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Blessings bloom in new CCCDD program



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Volunteers and Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) clients pose for a photo at this week's "Blessing Blooms" work session. In the program, event bouquets and other floral arrangements are recycled, creating new bouquets to deliver to nursing homes. The program was started in conjunction with Designs by Grace.

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CRIME

Bremen man charged with sexual abuse of a child



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

David Hyde

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ENTERTAINMENT

Tennessee musician Shannon McNeal coming home to Cullman for album release

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SHANNON MCNEAL

Shannon McNeal

CULLMAN – After Shannon McNeal graduated from Cullman High School, she moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee and enrolled at Middle Tennessee State University to study music business. In her spare time, she performs as a folk-pop singer-songwriter at venues and events around Nashville and Franklin, returning home occasionally to play at events like the Strawberry Festival, and places like her original public performance venue, Berkeley Bob's.

"It's crazy how far I've come in so little time," said McNeal. "Just a few years ago, I was singing at open mics at Berkeley Bob's Coffee House, and now I live just minutes from Nashville and have--no joke--11 performances scheduled for the next 12 days."

McNeal was a semi-finalist in the 2017 "Nashville Rising Star" competition and was just selected to once again move on to the 2018 semi-final round of what is now called "Nashville Rising Song." She was also recently selected to perform in the 2018 Smoky Mountain Songwriter Festival. In the last few months she has hit the stage at festivals with more than 100,000 attendees such as the National Cornbread Festival and Franklin's Main Street Festival.

"I really do enjoy what I do. Not just the music side of things, though, the business side, too," she said. "I like managing my own business and all of the creative work it takes."

Later this month, she's coming back home again to celebrate the release of her first full-length album, "Wilting Flowers & Blooming Dreams."

Earlier this week, McNeal talked to The Tribune about the project:

"The album is filled with 11 original tracks. The content really plays off of the title of the album. The 'Wilting Flowers' part represents the sad songs in the al-

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Jake

PET OF THE WEEK

Jake could be your forever buddy

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

Jake is an approximately 3-year-old yellow lab whose owner surrendered him when moving. He's a laid-back, low-energy pet who's not too clingy and doesn't invade your space. He's very good on his leash and enjoys going outside, and relishes being under a tree's cool shade in the heat of the day.

And there's a special bonus: Jake has already been neutered, so his adoption fee is only $5!

Jake's human will have his or her choice of a harness, collar, leash and snacks available at the shelter.

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.

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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Colony awards bid for community storm shelter

Town moving forward on community garden, Carpenter's Cabinet food bank

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COLONY – On Tuesday evening, the Colony Town Council, with help from County Economic Development Director Cherrie Haney, reviewed two bids for its proposed community storm shelter, awarding the contract to Harbor Enterprises, DBA Survive-A-Storm Shelters, of Thomasville, Georgia. The winning bid was in the amount of $82,000 including the shelter, two restrooms with water lines, and a generator.

Aqua Marine Enterprises of Danville, manufacturer of Safe-T-Shelter safe rooms, submitted a bid of $82,505. The bid appeared to list restrooms and the generator only as additional options.

Colony received a grant to cover 75 percent of the project's cost, leaving the Town responsible for $20,500. Clerk Patricia Ponder reported that the Town's project budget was $27,000, placing the accepted bid well below the budgeted amount.

The council also reported the reception of a nearly $10,000 grant from Morehouse School of Medicine under the college's Healthy Communities Initiative. According to the grant application, Colony will have $9,898.02 to expand its Educational Complex raised garden beds into a complete community garden with six additional beds, tools, seeds and fertilizer, and two part-time staffers to oversee the garden during the growing season.

Representatives from Carpenter's Cabinet came to the meeting to drop off paperwork to help get the town's food pantry set up.

The organization is an established ministry with pantries in Falkville and Holly Pond in partnership with the North Alabama Food Bank.

Once set up, Colony will be able to purchase food in bulk from the North Alabama Food Bank for only 14 cents per pound; donations to the town's pantry will be tax deductible.

