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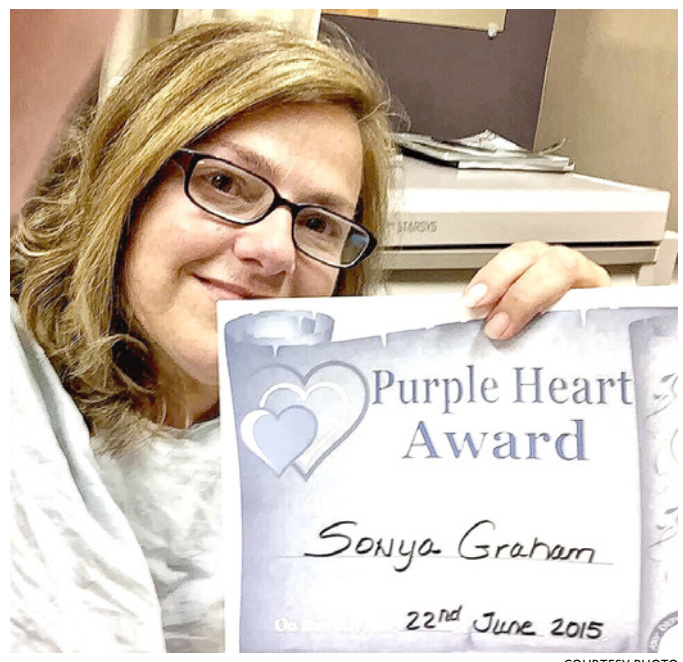


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Alabama Highway 157's "bridges to nowhere" could soon have somewhere to go; road construction is slated to begin in November 2019. » PAGE 3

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SURVIVOR'S STORY: 'You have to get on with it'



COURTESY PHOTO

Sonya Graham, on her last day of radiation in 2015. Sonya is a breast cancer survivor. » PAGE 7

Cullman County Fair 2018: 'This was one of our best years'

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Fairgoers enjoy the swings at the Cullman County Fair.

CULLMAN – The 2018 Cullman County Fair ended Saturday night after 10 days of thrills, exhibits, contests and fun. The Cullman Lions Club once again provided a wonderful variety of activities for fairgoers while raising money for local schools and service organizations. The money stays in Alabama and benefits many Cullman residents and local nonprofit organizations.

Lion Jerry Bonner said, "This was one of our best years. Attendance was up, and compared to the last few years, we had a great carnival group with minimal complaints."

There were no incidents reported at this year's fair.

The Lions Club was especially impressed with Kissel Entertainment, saying of this year's carnival group, "They are head and shoulders above the previous vendors we have used.

"Their personnel were disciplined, knowledgeable, polite and worked well with the people at the fair."

It is estimated that at least 40,000 attended the fair, although final counts were not available as of press time.

There were 1,378 exhibitors with 3,310 total exhibits. That number includes all art, produce, baked items, sewing, quilts and livestock entries. The winner payouts were $24,000.

These numbers do not include participants for events held at the Coca-Cola Theatre.

The pageants, spelling bee, talent show and other events paid out at estimated $7,500 to winners.

Some trophies, awards and photos have still not been picked up and are located in the office at the fairgrounds.

New contests at this year's fair included the spelling bee and pumpkins were added to the produce contests. The Lions Club intends to make these standard events.

Bonner spoke of the few complaints the Lions received this year: "We only had a couple and they were about MegaPasses. I would suggest to those with very young children to walk around the fair to determine the rides available for the toddlers. A MegaPass might not be the best choice for the youngest kids."

With the cleanliness, professionalism and high-quality rides provided by Kissel, the Cullman Lions Club said it will continue to use the company. That means the Cullman County Fair will likely continue to be an October event, a couple of weeks later in the year than in previous years.

Many of the carnival employees were very complimentary of Cullman and spoke to Lions Club members about how much they enjoyed the hospitality, beautiful weather and exhibits.

"They look forward to coming back and we look forward to having them back," Bonner said.

PET OF THE WEEK

Help Webster find his forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Webster

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

Webster is a "this-and-that" pup with hints of border collie, dalmatian and labrador. At around 6-months-old, he's already a laid-back, fairly low-energy pet. He's quite submissive and seems to find comfort just lying at a person's feet without invading personal space.

Webster is one of those pups who could easily become a comfort, companion or therapy dog and is the kind of dog that could be used for canine therapy in a hospital or nursing home.

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.

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

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

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

R.E. Garrison holds turkey shoot to raise money for the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund

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CULLMAN – R.E. Garrison Trucking, through its organization Garrison Gives Hope, hosted the inaugural R.E. Garrison Turkey Shoot Saturday morning, raising money for the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund, which benefits the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation and more worthy causes. Twelve local businesses sponsored the event.

Maegan Tucker, member of Garrison Gives Hope and director of customer service at R.E. Garrison, shared, "As a small committee, this is our opportunity to help a good cause that we take pride in." Tucker also briefly spoke of Stephen K. Griffith, family to the owners of R.E. Garrison, who was killed last year by an assailant suffering from mental illness, "Stephen was a respectful member and meant a lot to us."

R.E. Garrison Vice President of Trucker Relations, Shawn Nelson, said the turkey shoot was a great way to raise funds, sharing, "People wanted to raise money this way."

