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Sisters give birth just 12 hours apart



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Courtney holding Reece, left, and Morgan holding Mia, right.

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(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Help Libby find her forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Libby

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CULLMAN – Donna Ruttkay introduces us to an extra Cullman County Animal Shelter Pet of the Week. On Tuesday, we met Spock, and today we meet his sister Libby. The siblings were dropped off together by family members after their owner passed away.

Libby is a one-year-old female Chihuahua mix. She's a medium energy pet, and could be a great companion/comfort dog. She enjoys getting outside to stretch her little legs in the grass. She cherishes human companionship, and is doing a good job to walk on her leash.

Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as special needs service dogs.

Libby's adoption fee is $90, which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, microchip, free 45-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life.

Contact the Cullman County Animal Shelter at 256-734-5448 or visit them at 935 Convent Road NE. Reach them by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

'STOP! GET BACK! NOW!'

Women's Self-Defense program helping women fight back against would-be attackers

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office held the second class of a two-part women's self-defense program Tuesday night. The first class was held Thursday, July 26, offering tips and information on how women can avoid being a soft target. By focusing on awareness and confidence, women can reduce the odds of being a victim. The second class focused on what a woman should do in a confrontational situation. Deputy Chad Whaley and Deputy Andy Wray, both certified in the Equalizer Program, demonstrated a variety of defensive and striking techniques.

Whaley began the class by reminding the ladies, "Making it home is always the goal!" Although the class focused on knowing how to best defend and fight back against an attacker, Whaley reminded the ladies, "Running is still a great option. Don't stay and fight if you can run to safety."

The goal in a threatening situation is to stack the odds in your favor by controlling as much as possible. Women can increase their chances of survival by being a hard target, prepared and progressive.

Whaley urged all women to get into the habit of developing a defensive stance. Law enforcement officers refer to this as the "interview stance." Standing with your legs shoulder-width apart with the dominant leg slightly behind better prepares a person for unexpected situations. Whaley also recommended to not stand with your hands in your pockets or behind your back, adding "you want your hands in front of you. By standing with your legs in the interview stance and hands in front of the body, your ability to react is greater."

Use your voice! Both Whaley and Wray stressed that the best weapon women have is their voice and to use it. Wray's advice, "Get loud, cause a scene, and draw attention to the situation. If you are in Wal-Mart and a man threatens you or violates your space don't be embarrassed to cause a scene. Do what you have to do to make sure you go home safe."

Whaley recommended shouting, "STOP! GET BACK! NOW!" These commands communicate a clear and concise message with no room for misinterpretation.

The next phase of the class introduced a variety of punches women should learn and practice to inflict the most damage on the bad guy.

The five strikes are
- hammer punch
- open hand palm
- elbow strikes
- upward elbow strikes
- head strike.

The women practiced a 10-point sequence to learn the different strikes. These strikes in tandem with correct body position utilize a person's core strength to increase the impact of the punches. Participants were encouraged to practice the sequence often to develop muscle memory.

Deputy Wray covered the do's and don'ts of proper footwork. Maintaining balance is crucial. The women were shown some exercises they could easily do at home to develop proper and effective footwork needed during a physical confrontation.

Last, women were shown the best ways to cover themselves from strikes or punches by an attacker. These blocks or covers focused on protecting the face, neck areas, and chest.

Whaley and Wray provided a wealth of additional information and advice. Whaley hopes to conduct level 3 and 4 classes in late August or September. They will also hold additional level 1 and 2 classes in August. All women are encouraged to attend. The classes are free.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Whaley and Wray demonstrate the proper technique for a head strike.

For information on upcoming classes, visit the Cullman County Sheriff's Office Facebook page www.facebook.com/cullman.sheriff/.

Any questions about classes can be emailed to bwilliams@cullmansheriff.org.

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Former County Commission Chairman James Graves pleads guilty to sexual abuse

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CULLMAN – On Tuesday morning, as jury selection was supposed to be getting underway, former Cullman County Commission Chairman James Graves prevented a trial by pleading guilty to sexual abuse in exchange for probation. According to sources in the Courthouse, Graves admitted to teaching a minor to masturbate.

Graves was arrested on May 10, 2017, for the sexual abuse of a minor.

A statement issued by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) at that time said the victim came forward after the last incident took place, in which the suspect forced the victim to perform a sexual act.

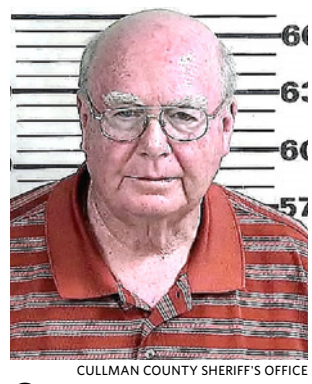
When Graves was interviewed by investigators, he allegedly confirmed the allegations were true.

The CCSO said that following that interview, "there was no doubt a sexual crime had been committed by the suspect."

Despite that, Graves initially entered a plea of Not Guilty.

Graves was also later arrested on a separate charge of Witness Tampering.

He later changed his plea in the abuse case to Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect, but just last Friday changed the plea back to Not Guilty.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Graves

Under Alabama law, Graves will be required to register as a sex offender.

