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Vinemont marching band prepares to show off new look, 'crazy' halftime show

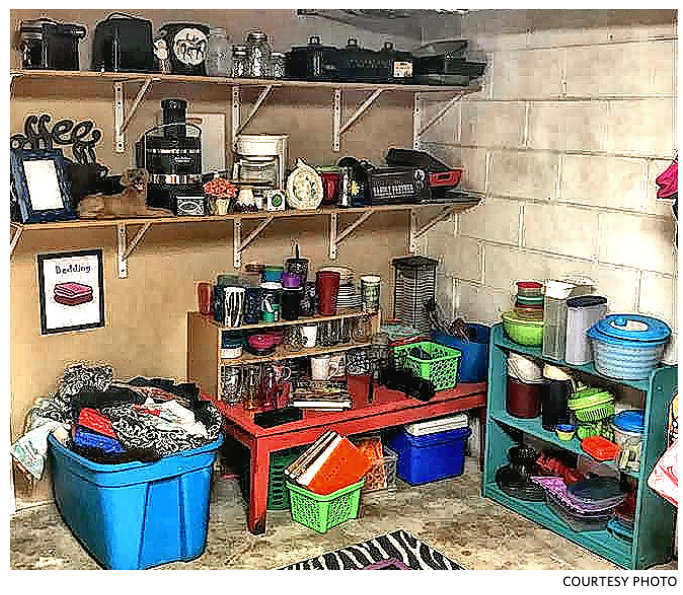


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Vinemont Marching Eagle Band members take a brief rest before practicing marching during a "mini" band camp at the Vinemont t-ball field this week.

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Victoria's Hope finds home in Dodge City; open house Saturday



COURTESY PHOTO

Victoria's Hope founder April Bowen German said, "Donations keep pouring in."

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NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The West Point Warriors 8U baseball team brought home a top five finish from the Alabama Dizzy Dean State Tournament in Scottsboro last week.

YOUTH SPORTS

8U West Point Warriors place 5th in state

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WEST POINT – The West Point Warriors 8U baseball team brought home a top five finish from the Alabama Dizzy Dean State Tournament in Scottsboro last week to cap off a strong 2018 campaign with 20 wins and just two losses.

Warriors Head Coach Jason Echols has enjoyed working with this group all season and said he really saw them make big strides throughout the season.

"They're 6-, 7- and 8-year-old kids and they're learning as they go, but they all bought in, you know, believed in themselves and they worked hard," Echols said. "They have great work ethic and great parents that support them and work with them and make sure they're at practice. It's just a good, disciplined group and the kids are eager to learn. It's been a fun group to work with."

On the field, the 8U Warriors were able to win a lot of games on the defensive side during the season and that style became their identity by the time they got to Scottsboro.

"Our biggest strength was defense; we were not a power hitting team. We played a lot of small ball," Echols said.

"We bunted the ball and ran the bases smart, and our biggest strength was defense. We were able to keep games pretty low-scoring and take advantage of that."

West Point was one of the smaller towns that made it into this year's tournament and despite the higher number of athletes that some teams had, the Warriors were still able to advance a few rounds through the bracket.

"It was a great experience for the kids. You go into that atmosphere against teams like Chelsea that pull from 150 kids to make an All-Star team and we were pulling from 30 kids. So, your odds of going down there and really doing well aren't that great, but we had a great group of kids that believed in themselves and worked hard and they were able to accomplish a lot," Echols said.

"To make the top five in the state speaks volumes for them. Both of the games they lost, they put themselves in position to win the game and just fell short so that tells you how competitive they are and how good of a group they are. They don't give up."

Echols believes the tournament was a great experience for his kids and said he saw them grow not just as players, but young men as well.

"It was great for them to get out and get a taste of what travel ball is like, playing in a big tournament like that. I definitely saw them mature. During the first game there was a lot of nerves and a lot of jitters, but by the last game they were all grit, you know. They were confident and have been really fun to watch," Echols said.

"Just seeing that they can accomplish whatever they put their mind to... These kids in the beginning had to manage to find a spot

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Sheriff's office holding 2-part Women's Self-Defense Class, July 26 & 31

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PIXABAY

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office is set to host a two-part Women's Self-Defense Class. Part one will take place on Thursday, July 26 at 6 p.m., and part two will be on Tuesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. Both parts will be held at the CCSO training facility, next door to the CCSO. To attend part two, a participant must attend part one.

The class, which will be taught by CCSO deputies, will focus on the Equalizer Self-Defense Program, with an emphasis on hands-on self-defense for situations including muggings, assaults and others.

"I have said many times, we at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office are advocates of our citizens having the knowledge and training they need to protect themselves," said Sheriff Matt Gentry. "Our deputies are some of the best at teaching self-defense techniques I have seen."

To register, email Brad Williams at bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org or call 256-734-0342. Registration is not required, but it is encouraged, to give the CCSO a good idea of how many participants will attend.

Emergency Blood Drive today at Cullman Regional

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional is hosting an Emergency Blood Drive today, Thursday, July 19 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. LifeSouth has a critical need of all blood types. Donations will be accepted on the LifeSouth Community Bloodmobile located at the main entrance of the hospital (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058).

Donors must be in good health, age 16 or older (16-year-olds requires written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and show a valid photo ID.

All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Also, donors who give blood twice between June 1 and Aug. 31 will receive a beach towel.

For more information, visit www.lifesouth.org or call the local LifeSouth Donor Office at 256-736-1594. For a complete list of upcoming events at Cullman Regional, visit www.cullmanregional.com.

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POLITICS

Election 2018: Rusk wins Fairview-Parkside seat; Marshall, Ainsworth, Pate come out on top

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, Cullman County voters headed to the polls to vote in the Republican Primary Run-off Election- at least a few did. Voter turnout in the county was only 11.03 percent, affected to a small degree by the lack of Democratic party candidates and the state's ban on crossover voting, but numbers were quite low even for the county's large Republican majority.

When asked if this is common in runoffs, Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown told The Tribune, "It actually is, unless there's a local race for a runoff; then you'll see more people come out. That's just the way it's always been in the history of Cullman County. I just think the local races are people that you have to deal with on more of a personal basis; those races bring people out more."

Sheriff Matt Gentry reported no issues at the polls that required law enforcement attention. Judge Brown reported "A couple of ballots that jammed; nothing major. Everybody did a great job, worked together, so it was a good day."

One local race

Only one local race was on the ballot: the Fairview-Parkside seat on the Cullman County Board of Education. In that race, Shane Rusk won over Michael Knop, with 523 votes to Knop's 435.

STATE RACES OPEN TO CULLMAN COUNTY VOTERS

Provisional ballots will be counted next week but, according to Judge Brown, these do not tend to affect outcomes.

