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Northbrook Baptist calls Keith Warden as pastor



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Northbrook Baptist Church Pastor Keith Warden

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PATRICIA PONDER/COLONY TOWN HALL

Kids in Colony's summer enrichment program met Smokey Bear on Wednesday.

SUMMER FUN

Colony kids learn about fire safety; summer enrichment program going strong

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COLONY – On Wednesday, kids enrolled in Colony's summer enrichment program got a visit from Smokey Bear, Colony Volunteer Fire Department Fireman Doug Farley, Forest Ranger Jason Downs and Cullman City Arborist Darrell Johns as they learned about fire safety and preventing forest fires.

Other activities of the week included:

- Music Appreciation - learning about music, making instruments and performing
- "Colony Kids Camp Olympics" - athletic competitions, complete with an Olympic-style torch run
- "Down and Dirty" - learning about gemstones, panning for gems and cracking open a few geodes

The Colony Summer Enrichment Program at the Colony Educational Complex offers educational and fun activities, along with free breakfast and lunch, for all community children each weekday through the last Friday in July, except for the week of July 4. For more information, drop by the educational complex between 8 a.m. and lunchtime weekdays, or call 256-287-1192.

Inside Cullman Police Aviation

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Police Department (CPD) has a resource that is rare among law enforcement agencies in cities its size: an aviation division. From hangers adjacent to the city water plant and at Cullman Regional Airport, helicopter pilots and observers fly missions as needed to provide air support during searches for fleeing suspects, act as aerial observation platforms for security operations at events like Rock the South, and serve as really cool community outreach tools, among other things.

Lt. Danny Hite, who is preparing to retire, has served since the 1990s as pilot and head of the division, and Patrol Officer Matt Dean flies the department's second helicopter and is managing the division during Hite's departure. Lt. Gene Bates is currently going through the process of getting his commercial rotary wing license. All three got their private helicopter certifications through Wallace State's rotary wing aviation program, with further training toward commercial certification at other schools.

On Wednesday, Dean and his helicopter helped The Tribune conduct an aerial photographic survey for an upcoming story, and we took the opportunity to sit down with the pilot and talk about what he and the aviation division do.



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CPD pilot Matt Dean showed off the Loach at the 2018 Safe Kids Expo at Sportsman Lake Park.

By the way, if you're a gearhead, Dean's office/workshop is a little slice of Heaven. When not flying, he also drives the department's Harley-Davidson Electra Glide motorcycle, and the department's classic black and white Road King sits in the shop near the boat he drives as lake patrol officer at Lake Catoma and the Duck River Reservoir.

Dean said with a big smile, "I'd say I've got the coolest job around this place!"

The helicopters

Helicopters are expensive pieces of equipment, easily beyond the budget of a small city department like Cullman's. Dean explained that CPD's vehicles, along with non-flying helicopters acquired for their usable parts, have all come to Cullman through the federal government's 1033 program which allows the cost-free transfer of certain military resources to law enforcement and emergency responders.

Said Dean, "Not many departments our size have aircraft. If it wasn't for the surplus property program, there wouldn't be any way we could have the aircraft we have. We've got over a million dollars' worth of aircraft."

The CPD currently operates two helicopters.

Bell OH-58A Kiowa/JetRanger

The JetRanger, in one variant or another, was flown by the U.S. Army from 1969 until 2017. It has also been immensely popular in the civilian sector, as a law enforcement patrol vehicle, air ambulance, aerial news media camera and observation platform, and corporate executive transport vehicle. CPD's JetRanger is equipped with forward looking infrared (FLIR) thermal imaging cameras and a Nightsun high intensity spotlight; it has two rear seats.

According to Dean, the JetRanger, with all of its specialized equipment, is larger and heavier than the Loach, with a similar engine, meaning that the JetRanger, even with its back seats, is mainly a two-person platform. Hite has been the pilot since the CPD's acquisition of the vehicle in the 1990s.

Hughes OH-6A Cayuse/Loach

The Loach

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FAITH

6 months in, Grace Place thriving

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CULLMAN – Episcopal Church in downtown Cullman is home to Grace Place, a ministry for people with Alzheimer's and other forms of memory loss. Deacon Jerry Jacob, who oversees the program, shared with The Tribune that next week, Grace Place will celebrate six months of "providing spiritual, physical, mental, and social stimulation for adults with mild to moderate memory loss."

GRACE PLACE

The program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with a current average of seven to eight participants at each session; some come one day a week, and some both days. Each participant spends the session with a volunteer. Volunteers come from churches throughout Cullman.

Activities include:

- morning devotion and prayer
- chair exercises led by Ann Caretti or Laughter Yoga led by Sandy Speegle
- a table exercise such as: a trivia quiz, guest presenters, arts, crafts, history bingo, stories, jigsaw puzzles, etc.
- a hot lunch catered by The Red Door Café
- a version of "volleyball" with air-inflated balloons, pool noodles and a badminton net
- more table exercises
- a volunteer playing classic hymns on the piano

Jacob said, "Guest presenters have included the Senior Dance Troupe from First United Methodist Church

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Arrest report: June 20

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for June 20. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Lynn, Dalton Leonnard, 27
• third-degree burglary (3 counts)

Pate, Carrie Bridget Pelman, 33
• nonsupport

Shipp, Dennis Earl, 57
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Powell, Nathan A., 27
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Rauch, Eric J., 49
• disorderly conduct

Patterson, Timmy D., 56
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Martin, Brittany L., 27
• chemical endangerment of a child

Carr, Patrick D., 37
• FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bagwell, Brooke Renea, 31
• FTA- driving while suspended

Bowman, Rebecca Sue, 56
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana personal use

Collins, Justin Blake, 25
• unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Cox, Calvin James, 28
• FTA- public intoxication

Dixon, Kayci Taylor, 25
• obstructing government operations
• illegal possession of prescription medicine (2 counts)

Hubbard, David Eugene, 50
• FTA- DUI

Parker, Thomas Sidney, 57
• possession of drug paraphernalia

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Elrod, John E., 49
• FTA- running a red light

Bagwell, Brooke R., 31
• FTA- driving without a license
• FTA- expired tag

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Warden (from Front)

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CULLMAN – After more than a year of searching, Cullman's Northbrook Baptist Church called Dr. Keith Warden as pastor; he officially came on board on Sunday, June 17.

Warden grew up in the Huntsville area and is a graduate of Samford University Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Beeson School of Divinity. He came to Cullman after 14 years of service as pastor of First Baptist Church in Picayune, Mississippi. Next week, Warden and his wife Kristi will celebrate their 30th anniversary in their new hometown. The couple has three adult children: Bryce, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University; Brady, a junior at Mississippi State University; and Brooke, a freshman at Samford University.

