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Local artist Aaron Sullivan transforms Parkside School



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The entrance to this classroom at Parkside School has been transformed into "Charlotte's Web" by local artist Aaron Sullivan. **» PAGE 7**

Cullman Middle School band camp builds music and marching skills



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Woodwind players with the Cullman Middle School Band play music during band camp at Cullman Middle School. **» PAGE 7**

'High-energy' halftime show planned for Cold Springs

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COLD SPRINGS – Band camps are in full swing throughout Cullman County, and The Tribune caught up with the Cold Springs marching band on Thursday on the campus of Cold Springs High School (CSHS), where William Johnson, band director at CSHS, and the students are gearing up for an exciting year.

"We have a lot of dedicated kids, a lot of kids that are young, that are willing to work hard to make the band the best that it possibly can be," said Johnson. "We're a little bit smaller this year, I have around 45 members, but they're really dedicated. They're working hard. I think it's going to be an exciting year."

Samantha James, CSHS assistant band director and Cold Springs Elementary music teacher, said that although the students are young, they've had a very successful camp this year.

"We have a lot of really young students this year," said James.

"We have six seniors and maybe three times that many middle schoolers, so they're doing really well. The group has a really great attitude about everything and they're really quick learners. A lot can be said for attitude."

CSHS Color Guard Director Bree Harbinson shared that despite challenges, the students have progressed remarkably.

"A lot of people graduated and went to other sports, went to other activities, went to college, things like that. The color guard only had one member return this year, (the) drum line is rebuilding, it's just a great group of young kids this year," explained Harbinson, "It's been great so far. This is one of the fastest moving productive band camps we've had in a long time. At this point we normally don't have as many songs done and as many on the field, and we nearly have the whole show on the field right now."

Fans and family members alike can expect a more modern take from the band's halftime show this year, according to Johnson.

"This year, I guess you could say it's kind of a throwback show to a certain degree, but it's not like a 50s or 60s show," said Johnson.

"It's more of a millennial show, I guess, which is what people are calling it. We're doing 'Bye Bye Bye' by NSYNC, 'Hit Me Baby, One More Time' by Britney Spears, 'Livin' La Vida Loca' by Ricky Martin and then 'Survivor' by Destiny's Child.



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Cold Springs marching band members play music from their halftime show during band camp at Cold Springs High School.

Johnson added, "I think it's going to be pretty much high-energy to be honest with you. I think it's going to be really crowd pleasing, because I think most of those who are going to be in the stands will know these songs; they've heard them a lot of the times when they were younger. So I think it'll be something that they'll be able to enjoy and maybe even sing along with."

The CSHS band has more exciting performances ahead of them after marching season.

"After football season we'll be doing the Christmas concert and we'll be doing the Veterans Day performance," said Johnson. "Hopefully we can take a spring trip, never guaranteed with that, but it'd be fun if we could reward them for their hard work, and of course we'll prepare for the spring concert and things of that nature."

CSHS band boosters helped the band out in a big way this year, according to James.

"A couple of years ago we lost a student, Rhianna Busbee, in a car accident and this year our boosters have worked really hard to raise scholarship money in her name," said James. "The band boosters have paid for four different students' band camp fees. So their uniforms are covered, their meals are covered, their bus fees, everything was covered. The band boosters have been doing fundraisers all summer long and raised a lot of money."

Johnson also expressed his appreciation for the band boosters, families and the local **» PAGE 7**

Holly Pond Bronco Band prepares to perform familiar hits



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Holly Pond High School band members practice their half-time show during band camp at Holly Pond High School. **» PAGE 8**

Aggie Band adds electronics for this fall's marching season



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The Fairview High School band's horns section practices music during their band camp at Fairview High School. **» PAGE 3**

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Gold Ridge man killed in Thursday morning crash

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CULLMAN – A car crash early Thursday morning claimed the life of a Gold Ridge man. Joseph Dale Spradlin, 55, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick.

The incident happened shortly before 7 a.m. at the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and Alabama Highway 157.

"A blue Toyota RAV4 driven by Ashley Victoria Boackle, 25, of Cullman collided with a silver Chevrolet Spark driven by Spradlin, resulting in Spradlin's death," said Cullman Police Department Lt. Jeff Warnke.

Warnke said that, according to video and eye witnesses, the time of the crash was 6:53 a.m.

"Mr. Spradlin was dead was at the scene," said Warnke.

"She (Boackle) was transported by Air Evac to Huntsville Hospital for treatment of her injuries."

Warnke continued, "There is a red light at that intersection and there's an investigation at this time to determine who was at fault."

Hanceville City Council says tearful farewell to Councilwoman Sharon Porter

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Left to right: Hanceville Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Sawyer, Councilman Charles Wilson, Councilwoman Kim Brown, Councilwoman Sharon Porter and Councilman Justin Pruett. Porter was presented a plaque for her service. The plaque read, "Presented to Councilor Sharon Porter. May your flame continue to burn bright wherever you are. Thank you for your dedicated service, given with optimism, ingenuity, and a collaborative spirit."

HANCEVILLE – Since her election in 2016, Sharon Porter has faithfully and dutifully served her community as a member of the Hanceville City Council. Porter announced her resignation at the council's June 28th meeting, and Thursday's meeting was her last. Porter and her husband, Steven Porter, are relocating to Athens due to the latter's job. To celebrate her service and loyalty to the City of Hanceville, her fellow council members presented her with a commemorative plaque and held a farewell reception following Thursday evening's meeting.

Porter gave a short speech to her friends on the council at the reception.

"Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be your person," she started. "I've loved it, loved this town. I will always love this town. I'm gonna always love these people, and of course I always think about Miss Joann (Walls). She's the one who got me started in all this, and I'm so thankful that she did."

Before finishing, Porter made one last request: "Y'all come see me, 'cause I'm coming back here to see y'all. If you're ever up my way, I've always got an extra place for you to stay, and there's always an extra seat at the table."

At the council meeting, an invoice received from Action Resources for demolition of an old house was discussed.

The council said an invoice for such demolition is usually around $200, but this one was more than $5,000.

The house in question had asbestos (a previously unknown issue), so a specialist team was called in to remove it.

However, the City was not notified about the situation before the specialist was called and work completed.

The topic was tabled until the next council meeting so that Mayor Kenneth Nail, who was out of town Thursday, can provide his input.

