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Tabitha and Linley Bagwell enjoy a Ferris wheel ride during the Ferris Wheel Fundraiser in Cullman on Friday.

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CRIME

Hanceville park vandalized; grills, parts stolen



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vandals cut swings in half at Hanceville's C.W. Day Park.

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10-year-old Denna Chivers donates pavilion, table to animal shelter

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Friday morning, July 13, at the Cullman County Animal Shelter to unveil a new covered meet-and-greet area. The area was made possible by 10-year-old Denna Chivers, an aspiring veterinarian, who donated the new covered pavilion and picnic table (painted Denna's favorite color: purple).

Denna, who will be a fifth-grader this year at Cullman Christian School, loves animals and especially wants to help those in need of rescue.

The Tribune first met Denna last July, when she was holding a yard sale to raise money (www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/07/25/never-too-young-make-difference-meet-denna-chivers). She made $400. She and her mother, Beth Ann Chivers, bought food, cleaning supplies, litter and other wish list items and donated it all to the shelter.

This summer, Denna had another yard sale and earned an astonishing $1,400. With it, she bought the covered pavilion, along with the purple picnic table, that now provide shade and seating to a once bare area.



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Denna Chivers, 10, sits at the new purple picnic table she donated to the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Denna explained, "I wanted to give the animals something bigger and I had heard that the shelter needed a better area for people to bring their dogs, so they can meet and interact with a dog they hoped to adopt."

The shelter's Capt. Tim McKoy said he was "blown away" by Denna's generosity.

"I think it's amazing that a 10-year-old would have the fortitude to donate all of her hard-earned money and I am grateful that she chose to help the shelter animals," he said.

McKoy was so moved by Denna's gift that he had a special sign made that now hangs from the pavilion with Denna's name.

Denna and her grandmother, Lois Dunkle, also made homemade dog treats for the shelter dogs and donated $65 to cover a cat or kitten adoption fee.

According to Beth Ann, "We plan on donating more food and supplies with the money left over from Denna's yard sale."



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Sheriff Matt Gentry walks U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama through the Cullman County Detention Center kitchen on March 27, 2018.

Cullman sheriff: jail food issue must be decided at the polls

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, Gov. Kay Ivey issued a memorandum to State Comptroller Kathleen Baxter which brings to an end the state's policy of paying prisoner food allowances directly into the personal accounts of county sheriffs.

The memo reads:

Through this memorandum, I am rescinding the State's current policy of paying prisoner food service allowances directly to sheriffs in their personal capacities. After recent events brought this policy to my attention, I asked my legal office to re-examine its validity and advisability under state law. That office has now advised me that a 2008 attorney general opinion on which the policy is based--an opinion from then-Attorney General Troy King to the Etowah County Commission and City of Gadsden--is no longer valid.

Therefore, effective immediately, I am directing that payments under section 14-6-43 of the Code of Alabama relating to the feeding of prisoners in county jails no longer be made to the sheriffs personally. Instead, all such funds should be directed to the county general fund or to an account established for the sheriff's official use, whichever is appropriate for the county at issue under local laws and ordinances consistent

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Cullman Cyclones president charged with stealing money from organization

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CULLMAN – The president of the Cullman Cyclones Youth Football Association has been arrested and charged with stealing from the organization.

Karen Cowart Blackwood, 41, was arrested on Tuesday, July 10. She is charged with first-degree theft of property, third-degree forgery and fraudulent use of a debit or credit card.

Sgt. Todd Chiaranda, a financial crimes investigator with the Cullman Police Department, said in a statement, "In June of this year I launched an investigation after receiving a complaint from the Cullman Cyclones Youth Football Association in reference to missing monies. The investigation led to the arrest of the association's president, 41-year-old Karen Cowart Blackwood of Cullman."

Chiaranda said evidence collected during the investigation indicates Blackwood embezzled more than $14,000 from the Cyclones' operating account while serving as the association president from January 2018 to June 2018.

After reviewing the evidence, said Chiaranda, the Cullman County District Attorney's Office issued a warrant for Blackwood's arrest.

Blackwood turned herself in at the Cullman County Detention Center. She was released on an $18,000 property bond.

"Employee theft is very common," said Chiaranda. "The most effective way to combat internal theft is prevention. Never allow one member of the business or organization to possess complete control over finances.

"Introduce a system of checks and balances that extends the responsibility to several other persons. I cannot emphasize enough how important record keeping is in prevention.

"Not every business or organization can afford to retain the services of an accounting firm. However, a simple but detailed transaction record-keeping practice combined with a separation of responsibilities provides a strong deterrent against theft and could save your business from taking a large financial loss."



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Karen Blackwood

On Friday, Cullman law firm O'Neal & Kilgo released the following statement:

"The law firm of O'Neal & Kilgo has been retained to represent Ms. Karen Blackwood on the pending criminal charges connected with the Cullman Cyclones organization. Ms. Blackwood has fully cooperated with the authorities during this investigation. When our firm learned that there was a warrant for Ms. Blackwood's arrest, we made immediate arrangements for her surrender at the Cullman County Detention Center. We at the law firm of O'Neal & Kilgo are proud members and supporters of the Cullman community. We understand the negative impact that this case has had on Cullman and we look forward to our client's day in court so that this matter can be brought to a resolution."

2 charged with selling meth

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CULLMAN - The Cullman Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit made two more methamphetamine distribution arrests this week.

On Monday, the CSU arrested Tammy Rena Moore, 31, of Baileyton. Moore is charged with one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

Moore was transported to the Cullman County Detention Center where she was booked in and has since been released.

On Thursday, Liles Neal Wimbs, 30, of Nauvoo, was arrested and charged with two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Wimbs remains in the Cullman County Detention Center.

The CSU urges citizens to call 256-775-7155 to report illegal drug activity.



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tammy Moore, left; Liles Wimbs, right

Hanceville council moves to establish veteran banner program

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HANCEVILLE – Citizens in Hanceville may soon see special banners around their city. The Hanceville City Council on Thursday night voted to participate in a banner program that honors veterans and fallen service members. The City authorized the use of its street poles for the banners, which themselves must be purchased privately.

