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'Knapsacks for Kids' programs gearing up for new school year

Immediate help needed in Good Hope



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In 2017-18, the countywide program served around 800 kids and their families.

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Fairview's Col. Donald Fallin passes 1,200-mile mark on Appalachian Trail

More than $11K raised for children of fallen warriors so far



COL. DONALD FALLIN

Col. Donald Fallin holds the American flag at the 1,200-mile mark on the Appalachian Trail.

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The Tribune has been following Fairview native Col. Donald Fallin (U.S. Army, retired) as he hikes the Appalachian Trail to raise awareness and funds for the education of the children of fallen warriors. On Friday, he texted The Tribune a photo of himself at the 1,200-mile mark in Pennsylvania. On Saturday, he reported in from Port Clinton, Pennsylvania, 1,219.8 miles from the southern trail head at Springer Mountain, Georgia.

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United Way offering tour of partner programs Aug. 15-16

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CULLMAN – On Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 15-16, United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) will host a free tour of its community partners, open to any interested person or group in the community.

According to the UWCC, individuals and groups are invited to "Get on the Bus" or join in as their schedules allow on a tour of United Way partner programs.

"Guests on the tour have the opportunity to see first-hand how their United Way donation is making a difference and also learn about the needs in the community. Tours generally last about 20 minutes and run from 8-11:15 a.m.

"The bus will depart from United Way at 8 am and return each day around 11:15. Following the site visits, United Way will host a light lunch and agencies not on the tour will share highlights of their programs at the United Way office located in the Train Depot, 304 First Ave. NE The program will conclude at 2 p.m. each day."

"Having the opportunity to go on an agency tour with United Way was emotional, rewarding and inspiring... knowing all the work that is happening in our very own community by these agencies and United Way leads you to want to do more, participate and be part of the change," said Brad Boshell, manager of Publix.

Wednesday's tour will visit:

- 8:20-8:45 Daystar House
- 9:05-9:30 Pilot Light House
- 9:50-10:20 Cullman County Commission on Aging
- 10:40-11:15 Cullman County Victim Services (at UWCC office)
- 11:15-12:40 Lunch and visit UWCC
- 12:40-1:00 Red Cross
- 1:00-1:20 Girl Scouts
- 1:20-1:40 Easter Seals

Thursday's tour will visit:

- 8:20-8:50 Good Samaritan Healthcare Clinic
- 9:15-9:45 HOPE Horses
- 10:00-10:30 Cullman Caring for Kids
- 10:50-11:20 Cullman County Center for the Developmentally Disabled (CCCDD)
- 11:40-12:15 Lunch at UWCC
- 12:15-12:35 Community Action
- 12:35-12:55 Hospice of Cullman County
- 12:55-1:15 Saving Forgotten Warriors
- 1:15-1:35 Youth Advocate Program

According to UWCC, participants do not have to take part in both days, and can join the tour at any time, as their schedules allow.

Anyone who cannot participate on the scheduled dates, but would still like to tour the partners, can contact the office to arrange for a tour at another time.

As space is limited for the tours, and in order to make sure lunch is available to all, participants are encouraged to contact UWCC to RSVP.

To register or for more information, contact DeAnn McDonald at dmcdonald@uwaycc.org or 256-739-2948.

PET OF THE WEEK
Sweet Hank needs a forever home

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CULLMAN – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces us to The Cullman Tribune's Pet of the Week:



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Hank

Hank is a 1-year-old hound mix. He's a laid-back, low-energy pet with a possible future as a companion, comfort or event therapy dog. He really likes his human friends, has taken to his leash well, and he's cooperative when it's bath or pedicure time.

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.

Hank'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.

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Paws for a Cause raises more than $2K for area animals

Christy Perry
Tribune Correspondent

CULLMAN – The dogs were definitely out Saturday at Rumors Deli's Paws for a Cause event. Rumors owner Annette Harris wanted to create a fun time for animals while helping her new friends at the Cullman Area Animal Welfare Association (CAAWA). Her brainchild was wildly successful.

As the gates opened at 11 a.m., the guests and their pets were treated to a fun bouncy house (donated by Inflatable Frenzy), kiddie pools, face painting, concessions and vendor booths. Guests brought food donations and other items for CAAWA's animals. Just Paws sold baked goodies, raffle tickets and oversaw the contest registrations.

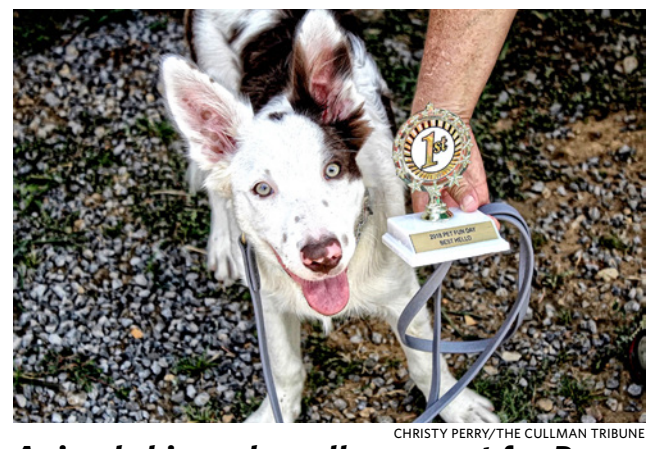
The animal guests were the real stars. Bo the Moluccan cockatoo, Poke-a-hontas the hedgehog, Noah the tortoise and Shell-don the turtle were proudly representing the non-furry animals. Meanwhile, the dogs were there in force to show why they are still considered "man's best friend."

Many of the pets were doing some last-minute preparations before hitting the big stage for the contests while others were simply enjoying the pools and sniffing new friends. At noon everyone gathered around the main stage for the much-anticipated pet contests. Pets competed in seven different categories with trophies provided by Awards Place.

