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40 years in: meet the CPD's only remaining Vietnam veteran, Terry Heaton



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Cullman Police Officer Terry Heaton poses for a photo at the department last week. Heaton is the CPD's only remaining Vietnam veteran. He also celebrated his 40th anniversary with the CPD earlier this year.

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Military veterans from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office pose for photos with Garrison executives.

R.E. Garrison Trucking dedicates truck to veterans, hands keys to veteran driver

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CULLMAN – On Monday afternoon, R.E. Garrison Trucking introduced a new truck dedicated to military veterans. The 2019 Freightliner Cascadia, which will feature all the current generation bells and whistles including two bunks and a television in the sleeper cab, received a patriotic and military themed wrap from Lonestar Truck Group. Garrison trucker Mike May, who has worked for the company for 20 years and is also an Army veteran, will receive the keys when the truck is ready to hit the road.

Attendees at the event included Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, Councilman/Senator-Elect Garlan Gudger, the entire Cullman County Commission, Sheriff Matt Gentry and Police Chief Kenny Culpepper, military veterans of the sheriff's office and police department and members of VFW Post 2214 and American Legion Post 4. Representatives of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman Economic Development Agency, Alabama State Troopers, and Cullman County Veterans' Affairs also came. Two special guests were prominent area businessmen who are also World War II veterans: Cullman developer Roy Drinkard, the oldest living U.S. Marine and Bert McGriff, head of McGriff Industries.

Shawn Nelson, Garrison's vice president of driver re-

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Col. Donald Fallin

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Fairview's Col. Donald Fallin reaches 800-mile mark on Appalachian Trail

4th of July: City and County closings, sanitation schedules

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CULLMAN – All City of Cullman and Cullman County offices will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Sanitation routes

City residential sanitation routes normally scheduled for Wednesday (July 4) will run the following day on Thursday (July 5). Thursday's residential sanitation routes will run Friday (July 6). There will be no change to commercial sanitation routes.

County residential and commercial routes will run as normal on Wednesday.



PIXABAY

4th of July: here's where you can see some fireworks

Heather Mann, Hayden Hyatt, Wendy Sack
Tribune Staff

8 a.m. Smith Lake Park Fireworks and Music Festival ($5 per person for park admission)

This day-long celebration kicks off bright and early at 8 a.m. and will include arts and crafts, food, contests and live music. The park's annual fireworks show will cap off the evening at 9 p.m.

According to Cullman County Parks and Recreation: "We'll also have our golf cart parade and other contests for the family. Play putt-putt in the newly updated putt-putt course, and the swimming pool will be open and renting kayaks, canoes, and paddle boards. Park admission is $5 per person.

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Bremen man dies after motorcycle crash

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CULLMAN – A Bremen man has died as a result of a Saturday motorcycle crash.

Joseph Andrew Hopkins, 46, was injured when the 1994 Honda motorcycle he was operating left County Road 109 in Cullman County and struck a culvert, according to Alabama State Troopers.

Hopkins was transported to UAB Medical Center, where he later died from his injuries.

Troopers said the crash occurred at 12:54 p.m., 4 miles south of Dodge City.

Nothing further is available as Troopers continue to investigate.

Arrest report: June 29-July 1

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for June 29-July 1. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

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Barnett, Richard Shane, 18
• third-degree burglary

Black, Ashley Lynn, 22
• FTA- permitting dogs to run at large

Boatright, Corey Jason, 41
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Bradley, Don Ray, 71
• third-degree domestic violence

Chambers, Jason Wayne, 35
• FTA- third-degree receiving stolen property

Freber, Robert Joseph Jr., 58
• third-degree domestic violence

Gilliland, Sandra Lynn, 42
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Harbison, James Allen, 48
• third-degree domestic violence- harassing communication

Jackson, Orlando Mays, 29
• carrying a pistol without a license
• improper lane usage
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Kirkland, Chasidy Nicole, 38
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance
• reckless endangerment
• fleeing- attempting to elude
• trafficking in illegal drugs

Laymon, Kerrie Michelle, 27
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Ledbetter, Jerry L., 51
• nonsupport

McAlpin, John Burt, 50
• attempting to elude
• DUI- influence of alcohol
• improper lane usage
• reckless endangerment
• speeding

Odom, Alicia Blanch, 18
• fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Parsons, John Patrick, 26
• failure to signal
• giving false name to law enforcement
• resisting arrest
• driving while revoked

Peek, Daniel Wayne, 32
• trafficking in methamphetamine

Pierce, Gregory Allen, 35
• third-degree domestic violence

Sands, Melinda Leigh, 43
• illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Weaver, Patricia Ann, 53
• possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Wood, Vickie Robinson, 58
• disorderly conduct

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Brasher, Tracy N., 27
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Mickle, Joseph L., 26
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- reckless endangerment
• FTA- failure to signal

Boatrite, Burshel E., 56
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Briscoe, Keri B., 40
• fourth-degree theft of property

Amick, Kevin B., 44
• second-degree domestic violence
• resisting arrest

Cray, Shane R., 31
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Barnett, Christopher W., 40
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Montgomery, Christopher E., 30
• fourth-degree theft of property
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Turner, Nicholas S., 27
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Pearce, Angela L., 19
• fourth-degree theft of property

Rogers, Jacob M., 26
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Noe, Savannah B., 26
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- insurance violation
• FTA- driver's license not in possession
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- open container in vehicle

Pierce, Katrina M., 29
• public intoxication

Hill, Jonathan C., 55
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- driving while expired

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Cullman Regional hosting School Nurse Continuing Education Workshop July 17

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional



CULLMAN – Cullman Regional is hosting a School Nurse Continuing Education Workshop on July 17, giving school nurses the opportunity to earn six contact hours towards their nursing license.

The full-day workshop will feature several key speakers, including:
• Brian Corliss, MD, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics of Cullman
• Mark Addison, MD, Cullman Medical and Pediatric Associates
• Lisa Ellard, CRNP, certified diabetes educator
• Kim Addison, certified diabetes educator, certified in child and adolescent weight management
• Kathy Wilson, juvenile probation officer, chair of Cullman Human Trafficking Task Force

Topics for the workshop include diabetes management, obesity and healthy eating, child trafficking, emotional distress management and resources for adolescents.

The workshop will be held on Tuesday, July 17 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058). The cost of the workshop is $25 and includes breakfast and lunch.

Participants must bring their nursing licenses and be present for all sessions to receive the six contact hours.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.cullmanregional.com or call 256-735-5600. For questions regarding discussion topics, contact Kim Addison at 256-737-2025.