Gov. Ivey awards Community Development Block Grant to extend sewer service for new business in Good Hope

Russell Sellers
Contributor

MONTGOMERY – Gov. Kay Ivey has awarded a $200,000 Community Development Block Grant to the city of Good Hope to assist in extending sewer service to a new business that will create 25 jobs.

The city will use grant funds to extend sewer service to AGCOR Steel, which is building a new 128,000-square-foot facility on 46 acres along Industrial Park Road on the eastern edge of the city. The city will install 3,600 feet of sewer force mains and 1,000 feet of gravity sewer mains and a new lift station.

"Working with communities to create new job opportunities is vital to the success of Alabama's economy," Ivey said. "I am pleased to award this grant which is a first step in helping Good Hope and AGCOR generate new jobs and new business within the community."

AGCOR produces metal roofing products, post frame buildings and steel buildings.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grant from funds made available to the state by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"Gov. Ivey and I are committed to bringing more jobs to Alabama, and the Community Development Block Grant program plays a key role in providing the infrastructure necessary for a business to locate or expand in our state," ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell said.

"ADECA's partnerships with cities like Good Hope are key in making a better economic future for the state."

ADECA administers an array of programs that support law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, water resource management and recreation development.

Ivey notified Good Hope Mayor Jerry Bartlett the grant had been approved. The town is contributing $40,000 in matching funds to complete the project.

Cullman Regional Welcomes Urologist Erik Wallin, MD, to Medical Staff

Lindsey Dossey
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – Cullman Regional welcomes Urologist Erik Wallin, MD, to the Cullman Regional Medical Staff. Dr. Wallin is a robotic-trained, board eligible urologist. He is a graduate of Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio and completed Medical School at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. He completed his post-doctoral training at The University of Alabama at Birmingham's Department of Urology where he was a member of the UAB Urology Residency Review Committee. Dr. Wallin is most passionate about working one-on-one with his patients to help resolve their urologic issues and improve their overall quality of life.

"I am excited to join the team at Cullman Regional and to offer an expansion in urology services for the community," Dr. Wallin said. "My goal is to provide high-quality care for a wide variety of urologic conditions in order to allow patients in our community to receive their urologic care without the need to travel." Dr. Wallin is a native of Northeast Ohio. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors with his golden retriever, Joey and his beagle-shepherd, Sally.

Dr. Wallin is currently accepting new patients and has joined the practice of Cullman Regional Urology Clinic, located at 1800 AL Hwy 157, Professional Office Building 3, Suite 201. Schedule an appointment with Dr. Wallin by calling the Cullman Regional Physician Referral line at (256) 735-5600 and asking to connect to Dr. Wallin. For more information about Dr. Wallin or services provided by Cullman Regional, visit online at www.cullmanregional.com.

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

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.

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First responders Bible study

August 17 / 2:00 heritage park at the playground pavilion

Ryan Whisenhunt will be leading us in devotion

Jordan Canaday will be leading worship.

As a first responder we give constantly, some days we just need to be still!

No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent; He has given His angels orders about you to guard you wherever you go. -Psalm 91:10-11

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Arrest report: July 30-31

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for July 30-31. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

JULY 30
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Arrest report not made available by CCSO.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Barfield, Marcus S., 37
- Possession drug paraphernalia
- Obstruction/using false identification

Marsh, Stacie L., 32
- FTA – Possession drug paraphernalia
- FTA – Switched tag

Monroe, Mitchell R., 39
- FTA – Theft of property – 4th degree
- FTA – Possession drug paraphernalia

Guillot III, Norris J., 44
- FTA – Resisting arrest
- FTA – Improper lane usage
- FTA – Driving without license
- FTA – Insurance violation

Duncan, Will J., 25
- FTA – Theft of property – 3rd degree
- FTA – False information to law enforcement
- FTA – Domestic violence – 3rd degree

JULY 31
CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Screws, Michael A., 34
- Unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance

Culwell, Joshua K., 34
- Theft of property – 4th degree

McMichael, Jarrod M., 25
- FTA – Public intoxication

Steele, Jacob W., 28
- FTA – Unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree
- FTA – Possession of drug paraphernalia – 3 counts
- FTA – Expired tag
- FTA – Driving while suspended

Cunningham, Tonya F., 41
- Unlawful distribution of controlled substance
- Unlawful possession/receiving controlled substance
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd degree

Lovelace, Robert G., 50
- Unlawful possession of controlled substance
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Unlawful possession of marijuana – 2nd

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrest report not made available by HPD.

Sisters (from Front)

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – Sisters Morgan Bailey and Courtney Carpentier have always been very close. Last December when the sisters learned they were both expecting, they shared their great news with family at Christmas. Later in the Spring, they had a joint gender reveal party. What happened next, they had NOT planned.

Courtney, the older sister by 21 months, was scheduled to be admitted to Cullman Regional at 4 a.m. on July 30. Younger sister Morgan agreed to watch her sister's 4-year-old son, Tanner, so Courtney's husband could be at the birth. That plan fell through when Morgan started having strong contractions and was admitted on Sunday night (June 29).

By 4 o'clock Monday morning, both sisters were next door to each other in the maternity center.

The family members frantically kept each sister updated.

Their father, Randy Bailey laughs, "It did seem like the girls were racing each other. I did the best I could and just went with the flow and let nature do its thing. Two healthy babies are what we wanted."

