director John Wessel in the Technology Village Cullman office

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TOWN OF COLONY

Kids tend a raised garden bed at Colony's Educational Complex.

Colony's summer kids' programs going strong; Educational Complex gets improvement grant

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COLONY – After success in 2017, the Town of Colony cranked its summer enrichment program back up this year. The program is based at the Educational Complex and includes educational components and children's activities, in conjunction with a federally-funded summer feeding program that provides free breakfasts and lunches for participants.

The program kicked off last week with a summer garden camp led by staff from the North Alabama Agriplex. Kids worked in the town's raised garden beds, practiced planting and tending a garden, made bird feeders and painted rocks, learned about honeybees and herbs, and took part in a host of other activities. This week's theme is "Health."

Educational Complex receives CCCDC grant for improvements

The Town of Colony recently received a $12,000 grant from the Cullman County Community Development Commission to purchase a generator and upgrade air conditioning at the Educational Complex. The building houses the town library, hosts educational and community outreach programs and has served as the community's feeding center after natural disasters. The generator will allow workers to prepare meals in the complex kitchen during power outages.

The Colony Town Council is also waiting to hear about an additional grant for which it applied to Morehouse School of Medicine under the college's Healthy Communities Initiative. If the Town receives this grant, it will have $9,898.02 to expand its Educational Complex raised garden beds into a complete community garden with six additional beds, tools, seeds and fertilizer, and two part-time staffers to oversee the garden during the growing season.

Join the fun!

Colony Summer Enrichment classes will meet at the Educational Complex from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., each weekday through the last Friday in July, except during the week of July 4. For more information, call Colony Town Hall at 256-287-1192 or the Educational Complex at 256-287-1573 or visit the Educational Complex weekdays at 151 Byars Road behind town hall.

This Father's Day bittersweet for Senator-Elect Garlan Gudger

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Columnist

Note: *Tribune columnist Loretta Gillespie writes about her friend, Garlan Gudger, Jr.*

This Father's Day will be bittersweet for the Gudger family, especially Garlan, Jr. who recently swept the District 4 Senate race. The news on election night would have been even more cause for celebration if not for the empty chair among family members who gathered to watch the election at the All Steak Restaurant.

Just a few weeks before, the family was devastated by the loss of their husband, father and grandfather, Dr. Garlan Gudger, Sr. who lost his battle with diabetes due to heart complications. As Heather Gudger said, "It was the most unexpected, expected thing..."

Just as the Gudgers were poised to make the final push, Dr. Gudger's death cast a shadow on what otherwise would have been the happiest of times for the close-knit Cullman family. A coach until the very end, Dr. Gudger was also a counselor, advisor and leader of the cheering section for Team Gudger as Gudger, Jr. neared the end of a long campaign trail.

Both he and his mom, Dot Denning Gudger, had spent tireless hours on the road, visiting with constituents, shaking hands, kissing babies and getting to know the concerns of the people in District 4, which covers Cullman County, most of Lawrence County and parts of Winston and Marion Counties – in other words, that's a lot of driving and a lot of meeting and greeting.

It wasn't an easy decision to make. Gudger, Jr. has a successful full- time business, two boys who are involved in sports, and a wife who would support him whatever his decision had been. So he prayed about it, talked to friends and family who offered their encouragement, and at the eleventh hour he signed up to qualify for the senate race.

He's pretty much been in politics his whole life. According to his mother, he won his first race at the age of 5 when he was elected student council representative. The inquisitive child attended his first meeting, listened to the grownups talk and went back to enlist his teacher because he had things he wanted to add, but hadn't yet learned to write. He so wanted to do things the correct way that he needed her to make sure it was done properly.

Doing things the right way is what Garlan Gudger is all about. Since that first election he has never been defeated for any office, including student council officer and class officer each year through the 12th grade, as well as being elected Mr. Cullman High and four terms as Cullman's City Council president.

In addition to being socially and civically active, Gudger was also a star athlete. He played football from grades 7-12, and during his last year he continued to hone his leadership role by organizing the football team to attend various churches throughout the county.

Gudger won state awards in swimming competitions and was a member of the Auburn University track team which attended the nationals in California.

He also played basketball from the time he was 6, making the all-star teams each year. His father, who coached in Cullman County for years, couldn't have been prouder. It was from sports that he learned a strong sense of fair play, conduct in a competition and the determination to win.

At Cullman High School, Gudger continued to excel, both academically and on the sports fields, eventually garnering letters for football, basketball, track, swimming and soccer. His success got him a football scholarship to Samford University, where he played for two years while taking all of the courses Samford offered that would allow him to transfer to Auburn University.

He completed the Building Science program, graduating from AU in 1998. He was offered jobs in Dallas and Colorado, but his heart » PAGE 6



LORETTA GILLESPIE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local businessman, Cullman City Council President and Senator-Elect Garlan Gudger, Jr. is first and foremost a husband and father. This year, Father's Day will be bittersweet because of the recent loss of his dad, who was a familiar face in Cullman and a hero to his children and grandchildren.

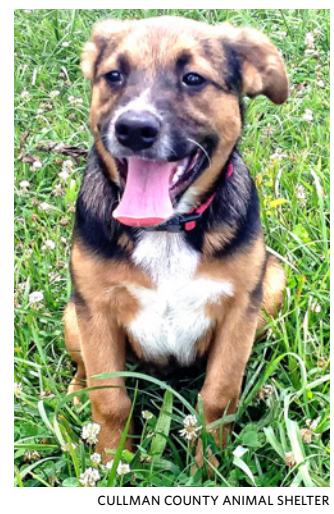
PET OF THE WEEK

Baby Benji looking for his forever home

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Animal Shelter's Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week.

Benji came from a unique recipe: a compact little mixed beagle puppy with a dash of German shepherd! He's a medium-energy pet at 3-months-old and has the makings of a future comfort/companion dog. He's taking to his leash quickly and likes to stay close by his human's side when walking. » PAGE 8



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Good Hope moves to encourage development on County Road 437, recognizes fishing team

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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope City Council had its first reading for a new ordinance Monday night. The new ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 003-2012, changing the minimum distance from a church or school where alcohol can be sold.

Subsection two of the new ordinance reads as follows, "Subject to exceptions contained in this section, no facility or property shall be authorized for on-premises sale or off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages where the building in which the premises are located is less than seven hundred (700) feet from any building in which there is a church, public or private elementary, intermediate or junior high, high school or child development facility." The original minimum distance was 1,200 feet.

The new ordinance would also change section D of the original ordinance, stating that "Where the City licensed premises is authorized for only on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages, the minimum distance between the licensed premises and a church is four hundred (400) feet."

That's a change from the original distance of 650 feet.

The new ordinance will up for a vote at the council's next meeting in two weeks. Mayor Jerry Bartlett, along with the council, believes that the changes will help economic development down County Road 437 east of Interstate 65, without impacting the city on the west side of I-65.

