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R.E. Garrison Trucking receives inaugural Martha Hayes Leadership Award



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WellStone Behavioral Health Chief Operating Officer Chris Van Dyke (right) presents WellStone's and the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation's inaugural Martha Hayes Leadership Award to R.E. Garrison Trucking, represented by Sarah Frances Lovell (left) and Miles Griffith (center), for its establishment of the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund. » PAGE 4



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

John Patrick Parsons, left, and Justin Eugene Curington, right

CRIME

2 escaped Cullman County work release inmates remain at large

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CULLMAN – Two escaped Cullman County Detention Center inmates remain at large, according to Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry. The pair of work release inmates, John Patrick Parsons and Justin Eugene Curington, allegedly stole a vehicle near the Shell Station on U.S. Highway 31 South Wednesday morning.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office, the inmates were assigned to the City of Cullman » PAGE 4

Going big: final 2018 2nd Fridays event Sept. 14

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Hit Australian country trio Dozzi will headline Friday's entertainment on the DQ stage.

CULLMAN – This Friday, Sept. 14, the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce will host the last 2nd Friday celebration of the 2018 season, and it's going big. An actual sanctioned multi-state cornhole tournament and a free concert by rapidly-rising country trio Dozzi are just part of the picture.

Said the Chamber: "Already a big hit back home in Australia and ready to make the same waves in America, Dozzi will ensure the Dairy Queen Grill & Chill Restaurant Stage stays rockin' all evening. The sweet-singing sister trio has played alongside popular acts like Lady Antebellum and Big & Rich and can regularly be found performing at a number of Nashville's hottest country music dives.

"The inaugural Cullman Area 2nd Fridays 'Fling It Like You Mean It' Cornhole Tournament will take over Depot Park for September. With winnings of $500, $200 and $100 for the top-three teams, the double-elimination event is expected to draw competitors from all over the region." (Registration for this event is closed.)

"Usually open to various recreational displays, the R.E. Garrison Trucking, Inc. Show Lot will take on a whole new look for the year's finale. The '2nd Fridays Carnival' will fill out this bustling area, allowing kids have fun and play the boardwalk-style games set up by several of the area's nonprofit agencies."

This Friday's activities also include: live music from Fork In The Road and Cotton Bird, an antique and classic car cruise-In that lines the streets and has begun to overflow into the parking lot adjacent to the Festhalle, the Buffalo Wild Wings Kids Zone, the Cullman County Public Library System Bookmobile, and the U Do It Snow Kone Factory truck, Artist Alley, Farm Y'all Cullman, the Festhalle Farmers' Market, a food demonstration, extended retail and dining hours at participating Warehouse District and downtown Cullman stores, food trucks and the Cullman County Conservation District's Agventure trailer.

Local charities in focus this month

Each month, the Chamber has employed a special emphasis to spotlight different types of member businesses and organizations. Boats and RVs, pets and women's interests have all had their turns.

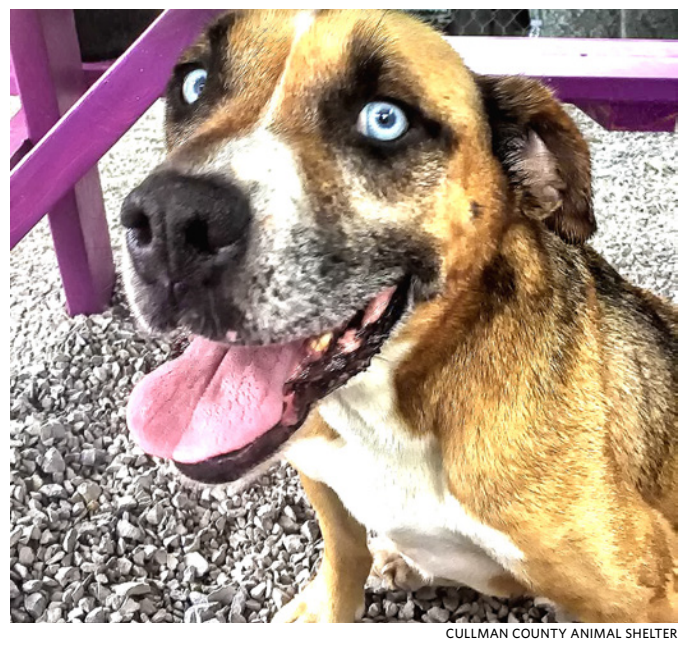
Chamber President and CEO Leah Bolin told The Tribune, "This month we're having a 'Chamber for Charities' carnival, and that just brings in our Chamber member 501(c)(3)s to have an opportunity to participate in a fun way, and bring, really, the ability for the general public to see what they do, and ways they can get involved in those nonprofits."

