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TOWN OF COLONY

Colony raffling handmade quilt for senior center

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COLONY – On Saturday, Sept. 1, the Town of Colony will raffle a handmade king size quilt to benefit the town's senior center. The quilt is a double wedding ring pattern, handmade by Colony resident Precious Harris.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018. You do not need to be present; winners will be notified by phone.

Raffle tickets are on sale now for $1. Get them at the Colony Senior Center, or call 256-287-1491.

EDUCATION

Holly Pond's Wes Rakestraw appointed interim director of Wallace State's Oneonta campus

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

ONEONTA – Wallace State Community College this week announced the appointment of Wesley (Wes) Rakestraw, of Holly Pond, as interim director of Wallace State's Oneonta Campus Center. He takes over the position following the retirement of Dr. Kelley Jones, who served as the director since the opening of the Oneonta campus in 2016.

Rakestraw joined Wallace State in 1993 as a biology Instructor. More recently, he served as the division chair of Natural Sciences.

He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Biology and his Master of Science in Zoological Studies from Auburn University.

He has played an instrumental role in a number of Wallace State initiatives, including Learning Communities and the Pathways project, designed to streamline students' paths to completion. He also serves on the President's Leadership Council.

"I'm thrilled to be here in Oneonta," Rakestraw said. "Everyone in the community has been so welcoming and positive."

Rakestraw is expected to oversee the completion of the new building for Wallace State's Oneonta campus in downtown Oneonta, slated for mid-2019.

"The new building is progressing nicely," he said. It will contain academic classrooms as well as enrollment services and administrative offices, while the existing building will be converted to classrooms and labs for applied technology and health programs.

Four new welding stations have been installed in the original facility to meet demand, bringing the total up to 14."

Rakestraw is married to Donnette, his wife of 25 years.

He welcomes students to stop by the Oneonta campus to meet him and learn more about registering for fall semester.

Registration is currently underway for fall semester at Wallace State. Classes begin August 15. For more information, visit www.wallacestate.edu or call 205-625-4020.



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Wes Rakestraw



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week: Eddy the Beagle looking for his forever home

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

Eddy the Beagle is approximately 4 years old. He's a medium-energy pet who could be a wonderful comfort/companion/therapy dog. He likes getting outside and enjoys cooling off in a kiddie pool when the day gets hot. If you appreciate the distinctive bay of a beagle, Eddy's, according to Ruttkay, "is as smooth as an opera singer's voice, will warm your heart."

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Eddy's adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

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OSBORN'S PHOTO COURTESY OF FACEBOOK; MUGSHOTS COURTESY OF THE CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tyler Hudson, left, and Andrew Maresh, right, were arrested and charged with the murder of Daniel Ray Osborn II, center, after Osborn's body was found buried behind the Fairview home of Maresh's grandmother.

CRIME

Suspects in Daniel Osborn murder seeking youthful offender status

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CULLMAN – Last week, Andrew Jacob Maresh and Tyler Stephen Hudson, who have been charged with the murder of Hartselle resident Daniel Ray Osborn II, applied for Youthful Offender (YO) status with the Cullman County Circuit Court. At the time of their arrests, Maresh was 19 and Hudson was 20.

Osborn's body was found buried on the property of Susan Winton Smith, Maresh's grandmother, on March 26, 2018.

Hudson, of Baileyton, and Maresh, of Hartselle, were arrested and charged with murder that same night.

Authorities recovered the body of Osborn, who had last been seen by his family on Feb. 3, 2018, from Smith's property on County Road 1534 in the Fairview community.

Court documents revealed that Osborn died of a gunshot wound to the back of his head.

Defendants who are younger than 21 at the time of the offense with which they are charged can qualify for YO status, but courts have discretion in their decisions under Alabama Code Section 15-19-1.

YO status focuses on rehabilitation of the offender, and keeps the crime off the offender's public record, even in the case of a conviction.

According to information available on the website of Birmingham law firm Bradford Ladner, the investigation into a YO request will often consider the defendant's:

- prior contact with the criminal justice system
- age
- maturity
- family relationships
- role in the offense
- seriousness of the offense
- school attendance and history
- potential for rehabilitation
- community ties

If the defendant qualifies as a YO, the penalties of a guilty verdict can be significantly reduced, with prison sentences not to exceed three years. Alabama Code Section 15-19-6 states that:

(a) If a person is adjudged a youthful offender and the underlying charge is a felony, the court shall:

(1) Suspend the imposition or execution of sentence with or without probation;

(2) Place the defendant on probation for a period not to exceed three years;

(3) Impose a fine as provided by law for the offense with or without probation or commitment;

(4) Commit the defendant to the custody of the Board of Corrections for a term of three years or a lesser term.

(b) Where a sentence of fine is not otherwise authorized by law, then, in lieu of or in addition to any of the dispositions authorized in this section, the court may impose a fine of not more than $1,000.00. In imposing a fine the court may authorize its payment in installments.