Courtney recalls, "I didn't want to have my baby until I knew Morgan had hers and I knew everything was good."

At 11:42 a.m. Morgan Bailey and Anthony Mullet welcomed their daughter Mia Lynn Mullet; a beautiful healthy baby weighing 8 lbs. 4 oz. and measuring 21.5 inches. Mia is the first baby girl for the family in over 12 years.

Next, Courtney and Will Carpentier welcomed Reece Harold Carpentier at 12:43 p.m. Baby Reece, a healthy baby boy, weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 21.75 in. Reece's middle name, Harold, was in honor of the sisters' maternal grandfather.

Debra Freeman, the babies' great-grandmother laughed, "I went to bed with the one great-grandbaby, Tanner, and expected to wake up with two. Nope, I still had one so I went to work. Not long after that, the texts started coming in and all I could do was laugh. By early afternoon I had 3 great-grandchildren." Debra admitted, "I will likely spoil both but especially Mia since she's the first girl in a long time."

Courtney and Morgan loved being able to share such an important day. Morgan was a bit scared as a first-time mom explaining, "I'm glad I get to share the day with my sister. I don't know if I could do this by myself."

The sisters' mother, Hollie Taylor, went home to get some rest after the exciting day of running from room to room. Anthony's mom was also next door getting some much-needed rest when the Tribune stopped in to meet the new arrivals.

Both young families will be headed home to Fairview in the next day or two. As for Reece and Mia, the story of their arrivals will be one that no one will ever forget.



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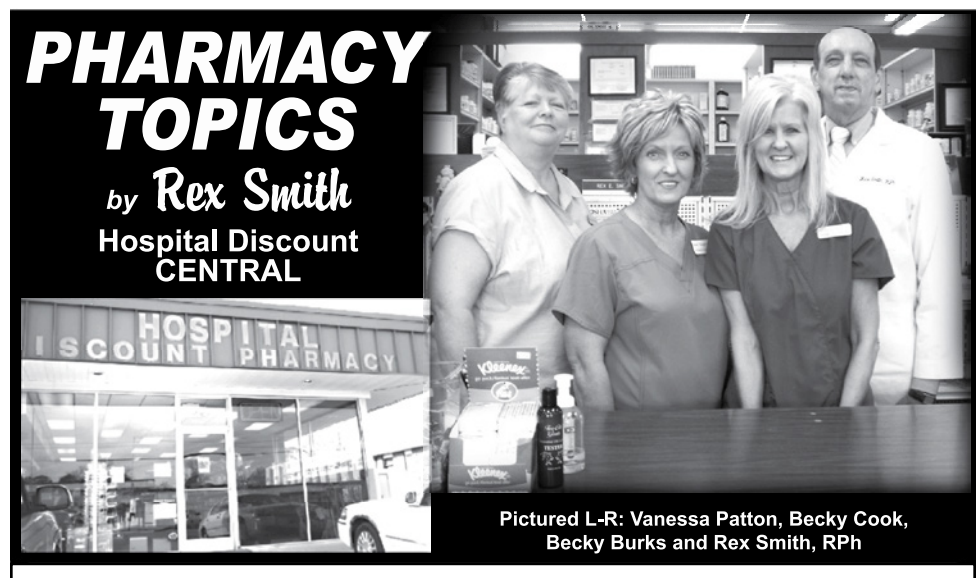
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A new study published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* provides additional support for treatment with vaginal progesterone to reduce the risk of preterm birth, neonatal complications and infant death in pregnant women with a short cervix. A shortened cervix is the most powerful predictor of preterm births.

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The long-term use of proton pump inhibitors (PPIs), a class of drugs commonly used to treat acid reflux, is linked to a more than doubling in the risk of developing stomach cancer, finds research published online in the journal *Gut*. And the longer PPIs were used, the greater was the risk of developing stomach cancer, rising to 5-fold after more than a year, to more than 6-fold after two or more years and to more than 8-fold after three or more years.

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Hot flashes (including night sweats) occur in up to 75 percent to 80 percent of all women in the United States, with some of them considered debilitating and lasting for many years after the end of menstrual cycles. Despite the fact that hormone therapy has proven to be the most effective treatment for hot flashes and other bothersome menopause symptoms, women and their health care providers still question their safety, which has led to a decreased number of prescriptions and usage of hormones. A new study presented at the The North American Menopause Society (NAMS) Annual Meeting demonstrates, however, that women remain skeptical regarding the safety of hormone therapy and prefer less proven options. The survey showed that participants were significantly less willing to use hormones for hot flashes and instead used exercise, diet, herbal supplements, acupuncture or medication. This was despite the fact that the benefits go beyond the relief of hot flashes and include improvement in night sweats, sleep disruption, prevention of bone loss and fewer heart events.

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Cullman Regional Offering FREE Peripheral Artery Disease Community Screenings on August 9 and September 7

Mary Beth Sellers
Cullman Regional

CULLMAN – In recognition of Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Awareness Month, Cullman Regional is hosting free PAD community screenings on Thursday, August 9 and Friday, September 7 at Cullman Regional.