The council also recognized the Good Hope Fishing Team for its performance at the 2018 Alabama Student Angler Bass Fishing Association (ASABFA) State Championship.

Good Hope took second place at the tournament and qualified for the Mossy Oak Fishing Bassmaster High School Series National Championship.

Good Hope anglers Will Dickerson and Tucker Putman were at the meeting representing the team and accepted a $250 check from Bartlett and the council.

President of Living Water Services, Grady Parsons, was also on-hand for Monday night's meeting to report some issues with ammonia levels and high levels of solids in the city's sewage system. Parsons said he has seen similar issues in West Point and Holly Pond and said the signs indicate illegal septic dumping into the sewer system.

Bartlett and the council will research other municipalities over the next couple of weeks to establish fines for violators caught dumping illegally.

Citizens are also asked to report any suspicious activity around manhole covers or any suspicious odors that they notice.

Tuesday night at 6, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will be at Good Hope City Hall for a roundtable discussion with local business owners. Barbecue will be served and the public is invited to attend.

The Good Hope City Council's next meeting will be Monday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Colony votes to establish a Carpenter's Cabinet food pantry

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COLONY – On Tuesday evening, the Colony Town Council welcomed Chris Warnick, founder of Carpenter's Cabinet, a Falkville-based nonprofit food pantry ministry. After Warnick shared his vision for establishing five food pantries in the region (Warnick joked that, after he retires from his full-time railroad job, he wants a different place to go each weekday!) and explained the procedures for setting up a pantry under the Carpenter's Cabinet umbrella, the council voted to establish a pantry in Colony.

The location of the pantry has yet to be determined, but spaces in the Educational Complex and Community Center will be examined to determine the best place. Meanwhile, Colony will have to name a board of directors and pay legal nonprofit setup costs expected to be around $550.

Carpenter's Cabinet is an established ministry with pantries in Falkville and Holly Pond in partnership with the North Alabama Food Bank.

Once set up, Colony will be able to purchase food in bulk from the North Alabama Food Bank for only 14 cents per pound; donations to the town's pantry will be tax deductible. Carpenter's Cabinet is a Christian ministry whose volunteers regularly pray with and distribute Bibles to their clients. Colony's council members all seemed to support the ministry approach but, on Warnick's advice, they will meet with their Town attorney to make sure that all the program's activities on Town property follow the law.

The council also welcomed Tim Wofford and Tameka Vinson of Quality of Life Health Services (QOL), who came to share information about their organization's services including primary care, lab services, pharmacy services, vision care and behavioral (mental) health care.

Vinson also introduced services such as QOL's mobile units that can bring a rolling medical office to rural communities, and "telemedicine," basic health care services offered through video conferencing.

The council plans to have QOL back later in the summer for a community health fair but has not set a date.

Other council business

The council voted to close the park's concession stand bathrooms for the season, after it was determined that repair to damaged equipment would carry a high price tag.

Councilman Curtis Johnson noted that the Town needed to have someone with ServeSafe certification to oversee the kitchen at the Educational Complex.

Councilman Samuel Ashford offered to get the certification, and the council voted to pay for him to attend classes later this summer at Wallace State, and for testing.

During his report, Mayor Donnis Leeth told the council that he is in talks with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) about road repairs in the community and noted that ALDOT had informed him of possible matching fund grants that the Town could possibly receive.

The Colony Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Colony Town Hall, with work sessions at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Vinemont receives clean financial audit

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

VINEMONT – The Vinemont Town Council welcomed Todd Johnson and others from The Church at the Atrium to its meeting Tuesday night. The church group requested to use the town's community center for Sunday service until the construction of its permanent church facility is completed.

The council approved the request with the stipulation that it receive documentation that the church would agree to vacate the premises by 11:30 on Sunday mornings and that the facility would be cleaned to not hinder other groups or individuals who wish to rent the facility.

In new business, the council authorized Mayor Radginal Dodson to renew a terms of service agreement with AT&T.

Vinemont will receive five percent of AT&T's profits received from the Town for the next 10 years.

The current contract, signed in 2008, is set to expire on Dec. 31 of this year. The new agreement will extend the contract with AT&T until Dec. 31, 2028.

Dodson requested that the council pay Larry Cook for his audit services. According to Dodson, the Town is required to hold an annual audit.

The bill is solely for the service provided, he said, not for any financial wrongdoing by the town.

The mayor was glad to announce that there were no financial errors found by the audit.

In old business, the Town has hired several part-time employees for concession and clean-up work at town facilities.

The Town is considering hiring more part-time staff to provide current staff with a much-needed weekend off.

Councilmember Toni Helms announced that changing stations for infants will be added in both male and female restrooms located in the Vinemont Community Center.

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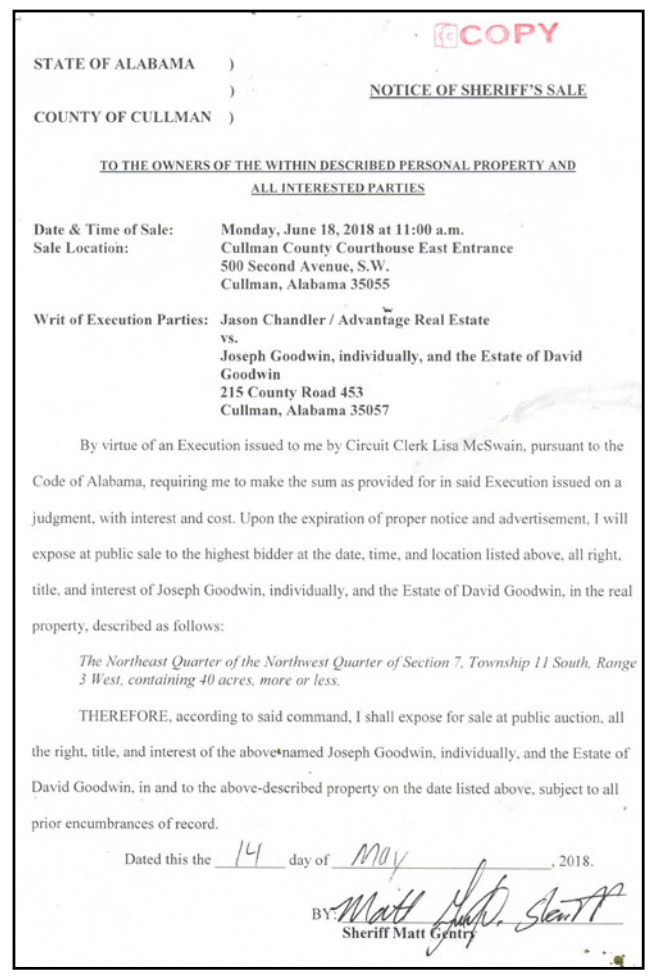
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Date & Time of Sale: Monday, June 18, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
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Writ of Execution Parties: Jason Chandler / Advantage Real Estate vs. Joseph Goodwin, individually, and the Estate of David Goodwin, 215 County Road 453, Cullman, Alabama 35057

By virtue of an Execution issued to me by Circuit Clerk Lisa McSwain, pursuant to the Code of Alabama, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Execution issued on a judgment, with interest and cost. Upon the expiration of proper notice and advertisement, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time, and location listed above, all right, title, and interest of Joseph Goodwin, individually, and the Estate of David Goodwin, in the real property, described as follows:

The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 11 South, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

THEREFORE, according to said command, I shall expose for sale at public auction, all the right, title, and interest of the above-named Joseph Goodwin, individually, and the Estate of David Goodwin, in and to the above-described property on the date listed above, subject to all prior encumbrances of record.