The council also discussed the installation of a small food pantry box. The council said a group came to the council asking for the City's help to build it, so the City set aside $250 for the cause. However, the group never got back to the council on finalizing the project, so Councilwoman Kim Brown suggested the council could hire City workers to build it at the library. Unfortunately, there were some concerns about ants and other insects getting into the box and ruining the food if nobody maintained it, so no motions were made.

Additional announcements:

- The annual Kids' Night Out festival will be on Friday, Aug. 3 from 6-9 p.m. in C.W. Day Park.
- The next regular council meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m. with a work session at 6 p.m.
- There will be a public hearing on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. to discuss proposed Ordinance 621, dealing with abatements for demolishing old buildings.
- Hanceville Fire & Rescue will be hold a charity bike ride in September to help support a friend of the station, a Dallas-Selfville firefighter, who cares for his newborn as a widower. The station has been collecting donations for the newborn like clothes, diapers and vouchers for formula, but donations for infants (more than 2 months old) are also welcome.

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Chamber offering seminar as ridesharing service Lyft expands to Cullman area

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CULLMAN – Catching a lift is about to get a whole lot easier in the Cullman area.

Months after Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey's signing of statewide ridesharing legislation, Lyft is preparing to expand to Cullman County. One of the nation's most popular ridesharing services, Lyft allows for one-time shared rides to quickly be arranged and paid for through a smartphone app.

While Lyft is clearly convenient from a rider perspective, it will also be beneficial for those interested in becoming drivers. Lyft Executive Ambassador and Memphis Operations Captain Jack Eastep will address the latter at a Lyft seminar on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center.

The informational session will start at noon in the Walmart DC Room and allow for Eastep to sign up prospective Lyft drivers on the spot.

Reservations for the seminar are encouraged and can be made by contacting 256-734-0454 or info@cullmanchamber.org.

Chamber Director of Entrepreneurship & Education Wesley Smith reached out to Eastep about bringing Lyft to the Cullman area almost immediately after Gov. Ivey passed the statewide ridesharing bill in early March.

"The addition of ridesharing in the Cullman area will not only provide much-needed transportation for our young professionals, but for all citizens who choose to use the service," said Smith.

Added Chamber President & CEO Leah Bolin, "This will be a significant help in bridging the gap between transportation and jobs for Cullman County."

In addition to attending the seminar, those interested in becoming local Lyft drivers should contact Smith at wsmith@cullmanchamber.org. Drivers must be at least 21, have had their license for a year, own a smartphone, and pass an extensive background check and DMV check. Vehicles must be 2003 or newer and have four doors and five to eight seats, including the driver's. Personal insurance is required, and Lyft provides secondary coverage.

For more information, contact Smith at 256-734-0454 or wsmith@cullmanchamber.org.

Cullman Regional hosting RN Recruitment Open House Aug. 18

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – Nurses are invited to look at new career opportunities at Cullman Regional during a RN Recruitment Open House on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Nurses who attend the open house will have the opportunity to meet with directors and hiring managers from several departments including the critical care unit, in-patient services, float pool and emergency department.

New hire benefits include tuition reimbursement, outstanding team environment, competitive pay and benefits package, free parking, free on-site fitness facility and wellness rewards program. Refreshments will be served, and attendees will have the chance to win exclusive prizes, including an Apple Watch.

The RN Recruitment Open House will be held in the Governor's Room at Cullman Regional (1912 Alabama Highway 157, Cullman, AL 35058; Walk in the main entrance of the hospital and take a right.

The Governor's Room will be on the left right past the gift shop).

For more information, email Cullman Regional's recruiter at recruiting@cullmanregional.com or visit www.CullmanRegional.com.



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Nurses at Cullman Regional pose for a picture during Nurses Week in May 2018.

Almost 40 turn out for CCSO Women's Self-Defense Class

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CULLMAN – Almost 40 women on Thursday evening attended the first of a two-part self-defense class conducted by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. Led by Deputy Chad Whaley, who has been teaching self-defense classes for more than 16 years, the course was based on the Equalizer Women's Self-Defense Program, created by Cullman native Johnny Smith to prepare women for real world scenarios that may save their life in a dangerous situation.

The first class focused on avoiding becoming a victim. Participants were informed on the many ways they can avoid being an easy or soft target to would-be attackers.

The second class, which will be held on Tuesday, July 31, will teach hands-on techniques if an attack does occur.

The two themes that were prevalent throughout the first class were confidence and awareness.

Rape and sexual assault continue to be a tremendous concern and Whaley explained, "Rape isn't about sex. It as an act of power over the victim." He also insisted that blaming or shaming the victim needs to stop, adding, "A woman has a right to dress the way she wants and has the right to NOT be a victim."

Rapists have many commonalities including: hostility towards women, dominating attitudes towards women, stereotyping women, and having unrealistic views of women that trigger anger when not met.

According to the training, four important tips to women on a date with someone new or while going out are: set the boundaries and expectations you have early, stay in a crowd and avoid being alone, avoid alcohol and drugs, and arrange your own transportation. These tips will reduce the risk of isolation, vulnerability and opportunity.

It is also important for women to know what to do if they are attacked.

• The most important thing is to find a safe haven.

• The next step can vary, but women need to find someone and talk. Preferably this would be 911 and law enforcement, but Whaley recognized that this can be very difficult after a traumatic event. Talk to a friend who can help or reach out to a rape crisis center for guidance but talk to someone.

• As difficult as it may be, don't clean up. Unfortunately, rape victims possess evidence on their bodies and to shower or clean up in any way can easily destroy that evidence.

• Seek medical attention. Even if you don't consider yourself injured, a medical examination is crucial. Write it down. A victim can remember important details immediately after an attack and although you might not feel comfortable talking, writing it down will provide law enforcement vital details.

There are simple recommendations to reduce the risk of your home becoming a target. It is recommended that deadbolts be installed, and doors locked at all times. Close the drapes and shades so criminals can't see everything you own. Don't leave ladders outside your home. Install peep holes or cameras to monitor who might be at your door. If someone you don't know is at the door, DON'T open it.

Whaley stressed, "If it is 11 at night and you don't know who is at your door, find a secure place in your home and call 911. Let a deputy come ask who they are or what they want. Don't risk it."

Trust your gut! Women's intuition is real, and women should follow it.