Candidate- state vote count (%); county vote count

Lt. Governor

- Will Ainsworth - 176,680 (51%); 3,354 in Cullman County
- Twinkle Cavanaugh - 166,475 (49%); 2,916 in Cullman County
- Ainsworth will face Democratic Party nominee Will Boyd in November.

Attorney General

- Troy King - 129,427 (38%); 1,892 in Cullman County
- Steve Marshall (incumbent) - 211,619 (62%); 4,329 in Cullman County
- Marshall will face Democratic Party nominee Joseph Siegelman in the general election.

Alabama Supreme Court, Place 1

- Brad Mendheim (incumbent) - 134,511 (43%); 2,393 in Cullman County
- Sarah Stewart - 176,255 (57%); 3,492 in Cullman County
- Stewart has won the office, since no Democratic candidate ran.

Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, Place 1

- Christy Edwards - 145,344 (54%); 2,779 in Cullman County
- Michelle Thomason - 125,998 (46%); 2,552 in Cullman County
- Edwards has won the office, since no Democratic candidate ran.

Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2

- Rich Anderson - 112,348 (45%); 2,034 in Cullman County
- Chris McCool - 136,828 (55%); 3,288 in Cullman County
- McCool has won the office, since no Democratic candidate ran.

Agriculture Commissioner

- Gerald Dial - 134,799 (43%); 2,518 in Cullman County
- Rick Pate - 176,519 (57%); 3,403 in Cullman County
- Pate has won the office, since no Democratic candidate ran.



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Sheriff's deputies and poll workers line up to deliver ballots at the Cullman Civic Center Tuesday night.

Berlin Town Council continues building municipality at 2nd meeting

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BERLIN – Monday night, the Berlin Town Council met for the second time since the Town's incorporation. The council's agenda included the passing of the Town's first and second resolutions, consideration of the applicant for the position of town clerk and other important steps for the developing municipality.

Connie Duke, the sole applicant for the town clerk position, was appointed secretary for the meeting.

The council reviewed tax revenues for the town.

Council members made no decision on the applicants for place five on the council at the town attorney's advisement.

The council took time to consider the applicant for the position of town clerk during the meeting. Duke, who formerly worked with Cullman Jefferson Gas as an operations assistant, is retired now. The council decided not to take any action on selecting Duke for the position at the meeting until she gets more information on a retirement issue that may prevent her from taking the job.

The council approved a measure, proposed by Mayor Patrick Bates, to have a special meeting on Monday, 30 July a 7 p.m.

"It's going to be five weeks until our next meeting and I'm sure we're going to have a lot more that we need to decide sooner rather than later, especially after five weeks," said Bates.

The council passed a motion to adopt the Town's first resolution, Resolution 2018-001.

The resolution effectively allows the mayor and or town clerk to move and store the Town's funds in a bank of the council's choosing in Cullman County that is recognized by the State of Alabama as a qualified public depository. It also allows the mayor and or town clerk to take any further actions needed to protect the funds of the Town.

The second official resolution (Resolution 2018-002), which the council also passed, allows the Town to reimburse the employees and officials of Berlin for mileage from use of their personal vehicles.

The amount reimbursed will be equal to the optional standard mileage rate issued by the Internal Revenue Service each year. Bates stated that this is intended for officials or employees when they have to leave the county for their duties.

"I'm envisioning this right now for anyone who has to travel outside of the county on Town business," explained Bates.

Bates discussed the intent to enter into a contract with Verizon for a cell phone for Town business, although the council took no action because town clerk has not been appointed yet.

The council discussed the website domain name for the Town but took no action. Bates, having a background in information technology, has the domain name "berlinAL.org" and discussed his willingness to transfer the ownership of the domain to the Town. Council members also discussed the possibility of getting a ".gov" address.

The council decided to table a few agenda items that regarded payment until the filling of the town clerk position.

In other business, the council passed a motion to enter into a rental agreement with the Berlin Community Center to rent the facility every Monday, (excluding holidays), for Town business.

The agreement allows the placement of a temporary sign on the road announcing the location of the temporary Berlin Town Hall and its hours of operation and establishment of internet service for the facility for Town business. The council also passed a motion to accept an offer for internet service at the community center from Charter Spectrum.

The Berlin Town Council will have a special meeting on Monday, 30 July a 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. The public is invited to attend.

Garden City takes action after more than $5K stolen, considers re-establishing substation

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent

GARDEN CITY – Last week, Garden City received an unpleasant surprise: someone cashed three fraudulent checks appearing to be written by the Town of Garden City, totaling $5,621.88 stolen from the Town's general fund checking account. In order to preserve financial security, the town council passed two resolutions Monday night that closed the compromised account and opened a new one. As of Monday, the culprit has not been arrested; however, the authorities do have a name and driver's license number to work with.

Amidst other security and law enforcement concerns, the council also discussed the idea of bringing back the Garden City sheriff's substation, which has not been in operation in more than 20 years.

Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry couldn't speak at the meeting due to a prior engagement, so most of that topic was delayed until next month's meeting.

However, there was still some discussion about how many officers the town would need, how much it would cost to pay them, and other logistics.

The idea to bring back the local station stemmed from a wish to have officers closer to the town, according to town clerk Pam Leslie.

"We're just so far away from all the substations that it takes a while to get anybody down here," she commented. "We need some help with enforcing our ordinances, and it's difficult to get that worked out through the County and keep it going on a regular basis."

During committee reports, councilman Scott Arnold stated that the July 1st Freedom Celebration was a huge success and thanked everyone who helped out, including the Town of Garden City and all the churches involved.

He reported, "We had more people than we ever expected. We'd prepared over 500 hot dogs and over 600 drinks, and we ran out of everything."

The public works report stated that, for slightly more than the cost of four spare Hummer tires, the Town could purchase a single new Hummer with good tires and engine parts.

After minimal discussion, the council moved to approve the purchase of a new Hummer to use for spare parts.

Other new business:

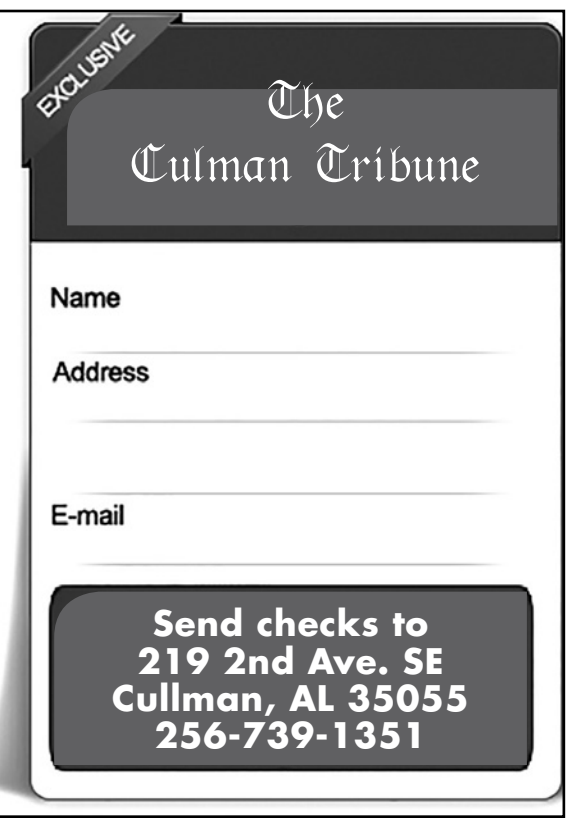
- The pipes are suffering from the typical summertime stress and leaks, but the sewers are doing well overall.
- A motion was approved to start working on a drainage pipe.
- A surplussed service truck has been sold for $2,250.
- Paving for different roads in the town should start in August, and the guarded railroad crossing should be in place by December at no cost to the Town.
- The Town is looking at some backhoe tires and is considering buying a few as spares for its tractor.