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Letters of Administration for Ethelee Land Bryson, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 8th day of June, 2018 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of the Probate Court of Cullman County.
Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Tammy Brown
Probate Judge

C. Blake West, Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, AL 35055
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF LINDA S. VAUGHN, Deceased.) CASE NO.: PC2018-212

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Letters Testamentary having been granted to **MARK WAYNE MADDOX,** as Executor of the Estate of **LINDA S. VAUGHN**, deceased, on the 29th 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 29th day of June, 2018.

Mark Wayne Maddox
Executor

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HEALTH

‘Igniting Hope’: combating suicide and depression in Cullman County

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Karen Cook, founder of Cook Ministries, records a video of Justin Lynch, co-founder of Preventive Action of Cullman, during an Igniting Hope event at Heritage Park.

CULLMAN – Saturday Karen Cook, founder of Cook Ministries, and Justin Lynch, co-founder of Preventive Action of Cullman (POC), spoke about suicide at an Igniting Hope event at Heritage Park. The events are held monthly at different locations throughout Cullman County and is aimed at suicide prevention and raising suicide awareness.

Igniting Hope is the result of combined efforts by Cook Ministries, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping those in the local community, and Preventive Action of Cullman, a group that seeks to bring awareness about suicide and depression and fight against it.

Lynch spoke to The Tribune about how the event came together.

“I actually found out through another organization about Karen, with Cook Ministries, and we had talked,” said Lynch. “We have the same interest in putting an end to depression and suicide. Both ministries decided to come together and do events like this every month called Igniting Hope.”

A rise in the number of suicides for Cullman County from 2016 to 2017 lead to Lynch forming POC and partnering with Cook Ministries to start Igniting Hope.

“I didn’t know how big of an issue it was until I started running the numbers.” Lynch explained. “In Cullman County, in 2016 there were a total of 15 suicides and in 2017 there were 30. So it doubled from 2016 to 2017. One of the big reasons why we want to do stuff like this is because we don’t want it to double from 2017 to 2018.”

Lynch believes that the stigma around suicide and depression is a big part of the issue. He hopes Igniting Hope is changing that.

“A lot of people don’t talk about suicide or depression because there is still such a stigma on it,” Lynch said.

“I definitely think that since we’ve started that there has been more talk of it. We have been able to shed light on it a little bit.”

Cook says, if you believe someone is considering suicide don’t be afraid to engage with them about it.

“If you know someone who is suicidal, don’t be afraid to ask, ‘Are you thinking of suicide?’, because it’s not going to make them start thinking about it,” said Cook. “It’s only going to let that person know that it’s okay to talk about it.”

Lynch hopes that in the future Cullman will have more help available for those suffering from depression or considering suicide.

“If people are thinking about suicide here there’s not really a place for them to go. The only place that we have is the hospital,” he explained.

“In Birmingham there’s all kinds of crisis centers, treatment centers and stuff like that. I would love to be able to try and open that avenue here.”

Igniting Hope not only tries to raise awareness about suicide, but also offers sufferers help, according to Cook.

“Our ministry also is connected with a licensed Christian counselor here in Cullman, Dr. Howard Rodgers,” she said. “I know it’s not a hospital, but at least there is somebody that we can refer people too and if money is an issue there’s ways around that too.”

September is Suicide Awareness Month and Cook and Lynch plan to have another event, Igniting Hope to Restore Love, to spread awareness of this issue to the local community. The event is slated for Sept.7, 2018 and will be held at the Cullman County Courthouse. Cook and Lynch will be giving out suicide awareness pamphlets and information about where to turn for help all that day, then at 6 p.m. there will be a leadership prayer and different speakers discussing suicide issues on the front steps of the courthouse.

Lynch knows what a huge impact Igniting Hope will have if only one life is saved.

“If we go this whole year and one of these events in one of these communities saves one person from dying from suicide then we did our job,” said Lynch. “The more people that we can get involved in what we’re doing the more people we’ll be able to reach and the more we’ll be able to do.”

For more information about Igniting Hope or for volunteer details, contact Cook Ministries at cookministries@gmail.com or Preventive Action of Cullman at preventiveaction-ofcullman@gmail.com.

If you are experiencing depression or considering suicide, please call 1-800-273-8255 or contact Dr. Howard Rodgers at 256-737-3087.

STATE / HEALTH

ADMH launches 24/7 Addiction Helpline: 1-844-307-1760

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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) and Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (ROSS) on Monday announced the new 24/7 Addiction Helpline: 1-844-307-1760.

In a press release, the ADMH said the helpline will provide “services to individuals in our state who struggle with addiction and need support and to families and friends in need of more information. Starting July 2, callers gain immediate access to assistance by connecting to recovery support and treatment options.”

“The helpline is an essential element of a large effort to provide support to individuals with substance abuse disorders and to help decrease the continuation of substance abuse use in Alabama,”, said Dr. Katherine Pickens, director of the Cures Grant for the ADMH.

The group said certified recovery support specialists will receive all calls and determine the proper recovery resources necessary for the callers’ needs. Cynthia Rice of ROSS said, “The helpline will provide immediate access to care and assistance locating resources to obtain and/or maintain recovery from a substance use disorder. Callers will receive assistance navigating the difficulties connecting to accurate treatment services including, but not limited to, assessments, treatment options and other identified recovery support needs.”

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Military veterans from the Cullman Police Department get their picture taken with the truck.

Truck (from Front)

lations, told The Tribune, "We're going to dedicate this truck today to our veterans. It's going to all the veterans of all of the foreign wars. The ownership group here at R.E. Garrison wanted to do something for our veterans: wrapped this truck.

"We've got several more coming. Stay tuned, as they say in the business! We've got several more wrapped trucks coming; each one will have a significant meaning to the people here at R.E. Garrison. All of our associates are proud to dedicate this today to the veterans."

Adam Arrington, executive vice president of sales and marketing for the Lonestar TAG Truck Group, shared, "Our involvement came really came about 18 months ago when we really got to know the Garrisons better, and just the involvement they have with the community in Cullman and keeping it local.

"And they had an idea to really celebrate and recognize the veterans, not only within their own organization, but the driver community as a whole, because the average truck driver, they spend a lot of time away from home.

"They like to be involved and be recognized as sacrificing their lives and their time for our country.

"And so Shawn Nelson, their VP of operations, along with Wiles Griffith and Donovan, got together and said, 'We'd like to do a special truck in recognition of the veterans.' And so our graphics department designed and installed the wrap that's on the truck today, and I think it turned out really well.

"I want to recognize R.E. Garrison Trucking, as they really believe in local community and keeping Cullman--most of their employees are based out of here . . . although they are one of the largest controlled temp carriers in the U.S., they're very proud of their roots with Cullman, and keeping it basic. So, I'm just very proud of the truck, and proud to be associated with them."