According to the American Heart Association, PAD affects about 8.5 million Americans, becoming more common as we age. PAD is a problem that causes poor blood flow to the arms, legs or feet. Cullman Regional's screenings offer opportunities to check your risk for PAD and more.

Screenings include the following for all participants at no charge:

- Lipid Panel
- Body Mass Index
- E K G (Electrocardiogram)
- Blood Pressure
- ABI Screening
- Bone Density Screening

"The goal of these screenings is to help community members identify any potential risk factors they may have in order to reduce their risk for peripheral artery disease," said Lindsey Dossey, Vice President Marketing & Community Outreach. "We want to help our community catch potential risks and get them under control before it becomes an emergency."

Do you suffer from leg pain that improves with rest? Do you have high blood pressure? Do you smoke? Do you have a family member with PAD? If so, you could be at risk. Call to schedule your appointment TODAY! Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To register, call (256) 735-5600 or register online at www.cullmanregional.com.

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Wallace State student Cameron Reed soaking up summer internships with governor's office, Tennessee Titans

Russell Moore
Wallace State

HANCEVILLE – From state government to professional football — Cameron Reed's summer has been quite the learning experience.

Reed, an upcoming sophomore at Wallace State, began his summer interning in Montgomery with the governor's office, and he's now fulfilling an equipment staff internship with the Tennessee Titans in Nashville.

"They're two totally opposite internships," Reed said. "I've been fortunate enough to earn experiences that should help me in the long run, no matter where my journey takes me. I'm confident all of this will help me down the road."

Reed is the student manager for Wallace State's baseball team, and as this summer is proving, the 20-year-old isn't reluctant to try new things or step out of a comfort zone.

That's how Reed enrolled at Wallace State. Upon graduating high school at Lanett in Chambers County, Reed thought he already had his career path planned out, and it didn't involve politics or sports.

Back home, Reed has worked and moved up the ladder over the years at Vines Funeral Home in LaFayette and has also assisted at Davenport and Harris Funeral Home in Birmingham.

"I knew I wanted to enroll at the community college level because at the time I was strictly focused on earning a two-year degree and going to back to work at the funeral home because I love it so much," Reed said.

Reed's decision to attend college three hours from home was spearheaded by a Google search.

"I typed in best community colleges in Alabama and Wallace State pulled up. That's exactly what happened and all I needed to know. I told my mom I was going to get in touch with a coach to see if I could become a manager while I was at college, and coach (Randy) Putman gave me an opportunity," Reed said. "The next thing you know I had chances to be a manager at a couple of four-year colleges, but I stayed loyal to Wallace State. I'm glad I did. I made a great decision."

Reed served as the manager on Wallace State's 2018 baseball team that went 48-10 and won the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC) North Division championship.

Reed began this summer in Montgomery, serving as an intern in Governor Kay Ivey's office. Reed's primary duties were to document and manage the governor's daily travel log along with managing other documentation from governmental agencies at the Capitol.

When Reed was back home in Lanett earlier this year, a personal friend and mentor encouraged him to apply for the internship, and Reed was honored to earn it.

"I wasn't expecting to get it. After all, it's the governor's office. I got a reply back from her chief of staff's office saying I had been chosen, and I was very fortunate to serve," Reed said.

"We came in each morning and there were piles of papers on my desk to sort through. One of my jobs was to make sure every penny was accounted for."

Reed left the governor's office with great admiration.

"It introduced me to how every detail is important. It's no joke. I appreciated the chance to work with great people and all that is accomplished there," Reed said.

Reed's contacts don't end within the political spectrum.

Reed snagged his current Titans' internship based off a suggestion from a friend working with UAB's equipment staff, who is now working at the University of Georgia. Reed also assisted at an Auburn football camp prior to his internship in Montgomery.

"I've already been introduced to a lot of people in the equipment world because it's another thing I see myself pursuing after I leave Wallace State. I plan to go to Auburn and join their equipment staff, so I know this Titans' opportunity will prepare me for that. This is something I definitely wanted to do," Reed said.

Reed's internship with the Titans allows him to learn and work during the team's training camp in preparation for the 2018 season. He'll even get to attend and work a couple of preseason games in August.

No matter the challenge this summer, Reed believes he's been well-prepared after already serving as Wallace State's baseball manager for a year.

"I've learned how to maintain discipline and focus from coach Putman, and I realize it's a job you have to complete. At Wallace State, coach Putman teaches you how to do something and expects you to do it the right way. I'm taking those lessons with me to the Titans. You definitely have to be focused and disciplined in the equipment world," Reed said.

No matter the career path Reed ultimately decides to take, Putman knows his manager will be successful.

"Cam is a reliable young man, he is conscientious and knows what it takes to be successful — whether it's academics or interning in Montgomery. I'm proud of all he's doing this summer, and I know it's helping his future," Putman said.

Reed is appreciative of all the opportunities he's been given this summer.

"I'm getting a broad view of many things and as time goes on, I believe I'll get a clearer idea of my future. I ask myself a lot if I want to be in sports, politics or in business like the funeral home. I guess it's a good problem to have," Reed said.



WALLACE STATE

Cameron Reed, left, is pictured with Alabama Governor Kay Ivey during his internship in Montgomery.