The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall. The public is welcome to attend.

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Cullman City Council acts on Hwy. 157 expansion, Brunner Street improvement

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council voted to pursue grants to expand or complete two area improvement projects, along with numerous other items of business.

Highway 157 expansion

The council voted to authorize Mayor Woody Jacobs to submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation requesting fiscal year 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant funds in the amount of $14 million to widen Alabama Highway 157 from U.S. Highway 31 to Alabama Highway 69 with a local match of $1 million. The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) has committed $13,261,880.16 of its own funds in support of this project.

According to Cullman Economic Development Director Dale Greer, this grant would replace a TIGER grant for which the City previously applied.

ALDOT is scheduled to make needed utility upgrades to the Hwy. 157 corridor during the 2019 fiscal year, and do construction, including paving, in 2020.

Also, according to the plan, the two-year improvement was projected to cost a total of $25,204,000.

Brunner Street neighborhood improvement project

The council passed a resolution to award the bid for phase two of the Brunner Street Neighborhood Improvement Project to the lowest responsible bidder, Tren-Tay, Incorporated, in the amount of $861,539.45. Just over half the cost of the project will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $450,000. (www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/02/02/ivey-awards-city-cullman-450k-completion-brunner-street-project)

Other council business

The council approved a tax abatement for fall protection equipment manufacturer JELCO to offset the expenses of building an addition to its existing facility. The abatement will include "all state and local non-educational ad valorem taxes," and "all construction-related transaction taxes, except those construction related transaction taxes levied for educational purposes or for capital improvements for education." The ad valorem tax abatement will last for 10 years. JELCO is expected to invest $88,030 in the addition.

One day ahead of the official opening of Duck River Reservoir, the council suspended the rules of procedure to approve an ordinance to amend its previous Ordinance (2018-36) for the regulation and control of the water supply for the City of Cullman, to limit watercraft engines to 25 horsepower.

The updated ordinance will read, "It shall be unlawful for any person other than a municipal or lake patrol officer or State of Alabama patrol officer or state agency as authorized by the Mayor or his designee, engaged in the performance of their lawful duties, to operate any type of watercraft whatsoever for any purpose, with more than twenty-five horsepower motor on the water supply lake(s)." (www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/07/duck-river-reservoir-set-open-recreational-use-july-17-pipeline-ahead-schedule)

The council suspended the rules of procedure in order to annex property owned by Wesley Harden and Ashton Harden located at 501 County Road 1467 into the city limits of Cullman as R-1 Residential District.

The council voted to renew its lease agreement with the United Way of Cullman County, granting it use of the Old Train Depot for another year.

The council also authorized City Attorney Roy Williams to seek an opinion from the Alabama attorney general concerning weed abatement, in hopes of an opinion that will authorize the city to enter private property to perform weed abatement for public safety.

Williams specified that such authorization would still require property owners' permission.

The council had a first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-34 to vacate and surplus City-owned property located at 1638 Brantley Ave. NW which is no longer needed. The City will hand that property over to its Industrial Development Board, which will give the City the proceeds when it sells the property to an incoming industry. No action was taken at this meeting.

At the recommendation of councilman Johnny Cook, Barry Slatton and Michael Sullins were appointed to the City Tree Commission.

The council approved requests for two charitable community events:

• A request from Justin Gilley for a special event permit to hold the annual Jack Aces Car & Bike Show for "Shop with a Cop" in the parking lot across from Moe's Original BBQ on Aug. 11, 2018 from 3-10 p.m.

• A request from Ben Johnson and the North Alabama Agriplex to announce "COOLFEST" a local fundraiser at the corner of Second Avenue Southeast and Fourth Street Southeast on July 26 from 4:12 p.m. until 7:12 p.m. (See a separate story on this event.)

The council also approved three requests from Water Superintendent Chris Freeman:

• to purchase a pipe fusing machine from Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc. on the NJPA bid list in the amount not to exceed $81,431.49.

• to purchase a lateral pipe bursting machine from Hammerhead Trenchless on the Buy Board bid list in the amount not to exceed $25,207.69.

• to purchase a tandem axle enclosed trailer from Lawrimore Manufacturing, Inc. in the amount not to exceed $5,260.

Additionally, the council heard once more from Kerry Zozoka and a small group of other residents from the Heritage Village subdivision on Welti Road.

According to the residents, conditions have not improved and new construction in the neighborhood might be making some problems worse.

While council members maintained that the matter might ultimately be between the residents and the developer, and that City Building Director Rick Fulmer would be the person to make an official decision on the matter, Zozoka complained that no one from the City has contacted her to give her any information at all.

The Cullman City Council will meet next on Monday, July 30, at 7 p.m. in the city hall auditorium, with work session at 6:30. The public is invited to attend.

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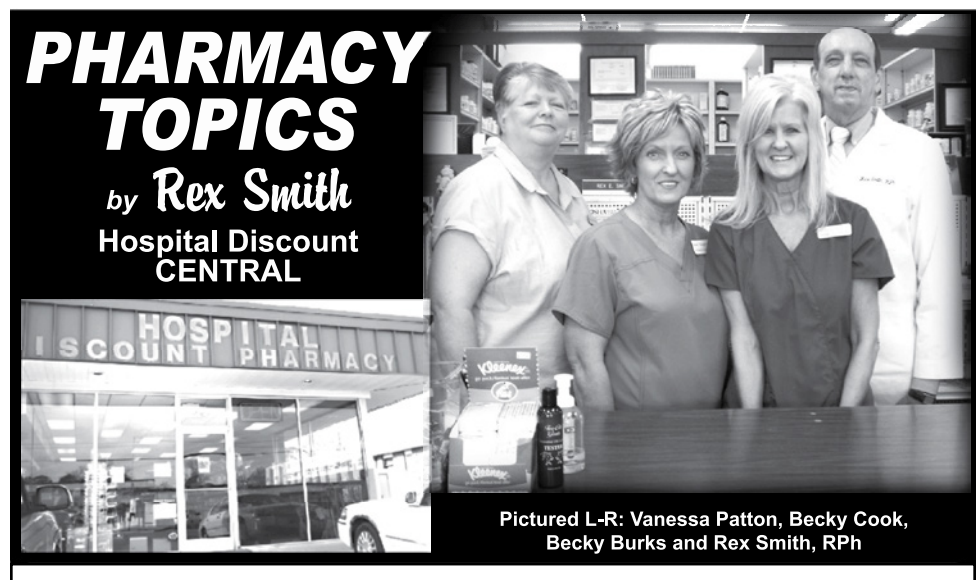

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Ketamine was significantly more effective than a commonly used sedative in reducing suicidal thoughts in depressed patients, according to researchers at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). They also found that ketamine's anti-suicidal effects occurred within hours after its administration. The findings were published online recently in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*.