On Thursday, The Tribune sat down with Warden at his Northbrook office to get acquainted.

We know you're still figuring out your new church, but what do you hope to see Northbrook doing under your leadership in the next few years?

"I know that we have a great history of being a church that loves Cullman and loves this community and has been here a long time--both as a church that relocated to this location (and) before that. But you nailed it: I'm still figuring things out.

"But I do know that I want us to be a missional church. I want us to engage our community. I want us to model the Gospel and live out the Gospel. I tell our folks all that time that we can't expect folks to be changed by a Gospel that's not changing us. And so I want us to really believe that the message that God has given us is a message that changes us and gives us a purpose in life. And when we're confident of that and when we're growing in that, then we naturally begin to share that with our community. It becomes a part of our life. It's not something that's forced or contrived, you know, it's something that's real.

"I want us to be an authentic community of faith. And I think that's what they want to be here, so I'm looking forward to doing that together."

What was your first impression of the Cullman community and Northbrook Church?

"Well, I was really drawn to just the opportunity. Cullman's a growing area. I'm from Alabama, but I didn't remember it being this populated and being this thriving. It's a little bit different place than it was years ago, when I was living in this part of the state. And so I was a little bit awakened to that, and didn't realize that, and because of that, I think that we're poised in a great place to be able to make an impact here and to reach a lot of people.

"And then I was just really drawn to the spirit and to the love and the compassion of the people here. I really do think they want to be a church that loves and reaches their community, and I would love to help them do that. And so, those are the things that stood out to me.

"Like you said, I'm still learning, but I've been doing this for a while now, so I know that the best choice a pastor can make is to go somewhere and try to be obedient for a long time. And you don't try to get it all done overnight; it takes time. But you learn how to love people and serve people for a long time and be obedient in a long time, and God can do a lot of things. God can do a lot in a long time, if we're obedient, that we would be amazed by. So that's where my heart is, what my desire is.

Are there programs you've enjoyed success with in other places that you'd like to bring to Northbrook and Cullman?

"I'm just a really big believer that every church really needs to personalize the Great Commission. And we need to partner with ministry and missions in our community. We need to partner to plant other churches.

"For the last eight years, I've had the opportunity to serve as a trustee with the North American Mission Board for the Southern Baptist Convention, and travel around the country. Most of the time, we get a bad rap for all the negative things that people think are happening within our denomination. What doesn't get publicized a lot is that there are some great things happening among Southern Baptists, and we're doing more than any other evangelical denomination in North America to reach North America with the Gospel.

"And so I want us to be part of planting more churches. I want us to be a part of sending out people. We're not just about being a church that exists for itself, for people to come and stay here.

"You know, I really believe that our mission is to build people up and send them out to advance the Kingdom. There's more to the Kingdom than just Highway 157 in Cullman, you know; there's a lot of places that need the good news of Christ.

"And so, I don't know if it's so much a program as it is a mentality and a philosophy that we don't just exist for ourselves, and we're not here just to sustain a facility at an address, but we're here to advance the Kingdom and build God's Kingdom, wherever that's at. So that's one of the things I hope I'm able to bring to the table, as far as what God's been doing in my life for a while now, in ministry."

The final word

"I guess I've already said it in one or two different ways, but we're here to serve others. We're not here for ourselves. And so, I want folks to know that we're here to help them to see and understand the love of Christ for them, and to try to model that in the best way that we can.

"And so, that's not just going to happen here in our church. I hope it's happening at every healthy church in this community. I look forward to doing that with other pastors and doing that with other churches. I know that there's not any one church or one spiritual leader in this community that's going to be able to serve this community and lead them to Christ, and I just want to be a part of that. So, if they want to help us do that, we definitely need all the help we can get.

"But we're definitely here to serve, and I definitely want to be seen as a servant leader who has a heart for the Gospel and wants to serve people here. That's the only reason I'm doing what I'm doing."

For more about Northbrook Baptist Church, visit www.northbrookbc.com or www.facebook.com/northbrookbc/ or call 256-734-6401.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF **CASE NO: PC2018-207**

Y.E.A..,
D.O.B. 12-13-2011
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: **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 LIZBETH PINEDA, 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 22nd DAY OF June, 2018.

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

MELVIN HASTING
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2018-027**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF A.D.D.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 02/07/2001

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **MELISSA MCQUEEN**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of A.D.D., a minor child born on the 7th day of February, 2001, in Panama City, Florida, to biological mother Misty Virginia Skinner Daily, was filed on the 21st day of March, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by Joseph Michael Walker and Tehbetha Shayne Walker, Petitioners. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 21st DAY OF June, 2018.

Joseph Michael Walker &
Tehbetha Shayne Walker
Petitioners

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Gudger buys lunch for community at Busy Bee

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CULLMAN –The Busy Bee Café may have never seen a lunch rush as packed as Thursday's, thanks to Senator-Elect Garlan Gudger, who paid for everyone's meals. During peak service, patrons were lined out the door and sitting multiple parties to a table.

The Tribune spoke with Gudger about why he would hold such an event, and he shared what many people who have grown up in Cullman know about The Busy Bee. "Growing up in Cullman, The Busy Bee was a staple in my life. I came here three to five times a week, and everybody that I have built relationships with over the years, I've met in this place," he said.

"It's made me feel good to be able to give back and support those who supported me during the campaign. I thought that there wouldn't be a better setting than to do that in downtown and The Busy Bee."

Gudger used a portion of his remaining campaign funds to pay for lunch. "I wanted to make sure that it wasn't something that I kept for myself... I'd rather spend it this way than using it as something that would help me get re-elected."

Gudger said politics is not always about who has the most money. "I'd rather give it all away and let my performance be my base for hopefully winning again in four years instead of having a big war-chest where people are afraid to run against me."

If funds continue to be available, Gudger said he hopes to hold many more events like the one at The Busy Bee in other parts of his district, saying he hopes that by giving back to the communities that have given to him that they "realize how much I appreciate them and sincerely appreciate them coming out and voting for me."

Gudger will face no Democratic opponent in November's general election, after which he will represent Alabama's District 4, which is comprised of the entirety of Cullman and Lawrence Counties as well as portions of Winston and Marion Counties.



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Senator-Elect Garlan Gudger, left, with The Busy Bee Café's Kitty Spears at the restaurant on Thursday. Gudger bought lunch for the community.

Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1935
Mrs. Bess Morrow was in Atlanta this week to attend the graduation of her son, Sidney from the dental college there. She will return by Birmingham for the graduation of her son, Chad from Phillips High School.