Cullman Downtown Merchants Association stretches the fun down the street

Where the Chamber leaves off at U.S. Highway 278/ Third Street Southeast, the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association will pick up and continue the fun south to Fifth Street Southeast with cars from local dealerships, kids' rides and bounce houses, and live entertainment. The Overtones will play across from Moe's, and He & She will perform by Busy Bee. Expect businesses to stay open late, as well.

This year's 2nd Fridays in review

Bolin shared, "Every year that we've had it, for the last four years, it has steadily grown. But this year, you know, we started out of the gate in June with it just being a huge event, and it has continued to grow each month in succession after that. It's hard to estimate when you don't have ticketed events but looking » PAGE 6



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Monroe

(Bonus) Pet of the Week: survivor Monroe hungry for love

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

Monroe is an older dog whose body and stubby tail indicate that he's got a fair bit of boxer in him. He's a low-energy, submissive pet who could be a great comfort or companion dog. He likes to be close to people and will offer his paw to shake. He's also getting good on the leash.

Ruttkay shared, "When Monroe arrived he was emaciated. He had been on his own for quite some time and would eat just about anything for survival. His worn-down teeth are a testament to how hungry he was."

Monroe suffered a bowel impaction due to consuming undigestible litter prior to being rescued, but with a little shelter help, he's over that now and is showing a hearty appetite as he puts on weight.

Said Ruttkay, "As his frame fills out, along with a pedicure, he's looking spectacular!"

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.

Monroe is available at a deep discount. Since he has already been neutered, his new owner will only have to pay for his rabies shot. 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 935 Convent Road NE. Reach the shelter by email at cullmancountyanimalshelter@gmail.com.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CCSO requesting $1.5M budget increase: 'You can't put a price on keeping the community safe'

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CULLMAN – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) is requesting an increase in funding of approximately $1.5 million from the Cullman County Commission for FY 2019. The increase is needed, according to Sheriff Matt Gentry, because the CCSO has not received funding for additional deputies in four years, and that, coupled with the exponential increase in call volume and population growth, is straining the department.

In a work session prior to Tuesday morning's commission meeting, Gentry said the CCSO contributed $2,355,483 in funds to the commission directly and indirectly in FY 2018, through providing some of its own equipment, housing federal inmates in the Cullman County Detention Center, inmate labor and sub-station construction costs, among other items.



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Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry speaks to Cullman County Commission members during a commission work session at the Cullman County Courthouse Tuesday morning.

For FY 2019, Gentry is requesting:

- Eight new patrol deputies
- 11 new detention center deputies
- One mental health deputy (Gentry said the CCSO receives 3-4 calls a day from citizens who are suicidal or homicidal)
- One investigator assigned to the Cullman County District Attorney' Office (to be supplemented by the DA's office)
- An eight percent pay increase over two years (four percent each year) to bring deputies' compensation up to the average pay for deputies across the state
- 24-hour medical care onsite at the detention center

"We are at max capacity with our employees as far as what we can handle and deal with and keep the community safe," said Gentry, who said the CCSO has requested funding for more deputies for the last four years and not gotten it.

"It's to a point where we're so short-handed where if one takes off, we're having to fill that shift because of our call volume. We're getting 54,000 calls for service this year, which is a 20,000 increase." He said 60 percent of his department's overtime is from staff shortages.

Gentry said that when he came into office four years ago, the jail was housing 230-250 inmates a day. Now, he said, it's 360-400 a day.

He said at full capacity, there are only five deputies watching 400 inmates.

"We have to match in law enforcement growth to keep our community safe," said the sheriff. "I don't think you can put a price tag on keeping the community safe."

Chief Deputy Brett Holmes, who accompanied Gentry to the work session, stressed that the reason the CCSO is so adamant this year about requesting the budget increase is liability. Right now, the CCSO is running eight deputies per shift.

Commission members pledged to look for possible compromises that can be made in the budget to accommodate the requests.

"The changes you suggest come out to about a million and a half a year," said Cullman County Administrator Gary Teichmiller. "It's gotta come from somewhere, out of the general pot."

Said Chairman Kenneth Walker, "We understand, and we'll help you all we can, but we'll just have to work through it and see where we're at when we approve the budget in two weeks."

Also during the work session, the commission discussed the possibility of getting rid of cell phones used by some County employees.

Some at the commission believe the cell phones provided by the County are unnecessary for certain jobs while others said the phones are useful.

Commission members also discussed a person who has been living for free at one of the county parks in exchange for some work done for the park.

The issue of whether or not to allow this was added to the agenda for the meeting, but the item was tabled to allow the issue to be further investigated by the commission.