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Arrest reports: June 11-12

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for June 11-12. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, JUNE 11

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Amaro, Anthony Dwayne, 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Beavers, Cody Nathaniel, 26
• first-degree theft of property

Brasher, Tracy Nicole, 27
• FTA- DUI

Enochs, Kimberly Suzette, 50
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Harman, April, 36
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hill, Cade Daylon, 18
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Richard Leon, 50
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Rios, Juan Luis Casrejon, 19
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Welch, Cody Lauren, 32
• possession of drug paraphernalia

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Williams, Daniel G., 48
• disorderly conduct

Chaney, Greggory L., 32
• disorderly conduct

Swain, Regina M., 46
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- driving while revoked

Ward, Clayton A., 45
• illegal possession of prescription drugs
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dill, Aubrey Joseph II, 36
• disorderly conduct

Dill, Naomi Lynne, 39
• public intoxication

Freeman, John Steven, 53
• harassing communications
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hilburn, Hunter Lane, 21
• harassment

Jackson, Jennifer Sue, 32
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (3 counts)
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Joiner, Paul Floyd II, 51
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McCraw, Thomas Matthew, 33
• harassment

Williams, Theodore Vann Jr., 30
• FTA- altered/mutilated tag or decal

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Colburn, Maranda L., 30
• third-degree domestic violence

Ellis, Stephanie J., 36
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Mitchell, Anthony D., 29
• fourth-degree theft of property

Alexander, Doris A., 46
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- improper taillights

South, Alexander M., 25
• public intoxication

Boyd, Lucas A., 30
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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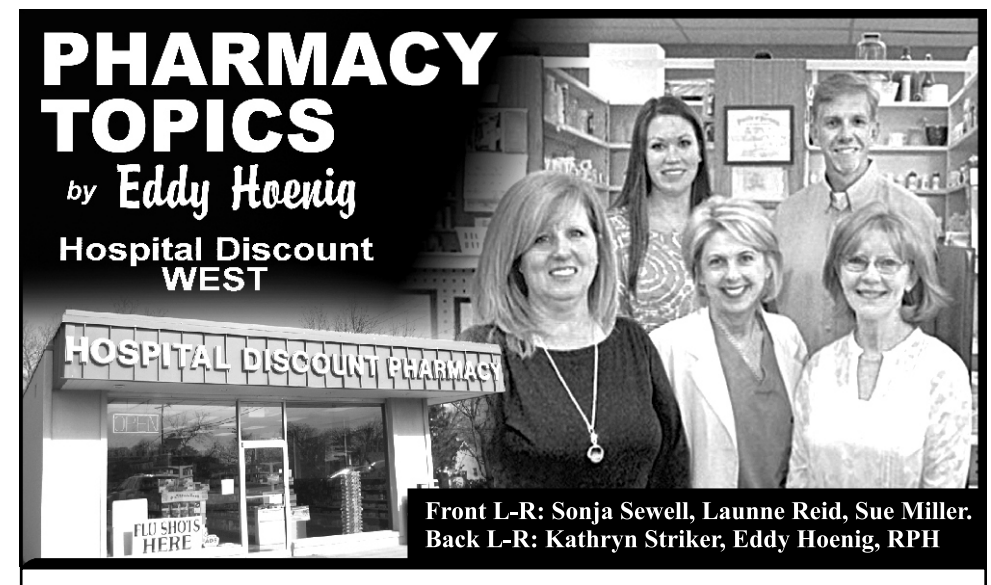
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Babies classified as low birth weight are at risk of iron deficiency, which is linked to impaired neurological development. A long-term randomized study published in the journal Pediatric Research now shows that providing such babies with iron supplements can prevent behavioral problems at school age.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Mylotarg (gemtuzumab ozogamicin) for the treatment of adults with newly diagnosed acute myeloid leukemia whose tumors express the CD33 antigen (CD33-positive AML). The FDA also approved Mylotarg for the treatment of patients aged two years and older with CDE33-positive AML who have experienced a relapse or who have not responded to initial treatment. AML is a rapidly progressing cancer that forms in the bone marrow and results in an increased number of white blood cells in the bloodstream. The National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health estimates that approximately 21,380 people will be diagnosed with AML this year and that 10,590 patients with AML will die of the disease.

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Wessel (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council took a major step toward the full operation of Technology Village Cullman (TVC), approving the hiring of John Wessel as director. On Tuesday, The Tribune sat down with Wessel to talk about his new job.

But first: What is a technology village?
TVC is a joint venture between the City of Cullman, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Wallace State Community College, in partnership with the University of Alabama (UA).

A UA press release issued at the beginning of its technology village program included the following description:
The Technology Villages program assists communities in constructing and operating storefront technology-focused incubators by fostering entrepreneurial culture, developing a resource ecosystem and linking University of Alabama resources with emerging tech companies across the state.

The program will soon launch centers in Cullman and Fairhope, where business leaders and city government officials are supporting the program through annual funding and business space. Both community centers are fully funded for the first year, and training will occur over the next six months.

"I'm excited about the University's strategic partnerships with Cullman and Fairhope," said UA President Stuart R. Bell. "One of our primary goals as Alabama's flagship is to increase activities that drive economic development for our state. As we reach out to emerging tech businesses in these areas, we look forward to helping small businesses thrive and bolster their local economies."

The program is unique in its structure, operating less as a traditional incubator and more as a start-up resource hub where entrepreneurs receive real-time distance learning with hands-on consulting support.

Additionally, The University of Alabama will provide research, preliminary patent searching, contract manufacturing strategy and a host of other business-related development services in its multi-state network of collaborative programs. UA undergraduate and graduate students from the Office for Technology Transfer will participate in coordinating services, which are funded by participating communities.

"Small and rural communities can't spend a lot of money, so this is a unique bend on economic development that will help roll in services and do it at a much lower cost," said Dr. Rick Swatloski, director of UA's Office for Technology Transfer. "I'm convinced every community has entrepreneurs, and the communities that can leverage and support them will move forward and grow their tax-base."

The city of Cullman has renovated a 2,200 square-feet building for its Village in its downtown business district. In Fairhope, BBVA Compass has pledged space for "Hatch," its Technology Village, in its downtown location.