Said Whaley, "If you come home and something doesn't seem right, or something just seems off, don't go in. Trust your gut. Call 911 and request a deputy to come check it out. Will we make fun of you later if everything is fine? Yes, probably, but who cares? It beats walking in to a strange man sitting on your couch. It's not worth the risk, and it's what we are paid to do. I hear women say, 'Well, I didn't want to bother the police.' You pay for our services. Call us. You aren't bothering anyone."

The program stresses the importance of situational awareness. As nice as most people want to think other people might be, the reality is bad people exist everywhere. Even in Cullman where crime is low, bad people are still here as Whaley pointed out, "The detention center next door is full of them."

When out shopping, jogging in the park or doing everyday things, keep your head up and shoulders back. Whaley said a would-be bad guy is less likely to choose a victim who exhibits confidence and awareness.

Put the phone down! A bad guy is far more likely to choose a victim who has her head down and is lost in her smartphone. If you must check your phone it is recommended that you stop, back up against a wall, and block anyone from approaching from behind.

In line with the dependency on cell phones is society's obsession with social media.

Whaley said of Facebook, "It's the best breeding ground for bad guys."

He strongly recommends that users limit the information shared and stop giving bad guys a play-by-play of their whereabouts. By posting on Facebook that you are on the way to the beach for a week, bad guys can plan accordingly.

Whaley added, "Bad guys know when you left, when you got there, what you are wearing and what you ate. They know how long you will be gone because you told them on social media." Whaley said to wait until you get home and post pictures and stories from your vacation. It's not worth the risk.

The class also discussed gun safety, travel safety tips, active shooters and other advice for many situations and scenarios. The class is free and recommended for all women.

Many women brought their daughters. The second class is available to those who attended the first class.

Whaley is happy to have two new officers recently certified in the Equalizer Women's Self Defense Program who will assist in the hands-on exercises Tuesday night.

The CCSO hopes to conduct two more sessions in August.

For those interested in future classes, email bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org. Those with questions can also email Whaley at cwhaley@ccbo.org. For further information, visit www.facebook.com/cullman.sheriff.

Aggie (from Front)

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FAIRVIEW – The Fairview High School (FHS) band continued band camp this week. On Wednesday, The Tribune dropped in to check it out.

FHS Band Director Nathan Kilgo said the days are long for band campers.

"We had full camp this week from 8 to 5. We usually spend the mornings, 8 to lunch, working on our marching drills and learning that," said Kilgo. "Then after lunch, we do sectionals and full band work inside. Then we usually go back out between 3:30 and 4 p.m. and kinda review what we learned that morning."

The summer weather has been cooperating, according to Kilgo.

"The weather has been great this year," he said. "The humidity has been pretty low; we've had a nice breeze most days. It's warming up a little, as the week goes on, and I think tomorrow (Thursday) is going to be the high for the week, but it's been a lot better this year than in years past."

Kilgo said the band is bringing a new sound this year.

"We are adding some electronics to our front ensemble, which we haven't had in the past, so that's going to be a challenge for us, but exciting at the same time," said Kilgo. "We're going to mic our mallet instruments and we're going to have electric guitar and electric synthesizer. So we have the mixing board, the amps and the speakers for that on the front. It allows the front ensemble to be heard a little more and balanced better with the rest of the band."

Viewers of this year's halftime show are in for a "sweet" performance, said Kilgo.

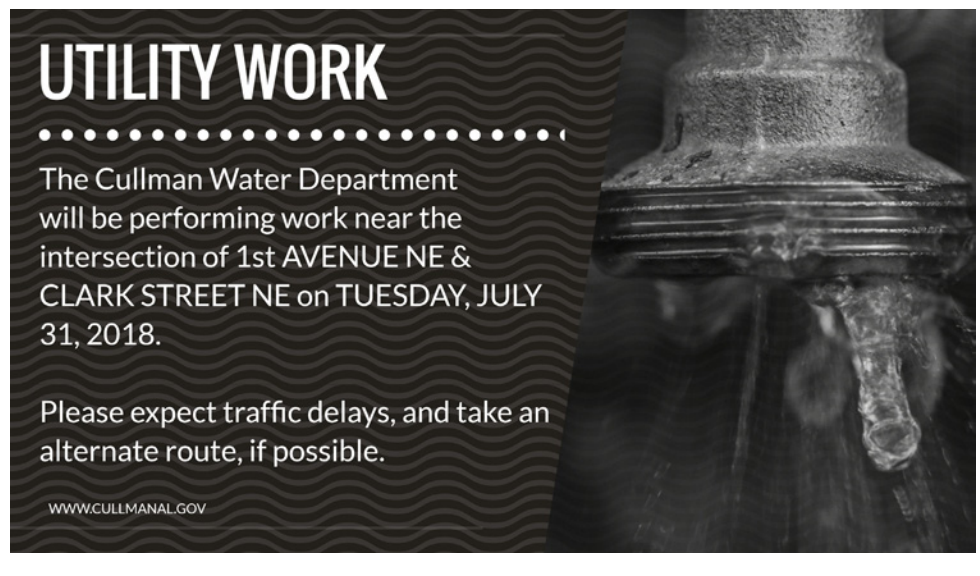
"Our show theme is 'Sugar and Spice,' so (the show will feature) songs that have sugar or sweet in the title. We're also doing a Spice Girls song, so that's where the spice comes from. 'Sweet Child of Mine' is our opener and 'Sweet Caroline', which is always a crowd favorite, and 'Wannabe' by the Spice Girls."

Kilgo plans to have the band sufficiently prepared for marching season by the end of the camp.

"We would like to have most of our drill formations learned and be able to play thorough all of our songs," said Kilgo. "That way once school starts and we get to our after-school rehearsals, we will just be focusing on cleaning that up."

Parents and fans alike were invited to a sneak preview of this year's halftime show. "At the end of band camp, on July 27 at 5 p.m., that's our last day of camp, we have a preview where we play the music and let the auxiliaries do their routines for the parents." Kilgo said. "Let them see what they've been working on the past few weeks, so everyone is invited to that."