The winners of the 2018 Paws for a Cause were

- Pet/Owner Look-Alike: Daisy (14-year-old yorkie) and Kailyn who wore matching denim ensembles and matching double-high ponytails.
- Best Costume: Pope Milo the Maltese shown by his human, Mallory. Pope Milo, in his finest papal clothing, even gave out a few kisses.
- Best Trick: Olivia demonstrated Casey the blue heeler's spectacular feats of patience and obedience. Casey was instructed to "wait for it" before giving the go ahead by young Olivia to eat the doggy treat.
- Best Hello: Deena with Possum. The possum said hello by bringing a toy and asking to play. The possum's unique hello was a crowd pleaser.
- Waggiest Tail: Rylan and Panda the Chinese crested dog, who had some serious moves going on.
- Biggest Pet: Scooby the great dane who proudly displayed his trophy on top of his head like a crown
- Smallest Pet: Lily and her water turtle Shell-don. Poke-a-hontas the hedgehog felt confident about her changes but after Shell-don's entry, she knew the victory was his.

Many of the dogs in attendance were proud CAAWA alumni or rescues adopted from the Cullman County Animal Shelter.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Animals big and small came out for Paws for a Cause at Rumors Deli on Saturday.

To see once homeless and desperate dogs out enjoying life with their own loving families demonstrates how important rescues like CAAWA are for the community. CAAWA also had puppies and dogs who are available for adoption. Several families stopped by and began the application process. CAAWA was thrilled with the event.

Patricia Bentley spoke on behalf of CAAWA, "We, at CAAWA, thank the community for its support. We are grateful for the wonderful turnout and especially Annette (Harris) and Elena (Caudle) for spearheading this event. We could never have organized an event like this! Also, to Annette for picking me and Becky up on that dreary morning with her enthusiasm, energy and positivity. I'll always remember Annette for that."

Paws for a Cause 2018 raised $2,018 for CAAWA that will be going toward the CAAWA Veterinary Fund.

Bentley explained, "We've been hit very hard with an emergency c-section, two heartworm treatments, Angus's limb amputation, 116 puppies taken to Clarksville from January to June this year, and all the puppy shots and worming. That's all on top of the routine vet care all our dogs, cats, puppies and kittens receive."

At the conclusion of this year's event, Harris was brought to the stage and asked the crowd if they thought this event should become an annual Cullman event. Based on the crowd's reaction, the answer was definitely YES!

Many local businesses and individuals helped to make Paws for a Cause a reality: Cullman Savings Bank, Inflatable Frenzy, Tractor Supply, Smith Lake Kennels, Just Paws, Pepsi, It's Pearls Y'all, and many, many others.

To donate to CAAWA, visit www.caawarescue.com.

Fallin (from Front)

Fallin also reported that his fundraising efforts for the Johnny Mac Soldiers' Fund have raised $11,214 in a $15,000 crowdfunding campaign.

According to the organization's website, "Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund honors military service and sacrifice by providing scholarships to veterans and military family members, particularly children of our nation's fallen and disabled.

"Time and again, our soldiers and their families are asked to give of themselves for the rest of us. While they ask little in return, we owe them so much. Through education, we give back to those who gave. We give back to 'Our Own.' It's the least we can do."

The fund was named for Col. John McHugh, who was killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan on May 18, 2010.

The West Point graduate and Army aviator left behind five children, who were aided in obtaining educations through a fundraising effort that became the Johnny Mac Fund.

In just four years since its inception in 2014, the fund has awarded $7.5 million in scholarships to 1,000 veterans and military family members.

Get involved!

Fallin has established a crowdfunding campaign through Gofundme.com subsidiary Crowdrise for anyone who wishes to contribute to the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund. Johnny Mac is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are tax deductible. To contribute or find out more, visit www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/dons-appalachian-trail-hike-for-the-johnny-mac-soldiers-fund/donaldfallin.

For more information on the Johnny Mac Soldiers Fund, visit www.johnnymac.org.

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1. 1514 Joy Street SE – Variance request for accessory structure

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2018 Alumni Game
Friday, August 10, 2018
6:00 PM @ CHS Soccer Field

Participation

Alumni and interested team sponsors should contact Casey Harbin (charbin@cullmancats.net)

Alumni should submit the following information by **July 13, 2018.**

- **Name and Year of Graduation**
- **CHS career notes** (Records held, All-Area, All-State, Final Four, State Runner-up, State Champion, etc.)
- **College/College Soccer**
- **Employment information**
- **Family information** (Spouse, children, etc.)
- **Shirt size**

Participation will include a **game jersey** and **all the water you can drink!**

Donations from our alumni are very much appreciated but not expected.

Format

We would **LOVE** for all alumni to participate and we encourage anyone interested to submit an email. The format of the game(s) will best suit the number of players who register; however, registration **does not guarantee** participation.

If selected for participation, you will be notified by either Coach Harbin or Coach Brown.

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Camp Liberty intern arrested for rape

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BATTLEGROUND – Investigators with the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) on Saturday arrested Conner Edward Hays, 19, of Buda, Texas for second-degree rape.

According to the CCSO, investigators were contacted about an alleged crime that occurred at Camp Liberty in Battleground. Hays, who was an intern at Camp Liberty, allegedly had inappropriate contact with a minor.

Because the victim is a minor, the CCSO cannot release more details at this time.

Hays has made bond.