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According to a report in *The Lancet Gastroenterology and Hepatology*, combining a 16-week initial course of the medication omalizumab with oral immunotherapy (OIT) greatly improves the efficacy of OIT for children with allergies to multiple foods, new clinical trial findings show. Omalizumab is an injectable antibody drug approved to treat moderate to severe allergic asthma.

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High school seniors appear to be underreporting their nonmedical use of amphetamine, despite reporting using Adderall without a doctor's orders, finds a study published in the journal *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. Amphetamine is the most prevalent stimulant in the United States, commonly prescribed for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Adderall, a combination of amphetamine salts, has been linked to enhanced cognitive function and academic performance, which, in part, has led to its "nonmedical" use – where it is taken on one's own without a doctor's supervision – among high school and college students. Nonmedical use of amphetamine warrants concern due to its high potential for abuse and dependency, as well as potential adverse effects, including cardiovascular events and seizures. In addition, people who take prescription stimulants without a doctor's orders are more likely to engage in other drug use and risky behaviors.

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EDUCATION

Wallace State Alumni Association offering 2 holiday adventures

Gail Crutchfield
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE – It may be July, but Christmas is just around the corner and the Wallace State Community College Alumni Association is offering two short trips that will surely get you in the Christmas spirit.

The first is a day-trip to Nashville, Tenn., on Nov. 18, to enjoy a matinee performance of the Cirque Dream Holidaze show at Grand Ole Opry House. The group will travel to Nashville by motorcoach, arriving in time to visit and have lunch either at Opry Mills or the Gaylord Opryland Hotel before the show. Both the mall and hotel will be decorated for the holidays.

Cirque Dream Holidaze is a Broadway musical featuring amazing acrobatics, over 300 costumes, singers, and much more to kick off the holiday season.

This is a family show filled with snowmen, angels, reindeer, toy soldiers - a perfect holiday gift for the entire family.

The cost is $130 per person and includes reserved seating to the performance and transportation to and from Nashville. Space is limited and the deadline to register for the trip is Sept. 1. Visit www.wsccalumni.org/holidaze for more information and to register.

The next trip is a two-day, one-night trip to Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs, Ga., Dec. 5-6, to take in the eight million lights at the Gardens' Fantasy in Lights display and a guided tour of FDR's Little White House, where the "Unfinished Portrait" that was being painted at the time of Roosevelt's death is on display, along with many other exhibits.

Guests will stay at the Mountain Creek Inn at Callaway Gardens, enjoy dinner at Country Kitchen Restaurant and a Southern buffet lunch at Bulloch House Restaurant. Accommodations, both meals and breakfast at the hotel are included in the cost.

The cost, which also includes transportation, admission to attractions, baggage handling, taxes and gratuities, ranges from $275 to $464 depending on occupancy and Alumni Association membership status. Alumni Association members enjoy a $100 discount on fees for overnight trips.

The deadline to register for the Fantasy in Lights and FDR's Little White House trip is Nov. 1. Visit www.wsccalumni.org/lights1218 for more information or to register.

Membership to the Wallace State Alumni Association is open to anyone.

The Alumni Association provides scholarship opportunities for current and incoming Wallace State students. Along with discounts on Alumni Association travel experiences, members also benefit from discounts at area and online businesses and retailers.

Membership is $25 per year, $15 annually for students, or a one-time fee of $250 for a lifetime membership.

Corporate memberships are also offered at varying levels for area businesses wishing to support the Alumni Association and its efforts. Visit www.wsccalumni.org for more information or contact LaDonna Allen at 256-352-8071.

Show (from Front)

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VINEMONT – Vinemont Marching Eagle Band members braved the heat on Tuesday for their second day of "mini" band camp. The band is meeting this week to go over fundamentals for new members and shake the rust off for older members before its full band camp starts next week.

Skylar King, Vinemont band director, says the mini camp is important for new band members.

"For 'mini' band camp, we're really just trying to get our new members, our eighth graders and our freshmen, kinda acclimated to what we do," explained King, "introducing them to marching fundamentals and working on our music, so that way when we get to full band camp next week, we're learning drill and the music and putting it all together to get ready for our halftime show."

Vinemont has a younger band this year, but that's not a problem for King.

"We've gotten a little bit smaller, but we've got a really great group of younger students. That makes me really excited," he smiled. "To have so many younger students in the band means they're going to be in the band for longer and continue to grow and build their leadership, so in the next couple of years we'll have a really strong base to build from."

King and the Marching Eagle Band plan to have an exciting show for fans this year.

"The theme for this year's show is 'Crazy for Love.' We're opening with Prince's 'Let's Go Crazy' Beyonce's 'Crazy in Love,' Van Morrison's 'Crazy Love,' and then closing out with Queen's 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love,'" said King. "Definitely expect a crazy show. All the tunes are really up-beat.

"It's actually the fastest drill we've ever marched in the opener- 200 beats per minute. It's going to be a really fun entertaining show, so we're really looking forward to it."

King says the band also has some big things planned for the year.

"This year were doing several fundraisers; we've got some blanket sales going on and we also have one of our largest alumni events that we've done as a band program," he said. "September 21, our homecoming game, we're actually inviting all of our band alumni to participate in a large alumni band that's going to perform prior to the homecoming game."