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Cullman City Council Honors EMA Director Phyllis Little and Retiring Museum Director Elaine Fuller

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council took time from resolutions and ordinances to recognize two long-time local officials. Council Public Safety Committee Chairman Andy Page, accompanied by Assistant Police Chief Craig Montgomery and Fire Chief Brian Bradberry, led the Council in recognizing Cullman County EMA Director Phyllis Little for her recent reception of the Alabama Association of Emergency Managers' Pat Neuhauser Spirit of Emergency Management Award.

Chief Montgomery said, "Phyllis not only is a friend of mine, she is an integral part of this community. She pours her life blood into EMA.

"She is down there countless hours that you folks don't know about. And it's not just emergencies; for instance, Rock the South: if it was not for her, I'm not sure we could have pulled it off. So, she is a super cog in this community."

Chief Bradberry added, "Everywhere I go in the state, every chief I meet, they're always envious of our relationship with EMA. And her leadership has been outstanding.

"She's been a huge part of pre-planning big events in our city. Again, always been a friend to us. If we have a big incident going on, we want to see her there."

Page presented Little a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Council.

Mayor Woody Jacobs led the Council in recognizing outgoing County Museum Director Elaine Fuller on her retirement after 31 years of service to the city and county, saying:

"Elaine's been instrumental in many things in the city: Strawberry Festival, Oktoberfest; not just the museum. She's involved in Olympics--that's just some of the major ones. And she loves Cullman; that's what really matters."

"Throughout her career with the museum, she has overseen the collections, educational programs, recreational events of the museum with professionalism; and her leadership has contributed substantially to the success and growth of the museum."

New Museum Director named

While he was recognizing Fuller on her retirement, Mayor Jacobs also took a moment to introduce current museum staffer Drew Green as the new Director.

Council President Garlan Gudger took a moment on his own to recognize Wastewater Treatment Plant Director Jeff Adams for his handling of recent issues at the plant.

City financial report

Council President Pro Tem and General Government Committee Chair Jenny Folsom brought the financial report for the first three quarters of FY2018, indicating that $27,242,617 in revenues represented a 9.54 percent increase over the same time last year. During the same time, expenses increased by only 1.08 percent.

She also noted a slight rise in the county's unemployment rate to 4.2 percent, but still the second lowest in the state.

When the floor was opened to comments from anyone not on the agenda, recent Council meeting regulars from Heritage Village returned to commend City Clerk Wesley Moore and others for coming to the subdivision to see the situation for themselves, but also to complain about a recent city order to remove sheds from the city's utility easement between house rows.

Moore assured the residents that the city was preparing to take action on the drainage issues they found during their inspections, and Gudger assured them that the Council is listening and trying to find ways to help.

The Council approved four special event requests

- from Lynsey Todd of Monograms Plus for a special event permit to hold the Sidewalk/Street Sale on September 7th-8th, 2018 on First Avenue NE in the Cullman Warehouse District.
- from Lynsey Todd of Monograms Plus for a special event permit to hold the annual Christmas Open House on November 9th-11th, 2018 on First Avenue NE in the Cullman Warehouse District.
- from Michael Sapp of the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association, Inc. for a special event permit to hold the annual Celebrate Cullman Downtown Festival on August 10th, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The event will take place on 1st Ave. SE from Hwy 278 to 5th St. SE, on 4th St. SE and 5th St. SE, and on 1st Ave. SW from Hwy 278 to 3rd St. SW.
- from Sue Turner of the Cullman Life Chain for a special event permit to hold the 15th Annual Life Chain on the sidewalks around the Cullman County Courthouse on October 20th, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is a silent prayer, pro-life event.

The Council passed one ordinance

- to vacate and surplus city-owned property located at 1638 Brantley Avenue NW, which is no longer needed for public or municipal purposes, to the City of Cullman Industrial Development Board.

The Council passed three resolutions

- to award the bid for roof replacement at Cullman Fire Station No. 2 to the lowest responsible bidder, Willoughby Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., in the amount not to exceed $120,900.00.
- to amend position control detail for the City of Cullman, Alabama.
- to convey the parcels necessary for the right-of-ways for the replacement and construction of Eva Road Bridge.



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Left: Elaine Fuller; Right: EMA Director Phyllis Little

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Obituary Announcements: Aug. 2 - 4

Guy Lee McNutt, 84, of Haleyville, went to be with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday, July 30, 2018 at his home surrounded by his loving wife and son. Mr. McNutt was born on January 17, 1934, in Haleyville. Guy served in the United States Army for 2 years and the United States National Guard for 8 years. He was a member of Faith Teaching Center for 10 years and a former member of Beech Grove Baptist Church. Guy was a 1952 graduate of Haleyville High School and was given the nickname "Cross-cut McNutt" by his football teammates. He was inducted into the Winston County Sports Hall of Fame in 2012. He was a carpenter by trade and a member of Jack's Men's Breakfast Club. Guy enjoyed collecting antiques, old bottles and relics, marbles, and going to flea markets. He loved his God, all of his family, and his country. Guy's favorite Bible scripture comes from Isaiah 40:31. 31 "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Gary Wakefield will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. Guy is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Myrna McCord McNutt; son, Gary McNutt and his wife Mitzi; brother, Wayne McNutt; brother in law, Travis McCord and his wife Jean; sister in laws, Glenda Lindeburg and her husband Myles, Lynn Payne and her husband Tim; and a host of nieces and nephews who held a very special place in his heart. He was preceded in death by his infant child; father, Jack McNutt; mother, Elnora McNutt; step mother, Earline McNutt; brother, Paul McNutt; grandparents, W.W. and Martha McNutt, Oliver and Mamie Ezekiel; sister in laws, Beth McNutt, Paula McNutt, and Doreen McCord. Family request in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