Eugene Sparks and Oliver Cooper will leave on Friday, for Arkansas. The former for a vacation at Hot Springs and the latter to teach at a music school at Hartford.

Miss Ruth Wilbanks returned Saturday from San Antonio, Texas, where she along with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilbanks, of Gadsden, attended the meeting of Kiwanis International.

J.M. Lamphear and daughter, Rhera will arrive from Grand Rapids, Michigan, next week to visit the R.E. Yeager family.

Miss Mildred Ruehl and William Coy Putman were married on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Kinney are in Hot Springs, Arkansas for three weeks.

Mrs. Frances Coleman was honored at a surprise birthday dinner, on Sunday, when she celebrated her 65th birthday.

Kermit Weaver and Eulis King made outstanding records for Cullman High School at the state track meet, in Birmingham. Cullman tied with Woodlawn for third place in the state.

From The Files Of 1938
Mrs. Fannie Van Sanat McClarty, of the Hanceville community, died on May 19th, 1938, at the age of 65 years and her body was laid to rest at Oak Grove Cemetery, on Saturday, May 21st, 1938. She was a native of Douglasville, Georgia, where she was married to Tump Van Sanat, who died years ago and by their marriage she is survived by one son, Tump Van Sanat, Junior and two daughters, Mrs. L.K. Bland, of Hanceville and Mrs. Ray Plunkett, of Atlanta, Georgia.

On Thursday, May 26th, 1938, it was a red letter day in the history of Cullman. This day the hopes of the last twenty-five years grew into reality with the official opening of the new $215,000 Water System from the Mulberry River to the city.

Who's Who at Sacred Heart Academy
Given: Most Popular – Angelo Bruno. Most Attractive – Anita Sterling. Best Natured – Inez Woerz. Best Sport – Ruth Hagemann. Wittiest – Catherine Haley. Best Athlete – Adelia Vandiver. Most Vigorous Talker – Marie Klein. Musician – Lila Muina. Ideal of Class – Mary Hughes. Most Pious – Florence Kilpatrick. Most Serious Minded – Anna Margaret Karter. Most Original – Jean Vick. Friendliest – Margaret Rice. Cleverest – Alma Price.

William Alvin Camp, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Camp, of this city, was awarded the Joseph Henry Walker, III memorial award for his outstanding performance during his first year in the school of medicine at the University of Alabama. This award of $25.00 is given annually.

Mrs. Celie Cancas Glover, age 72 years, died at her home in Addison, on Sunday, May 22nd and was buried at Cantrell Cemetery, in Winston County, on May 23rd. The deceased is a native of Blount County, but for fifty years has made her home in Winston. E.G. Glover, her husband, passed away five years ago. She is survived by six sons, W.T. and L.W., of Addison, Earl L. and Freeman, of Cullman, E.E. and J.P., of Washington, D.C. and two daughters, Mrs. Lila Boon, of Laurel, Mississippi and Mrs. Docia Mobre, of Addison.

From The Files Of 1935
County births recorded during the month of April:
Boys
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Tolbert, C.H. Daniel, P.C. Holmes, B.O. Shelton, A.J. Maulden, M.F. Owens, J.O. McCara, Noah Nails, R.L. Burks, T.B. French, Carson Matthew, R.T. Glass, J.R. Edwards, C.D. Powell, C.B. Lynn, J.B. Lynn, Oliver Wilcut, Ewel White, F.G. Kilpatrick, O.H. Hale, H.W. Askea, Shurman Johns, A.J. Camp, B.O. Boatright, L.T. Martin, E.B. Roberson, M.T. Harbison, M.J.E. Ragsdale, E.H. McCalman, J.O. Higdon, J.W. Byars, Joe Speegle, O.W. Grissom, L.N. Waters and J.H. Linton.

Girls
Mr. and Mrs. Laurria Johnson, R.S. Moore, David Sullins, J.C. York, Melvin McClendon, T.R. Bice, W.H. Harris, Dewitt Whaley, J.W. Gilley, G.T. Dovers, G.W. Hooper, V.W. Lambert, R.W. Neal, G.D. Wizemore, W.S. Hooper, O.B. Watts, C.B. Dukes. W.C. Holcomb, F.L. Moody, T.M. Boon, O.H. Nuss, J.H. Henson, J.H. Alvis, J.O Higdon, C.E. Hamm, G.M. Sheppard, E.E. Neill, Jessie Glenn, L. Lynn, Junior, O.A. Quicks, J.W. Griffith, J.E. Cooke, V.B. Gibbs, J.L. Rowe, E.T. Cobb, Otto Kretzschmar, G.C. Chapman, J.A. Roberson, R.A. Gray, T. S. Bonds, H.H. Hyde, R.A. Chandler, J.B. Sticher, Earnest Hancock, J.H. Tubbs, R.D. Blackwood, J.D. Lindsey, Junior, A.W. Pressley, Travy Bibb, J.H. Hunt, S.L. Crocker, J.L. Wilbanks, King Chandler, J.G. Stenson and A.C. Chambers.

While hundreds of Alabama farmers are harvesting a record crop of crimson clover seed, J.C. Lowery, extension agronomist announces that 150 demonstrations in 22 counties of southeast Alabama will be set up next fall to show other farmers the value of this winter legume.

Miss Lila Belle Ponder will come home from Alabama College, on Friday to spend the summer with her parents.

Miss Emilie Buettner has returned to Birmingham, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Buettner.

Marriage Licenses
May 20th – Hugh Edge, 19, to Lena Black, 18; Goy Payne, 38, to Dapha Wells, 24; James Payne, 19, to Daisy Johnson, 18; Charles R. Garner, 20, to Flueda M. Law, 23 and Athel Burney, 21, to Pearline Duke, 16. May 21st – Carl Cornett, 18, to Lucille Cobb, 18, Charley Henry Bolzle, 26, to Vernice West, 20 and James C. Howse, 26, to Emily Lou Callahan, 22. May 23rd – Bennie T. Rogers, 27, to Pauline Burney, 17.

From The Files Of 1918
One hundred and fifty-nine of Cullman's promising young men have been called to go in training for military service under the selective draft.

Americans are in the thickest of battlenew registrations will be held every three months for men who reach draft age during that period. That means an additional 250,000 names to be enrolled every quarter.

Walter Hardly, the Negro desperado, who shot Mr. James G. Jones, a local merchant, has been sentenced to pay the penalty of his crime by being hung.

Mrs. E. Weigand has returned after visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Basenberg, of White City.

Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Killingsworth are visiting friends and relatives in Montevallo.