"The program will help Cullman retain young professionals by diversifying jobs and sparking growth in the burgeoning tech fields," said Peggy Smith, strategic plan coordinator for the Chamber. "It is exciting to be one of the first communities selected by The University of Alabama for the program. I am excited about the opportunity this partnership affords our citizens to showcase their great business ideas."

The Technology Villages program is based on a five-year pilot conducted in five South Carolina cities by Clemson University under its Institute of Community and Economic Development. Programs in Bluffton and Rock Hill created more than a dozen companies in the first 18 months and close to 70 new jobs with an estimated payroll of $2.8 million.

"Most successful entrepreneurial development centers have a four-year university cemented in the community to help support their entrepreneurial centers," Lawson said. "Having The University of Alabama as our partner gives us the resources, brainpower and support we have been looking for a successful entrepreneurial development center make-up to grow these types of companies in our community."

In a separate release announcing the hiring of Wessel, the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) added specifics about the local entity:
TVC is a partnership between the City of Cullman, Wallace State Community College and Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. The University of Alabama is also a partner, providing training, research and business coaching assistance. A seven-member Board of Directors, made up of representatives from the partner organizations and community business leaders, has been established and given the task of overseeing the TVC.

Members of the Technology Village Board of Directors include: Jamie Troutman, Chairman, Cullman Economic Development Agency; Leah Bolin, Vice Chairman, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce; Brian Dove, Cullman-Jefferson Gas; Dr. Vicki Karolewics, Wallace State Community College; Todd Self, HH Technologies; Zac Smith, AGCOR Steel; and, Jeremy Wootten, HomTex Incorporated.

"It is an honor to work with such an outstanding group of community leaders," Troutman said. "Without the partnership between the City of Cullman, Wallace State Community College, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and UA, TVC would not be possible."

Technology Village Cullman will be a center for entrepreneurial small business startup. The program is still under development, but initial plans indicate that participants will be selected through a competitive process. These participants will use TVC to help get their business venture off the ground. They will receive assistance in: Business coaching, mentoring, networking, product pricing, creating a business plan, identifying and securing funding, identifying and contacting customers, etc... Once these businesses are ready, they will leave the program, and another one will take its place.

In that same release, Mayor Woody Jacobs was quoted as saying, "I believe Cullman is going to set the standard for entrepreneurial incubators in the State of Alabama. We have been successful in economic development in recruiting new industry and expanding existing industry. TVC is just adding another piece to that puzzle. I know our community will get behind this project and help make it a success."

For more, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/10/11/cullman-chosen-university-alabama-site-new-technology-village.

Introducing Technology Village Cullman's director
In a press release Monday, the Cullman Economic Development Agency (CEDA) introduced its new TVC director:
Wessel will oversee daily operations of Technology Village Cullman (TVC), and its Foundation which has been established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity.

Since 2015, Wessel has served as CEO of Piedmont Ray Associates, LLC. Piedmont Ray is a full-service management consulting and executive coaching firm located in Huntsville, Alabama. Prior to founding Piedmont Ray, Wessel worked for Wesfam Restaurants, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama for almost 25 years. During his tenure with Wesfam, the organization nearly doubled in size and revenue. Wessel managed key departments such as administration, marketing, operations and human resources during these years of unprecedented growth.

Wessel has BS and MBA degrees in marketing from The University of Alabama. He completed the Executive Development Institute at the University of North Carolina, is accredited in public relations through the Universal Accreditation Board, certified by the Galliard Family Business Advisor Institute and serves on Auburn University's Entrepreneurship Council. He has published numerous articles related to franchising and family business and spoken to university classes and civic groups on a variety of business related topics.

At the city council meeting Monday evening, CEDA Director Dale Greer said, "We had 50 applicants. A consultant who helped us said it's the best slate of applicants he has ever seen. He was involved in hiring five different directors in South Carolina towns and has been in several others across the country. And he said our two finalists were in his top 10 all-time, and John won."

In the CEDA press release, TVC Board of Directors Chairman Jamie Troutman was quoted as saying, "I look forward to working with John and think he is the perfect mix of what we were looking for in a director. He is extremely knowledgeable, educated, has experience in the business and entrepreneurial world, and has an enthusiastic down-to-earth personality. We have been impressed by his ideas for the center and the passion he has demonstrated for leading this endeavor."

Q&A with John Wessel
The Tribune caught up with Wessel near the end of a very busy first day and visited the work-in-progress TVC office adjacent to the Clark Street side of CEDA's Warehouse District headquarters.

How's your first day on the job?
"First day on the job is going very, very well. I got to go to the Opportunity Zone meeting today and see a lot of familiar faces, a lot of people I met with during the job search process and met with some people to talk about the website, looked at some furniture next door. Been a great first day!"

Do you have a ballpark idea about when TVC will receive its first clients?
"I don't have a ballpark figure. I've already had some initial inquiries which I've been very excited about--you can almost call them pre-incubators and virtual clients--that want to talk. So I'm setting up meetings with those folks. A lot of it will be driven by the arrival of the equipment and some of the furniture and things like that, which should be in within the next few weeks."

How does someone get into the program?
"These things are still in the process of being formalized . . . at some point in time there'll be an application on the website that they can complete. We'll come up with some formal process at some point in time, but at this point it's just been word of mouth, and people that are just inquiring. There'll be a variety of services available, and in some cases, you may not need a formal application to benefit from some of those services."

Wessel is still in the process of getting his phone, email and office set up. In the meantime, interested persons may call CEDA at 256-739-1891, or contact Troutman at jamiet@cullmaneda.org.

Any tips and pointers for those interested in applying for this competitive program?
"A good business plan would be a great place to start. At some point in time, we're going to encourage people to use the Business Model Canvas tool, which I think you can see online, or you can purchase books that show you how to do that.

"So, a good plan prepared through Business Model Canvas would be good and just good management skills: good business skills, or people that are willing to learn those skills if they don't already have them. I think those two things would give you a good edge: good skills and a good plan."

Wessel added later that, in a competitive marketplace, standing out from the crowd is important, and he encouraged potential TVC clients to come up with a good way to differentiate their product/service from those offered by others.

TVC has not established a specific number of clients it will serve at any one time.

What is your goal for TVC?
"The goal would be to create an ecosystem: an entrepreneurial ecosystem, which is something that you hear a lot about. And it's very important in this day and age, because people in Cullman that have ideas or people that come to Cullman with ideas, you'd like them to be able to stay here. You'd like them to become members of the community, to hire in the community, support the tax base in the community, and be a good civic partner and not leave to go to a larger city where they feel like they have to go to get employees, or they have to go to get patent attorneys, or they have to go to get funding or any of the things they need to grow their companies. We'd like them to be in a position to stay here."

You were successful in Huntsville, so why come to Cullman?
"Our business was based in Huntsville, but we operated all over north Alabama: 13 or 14 communities when all was said and done, and certainly Cullman was one of those communities. I'm very familiar with Cullman, very familiar with the business environment here.