The prizes for the shoot included hams, turkeys, Boston butts, an Orca cooler (with a handmade cleaning rod for guns), a 50-inch Samsung TV (also with a handmade cleaning rod) and a Big Green Egg for the grand prize. Shots for the cooler were $20, for the TV were $30 and for the Big Green Egg were $50.

The winners of the three big prizes were Tom Pappas, who won the cooler (with a lucky bullseye) and TV, and Tony Mallard, who took home the Big Green Egg.

There were also money shots available. The winner from each pool took home half of the money, with the remainder donated to the fund.

Arrest reports: Oct. 11-14

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Oct. 11-14, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018

Anderson, Steven Matthew, 40
- driving without a license
- illegal possession of alcohol
- liability insurance required
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- switched tag
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Elkins, Stephen Paul, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gaither, Frankie Wayne, 56
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jackson, Clark Aaron Heath, 30
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jeffreys, Taylor Jack Larry, 26
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Manous, Travis Wayne, 46
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parker, Chad Stephen, 34
- FTA- carrying a pistol without a license
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Perkins, Anthony James, 26
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Uselton, Johnathan Scott, 27
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018

Adcock, Casey Tyler, 23
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Atchley, Christan Celia, 32
- GJ- fourth-degree forgery
- GJ- first-degree theft of property

Barnett, Santanna Marie, 28
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Cole, Jenifer Johnson, 32
- public intoxication

Denton, Sara Jade, 24
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- second-degree bail jumping- possession of drug paraphernalia
- first-degree bail jumping- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Duckett, Morgan Alyssa, 24
- third-degree burglary

Echols, Noah Christian, 20
- third-degree burglary

Edmondson, James Cody, 27
- DUI- .08 BAC or greater
- driving while revoked
- following too close

Grissom, Jason Eric, 40
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Hale, Johnathan Blake, 27
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Horton, Brandi Heather, 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Alex Michael, 30
- public intoxication

Lindsey, Alexis Dean, 20
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Martin, Billy Joe, 44
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McAlpin, Delaney Ross, 30
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Owens, Micah Ryan, 19
- harassing communications

Sanders, Colton Joe, 26
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Terry, Mark Darrell, 42
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018

Figgs, Summer N., 25
- cruelty to animals (6 counts)

Figgs, Michael A., 26
- cruelty to animals (6 counts)

Hann, Barbara J., 49
- leaving the scene of an accident

James, Donald L., 71
- leaving the scene of an accident
- obstructing government operations

Bagwell, Alton W., 45
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- failure to signal
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- driving while revoked
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- running a stop sign
- FTA- improper passing
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- speeding

Hollis, Kevin D., 39
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- expired tag

Byrd, Acelia D., 31
- identity theft

Pate, Cody W., 32
- impersonating a peace officer

Ramey, James J., 28
- public lewdness
- resisting arrest

Hughes, Troy J., 53
- DUI
- open container in vehicle

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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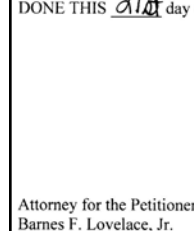
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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PETITION OF KELLY WILLIAM) CASE NO.: AD2018-090
CRAWFORD AND CHAVONNE)
RENEE SCHULTZ CRAWFORD)

FOR THE ADOPTION OF
K.A.W., MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JOHN CODY WILLIAMS, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF K.A.W., A MINOR CHILD, BORN TO MIKAYLA ABNER

A Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Petitioners Kelly William Crawford and Chavonne Renee Schultz Crawford. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, Post Office Box 970, Cullman, Alabama 35056.

DONE THIS 21st day of September, 2018.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ADOPTION OF *
J.R.H.R, * CASE NO.: AD2018-093
A Minor Child, DOB 02/02/2017. *

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **BRITANY RIGGS WHOSE WHEREABOUTS ARE UNKNOWN. TO ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR UNDISCLOSED PERSONS, WHO MIGHT BE THE FATHER:**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY DANIEL MOSLEY AND ASHLEY MOSLEY, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONER, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERKOF THE PORBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS THE 21st DAY OF September, 2018.

DANIEL MOSLEY & ASHLEY MOSLEY
PETITIONERS

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To the Publisher of **The Cullman Tribune**:

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITY MAINTENANCE
Starting pay: $13.50/ hourly

Deadline to submit applications is October 22, 2018.

MAJOR JOB TASKS: All duties listed may not be found in each position, nor does the list necessarily include all tasks which may be assigned to positions of this class.

1. Operated mechanical saws, cuts and fells trees and branches, observing precautions against personal injury or property damage.
2. Performs miscellaneous mechanical and maintenance repair tasks requiring familiarity with basic trade practices in carpentry, painting, masonry, plumbing or similar operations.
3. Operates and uses all hand tools associated with plant and equipment
4. Cleans buildings
5. Paints lift stations and buildings/ equipment
6. Mows yards, to include pump stations
7. Operates various types of riding mowers, leaf blowers, and weed eaters.
8. Performs light maintenance on mowers
9. Assists others on heavier maintenance tasks
10. Maintenance on all plant and pump station equipment
11. Maintains and keeps maintenance records on belt press
12. Makes rounds and check equipment and perform electrical troubleshooting and repairs
13. Any other task deemed necessary by the immediate supervisor.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENT:

1. Ability to maneuver various sized vehicles
2. Eyesight sufficient to pass a standard driving test
3. Physical strength and endurance to perform heavy manual labor, sometimes in adverse weather conditions
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STATE

Youth target teamwork during Alfa Leadership Conference

Marlee Moore
ALFA

COLUMBIANA – Navigating a ropes course blindfolded and led by near-virtual strangers set the stage for 81 ninth- and 10th-graders to lead, work together and overcome challenges at the Alfa Youth Leadership Conference.