Misses Alma and Mary and Mr. Bill Fricke, of Hartselle, spent Sunday in the city as guests of Mrs. John Deerr. An explosion of gas in his kitchen blew H.R. Martin, of Saint Paul, out of a window.

Thomas Shepherd, of Brooklyn, had four daughters, but wanted a son. His wife presented him with triplets – all boys.

A bulldog belonging to Mrs. A.H. Roberts, of Saint Paul, scented a burglar hidden in a closet in her home and caused his arrest.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Sixty-five has herself a baby

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Well, ole Sixty-Five, Ginger the weather-dog, has done the unimaginable. She recently turned ten (seventy in dog years). That's not so terribly old, not even a big dog like a yellow lab. She has begun to show some signs of aging. She is graying around her face and her eye sight doesn't seem to be as good. I can certainly identify. I replaced the carpet on our stairs last year with hardwood. Her paws don't grip that wood so well, and she has fallen down a couple of times. Fortunately, she was near the bottom each time and didn't fall far and wasn't hurt. We have started making her come down the stairs behind one of us, so we can make her go slow and not fall.

When Sixty-Five was still young, we decided on her behalf that we didn't want puppies. I assumed she was fine with this but then since she can't talk, she didn't have any say in the matter. Our vet did the procedure and we figured that was the end of that. Then, a few weeks ago, the ole girl came home carrying a puppy in her mouth! Can you believe that?

Now, before you begin thinking I'm either lying, or just plain crazy, let me give you the rest of the story. It wasn't exactly a doggie miracle, neither had she dognapped some poor mother dog's puppy, but she had stolen a stuffed one. I'm not proud of this, but she does have a slight problem with the seventh commandment.

Once she stole our neighbor's CD case, complete with several CDs, and then hid the evidence – she buried it in the yard. I don't know why she did that, especially since she doesn't even own a CD player.

The puppy in question is about ten to twelve inches long, with light brown hair. I'm not sure what breed he is, but he has big floppy ears and looks kind of like a beagle.

He has a tattoo on his hind-quarters that says "Life-South." We will gladly return your puppy and hope that you will not press charges.

When I say "gladly," I'm not sure that this includes Sixty-Five, because she has grown quite fond of the little fellow and has become amazingly attached. You might remember that she loves racquetballs.

She used to carry one around her mouth most of the time and has been known to have two or even three in there, at the same time. Since she has become a mother, so to speak, she has all but given up her racquetball habit. Now she carries that puppy everywhere. She sleeps with it by her side. Occasionally, she starts outside without it and we'll say, "Where's your baby?" and she will go back and find him. She has never tried to bury her puppy, but she has dragged him through the mud and left him out in the rain a time or two. She probably won't win the "Mother of the year" award, but she does love her adopted stuffed dog and thinks of him as her very own. A child, much more so than a puppy, is a most special blessing from God. Grandchildren are an extra bonus. Sometimes God gives children by birth and sometimes through adoption. Eitherway, they are indeed precious gifts. Sixty Five did not acquire her puppy by a proper method, but she's thrilled nonetheless. We aren't proud, but she is. If you're missing a stuffed puppy, email me!

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Poet's Corner

The Prize

By: April McCay

Today, I ponder the path
my feet shall go?
Anticipating the moment
before the world rushes in,
I set my mind on things above
I run not, with uncertainty
but with discipline and strength
Relying on you Lord,
empowered by your love.
For whether my feet pound
the pavement or run every trail,
I will run in such a way
as to obtain you more...
I will run and not be weary,
Your strength keeps me going,
Your the prize - I'm training for.

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."
I Corinthians 9:24

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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Cullman Regional Urgent Care welcomes Cindy Hawkins, CRNP

Cullman Regional
Contributor

CULLMAN – Cindy Hawkins, CRNP, has joined Cullman Regional Urgent Care staff. Hawkins is a certified family nurse practitioner as well as a certified clinical nurse specialist, board-certified in critical care. She is a graduate of Jacksonville State University and completed nurse practitioner school at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Hawkins is passionate about providing high quality, compassionate care to all of her patients.

"I am excited to be back in Cullman, and I hope to continue to provide care for the wonderful people of Cullman for many years," Hawkins said.

Prior to joining Cullman Regional's Urgent Care team, Hawkins served patients in various hospitals and primary care clinics in north Alabama for more than 20 years, including four years as the director of emergency department at Cullman Regional and four years in private practice in Cullman.

Hawkins will be seeing patients in the Cullman Regional Urgent Care Center located on the Cullman Regional campus.

The facility is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

A unique feature of the Urgent Care Center is that patients can hold their place in line by visiting www.CullmanRegionalCheckIn.com.

The urgent care center treats all ages for non-emergency medical conditions such as:

- Upper respiratory tract infections
- Urinary tract infections
- Headaches
- Cuts/abrasions
- Mild orthopedic injuries
- Hypertensive urgency
- Mild exacerbations of chronic conditions such as asthma, COPD and congestive heart failure
- Nausea/vomiting

The urgent care center also provides the following services:

- Flu shots
- Vaccinations / Immunizations
- Insurance Wellness Screenings
- Drug Testing
- Physicals – DOT – coming soon
- Occupational medicine – coming soon
- Pre-employment screenings – coming soon

Hawkins and her husband Rick have one son and reside in Cullman.

Hawkins is a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, participating in medical missions through Kenya Relief and spending time with family.

For more information about services provided by Cullman Regional, visit www.cullmanregional.com.



CULLMAN REGIONAL

Cindy Hawkins, CRNP

Wallace State Alumni Association hosting Painting a Future fundraiser

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The Wallace State Community College Alumni Association announced it will host a fundraiser on Monday, July 30, that will let area residents put their creativity to use to create personalized wall or door hangings.

The Painting a Future event will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., on the 12th floor of the Bailey Center. The cost is $25 and includes their choice of a wooden cutout, all supplies, instruction, finishing ribbon/bow/hanger and refreshments. A portion of the proceeds will help provide scholarships for students at Wallace State.

"I'm very excited about this event," said LaDonna Allen, WSCC alumni coordinator.

"I know a lot of people who enjoy these types of events and even those who think they have no artistic ability can create something great. We will have people on hand who will help guide them and this medium is very forgiving.

"Also, participants can paint both sides of their pieces, so if they want they can do a Christmas design on one side and a Thanksgiving design on the other," Allen added.

"They can choose to personalize each side to their own needs and tastes."

Participants who register in advance will be able to choose the shape of the cutout they would like to have for their piece.

Shapes offered will be circle, cross, football and mason jar.