Like the banners in similar programs in Arley, Addison and Good Hope, the ones in Hanceville will display photos of local veterans from the city, listing their rank and branch of service.

Juanita Culler, who spearheaded the banner project in Arley, spoke to the council about the details of ordering similar banners for Hanceville during a work session before the Thursday's meeting.

In other new business, the council approved Resolution 632, to submit a grant request for an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The $250,000 grant, if received, would be used for new sidewalks and crosswalks, and address drainage problems along Alabama Highway 91 between Church Street and the gas station. Mayor Kenneth Nail signed the submission forms after the meeting.

Council members approved payment of an invoice from Cullman Auto Body for repairs to one of the City's police vehicles. The vehicle was damaged during the storm that swept through Cullman on March 19.

The council also approved the purchase of a new pickup truck for the Hanceville Police Department.

In turn, the police department agreed to allow Hanceville Park Director Ashley Dye to use one of its trucks for park work.

Nail, who will not be at the next meeting due to travel, expressed his appreciation for Councilwoman Sharon Porter since he will not be there for her final meeting. Porter announced her resignation in June. She will be moving to Athens due to her husband's job.

"I appreciate (Porter) the last couple of years being on the council and serving the citizens and all that she's done," said Nail. "I hate to see her go, but it is what it is."

The next council meeting will be July 26 at 6:30 p.m. with a work session at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



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Councilman Justin Pruett lifts a banner displaying a veteran as Juanita Culler, organizer of the banner program in Arley, looks on during Thursday's Hanceville City Council meeting.

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

TO: **ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, UNDISCLOSED PERSONS OR THE BIOLOGICAL FATHER.**

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY LIZBETH PINEDA, BIOLOGICAL MOTHER. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 22nd DAY OF June, 2018.

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

MELVIN HASTING
ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
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Cullman, Alabama 35056

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **MELISSA MCQUEEN**

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

DONE THIS 21st DAY OF June, 2018.

Joseph Michael Walker &
Tehbetha Shayne Walker
Petitioners

Robert Sapp, JR.,
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Arrest reports: July 11-12

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Bailey, Ashley Carol, 32
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Boyles, Mackenzie Kelley, 18
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Bridges, Mickey Franklin, 27
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence/ third-degree assault

Clemmenson, Matthew Frederick, 44
- probation violation- first-degree theft of property

Cox, Westly Daniel, 29
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- expired tag

Evans, Miranda Madonna, 34
- FTA- public intoxication

James, Randy Eugene, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lacy, Zachery Garett, 21
- FTA- expired driver's license
- FTA- speeding- reasonable and prudent

Lance, Travis Earnest, 21
- attempting to elude
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

League, Cobie Thomas, 19
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lee, Crystal Nicole, 29
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Link, Melissa Renee, 47
- FTA- driving while suspended

Medina, Gerardo Lerma, 30
- illegal possession of alcohol
- public intoxication

Monroe, Jason Terry, 40
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- expired tag

Roberson, David Richard Jr., 35
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Rouse, Ricky Gene, 40
- FTA- attempting to elude

Spillman, Shawn Michael, 24
- FTA- 20 days to register vehicle
- 20 days to register vehicle
- attempting to elude
- third-degree criminal mischief
- driving while suspended
- FTA- failure to yield- from public road
- FTA- liability insurance required
- liability insurance required
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- speeding

Twitty, April Puckett, 38
- contributing to truancy

Williams, Jimmy Jr., 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana not for personal use

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Villa, Joseph S., 46
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Connell, Jeremiah C., 40
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lance, Travis E., 21
- attempting to elude
- FTA- insurance violation

Smith, Kenneth W. Jr., 41
- public intoxication

Cox, Westly D., 29
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- driving while revoked

Smith, Jessica S., 26
- DUI

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No report provided.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

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Hollis, Robert L. Jr., 40
- FTA- insurance violation

Garrity, James A., 58
- FTA- speeding

Ellis, Linda D., 61
- fourth-degree theft of property

Herron, Jason E., 42
- third-degree theft of property
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Cunningham, Tonya F., 41
- third-degree theft of property
- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Wimbs, Liles N., 30
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Pearce, Stacy L., 37
- fourth-degree theft of property

Morgan, Crystal L., 35
- FTA- insurance violation

Ruatti, Bashir P., 32
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Nickens, Manuel D., 50
- FTA- driving without a license

Blake, Barbara M., 35
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Curtis, Constance L., 34
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Simmons, Joshua B., 41
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- driving without a license (3 counts)
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- improper lane usage
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- running a red light

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No report provided.

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

Royal Technologies opens $14M expansion, adds 25 jobs

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CULLMAN – On Thursday morning, Royal Technologies (RT) President Jim Vander Kolk cut the ribbon to open the company's $14 million facility expansion on Cullman's northeast side, doubling the building's capacity and making it the largest of RT's three facilities. The expansion added 25 new jobs, and, according to previous estimates, that number could eventually rise to 50.

According to Vander Kolk, the expansion covers 194,000 square feet and contains 568 truckloads of cement, 38.3 miles of wire, 76,000 tons of steel and was built in 38 weeks.

In attendance were Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and representatives of the Cullman City Council, city and county economic development agencies, Cullman Industrial Development Board, Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce, Cullman County Schools, Wallace State and Cullman Area Workforce Solutions. U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt, R-Alabama and U.S. Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama also sent representatives.

Vander Kolk talked about the construction of the building expansion and thanked those involved, but, gesturing toward members of the RT staff, told the crowd, "The most important: those employees. This facility is built on their backs. They took just as big a risk as I did nine years ago. We all thought it was going to work; the difference is, they made it work.

"So it's on the backs of our employees. And as we grow this organization, construction people do amazing things, architectural people do amazing things, but it's these people who come in here every day, committed because they care--they care for one another, they care for their community, they care for their business. All I happen to be is the guy who gets to stand in front once in a while, but they're the people that make me and this organization look good."

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer noted that, in a county in which the average employer sees an 18 percent employee turnover rate, the rate at RT is just three percent.

RT, in business since 1987, is based in Hudsonville, Michigan, with more than 1,200 employees working at facilities in that city, Cullman and Mission, Texas.