Council parks and recreation committee chairman Curtis Johnson told The Tribune that attendance has dropped off at the town's summer feeding program, and that the program could possibly end before its scheduled conclusion on the last Friday of July.

The Colony Town Council meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at Colony Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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Cullman County Economic Development Director Cherrie Haney explains terms of the storm shelter bids to the Colony Town Council.

Vinemont council talks baby changing tables, new employee, holiday closure

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VINEMONT – The Vinemont Town Council discussed the ordering of new baby changing tables for the community center, the hire of a new employee and holiday town hall closure at its monthly meeting on Tuesday at Vinemont Town Hall.

The council approved a motion to close Vinemont Town Hall for the week of December 24-31 in observance of the holidays. Mayor Radginal Dodson informed the council of the hire of a new maintenance employee for the Town. The employee filled the position due to the loss of a previous worker.

Mayor Dodson was given confirmation by the council that the new baby changing tables for the Vinemont Community Center have been ordered. The baby changing stations will be identical to those in the Vinemont Sports Complex.

The council also opened thank-you letters the mayor received from the Animal Welfare Association and the Good Samaritan Health Clinic. The thank-you letters were for donations Vinemont had given to the organizations.

Council members discussed the payment to Larry Cooke for the annual audit that was performed. Two payments for the audit were made during the month of June.

There are seven baseball and softball tournaments scheduled for the fall and there could be more to be scheduled. The sports complex will be shut down due to the tournaments until Aug. 26.

The council approved the minutes from last month's meeting and June financials.

The next Vinemont Town Council meeting will take place on Aug.14 at 6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.



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Mayor Radginal Dodson discusses meeting business during Tuesday night's Vinemont Town Council meeting.

Good Hope council adjusts AGCOR land title, investment

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GOOD HOPE – The Good Hope City Council made a pair of amendments at Monday night's meeting and passed a new resolution as well.

The council passed Resolutions No. 015-2018 and No. 016-2018 that make amendments to Resolution No. 006-2018. The first amendment deals with the land title for the new AGCOR Steel location. Councilmembers said the land title was mistakenly given to AGCOR; the resolution moves the land title to HBLM, LLC. AGCOR will hold the titles for the equipment and HBLM, LLC will own the land. The separation in ownership is necessary for AGCOR's tax abatements. The second amendment adjusts the original capital investment from AGCOR for the project.

The amendment changes the investment amount from $3.4 million to $4 million.

Resolution No. 014-2018 was tabled for further clarification at the council's last meeting regarding Kending Keast Collaborative's Work Order 2, Step No. 1. The council approved the resolution after getting more information on language regarding a new federal law that was passed last year that provides further protections for churches from zoning boards and planning commissions.

The Good Hope City Council's next meeting will be July 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall.



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Councilmembers Maxie Jones and John Harris with Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett

Arrest reports: July 9-10

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for July 9-10. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, JULY 9

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Reports from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office will now only be provided on Mondays and Thursdays.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sears, Shalon C., 41
• third-degree theft of property

Moore, Tammy R., 31
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Bailey, Ashley C., 32
• FTA- giving false information to law enforcement

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Blackwood, Karen C., 41
• first-degree theft of property
third-degree forgery
• fraudulent use of a debit or credit card

Gordon, Krissy C., 19
• attempting to elude
• reckless endangerment

Brady, Daryl W., 52
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Collier, Christopher D., 35
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Fowler, Jason T., 27
• fourth-degree theft of property

Ingram, Regial R. Jr., 30
• third-degree domestic violence

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

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Cullman EMA's Little wins Pat Neuhauser award

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little recently won the Pat Neuhauser Spirit of Emergency Management Award, and the Cullman County Commission on Tuesday morning recognized Little for her accomplishment.

The commission's certificate of recognition reads, "To Phyllis Little, Cullman County EMA Director, the 2017-2018 recipient of the Pat Neuhauser Spirit of Emergency Management Award which was presented by the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers for her commitment and dedication to the excellence of emergency management. We congratulate Phyllis on this achievement and her outstanding representation of Cullman County."