"I've had a passion for entrepreneurship and coaching and mentoring people throughout the years, whether that was inside our own organization or people I came in contact with outside the organization. And so, I hoped that, in my next career, I would have an opportunity to continue to help people doing those things and also do something to give back to the business communities in north Alabama that were so good to me and my family over the years, and this is certainly one of them."

The final word
Wessel shared, "Cullman has the potential to really break loose with this village. We have to thank the folks at Wallace and thank the folks at UA for partnering with us in this project, the chamber and the City. You know, I think that the support of the board and the support of the city government really gives everyone an opportunity to really work together to help the new companies.

"And I think I'm the right person to help glue all the pieces together. I think the key to success for the director and for TVC is going to be somebody that can help the entrepreneurs build their network, someone who is a good listener, someone who has good business experience, and somebody's who's kind of walked the walk that they're walking now and can be a good resource for them as they move forward."



UPDATE FROM THE TRAIL

Fairview veteran reaches 700-mile mark on Appalachian Trail

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VIRGINIA – On Monday afternoon, Fairview veteran, Col. Donald Fallin (U.S. Army, retired) passed the 700-mile mark on the Appalachian Trail west of Roanoke, Virginia.

Fallin is hiking the trail to raise awareness and funds for the Johnny Mac Soldiers' Fund, which provides scholarships for the children of America's fallen warriors.

To date, his efforts have raised $8,050.

To contribute to the nonprofit Johnny Mac Fund, visit Col. Fallin's crowdfunding page at www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/dons-appalachian-trail-hike-for-the-johnny-mac-soldiers-fund/donaldfallin.

Learn more about Fallin's journey:

www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/06/07/update-fairview-veteran-reaches-600-mile-mark-appalachian-trail

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Col. Donald Fallin is keeping The Tribune apprised of his progress as he hikes the Appalachian Trail to raise funds for children of fallen warriors.

CULLMAN SWIM TEAM: Tritons trounce Decatur

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Swim Team, the Tritons, won handily over Decatur Tuesday at home. The Cullman boys won 280-62, while the girls finished 230-118.

First-place finishers included:

- Charlie Long (8 & Under) 100 Yard IM
- Lauren Windham (8 & Under) 100 Yard IM, 25 Yard Freestyle, and 25 Yard Backstroke
- Mason Fuller (9-10) 100 Yard IM
- Sarah Woods (9-10) 100 Yard IM
- Aubrey Helms (11-12) 100 Yard IM and 50 Yard Breaststroke
- Morgan Fuller (11-12) 100 Yard IM
- Jacob Hilb (13-14) 100 Yard IM
- Charis Peel (15-18) 100 Yard IM and 50 Yard Backstroke
- Tate Tysinger (6 & Under) 25 Yard Freestyle, 25 Yard Backstroke and 25 Yard Butterfly
- Georgia Dowdy (6 & Under) 25 Yard Freestyle
- Clark Freeman (8 & Under) 25 Yard Freestyle and 50 Yard Freestyle
- Rhett Tysinger (9-10) 50 Yard Freestyle and 50 Yard Butterfly
- Luke Johnson (11-12) 50 Yard Freestyle, 50 Yard Butterfly, and 100 Freestyle
- Devon Campbell (15-18) 50 Yard Freestyle
- Brooks Loftin (8 & Under) 25 Yard Breaststroke
- Madeline Dowdy (8 & Under) 25 Yard Breaststroke and 50 Yard Freestyle
- John Luke Hornsby (9-10) 50 Yard Breaststroke
- Cort McNeel (13-14) 50 Yard Breaststroke
- Ruby Hudson (13-14) 50 Yard Breaststroke and 100 Yard Freestyle
- Kelly Warren (15-18) 50 Yard Breaststroke
- Colin Hyde (8 & Under) 25 Yard Backstroke
- Chase Duncan (11-12) 50 Yard Backstroke
- CJ Arnold (13-14) 50 Yard Backstroke, 50 Yard Butterfly, and 100 Yard Freestyle
- Madison Clements (13-14) 50 Yard Backstroke
- Leah Hilb (8& Under) 25 Yard Butterfly
- Anna Page (13-14) 50 Yard Butterfly
- Cameron Martin (9-10) 100 Yard Freestyle
- Jonah Hilb (15-18) 100 Freestyle
- Boys (8 & Under) 100 Yard Medley Relay: Colin Hyde, Charlie Long, Clark Freeman, Tate Tysinger
- Girls (8 & Under) 100 Yard Medley Relay: Makena Evans, Lauren Windham, Madeline Dowdy, Edie Hudson
- Boys (9-10) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Will Cooner, Rhett Tysinger, Mason Fuller, Cameron Martin
- Boys (11-12) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Aubrey Helms, Caden Hornsby, Luke Johnson, Chase Duncan
- Girls (11-12) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Morgan Fuller, Clare Windham, Caroline Haigh, Elizabeth Hazard.
- Boys (13-14) 200 Yard Medley Relay: CJ Arnold, Cort McNeel, Jacob Hilb, Rhett Tucker
- Girls (13-14) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Madison Clements, Ruby Hudson, Anna Page, Mollie Woods
- Boys (15-18) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Colby Hutson, Ethan Hendrix, Jonah Hilb, Adam Cooner
- Girls (15-18) 200 Yard Medley Relay: Charis Peek, Jordan Windham, Kelly Warren, Anna Hilb
- Boys (8 & Under) 100 Yard Freestyle Relay: Colin Hyde, Tate Tysinger, Clark Freeman, Brooks Loftin
- Girls (8 & Under) 100 Yard Freestyle Relay: Madeline Dowdy, Edie Hudson, Joyanna Borden, Lauren Windham
- Boys (9-10) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Mason Fuller, Rhett Tysinger, Will Cooner, Cameron Martin
- Boys (11-12) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Luke Johnson, Chase Duncan, Caden Hornsby, Aubrey Helms
- Girls (11-12) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Elizabeth Hazard, Morgan Fuller, FK Kruger, Caroline Haigh
- Boys (13-14) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Jacob Hilb, Cort McNeel, Rhett Tucker, CJ Arnold
- Girls (13-14) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Anna Page, Madison Clements, Maria Windham, Ruby Hudson
- Boys (15-18) 200 Yard Freestyle Relay: Colby Hutson, Adam Cooner, Jonah Hilb, Ethan Hendrix
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Gudger (from Front)

led him home, where he wanted to join his father in what had started out to be a hobby in the family garage. When that hobby outgrew the space Dr. Gudger bought a building in town. Thus, Southern Accents Architectural Antiques was born in 1969. His hobby, refinishing furniture and salvaging treasures from structures about to be torn down, has turned into one of the largest architectural antique salvage business in the United States. At class reunions in his hometown of Salisbury, North Carolina, Dr. Garlan Gudger, Sr. often quipped to his former classmates that he owned a little junk store.