Army and Garrison veteran Mike May gets the keys

Nelson said of his driver, "Mike May has driven for R.E. Garrison for the last 20 years, which in this industry is a lifetime. The average driver stays with an organization for two years, and Mike has been with R.E. Garrison now for 20 years.

"He's a veteran of the U.S. Army: he was an MP in the Army from 1973 to 1976. And he's been driving at R.E. Garrison for the last 20 years. And he's interested in driving this, and we're proud to have him in it; (he is) a good representative for the company."

Cullman-based R.E. Garrison Trucking has approximately 150 associates and 700 drivers.

Nelson said that among the other new trucks will be more vehicles with military themes, but there will also be some surprises that he is confident will be pleasing to the people of the Cullman community.

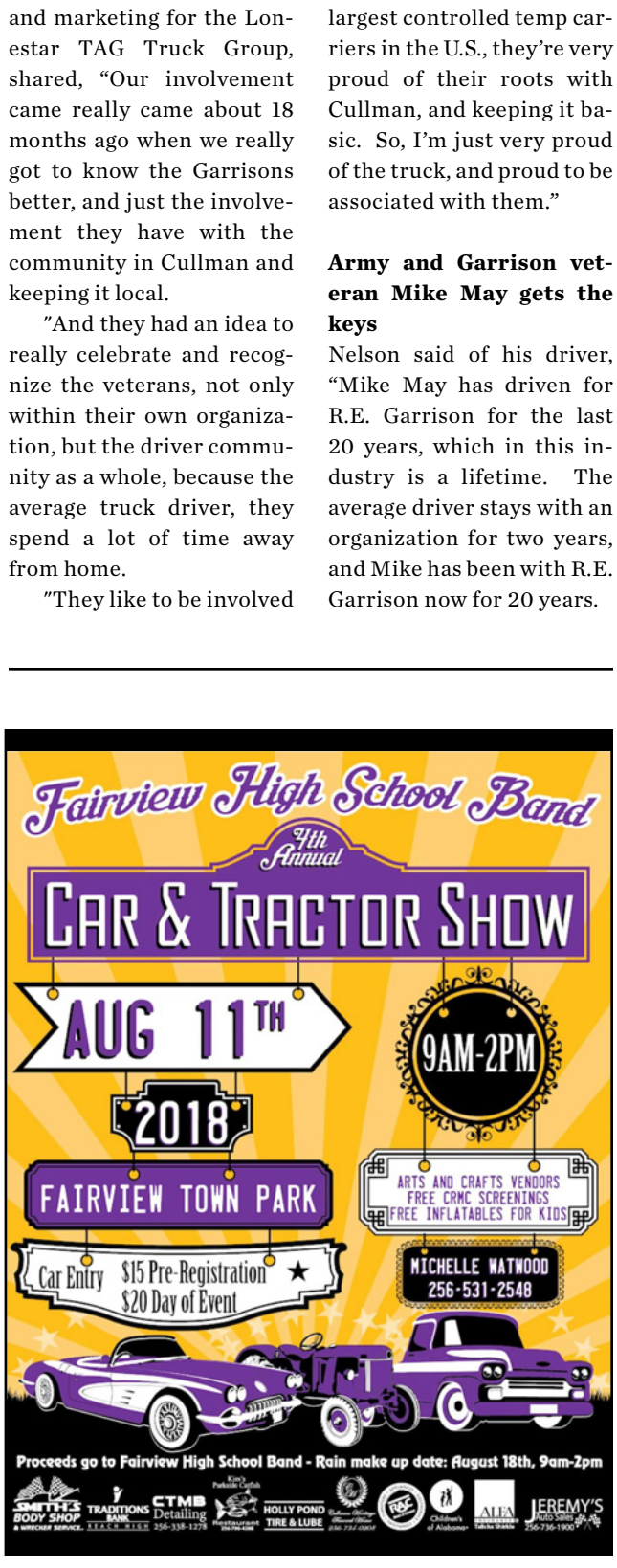
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At McAfee Knob, just beyond the 700-mile point in Virginia

Fairview's Col. Donald Fallin reaches 800-mile mark on Appalachian Trail

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FAIRVIEW – The Tribune has been following the journey of retired U.S. Army Col. Donald Fallin as he hikes the Appalachian Trail from its southern starting point in Georgia to its northern terminus in Maine, raising awareness and funds for the Johnny Mac Soldiers' Fund that supports the education of both veterans and the children of fallen warriors. Fallin will celebrate Independence Day somewhere in the region around Bald Knob and Glasgow, Virginia, near the 800-mile mark on the trail.

The Tribune first met Col. Fallin shortly after he passed the 500-mile mark near Pine Mountain, Virginia. Since then, he has continued to share photos with us, and has kept us up to date on where he is.

On Sunday afternoon, he was approaching the 800-mile mark.

In honor of Independence Day, we celebrate both our nation's beauty and a soldier's determination to serve his comrades by sharing some of the colonel's pictures with our readers.

Fallin told The Tribune, "I've been blessed: grew up here in Fairview, had a very rural life, entered the service and had just a wonderful career. And I just thought it would be an opportunity to try to do something to give back a little bit for all the blessings I had been given."

Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund

According to the organization's website, "Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, particularly children of our nation's fallen and disabled.

"Time and again, our soldiers and their families are asked to give of themselves for the rest of us. While they ask little in return, we owe them so much. Through education, we give back to those who gave. We give back to 'Our Own.' It's the least we can do."

The fund was named for Col. John McHugh, who was killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on May 18, 2010.

The West Point graduate and Army aviator left behind five children, who were aided in obtaining educations through a fundraising effort that became the Johnny Mac Fund.

An organizational fact sheet said: "Research shows that over 20,000 children have lost an active-duty military parent over the last 35 years.

"While those children are eligible for education benefits, often there are substantial college funding gaps remaining.

"We proudly work to alleviate this burden from those families who have already given so much to our nation.

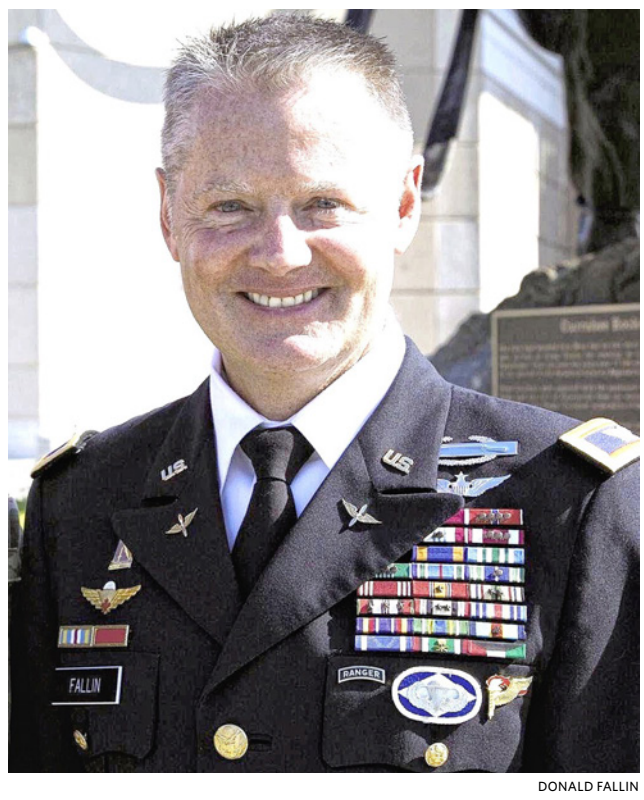
"Since 2014, Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund has awarded $7.5 million in scholarships to 1,000 veterans and military family members... and growing."