During the public comments portion of the meeting following the work session, a citizen spoke of problems with pot holes on County Road 1225, presenting a petition signed by more than 80 residents. The citizen asked the commission to seriously consider getting the road repaved.

Resolution 2018-32 was approved. The resolution adopts the procurement procedures of the Federal Transit Administration for the Cullman Area Rural Transportation Service.

The new procedures increase the procurement amounts from $3,500 to $10,000 for micro purchases and $100,000 to $250,00 for simplified acquisitions.

The commission approved an abatement for North Alabama Fabricating Company (NAFCO) in the amount of $4 million, for new production equipment and building modification. This was an expansion of the existing abatement.

A public hearing was set by the commission for Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the FY 18 Community Development Block Grant program and the proposed applications the commission plans to submit to the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for funding consideration. This date gives the commission time to post notice of the hearing and make citizens aware so they can voice their concerns.

In a "good faith" commitment, the commission approved a 10-year abatement for "Project Purple," for a $5,734,750 capital investment.

The project is expected to create about 50 jobs with an average hourly wage of $21.44, according to Cullman Economic Development Agency Existing Industry Coordinator Luke Satterfield. Details of the project are expected to be released soon.

Resolution 2018-34 was approved, renewing a contract though the Association of County Commissions of Alabama (ACCA) for workers compensation through Sept. 30, 2021.

The commission also authorized the annual premium payment for the same contract through Oct. 2018 to Oct. 2019 in the amount of $517,900.37. The commission also authorized the payment of dues for ACCA for the upcoming fiscal year at the cost of $8,407.

The commission authorized Walker and Cullman County Emergency Management Agency Director Phyllis Little to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of $42,572.

Walker and Little were also authorized by the commission to sign the EMPG supplemental funding for $12,000.

Little was also authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding between the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments and the Cullman County EMA for Disaster and Emergency Management Services. The agreement provides services for the elderly and disabled in the county in the event of a disaster at no extra burden to the EMA office.

Walker was authorized by the commission to sign a long-term detention contract with the Alabama Department of Youth Services for FY 19. The contract was for two beds at Tennessee Valley Detention Center for next year.

The commission voted to approve guidelines for debris and waste removal from the rights-of-way. The motion passed although Commissioner Garry Marchman voted no. Marchman said he needed more time to look over the guidelines, since he said they were just added to the agenda the hour before in the work session.

A 2007 Dodge Dakota pickup truck, from the reappraisal department, was approved for surplus on GovDeals.com.

The commission approved the following bids:

- Bid No. 1268- An extension to an existing bid, for service of the various department vehicles by Santex doing business as Havoline Xpress Lube.
- Bid No. 1270- An extension to an existing bid, for cold laid plant mix by Good Hope Contracting
- Bid No. 1289- for emulsified asphalt
- Bid No. 1290- for corrugated plastic pipe

FY 19 budget work sessions will take place on Sept. 17,18 and 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the commission conference room.

The next commission meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. in the commission meeting room.

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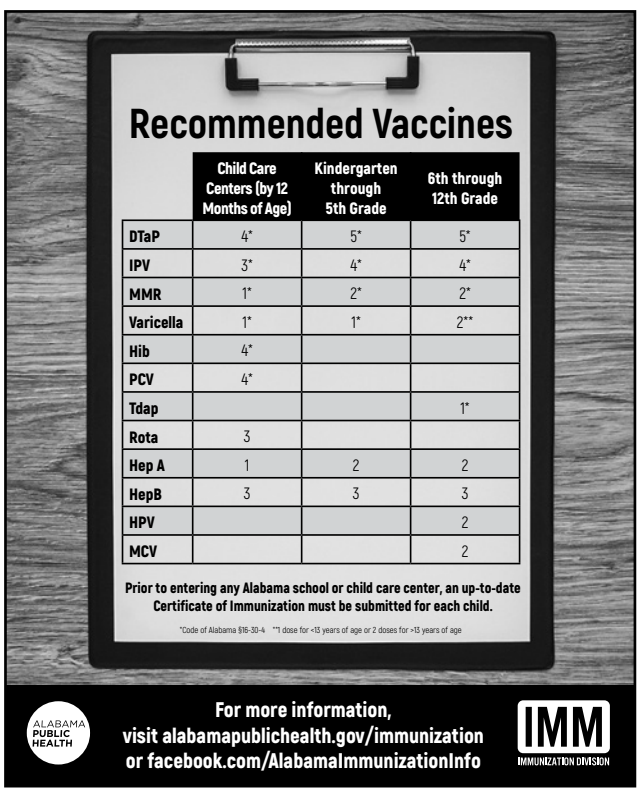
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on October 15, 2004 by Christopher Jackson Coots and wife Pamela Coots and Steven Randall Coots, an unmarried man, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MRG 1403, Page 118 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 September 25, 2018:

Lot Numbered Forty (40), Forty-One (41), Forty-Two (42), and Forty-Three (43), all in Block "A" of Mages Addition to the City of Cullman, Alabama, said Lots being 25 feet wide East and West and 140 feet long North and South, lying and being in the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 10, Range 3 West.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman Council OKs rezoning requests near Rusken, Yutaka; Eva Road Bridge contract awarded

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CULLMAN – On Monday evening, the Cullman City Council had an agenda full of plans to expand city boundaries and local industry, update utility services and promote community events.