The award, which has been given annually since 2004, is described by the AAEM: "The Pat Neuhauser Spirit of EMA Award is presented to an individual who is dedicated, faithful and loyal with a high level of enthusiasm in promoting emergency management and a willingness to share and serve. This is the most prestigious award offered by AAEM. One award is presented each year. A person may only be awarded once."

In new business, Commissioner Garry Marchman's appointment of Mike Cone to the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) 310 Authority was approved. Cone's term is scheduled to expire April 1, 2024.

Old health department building

Cullman County Attorney Chad Floyd updated the commission on the proposed lease agreement regarding the old health department building located on Fourth Avenue Northeast.

"Back in June the commission authorized you (Chairman Kenneth Walker) as the chairman to sign and enter into a lease agreement with the Cullman County Board of Education with respect to the old health department building. On June 28 I heard back from (CCBOE Chief Financial Officer) Ed Roberson, and after further evaluating their position, the county board of education has decided not to pursue that lease," said Floyd.



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Left to right: Commissioner Kerry Watson, Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little, Commissioner Garry Marchman and Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker. Little was awarded the Pat Neuhauser Spirit of Emergency Management Award.

The commission also:

• approved the adoption of "Guidelines for Having County Roads Widened." Cullman County Engineer John Lang said he believes that having some additional written guidelines in place will make it easier for all departments to better handle road paving projects.

• approved the surplusage of a 2006 Ford Explorer from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office to be donated to the Battleground Volunteer Fire Department.

• authorized the purchase of parts for the repair of a motor grader from Warrior Tractor at the cost $8,500.

• approved a proposed plat for Smith Acres subdivision. The plat contains five lots and is located in District 3 on County Roads 1428 and 1437.

• approved a variance for re-subdivision of lot 17 and 18 in Hawk's Nest in the Phase 2 subdivision located off County Road 184.


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A large portion of patients taking prescription drugs that could affect driving may not be aware they could potentially be driving impaired, according to research in the November issue of the *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*. Nearly 20 percent of people in the study reported recent use of a prescription medication with the potential for impairment, but not all said they were aware that the medication could affect their driving, despite the potential for receiving warnings from their doctor, their pharmacist or the medication label itself. The percentages of those who said they had received a warning from one of those sources varied by type of medication: 86 percent for sedatives, 85 percent for narcotics, 58 percent for stimulants and 63 percent for antidepressants. In this study, the type of medication in question was also related to drivers' perceptions about their impairment risk. They were most likely to think that sleep aids were the most likely to affect safe driving, followed by morphine/codeine, other amphetamines and muscle relaxants. Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHS) medications were viewed as least likely to affect driving risk.

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Women may only need three cervical screens in their lifetime if they have been given the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, according to a new study published in the *International Journal of Cancer*. The HPV vaccine protects women against the most dangerous forms of HPV, significantly reducing the change of developing cervical cancer.

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The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has issued a new recommendation against the use of combined estrogen and progestin in postmenopausal women, or estrogen alone in postmenopausal women who have had a hysterectomy, to prevent chronic conditions such as heart disease, dementia and stroke.

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Cold Springs students recognized by Alabama Lions

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DODGE CITY – Cold Springs High School students Cody Bales and Matthew Blair were recognized at Tuesday night's Alabama Lions District 34A, Region 3, Zone 9 meeting. The meeting was held in the Dodge City Community Center.

Blair was on-hand to talk about his experiences at the Alabama Lion High School Leadership Camp at Troy University in June. Bales was unable to attend, but his presence was felt as Second Vice District Governor Tim Sosebee spoke about the Lions' mission to combat juvenile diabetes. Bales is a freshman at Cold Springs and has long-dealt with juvenile diabetes but fortunately has some help in the form of his dog, Nash. Nash is a specially trained dog who can detect changes in Cody's blood sugar.

After dinner, Sosebee got things underway by connecting the history of the Lions to Tuesday night's meeting, including the founders' original mission.

"In the crusade against darkness, they voted that night to make sight their mission. So now, we're 101 years old and we have a new mission. Our second-century mission is juvenile diabetes," Sosebee said. "Juvenile diabetes can also lead to blindness, so it's all connected."

