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Southern Starlets closing after 35 years, 2 generations of twirlers



SHIRLEY BESHEARS

Shirley Beshears with some of her Southern Starlets students

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Rhythm of the fall: 3 new band directors in Cullman County



HAYDEN HYATT/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Melanie Gonzales, the new band director at Good Hope High School, poses in front of a logo for the school at Good Hope High School.



HAYDEN HYATT/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jesse James, the new band director at Hanceville High School, poses in front of a crest for the school at Hanceville High School.



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Bobby Patrick, the new band director at West Point High School, poses for a photo in front of students at West Point High School.

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HISTORICALLY COOL

North Alabama Agriplex shares 10 ways Alabama has stayed cool for the last 200 years

COOLFEST 2018 this Thursday, July 26

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CULLMAN – As they prepare for this Thursday's COOLFEST, the North Alabama Agriplex's Rachel Dawsey and Ben Johnson shared a few ideas on historical coolness:

Alabama summertime can be hot enough to bake a possum in a handbag and summer 2018 is already a scorcher.

The North Alabama Agriplex has been exploring cooling traditions in our state and has these ideas to suggest:

1. DIP BEDDING IN A COOL STREAM AND ENJOY NATURALLY COOL ALABAMA CAVES—Native Alabamians used these techniques for cooling.

2. SAVE ICE BLOCKS FROM WINTER PONDS—Early settlers stored frozen water in naturally cooled buildings called "ice houses" for use in the hot months.

3. HAND-CRANK ICE CREAM WITH NATURALLY SWEET ALABAMA FRUITS—The first ice cream freezers were invented in the 1840s.

4. DESIGN ARCHITECTURE FOR COOLING—High ceilings, dogtrot breezeways and cross-ventilation were popular in 19th century Alabama buildings.

5. WEAR COTTON CLOTHING—Natural fibers "breathe." Traditionally, Alabama farmers wore long-sleeved, cotton shirts in the summer and women wore loose-fitting dresses at home.

6. DRINK SWEET ICED TEA—It was first mentioned in an 1879 Southern cookbook.

7. PLANT A VINE TRELLIS on a, south-facing wall; consider native jasmine, muscadine and ivy.

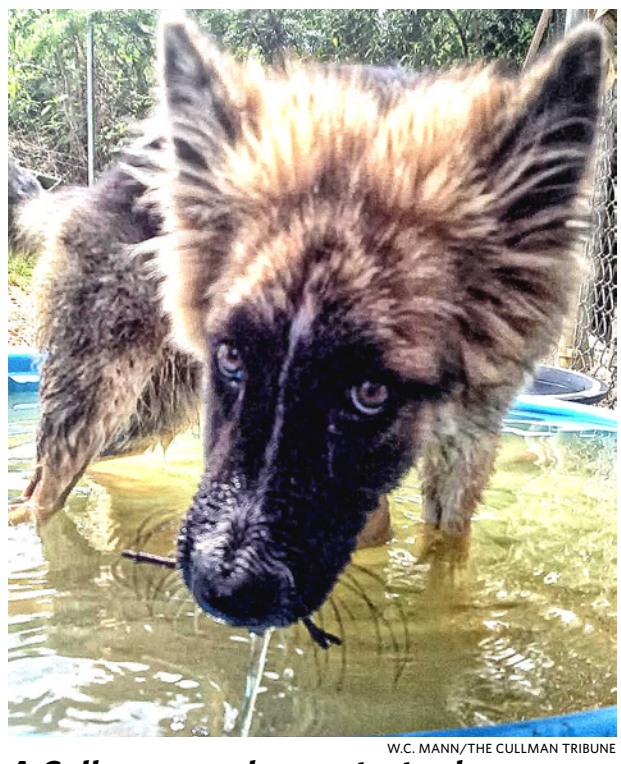
8. TAKE A MIDDAY NAP—Alabama farm and town workers took a siesta every day after lunch.

9. BECOME A FAN OF ATTIC FANS, WINDOW FANS, OSCILLATING FANS AND PARLOR FANS.

10. SHARE STORIES ON THE PORCH in the cool, cool, cool of the evening until bedtime.

COOLFEST 2018

COOLFEST is a free admission "pop-up" event happening this Thursday, July 26 at the junction of Second Avenue and Fourth Street Southeast in downtown Cullman. The event begins at 4:12 p.m. and ends at 7:12 p.m. with 412 Public House offering free tastings of fresh Cullman-grown produce, grilled tastings by Alabama Farm Credit, music and storytelling in the fellowship hall of Christ Lutheran Church, "cool art" at Consign & Design, Cullman-grown sunflowers at Cullman Florist, the Cullman Public Library Bookmobile with a selection of "cool and cooling books," and farmers at the "pop-up" Cullman-grown market.



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A Cullman pup demonstrates how summer coolness is done. He's available for adoption at the Cullman County Animal Shelter; call 256-734-5448.

Visitors will have the opportunity to shop for original art and watch Cullman artist Jack Tupper at work, pick up some free gifts, and register for a drawing to win a picnic basket full of Cullman-grown goodies.

About COOLFEST's music, Johnson said, "All the great American music has roots in the South: country, blues, jazz, gospel, rock-and-roll; so it's a natural that the North Alabama Agriplex COOLFEST this week is celebrating the tradition of "cooling

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CCCDC presents $50K check to Good Hope High School



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Pictured left to right: Cullman County Economic Development Director Cherrie Haney, Cullman County Economic Development Project Coordinator Tanya Sears, CCCDC board member Jamie Speakman, CCCDC board member Brad Williams, Good Hope High School Principal John Hood and Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope

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GOOD HOPE – Good Hope High School and Principal John Hood welcomed the Cullman County Community Development Commission (CCCDC) on campus Monday afternoon for a special presentation. A $50,000 grant was awarded to Good Hope High School at the CCCDC's May meeting and CCCDC board members Brad Williams and Jamie Speakman were on-hand to present the check to Hood. The money is going to be used for a new HVAC system in the school's gymnasium. No official timetable is in place, but Hood said he wants to have the new equipment installed as soon as possible.