For years the young boy trailed around after his father, learning the business without actually realizing he was setting the stage for his own career. He absorbed all the wisdom that his father offered in more ways than just business acumen. He watched as his father dealt honestly with his peers, and along the way, he also learned the gift of giving, a gift that would become ingrained into his personality.

The two worked hard to make the business the success story that it has become. Garlan, Jr. knows what work is. He didn't just sit behind a desk and hire people to deconstruct homes and businesses that had for some reason been condemned – he swung a sledgehammer for years, working in heat, dust and soot from early morning until late in the afternoon. Perhaps you've seen Garlan's handiwork at restaurants, hotels and other businesses and events throughout Alabama and around the Southeast -- from the familiar interior of Carlton's Italian Restaurant to the rustic quarter sawn oak floors at the famous Highlands Bar and Grill in Birmingham, the light fixtures and old doors at Rosie's Cantina in Huntsville, the custom designed ceiling in the lobby of The Westin Nashville hotel or the backstage artist lounge at the Sloss Music & Arts Festival in Birmingham and even in NYC at Fashion Week, where he created sets for award-winning designer, Billy Reid. He worked alongside his employees, never asking them to do anything he wasn't willing to do himself.

Southern Accents counts among its many clients, country singer Marty Stewart, sports figures Eli and Peyton Manning, designers Billy Reid and Natalie Channing, actor Samuel L. Jackson, Mike Wolfe of "American Pickers" and Mother Angelica. However, people who know him will quickly tell you that Gudger treats all of his customers alike, no matter their station in life.

He has some hard and fast rules when it comes to his business and his faith. He doesn't open on Sundays. And he doesn't buy historic buildings to tear them down for their contents. People may draw the mistaken conclusion that he operates that way, but the fact is, he only deconstructs houses and buildings which have previously been condemned or are about to be torn down by owners. And because he loves history and legends, everywhere he goes, he chronicles the past of the pieces that he and his Southern Accents team salvage in order to keep the history of those mantles, doors, chandeliers and other fixtures alive. He offers that history to future owners so that they will know the provenance of their mantle or beams. To Garlan, the importance of keeping the story with the piece means that it will continue to live on in another home.

That's what Southern Accents is all about. He and his father found a way of making a living by preserving the past. Looking back, he says that staying in his hometown was the best decision he's ever made, second to marrying Heather Pierce and having two sons, Tripp, 14 and Pierce, 11.

As important as the family business is to him, he says that being a father and husband are what grounds him. He took a day trip with his sons on his 40th birthday. That night he journaled his thoughts, "I was able to take a moment to reflect on my life, what and who and where I am," he wrote. "My 40th birthday is one I'll always cherish. I was able to observe my children and my niece truly playing, without the benefit of electronics and life seemed a million miles away. I thought of all the cool and interesting places, people, and events that I have been able to be associated with, but of my greatest achievements, those little ones in that boat, are by far what make the proudest! For them to call me Daddy, and say their prayers at night with me, while they hug me- well, it makes me swell up inside with pride. By shaping their future with my time and love, and setting boundaries – who cares how big my bank account is, or what position I hold, if I fail to be a part of their life? I have always wondered where I'll be in life when I reached 40, and I can truly say that I am exactly where I am supposed to be, home with my family. I am blessed."

Today, at the age of 43, he sees himself still working on his bucket list of goals at 50, still learning and still acquiring precious memories. At 60, he sees himself close to retirement, but still working and focusing on the next generation of Gudgers.

The family has been active in church, civic groups and in education for decades. They came to Cullman when Dr. Gudger was hired as a football coach at West Point, and quickly became part of the community where they would spend their lives working, playing and making a difference in the quality of life in this area.

A Type 1 diabetic, Dr. Gudger struggled with the disease from a young age. In 2007 one of his kidneys failed. In an emergency meeting, his three children, Jill, Joy and Garlan, talked about the best course of action to take. All three were matches. "Look, both of you might have children; I'm going to give him one of my kidney's and that's all there is to it," he told his sisters firmly. The surgery was successful. In later years, Dr. Gudger would affectionately joke that he let Garlan think he was running the business but the truth was that he was keeping him around for spare parts.

As the business grew, Garlan, Jr. became a driving force in developing the downtown area. People listened to his ideas. He was young but he had a good head on his shoulders and folks realized that he had their best interests at heart. He always knew that if Cullman prospered, his business would, too. Because of his concern for his community, his boundless energy and foresight, Garlan was elected to the Cullman City Council 16 years ago and has served as city council president for the past 12 years.

Jenny Grissom Folsom has served with him for much of that time. "I have served on the Cullman City Council with him for 10 years," said Folsom. "He was the president and I have been the pro tem that whole time. He has some of the best and most unique talents I have ever seen in one person. He has the love and sincerity of family, community and heritage well beyond his years. I often tell him he is an 'old soul' in a young, energetic and visionary body. I have total confidence in Garlan!"

When the tornado struck in 2011, demolishing the downtown area and much of the outlying county, as well, Gudger was one of the key people who quickly put together task forces, helped to organize the massive clean-up effort, and lent his support to all of the others who worked as a team to accomplish the herculean mission at hand. Soon afterward Garlan became involved with Shane Quick, also from Cullman, who produces festivals all over the world. According to Folsom, it was just two months after the devastating tornadoes of April 27, 2011, "Quick got with Garlan and the rest of us and booked Casting Crowns to do a benefit concert at Sportsman Lake in June. By 2012 Garlan, Mayor Max Townsend, and the city council wanted to have an anniversary celebration to honor the recovery, resilience and growth in Cullman. So on April 27, 2012 the first Rock the South (RTS) was held."

The rest is history. Today, RTS is one of the largest venues of its kind in the Southeast. The two-day festival brings in tens of thousands of people who spend money on food, gas, shopping and lodging while there.

Because of his efforts he was recognized by Southern Living Magazine as one of the "Heroes of the New South."

He won't talk about much of what he does for others, or for the city he loves. But Dot will. "After the tornado hit the downtown area the city council came up with a plan to help store owners rebound," she explained. "That plan included reimbursing them for replacing the façade of their buildings according to guidelines that would make the city look cohesive and give shoppers a pleasant experience because of the continuity throughout the downtown area."

Garlan was instrumental in writing the proposal. It stated that any store or building owner who repaired their building according to the guidelines set forth would be repaid for their expenses through the liquor tax fund. Because of his part in writing the proposal Garlan refused to take any reimbursement for the expenses he incurred on the four buildings he owns downtown. "Not many people know that," Dot pointed out. "He didn't want people to think that he took advantage by writing a proposal that would benefit him."

That kind of selfless integrity inspires confidence and loyalty in his constituents. Those traits recently led to his being elected the new District 4 senator, for Cullman County, which includes parts of Lawrence, Winston and Marion Counties. He won his home county by a landslide. "It's been a humbling experience," said his mother.

As the pain from the loss of his father crippled him inside, he forced himself to focus on the task ahead, pushing forward with his campaign and winning votes at every stop because of his engaging personality and his common sense political stance on key issues.