Blair recapped his time at the leadership camp in June.

"A couple of weeks ago I went to the Lions Club event at Troy University and it was a really fun experience. On the first day I drove down there, and everything got started after lunch around 3. We went straight into a meeting to learn the opening session and all that good stuff," Blair said.

"Our theme this year was pursuit. We learned in the first session what pursuit really means. When I first heard of that I thought of the 'Dukes of Hazard' and how Rosco is always chasing the General Lee, or a shark chasing a fish, those were the two primary ones," he joked. "So, I thought 'OK, I've got this'."

Blair continued, breaking down the schedule of activities and other sessions he participated in, including zip lining, team exercises, canoeing, laser tag and more. Blair's team came up short in the skits competition, but he and his team have fond memories of the camp and graduation nonetheless, even if Blair thought he was a little underdressed.

"After skits were performed we went to bed and the next day we had breakfast and dressed up nice. I did not know to bring khakis or a fancy shirt, so I wore a red polo and blue jeans; everyone else was in a suit." Blair joked.

"During graduation we were all given a certificate and the most outstanding group members were chosen for a scholarship. I unfortunately was not one of them, which is OK by me. So, our outstanding member from Group 7 was Sarah Margaret. She got the scholarship over everybody at the camp, which made us proud. She wants to work at NASA, and after graduation ended we all took a couple of group pictures together."

Blair's summer isn't quite done yet; he has more things he wants to do to prepare himself even further before the school year begins.

"This week I am enrolled in ACT Extreme Prep classes, with homework during the summer. I do not understand this," Blair grinned, "but it's helping me to prepare for my future so I'm all for it."



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Cold Springs senior Matthew Blair on Tuesday night gives an entertaining account of his time at the Alabama Lion High School Leadership Camp.

Abuse (from Front)

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office on July 5 arrested a Bremen man, David Brandon Hyde, 34, for sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old. An investigator with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office specified only that, between Jan. 1, 2015 and Feb. 1, 2017, Hyde allegedly subjected a minor child to "sexual contact."

Sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old is a special circumstance Class B felony that carries a prison term of 10 to 20 years and up to $30,000 in fines.

On Friday, July 6, Hyde was assigned a $10,000 property bond, and his case was assigned to District Judge Rusty Turner for a preliminary hearing on July 23. As of the afternoon of Wednesday, July 11, Hyde remained in jail.

Court records did not indicate a history of sex crimes or crimes involving children, but this was Hyde's third arrest this year. In January, he was arrested for possession of a forged instrument in the form of counterfeit currency. On June 7, he pled guilty and was sentenced to 18 months' probation.

While that case was still active, Hyde was arrested on May 15 when he was one of five passengers in a vehicle from which a bag of drugs was allegedly thrown during a police traffic stop. No occupant of the vehicle admitted owning the bag, and all five occupants were charged with two counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine and alprazolam) and possession of drug paraphernalia. When arrested on July 5 for sexual abuse, Hyde was out on bond in the drug case, which is still pending.

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2018 Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy underway

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The Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy class of 2018

CULLMAN – The 2018 Sheriff's Youth Leadership Academy (SYLA) is underway this week, with students receiving training in matters of law enforcement at locations around the county, including the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, Wallace State Community College, Cullman Police Department, the fire association training center in Vinemont and Cullman Shooting Sports. This year's class has 38 students, an increase compared to previous years.

The class meets at Wallace State each morning at 5:45 for physical training (PT), then moves into activities and classes.

During the week, students engage in team-building exercises on a ropes course, climb a rock wall, rappel down a fire training tower, learn self-defense techniques, see K-9 and SWAT team demonstrations up close, learn about fingerprinting and crime scene investigation, face armed confrontations in a computerized simulator at Wallace State, and fire automatic and semiautomatic firearms on the range at Cullman Shooting Sports.

Students came to the academy from all over Cullman County and even has one student from Hartselle.