The council approved two rezoning requests:

• to rezone property owned by Rusken Packaging, Inc. located at Brantley Avenue, and adjacent property owned by the Industrial Development Board from B-2 Business District to M-1 Manufacturing District.

• to rezone property owned by the Industrial Development Board, located adjacent to Yutaka at Industrial Park V from B-2 Business District to M-1 Manufacturing District.

The rezoning of these properties opens the door for future expansion by both companies, although the City could not confirm plans by either to do so at this time.

The council also approved:

• an agreement under State Constitution Amendment 772 with Technology Village, that will allow the City to provide public funds, space, equipment and an employee to the private entity, since the Technology Village is deemed to provide a public service that will benefit local business and economy.

• Ordinance No. 2018-43 to adopt a wastewater sewer ordinance, that updates and replaces portions of the existing 1980s-era ordinance to comply with the current generation of EPA regulations.

• Resolution No. 2018-79 to accept from FEMA a $266,991 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Award for breathing airpacks and bottles. The grant requires a small amount of matching funds, and the City will put up a local match of $13,349.

• Resolution No. 2018-80 to award the bid in the amount of $2,889,019.35 for Eva Road Bridge to the lowest responsible bidder, Manning Construction, LLC. The only other bidder was Carcel & G Construction, which submitted a substantially higher bid of $4,283,145.82.

• An ordinance to annex 950 County Road 702, owned by Nicholas Goble, into the city limits of Cullman as an R-2 Residential District.

Community events

The council approved:

• a request from Michael Sapp and Ron Pierce of the Cullman Downtown Merchants Association for a special event permit to hold a downtown festival from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sept. 14, 2018. There will be a display of new cars from local dealerships, live music from the Overtones and He and She, free kids' rides and bounce houses.

• a request from Andrew Heptinstall of Temple Baptist Church for a special event permit to hold a free family movie night in Depot Park from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Sept. 29, 2018 to show either "Trolls" or "Incredibles 2."

• a request from Stephanie Wood of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force for a special event permit to hold a second annual Human Trafficking Awareness March on the sidewalks around Cullman County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2018. The walk will go from the courthouse up to Arnold Street, then south down First Avenue back to the courthouse for an outreach event in the courthouse parking lot.

The Cullman City Council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month in the Cullman City Hall Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

Arrest reports: Sept. 10-11

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Sept. 10-11, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

MONDAY, SEPT. 10, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Little, Benjamin J., 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Ferguson, Shaun B., 41
• GJ- possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)

Castner, Linda S., 66
• fourth-degree theft of property

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

Ridgeway, Sherry D., 47
• fourth-degree theft of property

Watson, Kristen L., 36
• public intoxication

Boatright, William S., 28
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Smitherman, Brelyn A., 21
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• tampering with physical evidence

Swader, Joseph L., 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Akins, Susan L., 39
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Lovell, Brandon L.,, 29
• FTA- public intoxication

Simmons, Jennifer A., 39
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Swafford, Jeffery S., 39
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- driving while revoked

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11, 2018

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

No report provided.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hitt, Bryan A. 22
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Montgomery, Christopher E., 31
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
• FTA- switched tag

Kelk, Jennifer N., 34
• fraudulent use of a credit or debit card (2 counts)

Sears, Shalon C., 41
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Curvin, Meschach J., 22
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• imitation controlled substance

Norris, Asa M., 38
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Hamby, Justin D., 26
• FTA- third-degree criminal mischief
• FTA- harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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Patients with a prior history of heart attacks or stroke have better outcomes when cholesterol-lowering medications are used after they are discharged from the hospital, according to a new study reported at the 2017 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions. Prior surveys in hospitals found that statins, a common medication prescribed to lower cholesterol, are not being used as consistently in patients who have been admitted to the hospital following a heart attack or stroke. Researchers also found that when the medication is prescribed, dosing is likely not as high as it should be to provide optimal benefits. Researchers examined more than 62,000 records of patients from the Intermountain Healthcare system between 1999 and 2013 who survived an initial atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease event, such as a heart attack or stroke. They were then followed for three years, or until death, to identify the effectiveness of statin use prescribed at the time of their discharge. Patients who were prescribed a statin medication following an initial heart attack or stroke reduced their risk of a future adverse event such as a future heart attack, stroke, revascularization, or death, by almost 25 percent – the rate dropped from 34 percent to 26 percent.