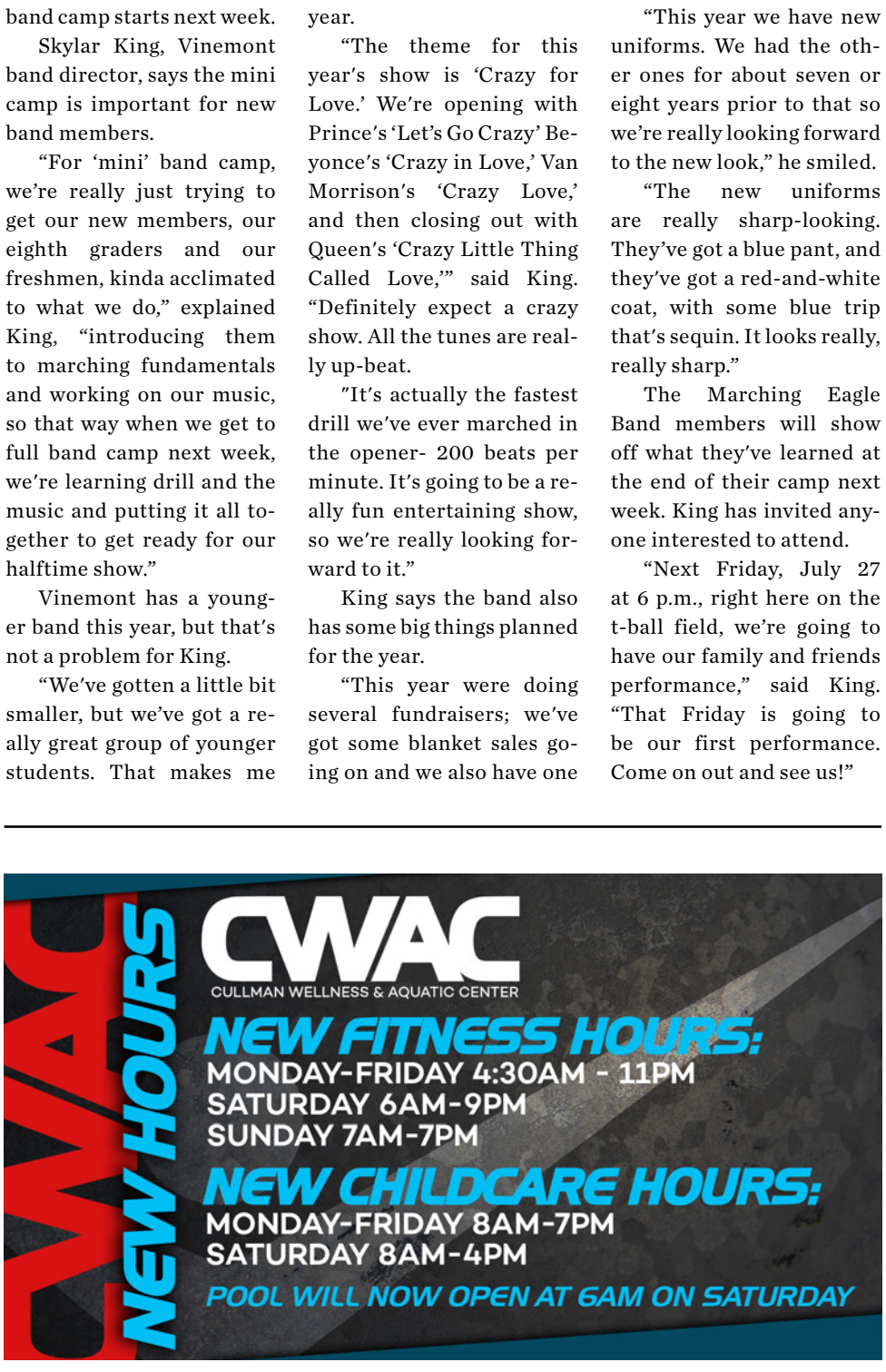
King noted one major change for the band this season.

"This year we have new uniforms. We had the other ones for about seven or eight years prior to that so we're really looking forward to the new look," he smiled.

"The new uniforms are really sharp-looking. They've got a blue pant, and they've got a red-and-white coat, with some blue trip that's sequin. It looks really, really sharp."

The Marching Eagle Band members will show off what they've learned at the end of their camp next week. King has invited anyone interested to attend.

"Next Friday, July 27 at 6 p.m., right here on the t-ball field, we're going to have our family and friends performance," said King. "That Friday is going to be our first performance. Come on out and see us!"



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Duck River Reservoir opens for recreational use

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday morning, the City of Cullman officially opened the Duck River Reservoir to boats and fishers and opened the 22 miles of interconnected bicycle and hiking trails that encircle the lake.

Cullman Economic Development Agency Director Dale Greer told the assembled crowd, "Today we celebrate the aspects that have been created other than the drinking water supply. Having the drinking water supply was really, really important, but if you didn't do something with the recreation potential on this reservoir, that really, really would've been a shame.

"It was part of the Corps of Engineers plan that we had to do that, but what we have prepared and done as a community is much beyond what was required of us, and I really, really am proud of what's here."

The lake covers approximately 650 acres, and contains (naturally or by stocking) the following fish species, listed with their current catch limits:

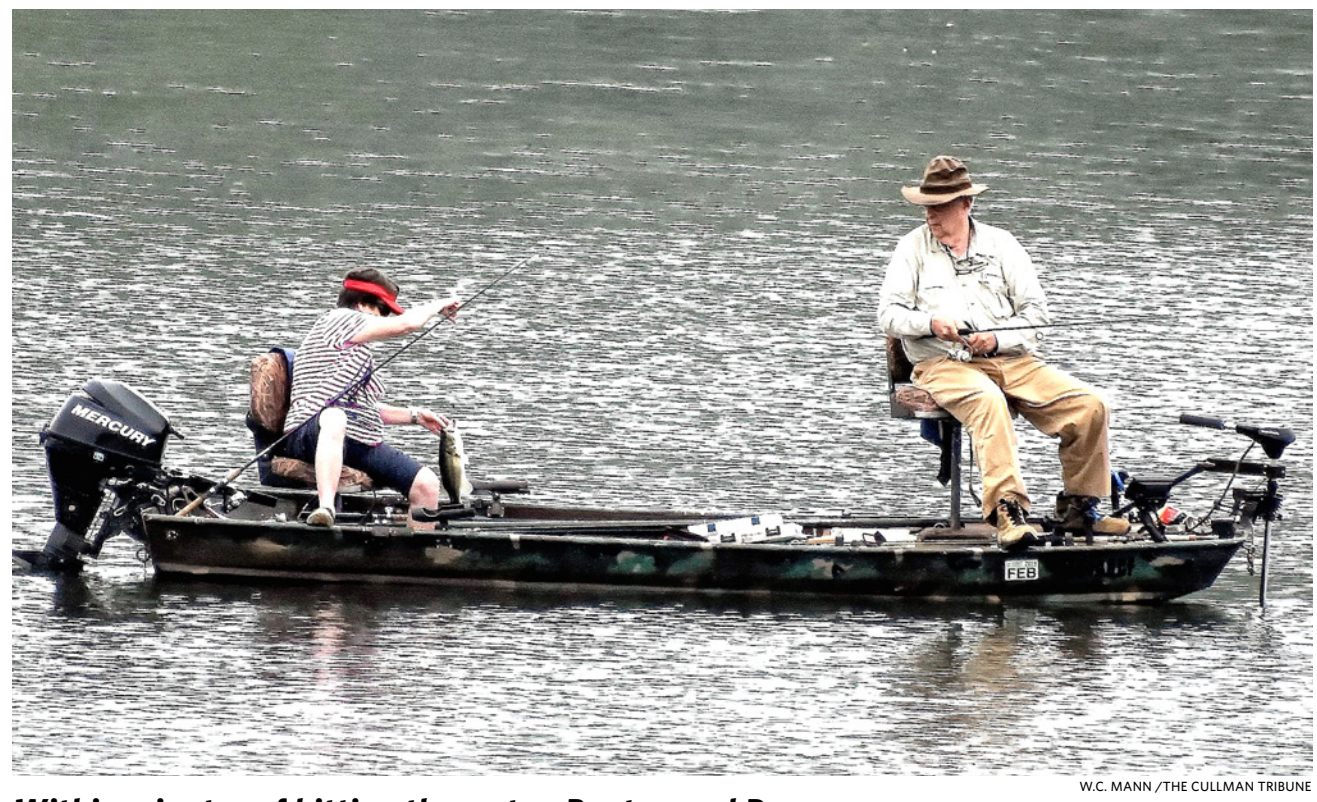
- Florida and Alabama Bass - catch and release only
- Bluegill and Redear Bream - maximum 20 fish of any size
- Black Crappie - maximum 30 fish which must be 9 inches or longer
- Channel Catfish - no limit. This is a young population that is considered not large enough to catch, yet.