The company specializes in plastic and urethane foam molding for the automotive and furniture industries, as well as other commercial ventures.

Within Alabama, RT's Cullman facility supplies components to the Hyundai automotive plant in Montgomery, Remington Firearms in Huntsville and REHAU right here in Cullman.

When he announced the expansion last fall, Vander Kolk said of his Cullman operation, "About 10 years ago, I began to realize that in order for our company to continue its growth, we had to locate outside of west Michigan. So we started looking for communities: where do we set up shop?

"It was during that time that we happened upon the (Cullman Economic Development Agency), namely Peggy (Smith) and Dale (Greer), and they showed us the land. And land is important, but that's not what attracted us. In fact, they told us you were really smart, and there are some very astute people here, but that's not what attracted us.

"You told us you work hard. Yeah, we realize how hard you work, but that's not what attracted us. What attracted us to Cullman--and I have to admit, I sound a little funny to y'all--but one thing we have in common are values: and values of trust, integrity and respect, of stewardship.

"And it didn't take long to realize this was a bunch of people that make up a community they call Cullman.

"But is wasn't what they did, it was who they are. I'm a firm believer that who you are is manifested by what you do. And that's what attracted us to this community.

"We're enthusiastic about the future; not because of what we do, but we feel so comfortable living amongst and being a great neighbor in a community that's second to none."



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Royal Technologies President Jim Vander Kolk cuts the ribbon on his company's $14 million, 194,000-square-foot facility expansion on Thursday morning, July 12, 2018.

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Barry Willingham, ACTA
Revenue Commissioner
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Cullman County

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These vehicles will be sold to pay storage and or repair fee at Mullins Body Shop, LLC, 11042 US Highway 31 South, Cullman, Alabama 35055, on Tuesday, August, 21, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE
Planning Commission

Pursuant to the instructions of the Planning Commission of the City of Hanceville, notice is hereby given that Proposed Ordinance No. 621, set forth, will be considered by the Planning Commission on Monday, July 23, 2018 for a recommendation of passage to the City Council of Hanceville. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., Monday July 23, 2018, at the Hanceville Civic Center, located at 902 Commercial ST NE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the passage of Proposed Ordinance No. 621.

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COOKIE, COOKIE, COOKIE!

Panera hosts fun event to support Relay for Life

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Panera Bread in Cullman this week held its first Cookies for a Cure event benefiting Relay for Life. For a donation of $10, children had yummy lemonade and were given three large flip-flop cookies to decorate. Parents enjoyed coffee and bagels. The children had a great time decorating their cookies with different color icings, colored sprinkles and chocolate sprinkles. Each adult was entered in a drawing for a large Panera Bread goodie basket filled with a variety of breads, bagels and sweets.

More than a dozen children were already there in the first hour of the cookie party. Lisa Goins brought her two sons Ethan (6) and Eli (1). Eli enjoyed watching the balloons as big brother Ethan put the finishing touches on his cookies. Ethan chose to make two tie-dye cookies and one with different color hearts.

Ethan said, "I liked decorating the cookies. It was fun, creative, messy and DELICIOUS!!"

His mom Lisa had a great time too, sharing, "I have a cousin who battled cancer and she has been cancer-free now for six years. We love Panera because we like healthy food options and were happy to hear of this event. I explained to Ethan that the event was to help fight cancer. Giving kids an opportunity to do a fun hands-on activity for a good cause is a great way to teach them about helping others."

Panera associate Cassy Calloway was all smiles as she helped each kid create his or her cookie masterpiece.

She was thrilled that so many children came, explaining, "We planned on the event being outside but decided to set up inside after the rain popped up. I am so happy to see so many kids here."

General Manager Quentin Bailey echoed those concerns but was very pleased that the first Cookies for a Cure was a hit and loved seeing the kids enjoying the event.

Each Panera location allows its staff to choose a nonprofit in its community to support. Bailey and his employees are passionate about their choice to help Relay for Life.

He explained, "Our associate, Donna, is fighting cancer. Some employees are wearing T-shirts created to show our support for her. The plan is to have this event twice a year around Halloween and Valentine's Day with pumpkin- and heart-shaped cookies. We will continue to do what we can to give back to our community and Relay for Life."

Each day, Panera Bread staff delivers the leftover bagels and breads to local nonprofit groups in a continued effort to be a good neighbor.

Bailey said, "It's important for us to give back and support the community we serve."

To find out more about Relay For Life, visit www.cullmanrelay.wordpress.com or www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL.



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Ethan Goins, 6, enjoyed making his cookie "tie-dye."

United Way set to 'stuff the bus' with school supplies

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Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – With school starting back, the cost of supplies can quickly add up and overwhelm some families, especially those with multiple children. To help combat this, United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) is rolling out a new program: Stuff the Bus!

From July 30-Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, a school bus will be parked in the south parking lot of the Cullman County Courthouse (500 Second Ave. SW) for people to donate any extra school supplies they might have. Smaller donation boxes (all decorated like school buses) will also be set up around the county.

The supplies being asked for are basic school necessities, such as:

- no. 2 pencils and erasers
- glue sticks
- rulers
- index cards
- notebook paper and graph paper
- colored pencils and crayons
- ringed binders (from 1″ to 3″)
- red, blue and black ink pens
- composition notebooks
- zippered pencil cases
- hand sanitizer
- safety scissors

This list will also be posted on all donation boxes. The boxes will be located at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center, Rusken Packaging, Inc., Wallace State Community College, Warren Averett CPAs and Advisors, The UPS Store of Cullman and American Proteins, Inc., all of whom helped partner with UWCC to sponsor the program.

DeAnn McDonald, administrative assistant for UWCC, supervised the decoration of the boxes Friday morning.



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Homeschooled students were invited to help decorate the donation boxes on Friday.

"This our first year doing this," she stated. "We got the idea from some other United Ways who've done it and been successful, so we thought we'd give it a try. We're hoping to get the word out before the tax-free weekend (July 20-22) so that people who wouldn't normally need to buy school supplies could help out with the cause tax-free."

The donations will benefit students from city schools, county schools and homeschooling groups. Resources will be divided among the schools based on the number of students, and the schools themselves will be in charge of handing out the supplies as they see fit.