Students representing 33 counties attended the annual conference at the 4-H Center in Columbiana Oct. 8-9, sponsored by the Alabama Farmers Federation and county Federations.

Winston County's Tommy Daniel is a ninth-grader at Meek High School and said he soaked up lessons in positivity, agricultural facts and unity.

"Teamwork was one of the biggest things I learned," Daniel said. "You can't do it by yourself. You have to have other people work with you."

Motivational speaker Rhett Laubach inspired students to rethink their perspective to overcome obstacles and be an encouraging light to those around them.

"When you decide to use your words and actions to build other people up, to smile, to encourage, you're making them feel empowered," Laubach said.

"A challenge in front of you is not a lifetime sentence.

"It's something you can overcome. Leaders take what is in front of them and say, 'I have to look at this differently.'"

Later in the conference, students asked Federation President Jimmy Parnell questions about Alabama agriculture — such as the state's best farming county, regulations, profits and how to start a farm.

Parnell also encouraged students to evaluate and communicate their views with others.

"You have already proven you are a leader in your school or community," said Parnell, also Alfa Insurance president.

"Keep it up. Keep working, keep making good decisions, and be willing to stand up and say what you think."

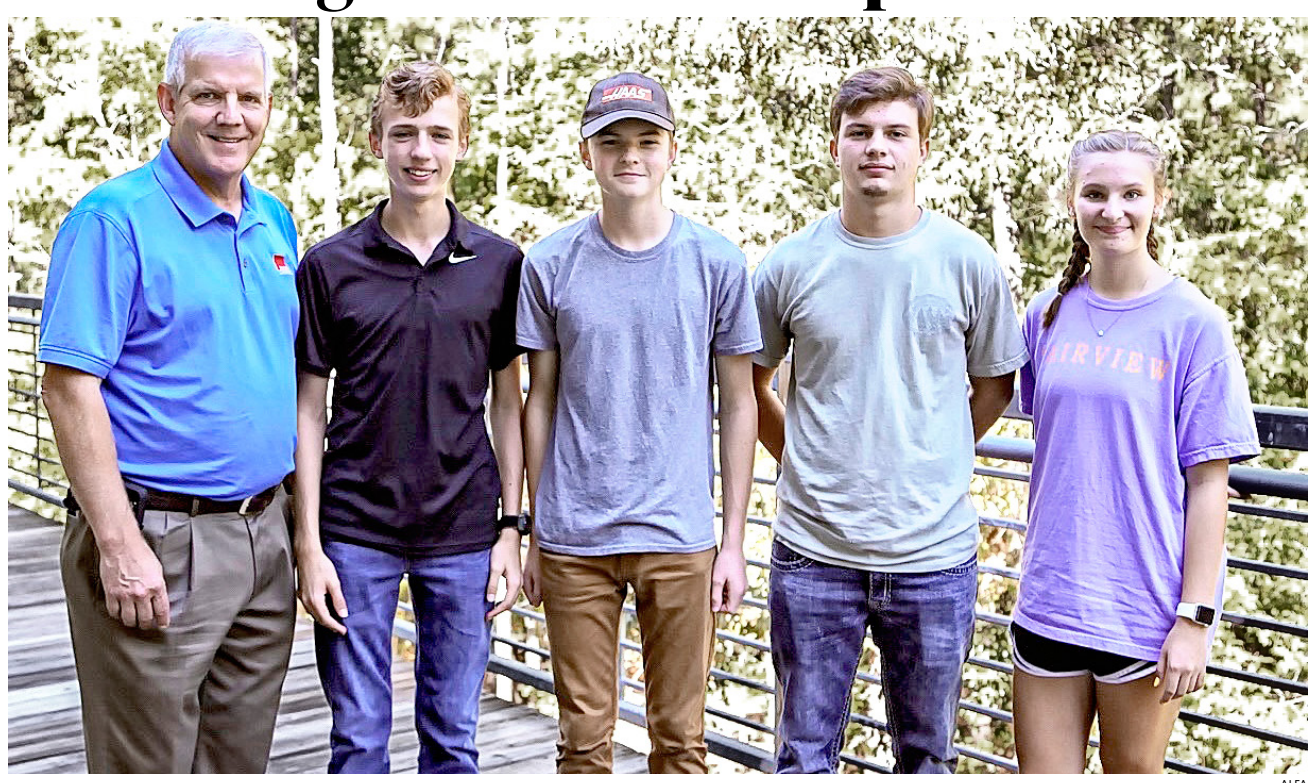
It's an objective Elanco's Jason Wetzler echoed during advocacy training, where students debunked misconceptions about agriculture and practiced telling their stories on video.