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A study published in *The Lancet*, comparing the effectiveness of two pharmacologically distinct medications used to treat opioid use disorder – a buprenorphine/naloxone combination and an extended release naltrexone formulation – shows similar outcomes once medication treatment is initiated. However, it is more difficult to initiate treatment with naltrexone because it requires a full detoxification, Buprenorphine/naloxone (brand names Suboxone) was given daily as a sublingual film (under the tongue), while naltrexone (brand name Vivitrol) was a monthly intramuscular injection.

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TRAFFIC ALERT

ALDOT: Traffic shifting for U.S. 278 bridge replacement at Brindley Creek

Seth Burkett
ALDOT

CULLMAN – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) is placing temporary concrete barriers for the eastbound bridge replacement on U.S. Highway 278 at Brindley Creek east of Alabama Highway 69 in Cullman County.

Westbound traffic is reduced to one lane. Weather-permitting, by the end of the week, traffic will be reduced to one lane in both directions through the roughly 1-mile construction zone.

This configuration will remain in place until the new bridge is completed, possibly in late 2019.

The $6,749,833 contract for the bridge replacement was awarded June 15 to Manning Construction of Cullman.

Inmates (from Front)

picking up trash when they escaped. It is believed the inmates left driving a white 1992 Oldsmobile 88 Royale.

Cullman Police Chief Kenny Culpepper said the two men were assigned to the City of Cullman Sanitation Department. He said that while at the convenience store, the inmates jumped into the car, which had the keys inside, and took off.

If you have any information, please call the Cullman County Sheriff's Office at 256-734-0342.

Hope (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Wednesday, Wellstone Behavioral Health and the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation held the Cullman Partners for Hope celebration at Loft 212, bestowing the first leadership award for advancing the cause of mental health in the area.

R.E. Garrison Trucking, represented by Sarah Frances Lovell and Miles Griffith, received the inaugural Martha Hayes Leadership Award. The company's owners are family members of local attorney Stephen K. Griffith, who was killed last year by an assailant suffering from mental illness, and they were recognized for establishing a memorial fund in his name to fund programs of the foundation.

According to WellStone Chief Operating Officer and Foundation Treasurer Chris Van Dyke, who made the presentation, the fund provides money for acute inpatient mental health care for patients who cannot otherwise afford it and expanded mental health services through WellStone with the long-term goal of establishing a 24-hour crisis center in the Cullman area. More than $50,000 has been raised in the last three months, and two patients have already received care.

"But most importantly, this community is taking mental health treatment seriously," said Van Dyke. "People are thinking long-term, working collaboratively to improve access to care. And all of that started with leadership from the Griffith family and R.E. Garrison Trucking."

The keynote speaker for the luncheon event was Anne Moss Rogers, who became an advocate for mental health care and substance abuse prevention and treatment after the death of her son in 2015. She shared her son's story and noted the severe lack of access to mental health services in her home state of Virginia.

She had little better to say about services in the state of Alabama, noting that both states tend to treat mental illness and substance abuse separately, though the two are often connected, with the mentally ill using drugs to self-medicate. Rogers did, however, laud WellStone's policy of treating the two together as a great benefit to the people of north Alabama.

In his remarks, WellStone Chief Executive Officer Jeremy Blair told the audience that his company is responsible for educating the community about matters pertaining to mental health and substance abuse, saying, "Together, we can develop solutions for mental health issues that affect our community's health, education and quality of life. There's much work to be done, and we cannot do it alone. WellStone wants to partner with you, with our local businesses and with our local and state officials to increase the collective knowledge and awareness of mental illness issues and the cost-effective treatment available to those who are suffering.

"Once we become more aware, we'll stop seeing mental illness funding as a budget line item obligation, and we'll start seeing it as an investment in our communities."

To get help for yourself or someone else

- WellStone access to care - 256-255-1020
- WellStone after-hours crisis line - 256-734-4688
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line - text HOME to 741741

For more on WellStone Behavioral Health, visit www.wellstone.com.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony welcomes new council member, talks food pantry

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COLONY – On Tuesday evening, the Colony Town Council accepted the resignation of Mary Parker, chairwoman of the council's finance committee, creating a second vacancy. Parker was not present but sent a written statement. The Town's FY 2019 budget was still in planning at the time of her departure.