This is a developing story. Check www.CullmanTribune.com for the latest.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Conner Hays

Arrest report: Aug. 2-5

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Aug. 2-5. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 2
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Ballard, Teresa Darlene, 52
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Cofer, Katie Beth, 36
- FTA- unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance

Estes, David Chad, 26
- third-degree burglary
- second-degree receiving stolen property
- third-degree receiving stolen property

Gordon, Erica Sharee Overton, 28
- public intoxication

Haynes, Joshua Aaron, 27
- judge's order- third-degree burglary

Helms, Brittany Lynn, 30
- third-degree burglary

Laningham, Kevin Lee, 41
- judge's order- prohibited residence- residing with a minor- SORNA (2 counts)

Reid, Allyson Claire, 20
- failure to register quarterly- SORNA

Sisk, Justin Wendell, 30
- violation of a domestic violence protection order
- third-degree criminal mischief

Wilhelm, David Michael, 24
- illegal possession of alcohol
- reckless endangerment
- running a stop sign

York, John Allen 27
- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol
- third-degree domestic violence- reckless endangerment

FRIDAY, AUG. 3 THROUGH SUNDAY, AUG. 5

Barnette, Alfred Lee, 52
- second-degree theft of property

Bevington, Ronald Eric, 49
- nonsupport

Corneglio, John Alex III, 41
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Dingwitz, Donald, 64
- harassment

Duke, Randall Joseph, 35
- third-degree burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Duke, Tracy Diane Hood, 32
- third-degree burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Foster, Alexandria Nicole, 26
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hays, Conner Edward, 19
- second-degree rape

Hicks, Tamara Nicole, 36
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hughes, James Ellis, 19
- attempting to elude
- obstructing government operations
- resisting arrest

Kitchens, Timothy Justin, 27
- third-degree burglary

Knowles, Michael Kent, 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lively, Thomas Dean, 26
- FTA- second-degree theft of property

McCurdy, James Eugene, 32
- third-degree receiving stolen property

McGriff, Derek Scott, 34
- writ of arrest- child support

Miller, Wayne Columbus, 26
- public intoxication

Moore, Danny Jairus, 38
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Niblett, Steven Scott, 47
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence
- GJ- sexual abuse of a child under 12

Nye, James Donald II, 48
- home repair fraud

Parker, Chad Stephen, 34
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle

Parsons, Carl Duran, 28
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Pitt, Eric Dante, 37
- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication

Rajput, Shaina Michelle, 33
- FTA- public intoxication

Robinson, Ralph Allen, 37
- carrying a pistol without a license

Shaneyfelt, Stephen Elliott, 35
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

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Cooper, Comarrius J. 19
- first-degree receiving stolen property
- fourth-degree receiving stolen property
- possession of burglar's tools
- carrying a pistol without a license

Johnson, Kimberly T., 46
- DUI- controlled substance

Frye, Jonathon H., 27
- DUI- controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Weaver, Jennifer N., 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reid, Jason M., 38
- FTA- switched tag

Hill, Brandon D., 41
- FTA- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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

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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!

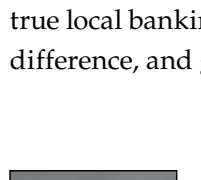
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Reasonable doubt: Crystal Bulliner acquitted on all charges in 2014 death of Vincent McGough

Hayden Hyatt, W.C. Mann

CULLMAN – Late Friday evening, Cullman resident Crystal Lynn Bulliner and her defense attorney Melvin Hasting won a decisive victory when a jury returned after three hours of deliberation to acquit Bulliner on three separate charges stemming from the 2014 drug overdose death of Vincent Mitchell McGough.

The Tribune, the only local media in attendance at the trial, broke the news minutes after the verdict.

The landmark case was Cullman County's first known test of an interpretation of the Alabama Criminal Code's definition of murder that would allow drug dealers to be charged with felony murder or reckless murder if a drug they supply to a customer leads to that customer's death.

Several states and jurisdictions across the country have used similar interpretations to offer forceful responses to the increasing number of drug overdose deaths, especially from heroin and fentanyl.

Under Alabama Code 13A-6-2a (3), a person can be charged with felony murder if he or she commits any "felony clearly dangerous to human life and, in the course of and in furtherance of the crime that he or she is committing or attempting to commit, or in immediate flight therefrom, he or she, or another participant if there be any, causes the death of any person." In this case, the felony was the sale of illegal drugs.

Under Alabama Code 13A-6-2a (2), a person can be charged with reckless murder if, "Under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life, he or she recklessly engages in conduct which creates a grave risk of death to a person other than himself or herself, and thereby causes the death of another person." In this case, the conduct was supplying the drug to an addicted person likely to use it in a dangerous manner.

Bulliner was initially arrested for manslaughter, but in 2015 a grand jury returned three indictments including felony murder and reckless murder, on any one of which she could be convicted.

Timeline of events

Three young men were with McGough on the day of his death, as well as the night before: Asa Belue, Grey Slatton and Jesse Alldredge. All three testified at the trial, and their accounts agreed on many points and painted the following picture of events on Aug. 10-11, 2014.

• Late in the evening of Aug. 10, McGough, Belue, Slatton, Alldredge and others went to East Side Park in Cullman to smoke marijuana. The four then went to Alldredge's home to play video games, before separating early in the morning. Slatton and Belue left for Belue's house, while McGough and Alldredge stayed.

• Around lunchtime on Aug. 11, McGough made a deal via text message to go and buy two fentanyl patches in the parking lot of the U.S. Highway 278 Shell station in Cullman. Phone records indicated that the text conversation took place between McGough's number and that of Bulliner. Despite having his own vehicle at Alldredge's house, McGough offered to buy Alldredge a drink or snack and let him have half of one of the patches to be paid for later, if he would drive McGough to the station.

• McGough met someone at the station, whom Alldredge later identified as Bulliner, and came back to the vehicle with two fentanyl patches. Alldredge did not participate in the deal, waiting in the vehicle and observing from a short distance away.

• Upon returning to Alldredge's house, McGough cut one of the patches open, scraped out the gel inside, and chewed it to extract the fentanyl. He cut the other patch in half, giving half to Alldredge. Alldredge ingested the contents of that half patch the same way. The remaining half patch was left in Alldredge's bedroom for Belue, who had earlier agreed to buy it from McGough.

• A short time later, Alldredge became concerned, noticing that McGough had become "messed up," but he seemed to get a little better. Alldredge left to go mow grass at a relative's house, but texted Belue and Slatton to come watch over McGough while he was gone.

• Slatton arrived first and found McGough asleep and supposedly snoring in a chair in Alldredge's bedroom. He moved the sleeping man to the bed, then sat down to play a video game.