"Whatever your story is, it has a place in agriculture," said Wetzler, a former National FFA officer.

"For American ag to continue to have the impact it has — not only on your family and Americans but for people around the world — we have to tell our story to move people emotionally toward the truth."

Attendees applied for the conference and were approved by their county Federation.

View more photos on the Federation's Facebook and Flickr pages.



ALFA

Cullman County students Ben Tankersley, Darren Roberts, Thomas Bell and Sydney Babb sharpened leadership skills during the Alfa Youth Leadership Conference at the 4-H Center in Columbiana Oct. 8-9. Tankersley, Roberts and Babb attend Fairview High School, and Bell is a student at Holly Pond High School. They were sponsored by the Cullman County Farmers Federation. From left are the Alabama Farmers Federation's Mike Tidwell, Tankersley, Roberts, Bell and Babb.

ALDOT (from Front)

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MONTGOMERY – The Alabama Department of Transportation's (ALDOT) five-year plan for the period from Oct. 1, 2018 through Sept. 30, 2023 includes 15 projects at nine locations in Cullman County; most notably, for some, Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman.

Hwy. 157 to be widened

Utilities preparation is set to begin along a 4.5-mile stretch of Hwy. 157 between Alabama Highway 69 and U.S. Highway 31 during FY 2019. Actual road and bridge construction is scheduled for FY 2020. According to ALDOT North Region Public Information Officer Seth Burkett, the construction phase should begin in November 2019, with the utilities phase starting approximately three months earlier.

ALDOT has specified, though, that the timetable for the Hwy. 157 projects, expected to cost around $25.2 million, is contingent on the agency's ability to procure the necessary funding.

Burkett told The Tribune: "That date's tentative and dependent on the availability of funding. We certainly hope that we'll be able to move forward with it at that point. We see the need for the project; it's just the current situation with funding is forcing us to prioritize projects carefully, I guess."

He later added, "We do have to move things because of funding all the time."

Burkett emphasized that only the dates are tentative and that the projects themselves will be done, saying, "We certainly anticipate moving forward with that project at whatever point the funding is available. We're just not, right now, we're not certain, looking into late next year, what the situation is going to be.

"We have quite a lot in needs across the state, as far as expanding and improving our capacity on our roadways, and just very, very little money to work with."

Other projects in the five-year plan include

- Construction of a replacement bridge on Convent Road Northeast over Eight Mile Creek during FY 2019
- Construction of a new lighting system for the Cullman County I-65 rest area during FY 2019
- Preventive maintenance resurfacing and restriping of I-65 from south of County Road 222 to U.S. Highway 278. This will be done as two separate projects, both in FY 2019.
- Preventive maintenance resurfacing of I-65 from Hurricane Creek to south of the CSX Railroad bridge during FY 2019
- Improvement of the right-of-way along Alabama Highway 69 from Fourth Avenue west of Eight Mile Creek to the East Point intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and U.S. Highway 278, during FY 2019. This is preparation for a future project (not yet scheduled) to add lanes to that section of road.
- Bridge replacement on Alabama Highway 91 over Duck River, just east of the Center Hill community. Right-of-way work will begin in FY 2021; utilities preparation and bridge construction to take place in FY 2022.
- Bridge replacement on Alabama Highway 74 (Hwy. 278) over Crooked Creek, east of the Jones Chapel community. Right-of-way work will begin in FY 2021; utilities preparation and bridge construction to take place in FY 2023.
- Preliminary engineering for additional northbound and southbound lanes on I-65 and the widening of the Alabama Highway 91 overpass during FY 2023



IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CAROLYN ROSE HUCK, deceased CASE NO: PC2018-211

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF CAROLYN ROSE HUCK, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Mike Cone on the 29th day of June, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Mike Cone, Personal Representative

TO: Publisher of *Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

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IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
P.M.,) CASE NO. JU 2015-110.04
A Minor Child, 01/19/2005)

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 01/19/2005 to Tammy Michelle Schlichting, respond to the Petition of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the Termination of Parental Rights by the 20 day of November, 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 4th day of October, 2018

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

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE:)
P.M.,) CASE NO. JU 2015-110.04
A Minor Child, 01/19/2005)

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 P.M. born on or about 1/19/2005. to Tammy Michelle Schlichting, respond to the Petition by the 20th day of November, 2018, or thereafter a judgment may be rendered in favor of the Petitioner.

Contact may be made: Attorney for Petitioner: Michael J. Baggett, P.O. Box 561, Cullman, AL 35056-0561, (256) 737-0740 or Clerk of Court: Lisa McSwain, 500 2nd Ave SW Cullman, AL 35055.

DONE this the 4th day of October, 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 10 day of Oct., 2018.

Lisa McSwain (GW)
Clerk of Circuit Court

ARTS

Hanceville High hosts 27th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival

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HANCEVILLE – The 27th Annual Mud Creek Marching Festival was held Saturday at Hanceville High School's Ray Talley Stadium. Bands throughout Alabama travelled to compete on what turned out to be a beautiful warm sunny day.

Seventeen bands, divided into five classifications, competed at this year's festival.