While the council has had another vacancy for some time, this position was filled immediately, with the candidate attending the meeting. Melvin Hammond, a retired postal worker, bank clerk and Navy veteran, had presented himself in 2017 for the seat that the council eventually assigned to Ethel Alexander. This time around, members voted him in unanimously, and Town Clerk Patricia Ponder administered his oath on the spot.

During the work session ahead of the meeting, the council discussed funding for the town's storm shelter. A grant will cover 75 percent of the $82,000 project, but the Town had to pay $41,000 to the builder up front, and then apply for reimbursement, a fact which did not seem to have been clear at the beginning. The council is working on how to handle the temporary shortfall and upcoming second payment on the project.

At the end of the meeting, Ponder presented Mayor Donnis Leeth a surprise gift sent by first graders at Hanceville Elementary School as thanks for a presentation he made for them recently. Leeth had been invited to talk about what he does as mayor, but he took the extra step to offer personal encouragement to the kids with the theme "You are somebody."

After the meeting, Ponder and Leeth, with Councilmen Samuel Ashford and Curtis Johnson, gave The Tribune a tour of the new Carpenter's Cabinet food pantry at the Colony Educational Complex. It is well-outfitted with ample shelving and table space, two deep freezers and four refrigerators. The Town has already received its first shipment from the North Alabama Food Bank and will receive more before its first official distribution on the first Wednesday in November. Between now and then, the Town will hold training for volunteers at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday in October and will be taking client applications through that month. Colony Carpenter's Cabinet has received 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, so monetary contributions are tax-deductible.

The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall, with work session at 5. The public is invited to attend.



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Colony Town Council, left to right: Curtis Johnson, Melvin Hammond, Ethel Alexander, Samuel Ashford, Mayor Donnis Leeth and Clerk Patricia Ponder. One seat remains vacant.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Baileyton installing rumble strips on Schoolhouse Rd.; talks ball field improvements

Christy Perry
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BAILEYTON – The Baileyton Town Council this week voted to install rumble strips on Schoolhouse Road, citing speeding and safety concerns.

The council discussed the request for the strips on Schoolhouse Road, near Walker Brothers Lumber, particularly safety concerns about where trucks are entering and exiting the location. Because Walker Brothers is close to the road, extended cab or longer trucks or trucks with equipment, such as ladders, can extend out into the road.

Mayor Johnny Dyar said, "Walker Brothers is a main source of business in our community. I think we listen to their concerns. Speeding in that area is getting worse."

The council voted unanimously to approve Walker Brothers' request for the speed/rumble strips.

The council had a lengthy discussion regarding needed maintenance at the town's ball fields. At its previous meeting, the council discussed a bid of $20,000 for field improvements. It was determined at the August meeting that a second bid should be sought. Pro Rain Irrigation, a company specializing in golf courses and athletic fields, submitted a bid for $17,068.85.

Dyar insisted, "Whatever we do, let's fix it and let's do it right this time."

The council discussed the benefits of having the work done under a signed contract, ensuring that if problems come up, the hired contractor would be obligated to remedy them. The bid by the contractor includes repairs and corrections to the current drainage system and improvements to the infields and extending base paths.

The council moved to accept the bid, pending a written contract from Pro Rain Irrigation.

Complaints and concerns regarding the outfields were also discussed. It was decided that those issues could be addressed by the Town over-seeding, fertilizing and using an aerator on the fields to help thicken the grass and using sand to fill in holes.

A 10-acre plot of land adjacent to Baileyton Town Hall was offered to the Town for $10,000 an acre, the seller saying the land could be paid for over 10 years with no interest to the Town. The purchase was approved unanimously.

Rhonda Van Zandt addressed the council regarding the Knapsacks for Kids program implemented several years ago. For next year's budget, Van Zandt requested $500 for the continuation of the program.

The backpack program is a community-sponsored program with many local churches and businesses donating money or items for backpacks full of food items which are sent home on the weekends with students of families facing food insecurity.

Representatives from the Baileyton Volunteer Fire Department presented their budget request to the council. There were no changes from the previous year's budget request.

Concerns over the condition of the town's flags were brought to the council's attention.

Dyar has requested a flag from Montgomery. Flags at the Alabama Capitol building are flown a short time before being gifted to towns throughout Alabama. Baileyton has requested one of the flags.

Installation of Baileyton's two additional storm shelters has begun, with one being installed at the park and the second behind the old school. To cut costs, the Town is utilizing county trustees to help with the installation. Certified electricians and plumbers will be used to complete the projects. The bid for the shelters was awarded to Survive-A-Storm Shelters of Thomasville, Georgia in June in the amount of $179,990, with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) covering 80 percent of the expenses. Baileyton's 20 percent contribution does not have to be fully made in taxpayer money. Land owned by the Town, as well as work by Town employees and Town equipment, is evaluated and assessed as part of its contribution. With no one available to oversee the storm shelter project, Dyar was given permission by the council to purchase items as needed during the installation.