Gudger is a man of his word, one who can sympathize and understand the plight of small businesses, who knows the sting of sweat in his eyes and the ache of sore muscles at the end of a long day. His parents were educators who worked two jobs to make sure their children were provided for. He grew up listening to them talk about what needed fixing in the educational system and has vowed to help retirees of the state school system have a better benefits package. His father was dean of students at Wallace State Community College, and his mother started the first business school there.

But for Gudger the most important job he's ever had is being a dad. He learned how to be a father by working alongside his own father. He knows that if he puts his heart into raising his sons they will be good men, the same way he knows that if he helps District 4 grow, it will flow over into his business. He has a vision for his first term in office, but knows he has a lot to learn.

Yes, this Father's Day will be bittersweet, there will be an empty chair at the family table, that familiar laugh is now only a cherished memory, and he can't go to his hero for advice about this new stage in his life. But he will never forget the best piece of advice his father ever gave him, "Don't forget where you come from," and he won't forget, because there are two boys who now look to him to teach them the same lessons that his father taught; morality, humility, love of God, of his fellow man and his community. He will go into the Senate with all of that in mind, knowing that the same lessons he's learned in life will apply there: honesty, decency, respect and hard work.

"What difference will it make how big my bank account is or what position I hold if I fail to be a part of my son's lives?" he once asked himself. Now, for much the same reasons, he seeks to make the world safe for his sons, and by doing so, for the sons and daughters of others. He wants the see the world a better place for them, and by the same token, better for the children of his peers. He wants them to have clean water and air, and safe, healthy food. And in helping to assure those things he will give others those crucial benefits. He wants them to have more opportunities to work and live in the place they grew up, if that's what they choose to do, and in helping to bring them more opportunity the rest of north Alabama benefits by association. His is the generation that can turn things around in Montgomery, Washington and here at home. Home, where your family is, home where your heart can rest...

To those fathers out there who have worked to provide for their families, to those who have lost their fathers, and to all who will celebrate with them this Father's Day, we wish you a happy and safe Father's Day!

Obituary Announcements: June 13 – 16

David "Ronny" Shaddrix, 50 of the Walter Community, passed away on Monday, June 11, 2018. Funeral service will be Thursday June 14 at 11 a.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home with Rev. Tony Mitchell officiating interment will follow at Duck River Cemetery. Hanceville Funeral Home directing. Family will receive friends Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. He is survived by his wife; Tammy of Walter, Children; Sean Shaddrix, and Erin Shaddrix, of Walter, Mother, Jeannie (Paul) Campbell of Hartselle Father, John (Faye) Shaddrix of Walter Brothers; Jerry Shaddrix and Jeff Shaddrix, of Walter and Rodney (Tammy) Martin, of Brooksville, Sister; Donna (Joey) Cone, of Hanceville, Christy (Chris) Vaughn, of Brooksville, Lisa Savanne,(Ross McGraw) Uncle; Buddy Shaddrix and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Mr. William Dale Gerstman, 53 of Falkville, are Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. G.T. Robertson officiating. Visitation on Thursday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Mr. Gerstman passed away on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at his residence. Cullman Funeral Home directing. He was preceded in death by his parents, William R. Gerstman and Frances Jean Butler. He is survived by daughters, Tisha Lanette Smith, Krystal Dawn Colwell and Nicole Suzanne Orr; brothers, Michael Gerstman, Billy Gerstman, Jeremiah Suits, Doiley Mack Suits, Tommy Suits, Junior Wayne Suits, Tommy Morris and Anthony Morris; sisters, Jeanette Smith, Teresa Jeannie Slovak, Doris Rice and Cookie Salmon; grandchildren, Alley Grace Mims, Trenton Avery Mims, "Bodee" LeBron Smith, Hannah McKinley Stiles, Alexis Beth Smith, Mikala Suzanne Orr, Kenyon Orion Nappier, Krista Raine Nappier and Kenzi Dawn Nappier and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Mavis Annie Pierce Box, 81 of Addison, entered into rest on Monday, June 11, 2018 at the Folsom Center in Cullman, surrounded by her loved ones. Mrs. Box was born on December 17, 1936, in Winston County. Mavis attended West Point for her early schooling and went on to graduate from Addison High School in 1955. She was a longtime member of Nesmith Church. Mavis enjoyed gardening, working in her flower beds and quilting. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018, at 2pm at Nesmith Church, with a graveside committal prayer to follow in the adjoining cemetery. Pastor Steton Hayes will officiate. Mavis is survived by her husband of 61 years, Jerell Denton Box; son, Eric Box; sister, Velda Voyt; and sister in law, Frances Pierce. She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Maudie Pierce, and brother, Levis "Bud" Pierce.

Terry Lee Sutherland, 74 of Double Springs, entered into rest on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at Brookwood Medical Center in Birmingham. Terry was born on June 1, 1944 in Double Springs. He was a graduate of Winston County High School and a longtime member of Rock Creek Baptist Church. Terry proudly served his country in the United States Air Force for two years until he received a hardship discharge. He served as the Unit Administrator for the Army National Guard in Double Springs for 32 years. He also served his community while working as a dispatcher and jailer with the Winston County Sheriff's Department for ten years. Terry enjoyed farming, mechanic work and nature observation. Terry worked hard all of his life to provide for his family. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He always made sure his grandbabies had what they needed. He also loved riding his grandbabies on tractors and listening to Rick & Bubba. He was given the nickname "Speedy" by his co-workers at the Sheriff's Office. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 9pm at Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Double Springs, where services will be on Friday at 2 p.m. Brother Buford Parker will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. Terry is survived by wife of 49 years, Margaret E. Sutherland; sons, Tommy Lynn Sutherland, and Michael Lee Sutherland and his wife Mary Ellen; daughter, Dana Annette Wyma and her husband Kevin; brothers, O'Neal, Tony and Johnny Sutherland and his wife Lisa; sister, Gloria Jean Jacks and her husband Danny Joe; he was "Granddaddy" to 6 grandchildren, Jacob Lovett, Nicholaus Bryan, Bri Anna Sutherland Lancaster, Benjamin Michael Sutherland, Maddie Sutherland and Maycee McKim; and 4 great grandchildren, Ella Caroline Lovett, Payson Reed Lovett, Kellin Reece Lovett and Jagger Aaron Lovett. He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace Murphy and Gloria Sutherland.

Funeral Service for Matthew Osborn, 42 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Refuge Church of God with Rev. Tim Dubberly and Steven Sanders officiating; burial at Riverside Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Osborn passed away on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at his residence. He was born, August 25, 1975 to Carl William and Teresa Lynn Osborn. He served our community with the Cullman County Sherriff's Office as a reserve deputy. He is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Stacy Osborn, mother, Teresa Osborn, sisters, Cindy (LeeRoy) Fortner and Laura (Heath) Boatright, mother-in-law, Diane Entrekin, brother-in-law, Allen (Teresa) Entrekin, fur baby, Sophie Grace, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018 at Refuge Church of God.