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JULY 24, 2018

Grandmother indicted for murder, hindering prosecution in death of Daniel Osborn now facing drug charges

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FAIRVIEW – Susan Winton Smith, 66, of Fairview, who had been arrested twice on related charges since Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) investigators discovered the body of Daniel Ray Osborn II, 22, buried in her yard in March, was arrested for a third time this week on additional charges stemming from that incident. Smith's grandson, Andrew Jacob Maresh, 19, of Hartselle, and Tyler Stephen Hudson, 20, of Baileyton, are charged in Osborn's murder.

Smith's third arrest came two weeks after making bond on her second arrest. The bond for Smith's second arrest came after protracted legal wrangling between Smith's attorney Champ Crocker, the CCSO and the circuit court about the amount. In the third arrest, Smith was charged with two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance: one count for marijuana, the other for methamphetamine. According to the criminal complaint, the offenses occurred on March 27, the day after the discovery of Osborn's body. The complaint, though, was not filed until July 13, 11 days after Smith bonded out following her second arrest. Smith was arrested for the third time three days later.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Susan Winton Smith's May booking photo

Timeline of events

• **Feb. 3, 2018** - Osborn last seen by his family in Hartselle

• **March 26, 2018** - OSBORN'S BODY DISCOVERED; MARESH AND HUDSON ARRESTED. Cullman County Dispatch received call from caller (not identified publicly) claiming that Osborn had been murdered by Maresh and Hudson and buried in Smith's backyard. CCSO Investigator Joey Clark got consent from Smith to search her property and discovered Osborn's body. Clark and Capt. Ronnie Melton located Hudson and transported him to the CCSO. According to Clark's report, "Upon arrival at the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and after waiving his rights, Mr. Hudson admitted to his role in the murder of Daniel Ray Osborn II." Maresh already had an attorney, who transported him to CCSO. According to Clark's report, "After waiving his rights and while his lawyer was present, Andrew Maresh admitted to his role in the murder of Daniel Ray Osborn II."

• **March 28, 2018** - SMITH ARRESTED FOR HINDERING PROSECUTION. According to Clark's report, "Susan Smith was arrested at the Cullman County Courthouse for hindering prosecution due to the fact that she had been told by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Maresh that they had murdered and buried the body of Daniel Ray Osborn II on or around February 3, 2018." On the same day, Smith was assigned a $10,000 property bond. She made bond and was released later that day.

• **April 3, 2018** - CCSO investigator Joey Clark gave a statement describing the events of Mar. 26-29, noting Smith's arrest for hindering prosecution, but without mention of the alleged murder or drug offenses.

• **May 17, 2018** - SMITH CHARGED WITH MURDER. A Grand Jury returned a two-count indictment against Smith, adding murder to the hindering prosecution charge. The first count repeated the original charge, while the second count read: "The GRAND JURY of said county further charge that, before the finding of this indictment, SUSAN WINTON SMITH, whose name is otherwise unknown to the GRAND JURY, did, on or about February 3, 2018, intentionally caused the death of another person, to-wit: DANIEL RAY OSBORN II, by SHOOTING HIM with a FIREARM..."

• **May 18, 2018** - Arrest warrant issued for Smith on murder and hindering prosecution charges. Circuit court assigned bail of $65,000 cash.

• **May 21, 2018** - Smith arrested on combined murder/hindering prosecution charges. The cash bond amount kept her in jail until early July.

• **May 25, 2018** - Smith's attorney filed a motion to amend and lower her bond. This motion was responded to on July 2.

• **June 5, 2018** - Smith's attorney filed a petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, alleging that "The Petitioner (Smith) is illegally and unlawfully imprisoned in the Cullman County Jail" and calling for a hearing on her bond amount within five days. The circuit court denied the petition two days later.

• **July 2, 2018** - Smith's attorney's motion to amend her bond was granted, and her bond was lowered to $25,000 cash. That same day, a relative of Smith's deposited $25,000 cash in the circuit clerk's office and Smith was released after being scheduled for a hearing on Sept. 7.

• **July 13, 2018** - CCSO investigator Jared Aaron filed a criminal complaint alleging Smith committed the two drug offenses on March 27.

• **July 16, 2018** - Smith arrested for two counts of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance; bond set at $40,000 property; Smith bonded out the same day.

Late Friday night, The Tribune received the following statement from Crocker:

"Mrs. Smith has entered a plea of not guilty to hindering prosecution, not guilty to murder and will plea not guilty to drug distribution at the appropriate time. The Constitution of the State of Alabama says the right to a jury trial shall remain 'inviolate' - a strong word - but we still live in a country where people are free, and the right to a jury trial is fundamental to our freedom. Mrs. Smith respects the judicial process. She looks forward to her day in court and to clearing her name. Champ Crocker, attorney for Susan Winton Smith"

This is a developing story.

Background:

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/03/suspects-daniel-osborn-murder-seeking-youthful-offender-status

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/05/22/grandmother-murder-suspect-now-facing-murder-charge-daniel-osborn-case

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/04/16/grandmother-suspect-osborn-murder-facing-charge-case

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/28/gentry-speaks-about-fairview-murder

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/27/update-2-charged-murder-after-body-missing-hartselle-man-found-buried-fairview

• www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/03/26/body-missing-man-found-buried-fairview-2-custody-0

COOLFEST (from Front)

off" in the summertime with music and storytelling deeply rooted in north Alabama culture.

"The music starts happening at 4:12 p.m. with sidewalk fiddlers, Anne Lawrence Burks and Rebecca Harris, playing bluegrass classics and lively tunes you'll remember from ice cream trucks.