Park (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE – Several grill grates and an entire grill have been stolen from the pavilions at Hanceville's C.W. Day Park and the swings at the adjoining playground were damaged. According to Hanceville Park Director Ashley Dye, the incident occurred in the last two nights.

"We have three pavilions in between both of our playgrounds at C.W. Day Park and each pavilion has a small grill and the one in the middle has a larger stone grill," Dye said. "All the small grills have had the grates taken out of them except for one, and in one of the pavilions the whole grill was taken out. Then at one of the playgrounds, someone has cut the actual swings in half."

Along with the issue of the grills being looted or stolen, Dye said it was frustrating to find the damaged swings on the playground.

"I don't know why you would do that because it's something that the kids enjoy, you know," Dye said. "It has nothing to do with any person in particular; it's just something for the kids to do for fun."

Those with any information regarding the thefts and vandalism are asked to call the Hanceville Police Department at 256-352-9811.





Food (from Front)

with state law.

On Wednesday morning, Baxter forwarded the memo to all county commissions and sheriff's offices along with her own memo which read, in part, "Pursuant to Governor Ivey's directive, my staff will send these funds 'to the county general fund or to an account established for the sheriff's official use, whichever is appropriate for the county at issue under local laws and ordinances consistent with state law.'"

Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice and the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), two organizations that filed a joint lawsuit in January against 49 Alabama county sheriffs (including Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry) seeking public records showing whether they had personally profited from funds allocated for feeding inmates, challenged a detail of the memo.

They pointed out that the policy change, in the words of the memo, only affected "the State's current policy of paying prisoner food service allowances directly to sheriffs."

Food service allowances are funds to cover the cost of preparing and serving meals to prisoners, but do not cover the cost of the food itself.

The groups then noted that official "food service allowances" account for only a small amount of the money given to sheriffs for the feeding of their prisoners, with the majority of funds being earmarked for food item purchases. Through this loophole, according to the two organizations, sheriffs may continue to pocket large amounts of the food money they receive.

SCHR issued the following press release Wednesday afternoon:

In two memos sent yesterday, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey announced that sheriffs may no longer personally profit from a very small portion of jail food funds: those state funds allocated for services in preparing and serving food to people in their jails. Contrary to media reports, these memos do not yet fully fix the problem of sheriffs personally pocketing these public funds.

The food service allowance funds make up a small fraction of the total amount that a sheriff receives. In 2017, across the state, sheriffs received $204,605.10 in food service allowance funds, and the far larger sum of $4,991,500.50 for food costs. This means that the food service allowance, which the Governor's memo addresses, constituted less than 4% of the total amount of state jail food money given to sheriffs last year. In some counties, the difference was starker: in Baldwin County, Sheriff Huey Mack received a food service allowance of $4,106.25, and $293,980.75 to purchase food.

"We agree with Governor Ivey that the law does not permit the conversion of public funds – funds which are designated by statute for the feeding of prisoners – into personal income for sheriffs," said Aaron Littman, an attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights. "Unfortunately, barring further action, sheriffs will continue to pocket large amounts of taxpayer money from jail food accounts."

"For decades some Alabama sheriffs have abused the public trust by placing personal profit over meeting the basic human needs of people in their care," said Frank Knaack, executive director of Alabama Appleseed. "We thank Governor Ivey for taking the first step to rein in this abuse and urge Alabama legislators to heed her call to end this for good."

Cullman's Sheriff Gentry trying to get ahead of the issue

In February of this year, sponsor Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope and co-sponsors Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview and Rep. Ed Henry, R-Hartselle, with support from Gentry, introduced House Bill 461, proposing that citizens vote on an amendment to the state constitution that would remove all food money from the personal control of any Cullman County Sheriff. Sen. Paul Bussman, R-Cullman supported the bill when it moved to the Alabama Senate.

The proposed amendment covers all food funding from any source, reading:

*Effective beginning the next term of office of the Sheriff of Cullman County after the ratification of this amendment, **any allowances or other amounts received by the sheriff for feeding prisoners** shall be deposited in a separate account in the county treasury to be known as the "Sheriff's Discretionary Fund" and shall be used by the sheriff for the feeding of prisoners in the county jail. Any funds in the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund over the amounts needed for feeding prisoners may be used by the sheriff for law enforcement purposes and for the operation of the office of the sheriff. Any funds in the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund shall be carried over from year to year. In the event additional amounts are needed by the sheriff for the feeding of prisoners, the amounts shall be paid by the sheriff from any other discretionary funds available for the operation of the office of the sheriff. The sheriff shall not be subject to the competitive bid law for the purchase of food or supplies used for feeding prisoners in the county jail.*

The bill passed both houses in March and will be on the ballot during the general election in November, at which time voters will have the opportunity to decide whether to approve the amendment.

After the passage of the bill, Gentry issued the following statement:

I would first like to thank our local legislative delegation for passing the local food bill out of the Alabama Legislature that changes the food bill from a personal account of the sheriff to a discretionary account of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office to be used for training, to buy equipment, and other law enforcement purposes.

I would specifically like to thank Representative Corey Harbison for sponsoring the bill and Representatives Randall Shedd, Ed Henry and Senator Paul Bussman for voting for the local bill.

Once signed by Governor Ivey, and if the citizens of Cullman County approve this local bill in November 2018, it will establish transparency and (fiscal) responsibility over the jail food account that the old 1930's food bill and current law does not allow for.

Since I was a candidate, and having the honor of becoming Sheriff of Cullman County, I have been committed to fixing the food bill issue. I am grateful to be able to get a local bill passed and placed on the ballot for the citizens of Cullman County to vote on.

After the issuance of the governor's memo this week, Gentry told The Tribune, "You know, for us, I saw the memo that went out. But our biggest contingent is that, hopefully in November, we are already one step ahead, and we have it on the ballot. We worked with our legislators this last session to get it put on the ballot, to change the food bill--the way it's ran in Cullman County--from a private account to a public account that will be audited by the state auditors.

"And what we're trying to do now is to urge people in November to vote yes on the ballot to change it from a private account--which is by state law ran by the sheriff--to a public account which is then, by state law, ran by the sheriff- one that will be audited."