Get involved

Fallin has established a crowdfunding campaign through Gofundme.com subsidiary Crowdrise for anyone who wishes to contribute to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund. As of Monday morning, July 2, Fallin had raised $8,875 of his $10,000 goal.

Johnny Mac is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax deductible. To contribute or find out more, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/dons-appalachian-trail-hike-for-the-johnny-mac-soldiers-fund/donaldfallin.

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



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BEFORE: A shiny and spit-polished U.S. Army Col. Fallin just before his retirement.



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AFTER: Fallin near the 500-mile mark. He told The Tribune the trail "has absolutely humbled me."



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Fallin referred to the steep terrain of the Great Smoky Mountains as "punitive."

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Agricultural history on display in Hanceville

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Most of the show's entries were restored tractors.

HANCEVILLE – History was on display on the campus of Wallace State Community College Saturday. The 20th annual Hanceville Antique Tractor & Engine Show drew collectors, farmers and enthusiasts from miles around to enjoy the showpieces, most restored tractors, but some straight out of the fields.

The tractor show was started 20 years ago by Jimmy Hamrick and Hershel Needham, who have both passed away. Now, Charles Allen and Bonnie Hamrick Brannan, Jimmy Hamrick's daughter, run the event.

Guests enjoyed contests like the pedal tractor race, while folks with their own tractors raced in the slow race.

Allen described the slow race as "drag racing in reverse" and explained that the idea was to give the trophy to the last tractor to cross the finish line, meaning racers must go as slowly as possible without their engines dying.

The popular skillet-tossing contest was also a big hit.

Other features included food from Two Fat Men catering (everything from hamburgers and hot dogs to steak and lasagna), homemade soft-serve ice cream from Harley Morris churned by one of the hit-and-miss engines, another engine grinding fresh cornmeal, door prizes for everyone who brought a tractor (such as two gallons of fertilizer or a folding rocking chair, and the Parade of Power.

Allen said patriotism is an important part of the show. "As you can see, most all tractors have flags on them," he stated.

"This is one of the few times where we start with the national anthem, we end with the national anthem, we have lots of flags in between. We're real patriotic."

Before the first slow race started, Allen shared, "I want to commend Wallace State for letting us use their campus for this, that's been great, and the City of Hanceville for sponsoring this for us, that's been really great too.

"For a long time, we were doing this on our own, but the City of Hanceville picked it up and helped us out."

American Legion kicks off area's 4th of July celebrations

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspodent

GOOD HOPE – To kick off this year's Fourth of July celebrations, Cullman's American Legion Post 4 held its second annual community cookout, complete with bingo games and fireworks. Organizers were Post Commander Harold Barnard and his wife Becky, Becky's brother Donald Reid and his wife Diane, and Sid Parker.

Donald Reid shared that the bingo games help raise money for veterans and children.

He said the American Legion helps veterans nearly any way it can, even helping vets pay for car repairs they couldn't otherwise afford.

As for the children, the Legion helps fund programs like a shooting club, where the members learn proper firearms safety, and Boys & Girls State, where students spend a week participating in a mock government, elect their own governors (one for the Boys and one for the Girls), then meet in Washington, D.C. with Boys and Girls from other states to elect their president.

The night's festivities concluded with a display of fireworks, thanks to a donation from American Fireworks.



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests enjoyed bingo games before the fireworks.

Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival all day Wednesday, July 4

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CULLMAN – This year's Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival kicks off at 8 a.m. this Wednesday, July 4. There will be arts and crafts, food, live music, and of course, fireworks.

The Tribune spoke with Brittney Heron, manager at Smith Lake Park, about the event and she said there's already many campers there in preparation for it.

"We have close to 300 camp sites," said Heron. "All of our camp sites are full, so we have overflow at primitive camping that we're actually putting people in now, because we're so full at our campground."

The event will feature plenty of activities for kids and families in addition to the live music and fireworks, according to Heron.

"We'll have blow-ups for the children that they can play on, a game trailer, and a petting zoo where kids can actually ride the horses around and see different animals," Heron said.

"There will be a Pepsi chugging contest and a golf cart parade where participants will decorate their golf carts in red white and blue and flags."

Heron said of the extensive planning that goes into an event like this, "We have meetings with the Cullman Emergency Management Agency to organize and make sure everybody is on the same page as far as getting everyone out of here safely after the fireworks, because there are so many people inside the park.

"The Cullman County Sheriff's Office will provide security for the event and some of our local volunteer fire departments will be here as well for safety."

Admission for the family-friendly event is $5 per person.

The fireworks are slated to start at 9 p.m. and at that time the road entering the park, County Road 385, will be closed to incoming traffic. This is to allow those leaving the park to exit more easily by turning the road into a two lane one-way-only exit.

All traffic exiting in the right lane will turn right onto County Road 813 and all traffic in the left lane will turn left onto 813.

Heron has some advice for attendees of this year's event: "Keep your wristbands; that way if you go out you can come back in as long as you have your wrist bands. Wear lots of sun screen and stay hydrated because it is going to be hot."

Lineup of events

- Justin Holt 9:30 a.m.
- Terry Adams 11 a.m.
- Crushing Atlas 1 p.m.
- Golf Cart Parade & Pepsi Chugging Contest 3 p.m.
- Clay Barker 3:30 p.m.
- Try Lewis 5:30 p.m.
- The Steel Woods 7:30 p.m.
- Fireworks show 9 p.m.



Guests enjoy Garden City Freedom Celebration, back after a break

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

GARDEN CITY – After taking a year off in 2017 due to financial reasons, the Garden City faith community's Freedom Celebration was back stronger than ever Sunday evening.

The seventh annual event, held at Garden Trail, was organized by Garden City First Baptist Church, Garden City Church of God and Garden City Congregational Church.

Town council member and pastor of Garden City First Baptist Church, Scott Arnold, said he was very pleased with the turnout and the success of the celebration prior to the celebration's main attraction—the fireworks. Arnold estimated that as the celebration was kicking off, easily 200 to 300 were in attendance. Based on previous year's success, he said he planned to see upwards of 600 people watching fireworks well into the night.