The council approved the purchase of a new dehumidifier for the existing storm shelter. It also approved the purchase of a steel pole saw to help safely cut back trees obstructing the new shelters.

The Town was recently awarded a $3,000 grant to begin the installation of lights on the walking trail. Additional grants have been requested that will be needed to complete the lighting of the trail. The current grant will cover the cost for solar lights on approximately one-third of the trail.

Town Clerk Patricia Gilbert was given permission by the council to research banks and credit unions regarding certificates of deposit.

A motion to pay all unpaid bills was approved, ending the discussion of planned items.

Councilman Greg Griffin asked to address the council. He brought up concerns he received from members of the community about the previously approved plans for a new town hall.

Griffin explained, "Since the approval, we have been met with additional and unexpected expenses. Many have contacted me questioning if now is the right time to be building a new town hall considering current money concerns. I am asking the council to possibly reconsider the new town hall for the time being."

Others acknowledged the concerns and the council said the issue will be explored further at its October meeting.

2nd Fridays (from Front)

at the square footage of the festival area and seeing the thickness of the crowd, I'm confident that you're looking at 10,000 to 15,000 people per event, times four!

"And so, that's some hefty numbers to get in here for the major purpose of the event, which really is shopping, featuring local food and shopping. That's what it's all about, and that makes all the effort worth it, for sure."

Bolin said merchant participation in the event is up, both in the number of retailers finding it worth their while to stay open late, and in retail sales totals.

Said Bolin, "I know our store owners--we've checked in with several of them periodically throughout the summer--and they've had some of their highest sales totals ever. And so that tickles me, that they're able to well during the event.

"And then, in addition to just your brick-and-mortars who are open throughout all of the central business district--and this means even the ones that are not in the official event footprint--we have Chamber members who have said that they're going to stay open.

"We have a map printed; anybody that's walkable in the central business district is on that map so that people can know they're open and can visit those stores and still take part in the activities that are going on."

Even businesses located outside the business district have had chances to get in on the action at 2nd Fridays.

Shared Bolin, "We're always looking for ways, like with our pop-up shops, to give them the ability to be there in the middle of that festival event.

"Even if their actual store is not located there, they can pack up and bring a remote store, and do business that way. So, it's been really exciting to figure out ways to include different members within the footprint of that event, so that they can gain exposure for their business, no matter where it's at in all of Cullman County."

2nd Fridays is sponsored by Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and presented by the Cullman Chamber and Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism. Festivities begin at 5 p.m. and carry on in downtown Cullman until 10 p.m. Admission is free, but don't forget your pocketbook to support area eateries, merchants, vendors, artists and farmers! Attendees are highly encouraged to bring their own chairs as well.

Obituary Announcements: Sept. 13 - 18

Joyce Sinyard Miller of Crane Hill Alabama passed away on September 9, 2018 at the age of 84. She was born in Cullman on November 3, 1933 to James Ollis and Ruby Pearl Willcutt Sinyard. The family moved to Akron Ohio in 1950 and she married Vincent Daniel Miller on August 2, 1952 in Akron. She moved back to Alabama later and made her home in Crane Hill. Funeral services are Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 11 AM at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with interment in Prospect Church of Christ Cemetery. Survivors are sons David (Cindy) Miller of Dayton, Ohio, Richard (Brenda) Miller of Blountsville, Alabama, James (Beverly) Miller of Wapakoneta, Ohio, daughter Pam Miller of Ft. Madison, Iowa, 10 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Visitation is on September 12, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mr. Rodney C. Owens, 53, of Cullman are Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 7 p.m. at Cullman Funeral Home. Visitation on Thursday from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Owens passed away on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at UAB Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Carla Owens; father, James Owens; mother, Gretchen Meadows; sons, William Owens and Matthew Owens; brother, Keith (Traci) Owens and niece, Lizzie Owens.

Donna Kay (Lee) Bryant, born on April 30, 1953, passed away on September 10, 2018. She had a lifelong pursuit of education, which included a doctorate degree from the University of Alabama, and was an avid fan of Alabama Athletics. As a retired educator, administrator and cheerleading and gymnastics coach with Cullman City Schools and St. Bernard Prep School, she made a positive impact on the lives of many young people. She was an active member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church and was an inductee into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame. She will be remembered as a kind, compassionate person who was loving to all, especially her grandchildren. Mrs. Bryant was preceded in death by her parents: Doyle and Faye (Manor) Lee; step-daughter, Kira Bryant; sister, Mary Jo Hogan and brother, Dale Lee. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Rick Bryant; daughter, Amber Sisulak (Ryan) Milks; son, Whit (Melanie) Sisulak; step son, R.J. Bryant; grandchildren: Kyla Sisulak, Kadyn Sisulak, Cohen Milks and Spencer Milks; and brother-in-law, Fred Hogan. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Mrs. Donna Bryant will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2018 at St. Andrews United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Foundry, St. Andrews United Methodist Church or St. Bernard Prep School. Moss Service is directing.