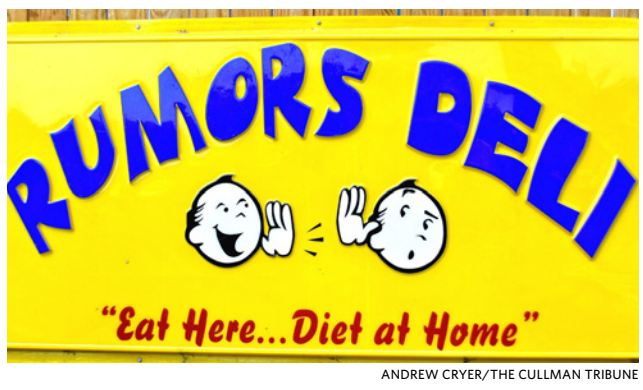
Kilgo continued, "They will see the results of a lot of hard work that these kids put in during the summer, when a lot of people aren't out in the heat. Just a lot of great efforts from the students," said Kilgo. "Attendance has been great, their performance is improving every day, and that's all I can ask for."



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2 years in a row: Rumors Deli to be named an Alabama Retailer of the Year

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CULLMAN – After having to close down, pack up, move out and relocate, and after having to go through a property renovation project that took two tries just to get past the City of Cullman Planning Commission, Rumors Deli can definitely say, "We're back," and then some. For the second year in a row, owner Annette Harris has received word that her iconic eatery will be named a "Retailer of the Year" by the Alabama Retail Association (ARA).

ARA Manager of Communications and Engagement Melissa Warnke said in a statement:

Rumor's Deli of Cullman has been selected as a Retailer of the Year in the Alabama Retail Association's annual awards program. The beloved Cullman eatery has won a gold, silver, or bronze award in their sales category – which will be announced at the 2018 Alabama Retail Day and Awards Luncheon on October 16, in Birmingham.

An independent panel of judges reviewed and selected the winners which reflect the breadth of the retail industry in the state of Alabama, including restaurants, clothing stores, pharmacies, jewelers, and grocery stores. Rumors is one of 13 winners in 4 categories, based on annual sales volume, from a pool of nearly 100 nominees. Other finalists are from Albertville, Auburn, Birmingham, Dadeville, Fairhope, Jasper, Montgomery, Orange Beach and Tuscaloosa.

The is the second year in a row that Rumor's has been a winning finalist in the statewide awards program. Judges noted that Rumor's successful move to a renovated location was impressive, including the added menu items, pick-up window, parking, expanded seating and retail offerings.

"You can feel the enthusiasm Annette has for her business," said one judge. Another added, "You can easily sense their passion for what they do and how they do it. It's undeniable."

"Alabama Retail will visit Rumor's Deli in August for a special photoshoot and video production," said Warnke.

"Annette's fun and outgoing personality was so memorable during our photo shoot last year, and we look forward to showcasing her and her business again this year."

The Alabama Retailer of the Year awards program, started in 1999, honors outstanding retailers who have demonstrated growth, innovation and a commitment to their respective communities.

On Friday, Harris told The Tribune that business has increased in every positive statistic since Rumors moved to its new location near the intersection of Main Avenue Southwest and U.S. Highway 278. A new pick-up window has increased carry-out orders, the menu has been expanded with new items and the restaurant is hiring to keep up with growing demand.

Harris talked about getting the news that Rumors had once again been named a finalist:

"I was pretty excited. And I was really not expecting it, because I got it last year, you know, and I knew that I had been nominated, and I was like, 'Well, that's an honor just to even be considered for it.' And I just thought, 'Well, you know, that's cool.'

"I went ahead and did the social media thing, that you put it on Facebook and share.

"And that was neat, because it makes me feel good that people had all positive things to say: 'You deserve it,' 'You have a beautiful place,' 'It's well-deserved' and just all these nice things you hear. That's worth it just for that.

"We had that going on, and I really didn't think about it, because there's others here in Cullman that were nominated and there's a lot of nominees in general. So I thought, 'Well, I won it last year. What are my chances this year?' You know, I haven't really been in this spot but three months, and even though we've shown growth, is it enough to even push us to win?

"So when I got word that I did actually win, it just kind of put me over the top, because it has been a very rough road from when we closed, just getting this ready, because it has been such a big project. And nothing ever goes as planned, you know, nothing! But you know, it's kind of like this is just what I needed to keep encouraging me, and so that I could encourage my employees; because, you know, it was so rough: breaking everything down after 17 years, getting rid of stuff, packing stuff, storing it and moving it from one warehouse to another. Then I was up here every day during the construction, just making sure that it was exactly what it needed to be and working with all these guys who are so good to me.

"It was very rough just getting through it, and then when we opened, it was overwhelming, because I never dreamed that we would have the response of opening back up. We were overwhelmed with people who didn't even know we existed. So we've been open for 18 years now, and so, just getting over here and opening up, it's kind of like everything just flew by all at once, and here we are. And then, to get that award, that was just the icing on the cake for me."

Rumors is guaranteed to win one of three Retailer of the Year awards. The specific award will be announced on Oct. 16.

Soon-to-be Warehouse District retailer also named

Jasper-based Lavish Boutique, which will soon open a new location in Cullman's Warehouse District, was also named as a finalist by the ARA. In a separately issued statement, Warnke wrote:

Lavish Boutique in Jasper, owned by Dustin and Shannon Beaty, is also a winning finalist. They are in a different category than Rumors, based on annual sales volume. They will find out their award level, either bronze, silver or gold, on Oct. 16 during the Alabama Retail Day Celebration and Awards Luncheon.

The judges said about Lavish, "There is so much heart and passion in this business! They've shown impressive expansion and promotion of the retailing industry."

Lavish will open (its) location in Cullman in August.











COOLFEST draws crowd downtown

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CULLMAN – On a warm Thursday afternoon, Cullmanites came downtown for the North Alabama Agriplex's first COOLFEST. Folks shopped for locally-grown produce from area farmers and handmade goods from local crafters, bought frozen treats from an old-fashioned ice cream truck, listened to live music by Seed-Harvest Music Academy on the street, and sampled grilled peaches and peppers from the Agriplex and Alabama Farm Credit. When they were ready for something a little cooler, they went inside Cullman Florist and Consign & Design for gifts and original art by Cullman artist Jack Tupper, or into 412 Public House for dinner or drinks. Throughout the event, hot visitors retreated into Christ Lutheran Church for traditional instrumental music from Craig Mann, storytelling by Sharon Drake and shaped-note singing by the folks who host Cullman's annual courthouse singing convention.