Alongside fireworks, several attractions were made available for children in the community, including face painting, train rides and inflatables. Guests also enjoyed free hot dogs.

Arnold said he hopes that, by the churches hosting the event, the people of Garden City realize that "we appreciate the people of Garden City."

He said, "I think it's super that we were able to come together as a body of Christ, regardless of church; it's about reaching our community... it's also just a good time!"



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The Garden City Freedom Celebration was back Sunday night after not being held last year.

Cullman Fireworks Festival July 4 at Heritage Park

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CULLMAN – The seventh annual Cullman Fireworks Festival, organized by Desperation Church, will take place on July 4 at 4 p.m. at Heritage Park. The free family-friendly event will feature a large fireworks show, inflatables for children, games hosted by Desperation Church members, and food available for purchase.

Desperation Church Lead Pastor Andy Heis shared, "We'll have all kinds of games. We're having what we're calling parking lot parties where we'll go around to all the different parking lots where people are sitting and we'll giving away gift cards to the winners," said Heis. "It'll be a lot of fun."

This year's festival will also feature a simulcast radio broadcast for viewers watching the show from areas around Heritage Park. Viewers who want to hear the broadcast, which will be synced with the live fireworks show, can tune into WKUL 92.1 FM or 97.9 Praise FM.

Pyro Shows Inc., the same company behind the fireworks display for Thunder on the Mountain in Birmingham, will be doing the fireworks show for the festival this year.

There will be patriotic music played throughout the event and during the fireworks show which will be synced with the fireworks. The fireworks portion of the festival is slated to start at 9 p.m. and will last approximately 17 minutes.

Cody Miller, executive pastor of Desperation Church, appreciates the much-needed support the festival gets from the City of Cullman.

"We have a great partnership with the city government and they are a great partner in advertising and providing space and providing even fire, police, EMS support," said Miller.

"It builds a trust within the community to have multiple organizations working together to pull off an event."

For Heis and Desperation Church the festival is about more than just a fireworks show.

"Our church is very community-minded and for me there is nothing more fun to me than watching an entire community come together for one purpose with their families.

"It brings joy to me to watch the community come together like that," Heis said. "We want to be a blessing to our community and this is one way we think we can do that."

For more information about Desperation Church, visit www.desperationchurch.tv.

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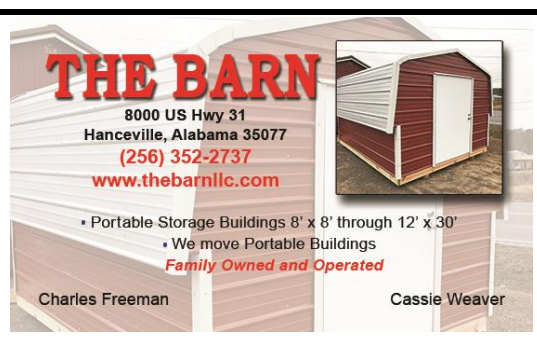
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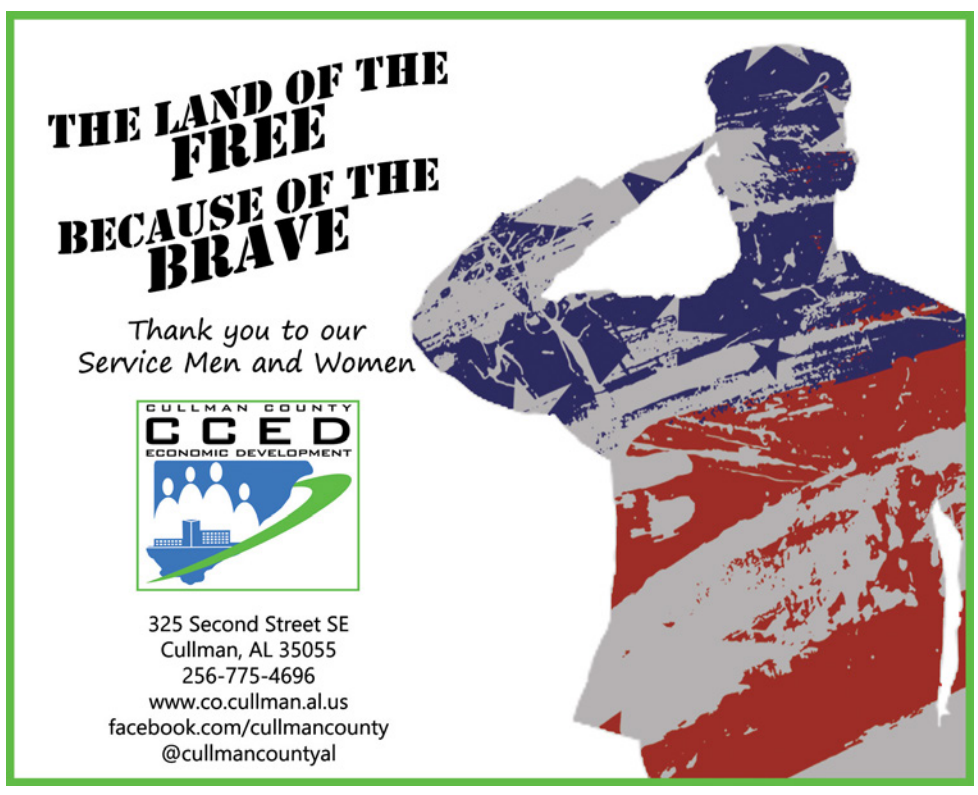
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Heaton (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Cullman reserve police officer Terry Heaton recently received his 40-year service pin, having served the department and city since January 1978. Heaton is also the only remaining Vietnam veteran in the Cullman Police Department.

When he graduated from Cullman High School in 1968, Heaton didn't have a military career on his radar, but the government would take care of that for him. In February 1969, he was drafted into the Army. After training at Ft. Benning in Georgia, he shipped out to Vietnam, where, from 1969 to 1970, he served with the 585th Transportation Company, a "medium truck cargo" 5-ton tractor trailer unit of the 39th Transportation Battalion stationed at the 101st Airborne's Camp Eagle near the town of Phu Bai north of Da Nang. From there, the unit picked up supplies at Da Nang and transported ammunition, gunpowder and equipment to support operations of the 101st Airborne in the A Shau Valley. It also occasionally ran convoys all the way north to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

These weren't just truckers in green. Being one of the main lifelines for forward bases in an active combat zone, truck convoys were popular targets for Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army ambushes. Transportation personnel often had to fight their way into forward bases with the help of tanks, armored personnel carriers, airborne helicopter and fixed wing gunships. Truck units usually even had to convert some their own vehicles into armed and armored "gun trucks."