Class A
- Carbon Hill
- Hatton
- Phil Campbell
- Meek
- Shoals Christian
- Falkville

Class AA
- Dora
- Danville
- Corner
- Winston County
- Cold Springs

Class AAA
- West Point
- Cordova

Class AAAA
- Athens
- Ardmore

Class AAAAA
- Jasper
- Pinson Valley

Hanceville High School's Bulldog Band marched in exhibition performance following the judged performances. Their high-energy Elvis-themed field show brought everyone to their feet!

The variety of music, color, visual effects and personal flair each band presented kept the 2018 Mud Creek Marching Festival exciting and packed with fans.

Hanceville Band Booster Mark Long said, "We are excited by the bands at this year's festival. More and more schools are hosting competitions each year, so band directors have many competitions they can choose. We were still able to attract all these great bands including the bigger schools like Athens, Ardmore, Jasper and Pinson Valley. We pride ourselves on hospitality by making sure the directors and the bus drivers are taken care of as well as having great food and extra things like 'shout outs' for the kids and parents."

Long added, "Football teams have Friday, but Saturdays are for the bands to have an opportunity to show off their hard work. They compete but are also seeing the product of each other's hard work and dedication. The support these kids have for one another is unique. Band kids are the best of the best."

Awards

Superior (1) is the highest rating given in competition. Each component (drum major, color guard, majorettes, dance line, percussion and band) is rated individually. Not all bands have each of these components.

Bands receiving all superior ratings were:

Hatton, Shoals Christian, Dora, Corner, Winston County, Cold Springs, West Point, Cordova, Athens, Ardmore, Jasper and Pinson Valley

Meek received superior ratings for Drum Major, Color Guard and Band.

Falkville received superior ratings for Drum Major, Color Guard and Band.

Danville received superior ratings for Drum Major, Color Guard and Percussion.

Best in Class A
- Drum Major- Shoals Christian
- Color Guard- Hatton
- Majorettes- Shoals Christian
- Percussion- Shoals Christian
- Band- Shoals Christian

Best in Class AA
- Drum Major- Corner
- Color Guard- Cold Springs
- Majorettes- Winston County
- Dance Line- Dora
- Percussion- Corner
- Band- Corner

Best in Class AAA
- Drum Major- West Point
- Color Guard- Cordova
- Majorettes- West Point
- Dance Line- West Point
- Percussion- West Point
- Band- Cordova



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Band members react during the awards ceremony at Saturday's Mud Creek Marching Festival in Hanceville.

Best in Class AAAA
- Drum Major- Ardmore
- Color Guard- Athens
- Majorettes- Athens
- Percussion- Ardmore
- Band- Ardmore

Best in Class AAAAA
- Drum Major- Jasper
- Color Guard- Jasper
- Dance Line- Jasper
- Percussion- Jasper
- Band- Jasper

The Grand Champion of the Silver Division (Class A and AA) was Corner High School.

The Grand Champion of the Gold Division (Class AAA, AAAA and AAAAA) was Jasper High School.

Two special memorial awards are presented each year at the Mud Creek Marching Festival.

The first was the Tam Easterwood Award, given to the color guard with the highest score regardless of classification.

The Tam Easterwood Memorial Award went to Jasper High School.

The second was the Vanessa Watts Award presented to the drum major with the highest score regardless of classification. This year's award went to Ardmore High School.

Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments holds annual golf tournament

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HANCEVILLE – Nineteen teams teed off at Cross Creek Golf Course Saturday morning to compete in the 10th annual Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Golf Tournament. All the proceeds from the event go toward providing Christmas gifts for underprivileged children across Cullman County.

First, second and next-to-last places took home cash prizes. Closest to the pin and longest drive winners were also awarded prizes.

First place team – 57
- Terry Kent
- Rene Williams
- Benny Humphreys

Second place team – 59
- Jacob McCurry
- Ty Miller
- Trevor Barber

Next-to-last place team– 89
- Gerald Smith
- Ralph Laney

Longest drive
- Jacob McCurry

Closest to the pin
- Ty Miller



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Ed Potter chips onto the green during Saturday's 10th annual Cullman County Association of Volunteer Fire Departments Golf Tournament.

YOUTH FOOTBALL: Week 8 scoring roundup

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CULLMAN – The final week of the Cullman County youth football regular season is now complete. Below are the results from the games, as well as playoff game times for next Saturday at Vinemont.

Good Hope Raiders 60 (7-1), Cullman Cyclones 0 (0-8) (Fireplug)
The Raiders finished off the regular season in dominating fashion as they shut out the Cyclones.

Cullman Cyclones 40 (8-0), Good Hope Raiders 14 (2-6) (Wee-Wee)
The Cyclones dominated the Raiders on both sides of the ball as they finished the regular season with a perfect record. Cullman will face off against the Good Hope Outlaws next Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Good Hope Raiders 30 (7-1), Cullman Cyclones 0 (4-4) (Pee-Wee)
The Raiders lead 8-0 at the half and they pulled away in the second half, shutting out the Cyclones. Good Hope's playoff opponent for next week will be the Cullman Bearcats. The Cyclones finish off the season at 4-4 and will take on West Point at 10:30 a.m.

Vinemont 14 (7-1), Cullman Bearcats 12 (3-5) (Fireplug)
The Eagles finish off the regular season 7-1 after their close victory over the Bearcats. Their playoff opponent will be the Holly Pond Broncos; the game will start at noon.