Funeral Services for Dalton "Buck" Pigg will be on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Lake officiating. Interment in Sardis # 2 Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation will be on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Mr. Pigg was born on May 5, 1934 to John Calvin and Audie Pigg, He passed away on July 30, 2018 at the age of 84. He was preceded in death by Barbara Oatman Pigg, his wife of 50 years and the love of his life, his parents and son, Gregory Pigg. He is survived by his daughter, Deborah (Jeff) Clemons, grandson, Justin (Kayla) Howse, brothers, Cecil Pigg and Wendell Pigg, and a host of nieces and nephews. The family would like to give special thanks to caregivers Maria Wood, Virginia Pope, Joette Jones, and Kindred Hospice.

Funeral Mass for Thomas Colton Teeling II, 43 of Vinemont, will be Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Father Patrick Egan officiating. Interment will be in Flint Creek Cemetery with military honors. Mr. Teeling was born February 27, 1975 to Noel and Catherine Teeling. He was a mechanic and a retired Sergeant in the US Army. He is preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife Amy Teeling, his mother Catherine Teeling, a brother Nicholas Teeling and two sisters Nicole Teeling and Natalie Simmons.

Funeral service for Kathryn Calvert, 79 of Crane Hill, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 3, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Leon Mauldin officiating; burial at Good Hope Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Calvert passed away on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at Woodland Village Health Care. She was born August 13, 1938, to the late Wallace and Minne Hathcock. She is preceded in death by her husband, Cleon Calvert, her parents, sisters, Vivian (Charles) Nash and Mary Lee (Bobby) Huffstutler, and a brother, Fred Hathcock. Survivors include her daughter, Kathy (Tim) White, son, Howard (Patricia) Calvert, grandchildren, Wallace Calvert, Cody (Elizabeth) Calvert, Clint (Heather) White, Chad White, great grandchildren Amber Calvert and Ally White, brother, Rayburn (Anne) Hathcock, and sister-in-law, Mary Hathcock. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mrs. Audelia Garcia Trujillo, 47 of Cullman, will be Friday, August 3, 2018 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Visitation on Thursday at the church beginning at 6:30 p.m. A rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Trujillo passed away on Tuesday, July 31, 2018. She is survived by her husband, Salvador Ignacio Gonzalez; parents, Francisco and Consuelo Garcia; daughters, Juana Gonzalez, Maria Gonzalez, Rosy Gonzalez and Xitlali Garcia; grandchild, Maite Guadalupe Zarco and siblings, Francisco Garcia, Lidia Garcia, Ester Garcia, Maria Trinidad Garcia, Juana Garcia and Ma De La Luz Garcia.

Funeral service for Donnie Hyatt, 78 of Eva, will be Friday, August 3, at 5 p.m., at Bethel United Methodist Church with burial in the adjoining cemetery. He will lie in state from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. Nicky James and Scott Clark officiating. Mr. Hyatt passed away Tuesday, July 31 at his residence. He was born June 4, 1940 to William Grady and Rosa Isabelle Hyatt. He is preceded in death by his parents, his siblings Marlon Hyatt and Glory Jean. He is survived by his wife, Myra Hyatt, sons Brandon (Alyson) Hyatt, Arron (Meranda) Hyatt and Marcus (Sharayha) Hyatt, grandchildren, Brody, Amber, Conner, Lilly, and Grady, sisters, Mavis Lott and Pat Morrow. Visitation will be Thursday, August 2, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Hugo Hamil Umphrey, 79 of Tecumseh, Michigan passed away early the morning of Monday, July 30, 2018 at Cambrian Memory Care in Tecumseh, under the care of Great Lakes Hospice. Born, September 19, 1938 in Decatur, AL, he was the son of the late Hugo Chambley and Ila Mae (Holland) Umphrey. He was a 1957 graduate of Highland Park High School. He proudly enlisted in the Army immediately following high school and was trained at Fort Benning, GA as a part of a signal battalion. He was also stationed in Germany during peace time. In 1964, he began his employment with General Motors as an assembly line worker and eventually applied and was accepted into the apprentice program for skilled trades as a Tinsmith. While working full time and raising his family, he earned his Associate's degree from Henry Ford Community College. On July 1, 2004 after 40 years of service, he retired from the General Motors Plant in Romulus, MI. Hugo enjoyed gardening, fishing, spending time with his family, and had a true love of the outdoors. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Tecumseh. Hugo was a lifelong student of the Bible. He enjoyed listening to and following famous preachers. Hugo was especially fond of the Rev. Billy Graham and Dr. David Jeremiah, just to name a few. He is survived by his three children, Julie (Umphrey) Gorman, Derrick Umphrey, and Nathan Umphrey, six grandchildren, Amy Rochowaik, Melanie Rochowiak, Zach Rochowiak, Lauren Umphrey, Joshua Umphrey, and Nicole Umphrey; and one great-grandchild, Myles Williams. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene James Umphrey of St. Joseph, Missouri in 2015. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Hebron Church of Christ in Joppa. Visitation at Cullman Funeral Home on Friday, August 3, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the church. Hugo will be laid to rest with his family in the Hebron Church of Christ Cemetery. The family suggests that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Shults-Lewis Child & Family Services.