Lt. Rex Sorrow, who oversees the program, told The Tribune, "We don't close it to just Cullman County students. If there's other students around close by that want to come, we'll welcome them. They can grab an application and apply next year for next year's academy."

SYLA is a 40-hour program that takes place each July. It has grown from 12 students to 38 in just three years. Participants must be high school students who will be in 11th or 12th grade in the next school year.

According to Sheriff Matt Gentry, SYLA seeks "Just those individuals that possess the desire or the want to be good leaders, to make a change in their community, that want to be part of something more than what they're doing currently in school.

"We want somebody that wants to be engrossed with law enforcement, leadership and their community."

"It's one of the visions that Sheriff Gentry had when he came into office, to create a youth leadership academy for all the students here in Cullman County," said Sorrow.

"It's a fun week. It's a lot of work, but it's a lot of fun! I think you get out of it what you put into it."







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COURTS

AG candidate King files lawsuit against Alabama AG Marshall's campaign

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MONTGOMERY – Republican Alabama attorney general candidate Troy King on Wednesday morning filed a lawsuit against incumbent Alabama Attorney Gen. Steve Marshall's campaign in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, according to King's campaign.

The suit seeks a temporary restraining order "to prohibit the Marshall campaign from spending any of the hundreds of thousands of dollars of illegal contributions that Marshall accepted from the Washington D.C.-based Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) which included money from out-of-state casino interests and out-of-state political action committees, among others."

According to King's campaign, the lawsuit outlines the facts surrounding the infusion of more than $700,000 in campaign cash, including $300,000 that Marshall received in the last 36 hours, from RAGA. King's campaign said those contributions violate the Alabama ban on PAC-to-PAC transfers which was passed in 2010 during the Alabama Legislature's Special Session on Ethics.

"Although Marshall has claimed that there is a loophole which allows these contributions, Alabama State law clearly states that PAC to PAC transfers are prohibited from all PACs, in state and out of state. There is no exception for federal or out of state PACs according to Alabama Code Section 17-5-2(13)," contends King.

The lawsuit should be assigned to a Montgomery Circuit Court judge Wednesday.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTOS

Troy King, left; Steve Marshall, right

Program (from Front)

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Flowers can brighten up any room or event, but what happens to those beautiful arrangements once the event's over? Normally they're thrown away, but the Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD) has been working on a program to recycle bouquets and other floral arrangements by creating new bouquets and delivering them to nursing homes. Known as "Blessing Blooms," this program held its first session in April and has created and delivered more than 300 arrangements since.

Debra Hatley and her cousin Paula Jones (from Designs by Grace) spearheaded the program after Jones started noticing all the event flowers being discarded after events, even if the flowers themselves were still good. Jones currently helps coordinate donations of flowers that can be recycled, while Hatley works with volunteers and CCCDD clients at the Margaret Jean Jones Center to turn the flowers into new arrangements and deliver them.

The volunteers and clients are given various tasks like filling jars with water, taking donated arrangements apart, organizing the good flowers and greenery on the tables while throwing away the wilted ones, assembling the new bouquets in the jars, making cards that are attached to each bouquet, and delivering (or helping to deliver) the arrangements to specified locations.

Hatley said volunteers are always needed.

"We haven't been doing this very long, but after today we'll have delivered about 300 of these bouquets, so we've been pretty busy," she said. "We're making our clients happy, we're making the folks in the nursing homes happy, and we'd just like as much help as we can get."

Currently the CCCDD is asking for volunteers who are at least 16 years old, and volunteers 18 or older don't need to have an adult with them. However, volunteers who would like to deliver flowers with their personal vehicles should be at least 21; volunteers younger than 21 can only ride along with someone else to help with the delivery.

Blessing Blooms currently delivers to care facilities around Cullman like Westminster Assisted Living and Woodland Village. If you would like your facility to be added to the delivery list, or if you have flowers or floral arrangements you'd like to donate, call 256-385-0521. For more information about upcoming work sessions, call 256-734-3253.