Hot weather probably kept the crowd down, but farmers reported good numbers for produce sales, and event coordinator Ben Johnson South reported to The Tribune that sales of original art had been going well, since even before Thursday afternoon. 412 Public House remained full from late afternoon into the evening.

Johnson South said, "I think it went great! We had a great turnout with the kids that were here from Seed-Harvest Music Academy: their parents were coming, their grandparents were coming, so that always adds to the crowd.

"The roots music that was in the fellowship hall at Christ Lutheran was my personal favorite thing, I think, to do because the dulcimer and the banjo, and then Sacred Harp and all that just sort of took you back 200 years, sort of like Alabama's Bicentennial. And it was taking you to places that the North Alabama Agriplex celebrates regularly.

"And that's what we were trying to do is to remind people what the Agriplex mission is. And we did a lot of that.

"We had six farmers here tonight in our farmers' market and beautiful produce that was all Cullman-grown.

"We had the grilling that was done with Alabama Farm Credit. They grilled peaches, and a lot of people came by and said, 'I've lived with peaches all my life, and I've never had ones that were grilled, and they were delicious.' And then 412 Public House: Chef Rico is finding inventive ways to use Cullman-grown produce, vegetables and fruit. And that's a lot of what we wanted to do, too, is just celebrate that a local chef celebrates local-grown stuff."

Agriplex Director Rachel Dawsey added, "I thought it was good. We didn't know what to expect. The weather cooperated; it was nice and hot! There were a lot of (passersby) who stopped by to see what was going on. The music brought in crowds, the families that were with those, and I think we had a successful event."

For more on the North Alabama Agriplex, including upcoming events, visit http://agriplex.org.

For more on the event hosts, visit www.412pub.com, www.cullmanflorist.com, and www.christlutherancullman.org and www.facebook.com/consignanddesigncullman/.



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Local farmers sold fresh, Cullman-grown produce on Thursday at COOLFEST.



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Cullman artist Jack Tupper paints sunflowers at Thursday's COOLFEST.







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BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Happy Home was indeed a happy place



Bill King
Tribune
Contributor

I am fascinated by church names. Some leave me laughing, while others leave me scratching my head. With almost 400,000 churches in America, some names are common but there are many. The most common church-name is First Baptist. According to Doctor Thom Rainer, president of Lifeway Christian Resources, there are over 5,000 First Baptist churches. Churches of other denominations also use the word "first," such as First Methodist, First Presbyterian, etc. This name implies that they were the first church, of their denomination, established in their particular town; however, this is not always true. I served at a church once that was the oldest Baptist church in town. They had not chosen to call themselves "First Baptist," so another church decided they wanted to use that name. They asked, and were granted approval to use the name. Many towns also have a Second Baptist Church, and amazingly, it goes on up the numerical order. I'm not sure what the highest number is, but Boston has a Twelfth Baptist Church. Some churches are simply named after their town but do not use the word "First." I also know of situations where one was called, "Town Baptist Church," and another one was called, "Town First Baptist Church." That can be confusing. There are also names that indicate in what part of town the church is located. These include names like Southside, Northside, Westside, or Eastside.

Some churches have a number after their name which often, but not always, implies they split from another church by the same name. There's an old story about a man who was discovered living on a deserted island. He had been stranded there for many years and had built his own little community of buildings. When someone finally found him, he showed them all he had built, including two church buildings. He explained that he got upset at the first church, so he moved across the island and built another one! He named them "Island Church" and "Island Church #2." This method really doesn't work well with certain names like Harmony, Unity, or Fellowship. I've heard of one who called themselves Greater Harmony.

There are the old standard church names, like "Calvary," that we find in many communities. The use of the word "Saint" is more common in more traditional churches, such as Catholic, Episcopalian, and Lutheran. The most common of these is St. John but others would be St. Paul, St. Peter, and St.

James. Now we have newer names that have become trendy in recent years. These include the use of words such as Christ, Community, Fellowship, Life, Faith, Grace, Journey. Choosing names that do not sound like a church has become trendy too; names such as Elevate, Summit, Edge, Lifebridge, Rise, and Pulse.

Probably not intentionally, but some church names are humorous. These include Boring UM Church, United Separated Church, Jump-Off Baptist Church, Half Way Baptist Church, Beaver Lick Christian Church, Little Hope Baptist Church, and Run for Your Life Chapel. My favorite is "Undenominational Holiness Church." Isn't that an oxymoron.

This past week, our Master Builders team had the privilege of working with Happy Home Baptist Church, in Henagar, Alabama. They lived up to their name. We did sheetrock work in their fellowship hall and educational building. Ole Billy Bob even made an appearance on Sunday evening. Happy Home, with open arms, made us feel right at home. They housed our team in their facilities. They hosted a cookout for our team on Sunday evening, and a barbecue on Wednesday, including homemade banana pudding! The only time our team was sad was when we left to go home.

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Poet's Corner

Great Revival

By: Randy C. Hale

We had a great revival!
That's without a doubt.
Souls repented, souls
were saved, it brought some glorious shouts!
The songs of glory lifted, prayers were made
abound. God blessed us through His Holy word
the message He
sent down. We
thank Him for
our blessings,
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above and we
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Obituary Announcements: July 28 -29

Michael "Mike" Anthony Mann, 48 of Vinemont, passed away on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Mike was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and friend. He had the biggest heart and was always willing to help anyone in need. He enjoyed hunting, football; especially Alabama and Addison High School, boating on Smith Lake and riding in his truck with his buddy Oreo his beloved dog. He loved coaching his kids in baseball and football. He was the owner and operator of Mike's Mobile Home Moving. He also owned a saw mill and loved making beautiful wood with it. He is preceded in death by his father, Travis Leyon Mann; grandson, Dayson Leyon Herron; half-brother, Travis Leyon Mann, Jr.; and grandpa, Marvin Jackson. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Donna Mann; sons: Daniel Mann and Matthew Mann; daughter, Chelsea Mann; grandsons: Bryce Herron and Ashton Herron; granddaughter, Emilee Mann; mother, Billie Stovers; stepfather, Ray Stovers; sisters: Cindy (Eddie) Hamby and Melissa Elliott and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. His family will receive friends on Friday, July 27, 2018 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life for Mike Mann will be on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home with Burial immediately following at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing.