Rachel Wells Hofues Armstrong, 49, of Haleyville, entered into rest on July 31, 2018 at Huntsville Hospital. Mrs. Armstrong was born on January 1, 1969, in Huntsville. Family will receive friends on Saturday, August 4, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Burial in Behel Family Cemetery in Haleyville. Complete obituary will be announced Thursday afternoon. In honor of Rachel, the family request in lieu of flowers, please make donations to: Rachel Armstrong Memorial Fund, 2001 20th Street, Haleyville, Alabama 35565. These funds will be used for a scholarship and/or to assist needs of students in Special Education.

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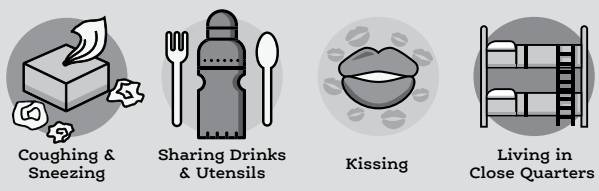
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STATE OF ALABAMA — IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: PC2018-108

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF: JAMES STEWART, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP

TO: ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN PERSON, WHO MIGHT BE THE NEXT OF KIN OF THE ABOVE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on **the 23RD day of OCTOBER, 2018 AT 9:00 am** in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition for Guardianship filed in said Court by Hanceville Nursing Home, Petitioner. That any objection to the Petition for Guardianship should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing at 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

Dated this 30th day of JULY, 2018.

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for three (3) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

OF COUNSEL:
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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

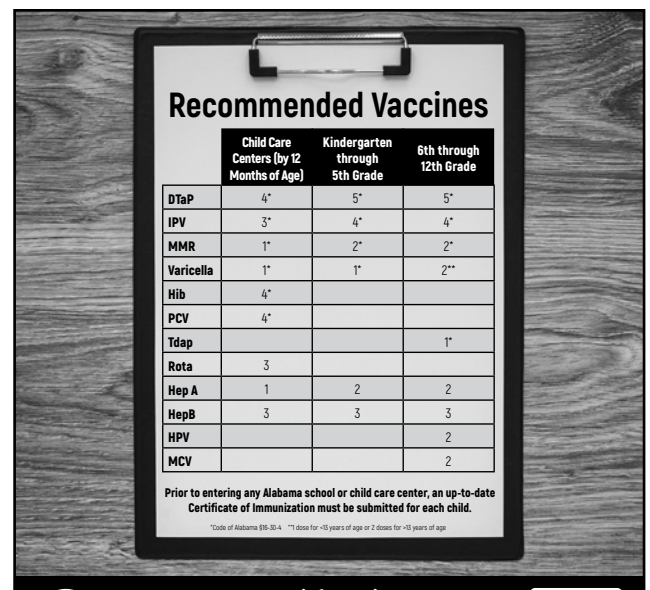
Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on September 22, 2015 by Donnie R. Weaver and spouse Cara L. Weaver, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1771, Page 27 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on August 17, 2018:

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ROBIN HOLLY PITTS
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: DR-2018-900171.00

JASON ERIC GRISSOM
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

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

Done this the 12th day of July, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Andria S. Richter
300 First Av SE
Cullman, AL 35055

STATE OF ALABAMA — IN THE PROBATE COURT
CULLMAN COUNTY — CASE NO: PC2018-167

IN RE: FRANCES HORTON, AN ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

TO: **JANET WILLIS, BIOLOGICAL DAUGHTER, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN AND KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT OF KIN**

Please take notice that the Probate Court of Cullman County shall hold a hearing on the above matter on **the 23RD day of OCTOBER, 2018 AT 9:30 am** in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, for the Petition for Guardianship and Conservatorship filed in said Court by Hanceville Nursing Home, Petitioner. That any objection to the Petition for Guardianship and Conservatorship should be known in writing and filed with this Court before the day and time of said hearing at 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

Dated this 30th day of JULY, 2018.

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Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF

AVA COLLUM

A minor child — CASE NO.: JU-2015-496.03

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

BENJAMIN COLLUM, whose whereabouts are unknown, must answer the Verified Petition to Terminate Parental Rights filed by Brittani Howard and/or other relief by 30th August 2018, or, thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against him in regard to case number **JU-2015-496.03**, Juvenile Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 18 day of July, 2018.

CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
JOSH M. O'NEAL
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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF

AVA COLLUM

A minor child — CASE NO.: JU-2015-496.03

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication supported by the Affidavit of Chris Lang, stating that the father of the minor child's whereabouts are unknown for service; and it appearing that the Petitioner has filed a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights of said minor child, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the father of the minor child, BENJAMIN COLLUM, respond to the Petition by the 30th day of August, 2018, or thereafter a judgement may be rendered against said BENJAMIN COLLUM.

It is further ORDERED that notice of this Order shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in *THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE*, a newspaper of general circulation in Cullman County, Alabama.

Done this the 16th day of July, 2018.