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Obituary Announcements: July 12- 14

Funeral service for Johnny L. Howard, 70 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Samuel Tucker, Tony Thorne, and Wesley Alldredge officiating. Burial will be at Antioch Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Howard passed away on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at Fort Walton Beach Medical Center. He was born Wednesday, July 30, 1947 to Alvie and Odie Howard. He loved God, his family, his church, fishing and football. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Ola Bolzle Howard, sons, Wesley Howard and Alex Howard, grandsons, Grant Howard and Zayne Howard, sister, Sue Howard Smith, aunt, Drusilla Maddox, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Funeral Service for Wanda Holmes, 81 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Joe Zeigler officiating; burial at Enon Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Holmes passed away on Monday, July 9, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born Saturday, September 26, 1936 to Oscar and Ellis Loyd. She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles Holmes, and her parents. Survivors include a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Betty Williams Hayes, 82 of Cold Springs, will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Cold Springs Cemetery. Family receiving friends Thursday beginning at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Daughter of the late Wade and Bershie Dooley Williams was born July 18, 1935 in Cullman County. She leaves behind a son, Frankie Hayes; Nephew, Donnie Sanders; Niece, Angie Vest and sisters-in-law, Fay and Nancy Williams.

Eugene F. Roberson of Cullman passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at the age of 89. He was born in Falkville on June 20, 1929 to Seaf F. and Mattie Lou Roberson. Graveside services are Friday, July 13, 2018 at Center Grove Cemetery at 11 a.m. with Pastor Robert Morgan officiating. Survivors are his wife of 65 years Irene Roberson, daughter Debby (Bruce) Walker of Holly Pond, son Ricky Roberson, grandchildren Jared (Kim) Walker, Ericka (Tommy) Robertson, great grandchildren Chloe and Madelyn Walker, Kaylie and Connor Robertson and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation is Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Graveside services for Mr. Nicholas Raymond Rurak, 47, of Logan are 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Rurak passed away on Monday, July 9, 2018. He was preceded in death by his mother, Eileen Elliott. He is survived by his father, Nick Rurak; brother, Dustin (Jackie) Harper; sisters, Lynette (Chris) Cowan, Wendy Turner and Amanda (Jarod) Barnett; special aunt and uncle, Tina and Willard Whiting and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Rebecca Anne Fleming Peavey, 77 of Madison, entered into rest on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family. Rebecca was born on May 6, 1941 in Brewton, Alabama. Rebecca graduated from Murphy High School in 1959. She started her career as a kindergarten teacher and retired as a budget analyst at Redstone Arsenal. Rebecca was a member of Meek Baptist Church. She was a Girl Scout leader, played softball, girls coach, and belonged to the Homemakers Club. She enjoyed music, dancing and life at the lake. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018, from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Meek Baptist Church in Arley, where services will be at 5 p.m. Brother Thomas Hyche will officiate. Burial will follow in Meek Cemetery. Rebecca is survived by her daughters, Lynn Peavey Southgate and her husband Edward, Anne Peavey; brother, John Nipper; sisters, Jeanne Tate and her husband Barton, Dottie Howard, Faye Johnson, Lisa Britt and her husband James. She was Grandmama to 2 grandchildren, Taylor Southgate, Parker Southgate; 2 great-grandchildren, Rylan and Sophia Jarrel. She is also survived by nephews, Ryan Howard, Caleb Fleming, Austin Johnson, Michael Henderson, Bart Tate; and nieces, Michele Hanshaw, Bailey Peterson and Ramsey Tate. She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Douglas J. Peavey; father, Aden C. Fleming, and mother, Evelyn Nipper.