Mr. Christopher Heath Isbell, 44, passed away on Tuesday, September 11. 2018. Born March 3, 1975, in Birmingham, Alabama to Larry Isbell, and Sandy Quick. Visitation will be Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM. His service will be Friday, September 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the chapel, with interment following at Bethlehem East Cemetery. Reverend Pete Grund officiating. Survivors are his children, Mason Isbell, of Cullman, Bailey Isbell, of Jasper, Christopher (Jr.) Isbell, of Cullman, Mother, Sandy (M.C. Pratt) Morgan, of Cullman, Father, Larry (Linda) Isbell of Georgia, brothers, Blake Morgan, and Shawn Morgan, and step father, Randy Morgan.

Mrs. Aubyron Janelle Thomas, 91, of Appalachicola, Florida, passed away on September 12, 2018. Born January 16, 1927, in Steele, MO., to Joseph Clarence Christian, and Georgia Frances Miller. Visitation will be Friday at 5:30 p.m., and her service will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel, with interment following in Mt. Grove Congregational cemetery. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband Dean Francis Thomas. She is survived by a son, David Thomas, four daughters, Karen (Larry) Clark, Leslie Coffee, Martha Thomas, and Mary Barnes, two sisters, Mable Catt, and Trecia Bennett.

James Alford Pike of Cullman passed away on September 11, 2018 at the age of 70. He was born in Cullman on May 25, 1948 to Robert Alford and Iris Watson Pike. Mr. Pike graduated from Fairview High School in 1966. He worked as a commercial industrial electrician for 22 years and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers # 136, he also was a poultry farmer for 25 years. He served in The Army National Guard for 6 years. Funeral services are Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev.'s Dillon Calvert and Charles Woods officiating. Interment will be in Cullman City Cemetery. Survivors are: Wife Diana Grimmett Pike, son Allen Pike, sister Ellen (Charles) Nail, mother-in-law Dorothy Grimmett and a niece, nephew and cousins. Visitation is Friday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Karen Sue Letson, 58 of Falkville, will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 16, 2018 in the Cullman Funeral Home Chapel. Burial to follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, with Bro. Wade Maynard officiating. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Letson was born on December 11, 1959 in Indiana to the late Donald and Sandra Miller Thomas; she passed away at Huntsville Hospital on Monday September 10, 2018. She is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Mitchell Drane Jr. and Derrick Drane; and two sisters, Jewel Sutton & Brenda Lee Thomas. Karen is survived by one Daughter – Misty Boyette; 3 – Sons – Chris (Brandie) Drane, Eric (Tashia) Drane and Anthony Drane; Sister – Sue Manley; Brother – Danny Thomas; 23 – Grandchildren. The family will receive friends for visitation at the funeral home on Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Memorial Services for Ms. Melinda Denise Bryant will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 1 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. She is survived by three children and one aunt, and many friends.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

JAMES DANNIE GARMON
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-900120.00**

STORMI CHARLAINE CHASTAIN
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

James Dannie Garmon, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Stormi Charlaine Chastain's Complaint for Annulment by October 22, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against her in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900120.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 22nd day of August, 2018.

Lisa McSwain,
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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF GARY DON SHORES, DECEASED

TO THE HON. Tammy Brown, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATRIX

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to MARY RIVERS SHORES, as Administratrix of the Estate of GARY DON SHORES, Deceased, on the 11th day of September 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown.

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Contents of storage unit **B-26**, rented to **Coty Butler** on **January 19, 2015,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **September 22, 2018,** at **10:00 a.m**. Consisting of: wooden bed and frame, toys, kids bike, luggage and fish tank.

Contents of storage unit **B-22**, rented to **Salina Lee,** on **March 22, 2018,** will be sold for auction for past due rent on **September 22, 2018,** at **10:00 a.m.** Consisting of: piano, guitar, skateboard, wooden desk and wooden chair.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

SHARON CESENAS
Plaintiff

Vs. Case Number: **DR-2018-900164.00**

DANIEL STEPHEN HALL
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Daniel Stephen Hall, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Sharon Cesenas' Complaint for Divorce by October 29th, 2018 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2018-900164.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 5th day of September, 2018.

Lisa McSwain, PA
Lisa McSwain,
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