(c) In placing a defendant on probation, the court shall direct that he be placed under the supervision of the appropriate probation agency.

(d) If the underlying charge is a misdemeanor, a person adjudged a youthful offender may be given correctional treatment as provided by law for such misdemeanor.

Review of other Alabama murder cases

Statistically, murder defendants don't tend to have good luck with applications for YO status, though they will occasionally get their wish.

- In June 2018, 20-year-old capital murder defendant Harold Wallace, Jr. was denied YO status in Mobile. No specific reason was given.
- In April 2018, 18-year-old murder defendant Darrian Bryant was denied YO status in Jefferson Co. The reported noted that Bryant was a member of a gang responsible for a string of recent car burglaries.
- In March 2018, murder defendant Thomonta Martenez Jones was denied YO status in a 2016 murder case in Enterprise. The seriousness of the crime was cited as the primary reason.
- In 2017, 18-year-old Jackson Co. Hank Blizzard admitted, not only to killing another local resident, but also to planning the crime ahead of time. He then applied for YO status, which was denied.
- In 2016, 21-year-old (20 at the time of the offense) murder suspect Loren Daniel Bunner was initially granted YO status in Clay Co., but later the state moved to have it revoked. The judge reviewing the motion said that Bunner should not have been granted YO status to begin with, but also that the state waited too long to make the request. His YO status was maintained.
- In 2016, 19-year-old capital murder/robbery defendant Roderick King was denied YO status in Jefferson Co. Court officials cited a previous criminal record and the seriousness of the murder charge as factors.

Maresh and Hudson hearing date set

Maresh and Hudson are scheduled for hearings before Circuit Judge Martha Williams on Aug. 14, to determine if they qualify for YO status.

Smith, 66, is facing charges of murder and first-degree hindering prosecution. She has been released on bond.

Maresh and Hudson remain incarcerated in the Cullman County Detention Center.

CRIME

3 separate drug busts net total of almost 127 grams of meth, 124 pills, $5K

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CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Left to right: Chasidy Kirkland, Daniel Peek and Kristy Self

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) last Thursday through Saturday arrested three suspects, netting almost 127 grams of methamphetamine, 124 hydrocodone pills and $5,000.

According to a media release from the CCSO, deputies on patrol in New Canaan on Saturday, June 30 noticed a suspicious vehicle at a storage unit on U.S. Highway 231.

Upon stopping to investigate, a deputy discovered a domestic incident was occurring.

While obtaining identification, the suspect, Chasidy Nicole Kirkland, 38, of Arab fled in a 2007 Ford Mustang.

The sheriff's office said a short chase ensued, ending in Blount County, where Kirkland was arrested. During the chase, deputies allegedly witnessed Kirkland throw a black bag from the vehicle.

The CCSO said the bag was recovered off Hwy. 231 and contained "a large amount of meth."

Kirkland's arrest led to the seizure of approximately 27 grams of meth, $4,680 and 123-and-a half hydrocodone pills.

Kirkland was charged with trafficking in illegal drugs, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, reckless endangerment and attempting to elude.

She is currently being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $656,000 bond.

In a separate incident, Cullman County school resource deputies patrolling in the Trimble area on Friday, June 29 conducted a traffic stop at the corner of County Roads 222 and 310.

The deputies arrested Daniel Wayne Peek, 32, of Cullman after allegedly discovering approximately 50 grams of meth hidden in his vehicle.

Peek was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine. He has since been released.

In a third separate incident, the Cullman County Narcotics Enforcement Team (CNET) conducted a traffic stop at the corner of County Roads 222 and 813 on Thursday, June 28 after the driver committed multiple traffic violations.

More than 50 grams of meth were allegedly discovered in the vehicle, belonging to Kristy Michelle Self, 42, of Bremen.

Self was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine. She has since been released.

"I think this is a blow to those who are selling meth here in Cullman County. This is a good amount of meth and cash that was taken out of our communities.

"We are sending a message: if you sell in Cullman County, you will be arrested," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

"I would also like to commend the fine job all our deputies did, and are doing, plus the long hours they put in to make Cullman County a special place to live and raise a family.

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Baileyton Town Council faces challenge over senior center bus

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BAILEYTON – On Monday evening, the Baileyton Town Council held its regular meeting, dealing with a question over use of a bus acquired for use by the senior center.

According to the terms of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) grant that allowed Baileyton to get the bus, as reported to town clerk Patricia Gilbert, the Town must send three people to Montgomery next week or Mobile the following week for training.

The Town received notice of the class Monday, and as of that evening, Mayor Johnny Dyar had only one person available to attend.

After discussion, Gilbert was directed to contact ALDOT to ask if the Town could send the one representative, and to determine what impact this might have on the Town's use of the bus under the grant.

The council approved motions to:

• Renew the Town's contract with AT&T for services to town residents.