To view the governor's and comptroller's memos, visit http://comptroller.alabama.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2018/07/2018-07-10-Sheriff-Allowances-Comptroller-Governor.pdf.

To view HB461 and the proposed constitutional amendment, visit https://legiscan.com/AL/text/HB461/2018.







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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1933

The Hi-Y Club of Cullman High School was organized in 1929. This club is a Christian organization promoting clean speech, clean thoughts and clean athletics. Only boys of high character are invited to join. Officers for the present year are: president, Alvin Camp, vice-president, Norman Bender, secretary, Rob Roy Latta and treasurer, Athel Hyatt.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Calvert, of Bremen, attended the birthday dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert's at Brushy Pond, on Sunday.

Misses Ruby, Grace and Hazel Sandlin, Altie Pearson and Mathlee Wilson spent Sunday with Misses Essie, Bessie and Tressie Stricklin.

Carl Calvert, of Brushy Pond was the Saturday night visitor of Lowton Willoughby.

Mrs. Opal Veenstra, of Florida, is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Ella Doss and family.

Reverend Harvey Edwards, of Prospect, preached at Valley Springs, last Saturday.

Mrs. John Rimel visited her brother, Oscar Compton, at Arkadelphia, last week. Miss Clara Mae Compton visited in Hanceville, on Saturday afternoon.

Those elected to the National Honor Society at Cullman High School for last semester of 1933 were: Dorothy Reinstadler, Ella Schuman, Clema Self, Betty Stiefelmeyer and Wynelle Taylor.

Reverend Virgil Sizemore, of Holly Pond, spent Thursday with Reverend M.H. Love and family, at Longview. Reverend M.H. Love is attending the Bible school at the Baptist church in west Cullman.

Mr. and Mrs. Novie Chaney, of Cullman, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Howard recently.

Some of the early gardeners are braving the cold to set out cabbage and onion plants.

The Judge Tankersley family has moved to the Ebenezer community.

I couldn't wait for success so I went on without it.

From The Files Of 1955

George John Beyer, age 75, who served two terms as mayor of Cullman in the early 1900's, died in Birmingham, on Monday. Mr. Beyer was retired from the hardware business.

Returning home after two years of military service in Alaska are Corporal Leo Hasenbein and Corporal Louis Hasenbein, twin sons of the Frank Hasenbeins.

Garley C. Chapman, Police Chief in Cullman is happy with the new speed limits.

Dane Estes, age 20, of Holly Pond is pictured in a wheelchair.

Dane was stricken with polio, last February 13th while playing basketball for Saint Bernard College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Estes.

The building committee for Trinity Evangelical Church in Hanceville is Albert Burkart, C.T. Burkart, Paul Fox, Henry Fuchs, Albert Jochum, Edwin McNutt, Herbert Michelfelder, G.W. Thom, Henry Warren and Otto Michelfelder. Reverend C. Burkart organized the church in 1885.

The registered Hampshire Hog sale will be held at Ponder Warehouse, on February 6th.

Reverend Sim Calvert is pastor of Bethany Baptist Church and is teaching a Bible study this week.

J.A. Perdue has opened a store at Wheat in the L.H. Perdue Storehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cobb and boys are spending the winter in Florida.

Herbert Otto Reinhardt and Alma Edith Marie Richter were married, on January 20th.

Mrs. Marvin Ashwander and Miss Dorothy Jackson spent Thursday in Birmingham.

Doctor and Mrs. Allen Gray, of Schnectady, New York, announce the birth of a daughter, on January 16th. Doctor Gray is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Gray.

From The Files Of 1992

Jack Sides Returns To Cullman

Former Cullman Mayor Jack Sides and likely Mayoral candidate this year, has returned to Cullman from a Birmingham Hospital, following treatment in a coronary care unit.

Sides will return to Birmingham for additional tests to be sure he does not have arterial blockage in about a month.

The Cullman business man is apparently feeling better than he has in months. Welcome home, Jack!

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

My favorite place at our house is not in the house



Bill King
Tribune
Contributor

I used to say I was going to hang up a porch swing – just as soon as I got a porch! Oh, we have a front porch, but it's not big enough for a swing. To solve my problem, without building a porch, Jean bought me a yard swing - complete with its own canopy. I have enjoyed it immensely, but I am proud to announce that we now have our very own covered back porch. I still don't have a porch swing, but I do have a new favorite chair and it's on the back porch.

Several years ago, American families left the front porch and went inside. There were basically two reasons. First was the invention of television and next came air conditioning. I blame this for the decline in the number of picking musicians these days too. Back then the porch was the coolest room in the house – even though it was not in the house. Families drank coffee there in the mornings and iced tea in the cool of the evenings. Some drank other things, but not us. We watched the world from our porches instead of on television. If you lived in town, you spoke to your neighbors as they passed. Most stopped to visit for a few minutes.

Growing up, the closest thing we had to air conditioning was a large window fan in the back room. It mostly pulled the hot air through the house.

Fortunately, our old house was surrounded by shade trees. I guess we weren't wealthy enough to have a swing, but we did have a porch with chairs.

I remember sitting out there with my mom, picking my old flattop Truetone, or listening to the evening concerts performed by the local frog-and-cricket choir. The pond, within a stone's throw of our porch, had ample choir members. The crickets sang soprano, tree frogs sang tenor, and bull frogs sang bass. Some nights an owl joined on owl-to. The dogs under the porch barked out an occasional "Amen!" I loved watching and listening to nature from that ole porch.

Last year, after the tree fell through our house, since we had carpenters there already, we asked them to build a porch over part of our deck. It has brought back many childhood memories.

Our new porch overlooks a pool, instead of a pond, but frogs don't know the difference. Like their pond relatives long ago, they too put on a concert on summer nights. We even have an owl in the woods directly behind our house who-who joins in occasionally.

Past the "frog pool" runs a small stream. Drew's wooden gym set sets just beyond the stream. One morning, as I sat on the porch drinking coffee, I noticed a large, white breasted, red headed, woodpecker perched atop the swing set. I quickly

pulled out my phone to snap a picture, but even zoomed in, he was too far away. I slowly and quietly drew nearer to get a better look.