• A few minutes later, Belue arrived and noticed that McGough was turning blue. Alldredge was called to come back to the house, and Slatton attempted to perform CPR. After Alldredge arrived, the three decided that one would drive McGough to Cullman Regional in McGough's truck while the other two came in a separate vehicle.

• At the emergency room, the three got someone to remove McGough from his truck and take him inside. They stayed long enough to give a supervisor a brief description of what had happened, then left. McGough was pronounced dead a short time later.

No autopsy was done, but blood drawn from the body later on Aug. 11 by then then-Coroner Steve Rogers was screened by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences and ADFS contractor NMS Laboratories.

The tests indicated that McGough's blood contained alprazolam (Xanax), lorazepam (Ativan), and traces of nordiazepam, a by-product of the metabolism of diazepam (Valium). All three are anti-anxiety medications and mild sedatives, and the levels of each in McGough's blood were very low.

The fentanyl level, though, appeared to be four times the safe dosage and double the average level in overdose victims.

The coroner's official cause of death was listed as multiple drug toxicity, but fentanyl was the only one of the drugs at a dangerous level.

Bulliner, a former coworker of McGough's, was identified as the person who sold him the fentanyl; a review of Verizon text message records from the day of the incident, obtained by court order, appeared to point to a planned deal between the two for two transdermal fentanyl patches a short time before the overdose.

Trial

On Monday, July 30, Cullman County Deputy District Attorney John Bryant, Assistant D.A. Jeremy Kline and defense attorney Melvin Hasting selected a jury, then moved to opening statements before Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas. Bryant read the indictment statement, explained the definitions of manslaughter, felony murder and reckless murder and gave a short summary of what authorities claim happened in the hours leading up to McGough's death. Hasting warned the jury that the next day or two would be full of technical testimony from people who are called experts. He also set forth the claim that McGough died of multiple drug toxicity, and not just the fentanyl he allegedly acquired from Bulliner. The day closed with testimony from members of McGough's family about happy teen years and his struggles with pain medications after sports injuries in high school.

On day two, jurors heard from Cullman Police Capt. Becky Boyd, who investigated the case and watched videos of an interview with Bulliner conducted by Boyd and then investigator (now Assistant Police Chief) Craig Montgomery. A former coworker of both Bulliner and McGough testified to having bought fentanyl from Bulliner. Belue offered his description of what happened that day and the night before. A representative of Verizon gave initial testimony about phone and text records, then the jury heard about McGough's blood toxicology from Rogers, NMS Labs drug analyst Rachel Christine Riley and ADFS Toxicology Chief Dr. Curt Harper. Hasting's cross-examinations noted inconsistencies between two versions of the text message records, challenged the chain of custody of McGough's blood sample, and repeatedly pointed out the presence of multiple drugs in his system aside from fentanyl.

On Wednesday, Belue returned to the stand, not having been cross-examined on Tuesday in order make time for the toxicology experts.

He faced extensive questioning about his own history of drug use and about events on the day of McGough's death. Hasting asked him if the three had made up a cover story, and he denied that they had.

Then Alldredge took the stand to offer his own testimony on the events of that day, including an eyewitness account of McGough's purchase of the fentanyl, as well as a second denial of a cover story during cross-examination. Police investigator, Lt. Jody Martin finished the day by describing details appearing in photos taken of McGough's body at Cullman Regional. Hasting pointed out marks around both of McGough's ankles that appeared to be consistent with needle tracks.

A drug users' network in Cullman

During the day on Wednesday, Holly Connor, an intelligence analyst with the Regional Organized Crime Information Center, gave detailed testimony about text message records between McGough's phone and others, painting a picture of a circle of friends and associates in the Cullman area (including the three friends and others) who were actively networking and regularly shopping for numerous drugs, including (from the text records):

- "Bud" - marijuana
- "Loud" - high-grade marijuana
- "Patches" and "stickers" - fentanyl
- "Roxies" - roxicodone
- "Footballs" and "bars" - Xanax
- "Tabs" - Lortab

On Thursday, the prosecution called Slatton to the stand to present his account of the events of Aug. 10-11. During cross-examination, Slatton admitted that other written statements were given earlier than those presented in court. Hasting also pointed out in Slatton's statement where he claimed a cover story was developed, contradicting the claims of the other two friends. Hasting then questioned Slatton about the plan to clean up any drug paraphernalia from the friends' respective homes after arriving back from the hospital, which Slatton confirmed.

The state then called DEA Supervisory Special Agent Sean Stevenson, who has worked with staff from the Cullman County Sheriff's Office. He described the opioid epidemic in the U.S. and talked about signs of fentanyl overdose. When questioned, he said that it can take hours for someone to die from overdosing on fentanyl. Stevenson looked at the coroner's photos of McGough's feet, and confirmed to Hasting that the marks on his ankles were consistent with needle tracks.

After lunch recess on Thursday, Hasting reported to the judge that he had seen a juror chatting with one of the witnesses on the way to lunch. That juror was dismissed, leaving a pool of 13 (twelve plus one alternate)

Early on Thursday afternoon, the defense began presenting its case. The prosecution had not rested, but Hasting had two witnesses who could only testify that afternoon. He called Kelly Buckner, the Cullman Regional supervisor who talked to the three friends, who confirmed that McGough had no pulse when brought into the ER. Hasting then questioned Gary Lee Edwards, the Cullman Regional employee who brought McGough's body out of the truck into the ER.

After the morning's talk about missing early witness



CULLMAN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

Crystal Lynn Bulliner

statements from the three friends, Hasting then asked Judge Nicholas to dismiss the case. After a short bit of wrangling from both sides, Nicholas recessed the case for the day three hours earlier than previous days, so both the defense and prosecution could review those documents before proceeding.

On Friday morning, the prosecution took over again with Montgomery, who had assisted Boyd in the investigation, on the stand.