Reservoir Manager Tim Scott insisted that, because the lake and its fish populations are still maturing, fishing limits will be strictly enforced. Fishing piers are located at certain points around the lake, and fishing is allowed from boats. Motorized watercraft are limited to engines of 25 horsepower or less.

Fishing requires a permit, which is available in a box near the boat launch, or which can be downloaded via link from www.cullmanal.gov or from the Duck River Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Duck-River-Reservoir-Project-134002529946659).

Greer also spoke about the reservoir trail system, saying, "The trails are really a special feature, managed by the Cullman City Parks and Recreation department, Nathan Anderson and his team.

"They took on a huge responsibility with 20 miles of trail. You just imagine the maintenance and upkeep on that, around that scenic reservoir. But it is going to be special. I think it will generate a lot of traffic here, and really will be meaningful for us."



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Within minutes of hitting the water, Benton and Ray Buchmann were already catching their first fish.

According to the trail plan drawn up by St. John and Associates, "Trail construction would utilize native materials exclusively and follow sustainable International Mountain Bicycling Association and Appalachian Trail Conservancy guidelines that minimize erosion and required trail maintenance."

After the ribbon cutting, Ray Buchmann and his wife Benton set out into the lake in the first (legally!) launched boat, for a morning of fishing.

Even while the launch ceremony was still underway, other fishermen were lining up for their turns on the ramp.

Spectators on shore noticed that, within minutes of hitting the water, both of the Buchmanns had already begun reeling in fish.

For more information on the Duck River Reservoir, including the current status of the pipeline project and plans for water service to the city of Cullman, see The Tribune's previous story at www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/07/duck-river-reservoir-set-open-recreational-use-july-17-pipeline-ahead-schedule.







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DODGE CITY – Less than two months ago, April Bowen German was trying to start a charity for single parents, to honor the memory of her mother Victoria Hammond Hankey. Less than a month ago, Victoria's Hope was up and running out of a rented storage unit that had already become filled to capacity; German was trying to find a permanent home for her ministry. This Saturday, July 21, German and her sister Heather Hankey will host an open house in the new headquarters of Victoria's Hope at 859 Alabama Highway 69 in Dodge City.

"I was amazed at how fast I was able to find a location," said German.

"I posted on Facebook that I was looking for a bigger location where my clients could come and shop for free for the things they need, and people were so great to share that I was looking for something, and I signed my lease by that evening! It's in the basement in the back of the building, but it's the perfect size for what I wanted to do.

"I have been so blessed by the community in this endeavor. The donations keep pouring in, so much that I have had to get extra racks because my racks of clothes are full.

"People have been so sweet to help as much as they could, from volunteering their time and services, to getting me donations in the form of items and monetary.

"Through the monetary donations I have been able to outreach my ministry to people financially, just recently helping a family with a child in the hospital in Birmingham."

German explained her vision and how people can get help:

"My plan starting this was to focus on getting single parents things for themselves that they normally wouldn't be able to afford, but it has turned out to be so much more. I've helped families with both parents that had urgent situations. I'm not going to turn down anyone in need.

"Now that I have my shop, the way it is going to work is potential clients can message us on Facebook or email us at hopevictorias@yahoo.com to see if they qualify financially.

"If they do, we then set up an appointment time for them to come and shop for free for the things they need, whether it's clothes, household items, purses, even clothing for their children and baby items.

"Thanks to all the donations, we have a variety of things at the shop. And of course, I will still be taking nominations from other people who would like to 'surprise' a deserving parent."

Open house

At the open house on Saturday, according to German, "Everyone is invited to come and see what we are doing. We will be passing out school supplies to children on this day, also. I just ask that they have their school supply list with them when they come. And we can't promise that we will have everything on the list, but we will give what we have. And it will be on a first come-first serve basis, so get there early! We will also have cookies and lemonade for the kiddos. Clients are also welcome to come that day to shop, but will have to message us first to make sure they qualify. We will also be selling $5 Charity Sale Belk tickets on that day. If you purchase a ticket you will be able to get in to shop their private ticket event sale on Aug. 25 and they will get their $5 back off of their first purchase. And all the proceeds from the ticket sales will go back to Victoria's Hope.

"We hoped to have our driveway paved by Saturday but the weather isn't cooperating, so it isn't looking too promising. Since we are behind the building if you aren't in a truck or SUV on Saturday I encourage you to park in the front parking lot to avoid getting stuck. We will have signs up showing everyone where to go."

Seeing the vision become reality

Said German, "I have just been so blessed by our community. It's amazing, when you go through a tough trial in your life, the goodness that you see in people. I have seen more goodness and love since my mom's passing and through doing this than I ever have before. This community is filled with people with the biggest hearts and are always there to help someone in need. I started this because it was something my mom always wanted to do, and it has helped me to turn my grief into something positive. And now, it's turned into a dream of mine also that I can do and keep my mom's legacy and hopes and dreams going. I just hope somehow she knows what an impact she has made in such a short period of time since her passing."

What Victoria's Hope needs

Victoria's Hope is currently in need of plus-size women's items and men's clothing. Donations can be dropped off at:

- Bubble Gum and Blue Jeans, 400 Fifth St SW Suite A in Cullman, near Grumpy's Italian Grill
- Younique Sophistication, 105 Second Ave. SE in Cullman, across from Sacred Heart Church

The drop-off locations also have the $5 Belk tickets available for purchase.

German said that Victoria's Hope should be a registered nonprofit by the beginning of August, so all donations will be tax-deductible.