• Purchase a new lawn mower and powered hedge clipper. The clipper will replace one privately owned and damaged while on loan to the Town.

• Make a counter offer on multiline equipment in the Town's possession. The Town received a $3,800 offer but voted to counter with $5,000 at Dyar's recommendation. The equipment was left by a former tenant, and the funds will be applied the tenant's outstanding $7,000 debt to the Town.

• Renew the lease for the medical clinic adjacent to town hall for another year. The council also discussed the possibility of allowing the current town hall to be used as storage space for the clinic when the new town hall is complete.

During his report, Dyar talked about conditions at the park, sharing that recent windstorms had left conditions there worse than he thought.

He and Bobby Walker spent much of Monday gathering and burning limbs and other debris to help clean up the grounds.

He also mentioned a possible candidate for contract help with town maintenance work but said that the candidate's performance with heavy equipment like the backhoe needed further review before a decision could be made.

The Baileyton Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Baileyton Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Holly Pond talks paving, lights, Brooklyn Road

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HOLLY POND – The Holly Pond Town Council discussed leveling and resurfacing projects for several roads during its monthly meeting this week.

Mayor Bill Oliver and the council members are still determining which roads are in the worst shape and need to be prioritized, but the council authorized Oliver to begin getting prices on materials.

Street lights were also discussed. According to reports from one of the council members, there are several lights in need of replacement or repair, and the rest of the council, along with Oliver, agreed to start looking into options to make necessary improvements.

A pair of Holly Pond residents were on-hand at the meeting to raise concerns over Brooklyn Road.

They are concerned about speeding on the road and the safety hazards that come with that.

The Town opted to place rumble strips on the road in the past to encourage people to slow down, but they have not been effective up to this point and the noise of the strips has become an issue for the residents near them.

The council agreed to explore further actions it can take to fix the problem.

The council also voted to renew the Town's franchise agreement with AT&T after checking that the amount matches up with the other municipalities' agreements.

The Holly Pond Town Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Guy Hunt Library conference room.

Elderly couple dies following Vinemont wreck

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VINEMONT – An elderly Vinemont husband and wife died following a head-on collision on U.S. Highway 31 North in Vinemont Monday afternoon.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick said Alma Nail Hyatt, 84, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her husband, Shirell Clyde Hyatt, 90, succumbed to his injuries while being transported to Huntsville Hospital by ambulance.

The two-vehicle wreck happened in the 19000 block of Hwy. 31 North, just north of County Road 1343 at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Alabama State Troopers said the Hyatts were traveling in a 2002 Honda Accord and were struck by a 2015 Ford Mustang, driven by Dalton Edward Wade, 20, of Gardendale, head on.

Troopers said all three were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash. Wade was not injured.

The Hyatts were longtime owners of Hyatt's Restaurant in Cullman.

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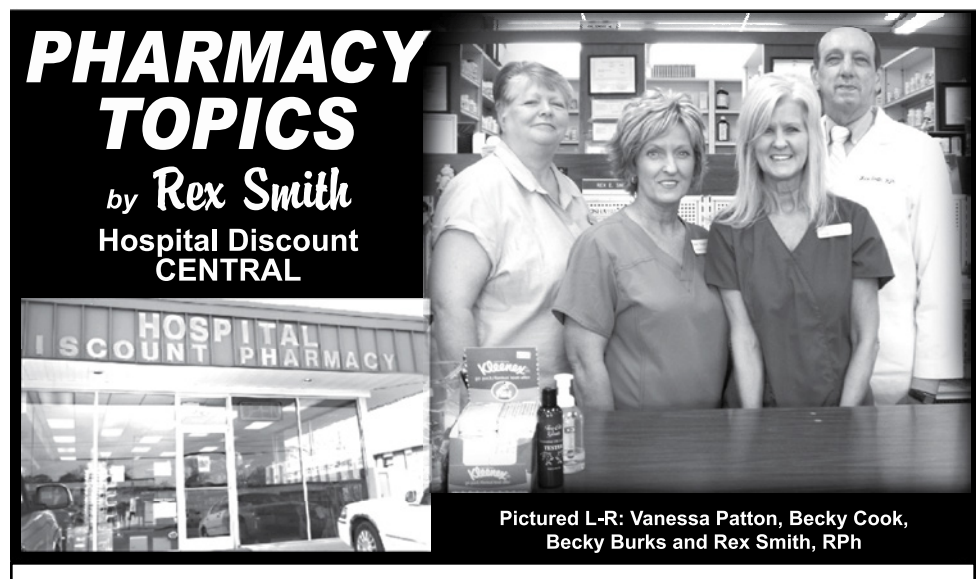

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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Rex Smith
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Pictured L-R: Vanessa Patton, Becky Cook, Becky Burks and Rex Smith, RPh

Hydromorphone, a drug commonly used in hospital emergency rooms for people with migraine is substantially less effective than an alternate drug and should not be used as a first-choice treatment, according to a study published in *Neurology*, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology. The study found that the drug prochlorperazine, given along with the drug diphenhydramine to prevent the side effect of restlessness, was superior to hydromorphone. Prochlorperazine is a type of drug called a dopamine antagonist. It blocks the release of dopamine, which is one of the many chemical messengers in the brain. The drugs were all given intravenously.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved Luxturna (voretigene neparvovecrzyle), a new gene therapy, to treat children and adult patients with an inherited form of vision loss that may result in blindness. Luxturna is the first directly administered gene therapy approved in the United States that targets a disease caused by mutations in a specific gene.