Montgomery testified about Alldredge, who had bought drugs from Bulliner before, being able to identify her in a lineup and being able to identify her apartment when Montgomery drove him there.

The jury was shown the video of a subsequent interview of Bulliner by Montgomery and Boyd, in which Bulliner admitted to being at the Shell station but claimed that she only sold McGough a cigarette, and that the "stickers" mentioned in the texts were really just stickers. She also claimed that McGough got the patches from a man named "Bucky" or "Bud" in West Point, who ordered the prescription patches online.

Hasting also called Boyd back to the stand for more questions about text records that included references to syringes by McGough, and a review of the possible needle tracks in the photos of McGough's body.

He also pointed out that the police did not get a warrant to obtain security footage from cameras at the Shell station that could have contained important visual evidence.

During the day, the Judge Nicholas removed felony murder, the most serious charge, from the list of charges and added criminally negligent homicide, a class A misdemeanor, in its place. Hasting continued to challenge the chain of custody of the blood sample.

During closing arguments Friday afternoon, Kline showed the jury a timeline of events that led up to McGough's death. He went over texts and interviews and pointed out inconsistencies in Bulliner's story through the interview process.

He established the grounds for the manslaughter charge, and highlighted the ADFS testimony that, even with the other drugs in his system, McGough's death was caused by the Fentanyl.

Hasting's closing argument emphasized that Bulliner was not on trial for selling drugs, but for allegedly murdering McGough.

He accused state witnesses of giving "half-truths and half evidence," and accused the state of focusing so tightly on Bulliner that it was willing to overlook the actions of the three friends. Hasting reiterated that the coroner, after consulting with ADFS, listing the cause of death as multiple drug toxicity.

Prosecutor Bryant got the last word, talking about the number of times texts indicated McGough and Bulliner communicating about drugs, Bulliner's fentanyl deals with other buyers, how Bulliner never answered some of the questions asked by police, and how high the fentanyl level was in McGough's system.

After detailed instructions, the jury was sent into deliberation just before 6 p.m.

About 20 minutes later, jurors requested more detailed definitions of the three charges. At 8:25, word went out that a verdict had been reached, and the jury presented the verdict 10 minutes later.

The jury foreperson was in tears as she read the three verdict forms aloud. Other than that, the courtroom was silent until the foreperson read the last verdict. At that, Bulliner gasped loudly and burst into tears.

Prosecutors and police left the room in silence after the verdict, as Bulliner first embraced her attorney, then her family. Deputies escorted her and her family out, along with Hasting.

Outside, Hasting told The Tribune, "We're satisfied with the verdict, on behalf of Crystal Bulliner. And it's emotional, it's tough. Unfortunately, it doesn't change the fact that a young man lost his life . . . A lot of people made a lot of bad decisions. And I'm talking about all the way through: I think that involves the investigation of the case, I think that involves the beginning of the case--how he got in that situation--the investigation of the case. There's just a lot of stuff that happened. And I think the jury seen that, and they entered a verdict.

"Well, of course we enjoy it, and we respect it."

Hanceville's 10th annual Kids' Night Out a booming success

Heather Mann
Tribune Correspondent



HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Wilma Whateley, center, attended the event with her family, "We've had so much fun!"

HANCEVILLE – To help students celebrate the start of a new school year and enjoy one more day of summer, the City of Hanceville held its annual Kids' Night Out at C.W. Day Park on Friday. This year marked Hanceville's 10th year throwing the celebration, and it's only grown bigger each year. Final attendance numbers are not in yet, but Friday's event promised to be the biggest so far, as the 10th anniversary brought a special new feature with it: a fireworks show that ensured the party didn't stop after 8 p.m.

According to one visitor, this year was so big that all the food vendors were completely emptied out. Wilma Whateley, former teacher at Holly Pond High School and full-time grandmother, said, "We (she and her grandchildren) have had so much fun, we've had a blast, but everyone's out of everything!" The people giving out the refreshments confirmed this; the food had been cleaned out.

Of course, food wasn't the only thing there. Kids could enjoy the inflatable bouncy slides and a small train ride around the park pulled by a tractor, athletes could try to scale a rock climbing wall, and anyone of any age could hop on the mechanical bull (speeds were adjusted for younger riders), jump in the pool, or get their faces painted. Emergency responder vehicles from all around the county were also on display around the park, including a classic firetruck from Hanceville and the Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter, which took off shortly before the fireworks began.















FAITH

Churches come together for prayer walk at Hanceville schools

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HANCEVILLE – Early Sunday evening, members of Hanceville's First Baptist Church, First Methodist Church and Bethlehem East Baptist Church gathered together to pray for students and faculty at the city's high school and middle school, then walked to the elementary school to pray there as well.

Tim Wallace, a member of Hartselle First Assembly of God who lives in Hanceville and has kids in the Hanceville system, organized the event.

Shared Wallace, "The Lord spoke to me in service, and kind of said, 'I want you to do the same thing here at Hanceville.' And He says, 'I don't care if anybody shows up or don't show up.' He says, 'I want you to be there and pray over the schools.' So, then I contacted (First Methodist Church Pastor) Paul Campbell, and me and him, through finding things out from (Cullman County School Board representative) Kenny Brockman and different people that they weren't going to have one. "So we got the ball rolling and contacted three or four churches, and we got this little group together, and the Lord has just blessed it."

Wallace's children attend Hanceville Elementary School, and he had high praise for the school's Principal Tony Johnson. "The principal here, he is a man of God. And I know that this elementary school--and I know the principal at the high school, and he's a good man, too--but I know that these children will be taken care of; their education is important to him, and I know that they'll be prayed over daily. And that's important as a parent, that I know that he is looking out for the best interest of my children, because my children are going here."



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

After praying at the flagpole in front of the high school and middle school, participants walk toward the elementary school in back.

Days of prayer

Other churches and organizations around the county have held similar events. On Sunday afternoon at about the same time as folks gathered to pray in Hanceville, Cullman First Baptist Church's student ministry was holding its own school prayer event in town.