"Also, the "pop-up" Cullman-grown farmers market will have a variety of instrumental performers from Micah and Brittany Simpson's popular, Cullman-grown Seed-Harvest Music Academy, including their adorable, pre-school, beatin-on-a-bucket 'jugband.'

"COOLFEST's main music and storytelling events (all free admission) are in the air-conditioned comfort of Christ Lutheran Church fellowship hall. Craig Mann, who plays roots music at festivals throughout Alabama, will entertain with Appalachian dulcimer and Southern folk banjo beginning at 4:30 p.m.

"Next, talented, Cullman-grown storyteller, Sharon Drake, will bring to life the Cullman-grown, original story, 'The Reluctant Topiary' by Ben Johnson South, illustrated with original paintings by Cullman artist/muralist, Jack Tupper. The storytelling begins at 5 p.m. The main musical entertainment concludes 5:30-6:30 p.m. with Sacred Harp Singers carrying on a 120-year Cullman tradition of shaped-note, sacred choral music."

Proceeds from food and drink sales at 412 Public House and art sales at Consign & Design benefit the farm heritage programs of the North Alabama Agriplex and ALAbundant hunger relief support including The Little Pantry next to the Mary Carter Store.

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO.: AD2018-065**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF L.E.W.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 12/29/2008

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **JEFFREY COLIN WEBSTER, any known, unknown, or undisclosed persons who might be the biological father:**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of L.E.W., a minor child born on the 29th day of December, 2008, in Jasper, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. 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 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

Jacob Blane Doss
Petitioner

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioners
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TO: CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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EDUCATION

ARC grant will fund CCBOE vocational program technology

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CULLMAN – As The Tribune reported last week, Gov. Kay Ivey announced a series of educational grants for several systems in north Alabama, including the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE).

Ivey announced $784,991 in Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grants to support programs and purchase new equipment that will help students in six public school systems learn skills and technology needed for success in the classroom and beyond. Two grants will support science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) programs at two school systems.

"Our young students need and deserve a strong educational foundation that prepares them for success throughout their lives and in the workforce," Ivey said. "I am pleased to support these programs which give students an invaluable opportunity to learn using the equipment, methods and practices they will likely face in their future careers."

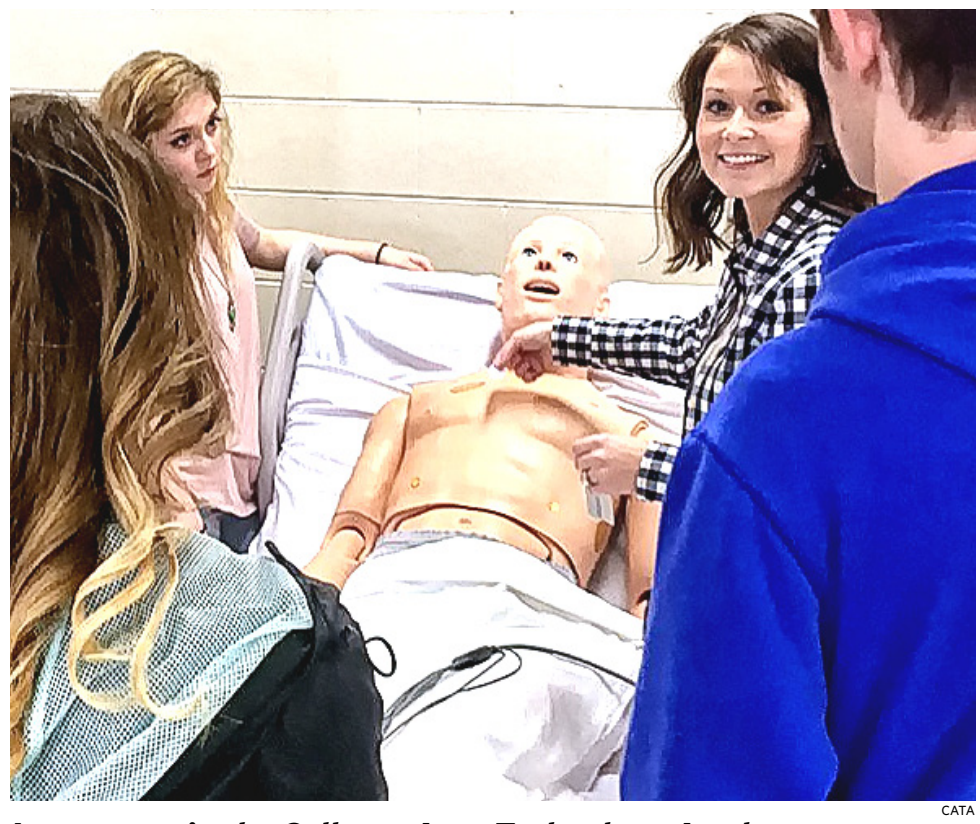
The CCBOE received one of the two STEAM grants in the amount of $125,000. This is a 50/50 matching grant which will require investment of the same amount from the system.

CCBOE Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette commended Dr. T.J. Franey for writing the grant and helping guide it through the processes with the state and ARC.

"Our goal has to do with workforce simulation, and it is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue high-demand STEAM careers," said Barnette.

"Many of the things that we're purchasing with this grant have to do with our nursing program up at the Career Center and our engineering program. And then part of the grant will also provide some audio enhancement and some technology, as far as interactive boards, in several of our high schools. But we're really excited about that, particularly at the Career Center, in health sciences and engineering."

Franey said, "We're very appreciative to the ARC for the opportunities they provide through funding for our area. We're all about preparing kids for the workforce and hoping that we provide them lots of opportunities to learn what it's going to be like once they enter that."



CATA

Instructors in the Cullman Area Technology Academy (CATA, also known as the Career Center) health sciences program use various simulation devices to give students hands-on experience in health care tasks.