Heaton expressed mixed feelings about the war, but not about his service or those with whom he served. He shared, "There's a lot of things that could have been done better. Of course, the ones that were there, they done their job, and, unfortunately, there's a lot of them that done their job and paid the ultimate price for it. And those of us that was lucky enough to go and do what our country asked us to do, and come back in one piece, we was fortunate. It's just a fact that it could have been done better, but you do what you're told in the military."

After completing his two years of service, Heaton left the Army and returned to Cullman. Renting a house from a supply sergeant with Cullman's Company C of the 167th Infantry Regiment, Heaton was quickly recruited into the Army National Guard while he studied refrigeration and air conditioning at Wallace State. In addition to more education and other jobs, he stayed with the 167th until 1987, when he transferred to a Birmingham unit of the Army Reserve's 75th Training Command. There, for the next 11 years, he worked to train other military personnel around the country, as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

At the end of 1998, Heaton retired from the Army with 30 years of service in active duty, Guard and Reserves.

In the 1970s, he completed his training in refrigeration and air conditioning and went to work in facilities maintenance, working in the field long enough to retire from Cullman Regional Medical Center with 30 years in that career, as well.

Call him restless, but dual careers in skilled maintenance and the Army still weren't enough for Heaton; he returned to Wallace State in the late 1970s to study law enforcement. While still enrolled in the program, he joined the Cullman Police Department as a reserve officer in January 1978, a month ahead of Chief Kenny Culpepper. Now, Heaton's seen an entire generation of law enforcement pass in a growing Cullman community.

"It's changed," said Heaton. "You've got more restrictions now than you used to have. You know, the law has changed: some are for the good, some are for the best and some are not for the best. We've got the laws and we've got to abide by them, but you'd like to see some of those restrictions on you enforcing some of these laws change. You feel like sometimes your hands are tied."

Patting his ballistic vest, Heaton commended the CPD for its upgrades in equipment over the years. And, as to the debate over police bodycams, he's all for them.

Said Heaton with a smile, "It's a good asset, because it's proved us right and a lot of other people wrong."



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A 585th Transportation Company convoy delivers supplies to front line troops in Vietnam

What do you most enjoy about living in Cullman today?

"I just enjoy the people. Of course, I grew up here all my life. You know most of the people. Of course, you don't know all the people. It seems like a close-knit little town. It's growing, and it's growing in a hurry. But I just think Cullman's a good place to live and raise a family; we've got good schools, good leaders and stuff like that. It's just an enjoyable place to live."

As a lifelong resident, what do you think Cullman needs to rediscover about its past?

"When I was a kid, we found stuff to do to keep ourselves occupied. Of course, now people say kids ain't got nothing to do. We made things to do. We occupied ourselves.

"Of course, at that time there was a lot of dirt streets in Cullman. We used to have two movies in town: one of them was the Ritz, over there by Mary Carter. And you find you six RC caps and go to the movie on a certain day of the week.

"And then during the summer when we was kids, you know, they had a person that worked--I don't know if it was with parks and recreation or who it was--but anyway, somebody would come, and the kids had a place to go. And they played games, and this person would sort of oversee them all day long: played games and ball, and different things.

"I think a lot of stuff needs to go back to the basics. There's things to do, if a kid around here wants to do it, and it don't have to get them in trouble. I mean, some things might be a little mischievous, but it wouldn't hurt nobody! But we found games to play, and it was enjoyable."

What would you say to a high school student considering a military career?

"I think it's good for anybody. I think it is, because it learns them discipline and responsibility."

How about a law enforcement career?

"I'd tell them it's a good career, but it's a career that you've got to want to do and be dedicated in doing it, because you meet a lot of people, and you affect a lot of people in what you do and say. And it's just something you've got to want to do, and just do your best when you do it."

After 40 years and retirement from two other jobs, what makes you want to continue as a police officer?

"I just enjoy it. You deal with a lot of people, and you hope that in some ways you are bettering things in what you do."

Heaton has no plans to retire from the CPD any time soon. In addition to his shifts as a reserve officer, he maintains a horse farm near Spring Hill and even continues to do a little air conditioning work.

When the time does come for you to step away, what do you hope people will remember about your career as a Cullman Police officer?

"I guess, just basically for them to realize that I have done the best job to my knowledge, and hope I treated everybody fairly."

On Monday, Culpepper said of Heaton, "Terry's commitment to the department is truly amazing. To have 40 years in as a reserve, part-time officer, to be able to commit that much time, that much of your life, to the department is a credit to him and his dedication to helping the community."

Obituary Announcements: July 3 -8

Gregory Carl Thrasher, 33 of Haleyville, passed away on July 1, 2018. He was born on November 20, 1984 in Haleyville. Private services will be held at a later time. He is survived by his wife, Misty Stults Thrasher; parents, Johnny and Sandra Thrasher; sons, Austin, Zach and Jackson Thrasher; daughters, Haley, Megan and Maddison Thrasher; brother, Johnny Ray Thrasher Jr.; sisters, Cecilia (Greg) Warren and Crystal Thrasher; grandmother, Joyce Craft Skeens. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Charles Cecil Skeens and Bobby Ray Thrasher; grandmother, Bernice Thrasher.

Gary Ronald Edwards, 71 of Arley, entered into rest on Monday, July 2, 2018 at his home. Gary was born on January 27, 1947. Complete obituary and arrangement information will be announced Tuesday morning.

Funeral service for Joseph Andrew Hopkins, 46, will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Cold Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Dillon Calvert officiating; burial at adjoining cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hopkins passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at University of Alabama Hospital. He was born Thursday, December 16, 1971 to Rev. James "Shine" and Brenda Hopkins. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Silas and Lilly Hopkins and Glendol and Floris McClendon. Survivors include his parents, fiancé, Stacie Wren and her children, Zoie and Zachary, brothers, Daron Hopkins and Robert Hopkins, nieces, Brittany Hopkins, Sasha Hopkins and Kayla Cheatwood, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral service for Ernestine "Tina" Clendenon, age 71 of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with burial at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Clendenon passed away on Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born Monday, July 22, 1946 to James Earl and Maryetta Reymundo. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim Clendenon, son, Randy Pierce, her parents and two brothers. Survivors include her, daughter, Brenda (Chuck) Chamblee, daughter, Linda Hinkle, son, Terry Pierce, son, Earl Pierce, son, Jimmy Martin, daughter, Candy Powell, Brother, Pete Reymundo, sister, Kathryne Salter, grandchildren, Holly, Bailey, Chassidy, Kyle, Allie, Cameron, Daylon, Whitney, Catie, Anna, and Noah, great grandson, Gannen, and a host of adoptive children, family and friends. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for Glenn Bozeman, 76 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8817 County Road 747, Cullman, AL 35055. He will Lie in State from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. before the service. Burial will be at Welti Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bozeman passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at Grandview Medical Center. He was born July 4, 1941 to Ellis and Lela Bozeman. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Stella Bozeman, children; Kimberley (Brian) Barber and Kelley Bozeman, grandchildren; Kelly and Brittney, and great grandchildren; Johnathan and Liam. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 03, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, 255 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL 35058. Donations may be made In Memory of Glenn Bozeman to: Children's of Alabama, 1600 7th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35232 – Attn. Emily Schaefer or University of Kentucky's DanceBlue, UK Office of Philanthropy, 210 Malabu Dr., Lexington, KY 40502.