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A combination of two antibiotics is often prescribed to treat commonly-acquired pneumonia in children, but a *JAMA Pediatrics* study is now showing that using just one of the two has the same benefit to patients in most cases. Researchers reported that amoxicillin alone, rather than combined with azithromycin, is just as effective and a better choice as it relates to efforts to curb antibiotic resistance. One of the most commonly used antibiotics in pediatrics, azithromycin was prescribed to 12.2 million outpatients in 2013 and accounted for almost 20 percent of all antibiotic prescriptions for children in the United States ambulatory setting.

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Smith Lake Park Fireworks Festival



HAYDEN HYATT

Frankie Daniel, the first-place winner of the Smith Lake Park Fireworks Festival Golf Cart Parade, poses with his patriotically decorated cart before the parade at Smith Lake Park.



HAYDEN HYATT

Sandy Holsomback and her dog ride in a golf cart during the Smith Lake Park Fireworks Festival Golf Cart Parade at Smith Lake Park.

Store (from Front)

Andrew Cryer
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Arguably the most coveted business location in town, the Warehouse District, is set to be the home of a new local business. Ashley Mercantile aims to be open for business by the second Friday in August as a unique jewel in the crown of Cullman's prime business district. It will occupy the space left vacant by Rumor's Deli.

Owner Ryne Ashley describes the essence of the store's uniqueness, sharing, "We like to think of ourselves as a modern day general store! We will have something for everyone!"

Ashley is no newcomer when it comes to business. He has worked with his father for more than 19 years at the Hospital Discount Pharmacy East, located in the East Point Shopping Center.

However, this will be Ashley's first business venture on his own.

Said Ashley, "I'm ready to take the next step with me and my wife on our own."

The Tribune spoke with Ashley to better understand what exactly Cullman shoppers can expect from his new store.

As to what will make his store so unique, he shared, "We try to carry items from the state. If not in the state, everything is made and processed in the United States."

Not only will the store be comprised of mostly Alabama-made goods, but the goods sold in the store will be "handmade and heirloom-grade." Ashley said the store will have scores of quality goods and a vintage feel.

Not only does Ashley aim to offer quality goods, but goods that are affordable.

Ashley estimates that 70 percent of the store's inventory will be priced less than $35.

This gives Ashley hope that his store will bring people from all backgrounds to the District.

He said that, from personal experience, some people in the community feel that the district is not an affordable area to shop.

"We want the perception of the Wearhouse District to change," he said, "We want people to feel like they can afford to shop there."

Find out more at www.facebook.com/ashleymercantile2018.