Vinemont 6 (5-3), Cullman Bearcats 0 (4-4) (2OTs) (Wee-Wee)
It took double overtime to decide a winner in the wee-wee matchup. Both defenses dominated for four quarters, plus the first overtime period. But Vinemont, after stopping Cullman on the first series of the second overtime period, found the end zone on its series when Jaxon Morotz scored on a 7-yard run around the right side; the Eagles will face the Cullman Bearcats in the playoffs next Saturday at 3 p.m.

Cullman Bearcats 26 (7-1), Vinemont 0 (Pee-Wee)
Cullman finishes the day 2-1 after shutting out Vinemont; the Bearcats will take on the Raiders at 9 a.m. next Saturday.

West Point 22 (5-3), Cold Springs 6 (2-6) (Fireplug)
With their win over the Eagles in the fireplug game, West Point clinched a spot in the playoffs. The Warriors will face the Outlaws at 1:30 p.m.

West Point 6 (5-3), Cold Springs 0 (4-4) (Wee-Wee)
The Warriors scored the only touchdown of the contest, defeating Cold Springs in a close game.

West Point 48 (7-1), Cold Springs 0 (Pee-Wee)
The Warriors finished the regular season strong, dominating the Eagles on both sides of the ball in their shutout victory; they will take on the Cullman Cyclones at 10:30 a.m.



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Good Hope Outlaws 36 (7-1), Holly Pond 20 (6-2) (Fireplug)
The Outlaws jumped out to a quick 36-8 lead behind three touchdowns by Bentlee Marlow and a touchdown each by Kamden Collins and Hunter Brown; they went on to take the game and will face the West Point Warriors at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday in the playoffs. The Broncos' playoff opponent will be the Vinemont Eagles, which will start at noon.

Good Hope Outlaws 32 (7-1), Holly Pond 0 (0-8) (Wee-Wee)
The Outlaws finished the regular season strong, shutting out the Broncos; they will take on the Cyclones at 4:30 p.m.

Holly Pond 34 (5-3), Good Hope Outlaws 6 (3-5) (Pee-Wee)
The Broncos avoided the sweep, dominating the Outlaws from start to finish in their victory.

Hanceville 12 (2-6), Fairview 0 (1-7) (Fireplug)
The Bulldogs finished off the season with a shutout victory over the Aggies.

Hanceville 38 (2-6), Fairview 6 (3-5) (Wee-Wee)
Hanceville dominated the Aggies on both sides of the ball, rolling to an easy victory.

Fairview 24 (2-6), Hanceville 0 (1-7) (Pee-Wee)
The Aggies avoided the sweep for the day, shutting out the Bulldogs in the final game of the series.

Cullman County Youth Football: 1st round playoff schedule: Saturday, Oct. 20

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These are the first round division championship games. Per division, the two winning teams will then face off on Saturday, Oct. 27 in the county championship games.

The losers from Oct. 20 will face off on Oct. 27 for third place.

Location: Vinemont High School

PEE-WEE
9 a.m.
- Good Hope Raiders v. Cullman Bearcats

10:30 a.m.
West Point Warriors v. Cullman Cyclones

FIREPLUG
Noon
- Vinemont Eagles v. Holly Pond Broncos

1:30 p.m.
- Good Hope Outlaws v. West Point Warriors

WEE-WEE
3 p.m.
- Vinemont Eagles v. Cullman Bearcats

4:30 p.m.
- Good Hope Outlaws v. Cullman Cyclones

Information provided by the Cullman County Youth Football Association.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Cold Springs Eagles, Lady Eagles sweep DEW It on the Trail meet

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DECATUR – Cold Springs' boys edged out Fairview for the top spot in the 1A-4A division at the DEW It on the Trails cross country meet at Point Mallard Saturday morning, thanks in large part to a third-place finish from Jonathan Collett. The Lady Eagles took home first place over Brindlee Mountain in their division. The Lady Eagles won with a time of 1:56:28 and 74 points while Cold Springs' boys' team smoked the rest of the field with a time of 1:31:45 and just 42 points. In the large schools' division (5A-7A), the Cullman boys finished 16th behind Athens with a 1:33:43 and 394 points, while the Lady Bearcats placed eighth behind Thompson with a time of 1:47:48 and 188 points.



ED HUDDLESTON

Runners take off Saturday at the DEW It on the Trails cross country meet in Decatur on Saturday.

DEW IT ON THE TRAILS INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Cold Springs Girls 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 6th – Ava Akridge – 22:03.30
- 7th – Ashleigh White – 22:03.50
- 24th – Alyssa Jackson – 23:55.30
- 28th – Ciara Calvert – 24:10.70
- 30th – Emma Hancock – 24:14.70
- 33rd – Allison White – 24:23.00
- 79th – Emma Collett – 27:47.70

Fairview Girls 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 22nd – Angelica Antibero – 23:47.90
- 38th – Brianna Lodge – 24:32.70
- 39th – Alyssa Harper – 24:35.30
- 70th – Jillian Moore – 26:49.60
- 74th – America Diaz – 26:59.50

Addison Girls 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 87th – Lauren White – 29:04.10
- 100th – Julianna Plaza – 30:06.90
- 103rd – Haleigh Holland – 30:38.40