On Saturday, the Sons of Liberty Riders and Christian Motorcycle Association sponsored a ride around the county, praying at schools and promoting students' rights to religious expression.

Obituary Announcements: Aug. 7 -8

Services for Mrs. Pamela Gail Price, 60 of Cullman, are incomplete at this time, but will be announced later by Cullman Funeral Home. She was born on March 13, 1958 and passed away at CRMC on Monday August 6, 2018.

Funeral services for Alma Estelle Briscoe, 82 of Cullman, will be held at 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at the Hanceville Funeral Home chapel with reverends Ronnie and Donnie Cason officiating. Interment will follow at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville. Family receiving friends at the funeral home Tuesday beginning at 1 p.m. The daughter of the late Arthur and Doshie Thomas Briscoe was born October 10, 1935 in Cullman County and passed away August 4, 2018 in Cullman. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Michael Cason of Cullman. Grandchildren, Regina (Tony) Shaddix and Joshua Cason. Great Grandchildren, Mikayla and Raven Adams; Foster son, Dewayne Justice and a sister, Margie Cason.

Natalie Golden Guffey, 76 of the Brooklyn Community, was welcomed into the presence of our loving Lord and Savior on August 3, 2018. She was born May 26, 1942, to Jessie Morgan and Lydia Lucinda Gibson Golden, in Huntsville, Alabama. Mrs. Guffey served the Lord well as a wife and mother. With poise and grace, she maintained her home, was mother to six children, and supported her husband as a minster's wife. She was an amazing cook and found joy in preparing meals for her family. Natalie loved beautiful things and had a gift in creating beautiful flower gardens. As grandchildren and great-grandchildren arrived, she loved and nurtured those children as she had her own. She was their grandmother; spoiler, supporter, confidant, and best friend. Natalie will be missed greatly until the day we can join her in our heavenly home. Natalie was welcomed into the Lord's presence by her parents, Jessie Morgan and Lydia Lucinda Golden; a son, Millard Franklin Guffey Jr; brothers, Johnny Golden and Billy Howard Golden; and a sister, Alice Morrow. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Millard Guffey; son, Keith(Lynn)Guffey; daughters, Cara Guffey, Carmon(Tom)Ryder, Dionne(Jason)Smith, Paula(Kevin) Kilgore, Dana Guffey; brother, James Golden; sisters, Laverne Knight and Georgia Duvall; grandchildren, Nathan Frasier, Derek Frasier, Morgan Guffey, Logan Guffey, Landon Tweedie; four step-grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 11 a.m. (CST) in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Bro. Ronald Case and Bro.Tom Ryder officiating. Burial will follow in Brooklyn Cemetery. Tom Ryder, Jason Smith, Kevin Kilgore, Morgan Guffey, Nathan Frasier, Logan Guffey, Landon Tweedie, and Ethan Frasier will serve as pallbearers. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mrs. Natalie Guffey.

Funeral services for Howard Preston Clayton, 88, of Vinemont are Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Longview Church of God; Charles Ervin and Chris Alexander officiating; with interment with military honors in Ebenezer Cemetery. Visitation on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Clayton passed away on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born May 22, 1930 to Roy Preston Clayton and Eva Estelle Bradford Clayton. He is survived by his wife, Jean Clayton; sons, Michael P. (Cathy) Clayton and Charles H. (Pamela) Clayton; daughters, Carol D. Nixon and Michaelle (Herschell) Basinger; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren.

Betty Ann Hudgins, 75 of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, August 4, 2018, at her residence. She was born April 15, 1943, the daughter of the late Lewis Edward Berry and the late Jessie Mae Gladden Berry. She was the wife of the late Darrell Hudgins. Survivors include her son, Michael Eubanks; daughter, Lee Ann Sheppard; grandchildren, Jennifer Brooke Young, Sean Dillon Young; and a host of family and friends. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Funeral Services for Lester Lonell Carden, 90 of Cullman, will be held Wednesday August 8, 2018 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home Chapel, Bro. Scott Sessions officiating. Interment will follow at Bethsadia Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Carden passed away on Monday August 6, 2018 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. He was born on May 9, 1928 in Cullman to Odis and Jewell Tubbs Carden and is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vivian Onzell Carden; granddaughter, Stephanie Carol Long; brother, James Carden; and sisters, Barbara Yarbrough and Frances Campbell. Survivors include four children: Harry (Judie) Carden, Bruce (Deena) Carden, Phillip (Vicky) Carden and Delwin Burdette; eight grandchildren: Melissa Novalis, Kimberly Burdette, Jeanna Jackson, Christina Smith, Mitchell Carden, Courtney Lambert, Hanna Carden and Haley Carden; thirteen great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Linda Ruth Whatley, 70 of Cullman, will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Glenn Pender officiating; burial at Vinemont First Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Whatley passed away on Sunday, August 5, 2018 at Cullman Health Care Center. She was born October 17, 1947 to Harvey and Rushie Monk. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Melissa Whatley, her parents, three brothers, and two sisters. Survivors include her husband, Bobby Whatley, children: Greg (Lucrecia) Whatley, Sandy (Bruce) Corrick, Jennifer Weaver, and Jessica Dye; grandchildren: Chasity, Lynnsie, Amanda, Dalton, Harley, and Saddie; great-grandchildren: Lydia, Emillee, Mason, and one on the way; and sisters: Shirley Garner and Judy Whatley. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
G.M.,)
A Minor Child, 01/19/2009)
CASE NO. JU 2017-540.02

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of the child born on or about 01/19/2009 to Heather Sebert, respond to the Petition of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 11th day of September, 2018 or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order and notice 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 31st day of July, 2018.

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
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NOTICE

The Petitioner having made a Motion for Service by Publication in the above styled action, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Father of G.M., born on or about 01/19/2009 to Heather Sebert, respond to the Petition by the 11th day of September, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: J. Bradley Wilson, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 739-9300 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 31st day of July, 2018

WELLS R. TURNER, III
JUVENILE JUDGE
CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA, CULLMAN COUNTY
I, Lisa McSwain, Clerk of Circuit Court in and for said County and State, hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears of record in this office.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 31 day of July, 2018.