Online registrations will be accepted through July 26. Limited walk-in space is available and shape selection will be limited as well the day of the event.

To register or for more information, visit www.wsccalumni.org/paint73018 or contact Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu.



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WaLLi members enjoy friendly competition in ice cream contest

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Linda Cornelius took a chance that paid off with a first-place finish in the second Ice Cream Making contest hosted by the Wallace State Lifelong Learning Institute (WaLLi).

"I wanted to do something different," said Cornelius of her decision to make – for the first time – a recipe for Tutti Fruitti Ice Cream with Pecans.

"It was a pig in poke. I didn't know what it would turn out like."

It turned out to be the favorite of the six ice creams submitted for judging, with the classic "just plain vanilla" from Wanda Creel earning second place and the Chocolate Chip with Almond by Linda Pearson earning third place.

Other entries included a mystery flavor most agreed was coffee, peanut butter and peppermint.

Below is the recipe for the Tutti Fruitti Ice Cream with Pecans.

Tutti Fruitti Ice Cream
3 ½ c. sugar
2/3 c. Pet milk
2 ½ c. undrained crushed pineapple
3 ripe bananas, mashed
1 c. maraschino cherries
1 pt. whipped cream
1 pt. milk
1 c. chopped pecans

Mix all together and place in ice cream freezer until set.

NOTE: Mrs. Cornelius said she added a splash of vanilla to the recipe.

The WaLLi program is open to area residents 50 and older, with membership including access to the Wallace State Wellness Center, exercise classes and activities.

Additional opportunities for travel, social gatherings and educational programs are also offered.

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 12th floor of the Bailey Center.

Registration for the year or the fall semester will be taken at the meeting. Membership is $99 for the year, starting in August, or $40 each for fall and spring semesters and $30 for summer semester.

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



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Winners in the WaLLi Ice Cream contest are, from left, Linda Pearson, 3rd place, Chocolate Chip with Almond; Wanda Creel, 2nd place, Vanilla; and Linda Cornelius, 1st place, Tutti Fruitti Ice Cream with Pecans.



BUSINESS

Infant specialty store, Rattles & Rhymes, opens in Cullman

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Since Christmas, Ann Still and her daughter Emily Almonte have been working to bring a specialty store for infant and toddler needs to Cullman. Now, their store Rattles & Rhymes is open at 107 Fifth St. SE.

Still said she started running with the idea after seeing a need for an infant specialty store in Cullman.

"For my grandson Shepard, where were we gonna go shopping?" she said she asked herself.

"The only places were either Birmingham or Huntsville, or otherwise online."

With help from the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Still and Almonte began renting their property in February, explored the lines they wanted to carry in the same month, and officially opened for business on Thursday, June 21.

Rattles & Rhymes is also a place for friends and family members to buy shower gifts, giving them a chance to see the items in person to make sure it's what they want without having to drive a long distance.

The store focuses a lot on apparel, but it also sells toys, small games and books to keep babies and toddlers entertained, as well as other infant necessities including teething chews, bibs, burp cloths, blankets and lotions.

Still said her conservative background was the base for the style of clothing the store carries, which is classic and modest.

Rattles & Rhymes will be open Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Find out more at www.facebook.com/rattles.and.rhymes.



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Owner Ann Still with daughter Emily Almonte and grandson Shepard Almonte

BUSINESS

Holly Pond business leaders talk growth

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HOLLY POND – Thursday evening, eight Holly Pond business and organizational leaders met with Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Director of Business Development Brian Poole at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum to discuss their business needs.

The purpose of these quarterly roundtables is to give local businesses the opportunity to meet, share best practices and exchange ideas.

This was the second quarterly business roundtable to be held for the Holly Pond business community.

The attendees discussed the creation of a website for Holly Pond, marketing to Blount County and the addition of directional signs for the town.

Poole, who also helped facilitate the last roundtable in Holly Pond, sees the benefit of these meetings.

"What's great about it is seeing everybody working together," said Poole.

"They have a vested interest in making their business better but also making their community better."

Poole expressed the utility these roundtables can have for local businesses.

"You've got some of these guys who've been in business 20 or 30 years and they hear your problems," explained Poole.

"If they have an idea that they've already done, that you're struggling with right now, why not let another business help you with that?"

The businesses are not the only ones to benefit from these meetings.

"I'm learning a lot from these businesses and these people." said Poole. "It's very humbling as a business person."







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‘Connected Park’ to open next Friday, June 29

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CULLMAN – Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST) will officially open the long-awaited Connected Playground at Ingle Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 29 from 4-6 p.m. According to CPRST, the event will feature giveaways, pickleball, basketball, food, live music and more.

Four years in the making, the Connected Playground is a fully-accessible, ADA- compliant park for people of all ability levels. The playground features equipment that can be used by the entire family. CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson told The Tribune earlier this month, ““When you approach this playground--and we’re calling it the Connected Playground because we’re connecting kids of all abilities through play--you’re going to see play features that fit the person, whoever’s looking at it. A kid who has no physical restrictions is going to be challenged and love this playground, and you will have a child that rolls up in a wheelchair and will have items on the same play features that they can play on. And that was by design; we wanted it to be something that siblings of different physical abilities could play together on the same playground at the same time, both being challenged and enjoying it the same.”



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The Connected Playground at Ingle Park features equipment for children of all ability levels. The playground’s grand opening is Friday, June 29, 2018.

In addition to the Connected Playground, the newly renovated Ingle Park now features:

- Four courts for pickleball, a fast-growing small-court sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis
- Two foursquare courts
- Full-size basketball court with professional grade dunkable rims
- Butterfly garden with a bench in the middle for visitors “looking for more of a serene space,” according to Anderson
- Concrete sidewalks designed and built to flow with the terrain of the park
- Dog park in a shaded area along the stream that runs through the park
- Shaded pavilion with restrooms and a large fan to create air circulation in the sitting/picnic area
- Plenty of open green spaces

For more information, contact CPRST at 256-734-9157 or visit www.CullmanRecreation.org.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/06/02/new-ingle-park-something-everyone

Vinemont schools hosting archery camp

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VINEMONT – Vinemont Middle and Elementary School’s Summer Archery Camp kicks off on Monday, June 25, and coaches from both squads will be providing hands-on training. Both of Vinemont’s archery teams are coming off big seasons that included top 30 finishes at the NASP National Tournament and top five finishes at the state tournament.

The camp will be hosted June 25, 26 and 28 from 6-8 p.m. in the elementary gym. The camp is for all kids entering fourth-12th grades, and the cost is $20 per archer. Attendees can register on the first day of camp beginning at 5 p.m. Archers may bring their own bow or use a bow provided by the school.