Funeral services for Ruth Naomi Mayfield, 93, of Walter will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday July 28 at Duck River Baptist Church with burial in the adjoining cemetery, Hanceville Funeral Home directing. The daughter of the late Lonnie and Nina Morris Bice was preceded in death by a son, Rayburn Nails. Surviving family includes her sons, Kenneth, Dual, and Douglas Mayfield and daughter, Sharon Atkins, 16 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a sister, Louise Carr.

Galen Stisher of Cullman, passed away peacefully at Huntsville Hospital on July 25, 2018. Galen was born November 16, 1934 in Holly Pond, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reedie and Lizzie Stisher, and his sister Christine Blair. He graduated from Cullman High School and owned and operated Stisher Cotton Gin and Stisher Farms. He is survived by Jean, his wife of almost 58 years; his daughter Deborah Stisher (Bob Ellsworth) of Atlanta, GA and son Barry (Shanna) of Vinemont. His greatest joys: grandchildren Chandler Stisher (Amanda) of Huntsville, AL and Kenton Stisher of Vinemont. He is also survived by two sisters: Willodean Humphries (Bill) of Eva, AL and Linda Calvert of Anderson, AL. He also has a host of nieces and nephews. The graveside service will be Saturday, July 28th at 10 a.m. at the Cullman City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Galen's honor to your favorite charity, or to Northside Baptist Church of Cullman.

Funeral service for Laura Wynette Pendley, 86 of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at New Prospect Cemetery in Jasper, AL. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Pendley passed away on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born November 21, 1931. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed. She is preceded in death by her husband, R.E. Pendley. Survivors include her son, Alan (Tammy) Pendley, grandchildren: Megan (Isaac) Lindsey and Hannah Pendley, sister, Sue Callicott, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and family. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Patricia Boland Moon, 63 of Cullman, died on July 25, 2018. She is preceded in death by her husband Norman Lee Moon; brother Theron Micheal Boland; parents Theron Dupree "T.D." Boland and Marlon Gloria Robertson Boland; sister-in-law Sula Alexander; and brother-in-law Braxton Moon. She is survived by her daughters Pattie Jett, Janet (Gerald) Turner and Tina (Tim) Maddox; son Shane (Monica) Weeks; brother Timothy (Trenna) Boland; sister Cindy (Ricky) Hamilton; sisters-in-law Mary Boland and Gwen Welch; twelve grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren with one on the way; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation for Ms. Moon will be Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life for Ms. Moon will be Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 3 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel with burial to follow at Mt. Hope Baptist Cemetery in Crane Hill. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Shirley Lott Haymon, 82 of Cullman, died at her home among her family, on Tuesday, July 24, 2018. She was born January 28, 1936 in Crane Hill and lived most of her life there. She was a member at Mt. Hope Baptist church and taught Sunday School for many years. She had a great passion for planting flowers. She was greatly loved and will be missed by her family. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Ray Haymon, Cullman, three daughters; Ranae (Gene Ramsay) Heaven, Norcross, GA, Rhoda (David) Whitlock, Cullman, Sherry (Michael) Nash, Bessemer, two sons; Elton (Angie) Haymon, Arab, Dale (Tammy) Haymon, Athens, a brother; Jimmy Lott, a sister; Cleo McLeroy, eleven grandchildren;, Zachary (Laura) Heaven, Jacob (Sara) Heaven, Sarah (A.J.) Walsh, Rachel (Erick) Rodriguez, Joshua Nash, Michelle (Jamie) Berry, Ragan Haymon, Ryan (Taylor Ann) Haymon, Breanna Haymon, Ben Haymon, Luke Haymon and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; Ulysses and Dale Lott, five brothers; Cecil Lott, Alton Lott, Charlie Lott, Willie Lott, Donald Lott, two sisters, Vanita Tucker and Mildred Abbott, and a grandson, Caleb Haymon. Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 28, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Hope Baptist Church. She will be buried at Livingston Chapel Methodist Church in Crane Hill. Moss Service Funeral Home is directing services.

Royce Lee Bailey, 48 of Houston, entered into rest on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Royce was born on December 22, 1969 in Haleyville and was a graduate of the Class of 1988 of Addison High School. He worked for 17 years at Southern Energy Homes before being employed by Ardent Mills in the sanitation department. Royce was a member of Yellow Creek Hunting Club. Although he enjoyed hunting and fishing, his passion was riding motorcycles and four wheelers. Royce dearly loved his family and was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, uncle, brother and son. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Houston Baptist Church, where services will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m. Brother Donnie Carroll, Brother Kenny Sudduth and Micah Brewer will officiate. Burial will be in Burdick Cemetery. Royce is survived by his wife of 28 years, Tracy Bailey; son, Brody Bailey; daughter, Laura Pigg and her husband Victor; mother, Jewell Bailey; sister, Pamela Aviles and her husband John; he was "Papaw" to 2 grandchildren, Anna Grace Pigg and Elliott Elizabeth Pigg; and a host of beloved family and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Nathan Bailey; father, Wilford Bailey; paternal grandparents, Bear and Mary Bailey; maternal grandparents, Roy and Laura Walker; and a host of other family.

Funeral service for Mr. Joseph "Joe" Spradlin will be Sunday, July 29, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Burial will be at Center Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Joseph "Joe" Spradlin died unexpectedly in Cullman, AL on July 26, 2018 at the age of 55. Joseph is survived by his wife of 33 years, Melisa "Lisa" Shikle Spradlin, 2 sons; Chad (Kristi) Spradlin and Jason (Tisa) Spradlin, 4 grandchildren; McKenzlie, Logan, Ella, and Gage, father-in-law, Frank Shikle, mother-in-law, Mary Shikle, and brothers-in-law Travis "Darren" Shikle and Delane Shikle. He is preceded in death by his parents. Joseph was born on August 22, 1962 and worked at Mitch Smith Chevrolet for the last 27 years as a Mechanic Tech. He enjoyed racing, fishing, and spending time with his family. Visitation will be Saturday, July 28, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Shelia Kim Lynette Hood, 56, of Double Springs, entered into rest on July 25, 2018 at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends. Mrs. Hood was born on March 6, 1962, in Haleyville. Shelia obtained her GED in 1983. She loved her boys, grandchildren, and siblings. She always put family before herself and was "Nanny Shelia" to all the kids. Shelia had a servant's heart and wanted the best for everybody and never sought to get even with anyone. She was a very trust worthy and reliable friend to the sick, especially her sister Paula. Shelia was thoughtful and compassionate to those who were hurting and loved God which was shown through all the things she did for others. She was the essence of love and was loved by everyone she encountered. She enjoyed fishing, growing flowers, and was a wonderful cook. She will be forever missed but never forgotten. Memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, 2018 at the home of Rodney and Gennie Garrison in Double Springs. Shelia is survived by her sons, Elijah Ace Pheonix, Kevin Ray Adair and his wife Tanya, Timothy Shawn Adair; father, Eugene Miller; brothers, Mike Miller, Joseph Frost Jr. and his wife Tammy; sisters, Paula Hill and her husband John, Josette Lyons, Gennie Garrison and her husband Rodney, and Mayrene Martin. She was "Nanny" to 7 grandchildren, Elisah Trace Pheonix, Maverick Jay-Lee Pheonix, David Morgan Jones, Brandon Terry Ray Adair, Annie Kaylee Adair, Aston Renee Adair, and Clayton Green. She was preceded in death by her mother, Geneva Frost; step father, Joseph Frost Sr.; step mother, Easter Miller; and niece, Lisa Flanagin.