To my surprise, he continued to sit there. I finally managed a close enough view to realize why. My woodpecker was actually an empty Gatorade bottle, complete with a white label and a red cap!

If you get a chance today, slow down. If you are blessed enough to have porch, front or back, sit down. Speak to your neighbors as they pass.

Soak up the sights and sounds of nature. Have a cup of coffee, glass of iced tea, or a bottle of Gatorade. If you don't have woodpeckers, put an empty bottle off in the distance and pretend. Poor eyesight helps.

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Poet's Corner

Light Bearer

By: Randy C. Hale
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My son-in-law Greg
delivers medical
equipment to the
homes of the dying.
He's been dog bite,
stuck in mud,
gets hot, wet and cold.
He's often praised
but has been
cussed, all in a busy day.

It's really a ministry, those long hours,
frequent stops and many miles.
Meeting people sometimes for the first
and the last time.
Praying for those who desire it
and offers a helping hand when he can.

He delivers the needed equipment
to sustain their final days, and picks it up
when their time has come.
He rides before or behind the man
in the dark cloak, carrying a lantern
of comfort and hope.

In honor of Greg Hamlin and to many others who work hard in the service to others, often unnoticed.

Obituary Announcements: July 14 -16

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.

Herbert Barnett, 67 of Holly Pond, passed away Thursday, July 12, 2018. He was born October 24, 1950 in Walter, Alabama, to Gilbert and Irene Bice Barnett. Herbert was a loving father to Damon, and proud grandfather of Caden and Emily. A construction worker by trade, Mr. Barnett spent his life working hard to provide for his family. Herbert is preceded in death by his parents, Gilbert and Irene Barnett; brother, Joe Barnett; sisters, Ann, Sandra, Juaena, and Kaye; brother-in-law, James Crumbley; and nephew, Brandon Barnett. Survivors include his son, Damon (Amanda) Barnett; brothers, Alton (Sue) Barnett, Randy (Charlotte) Barnett; sister, Vaudean Crumbley; grandchildren, Caden and Emily Barnett; a host of nieces and nephews and many friends. Funeral services will be Saturday, July 14, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Jimmy Martin officiating. Friends may visit with the family Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 10 a.m. until services begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Duck River Cemetery. Damon Barnett, Caden Barnett, Josh Whitehead, Jason Barnett, Kyle Barnett, and Rodney Lee will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Hanceville Nursing Home in memory of Herbert. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Barnett.

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 lifelong 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

George "Jack" Wakefield, 85, of Danville, entered into rest on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at his surrounded by his loved ones. Jack was born December 16, 1932, to Luther Andrew and Mary Jane Ward Wakefield. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Arvid Wakefield; three brothers; and four sisters. He is survived by his wife, Faye Blevins Wakefield; three sons, Ronald (JoAnne) Wakefield of Lincoln Park, MI, Mark (Deborah) Wakefield of Prattville, AL, and Luther (Karen) Wakefield of Danville, AL; one daughter Rhonda Barton of Danville, AL; one daughter-in-law Dawn Hinson Wakefield; eleven grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation will be on Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Parkway Funeral Home in Trinity, Alabama, where his funeral service will be Monday, July 16, 2018 at 11 a.m. Please no live flowers. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Valley in memory of Mr. Wakefield or the ALS Association in memory of Arvid Wakefield.

Mrs. Dorothy Wachter Paulovich, 86 of Cullman, Alabama, passed away July 12, 2018. She was born in Cullman on April 27, 1932 to Alvin and Claire Wachter. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband John Paulovich, sisters Alfaretta Baier, Eleanor Richard, brothers Joe and William Wachter. She was a graduate of Sacred Heart Catholic High School and St. Vincent's School of Nursing (class of 1950). She truly enjoyed her health professional career at Cullman Hospital, Woodland Hospital and Cullman Outpatient Surgical Center. A Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 16 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Cullman with Father Patrick Egan O.S.B. officiating. Interment will follow in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery. Survivors are her children Sarah (David) Seymore, Joe (Karen) Paulovich, Lisa (Joey) Saia and Dan (Danza) Paulovich, four granddaughters Katie (Simon) Ranelli, Sarah Beth Seymore, Payton Paulovich and Gabrielle Saia, great grandsons Jackson Paulovich, Anthony and David Ranelli. Visitation will be Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. and a Rosary at 7:30 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Buford M. Gross, 85 of Decatur, AL., will be Monday, July 16, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home in Cullman, AL. with Rev. Billy Harper officiating. The burial will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens. Visitation will be Sunday, July 15, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Mr. Gross passed away July 12, 2018 at the home of his daughter, Dea Anna Short. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church, a Veteran of the United States Army, and a graduate of Auburn University. He retired from the Federal Land Bank of Jackson, MS. As a senior credit analyst and appraiser. He lived his life of agriculture by raising a garden every year, working on the family farms, and making wood furniture. He is preceded in death by his parents; Dr. Charles M. Gross and Christine Teichmiller Gross; and a brother, Augustus "Gus" Gross. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jayne Morrison Gross; three children: Philip M. Gross, Holly Beth Gross, and Dea Anna Short (Brian); two grandchildren, Elizabeth Christina Murphy (Loran) and Savannah Katharine Gross; seven siblings: Katharine Millar, Tom Gross (Bonnie), Rachel Schaefers (Theodore), Imogene Heatherly (Raymond), Christine Livingston (Michael), Perry Gross (Teresa), and Barbara Harper, and multiple nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Pallbearers will be Michael Livingston, Randy Smith, Zane Legg, Mike Legg, Eddie Lackey, and Dwight "Frog" Legg. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made to the Hospice of the Valley. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Youth NFL Flag Football forum this Monday

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CULLMAN – Youth NFL Flag Football is coming to Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism (CPRST), and CPRST has announced a forum about the new league will take place on Monday, July 16 at 6 p.m. at the Cullman Civic Center.

"The forum panel will include CPRST Executive Director Nathan Anderson and Cullman High School's new varsity football coach, Matt Plunkett.