The camp will be a great opportunity for young archers or aspiring archers to get some hands-on training and be part of the growing archery tradition in Vinemont.

Grace Place (from Front)

Cullman, Tina Cagle Herfurth and her therapy dog Addie, David Poynor and his therapy dog Scarlett, Tyshan Kenney teaching crafts, Taylor Hill from Missouri, a visiting Girl Scout who demonstrated her Taekwondo talents and presented participants and volunteers with yarn bracelets she had made, and Craig Mann who performed with his dulcimer.”

How things are going:

According to Jacob, “Caregivers and family members report that their loved ones thoroughly enjoy coming to Grace Place. One participant, after missing a session for a doctor’s appointment, told their caregiver that they ‘wanted to get back (to Grace Place) with their friends.’

“A caregiver, after being told that we were glad to be able to give them a break from their routine, responded with ‘it’s not a break, it’s a vacation.’ Another caregiver said her loved one is dressed and ready to go ‘to that church’ by eight in the morning. When this participant first started coming he was barely communicative, seemingly disinterested, and constantly asking when his caregiver was coming to pick him up. He now smiles a lot, laughs, jokes and is eager to participate. Volunteers are saying this is one of the most rewarding things they have ever done, and it shows by how often they volunteer. For me personally, Grace Place ranks equal to being involved in the Good Samaritan Health Clinic. I receive infinitely more than I give. It is a blessing for my soul.”

Volunteers needed

Grace Place currently meets twice per week; eventually, with enough participants and volunteers, the program will expand to four days per week, with up to 12 participants per session.

In August, Grace Place will host a nationally recognized leader in the field of day programs for people with memory loss, with a session for current and potential volunteers and a separate session for caregivers. It will be open to the public. As soon as the details are confirmed, Grace Place will begin publicizing the event.

Jacob said, “Volunteers are critical to the success of this program. They become care partners for the participant and, in effect, for the caregiver. Volunteers set their own schedule; there are no mandatory number of days per week or month. We would welcome volunteers for certain tasks who can only give an hour or so for a session. Even those volunteers who may not directly interact with a participant for a whole session are giving the participants the social interaction that is the most beneficial attribute of this program.”

Grace Place meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays each week at Grace Episcopal Church Parish (fellowship) Hall, 305 Arnold St., NE, Cullman. Basic requirements are that participants (those with memory-loss) be able to take care of their own bathroom needs, be able to feed themselves and be able to get around on their own, or with a cane, walker or wheelchair.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/305ArnoldStreetNE, email info@graceplacecullman.org or call 256-736-4260.

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Obituary Announcements: June 20 -22

Mr. Bedeaux Wesaw, 65 of Arab, passed away on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at his residence. BeDeaux Rivers "Ghost" Wesaw was born in Fort Washakie, Wyoming to George Wesaw Sr. and Isabell Tindall Wesaw on May 31, 1953. He went to school on the Wind River Reservation. He married Vanessa S. Howard Wesaw on Aug. 1, 2012 in Marshall County. He worked as a probation officer and youth counselor on the Wind River Reservation. He enjoyed spending time with granddaughters, Jade and Jazmyn. He also enjoyed Native beadwork, crafting moccasins and dreamcatchers and also making pipes and flutes. He was an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe. BeDeaux was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild. He is survived by his wife, Vanessa S. Howard Wesaw, children, Rebecca Monique Wesaw, Red Starr Lee Wesaw, Heshla Pa Ciny, Iron Hawk Christopher Wesaw, Phillip C. Howard Wesaw, Kaylee E. Howard Wesaw and Nataya Sellaeg Wesaw; brother, George Wesaw Jr.; sister, Audry Ward and 14 grandchildren. The family of Mr. Wesaw wished to extend our sincere thanks to Hospice of Cullman County.

Mrs. Donna V. Dietz, 67 of Double Springs, passed away on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. No services are planned at this time. Cullman Funeral Home directing.

Danny Arlen Raines, 59 of Cullman, entered into rest on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at Huntsville Hospital. Danny was born on October 19, 1958 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He worked at Jorgenson Steel in Schaumburg, Illinois for 20 years. Danny enjoyed fishing and working on cars. He was a loving and caring man. Visitation will be held Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home, Addison where services will be held on Sunday at 2 p.m. Brother Abe Rooks will officiate. Danny is survived by his wife, Tammy Raines; mother, Reavil E. Raines; sons, Stevie (Hilary) Raines, Donald (Jessie) Raines, Shannon (Christina) Abbott, Timothy Adair; sister, Joella (Jerry) Marks; aunts and uncles, Fran and Ray Foster, Mil and Van Sexton; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was "Paw Paw" to 10 grandchildren; Blake Raines, Karirizma Raines, Jared Raines, Kayla Raines, Karma Raines, Khloe Raines, Drake Raines, Gavin Raines, Hadden Abbott, and Tayvin Abbott. He was preceded in death by his father, Arlen Raines; son, Danny Raines, Jr.; grandmother, Josie Gannon; and brother, Ronnie Raines.

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EDUCATION / ARTS

Wallace State Singers to present 'Sing America Sing!' July 5-7

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Current, former and future members of the Wallace State Singers will join voices July 5-7 to present "Sing America Sing!" a concert featuring songs that celebrate America. Shows will be at 7 p.m. nightly in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre.

"After the success of our production for the 50th anniversary of the college a couple of years ago, we thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to involve our Wallace State Singers alums in another show," said Tiffany Richter, director of the Wallace State Singers.

"Last month we held auditions for anyone interested in participating and wound up with a fantastic ensemble. We will also be joined by area children who participated in last year's ArtsKids! programs."

Over the next few weeks, the group will be in rehearsals for the show, which will include songs from a variety of genres, each celebrating the spirit of the United States of America.

"We are celebrating the spirit of America with songs that speak to the greatness of our nation, such as 'This is My Country' and 'You're a Grand Old Flag,'" Richter said.

"But this show is also about what kind of music is American made — rock 'n roll, country, etc. Fans will hear music from Elvis Presley, Little Richard, Aretha Franklin, Dolly Parton, John Denver and more."

The show is also a fundraiser for the program, which is planning a European tour in 2019 to present "Stars Fell on Alabama: Music from the Heart of the South." To be presented during the state's Bicentennial celebration year, the show will highlight music made in Alabama and music about the state. One of the stops on the tour includes Cullman's sister city of Frankweiler, Germany.

Donations of $10 per adult and $5 for children 10 and under are suggested as admission to the show.

Contact Stefany Keisler at 256-352-8277 or Stefany.keisler@wallacestate.edu for more information.