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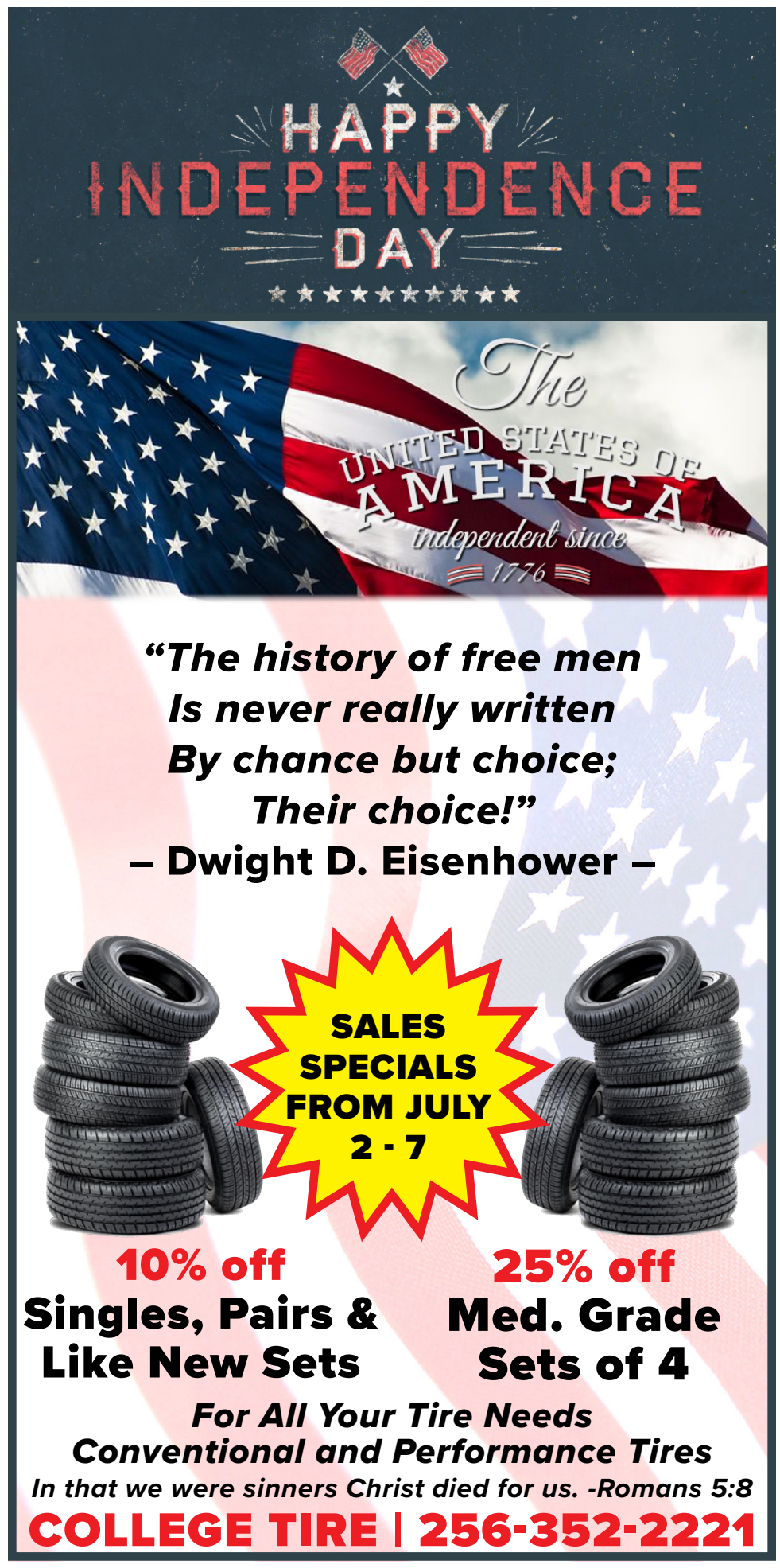
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Victoria's Hope growing quickly; fundraiser this Saturday

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GOOD HOPE – Only about two months in, and Victoria's Hope is moving forward fast. The charity, which Good Hope Primary School teacher April German started to serve single parents, has found enough support in the Good Hope and Cullman communities to expand its offerings to include back-to-school help for kids, and to run out of room at its current rented storage facility.

German talked to The Tribune about how things are going.

"It's doing great! Donations have just been flooding in, of clothing and even household items. We've actually got a few monetary donations. That was wonderful; I wasn't expecting it. So I've opened an account just for Victoria's Hope.

"And then we raised about $300 at Bubble Gum and Blue Jeans last weekend, doing a $5 bag sale. She donated all of that to Victoria's Hope, so I was able to shop this weekend and get some of the sizes that we didn't have a lot of, that were in need, and some children's clothes.

"And I also have started out with one lady wanting to sponsor two children and buy all their school supplies, their school clothes, their backpacks and their lunchboxes.

"And when I let people know that I was looking for two children for that, I had two more people volunteer to do the same thing. So now, we have four children that these special people are going to take care of for back to school, where their mother isn't going to have to worry about getting anything for them.

"I've just been so moved by everybody in the community that's reached out."

Looking for a place

After the fundraising event at Bubble Gum and Blue Jeans, according to German, "We were able to now rent a storage building to store our stuff.

"But now we're overflowing in the storage building! So we're trying to find a building or a church, or something that someone's not using, you know. Praying for that. Maybe that will come soon, because we have gotten so many donations, and it's--I can barely close the storage building door, now."

German is seeking the use of a small freestanding building, or dedicated space within a larger structure, both to use for storage and to set up a boutique-style space where clients can "shop" for things they need.

Fundraising and donation drive

Victoria's Hope has added another drop-off location for regular donations. In addition to Younique Sophistication Boutique, 105 Second Ave. SE in Cullman, donations can now also be brought to Bubble Gum and Blue Jeans, 400 Fifth St. SW Suite A in Cullman.

Victoria's Hope will put on a car wash at Good Hope Grocery, 2253 County Road 437, this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Members will wash cars for donations of money, clothing or school supplies and will also be selling lemonade. Since the organization is a small, mostly family, any students or church youth groups who would like to get in a little community service are encouraged to come by and volunteer.

The organization is also currently sponsoring a school supply drive, asking for donations of crayons, pencils, Fiskars scissors, pencil pouches, glue sticks and that indispensable classroom staple, Germ-X, among other items. School supplies can be dropped off at both regular donation locations, plus the Good Hope Dollar General, 31 Megan Lane.