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Arrest reports: July 23-26

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for July 23-26. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 23-25
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
July 23

Bagwell, Westley Lamar, 37
• violation of domestic protection order

Boda, David Lee, 45
• harassment

Gillott, Carthel Don, 72
• prohibited residence- residing with minor- SORNA

McClendon, Randy Jason, 37
• third-degree domestic violence- harassing communication

Mortensen, Eric Mark, 42
• FTA- DUI- any substance

Nelson, Jerry Michael, 35
• harassment

Ponder, Kimberly J., 51
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reynolds, David Jerry, 37
• attempting to elude
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• driving while revoked
• expired tag
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• reckless driving
• reckless endangerment
• running a stop sign
• second-degree bail jumping- trafficking in methamphetamine

Shelby, Christopher Coy, 30
• FTA- second-degree assault

Thomason, Corey Dale, 28
• menacing

July 24

Bagwell, Westley Lamar, 37
• FTA- DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Evans, Kimberly, 34
• first-degree attempted theft

Jones, Tammy Renee Smith, 48
• FTA- third-degree burglary

Kimbrough, Christian Taylor, 24
• public intoxication

Knight, Missy Louise, 27
• FTA- illegal possession or use of a credit or debit card (old charge)

Lancaster, Jordan Lee, 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia

McCurdy, James Eugene, 32
• first-degree attempted theft

Morick, Jeremy Logan, 24
• public intoxication

Wright, Windy Sunshine, 35
• probation violation- second-degree theft of property

July 25

Arrington, Sharon Diana, 45
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Gilley, Jason Darrell, 42
• contributing to truancy
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hausler, Michael Timothy, 52
• third-degree theft of lost property

Howard, Luther Earl, 52
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mann, Daniel Reece, 28
• FTA- trafficking illegal drugs

Marsh, Stacie Lynne, 32
• probation violation- third-degree forgery
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Thompson, Michelle Ann, 33
• DUI- .08 BAC or greater

Tidwell, Kimberly Ann, 42
• FTA- first-degree promoting prison contraband

Waters, Steven Andrew, 39
• failure to register/ establish SORNA

Wright, Windy Sunshine, 35
• probation violation- second-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
July 25

Campbell, Jessica A., 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Montgomery, Christopher E., 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Michael C., 26
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No report provided.

THURSDAY, JULY 26
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pennington, Tommy C., 56
• public intoxication

Stutts, Frank J., 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No report provided.

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

Imagination (from Front)

Christy Perry
Tribune Contributor

BAILEYTON – Kids will be headed back to school in less than weeks, and at Parkside School in Baileyton, the students will see some exciting new features. Parkside Principal Richard Orr and his faculty and staff have been busy creating a colorful and whimsical learning environment with the help of local artist Aaron Sullivan.

Orr explained, "We want to make the school exciting for our students. If the kids are excited about school, they will be more engaged and will be successful in learning, reading and all things academic."

The entrance of the school features the "S.S. Parkside" projecting from an ocean-themed mural with a breaching humpback whale, emperor penguins and bottlenose dolphins. The message for the students is: "Get on Board for Reading." The entrance project set of a wave, of sorts, which has now swept throughout the school.

The original ocean scene created by Sullivan led to teachers and staff envisioning other projects that could be done by the talented artist. Teachers were given the liberty to decorate their classrooms in various themes and the results are a wonderland of imagination and fun.

Danny Weaver's classroom has created quite a buzz. Sullivan recently finished transforming the entrance to Weaver's sports-themed classroom into the University of Alabama's Bryant-Denny Stadium.

Shared Sullivan, "I wanted to create the feeling a person would have as they walked into a football game."

He incorporated techniques that give the scene incredible depth and dimension. The new artwork is a huge win in the hearts of all Bama fans who have already seen a photo of the entrance on social media.

Other rooms in the school depict Main Street at Walt Disney World, Star Wars, Charlotte's Web, Science and Space. Horton Hears a Who and Cat in the Hat are currently in progress in the kindergarten/ first-grade hall.

The seventh- and eighth-grade hall is a journey into the Wizarding World of Harry Potter. The classrooms represent the four houses of Hogwarts. Sitting in Mrs. Jones' Slytherin-themed classroom, a student could easily imagine Professor Snape saying, "Turn to page 394." Mrs. Douglas' room represents Ravenclaw, with comfy sofas and decorative tables providing a wonderful environment for reading.

Continuing with the theme of Harry Potter, Orr has developed a program to bridge the gap that once existed between the first-grade students and their older peers.

He explained, "There was a disconnect between the different grades and halls and we wanted to find a way to bring everyone together."

The students are now put into one of seven houses with names derived from Haitian Creole. The current champion is Veti (virtue) House, which accumulated the most points given for participation, winning challenges or exhibiting exceptional character. Parkside has created a list of 20 rules for the students to follow, and those rules are the foundation of the reward points the houses earn. Orr is a proud member of Respe (respect) House. Respe was the champion last year and Orr is confident in its return to glory. Sounds like a challenge!

The atmosphere created to "generate an enthusiasm when kids come to school" has already helped elevate Parkside. Orr was overjoyed as the school was selected last spring as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and received a Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award.