PHOTOS COURTESY CRESHA BRADLEY

Wallace State Singers prepare for their upcoming show, "Sing America Sing!" which will be held July 5-7, at 7 p.m. nightly, at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre. Admission is a $10 donation, supporting the group's 2019 European tour for "Stars Fell on Alabama: Music from the Heart of the South."

EDUCATION

City school board approves early adoption of 2.5% pay raise for teachers; open house schedules

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CULLMAN – The Cullman City School Board early Thursday morning approved the early adoption of the state's 2.5 percent pay raise for teachers. The increase will go into effect in July, ahead of the beginning of the new school year.

Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson is excited to go ahead and apply the raise early and believes CCS teachers are more than deserving.

"We did approve to go ahead and implement the 2.5 percent pay raise for teachers early this year, so they will go ahead and receive that.

"Just a little bit of help; they do such a good job, and I know it's well-deserving that they get the raise and even more so, we appreciate all that our teaches do. We know that we are only as successful as our teachers in the classroom because they're the ones that make the impact."

East Elementary Principal David Wiggins was on-hand to present the current state of his school and share ideas for how to continue improving. One of the ideas currently in place at East is the "Bigs and Littles" mentor program.

"'Bigs and Littles' is our highlight," Wiggins said. "Our counselor gets with these students and trains them on how to be mentors for kids in grades two through four, and every day while other kids are in band, chorus, office aid, school store, snack bar, library, yearbook or whatever it may be, these kids are working directly one-on-one with other students.

"Some of these students are working on just talking to kids to meet an emotional need. It's not always academic at East; we find the need and then we fill it. These kids are absolutely a strong component of why our academic success is so high and our discipline problems are so low."

Wiggins elaborated on some other programs in place at East Elementary that have been successful such as Cubcat Clubs, the new outdoor classroom, student-lead conferences and more. Wiggins is excited to be able to expand some of these programs going forward and continue raising expectations at East Elementary.

"Our expectations are clear, and I do mean for both teachers and students. Our teachers know the expectations from Cullman City Schools; we've got to be the best," he said. "They know the expectations that I give out. We want to be a happy school, but we want to be a successful school for our kids as well."

Several new faculty members were also introduced at Thursday's meeting.

Cullman High School (CHS) Principal Kim Hall introduced Heather Carter and Caroline Lunsford to the board as the newest additions to the high school teaching staff. Hall believes both new additions will fit in well at CHS.

"We're losing (Donaldson) to Wallace State; she got the opportunity to be down there as a teacher and she's done a great job for us for a long time and we will certainly miss her, but we have hired Heather Carter to come in and she'll be teaching biology this year. We have someone in the department that will be moving to AP biology and Heather will be teaching pre-AP biology," Hall said.

"So, we're excited to have her on staff and we have hired Caroline Lunsford in our English department. She did her student-teaching with us a couple of years ago with Mrs. (Denise) Burroughs in AP literature and we're excited to have her on campus as well. She did some fill-ins last year at the middle school so we're lucky to have her."

Wiggins also introduced a new teacher that he is bringing on to the East Elementary staff. Nicole Heptinstall will be coming on as a third-grade teacher to replace Alex Patterson, who, according to Wiggins, is moving to Hazel Green to be closer to family. Heptinstall has filled in for teachers at East Elementary twice over the last two years and Wiggins said he is excited to bring her on full time.

The school board approved the following:

• permission to bid #06-21-18-01 and accept the lowest responsible bidder for occupational and physical therapy services.

• Cullman High School to enter into an agreement with BSN Sports/ Under Armour Athletic Apparel to be an exclusive Under Armour school beginning May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2023.

• Cullman City Parks and Recreation to conduct summer theatre camp at Cullman High School.

• 2018-2019 Head Start Baseline Grant Application

• Head Start FY2019 Cost Allocation Plan

• FY2019 Head Start Salary Schedules. These schedules have been approved by the Head Start Policy Council.

• Head Start Training and Technical Assistance Narrative and Plan

• Head Start School Readiness/PFCE Goals 2018-2019

• Head Start School Readiness Action Plan 2018-2019

• Head Start Self-Assessment and Improvement Plan 2018-2019

• stipends to Head Start teachers and staff for "Managing Children's Challenging Behaviors" training at Cullman City Primary School during the summer of 2018. (Head Start funds)

• stipends to Head Start staff to attend medication training during the summer of 2018. (Head Start funds)

• Cullman City Primary School to supplement the mathematics instruction with Kindermath for kindergarten and Miss Giraffe for first grade. Submitted and agreed by the CCPS Textbook Committee.

• permission to contract with Wayne Cooke and Sarah Jane Skinner to conduct summer theatre camp (paid by Cullman Parks and Recreation Camp fees).

• permission to contract with Annette Barnett to provide part-time secretarial duties for Student Services beginning August 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019

Personnel considerations

Resignations

• Alex Patterson, third grade teacher at East Elementary

• Jacqueline Moore Donaldson, science teacher at Cullman High School

• Crystal Long, resource teacher at West Elementary

• Brooke Kelley, kindergarten teacher at Cullman City Primary School

• Carrie Woods, instructional assistant at Cullman City Primary School

Transfer

Jennifer Yeager, transfer from social studies teacher at Cullman High School to In-School Suspension teacher at Central Office

Employments

• Amber Nicole Heptinstall, third grade teacher at East Elementary

• Heather Carter, science teacher at Cullman High School

• Caroline Lunsford, English language arts teacher at Cullman High School

• Jessica Justice Brooks, Head Start Pre-K Teacher at Cullman City Primary School

• Jordan Harris, first grade teacher at Cullman City Primary School

• Maegan Whitmire Long, kindergarten teacher at Cullman City Primary School

• Jenna Bates, instructional assistant at Cullman City Primary School

• Samuel Ryan Long, part time custodian at West Elementary

• Bruce Bentley, special education bus assistant

Open House Schedules for 2018-2019

• Cullman City Primary School - Aug. 3, 2018 – 4-6 p.m.

• East Elementary School – Aug.1, 2018 – 4-6 p.m.

• West Elementary School – Aug. 2, 2018 – 4-6 p.m.

• Cullman Middle School – Aug. 2, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

• Cullman High School – Aug. 3, 2018 – 4-6 p.m.

• Cullman City Head Start – Aug. 13, 2018 – 4 p.m.

• Head Start Pre-K – Aug. 3, 2018 – 4 p.m.