Funeral service for Bobby Gene Dawson, age 84 of Crane Hill, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 06, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Delbert Freeman officiating; burial at City of Montevallo Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Dawson passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018. He was born September 12, 1933 to William Paul and Nell Ellen Dawson. He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Patricia Ann Dawson, and sisters; Francis Whitehead and Pauline Douglas. Survivors include his wife, Ellen Dawson, daughters; Vivien (James) Darenda Kerins and Ginger (Mitchell) Leigh Johnson, grandchildren; Gregory Calma, Jennifer (Brandon) Roman, and Ryan Negron, great grandchildren; Christopher Calma, Baya Roman, Tanner Calma, and Moses Smith, brothers; Clyde (Peg) Dawson and Tom (Claudia) Dawson, sister, Sue Stringer, and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 10 until 11 a.m. on Friday, July 06, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Margie Mae Pendley, 66 of Haleyville, passed away on June 30, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 9 a.m. at 141 6th St, Haleyville.

Memorial services for Mrs. Macie M. McBrayer, 78 of Cullman, are Sunday, July 8, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Steve Rodgers and Bro. Curtis Smith officiating. Mrs. McBrayer passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018 at UAB Hospital. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Z. Smith and Nettie Riggs Smith and her daughter, Sandra Darlene Trussell. She is survived by her sons, Bobby Dewayne McBrayer and Jamie Lamar McBrayer; daughter, Annette (Daniel Ray) New; sister, Mary Jane Hopper; grandchildren, Rodney Chaney, Billy Joe (Belinda) New and Dustin Blake (Stephanie) New; great grandchildren, Jaden Brylie New, Brileigh Marie New, Jaxon Wyatt New and Janna (Wesley) Donaldson and great great grandchild, Laney Donaldson.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Vinemont 12U softball team headed to Dizzy Dean Fastpitch World Series

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VINEMONT – Vinemont's 12-and-under softball team has advanced to play in the Dizzy Dean Fastpitch World Series. The girls will be headed to Southaven, Mississippi next week, July 10-15.

The team finished with a 14-4 record and won a county championship; the Lady Eagles will look to add a world series championship to their trophy case as well. Head coach Tumika Noblett, along with assistant coach Kenneth Knott Jr., have seen these girls come back from losing situations to make it to Mississippi behind hard work and determination.

"These girls are very determined right now," Noblett said. "They have fought their way back from losing situations and came out on top. They have worked as a team to prove no matter what the situation, as long as they work together, they can accomplish anything."

"It's been a never-ending rush of adrenaline this season," said Knott. "It's been so amazing to watch these girls build as a team, and as Tumika said, work themselves through every situation that has been presented in front of them."

The coaches feel that the experience the girls will get in the world series will have a big impact on their futures and lead them to bigger and better things.

"It will be an amazing experience," Knott said. "Not many players can say they ever made it to the world series. It will play host to some of the best teams in the Southeast region and give them an idea of the diversity of the game. It will definitely be a building block and something to top next season."

Added Noblett, "It will definitely be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for most of these girls. It's impressive for a rec team to make it to the World Series. These girls work three to four days a week on softball drills; we are definitely going to Mississippi to contend."

Even though they will be facing off against some of the best teams in the Southeast region, the Lady Eagles are determined to prove that they are the best team; they have worked very hard and their winning attitude is something both coaches have liked so far as they look to keep that attitude going into Mississippi.

"These girls have proven they are the best in Cullman County and I feel they match up great with other teams going to the World Series," Knott said.

"These girls never quit working; to be champions, you have to think like champions, act like champions, practice like champions, and only then are you going to play like champions."

"Oh, these girls are extremely excited," Noblett said. "It's a conversation every day; they've got thousands of questions about that. Our motto going into every game is, 'You have to want it to win it.' They are taking that mentality into reaching this next goal they have set for themselves."

"They are extremely excited, but they haven't let that blur their vision." Knott added. "They know this is a huge opportunity that isn't afforded to everyone. They have really impressed us with how humble they have been to be given the chance to represent Vinemont and Cullman County in the World Series."

Noblett and Knott said they feel blessed to coach their team, saying they have learned more from their players than the girls have learned from them.

"These girls have taught me more than I could ever teach them," Noblett said. "They have made memories for me that I will never forget. I absolutely can't wait to see what this group of girls goes and does in the next few years."

"This is my first season as a coach with the girls," Knott said. "When I started, I didn't know what to expect, as I've always coached boys. This has been the best ride I've ever been on. I am beyond blessed to get to put on a jersey that says coach and go out on the field with these girls. Watching them this season as they blossomed and worked so hard to get to where they are has been beyond words. I am so thankful for Tumika asking me to join this adventure. I look forward to where this takes us all."

"This season has taught us that, if you really work hard for what you want, you can definitely achieve it." Noblett said. "Championships aren't given; they are earned. Bringing home a World Series championship would be a dream come true, an accomplishment that would help these girls get looked at by colleges in the future. And as a parent, not just a coach, that's a dream come true for any little girl."

"I think one of the biggest things is hard work is worth it," Knott said. "If it was easy, everyone would do it. These girls didn't just fall into it; they put a lot of blood, sweat, and definitely some tears, into becoming champions and it has paid dividends. It would definitely mean more than anything to these girls and the entire Eagle Nation.

"There is one thing that Tumika Noblett has definitely taught these girls: 'You have to hate to lose more than you love to win.' From the first time she said it, it has become our team motto and it holds true in every aspect of the game."

Winning a championship is on the minds of every player when they step onto the field or court, no matter the sport. Vinemont's 12U girls hope to make history next week in Mississippi.

"We all talk about it daily," Knott said. "There are coaches and players who go their whole careers without ever being donned the title of champion. It's definitely a dream of anyone who has played or coached the game."

ENTERTAINMENT

'Sicario: Day of the Soldado': 7/10

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"Sicario: Day of the Soldado" is the follow-up to the 2015 surprise hit "Sicario" and returns to the conflict at the U.S./Mexican border that began in the first film. Josh Brolin and Benicio Del Toro reprise their roles for part two and once again put on great performances as the lead characters.