Arrest report: July 19-22

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for July 19-22. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

JULY 19-22
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Abbott, Kalyn West, 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Armstrong, Dannie Joe, 66
- third-degree theft of property

Bentley, Daniel, 22
- public intoxication

Box, Michael Wade, 20
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Boyd, Tyler Ephesians, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, James Stephen, 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Carlisle, Susan Lyn, 47
- harassment

Conn, Karen Grant, 59
- public intoxication

Copeland, Cameron Kyle-Allen, 19
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence-harassment

Debaun, Bonnie Michelle, 37
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Duncan, Kena Rena, 48
- first-degree theft of property

Dunham, Joseph Alan, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Flores-Vences, Raul, 22
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Gowins, Daniel Alan, 25
- attempting to commit a controlled substance crime
- carrying a pistol without a license
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- improper lane usage

Grayson, Thomas Thorne, 18
- second-degree theft of property

Hale, Tabatha Lynn, 28
- harassment

Hallmark, Roger Matthew, 40
- FTA- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree possession of a forged instrument

Harrison, Theresa F., 53
- harassment

Knight, Missy Louise, 27
- second-degree bail jumping- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (old charge)

Lenz, John Ludwig, 47
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Lovoy, Barbara Dillard, 56
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lynn, Jonathon Paul, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- interfering with a domestic violence emergency
- second-degree unlawful imprisonment

Mann, Daniel Reece, 28
- FTA- public intoxication

McLeod, Randy Isaiah, 35
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Meriwether, Judge David, 39
- probation violation- third-degree burglary

Murphy, Bama Schenell, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Oden, Jeannine Denise, 50
- third-degree burglary

Reece, Christopher Allen, 45
- public intoxication

Rodriguez, J. Cruz, 54
- DUI- influence of alcohol

Ross, Jessica Nicole, 23
- FTA- illegal possession of alcohol
- writ of arrest- child support

Self, Cru Self, 30
- third-degree theft of property

Shew, Jennifer Lyn, 31
- GJ- unauthorized use/ unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Stager, Michael Anthony Jr., 32
- menacing

Thomason, Corey, 28
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Thompson, Destiney Kiah, 20
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Villa, Tony, 38
- FTA- driving while suspended
- fourth-degree theft of property

Walker, Jeffery Lee, 37
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

Waters, Steven Andrew, 39
- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Watson, Heath John, 39
- writ of arrest- child support

Wix, Amber Lashay, 31
- FTA- harassment

Woods, Ashley Denise, 33
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property

JULY 20-22
CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Garrison, Sierra L., 29
- fourth-degree theft of property

Hallmark, Roger M., 40
- third-degree forgery (2 counts)
- third-degree possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Price, Jennifer N., 30
- fourth-degree theft of property

Capps, Dylan E., 26
- DUI- controlled substance

Campos Amaro, Omar, 26
- fourth-degree theft of property

Copeland, Robyn E., 27
- second-degree receiving stolen property

Johnson, Patty D., 50
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF)
)
WALLACE QUINN,) CASE NO.: PC2018-112
Deceased.)

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND
PETITION FOR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

TO: RODNEY WAYNE QUINN, GARY DEWAYNE QUINN, BONNIE LEE QUINN, WALLACE JUNIOR QUINN, STEPHANIE BIRMINGHAM, OR ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE DECEDENT AND ANY INTRESTED PARITES.

Please take notice that a hearing for Petition for Probate of Will and Petition for Letters Testamentary for WALLACE QUINN, filed by GLENDA SUE JONES, Petitioner, has been **set** for **the** 10th **day of** October **, 2018, at** 10:00 **a.m.** at the Cullman County Courthouse, Room 101, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, before TAMMY BROWN, Judge of Probate.

Done this the 12th day of July, 2018.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF CASE NO: PC-2018-226

J.C.M.,
D.O.B. 06-19-12
A MINOR CHILD,

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

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

A PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE OF MINOR CHILD WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY JESSICA EVERMAN, 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 16th DAY OF July, 2018.

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

NICKOLAS R. HEATHERLY
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223 East Side Square
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY CASE NO.: AD2018-064

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF M.C.W.,
A MINOR CHILD.
D.O.B.: 04/09/2007

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **JEFFREY COLIN WEBSTER, any known, unknown, or undisclosed persons who might be the biological father:**

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.W., a minor child born on the 9th day of April, 2007, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. 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 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

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THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
JULY 24, 2018

YOUTH SPORTS

16U Shockwave softball team finishes 2nd at USSSA National Championship

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CULLMAN – Last week was a busy one in Gulf Shores for Cullman's 16U Shockwave softball team as it played its way all the way into the final round of the United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) C-Class National Championship, coming up just short of the title, 7-6, in the final inning. The second-place finish brought the Shockwave's season record to 18-10 overall and 17-5 in C-Class. The team won the USSSA National Champions Sportsmanship Award.

Shockwave Head Coach Chris Westmoreland has seen his team develop together over several seasons and credits that team chemistry for the successful season. It was important for the players and Westmoreland to keep the team together, so a large portion of the team was actually playing up one age group, but that didn't stop them from finishing second in the state.

"This is our fourth year being together. The majority of the team has been together for four seasons, so we have a nucleus of about eight or nine girls that have been there, and we've added a few along the way, but the majority of the team has been together for at least two years. We played last year in C-Class and had a very good record, finished third in the state last year in 14U. Some of our girls aged up so we just went ahead and moved the whole team up," Westmoreland said.

"Almost half the team could've played 14U this year, but we went ahead and moved up to keep the team together. We were successful last year so we knew that we would be able to compete this year.

"We had never made it to the beach. We'd never been to the national championships, so we decided last year after finishing third that we were going to go this year."