Clerk of Circuit Court

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF)
AUBREY WAYNE TOLBERT,)
Deceased.
CASE NO.: PC2018-247

NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Linda Gail Marquette,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Aubrey Wayne Tolbert,** deceased, on the 3rd day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 3rd day of August, 2018.

Linda Gail Marquette
Personal Representative

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for the Petitioner
206 Ninth Street Southwest
Cullman, AL 35055
256-737-0740

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: **THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE**

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of L.E.W., a minor child born on the 29th day of December, 2008, in Jasper, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

Jacob Blane Doss
Petitioner

J. Bradley Wilson
Attorney for Petitioners
206 Ninth Street, SW
Cullman, AL 35055
(256) 737-0740

TO: CULLMAN TRIBUNE

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR (4) SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.
Send proof of publication to the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR MINOR NAME CHANGE

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

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

DONE THIS 16th DAY OF July, 2018.

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

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

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

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

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.C.W., a minor child born on the 9th day of April, 2007, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to biological mother Callie Kristen Doss Johnson, was filed on the 5th day of June, 2018, in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, by JACOB BLANE DOSS, Petitioner. Please be advised should you intend to contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama, 35055.

DONE THIS 13th DAY OF July, 2018.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that Ordinance No. 621, set forth, will be considered by the Hanceville City Council at a regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., for passage; prior to this meeting a public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, August 23, 2018, at the Hanceville City Hall, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077, where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the passage of Ordinance No. 621.

ORDINANCE NO. 621
Zoning

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

WHERAS, some restrictions, regulations, and allowances are burdensome and/or in conflict with other current ordinances and it is in the best interest of the City to amend Ordinance No. 510 again and Ordinance No. 608.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 7.9 ZONING OF NEWLY ANNEXED LAND
All land hereafter annexed to the City of Hanceville shall be zoned in accordance with the following procedure:

7.9.1 The Planning Commission at their next scheduled meeting following the annexation of a property must draft a preliminary report of the area involved including the proposed zoning, schedule a public hearing on the proposal, giving notice to the public of such hearing by posting in four (4) conspicuous places in the municipality at least six (6) days prior to the hearing and as required by Alabama State Law. After holding the public hearing, the commission drafts a recommended zoning ordinance and map to be considered by the governing body.

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

7.9.3 Deleted

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

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

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

Section 8.7 HOME OCCUPATIONS
8.7.1 Deleted

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

Section 7. ARTICLE XIII ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
Section 13.2 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED (paragraph 1)
It shall be unlawful to commence earthwork; the excavation for the construction of any building or other structure including accessory structures or signs; installation of any mobile home or house trailer; store building materials or erect temporary field offices; or commence the moving, alteration, repair, or improvement (except repairs/improvements not exceeding the City of Hanceville's current minimum cost

policies) of any structure, until the Administrative Officer of the City of Hanceville has issued a building permit for such work.

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

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

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

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

15.4.1 Deleted

15.4.2 Deleted

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

15.4.4 City Council Hearing. Upon receipt of a recommendation from the Planning Commission, the council gives notice and holds a public hearing prior to adopting a zoning ordinance. The notice must be published along with the ordinance in full in a newspaper published within the municipality. The notice must state the time and place that the ordinance is to be considered by the municipal governing body and stating further that at such time and place all persons who desire shall have

an opportunity to be heard in opposition to or in favor of the ordinance. One week after the first insertion the ordinance must be published for a second time (or a synopsis, including the date and name of the newspaper in which the ordinance was first published). Both insertions must be published at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the passage of the ordinance.

Section 9. That all notices required by law have been given by the City Clerk concerning the public hearing.

Section 10. SEVERABILITY.
Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

Section 11. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its adoption by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2018.

(Seal)

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Kenneth Nail, Mayor

ATTEST:
Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

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

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Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

Inaugural Hannah Bates Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament sees huge turnout

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TRIMBLE – Saturday was a special and emotional day for the Bates family as 13 teams on 13 boats hit Smith Lake to compete in the inaugural Hannah Bates Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament. All proceeds from the tournament are going toward the newly established Hannah Bates Memorial Scholarship at Wallace State Community College. The scholarship will be offered each year to students in the Fast Track, Business Management or Nursing Programs. The first $500 scholarship will be awarded for the fall 2018 semester.

Bates, 21, was killed in an ATV crash at Stony Lonesome OHV Park in in February 2018.

Hannah's mother, Sonya Bates, was moved to see her daughter's memory make a positive impact, especially through an activity that Hannah loved.

"I knew immediately that I wanted to do something in her honor. So, Jayclyn (Nail) and I came up with the bass fishing tournament because Hannah really loved to fish," Sonya Bates said.

"All the proceeds are going towards the scholarship fund at Wallace and we're just hoping to get Hannah's story out there, honor her memory and help other people."

Sonya and her family didn't have a particular number of boats in mind and were just thrilled to see so many come out to support them Saturday morning.

"It's overwhelming. It's just a wonderful feeling," she said.

"Going into this we didn't know what to expect. This morning we got here, and the boats just kept coming in and it was just great.

"We've gotten so much support from the community and we feel so much support and love from everyone."



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Organizers and a few of the participants pose for a photo at Saturday's inaugural Hannah Bates Memorial Bass Fishing Tournament at Smith Lake Park.

Hannah's friend Jayclyn Nail was also excited to see the turnout and is looking forward to seeing this event grow in the future

"We're just really glad that everyone came out today. We're looking forward to next year; we'll have the second annual tournament and hopefully continue to do it every year and grow bigger and bigger," Nail said.

"Hannah's purpose was to make everybody else around her happy and we're just trying to get the community together today and that's what we want to do in the future. We want to get everybody involved and just make it bigger and bigger in her name."