Cullman Girls 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 23rd – Della Kelly – 20:49.10
- 30th – Jennifer Aviles – 21:14.40
- 31st – Bernarda Tizapa – 21:14.90
- 34th – Ivy Edge – 21:19.50
- 102nd – Tess Heaton – 23:09.80
- 170th – Colette Whitney – 25:09.80
- 177th – Diana Garcia – 25:26.90
- 186th – Joshlyn Hudson – 25:57.60

Cold Springs Boys 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 3rd – Jonathan Collett – 17:51.20
- 6th – Cole Akridge – 18:09.40
- 8th – Trentan Williams – 18:18.50
- 13th – Will Grimmett – 18:41.50
- 14th – Seth Walker – 18:43.60
- 17th – Aaron Spurger – 18:53.70
- 20th – Hunter Calvert – 19:05.80
- 37th – Brody Belcher – 20:32.90
- 49th – Jayden Allred – 21:00.40
- 70th – Slade Johnson – 21:49.70
- 94th – Justin Caffee – 23:20.60
- 96th – Cameron Nunn – 23:23.70
- 125th – Grey Johnson – 26:08.30
- 128th – Noah Crandall – 26:18.10
- 130th – Kaiden Graves – 26:27.80

Fairview Boys 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 9th – Peyton Bailey – 18:20.60
- 10th – A.B. Diaz – 18:27.30
- 11th – Keagan Hardin – 18:36.00
- 21st – Daniel Cook – 19:06.30
- 35th – Will Butler – 20:27.80
- 36th – Austin Lowe – 20:28.00
- 52nd – Jacob Hankins – 21:04.30
- 108th – Matt Harper – 24:28.00

Addison Boys 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 149th – Jacob Hann – 39:27.60

Cullman Boys 5000 Meter Run Individual Results
- 12th – Will Thompson – 16:35.30
- 31st – Edgar Medina – 17:15.90
- 55th – Walker Huddleston – 18:01.10
- 229th – Reid Huddleston – 20:52.70
- 234th – Jackson Griffith – 20:57.10
- 310th – Ethan Jankens – 22:30.00









EDUCATION / TRAVEL

Wallace State Alumni Association plans spring trips to Pigeon Forge, Outer Banks and Virginia

Gail Crutchfield
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – The Wallace State Alumni Association is offering two trips celebrating Spring, with a three-day trip to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, and an 8-day trip to Virginia and the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

The Spring Fever Tour to Pigeon Forge will be March 19-21, 2019, and includes a jam-packed itinerary featuring the Smoky Mountain Quiltfest as well as shopping opportunities, entertainment and more.

Along with the Quiltfest, travelers will enjoy the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show, Smoky Mountain Opry and dinner at Bull Fish Grill.

Shopping opportunities include visits to Cherry Pit Quilt Shop and Tanger Outlet in Servierville, The Island in Pigeon Forge, and side trips on the way and back to Lodge Cast Iron Factory Store in South Pittsburg, Tenn., Moore's Discount Fabric Shop in Chattanooga, Mayfield Dairy in Athens, Tennessee, and Sweetwater Valley Farms in Sweetwater, Tennessee.

"There's really something for everyone with this trip," said LaDonna Allen, alumni association coordinator.

"Even if you're not into quilting, you'll enjoy the artistry of the hundreds of quilts on display. Add in the shopping and entertainment options and it's a great trip all around."

The trip ranges in price from $369 to $595 based on occupancy and Alumni Association membership. The package includes motorcoach transportation, two night's accommodations at the Clarion Inn-Walden's Landing in Pigeon Forge, admission to all attractions on the itinerary, and baggage handlings, taxes and gratuities.

The deadline to register is Jan. 25, or until spaces are filled. Register online at www.wsccalumni.org/quilt19/. The Colonial America and Outer Banks trip June 2-9, 2019, will include an overnight stay in Asheville, North Carolina, before heading on to Carolla, North Carolina, and the beachfront Hampton Inn and Suites for a three-night stay that includes wild horse safari to the see the Wild Mustangs of Carolla before a visit to the nearby town of Duck for shopping and lunch.

A guided tour of the Chicamacomico Lifesaving Station will follow, along with a visit to the Bodie Island Light House and dinner at Kill Devil Hills.

The days following will include visits to the Wright Brothers Museum in Kitty Hawk, a visit to the Elizabeth II, a historic 16th century sailing vessel, Roanoke Island Festival Park, antiquing in Manteo, Ft. Raleigh, Elizabeth Gardens and a Lost Colony Dinner Drama.

From Carolla, the tour will head to Jamestown, Virginia, for two nights. Activities include a guided tour of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement a visit to Yorktown and another guided tour of areas relevant to the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, a guided walk of Colonial Williamsburg and a special tavern dinner.



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Lost Colony Dinner Drama is on the agenda for the June 2-9 trip to the Outer Banks and Colonial Virginia.

"I'm especially excited about this trip," Allen said. "Getting to see wild mustangs and all of the historical elements of the trip would make it a great trip for nature lovers and history buffs."

The trip ranges from $1,439 to $2,079 depending on occupancy and Alumni Association Membership. Through Nov. 15, anyone registering and paying a deposit for this trip will receive a $50 per person discount.