That team chemistry was a big part of what made the Shockwave successful this season and that camaraderie made the team very strong on the defensive end. That defensive prowess carried the girls all the way to the championship game in Gulf Shores, despite having a slow week offensively.

"We are very defensively sound. We commit very few errors, and along with pitching that's one thing we do extremely well is defense. We have struggled hitting all year long to be honest," Westmoreland said.

"Even this past week we played seven games and left 28 people on base. Every game that we won down there was a one-run game, but each game we had four to seven girls left on base, and in one game I think we had nine left on base. So, our defense and pitching were stellar; we just struggled hitting the ball and getting people across the plate."



BRYANT HUDSON

The 16U Shockwave softball team poses with its second-place trophy at the USSSA C-Class National Championship in Gulf Shores last week. Bottom row, left to right: Hannah Adams, McKenzie Chappell, Dalyn Phillips, Sidney English, Madison Westmoreland, Abby Duke ; Second row, left to right: Lexi Kimbrell, Alexa Evans, Taylor Simmons, Elizabeth Quick, Olivia Hudson, Dani Holt, Savannah Sibley, Mallory Adams; Third row, left to right: Coach Doug Duke, Coach Richard Cox, Coach Chris Westmoreland

Westmoreland has a clearly defined set of priorities that he uses in coaching and he believes that coaching style allows his teams to have more fun than most of the teams they play against throughout the season.

"We work off of three principles, and we've done this since I've been coaching. The number one principle is 'We're here to get better.' Number two is 'We're here to have fun,' and number three is 'We're here to win.' If you look at us when we got together four years ago to how we look now, we obviously have gotten better.

"One thing that is different about us compared to other teams is we're having fun. That is the main issue with us. We're dancing to music, we're dancing with other teams, dancing between innings when teams are warming up and just having fun."

Winning on the diamond is obviously an important part of the game, but for Westmoreland, winning can mean a lot of things. He tries to instill that idea with his players so that they can take away more from their time playing together than just wins and losses.

"Then the third principle is winning, and it's not necessarily about winning on the field.

"We were privileged enough to buddy up with an 8U team out of Lexington, Tennessee that ended up winning their national championship.

"We were kind of down and out in the last game; we were down by a couple of runs and we were about on the edge of giving up when that little 8U team jumped in the dugout with us and started yelling and screaming. It really gave us a lift and we ended up tying the game in our last inning and couldn't hold the lead in the last inning, but for us it's more than just a game," Westmoreland said.

"We're trying to teach life lessons; we volunteer some at the nursing home to play games with the residents and stuff and to us it's a family. For us, the experience of being down there and cheering on other teams from across the country and bonding with younger girls that have their whole life ahead of them and seeing them look up to our girls, to me that's more than any championship that we could win."





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Friends of Frankweiler welcome Eiflers back to Cullman

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Husband and wife professor/physician team, Dr. Dietmar Eifler and Dr. Reingard Eifler are members of the Friends of Cullman in Cullman's sister city, Frankweiler, Germany, and are currently enjoying their fifth visit to Cullman.

CULLMAN – On Sunday afternoon, Cullman's Friends of Frankweiler welcomed two of Frankweiler's Friends of Cullman, as Dietmar and Reingard Eifler arrived in town for a few days' visit. Dr. Dietmar Eifler, a mechanical engineer, is professor emeritus of materials science and engineering at the Kaiserslautern Technical University; his wife, Dr. Reingard Eifler is a medical general practitioner.

The stop in Cullman concludes a trip that began with business for the professor in Ann Arbor, Michigan, at the beginning of the month.

The couple enjoyed touring spots around Lake Michigan, including their first old-fashioned Independence Day fireworks show, before getting back to business at another professional conference.

All the while, their sights were set on Cullman. As members of Frankweiler's Friends of Cullman, they have traveled here several times before, and they weren't going to let a trip to the U.S. pass without some old friends and southern hospitality.

Said Dietmar Eifler, "As we planned this trip to the United States, the first idea was, at the end of the trip we wanted to come to Cullman to visit the friends of Cullman we know.

"The personal relations are very strong, and so I like the people here very much. During our last visit, with Rudene and Robert Tidwell, we made very nice excursions here. We went to Aliceville. I have seen already many nice locations in the neighborhood of Cullman."

As a mechanical engineer, Dietmar Eifler is quite the gearhead. One of the highlights of his trip before arriving in Cullman was visiting the Henry Ford Museum in Michigan and getting to sit in a Model T. But his local host Robert Tidwell, who is a vintage car enthusiast himself, raised the bar in both highlights and southern hospitality by putting Eifler behind the wheel of his own antique Chevrolet pickup truck for a drive around Cullman.

"Today, he offered me a kind of gift," said Dietmar Eifler. "I was allowed to drive--maybe you have seen--this very nice old Chevy truck. It was his personal risk, but nothing happened, and I did like it very much to drive such an old car because, as a mechanical engineer, I like such machinery."

The Eiflers will be around town for only a few days and will head back to Germany on Thursday.







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Directors (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Three different Cullman County High Schools have new band directors for this upcoming school year.

The Tribune spoke with each of the new directors to find out a little about them and what they will be bringing to the table for their students.

Bobby Patrick, the new band director for West Point High School, may be new to West Point but is not new at all to band.

"This will be 23 years for me," Patrick explained. "I taught last year in Mississippi; before that I was an assistant director at Florence High School, then I was at Phil Campbell High School for 14 years."

Patrick was eager to come to the Cullman area.

"Cullman County is a special place for me. I've had friends that live in the area and have visited a lot over the past couple of decades," said Patrick. "I'm excited to be here because it's somewhere I've always wanted to be. It doesn't hurt that my daughter that's all grown up now lives in Birmingham, too."

As new director, Patrick seeks to bring continuity to the school's band program.