"Cullman native Plunkett came to the Bearcats from Gardendale, where he set a new record by leading his team to four straight playoff appearances in his five years as coach.

"Joining Plunkett and Anderson on the panel will be Former NFL DL/OL Devin Wyman.

"Wyman was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1996 and played two seasons with the team before signing with the Minnesota Vikings and eventually starting a career in arena football.

"In 2004, he won the Arena Football League Championship with his team, the San Jose SaberCats."

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

POLITICS

Voter registration big topic at Cullman Democrats meeting

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Democratic Party spent a lot of time at its meeting this week discussing possible ways to ensure more eligible voters become registered. The party is gearing up to support Democratic candidates in the November 8 general election. (Remember, due to the crossover voting rule, voters who chose the Democratic ticket in the June 5 primary are not eligible to vote in the June 17 Republican run-off election. The crossover voting rule only applies to primary elections. There is no Democratic run-off on June 17.)

Voter registration was first brought up when discussing plans for the party's booth at the county fair, which members said they would not only use to help register eligible voters, but also to simply establish their presence in Cullman County and get the word out about their meetings.

James Fields, who came to the meeting to thank Cullman County and the Democrats for all their support during his candidacy for governor, expressed a desire to see more voters register and come out to the polls.

Unfortunately, making sure voters are registered makes no difference if the voters never show up to the polls.

According to the results of the June primary elections (http://co.cullman.al.us/elections-results.html), Cullman County has more than 57,000 registered voters.

However, less than 18,000 ballots were cast, meaning almost 70 percent of registered voters did not participate.

The Democrats discussed possible ways to help make the voting process seem less intimidating to new voters, ranging from printing and handing out rule sheets so that voters have a clear idea of what they and other people can and can't do, to appointing poll-watchers for the general election to ensure that no voters receive any biased treatment from the poll officials.

One piece of advice that was offered was to make sure people know they have access to complaint slips that they can file if they feel that they have been treated unfairly.

The party recognized two members who had been elected to the State Democratic Executive Committee: Tabatha Howse and Nick Shabel. Rhonda Jett was also elected, but she was absent from the meeting.

Roger Duke, who has aided U.S. Representative candidate Lee Auman during his candidacy, also announced that any help with Auman's general campaign would be greatly appreciated.

"Let's make Aderholt work for it this time," he stated. "It's time to stop just handing (him) this position."

The party also stated that it is looking for volunteers for various events, such as riding in the fair parade, running the booths at the county fair (October 4-13) and the Smith Lake Sweet Tater Festival (September 2-3), and forming a search committee to nominate new local party officers for the November election.

The positions being replaced will be chair, secretary, treasurer and possibly vice chair, and the nominations for these positions need to be ready by October to be presented in November.

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PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 621
Zoning

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 AND ORDINANCE NO. 608.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 510 is the City of Hanceville Zoning Ordinance; and

WHERAS, some restrictions, regulations, and allowances are burdensome and/or in conflict with other current ordinances and it is in the best interest of the City to amend Ordinance No. 510 again.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Under the authority of Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Section 11-52-1 through 11-52-84, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, Zoning Ordinance No. 510, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 2. ARTICLE III ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS
Section 3.4 USE CATEGORIES
3.4.2 CONDITIONAL USES
D. Deleted

Section 3. ARTICLE IV USE PROVISIONS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS
Section 4.4 FLOOR SPACE REQUIREMENTS IN THE B-1 LOCAL SHOPPING DISTRICT is deleted.

Section 4.5 TABLE OF USES
- Dwelling unit above the first floor of a business establishment (Loft Apts) is permitted in zones B-1 and B-2.
- Fireworks stand is permitted in zones B-1 and B-2 only
- Home occupation subject to the provisions of Article 8, Section 8.7.2 of this article is permitted in all zones.

Section 4. ARTICLE V USE PROVISIONS FOR SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICTS
Section 5.1MHP MANUFACTURED HOME PARK DISTRICT
Section 5.1.6 LICENSE REQUIRED FOR MANUFACTURED HOME PARK
It shall be unlawful for any person to establish, operate or maintain, or permit to be established, operated or maintained upon any property owned, leased or controlled by them, a manufactured home park without having first secured a license for each such park form the City of Hanceville pursuant to this Article. The annual license fee shall be as set forth in the City of Hanceville's current fee schedule.

Section 5. ARTICLE VII GENERAL REGULATIONS
Section 7.4 NECESSARY REPAIRS PERMITTED is deleted.

Section 7.9 ZONING OF NEWLY ANNEXED LAND
All land hereafter annexed to the City of Hanceville shall be zoned in accordance with the following procedure:
7.9.1 The Planning Commission at their next scheduled meeting following the annexation of a property must draft a preliminary report of the area involved including the proposed zoning, schedule a public hearing on the proposal, giving notice to the public of such hearing by posting in four (4) conspicuous places in the municipality at least six (6) days prior to the hearing and as required by Alabama State Law. After holding the public hearing, the commission drafts a recommended zoning ordinance and map to be considered by the governing body.

7.9.2 The City Council upon receipt of a recommendation from the Planning Commission, gives notice and holds a public hearing prior to adopting a zoning ordinance. The notice must be published along with the ordinance in full in a newspaper published within the municipality. The notice must state the time and place that the ordinance is to be considered by the municipal governing body and stating further that at such time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the ordinance. One week after the first insertion the ordinance must be published for a second time (or a synopsis, including the date and name of the newspaper in which the ordinance was first published). Both insertions must be published at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the passage of the ordinance.

7.9.3 Deleted

Section 7.11 Burial Plots
7.11.1 Bodies must be buried in an established cemetery.

Section 7.12 Unattended Donation Bins
7.12.1 Unattended donation bins/boxes are not permitted in any district or zone.

Section 6. ARTICLE VIII SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS
Section 8.1 ACCESSORY USES OR STRUCTURES
8.1.2 Detached accessory buildings in residential districts shall not be nearer than five (5) feet to any side or rear lot line. Detached automobile garages located in a side yard must maintain the side yard and front yard setbacks for the applicable zoning district.