German is still in the process of securing nonprofit status for Victoria's Hope; that will allow donations to be tax deductible.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/vickishope42018/ or email hopevictorias@yahoo.com.

Background: www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/06/26/victoria-s-hope-new-area-charity-serves-single-parents

Hospice of Cullman County, Inc. MEGA CASH Draw Down set for July 26

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – Hospice of Cullman County, Inc. of Cullman Regional Hospice will hold its MEGA CASH Draw Down, its largest annual fundraiser benefiting indigent patients, on Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m. This year's event features a chance to win $10,000.

Dinner will be served to ticket holders at 5:30 p.m. with the MEGA CASH Draw Down beginning promptly at 6. This year's meal features chicken marsala with pasta, caesar salad and salted caramel bourbon bread pudding for dessert, courtesy of Morrison's Food Service.

In addition, the event will feature prizes and auction items, including a five-night stay at the SanDestin Golf and Beach Resort, as well as the annual cake auction.

Tickets cost $100 each; however, ticket holders can add $25 insurance to their tickets for a second chance at the grand prize. Ticket holders will also have a chance to win additional cash prizes of $500 and $1,000.

All monies raised will fund indigent patient care.

Tickets for the Draw Down can be purchased from the Cullman Regional Hospice office or from one of the following Hospice of Cullman County, Inc. board members: Frances Cooper, Wendell Copeland, Nell Dunlap, Martha Hart, Blanche Kent, Clara Kent, Mike Manning, Deborah McAfee, Emily Johnston, Bill Oliver, Greg Picogna, Amy Walker or Randy Weathersby.

The MEGA CASH Draw Down will be in Cullman Regional's Colonel Cullmann Room in Professional Office Building 2 (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman AL, 35058). For more information or to buy tickets for the Draw Down, call the Hospice office at 256-739-5185 or visit www.HospiceofCullmanCounty.com.













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Milo's opened in its current location in Cullman on July 6, 2017.

BUSINESS

Milo's celebrating 1 year in Cullman giveaways July 5-7

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CULLMAN – Milo's Hamburgers is celebrating the first anniversary of its Cullman location.

"We will be having giveaways (free food!!) going on Thursday-Saturday," said Julianna Hallman, manager of local store marketing for Milo's.

"It has been an honor to serve the people of Cullman through putting delicious burgers, tenders, pies and fries in their bellies for a year, and we look forward to many more ahead," Hallman continued. "Our favorite part of Cullman is the people and the strong sense of community. We have been happy to support the community in various ways over the past year and want to do even more in the future. We have given five $1,000 grants to local organizations and schools and have supported schools and other non-profits in Cullman through education programs, fundraising and of course by feeding them!"

To mark the anniversary of the Cullman location, Milo's will be giving out "a little something extra to its customers Thursday, July 5 – Saturday, July 7. Stop by for breakfast and receive a free side of cheese grits with your purchase. Not a morning person? Stop by for lunch, mid-afternoon snack or dinner to try a free fresh, never frozen, marinated overnight and hand breaded chicken tender. Every customer will get a little something extra."

Milo's opened in Cullman on July 6, 2017, after an absence of several years, the Birmingham-based chain appearing to be view its previous departure from the Cullman market as more of a learning experience than a failure, choosing a new location in the middle of the Cherokee Avenue retail district and bringing an expanded menu and schedule.

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The project consists generally of: Repairs of the roof on Cullman Fire Station No. 2 damaged by the March 2018 hailstorm which will consist of: 1) the removal and disposal of existing metal panels and vinyl backed insulation from roof, 2) to provide crane to move materials on roof, 3) to inspect new steel and existing steel purlins to make sure the structure is acceptable for steel roof panels, 4) to furnish and install new R-20 vinyl backed insulation, 5) to furnish and install new 24-gauge standing seam metal panel over vinyl backed insulation, 6) to furnish and install butyl tape for all joints, 7) to furnish and install ridge vent and metal flashing, 8) to furnish and install new gutters and downspouts, and 9) to provide owner with a 20-year material warranty and a 5-year workmanship warranty.

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Obituary Announcements: July 5- 8

George M. Hale, of Hartselle, passed away on July 2, 2018. He is preceded in death by his wife, Louise Hale; parents: George L. and Dorotha Hale; and daughter, Sheila Myatt. He is survived by his son, Jeff McClellan (Kim); grandchildren: Justin McClellan, Shelby Gregory and Christopher Bell; great grandchildren: Jacob, Jordan, Sierra and Kaiven; sister, Sharon Faircloth (John); uncle, Fred Hale and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. His family will receive friends on Sunday, July 8, 2018 from noon until 2 p.m. at Blair Congregational Methodist Church. The Celebration of Life for Mr. Hale will begin at 2 p.m. at the church with burial in the adjoining cemetery.