"One thing that's missing with this program, and it happens with some band programs, is there just hasn't been a lot of continuity with directors," explained Patrick. "Even Mr. (Ty) Parker (the school's previous director) knew that and spoke about it whenever he and I talked. He said the one thing this program needed was continuity and that's with any program. You really need some kind of continuity and I'm hoping to be that."

The West Point community has already had a great impression on Patrick.

"I'm just glad to be here. The one thing about the West Point community is from the time I walked in the door for the interview, all the way until right now, it just feels like home," said Patrick. "It's very open, a lot of support, and I'm really excited to see what this group of kids can do over this year and years to come."

Jesse James, the new Hanceville band director, recently started at the school and hails from Mississippi.

"I started here toward the beginning of June, just trying to get everything going and ready for camp," said James. "This is my first year here at Hanceville and this is my second year living in Alabama. I taught for three years in Mississippi prior to moving to Alabama last year and teaching. I actually taught over in Winston County last year, up at Meek."

The Hanceville High School band has scaled down a bit this year, but that's not a problem for James.

"We're a little smaller than we were last year, but this year we're really focusing on that quality, good quality," said James. "Because my personal philosophy is, if you have that good quality, the quantity is going to come. We're looking to grow in the future, but we're going to start from here."

James plans to bring some of his personal teaching style into the program.

"I'm a very positive-minded, energetic, 'let's have some fun,' kind of guy. I'm really easy-going, but with that sometimes you want to make sure the students still respect you. I am huge on respect," said James.

"I want to make sure that my kids not only respect me, but they respect each other, they respect their parents, teachers, everything. I really try to make my students be the most well-rounded people you can find. We've already got that seed going here. These kids are super respectful, super hard-working, and you can't ask for much more than that."

James continued, "When it comes to the kids and everything, if you're having a good time and you're doing something fun and energetic and entertaining, the kids are going to love it, too. That brings a really positive atmosphere to what we do."

Melanie Gonzales, the new band director at Good Hope High School, comes to Good Hope from California and has a history growing band programs.

"I started off teaching at a performing arts school. I started with a guitar class and a band class, then I grew that position to a full-time position," said Gonzales. "Then I went to Lincoln High School and there we had 20 kids involved in band, and when I left we had 78. Then I was at Clairmont High School for eight years where I taught elementary band, middle school band, I had orchestra, I did jazz band. There I started off with 55 band members and ended with 120, and then my orchestra started off with 22 orchestra members and we ended with 86."

Gonzales was excited to come the Alabama from California.

"My husband and I both knew California was not it for us. He was stationed in Mississippi at one point and so we drove through there and I was like, 'Nah, I don't get that feeling like this could be home,'" said Gonzales. "Immediately when we crossed the border into Alabama, I was like, 'I could live here.'"

She continued, "It's really great. We did a little drive through and we started looking around the area and it was just like the right fit for us. I'm originally from Connecticut and I came from a smaller town, so this is kinda like reminding me of home."

Gonzales is bringing some of her own style to the Good Hope High School band.

"Obviously, coming from California, I'm going to bring a little bit of my experience out there to what we're doing on the field. We've added working out," Gonzales said. "So, we do a good 20 minutes of working out and the students are keeping up. I do it with them, so I don't make them do anything that I'm not personally doing."

Gonzales has been impressed by the Good Hope community and her students.

"I think the big thing is just that I'm really enjoying being here. I feel like everyone's been extremely friendly and people are very caring. It makes my job a whole lot easier." smiled Gonzales "The students are really working hard, and working with the kids is why I do what I do. I feed off of their energy."

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Obituary Announcements: July 24 -26

Larry Dwight Williams, 50, of Nesmith, entered into rest on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at his home. A complete obituary will be available at a later date by Nichols Funeral Home.

Memorial Services for Mrs. Darlene May Storey, 73 of Cullman, are incomplete at this time. She was born in California on March 16, 1945 and passed away at Cullman Regional Medical Center on Sunday, July 22, 2018. Cullman Funeral Home announcing.

James Earl Mitchell, 89, of Holly Pond, entered into the presence of our Lord and Savior on Friday, July 20, 2018. Mr. Mitchell was born January 27, 1929 to Earl and Naomi Bailey Mitchell in Etowah County. James served our country honorably and with pride in the United States Army. We are grateful for his sacrifice to our continued freedom. Mr. Mitchell was a welder and provided for his family with his skills. Mr. Mitchell was a hunter and fisherman. He was known for his saying that he was related to everyone in one way or another. He liked to sing and loved to talk. James loved to say he was left-handed, naturally, making him smarter than right-handed people. James dearly loved his wife, as well as the rest of his family. He will be missed greatly. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife of almost 60 years, Kathleen Lovell Mitchell; brother, Marvin (Pauline) Mitchell; brother-in-law, Darryl (Candy) Lovell; and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Perry Allbritten and Jr. Plunkett officiating. Burial will follow in Holly Pond Cemetery. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Mitchell.

Melissa Johns Taylor, 63 of Center Point/Holly Pond, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018. Ms. Taylor worked as a Certified Legal Assistant. She enjoyed traveling especially to Ireland and Scotland. She is preceded in death by her father, Robert Guy Johns; mother, Dorothy Johns; brother, Bobby Johns and daughter-in-law, Tina Taylor. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Brent Taylor; sister, Gail Mead; brother, Jeff Johns; granddaughters: Mackenzie Taylor and Amelia Taylor; grandson, Kieran Taylor and many other family and friends. Her family will receive friends on Monday, July 23, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Funeral Service for Ms. Melissa Johns Taylor will be on Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home with burial immediately following at Hebron Church of Christ Cemetery in Joppa, AL.