Helen Lee Hyde Foust, 92, finished her journey in this world and went home to Jesus on Friday July 6, 2018 at Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, TN. She was born at Boothton, Alabama on March 7, 1926 to the late Edith Booth Hyde and Charlie Hyde and was one of 9 children. She was married to the late, Earl Jr. Foust on July 12, 1947. They had two children Linda Carol Foust Grajewski of Columbia, TN and the late, Kenneth Earl Foust. She was retired from Woodland Community Hospital in Cullman, Alabama where she also served many years in the Auxillary. Her home church and community of over 50 years was Walter Baptist Church. She helped to raise several generations of children by serving there in the Nursery, VBS and other areas. She loved them dearly! She loved Jesus, her family and people, was an avid quilter until her failing eyesight prevented it, but continued with her Card ministry with people receiving them even while she was in hospice care the week of her death. She was a life-long student of God's Word (Holy Bible) and loved her Bible Study small group (GRACE) at Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Columbia, TN. Hers was a life well-lived! Survivors include: her daughter, Linda Carol Foust Grajewski (Joe) grandsons Joe E. Grajewski (Carolyne), Josh Grajewski, granddaughter Ashley Foust (Ravi Purandare) and 3 great-grandchildren; Azrael Hozian, Ember Purandare and River Grajewski. She has one surviving sister, Carolyn Hyde Grover of Brewton, Alabama, also, a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Her services will be held at WALTER BAPTIST CHURCH in Cullman County, Alabama on Saturday July 14, with viewing from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. and the Celebration of Life Services will be held at 2 p.m.; Duck River Cemetery for burial, and Family/Friends Meal at Walter Baptist Church immediately after. Hanceville Funeral Home in Hanceville, Alabama is handling arrangements. Our special thanks to the staff at Maury Regional Hospital, CHARIS Hospice and Poplar Estates assisted living. In lieu of flowers please send donations to: St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

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OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR: DA Blaylock endorses Steve Marshall for Alabama AG

C. Wilson Blaylock
Contributor

A letter to the editor, submitted by Cullman County District Attorney C. Wilson Blaylock, is presented below without edits:

I agree with the NRA, Alabama Citizens for Life, and the Alabama Farmers Federation: we need Steve Marshall to continue serving as our Attorney General. Despite the "fake news" being pushed by his opponent, Marshall is the true Pro-Trump conservative in the race for Attorney General.

As the State's chief law enforcement officer, Marshall is leading President Trump's fight against the Opioid Epidemic and illegal immigration here in Alabama.

Steve Marshall has handled the tragedy of his wife's passing and the false, misleading attacks from his opponent with grace. His character, integrity, and desire to deliver justice are unshakable.

This is the same Steve Marshall that I have learned to know through our years of service as District Attorneys of Cullman and Marshall Counties.

Several years ago, Marshall was appointed as the special prosecutor in the trial of Robert Mays here in Cullman County. He was persistent in the prosecution of Mays, who had murdered his own mother in cold-blood.

Today, Mays is still in prison because of the conviction that Marshall secured.

Marshall has fought for Cullman in the past and we need him to continue fighting for us as Attorney General.

The NRA, pro-business and homebuilders' groups, prolife groups, organizations who strive to protect our constitutional rights – and so many others - endorsed Marshall and have rejected his opponent.

This is no surprise as the voters of Alabama overwhelming rejected Troy King in 2010. That speaks volumes in who conservatives should have confidence in to be proactive in the issues that affect all of our rights and safety. In my view, our future as a State is in very good hands with Steve Marshall.

I am proud to endorse Steve Marshall for Attorney General and I recommend my fellow Republicans to vote for Steve Marshall in the July 17th Runoff.

C. Wilson Blaylock
District Attorney

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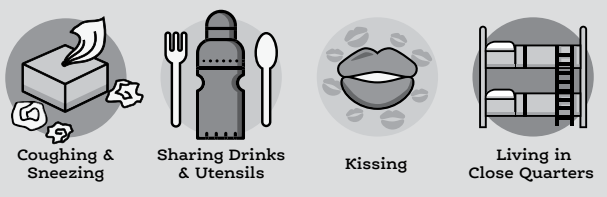
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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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DONE THIS 27th DAY OF June, 2018.

Tammy Brown
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABMA

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ALECIA D. PEARCE PERKINS
Plaintiff

Vs. — Case Number: DR-2018-000188.00

JOHNNY PERKINS
Defendant

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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.

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The album will be available on all major music streaming platforms on July 20.

McNeal will hold a release event in Murfreesboro as well, but will be in Cullman on the evening of July 20 for a hometown party at Rumors Deli from 6-8 p.m.

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