Garry Burgess, 60 of Gardendale, passed away Tuesday, June 12, 2018. Mr. Burgess was born September 26, 1957 to James and Lois Davis Burgess. Mr. Burgess worked as a CAD drawer for many years. He was also a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother. His will be missed by many. Garry is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ricky Burgess. He is survived by his brother, Randy Burgess (Johnna); daughters, Dana Barton (Richie) and Amber Hill (Lee); grandchildren, Nathan and Hallie Barton, and Gracie, Lynlee, and Madilyn Hill; and great-grandson, Blake Barton. Funeral services will be Saturday, June 16, 2018, at 12 noon in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services on Saturday, from 10 a.m. until services begin at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Garry to Holly Pond Funeral Home. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family.

Cortney Shea Delorme, of Boaz, passed away Monday June 11, 2018. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday June 16, at Hanceville Funeral Home with interment following in Hopewell cemetery, Reverend Larry Gipson officiating. Visitation will be on Friday beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home. He was preceded in death by grandparents, Ralph and Jean Harmon and Brother and Dorothy Delorme. Mr. Delorme is survived by his wife; Ashley Delorme, daughter; Emma Delorme, son; Eddie "Brother" Mitchell Delorme. Parents, Eddie H. and Berth Harmon Delorme; sister; Tracie (Robert) Tolentino, Parents-in-law; Mitchell and Valerie Cotton, brother-in-law; Eric (Amber) Cotton, nieces and nephews; Lilliana Tolentino, Kaitlyn, Elise, Owen, and Claire Cotton, two aunts, 1 uncle and numerous cousins and friends.

Funeral services for James Paul Roberts, 63 of Vinemont, are 11 a.m. Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Tommy Blackwood and Bro. Steve Bryan officiating, with interment with military honors in Emeus Cemetery. Visitation on Friday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Roberts passed away on Tuesday, June 12, 2018. He was preceded in death by his father, James Earl Roberts and grandsons, Brady and Connor Hill. He is survived by his wife, Jayne Roberts; mother, Ival Lee Skinner; daughters, Kelley (Kevin) Jones and Melanie (Jeremy) Hill; brother, Randy (Cynde) Roberts; sisters, Linda Roat and Glenda (Hal) Lockhart; grandchildren, Austin Jones, Jessi Jones, Brookelynn Hill and Cody Hill.

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IN THE MATTER OF *
BERNICE CONNELL, * CASE NO. PC 18-127
AN INCAPACITATED ADULT. *

TO: ROGER McKINNON, SON; RONALD McKINNON, SON; DALE McKINNON, SON; ERNEST McKINNON, SON; LINDA CARTER, DAUGHTER; AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP

Please take notice that a hearing for Petition for Letters of Guardianship for BERNICE CONNELL, filed by Tammy Street, Social Worker for the Department of Human Resources, Petitioner, has been set for the 10th day of July, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. at the Cullman County Courthouse, Room 101, 500 Second Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate.

DONE this the 5th day of June, 2018.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
Judge of Probate
Cullman County, Alabama

Perry D. Knight
Attorney for Cullman County
Department of Human Resources
412 First Avenue SE
Suite 101
Cullman, AL 35055
256-734-4090

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JOHN JOSEPH PHALON, * CASE NO: PC 2018-189
DECEASED. *

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

A Petition for Summary Distribution of the Estate of **JOHN JOSEPH PHALON,** deceased, has been filed by **DREW GREEN,** on the 6th day of June, 2018, and a date for Summary Distribution has been set for the 31st **day of** July, **2018, at** 10:00 **am.**, 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 30 days of first date of publication or the same will be barred.

Drew Green
PETITIONER

All claims must be filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County.

To the Publisher of Cullman Tribune

Please publish the foregoing notice **ONE TIME** and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

DONE THIS 11th DAY OF June, 2018.

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

Smith & Smith, LLP
Attorney for Petitioner
PO Box 398
Cullman, AL 35056
(256) 734-4721

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
A.G.,) CASE NO. JU 2016-576.02
A Minor Child, 07/27/2011)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born to Katrina Richards on or about 07/27/2011, respond to the Petition by the 2 day of July, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 1st day of June, 2018

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.

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LISA McSWAIN
CIRCUIT CLERK
CULLMAN COUNTY

Witness my hand and official seal, this 5 day of June, 2018.
Lisa McSwain (GW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
A.G.,) CASE NO. JU 2016-575.02
A Minor Child, 01/28/2010)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born to Katrina Richards on or about 01/28/2010, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of July, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 1st day of June, 2018

WELLS R. TURNER, III
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Lisa McSwain (GW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
K.B.,) CASE NO. JU 2017-092.02
A Minor Child, 08/04/2012)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born to Trista Brown on or about 08/04/2012, respond to the Petition by the 19 day of July, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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Lisa McSwain (GW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

LADWONA D. PIGG
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2018-900069.00

MATHEW J. PIGG
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Mathew J. Pigg, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Ladwona D. Pigg's Petition to Modify by July 30, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900069.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 31st day of May, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Michael D. Haynes
412 First Av SE, Suite 100
Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
BILLY RAY WISE,) CASE NO.: PC2018-188
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **WILBURN LANE RICE,** as Executor of the Estate of **BILLY RAY WISE**, deceased, on the 8th day of June, 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 8th day of June, 2018.

Wilburn Lane Rice
Executor

Calvin M. Howard
Attorney for the Petitioners
PO Box 190025
Birmingham, AL 35219-0025

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 JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
S.N.,) CASE NO. JU 2017-321.02
A Minor Child, 07/02/2008)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born to Janet Willingham on or about 07/02/2008, respond to the Petition by the 19th day of July, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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Lisa McSwain (GW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
RUTH E. WHITAKER, CASE NO. : PC-2018-135
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to WENDY MELTON, as Administratrix of the Estate of RUTH E. WHITAKER, deceased, on the 8th day of June, 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.

Annette Irons-Parker (IRO 003)
Attorney for Wendy Melton
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
215 Main Avenue S.W.
Cullman, AL 35055
256-775-4444

TO: The Publisher of CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate Cullman County

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
D.M.,) CASE NO. JU 2016-577.02
A Minor Child, 10/23/2007)

NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born to Katrina Richards on or about 10/23/2007, respond to the Petition by the 12 day of July, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, 206 Ninth Street SW, Cullman, AL 35055, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 1st day of June, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
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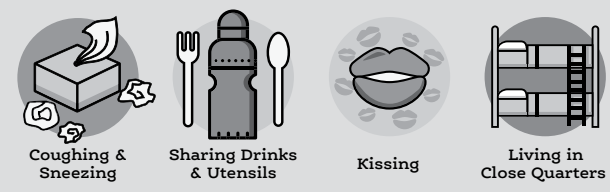
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