Mary Katherine Voss Quattlebaum, 83, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband Bobby Jean Quattlebaum; parents: George Allen Voss and Katherine Mary Leibacher Voss; and brother Charles Voss. She is survived by son Gene (Paige) Quattlebaum; sisters: Margaret Voss, Margie Voss and Jeanie Voss Okeley. Visitation for Mrs. Quattlebaum will be Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Memorial service for Gary Dean will be Wednesday, July 25, 2018, at 2:00 pm, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Rev. John Richter is officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 24, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Dean passed away July 23. He was born June 28, 1946 to Austin and Marlene Dean. He was partner in Dean Oil Company and owner of Emerald Seas Pro Dive Shop. He loved his grandkids and the water. Survivors include his wife, Judy Dean, sons, Jeffery (Scott) Dean and Patrick (Jennifer) Dean, daughter, Cheri (Bobby) Bronson, brother, John (Lisa) Dean, sister, Jan (Robert) Smith, grandchildren, Brandy, Jacob, Chandler, Emma, Jackson, and Rae, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Edna Marie Young, 90, are Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Steve Smith officiating, with interment in Flint Creek Cemetery. Visitation on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Young passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Luke Butler and Elizabeth Edna Alisa Wilson Butler; her husband, Haywood Young and great granddaughter, Chloe Jade Young. She is survived by her sons, Jimmy Young and Carson Young; grandchildren, Jeremy (Melissa) Young, Brandi (Lee) Espy and Jason Young and great grandchildren, Isaiah Espy and Destiny Espy.

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Goodbye (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday, July 17, Southern Starlets Baton and Dance Studio Founder/Owner Shirley Byrd Beshears posted a heartbreaking message for her students and friends on Facebook, excerpts of which appear below:

"Friends, after 35 years I am sad to announce that due to my severe health problems I am retiring and closing the studio . . . It has been a blessing and an honor to serve this wonderful community for 35 years. Everyone has a God given talent and mine was teaching baton. I have spent the last 46 years of my life sharing my talent with 1000s of other young ladies. I have been so honored to be a part of their lives and watch them live their dreams thru twirling and dancing.

"The lifelong friends I have made thru these years and all of the many, many sweet memories that were made will never be forgotten. Southern Starlets last class was last night. It was a fire baton class, so I guess we are ended on a hot note.

"The time has come for me to put my health and my family first for the first time in 35 years. Thank you, my Facebook friends and families, for all of your support and prayers thru the years."

Beshears revealed that she was diagnosed almost three years ago with aplastic anemia, a blood and bone marrow disorder.

The Mayo Clinic's website offers the following explanation of the disease:

Aplastic anemia is a condition that occurs when your body stops producing enough new blood cells. Aplastic anemia leaves you feeling fatigued and with a higher risk of infections and uncontrolled bleeding.

A rare and serious condition, aplastic anemia can develop at any age. Aplastic anemia may occur suddenly, or it can occur slowly and get worse over a long period of time. Treatment for aplastic anemia may include medications, blood transfusions or a stem cell transplant, also known as a bone marrow transplant.

Aplastic anemia develops when damage occurs to your bone marrow, slowing or shutting down the production of new blood cells. Bone marrow is a red, spongy material inside your bones that produces stem cells, which give rise to other cells. Stem cells in the bone marrow produce blood cells — red cells, white cells and platelets. In aplastic anemia, the bone marrow is described in medical terms as aplastic or hypoplastic — meaning that it's empty (aplastic) or contains very few blood cells (hypoplastic).

Beshears has fought with the disorder for some time, suffering roller coaster ups and downs in her blood counts that have been aggravated by stresses ranging from the destruction of her house in the March 19 hail storm, to physicians' inability to locate a bone marrow donor, to the opening of a new and competing school in the Cullman area.

In her Facebook post, she wrote, "In March due to some unexpected disappointments and losing our house to the hail storm my numbers bottomed out. I had to do a lot of praying to God to help me find some calm. The next week my numbers did go up but then four weeks ago they dropped again. I realized that what I needed was to spend time with my friends and family and get totally out of the studio."

The Tribune talked with Beshears over the weekend, to learn more about her long career and how things are going for her.

Getting out of the studio was no simple task for Beshears. She has been twirling the baton since she was an eighth grader at West Point in 1968 and has been teaching since she graduated in 1972.

She opened Southern Starlets in Tarrant in 1983, relocating to her hometown, Cullman, a few months later.

Said Beshears, "God gives everybody a talent. Now, some people choose not to use that talent, but I've said all my life this is the talent He gave me, and He gave me the know-how to teach it. I've loved it."

Beshears described the beginning of Southern Starlets:

"We had moved from Cullman to Center Point, and I was teaching some little classes over there for the rec center. And we had to march in a parade; so we were going to march in a parade and we needed a name, and we didn't have a name--and I'm very patriotic--so I named them Southern Starlets. Love my red, white and blue! So that's how we got the Southern Starlets name.

"And then, about six months later, I started the organization in Cullman. I opened up a studio, if you want to call it (that). I was teaching in the back room of Tony's School of Music when I first started in Cullman."

Beshears estimated that, through the years, Southern Starlets trained between 1,500 and 2,000 students. Along the way, she routinely went out of her way to help her teams: loading kids in her van and driving them to competitions when their parents couldn't take them, feeding kids breakfast on competition days when parents dropped them off at her house on their way to work, and driving as far as Birmingham to fetch students for class.

Said Beshears, "Do what you've got to do. My motto is 'Where there's a will, there's a way.' If you got the will, I'll find the way!"

More than 50 Southern Starlets students have gone on to twirl or dance at the collegiate level, and at least one has been an NFL cheerleader.

The current Auburn University majorette instructor is a former student, as well as both the majorette and danceline instructors at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Beshears' daughter, Candy Byrd Miller, who cheered at the University of Georgia and traveled as a "twirling ambassador" to France and Peru (with Kristin Allred and Stacy Hester), headed up the UGA color guard, majorettes and danceline for eight years and now owns her own studio near the university.