"I don't know where this ministry will take me," said German. "I'm just going to follow God's plan for it. I hope to expand it into something so much greater where I can serve so many more people. Everyone has been so supportive. On the days where I'm exhausted and wonder if what I'm doing is going to work, I get a message from someone telling me how proud they are of this and how much of an impact it's going to make on people, and that's what keeps me going."

At a glance

Victoria's Hope Open House

- Saturday, July 21, 2018, from noon-5 p.m.
- 859 Alabama Highway 69 South in Dodge City (map in GPS has a Hanceville address). Located in the back of the old Chevron building, next to the Dodge City Browser.

It's not required, but feel free to bring donations, including men's clothes, plus-size women's clothes or kids' school supplies.

For more, see www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/06/26/victoria-s-hope-new-area-charity-serves-single-parents.



Obituary Announcements: July 19- 21

Margaret (Peggy) Elizabeth Craft, 93, went to be with her Heavenly family on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 3:28 p.m. Peggy work at Social Security in Birmingham, AL until she retired in 1982. She also worked with our father as a part time evangelistic singer. She served in many areas at Wilkes Baptist Church, Walnut Grove Methodist Church in Midfield, AL, Unity Grove Campground in Reform, AL, Maxwell Campground in Haleyville, AL, Hartselle Campground in Hartselle, AL, Brasher Springs in Gallant, AL and doing mission work in Brazil, Israel and other locations. Her hobbies included traveling with the Airstream groups all over the United States, singing and her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Watson Craft, of Cullman, AL; oldest son, Kenneth Howard Craft of Midfield, AL; parents: Thomas Ratliff and Della Pauline Hammond Ratliff, of Decatur in Morgan County; and two brothers: Thomas (Buddy) Ratliff, Jr. of Fairfax, VA and Herbert Eugene Ratliff of Decatur, AL. She is survived by her son, Thomas Eugene Craft and wife, Jan; daughter, Melissa Lynne Craft Smith; five grandchildren: Kelly Danyell Craft Rutledge and husband Lane, Kendall Shea Craft Blevins and husband Matt, Wesley Ryan Smith and wife Alyna, Kevin Andrew Smith and wife Melissa and Clayton Richard Smith all of Birmingham, AL and eight great grandchildren: Logan and Jake Rutledge, Kinsley McCurry, Sarah Beth, Hayley, Baker, Avery and Peyton Smith. Her Graveside Service is on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, AL. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Josephine Frances Schaefers, age 92, passed away on Monday, July 16, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband Bernard Frederick Schaefers Sr.; son, Bernard F. Schaefers Jr; parents: John Graveman and Margaret Graveman; sister, Catherine Handley; and brother John Graveman Jr. She is survived by sons: Robert (Betty) Schaefers and John (Judy) Schaefers; daughters: Margaret (Gary) Teichmiller and Theresa (Dale) Golden; daughter-in-law, Susan Schaefers; brothers: Emil Graveman, Edward Graveman, and Anthony Graveman; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Visitation for Mrs. Schaefers' will be Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral Service for Sarah Bonnell Posey Willis, 85 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 20, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Charles Dixon, Jeff Rowan, and Freddy Waldrop officiating. Burial will be at Emeus Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Willis went home to be with our Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. She was born January 20, 1933 in Cullman, AL to Earl Edward and Thursie Marchman Posey. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 69 years, Rev. Vernon Willis, her parents, sister, Wyneta Posey White, and brother, Wenzel Theo Posey. Survivors include her daughters: Bonita (Jim) Peppers and Amy (David) Hale, sons: Timothy (Vanessa) Willis and Ronnie (Peggy) Willis, grandchildren: Kim (Jason) Hutcheson, Tonya (Nathan) Blackwood, Michele (Jason) Heaton, Robert Willis, Brittany (Kevin) Scott, Tyler Willis, and Austin Willis, step grandchildren: Terri Welsh, Wesley Hale, Nathan Cain, and Joey Cain, and nine great grandchildren. A devoted Pastor's wife and loving Christian Mother and Memaw. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mr. John William Newman, of Hanceville, passed away Monday July 16, 2018. His visitation will be Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m., and his service will be at 2:00 PM on Friday July 20th, at Mulberry Baptist Church, with Reverend Dennis Reeves officiating. The interment will follow at Mulberry Cemetery. He was preceded in death by his parents, George Bethel Newman and Mamie Gertrude Marsh Newman. He is survived by his wife, Juanita Newman, of Center Hill, a son, John Edward (Jennifer) Newman, of Cullman, a daughter Deborah (John) Shelton, of Berlin, 4 grandchildren, Tyler Newman, Madison McBrayer, Chayce Shelton, and Taylor Shelton, 1 Great Grandchild, William Johnson, a sister, Nina Green, of Blountsville, and a brother, Wayne Newman, of Mt. Olive.

Bobby James Gilliland, 73 of Addison, entered into rest on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on December 4, 1944 in Winston County, Alabama. He was a member of Addison Church of God, Addison Saddle Club and Addison Masonic Lodge #463. Bobby retired from Dowdle Gas, where he worked for many years as a truck driver. He enjoyed many years of horseback riding with family and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where services will be held on Friday at 11am. Pastor Rodney Ridgeway and Brother Micheal Turner will officiate. Burial will be in Addison Church of God Cemetery. Bobby is survived by his wife of 55 years, Virginia Gilliland; sons, Brian Waldrep and his wife Terri, Greg Gilliland and his wife Randa; daughters, Genny York and her husband Rickey, and Gina Gilliland; brother, Johny Gilliland; and sister, Debbie Crawford. He was "Paw Paw" to 10 grandchildren, Bobby Gilliland, Deidra Key, Devon Hill, Lacey Hammack, Stora Gilliland, Gage Gilliland, Kyle Morris, Kaitlyn Hernandez, Britton York and Colt York; and 7 great grandchildren, Eli Key, Ford Hill, Brooklyn Hammack, Luke Morris, Avery Morris, Gabriel Hernandez and Alayna Hernandez. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, James Odis Gilliland and Pauline Gilliland McCurley; son, Tony Gilliland; and sisters, Carolyn Hayes and Patricia Dianne Oliver.