The Cullman City School Board will hold its next meeting Tuesday, July 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

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INVITATION TO BID
COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Sealed Bids shall be received for one (I) or more Community Safe Room(s) by the Colony Town Council, until noon on local time by July 9, 2018. The bids will be opened on July 10, 2018 at 5:00pm at the council work session at Town of Colony Town Hall, Hanceville, Alabama. At this time bids will be opened and publicly read for an above-ground, pre-engineered, pre-manufactured, 114" steel plate safe room, with bathrooms, generator and generator cover that complies with FEMA 361 (2015) and ICC 500 Community Shelter Design Criteria. The contract, if a bid is chosen will be awarded at the regular Town of Colony council meeting on July 10, 2018 at 6:00pm.

The Community Safe Room shall meet the specifications in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Publication 361. Each bid must certify that the bid meets or exceeds FEMA 361 specifications. The successful bidder will also be required to provide a notarized Contractor/installer form certifying this upon completion of the job, as well as an engineering peer review.

The Colony Town Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in awarding this bid to the best responsive bidder. The bid award will not be based solely on price. Quality, conformity with the specifications, purpose for which required, terms of delivery, and past service and experience are among the factors that will be considered in determining the best responsive bidder. Other factors such as compliance with Qualifications for Safe Room Design Acceptance, value, conditions and past performance will be considered in determining the best bid. Bidders must show proof of a minimum of five (5) years' experience in successfully completing community safe room projects of this size and type. Provide at least three (3) references from previous community safe room projects, with photos.

Bids submitted are firm and no claims for errors will be considered after bids are opened and subsequent thereof.

The bidder shall use domestic products and labor and if domestic products are not used, there shall be a downward adjustment in the contract price equal to any realized savings or benefits to the contractor/installer.

The proposal package includes specifications, a copy which is available for examination from, Monday through Thursday 7:30 am to 4:30pm and Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm at the Cullman County Economic Development Office, 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. All bidders **must** use the attached form for submitting their bid. All bids must be sealed and marked -in the lower left-hand envelope **"BID # 18-01 Community Safe Room", with opening date and time. Late bids will not be opened. All Bids for the Town of Colony Community Safe Room must be submitted to the Cullman County Economic Development Office located at 325 Second Street SE, Cullman, AL 35055. For questions regarding this invitation to bid, please email, Tanya Sears, Project Coordinator at tanya@cullmanecondev.org or call at 256-736-2434 during hours listed above; or contact, Mayor Donnis Leeth at colonymayor@gmail.com or Clerk Patricia Ponder at colonyclerk@gmail.com or call at 256-287-1192 during town business hours of Monday-Thursday from 12:00pm-4:00pm.**

Aviation (from Front)

entered Army service in 1966, and variants remain in service today. It was used as a nimble, highly maneuverable scout and observation helicopter in Vietnam. The CPD's Loach is itself a Vietnam veteran with more than 1,000 combat mission hours in the war.

Dean pilots the Loach. Where the CPD's JetRanger has bells and whistles, this is a stripped-down hotrod: no back seats in a small cargo compartment, no spotlights or imaging (though Dean has night vision goggles to use when needed). Keeping things as light and simple as possible, the pilot often dispenses even with the doors.

"And we like it like that," said Dean with a smile.

The no-frills Loach can carry tactical or medical personnel in its cargo bay and is even used in training exercises as an aerial shooting platform for snipers.

What do the helicopters do?

• Observation/suspect pursuit: The CPD's aviation division gets called when a fleeing suspect disappears into the woods around the area. Spotlights, thermal imaging and night vision gear help pilots and observers spot suspects through the trees; sometimes, just the presence of the helicopter overhead will make running suspects go to ground long enough for officers on foot to catch up to them. Observers have also located stolen vehicles from the helicopters.

• Lake patrol: While he has the CPD boat in his shop, Dean will sometimes use the Loach to patrol Cullman area waterways.

• Project Lifesaver: The international program provides wearable tracking devices that allow trained personnel to locate people with cognitive disorders who wander away from their residences and is administered locally by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO). CPD has certain officers trained in the use of tracking equipment, and they back up the CCSO in search operations, offering a platform that greatly extends the effective range of electronic receivers.

• Tactical operations: CPD is currently conducting ongoing training between its aviation and tactical response divisions, learning to use the helicopters to transport officers quickly or put them down in places that might be difficult to reach quickly by truck or van. CPD snipers are also training to use the Loach as a shooting platform.

• Medical evacuation: The CPD tactical team includes specially trained medical personnel, and its helicopter pilots are trained to perform rapid extraction of wounded officers or transport of injured civilians.

• Mutual aid to other departments: CPD Aviation has assisted recent operations in Marshall and Cherokee Counties, as well as other locations. "Our chief (Kenny Culpepper) is really big on mutual aid," said Dean. "If anybody calls and we have resources that would help them, he don't mind sending people."

• Community outreach: CPD routinely takes its helicopters to special events like the Safe Kids Expo at Sportsman Lake Park and Trunk-or-Treat at CPD headquarters. They are also popular staples of the department's DARE school program.

Dean makes an average of two flights per week, with a total of nine flights in May. On average, CPD aviation answers 40 to 60 calls per year for assistance from outside agencies.

"You know, we're lucky we have a chief that backs us," said Dean, "have a city that puts money in a budget to help maintain aircraft. I know we have other departments that are thankful that we come to help them, and I think that means a lot, too, in the grand scheme of keeping us going.

"We couldn't do it without our chief, and without the mayor and council supporting it. You know, I think it's a really good program, and our chief would back me up on this: that I think it's an asset to other departments in our area. I hope we can continue and see some of the advantages of having the aircraft, for us and for our community."

Dean and his Loach took us up for an aerial survey and photo flight that was exciting, occasionally mildly panic-inducing (Banking without doors at 2,400 feet takes getting used to!), and at all points skillfully and professionally conducted. We offer our thanks to him and the CPD. Look for those photos in another story coming soon.





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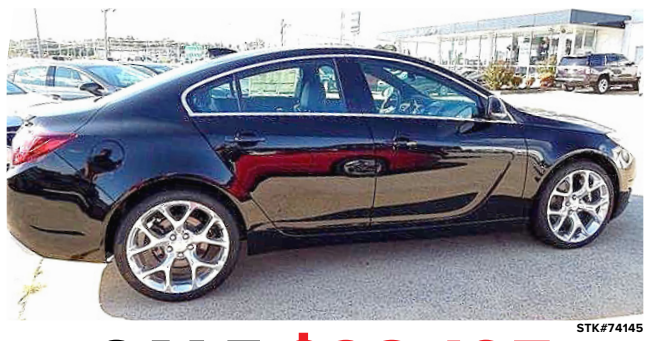
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