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Foreign farmers visit Cullman County

Loretta Gillespie
Tribune Correspondent



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Jeremy Calvert offers advice to visitors from Australia and the Netherlands on growing no-till crops

CULLMAN – Earlier this month a group of select visitors came to Cullman County as part of an entourage of Nuffield Scholars, a program which enables farmers from other parts of the world to visit America in search of more efficient farming practices.

One of the visitors, a farmer by the name of Robert Nijkamp, who comes from the Netherlands, grows broilers and dairy cows on a family farm. After obtaining his bachelor's degree in Modern Animal Husbandry, Robert worked as a sales and nutrition manager for a feed production company, specifically for pigs and poultry. Due to his relationship with the University of Wageningen, he was also involved in developing the 'Windstreek' poultry house. "Windstreek is a housing system for broilers which is a big step forward in sustainability, energy reduction, and improvements in animal welfare as well as emission reductions, like odor," he explained.

From information gained on his trip to America, where the visitors were hosted in several states, Robert intends to focus his research on the usage of data available on his farm, together with blockchain technology, in order to make the connection between farmers and consumers.

This will help in making the broiler meat chain more flexible for farmers, as well as supporting the decision-making process for farm and poultry house management,' he explained.

Andre Henry from Kerang in Victoria, Australia, receives a Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Australian Processing Tomato Growers and the inaugural Nuffield Australia Alumni Scholarship, which in 2018, is entitled the, 'Max Jelbart Scholarship'.

Henry will investigate alternative uses for crop residues, focusing particularly on engineering and potential practices on farm implementations.

He runs Glencoe Farms Australia, a marketing and retail business selling fresh produce and manufactured products from his family's operation which includes tomatoes, wheat, barley, canola, and clover for hay and seed production.

He currently attends eleven farmer's markets per month in addition to supplying 25 independent retailers, serves online sales and is commencing distribution of products into New South Wales.

The group, as well as the local farmers, found that they face some of the same issues.

"Australian tomato growers are facing continually increasing wage and energy costs and the industry is already exploring alternative measures to try and maximize the on-farm returns through yield, for example, injecting supersaturated oxygen into irrigation water to reduce root zone hypoxia," Henry explained.

He hopes to take a broader look at what producers are doing around the world to utilize waste and determine if there is an option that may work successfully.

For the first leg of their local tour the group met with American farmers, Jeremy and Julie Calvert, Arnold Caylor, and Stan and Suzanne Wood, who were impressed with the knowledge shared by the visiting group. Calvert's tomato crops are done in the no-till method, as are about ten acres of pumpkins. This method helps with erosion as well as saving the beneficial bacteria in the soil.

The visitors were eager to learn this method of farming as opposed to tilling each crop. It also cuts down on the work.

The Wood's have an extensive timber farm, Riverwood Farm, as well as land for corporate game preserve in the fall months.

Caylor demonstrated how the ground is covered with black material similar to landscaping fabric. Holes are cut in an X shape so that young plants can be inserted. "Then the rows are covered with wheat straw to further prevent weeds," said Caylor.

Calvert explained how staking the plants with rebar, although more in initial expenses, can save a whole row in the event of a high wind. "Wooden stakes tend to rot at ground level," Calvert pointed out, "These metal ones will never have to be replaced. "

Stuart McDonald from Canowindra, NSW received a Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation. McDonald will research how continuous grain cropping with the aid of livestock can be sustained in a high rainfall environment and chose this topic as there has been little research done on continuous cropping in his local area.

He believes that utilizing winter grazing crops for livestock feed can enhance soil mineral and nitrogen uptake in subsequent crops.

Lunch was hosted by the Wood's at their exclusive pavilion. The meal, a scrumptious low country shrimp boil, was provided the Cullman Farmer's Federation, and prepared by the local Cullman County Extension Office and the Blount County Extension Office.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal in the beautifully appointed lodge. A tour of the extensive farm was given by owner, Stan Wood.

In the afternoon the group visited the breeding bull and heifer operation, Debter Hereford Farm, owned by Glenn and son, Perry, along with grandson John Ross and his wife Rebecca.

They also visited the Miller Farm, where hosts Lance and Stephanie Miller with Uncle Jimmy and Aunt Nell Miller, gave them a tour of their Southern peanut farming operation.

The following day was also packed with informative visits to these local farms; Pleasantview Farms/ Casey Smith and Cody Smith. The Haynes Farm hosted by Ben, Darrell, and Bart Haynes.

The group stopped for lunch at the Brandin' Iron Steakhouse in the Fairview Community. They were welcomed by guest speaker Travis Kress, a local strawberry farmer who is also director of Wallace State Community College 's Sustainable Agriculture project.

Later in the day the group finalized their Cullman tour at Kevin Allen's Freebird Farm, and then visited the Duck River Dam Water Project.

The overseas group arrived in America and toured Washington, D.C. then arrived in Birmingham on July 10, at 9:00 pm.

They proceeded to Cullman that night, where they stayed at the St. Bernard Retreat and Conference Center. Following their Cullman tours, the group proceeded to Madison.

Their tour guides for the trip were Dennis and Carol Evans of Auburn.

Their trip to the Calvert and Wood's farms were taped for viewing this fall by Channel 48's Simply Southern.