Tournament results (teams)

- First place, $500 – Morris & Miller, 16.20 pounds – Big Fish, 3.68 pounds
- Second place, $100 – Whitworth & Roberts, 7.64 pounds
- Third place, $50 – Drain & Gehring, 5.93 pounds

For information about the scholarship or to make donations to the fund, visit www.wsccalumni.org/hannahbates or call 256-352-8144 Donations to the Hannah Bates Memorial Scholarship may also be mailed the Future Foundation at PO Box 568, Hanceville, AL 35077.

Knapsacks (from Front)

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CULLMAN – In the aftermath of the April 27, 2011 tornadoes that struck Cullman, First United Methodist Church (FUMC) was called on to help some school kids whose families had not been able to catch up financially. After getting through that tragedy, they discovered longer term needs across the city and later across the county that had nothing to do with the disaster but needed just as much attention. The response of FUMC and numerous partner churches and organizations eventually became Cullman County's Knapsacks for Kids program, which sends backpacks full of food home with children on Friday; the kids bring them back to school on Monday.

FUMC Children's Minister and knapsack program coordinator Melissa Betts told The Tribune, "After the tornadoes came through in the spring of 2011, children went back to school that fall. And we got a call pretty immediately from West Elementary saying that--they'd always seen food insecurity in the schools--but this was like nothing they'd ever seen.

"And we have always sent out a promise--kind of a promissory note--to our schools, saying, 'If you see a kid in need, call us and we'll say yes.' And so, when they called and said, 'We have children who are very much food insecure,' we asked them to come up with a number . . . They came back with numbers that looked like we, right now, could feed 200 if we had the resources to send home extra food.

"But those numbers since 2011 have leveled out. You know, we're not in crisis mode any longer, and we just have families who just need the extra resources."

Over the next few years, leaders in Cullman found out that the need extended countywide; so they began reaching out to find partners in the ministry.

Betts explained, "So, 2015 was when we began to kind of network amongst the other churches in the different high school districts, and the next programs kind of started around that 2015 mark--the fall of 2015: Hanceville, Holly Pond, Fairview--those were the three that started at that point. And then, since that point, we've added Good Hope, we've added West Point--both of those last year, so it's gradually evolved."

How big is the need?

Based on last year's numbers, FUMC is preparing to serve 90 kids in the city of Cullman. In 2017-18, the countywide program served around 800 kids and their families, but that's just a fraction of the need.

Betts said, "In Cullman County, we are somewhere around 25 percent of the children (facing food insecurity). Our numbers look like 4,738-ish children, according to statistics we keep from Alabama Possible."

The numbers include students who qualify for free or reduced school meals, as well as children whose families receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/food stamps).

Betts further explained, "The 4,700 number is just at some point throughout the month, that child faces food insecurity. So it might not be that they're food insecure all month long, but it might be that, at the end of the month when we've paid our bills and our SNAP benefits have run out, and we just don't have enough to make good meal choices. That's where programs like this, by sending home that extra bit of help, help those families stretch their food budgets."

Most of the requests for assistance come from families of students in the elementary grades. Help is available for middle and high school students as well, but Betts reported that the program simply does not get very many requests from upper grades.

If an elementary student in the program has a sibling in an upper grade, according to Betts, knapsack packers load an extra bag for the receiving student to take home for the sibling. Knapsack packers also try to include certain goods in the bag that can help feed the entire family for several days, especially late in the month when family resources most often tend to run short.

How do they do it?

Said Betts, "We all operate off of grants and donations. I don't know anyone that has budgeted money from their churches. All of us that I know of are working off either food donations, monetary donations, grant money, gifted money."

Program sponsors

The following list indicates the central office for the program in each district. Some of the local sponsors have numerous other churches and agencies as partners and donors. The Tribune will take time to spotlight the local districts in upcoming stories and will try to recognize all of the community partners.

Cullman City

- East and West Elementary School - FUMC
- Cullman Primary and Head Start - Alabama Credit Union Secret Meal Program
- Cullman Middle and High School - FUMC on an as-needed basis

Cullman County

- West Point Elementary, Primary, and Middle - West Point First Baptist Church and Bethlehem West Missionary Baptist Church
- West Point High School has a crisis pantry stocked by Wal-Mart Distribution
- Harmony School - Sulfur Springs Baptist Church
- Vinemont schools - Vinemont Baptist Church and Northbrook Baptist Church
- Holly Pond Elementary - Alabama Credit Union Secret Meal Program
- Holly Pond Middle - Holly Pond First United Methodist Church
- Welti Elementary - Welti Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- Hanceville schools - Hanceville First United Methodist Church
- Good Hope Primary School - Good Hope Baptist Church
- Cold Springs schools - Alabama Credit Union Secret Meal Program
- Fairview schools - Fairview United Methodist Church and Alabama Credit Union Secret Meal Program
- Parkside Elementary School - Baileyton United Methodist Church

Immediate need for a sponsor in Good Hope

According to Betts, Good Hope Elementary School currently has no sponsoring church or organization and needs one immediately. If your church or group would consider taking on the project, you can contact Betts at 256-734-6690 or 205-410-5791.

According to Betts, "Our goal is to have somebody feeding every school in our district that there's a feeding program. And we're close; Good Hope is our last one we know of for sure that doesn't have a sponsor."

Volunteers needed everywhere

Said Betts, "We always need, not just the money or not just the food donations, but we need the volunteers. We all pack at different times, and we all can do it fairly quickly. It's not like you're there half a day; I mean if you can give an hour a week, you could pack and help deliver.

"So, it's not a real huge time commitment, but it takes a little manpower to get those tubs and load them into a car or truck, and head to the school. So if there are people who could donate their lunch hour, we'd be very appreciative of volunteer help. I know all the churches would appreciate that."

Get involved!

If you or your church/organization are interested in getting involved or just getting more information, contact Betts at FUMC, 256-734-6690 (office) or 205-410-5791 (cell). Local district groups have their own directors and contact people, and Betts can direct you where you need to go.