Section 8.7 HOME OCCUPATIONS
8.7.1 Deleted

Section 8.11 SWIMMING AND WADING POOLS
8.11.1 Swimming pools and wading pools not located within a permanently and completely walled structure shall be constructed no closer than ten (10) feet of any property line and shall be completely fenced off from the ground up to a height of at least four (4) feet.

Section 7. ARTICLE XIII ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 13.2 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED (paragraph 1)
It shall be unlawful to commence earthwork; the excavation for the construction of any building or other structure including accessory structures or signs; installation of any mobile home or house trailer; store building materials or erect temporary field offices; or commence the moving, alteration, repair, or improvement (except repairs/improvements not exceeding the City of Hanceville's current minimum cost policies) of any structure, until the Administrative Officer of the City of Hanceville has issued a building permit for such work.

Section 13.5 EXPIRATION OF BUILDING PERMIT (paragraph 2)
If the work described in any building permit has not been substantially completed within one (1) year of the date of issuance thereof, said permit shall expire and be cancelled by the Administrative Officer and written notice thereof shall be given to the persons affected, together with a notice that further work as described in the cancelled permit shall not proceed unless and until a new building permit has been obtained.

Section 13.8 PENALTIES
Any person, owner, agent, lessee, tenant, contractor, firm, corporation, or any other person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed more than one thousand dollars ($1000.00) and cost of court for each offense.
A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

Section 8. ARTICLE XV AMMENDMENTS
Section 15.2 APPLICATION FOR REZONING BY PROPERTY OWNER (paragraph 1)
15.2.1 Application. The applicant shall submit a complete zoning amendment application, on a form provided by the City, to the Administrative Officer at least five (5) days prior to the Planning Commission meeting at which the amendment is to be considered including a site plan, if required by Section 10.1.1, subparagraph D of this Ordinance, or if a site plan is not required, the application shall include, as a minimum, the following:

Section 15.4 PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NOTICES
The following procedures for hearings and notices shall be followed for the rezoning of specific property. The following procedures for hearings and notices shall be required for amendments or revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Such amendments or revisions shall follow the following requirements and the requirements of the Alabama State Law regarding notices and hearings.

15.4.1 Deleted

15.4.2 Deleted

15.4.3 Planning Commission Hearing. The planning commission must hold a public hearing, giving notice to the public of such hearing by posting in four conspicuous places in the municipality at least six (6) days prior to the hearing. After holding the public hearing, the commission drafts a recommendation to the governing body. If the commission recommends rezoning the recommendation must include the proposed zoning ordinance and map to be considered by the governing body.

15.4.4 City Council Hearing. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Planning Commission, the council gives notice and holds a public hearing prior to adopting a zoning ordinance. The notice must be published along with the ordinance in full in a newspaper published within the municipality. The notice must state the time and place that the ordinance is to be considered by the municipal governing body and stating further that at such time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the ordinance. One week after the first insertion the ordinance must be published for a second time (or a synopsis, including the date and name of the newspaper in which the ordinance was first published). Both insertions must be published at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the passage of the ordinance.

Section 9. ARTICLE XVIII EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its adoption by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

(Seal) _____
Kenneth Nail, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

I, Tania Wilcox, City Clerk of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. _____, which ordinance was adopted by the City Council on _____, 2018. This Ordinance was duly advertised as required by Title 11, Chapter 52, Article 4, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

_____
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

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CULLMAN – Children and families came out Friday to the ride a 40-foot Ferris wheel and hear live music at the Ferris Wheel Fundraiser across from Berkeley Bob's Coffee House and Moe's Original BBQ in Cullman. The event was to support Fancher Education Center's Literacy and Lunch Program, which provides a two-week camp where kids are fed and learn to have a love of reading.

Michael Sapp, president of the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association and an organizer of the event spoke with The Tribune about the event.

"We've got a 40-foot Ferris wheel, we've got a booth set up, the Cotton Pickin Kids, and then we've got Microwave Dave coming up later," said Sapp. "All the proceeds for the Ferris wheel go to the Literacy and Lunch Program that is being put on by Fancher Education. It's a really good program. It's all for a good cause."

The Tribune spoke with Sapp early on in the event, but even so he said it had been successful so far.

"We just started, but already we've had a lot of positive results. We've had people that even didn't come to ride the Ferris wheel but just started writing checks," Sapp explained.

"We've got some donation boxes at the Downtown Grill, Busy Bee, Moe's, Berkeley Bob's and some of the other restaurants so they're taking up donations for that cause as well. They've already brought in a lot of money."

Cherrelle Fancher, executive director of Fancher Education Center, was at the event as well and spoke to The Tribune about the Literacy and Lunch Program.

"We are raising money for the Literacy and Lunch Program for the summer and raising awareness of all the services we do offer for kids in Cullman. We do a lot more than people realize," said Fancher. "For a lot of kids, programs like this are the deciding factor in whether or not they are going to be successful in the school year."

Fancher added, "Our program is designed by me. I have special training for dyslexic students and students that struggle with reading because of learning disabilities and by my co-teacher who has her master's degree in urban education and lots of extra training. So kids who are not going to be served well in school, for whatever reason, we tend to be able to fill in that gap so they can go back and be successful in the classroom."

Fancher also had some advice for anyone whose children might be struggling education-wise and is interested in any of the programs Fancher Educations has to offer.

"If somebody thinks they need help outside of school they need to come out to our open house that is July 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and see what we can help them with," she said.

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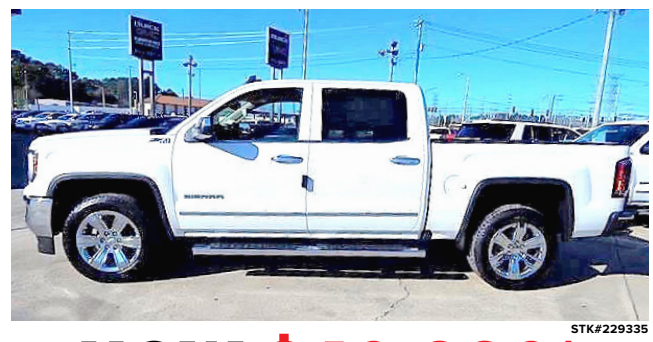
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