There is a new director this time around; Stefano Sollima picks up where Dennis Villeneuve left off, and while Villeneuve's film is better-made, Sollima does a great job of recreating the aesthetic of the original.

Taylor Sheridan returns as the writer and helps make the sequel a good, solid companion piece to go along with the first.

The one thing that "Day of the Soldado" does better than its predecessor is expand the action sequences.

The first film is more of a suspense film while the sequel piles on more action and more blood.

The budget has clearly gotten a bump this time around and Sollima is really able to make the most of it.

Brolin and Del Toro are also strengths for this film.

They carry the load for the most part throughout the movie and each takes his character to new places as they find themselves in even more volatile situations.

Emily Blount's presence is definitely missed though because she acted as the audience perspective character while all of the chaos was happening in the first film.

She was the character feeling what the audience was feeling and asking the questions we wanted answered.

She was also one of the only characters with a strong sense of morality.

As a result, we have a film that is full of characters who are different levels of bad, and it's tough to root for any of them.

That's part of the movie's point though, Sollima and Sheridan use two teenage children in the film to show us who the real victims are in all of this conflict.

"Day of the Soldado" doesn't quite live up to the first on a technical level, but that was to be expected for a follow-up to a film shot and framed by Dennis Villeneuve and cinematographer Roger Deakins.



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There are some bits throughout the film where the plot starts to drag but it's still a compelling story.

Overall, "Sicario: Day of the Soldado" falls short of the first in a few ways but still stands as a solid action/suspense film all on its own.

Griffin's score: 7/10

Fireworks (from Front)

Additional costs for camping, pool, kayaks, canoes, paddle boards and putt-putt."

8 a.m. Town of Addison July 4th Celebration
The Town of Addison's event will feature a parade, live music and fireworks. The Addison Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the live music. Several different bands and artists will be performing starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. just before the fireworks. The stage will be set up behind the Addison Community Center and concessions and bathrooms will be available. Guests are asked to bring a lawn chair or blanket.

4 p.m. Cullman Fireworks Festival at Heritage Park
The seventh annual Cullman Fireworks Festival, organized by Desperation Church, will take place on July 4 at 4 p.m. at Heritage Park. The free family-friendly event will feature a large fireworks show, inflatables for children, games hosted by Desperation Church members, and food available for purchase.

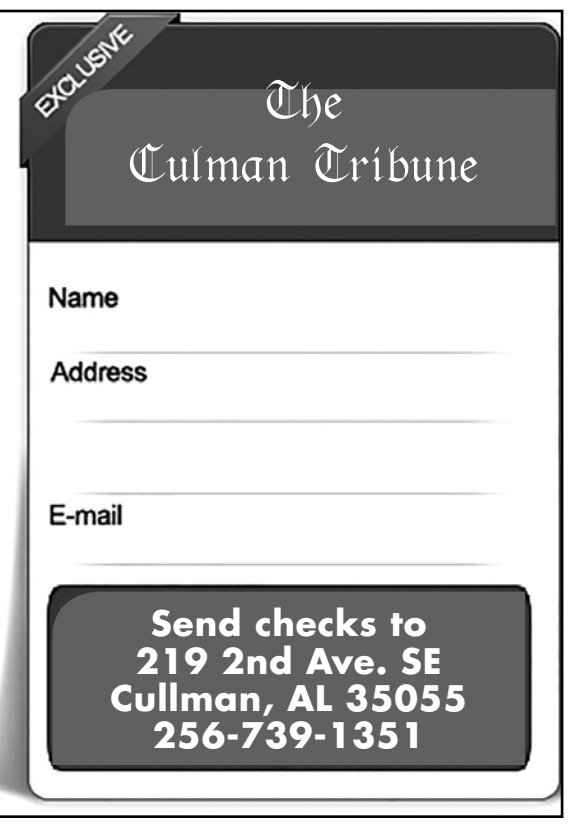
This year's festival will also feature a simulcast radio broadcast for viewers watching the show from areas around Heritage Park. Viewers who want to hear the broadcast, which will be synced with the live fireworks show, can tune into WKUL 92.1 FM or 97.9 Praise FM.

The fireworks portion of the festival is slated to start at 9 p.m. and will last approximately 17 minutes.

6 p.m. 17th Annual Fairview Freedom Celebration
This year's Fairview Freedom Celebration will take place at Randall Shedd Community Park and feature food, live local music and games organized by the local churches. There will be a singing at 7 p.m. Fireworks will start at 9 p.m.

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'The most innovative park in the state of Alabama': Connected Playground opens

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CULLMAN – Years of planning, fundraising and hard work were celebrated Friday evening with the official opening of the Connected Playground at Ingle Park. Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CP&R) kicked off the weekend by introducing the public to the new and improved park, which sits adjacent to the Field of Miracles.

The renovated park features what the city is calling the Connected Playground, a handicap-accessible play space with features by Texas-based KOMPAN, designed to allow children of all levels of physical ability to play side by side.

While renovations were underway, CP&R Executive Director Nathan Anderson told The Tribune, "Looking at what happened with Field of Miracles, placing the Miracle Field amongst the other tournament regulation fields, having that inclusion has just been a beautiful thing. So that got us thinking: let's do this with a playground; let's include accessible play features in ordinary play features that you would see at any playground.

"So 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."

The park also includes:

- 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
- Concrete sidewalks designed and built to flow with the terrain of the park, making a quarter mile loop around the park
- Shaded pavilion with restrooms, water fountains/bottle fill stations, and a large fan to create air circulation in the sitting/picnic area
- Plenty of open green spaces



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Children play at the new Connected Playground at Ingle Park, while adults tour the new facility.

At Friday's grand opening, Anderson said, "This is a four-year project all coming to a close here, that we have worked diligently, from the planning and design to raising money, to the construction, and it's just a big moment for Cullman to have such a beautiful park in our community.

"The only thing we're not quite finished with yet are a few little finishing touches on the landscaping, and the basketball court will be completely finished next week; everything is open."

Long-term plans include a butterfly garden, shaded dog park along the east side of the park and a walking trail that will connect Ingle Park, Field of Miracles, the Wellness and Aquatic Center and Heritage Park.

Anderson commended the Cullman community, Mayor Woody Jacobs and the city council for their support, along with the fundraising efforts of the CP&R Foundation Board and Park Board, street department and numerous project donors.

Jacobs smiled, "I'm just glad that this day's finally here. Months and months, and years, really, of planning, a lot of work. It's amazing how many people have contributed to the park, not only work-wise (but also) financial-wise. And it's all coming together today.

"I think this is the most innovative park in the state of Alabama at this moment, but people will be traveling here to see how we did it. And there'll be others like it."







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