Funeral service for Kevin "Earl" Pierce, 44 of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday July 20, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Mike King officiating; burial at Etha Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pierce passed away on Monday, July 16, 2018 at his residence. He was born August 2, 1973 to James Pierce and Ernestine Clendenon. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother; Randy Pierce. Survivors include his daughter, Whitney Pierce, grandson, Gannen Pierce, his significant other Stacey Harden and her children, Brayden, Camryn, and Lathyn, sisters: Brenda (Chuck) Chamblee, Linda Hinkle, and Candy Powell, brothers: Terry Pierce and Jimmy Martin, nieces: Holly, Chassidy, Allie, Cady, and Anna, nephews: Kyle, Dylan, Bailey, Cameron, Christian, and Noah, and a host of family and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. Adrin Neal Rice, 67, of Hanceville are Friday, July 20, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Joy Baptist Church; with interment in the church cemetery. Visitation on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Rice passed away on Monday, July 16, 2018 at his residence. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Clint Rice and Hester Greathouse Rice; brothers, Ellis Rice and John Wayne Rice; sister-in-law, Luene Rice and niece, April Rice Phillips. He is survived by his wife, Louise Rice; children, Rodney Rice, Adrin Rice and Nicole Rice; brothers, Jimmy (Betty) Rice, Jurl Rice and Elton (Shelia) Rice; sisters, Viva (Cecil) Cates and Launa (Wayne) Bobo; sisters-in-law, Faye Rice and Camilla Rice; grandchildren, Cody (Tifany) Rice, Courtney Rice, Caitlyn Rice, Jaliegha (Rayln) Ayers, Shay Rice, Mason Rice, Desiree Twilley, Heather Twilley and C.J. Twilley; great grandchildren, Stetson Rice and Paisley Ayers and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

Wendell Wayne Elrod, 76 of Addison, entered into rest on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, surrounded by his loved ones. Mr. Elrod was born on October 12, 1941 in Danville, Alabama. Wendell attended Speake High School and went on to a career as a truck driver which he retired from after 37 years. He was a member of Addison Church of God for 18 years. Wendell enjoyed to travel and business. When he was young, he earned the nickname of "Two Tone", because he had black hair with a blond streak in it. Visitation will be held Friday, July 20, 2018 at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. where services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. Pastor Rodney Ridgeway and Brother Steve Rodgers will officiate. Burial will follow in Friendship Methodist Church Cemetery, Battleground Community. Wendell is survived by his wife of 20 years, Margie Elrod; son, Vincent Elrod; step daughters, Pat Thorn, and Blinda Turner. He was "PawPaw" to 7 grandchildren, Brittany Westmoreland, Bianca Whaley, David Turner, Brandi Turner, Anthony Wilkins, Cathina Guzman, and Laytoia Amaro; and "Big PaPaw" to 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Betty Pirkle; son, Darryl Elrod; daughter, Yvonne Elrod; step son, Tony Wilkins; parents, Marvin John and Ada May Elrod; brothers, Alton Elrod, and Bobby Glenn Elrod; sisters, Juanita Elrod Brannon, and Wanda Elrod Wood.

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Arrest reports: July 16-17

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for July 16-17. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

GJ = grand jury; FTA = failure to appear

MONDAY, JULY 16

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bradford, Kenneth L., 25
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- insurance violation

Garrett, Wesley N., 36
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Cunningham, Tonya F., 41
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (4 counts)

Mathis, Alan B., 39
- public intoxication

Scott, Taylor J., 25
- FTA- public intoxication

Williams, Daniel G., 48
- FTA- disorderly conduct

Cunningham, Patrick J. Jr., 38
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Perry, Austin C., 22
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

Chaney, Greggory L., 33
- third-degree burglary

TUESDAY, JULY 17

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Willis, Mikka A., 25
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Manning, Andy L., 71
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Shaw, Crystal D., 32
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hanners, Joshua E., 29
- FTA- switched tag
- FTA- insurance violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

Warriors (from Front)

on the team, had to support and had to believe in each other. They had to trust their teammates, and once they put their mind to it, they bought in and they believe in each other and believe in themselves.

"That's why they were able to accomplish what they did. As coaches we can help them, we can teach them fundamental drills to help them develop, but for them to take it to the level they did is all on the kids."

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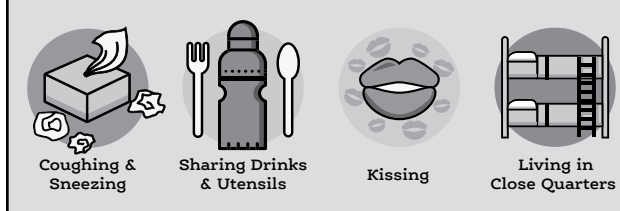
#1 – Carter McAfee
#11 – Andrew Godwin
#20 – Walker Brown (pictured separately)
#9 – Skylar Echols
#10 – Brycen Echols
#22 - Max Patterson
#40 – Tripp Dingler
#13 – Lane Forsyth
#12 – Tyler Forsyth
#25 – Austin Freeman
#24 – Cooper Hines
#21 – Westin Barnette
#17 – Brayden Kilpatrick
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Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2018-900171.00

JASON ERIC GRISSOM
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Jason Eric Grissom, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Robin Holly Pitts' Complaint for Divorce by September 10, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900171.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of July, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
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Cullman, AL 35055

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO: AD-2018-072

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: CODY T. TURNEY, Alleged Father, whereabouts unknown
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DONE THIS 27th DAY OF June, 2018.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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PREP SOCCER

Cullman's Joel Sanchez represents CHS on AHSAA North All-Star soccer team

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MONTGOMERY – Cullman High School's Joel Sanchez started for this year's North All-Star soccer team in its 2-1 victory over the All-Stars from the South Tuesday night at the Emory Folmar YMCA Soccer Complex in Montgomery. Sanchez left the game with a minor injury in the first half. The All-Star Game is part of this year's Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) All-Star Sports Week featuring the some of the best high school players and coaches in the state across all major sports.

Bearcats head coach Casey Harbin believes the consistent trips to All-Star Week have been great for the school's soccer program and sees a lot of strengths in Sanchez's game that earned him a spot on the North team.

"It speaks volumes about our program. This is the third year in a row that we have had a representative," Harbin said. "Joel isn't a Miguel (Tizapa). He isn't going to impress you with his touch or offensive ability. He's going to impress you with his positioning and knowledge. He is one of the best players I have seen when it comes to 50-50 balls. He's as solid of a player as you can ask for."



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Joel Sanchez with coach Casey Harbin in Montgomery

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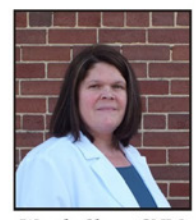

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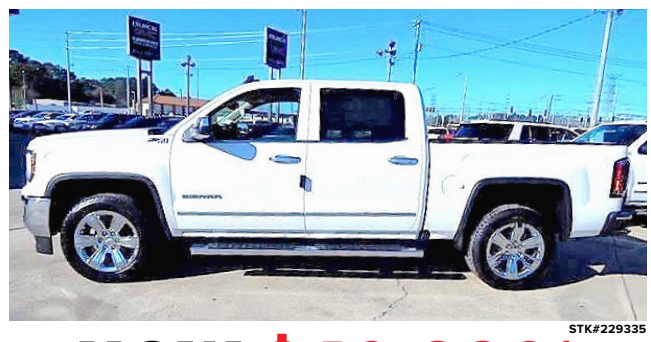
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