Villar Pearle Stilwell of Vinemont passed away July 2, 2018 at the age of 70. She was born in Cullman on July 20, 1947 to Lee Comer and Pearle Thompson Dye. She worked as a registered nurse. Funeral services are Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery at Crane Hill. Survivors are: daughters Nancy Moon, Donna Moon, sons Howard Thompson, Hugh Thompson, Harley Thompson, sisters Shirley Skinner, Joan Dye, Ressie Miller, brothers Jerome Dye, Johnny Dye, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Visitation is Friday, July 6, 2018 at Moss Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral Service for Bobby Gene Dawson, age 84, of Crane Hill, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 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 10-11 a.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for Glenn Bozeman, age 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 1-2 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 was Tuesday, July 3, 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 Shirell Clyde Hyatt, age 88, and Alma Nail Hyatt, age 84, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 6, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. David Kemp, Rev. Scott Sessions, and Rev. Greg Story officiating. Interment will follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018. Mr. Hyatt was born February 14, 1930 to William and Nancy Hyatt. Mrs. Hyatt was born August 9, 1933 to William F. and Darthula Nail. Mr. Hyatt was preceded in death by his parents; and his brothers and sisters, Dueal Hyatt, Kelley Hyatt, William Hyatt, Edna Nunley, and Royal Hyatt. Mrs. Hyatt was preceded in death by her parents; and brothers and sisters, Alton Nail, Ressie Stinson, Harriel Nail, Edmon Nail, Lorene Maddox, Marvin Nail, Dessie Jackson, and Herman Nail. Survivors include their daughter, Shirley (Wayne) Roberts; grandchildren, Scott Roberts and Summer (David) Kemp; great grandchildren, Drew Roberts, Ian Roberts, Samuel Kemp, Sadie Kemp, Abigail Kemp, and Asher Kemp; Alma's brother, Eugene "Shorty" ("Punch") Nail; Shirell's brother, Dallas (Juanita) Hyatt; his sister, Lois Jean Bell, and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mr. Terry Brown, age 60 of Cullman, passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018. He was born August 28, 1957 in Birmingham, AL to Bobby Joe and Margaret Anne Brown. He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Tim Brown Survivors include his daughters: Justina (Chris) Watson and Delana (Mark) Tubbs, step-daughter, Erin (Tony) Nix, step-son, Justin Nix, grandchildren; Candace, Nicole, Payton, Treasure, Dymon, Zaxton, Aspyn, Jareth, Liam, Syrus, and McKenzie, and sister, Rebecca Netterstrom. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO: AD-2018-072

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF A.M.T.
D.O.B. 12-07-2015
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CODY T. TURNEY, Alleged Father, whereabouts unknown
ANY OTHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN PERSON, WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER OF THE ABOVE MINOR CHILD

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY PHYLLIS RENEE DAY, PETITIONER, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER, ANDREA MICHELLE NELSON. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. 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 27th DAY OF June, 2018.

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

NATHAN A. BROCK
Attorney for Petitioner
223 2ND Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055
256-841-4331

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BILLY GEORGE FLANAGAN,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC2018-134

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MELISSA REESE, as Administrator of the Estate of BILLY GEORGE FLANIGAN, deceased, on the 20th day of June, 2018 by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for MELISSA REESE
PARKER AND PARKER, P.C.
215 Main Avenue Southwest
Cullman, Alabama 35055
256-775-4444

TO: The Publisher of CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN
CULLMAN COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ALECIA D. PEARCE PERKINS
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2018-000188.00

JOHNNY PERKINS
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Johnny Perkins, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Alecia D. Pearce Perkins' Complaint for Divorce by August 13, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-000188.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 13th day of June, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER:
Alecia D. Pearce Perkins
1141 County Road 617
Hanceville, AL 35077

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
WARNER M. MERCER,
DECEASED.

CASE NO PC-2018-197

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Administration having been granted to JOHN CRUCE, as Personal Representative of the Estate of WARNER M. NERCER, Deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

John Cruce
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative
200 Second Avenue, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
Phone 256-734-3342

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

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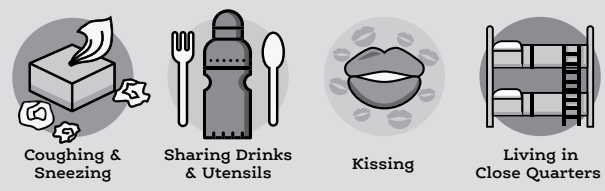
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of
VICKIE LOUISE CORBIN,
Deceased.

Case No. PC2018-191

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased having been granted to BRANDI CORBIN MAZE, on the 18th day of June, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brandi Corbin Maze, Personal Representative
Shelbie G. Hankey, Attorney for the Estate

To the publisher of *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*:

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
S.N.,
A Minor Child, 07/02/2008

CASE NO. JU 2017-321.02

NOTICE

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

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

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

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2018.

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

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

Witness my hand and official seal, this 11 day of June, 2018.

Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:
K.B.,
A Minor Child, 08/04/2012

CASE NO. JU 2017-092.02

NOTICE

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

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

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

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2018.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
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‘Pray for Nick Brown’: joyful homecoming with ‘Alabama family’

Nick Griffin
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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Nick Brown greets a well-wisher at Tuesday’s VFW luncheon. Brown suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2015.

CULLMAN – An important guest was on-hand at the Cullman VFW Post 2214 Tuesday luncheon this week, and his presence saw healthy crowds come and go to eat, relax and fellowship with one another. Nick Brown, grandson of the VFW’s Col. Ken Brown, was the guest of honor and was greeted by dozens of supporters who have been praying for him from a distance.

Nick suffered a traumatic brain injury (TBI), a contusion and subdural hematoma, after taking a high-impact blow to the head during a football game at Union Mine High School in California in August 2015. The running back and safety collapsed on the field after the game and was immediately flown to Sutter Roseville Medical Center where he was quickly taken into surgery to relieve pressure building on his swelling brain.

Nick was flown to HealthBridge Children’s Hospital in Orange, California on Sept. 18, and after taking gradual steps over the next several weeks, spoke his first word since the injury on Oct. 10, 2015. After more surgeries, physical therapy and a couple of hospital transfers, Nick was finally released from the hospital on Dec.16. Nick has been living at home with his family, his condition improving, with the help of speech, occupational and physical therapy sessions.

Through the “Pray for Nick Brown” Facebook page, many of Cullman’s own citizens were able to reach out with their thoughts and prayers for the family. Nick’s mother Laurie Brown was excited to meet some of the people supporting them from across the country during Tuesday’s luncheon.

“It means a lot because we knew that people were following his page and they would tell us they were our ‘Alabama family,’” she said. “It was nice to know that there were people everywhere that were praying for Nick so its really neat to meet some of them.”

Laurie talked about the keys to her family staying positive throughout this process, as well as the progress her son has made in just a few short years.

“Lots of prayer, lots of faith, lots of hope. We try not to let ourselves think of any of the negative stuff. I think it was helpful to have other parents reach out to us that have been through it and told us, you know, ‘Don’t listen to the doctor, it’s in God’s hands; they don’t decide,’ and we felt that way too,” Laurie said. “He’s doing so much better than they ever said. They thought he would just be vegetated and we wouldn’t have wanted that for him, but he woke and just started progressing pretty fast. Physically everything came back pretty fast, but it’s the cognitive stuff that was slower and we’re still working on that.”

The support that Laurie and her family received has inspired them to give back to families going through similar situations. She has seen Nick grow into even more of a people-person and knows that he will do big things to help others with his life.

“I just think that having that support system of people that have been through it will help us be able to do the same thing now. We’ve met a lot of people that have had children in accidents after ours and people have found his page and asked us questions and it’s kind of nice to be that person giving back, you know. We received so much from them so that’s kind of been our thing now is trying to help other people through it,” she said. “We’re hoping someday he can do some motivational speaking and kind of be an advocate. He loves kids, he loves people; before he was kind of cool and he was a nice guy, but now he just loves people. He asks you how your day is, he likes to give hugs, he just genuinely cares about people and doesn’t think about himself anymore, so I just think he would be great with helping others.”

Nick’s father, Read Brown, was also anxious to meet some of the people who have been praying for their family and credits those prayers for his families’ strength during the toughest parts of this process.

“This whole experience has been life-changing, as you can imagine. It means a lot; for the longest time we didn’t know if Nick was going to survive or what the outcome was going to be. They told us he would never walk or talk or function normally, so the prayers were huge,” Read said. “The prayers are what kept us going for months while he was in the hospital having brain surgeries and infections and complications. So, the prayers on his Facebook page and the comments from people we didn’t even know out here are what gives you hope to keep going as a parent.”

This experience has taken an emotional toll on the Brown family, but it has also helped them grow stronger in their faith and even help others going through the same thing.

“Our perspective has changed a lot. We were, like everybody else before this accident, chasing money and trying to work as much as possible, but this shows you what’s really important in life. We’re so grateful for the all of the perfect strangers who took the time to pray and keep us in their thoughts, and I guess it’s kind of healing for us. It’s a healing process to be able to come and get some closure and let people see that their prayers are what kept us going,” Read said. “We were praying a lot in the beginning that Nick would get better and he would survive, but we were praying for what we wanted. I think what we learned through this process is that we had to give up what we wanted and just pray that God’s will be done. If that meant that Nick passed, then that meant he passed away. If that meant he would survive, then there is a reason for that, so we truly believe he is here to do something better. This is great for us to be able to come meet everybody and just show them how much they meant to us and still mean to us.”

Today Nick is doing better than ever, but the healing process is far from over and medical costs are still an issue. If you would like to donate toward the family’s medical expenses, please do so by way of the Pray for Nick account #013252010 that has been set up at El Dorado Savings Bank; 100 percent of the donations will go directly to Nick’s medical costs and ongoing recovery.