The students' test score levels and teacher instruction are being recognized as among the best in the country.

Orr added, "We want to build from the current level of success and continue to improve."

There are six or seven more doorways to be painted and perhaps the students will soon have a Jordan-Hare Stadium. Sullivan is grateful for the opportunity to share his passion for art with so many people.

He laughed, "They keep me busy and I enjoy it. I would love to do this as a living one day."



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Local artist Aaron Sullivan stands in front of the "Bryant-Denny Stadium" he created at Parkside School.

Sullivan does murals, portraits, abstract concepts, animals and many forms of artwork.

Orr sayid of Sullivan's talent, "I am blown away all the time by what he creates."

Although he will be busy at Parkside for the next several weeks, Sullivan invites those interested in his work to reach out at www.facebook.com/aaron.sullivan.773.

Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN – Members of the Cullman Middle School (CMS) band met Wednesday for their third day of band camp. The band is preparing for its performances during the upcoming middle school football season.

CMS Band Director Linda Bean said her band does something a lot of middle schools do not.

"This is our seventh- and eighth-grade band, and these students are getting ready for marching season," said Bean.

"We play at the home middle school football games, we march in the fair parade, we play at the band exhibition and we do a joint performance with the high school band at homecoming. We're one of a few middle school bands that does go on the field and march; a lot of middle schools play in the stands."

The CMS band will have a different look on the field this year, thanks to Cullman High School.

"We have new uniforms, because our high school band, through the help of the community, raised funds with the band boosters and bought new uniforms and their old ones are passed on to us," Bean explained.

"So these are new to us and we're excited about seeing them on the field this year."

The CMS band promises a little Latin flavor from this year's show.

"It's going to be a Latin show. We're doing 'Smooth' by Santana, then 'Mambo,'" Bean said. "(Mambo) was actually arranged by one of our graduates, Tyler Jones; he is studying composition at the University of Alabama.

"He's a graduate assistant and he does a lot of arranging for the Million Dollar Band at the university and he arranged a song for us this year."

And how have the younger students been handling the summer heat?

"It's been terrific," said Bean. "It was a little hot today, but we've been very fortunate.

"The temps have been a little bit cooler than normal for years passed and we've had a nice breeze, so we're thankful."

Middle school marching band helps students who progress to high school band, said Bean.

"We attend the high school's (end of band camp performance) and they have an ice cream social and they'll meet and greet," Bean said.

"It helps our young students get to know our older students and it builds camaraderie and helps with the transition when they move up to the high school. So we try to do quite a few things together, like that, to just build a good bridge to help them move forward."

She continued, "Becoming a musician is something that takes years to perfect, so we start young and just build on it each year.

"It builds a very strong foundation for the future and in our community; we even try and show the kids that they can enjoy music beyond high school and college, by being a part of our community band. It's a lifetime endeavor, but we hope to enrich their lives forever, not just while they're in school."

Jenny Maclay, one of the older musicians helping with the camp, just returned from a performance abroad before assisting with the camp.

"I'm helping the woodwinds- clarinet, saxophone and flute," said Maclay. "I recently got back from Belgium and France.

"I performed in Ostend, on the coast of Belgium, for the International Clarinet Association Clarinet Fest. I'm from Huntsville originally."

Maclay has been helping the students with some of the basics to build a good foundation for them going forward.

"We've been working on breathing and posture, hand position, reading the right notes and playing the right fingerings. A lot of fundamentals that we're working on. It's been really fun, I think they've had a good time. I think they're a little tired now, but they're really good and they have a great attitude."

Cold Springs (from Front)

community. "I'd just like to thank our band boosters and our band parents and the community of Cold Springs for the great support that they've shown to the band this year and years past," said Johnson. "It's been great to have a community that is so supportive and helps the band out. I'm very grateful for the work and the encouragement that they give the kids every day."

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Holly Pond (from Front)

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HOLLY POND – Members of the Holly Pond High School (HPHS) Bronco Band met for their eighth day of band camp Wednesday at Holly Pond High School, where The Tribune stopped in to see what crowds can expect this fall.

HPHS Band Director Evan Curtis said the camp has been going well.

"We are at band camp day eight; it's been going really well," said Curtis, "We have been moving super-fast. Last week, we learned the entire show musically, which is something we have never done before."

Curtis continued, "The kids are just really motivated, they really love the music,", Curtis explained.

"So we're just really cruising along. They're very motivated, so that's really exciting."

This year's halftime show will feature some familiar tunes for many.

"The show is called 'Flash Back Friday,' and it's going to be just some oldies," Curtis said.

You're going to hear some Billy Joel, you'll hear some Beatles, you'll hear some Paul Simon and then you'll hear some Queen."

Curtis added, "I think it's going to be a lot of familiar tunes that (viewers are) going to enjoy," said Curtis.

"I think it's going to be a very familiar show and it's going to be very entertaining. I think everybody's going to love it."

The HPHS band may have reduced in size this year slightly, but Curtis still looks forward to a great year.

"We're just a tad smaller this year, but it's about the same size as last year," Curtis said.

"This will be my second year. I have a year under my belt now, so we're going to be even better this year."

After marching season concludes, parents and fans can look forward to even more performances by the HPHS band.

"Once we finish out marching band season, we'll go into concert band," said Curtis.

"So, we'll be getting ready for a Veterans Day program, we'll do a Christmas concert and we'll probably whip out the marching instruments again and do some Christmas parades."

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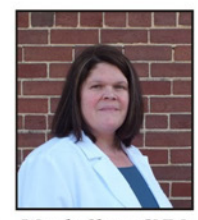

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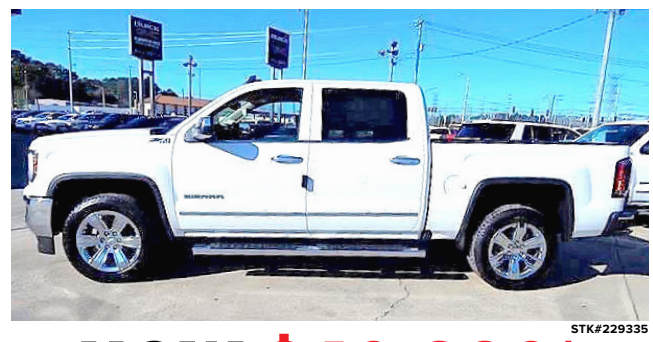
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