"I've had some really good kids," said Beshears. "I mean, I really have. You know what--your teacher's only so much; I can only do so much. Got to have some talent for the girl to succeed, and I've had some really talented girls come through; (I've) been blessed!"

The Southern Starlets have won 17 national and open world championships, starting in 1989, and racked up many other honors going all the way back to the earliest days.

During the first 10 years she was teaching, Beshears had no studio, so she gave trophies to her students to take home.



SHIRLEY BESHEARS

Shirley Bird Beshears with husband Mitchell Lee Beshears

From 1983 on, she began displaying the honors in her Cullman studios. This last week, she began giving those away as well.

After three days of distributing trophies and plaques to former students who wanted them, and after the loss of more than 100 trophies to damage during the 2011 tornado, Beshears still had almost 600 trophies lined up on her studio floor.

Medical treatment

Aplastic anemia, according to Beshears' physicians, can be aggravated by stress, and she suffered dangerously low platelet and white blood cell counts in March due to work stress and the loss of her house. After rising to low but reasonably safe levels, they fell even lower in early July.

Beshears described her immune system as "very compromised" due to treatment she has been receiving, but she has been able to remain free from of infections that could be particularly dangerous to someone in that condition.

"God's just helped me," said Beshears. "Really, He's kept me in the best condition that I could be. But everybody's like, 'How do you not get sick?' I'm going, 'God knows I couldn't handle it.'

According to her physicians, the rest and relaxation of retirement should help her significantly. Her medical treatments help keep her counts up, but she is currently still seeking a match for a bone marrow transplant.

Giving up the Starlets

"I knew that it was time for me to retire and just get out of it altogether," said Beshears. "And it broke my heart that another studio spun off of mine, and these kids chose to stay with me. Out of 50 girls, six chose to leave, and the others stayed with me. And it broke my heart to have to close it, because they showed me their commitment to me."

Later in the conversation, Beshears stated, "I've had a good 35 years, and I've had some of the most wonderful families. I've made some lifelong friends that are just amazing.

"I've got boxes full of thank you cards that come from the girls that graduated, some that went on to go to college, get good careers. And they thanked me; their moms thanked me for instilling (values) in them. It helped them through life: the values that I've tried to instill in them.

"And one of them is commitment. Commitment is very important, because if you can't commit to your team, the team's no good.

"So, it's been good. Like I said, I had a good run. But it's time to say goodbye now."

What do you want people to remember about Southern Starlets?

"We strived for excellence. That was the whole thing we did at our studios; we strived for excellence. If you were going to do it, you needed to do it full-out.

"We were always trying to be a positive program; couldn't always pull it off, but we really tried. Teaching the girls how to be teammates and pull together. Winning was not all there was to it. No, I want everybody to remember that here we strived for excellence, but it wasn't all just about winning that trophy. It was about being part of a team.

"I shared my passion. Every recital, I would always thank my moms in the little program, thanking them for allowing me to pass down my passion for the twirling, to share that with their daughters."

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On Monday, August 6, 2018, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Wynn Haven Subdivision – County Road 1162 & County Road 1169 – new lot lines
2. Preliminary Subdivision – Oak Meadows Subdivision – East Hanceville Road SE / County Road 702
3. The Grove at Fischer Farms – Planned Housing Development
4. Short form Subdivision – Industrial Park # 5
5. Short form Subdivision – Brantley Ave. NW – Rusken Packaging
6. Rezoning request at Industrial Park # 5 – B-2 to M1P
7. Rezoning request on Brantley Ave. NW – Rusken Packing – B-2 to M1 (2.11 acres)
8. Rezoning request on Brantley Ave. NW – Rusken Packing – B-2 to M1 (4.361 acres)
9. Request to vacate easement in Industrial Park # 5

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.



Good Hope's Back 2 School Bash set for Aug. 2

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GOOD HOPE – The City of Good Hope is hosting the city's seventh annual Back 2 School Bash on Thursday, Aug. 2 from 5-7 p.m. at Good Hope Municipal Park. Students and their families can enjoy free hot dogs and drinks, participate in a Color Fun Run, cool off on the slip-n-slide and water slides and register for door prizes. Good Hope students (grades kindergarten through six) can also get free T-shirts while they last.

Field no. 1 will be set up for children 5 and younger with a bounce house and wet slide. Field no. 2, for kids 6 and older, will have big wet slides and a slip-n-slide.

Participants in the Color Fun Run will be divided into age groups: 6 and younger will start at 5:30, ages 7-11 will start at 6, and ages 12 and older will begin at 6:30.

To register for door prizes, students should bring canned/nonperishable food items. Each can/item equals one prize entry; there is no limit to the number of entries allowed. All donated goods will go into the city's Blessing Box as needed.

Good Hope City Councilman Greg Brown said, "This is our seventh annual Back 2 School Bash. We love to have the kids a little party before school starts back. We will have something for all ages and hope that everyone that comes out has a blast. This event is made possible by donations received from the businesses in our community. We do not charge the parents anything. When the community donates money, we plan these free events for our citizens to enjoy. A big thank you to all of our event sponsors and volunteers for making this event possible."

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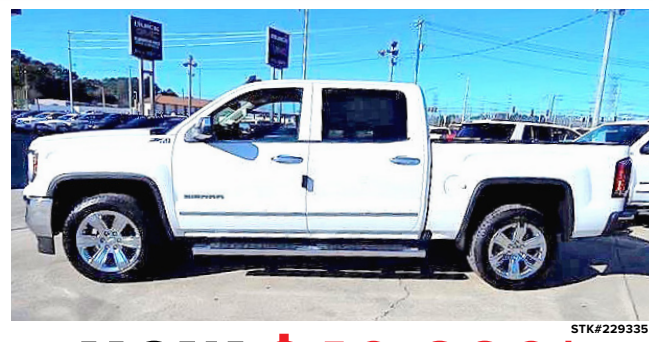
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