Costs include motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 14 meals, baggage handling, tax and gratuities, tour guide and admission to all activities listed on the itinerary. Register at www.wsccalumni.org/OBX19.

For more information about these and other travel opportunities by the Alumni Association, contact Allen at 256-352-8071 or ladonna.allen@wallacestate.edu or visit www.wsccalumni.org and click on the News & Events link and Upcoming Events.

EDUCATION

Fairview Elementary named Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School

Maggie Darnell, W.C. Mann

FAIRVIEW – Fairview Elementary School has been named a 2018 Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School by Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence, Inc. (BRSE). BRSE is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that provides continuous improvement support with a comprehensive approach including professional development, best practice sharing and national conferences and networking. Fairview Elementary started in the spring and was qualified as a Blue Ribbon Beacon School. After implementing improvement strategies since then, on Oct. 4 the school was notified it had achieved Lighthouse School status.

Fairview Elementary Principal, Marty Hardman, is appreciative and delighted with the achievement, saying, "I'm proud of the students, faculty and staff for their hard efforts. I'm proud to be a part of this school; this award shows our hard work being recognized."

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette shared, "I am very proud of Fairview Elementary School. This is evidence of the great things that are going on in our schools. Fairview is a great community with a school full of wonderful leaders, faculty and staff. I am also very excited for the students and families of Fairview because they make education a priority and this is recognition of their efforts, as well."

According to the BRSE's website, "The BRSE Blueprint for Excellence is designed to be a positive school improvement process that covers nine major categories of critical performance elements found in excellent schools." Those nine categories are: Student Focus and Support; School Organization and Culture; Challenging Standards and Curriculum; Active Teaching and Learning; Technology Integration; Professional Community; Leadership and Educational Vitality; School, Family, and Community Partnerships; and Indicators of Success

According to the BRSE:

"The Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School Award is a recognition program for schools of excellence and is not designed as a typical application process. Schools are identified and selected for this award based on achievement of excellent performance in all nine major categories of the Blueprint for Excellence assessment. Schools achieving excellence in less than nine categories could be eligible for the 'Points of Light' Award or recognition as an Aspiring School. Schools will be notified of their status soon after completion of the assessment process and honored in an awards ceremony at the annual Blue Ribbon Schools Blueprint for Excellence Conference in December. These awards are given at the sole discretion of the BRSE.

"An assessment does not imply or guarantee award eligibility. In fact, a school often implements improvement strategies to move from Aspiring School, to Points of Light School, Blue Ribbon Beacon School and then to Blue Ribbon Lighthouse School."

In order to receive a Lighthouse Award, a school must exceed the established standard in all nine of the listed categories, a process which usually takes place over the course of multiple school years.

Fairview Elementary joins Cullman Middle School, East Elementary School, Fairview Middle School and Parkside School as the Cullman area's Lighthouse Schools. Cullman-area Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Beacon Schools include Good Hope Primary School and West Point Intermediate School. Cullman-area Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Points of Light Schools include Good Hope Middle School and Vinemont Middle School. (As more 2018 schools are named, The Tribune will report that.)

The 2018 winners will be awarded their banners at the Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence National Conference, which will take place in Orlando Nov. 27-30.

Learn more at www.blueribbonschools.com.

Obituary Announcements: Oct. 16 - 20

Arrangements for Mrs. Mary Lou Hartwig, 91, will be announced at a later time by Hanceville Funeral Home.

Cloyce Jean Scogin, 84, of Haleyville, entered into rest on October 13, 2018 at Haleyville Health Care. Mrs. Socgin was born on July 14, 1934 in Haleyville. Jean was a lifelong member of Old Union Baptist Church. She is a graduate of Phillips High School and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, and crafts. Complete service information will be announced Tuesday afternoon. Jean is survived by her sister, Jacqulyn Holt; niece, Traci Parker and her husband Keith; nephews, Dusty Holt and his wife Sherry, Mike Holt and his wife Sheila; great nieces, Sydney Holt, Karly Grace Holt; great nephews, Tanner Parker, Trevor Parker, Tucker Parker, Wesley Holt; great-great nieces, Tinlee Parker, Paislee Parker; and a host of friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Idell Scogin and great nephew, Tyler Parker.

Funeral service for Hafford Leeman Hester, 82 of Baileyton, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Ryan Cemetery. Wesley Alldredge and Tim McCormick will be officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Mr. Hester passed away Saturday, October 13, 2018, at his residence. He was born March 30, 1936 to parents, Huey Roland and Minnie Elizabeth Briscoe Hester. He served in the United States Air Force. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Faye Jean Walker Hester; son, Randall Walker Hester; and parents, Huey Roland and Minnie Elizabeth Briscoe Hester. Survivors include his wife, Hilda Bartlett Hester; children, Mignon Hester (Ron) Decker, Shawn Roland Hester, Dale (Kathy) Bartlett, Darryl (Wendy) Bartlett; grandchildren, Savannah Decker (Ethan) Gulley, Karmen Decker, Landon (Amber) Bartlett, Nicholas (Sammi) Bartlett, Jordan (Stormy) Bartlett, Ivy Kilcollins; great-grandchildren, Morgan, Julian, and Olivia Bartlett; sister, Ann Carol (Bobby) Lee; and a niece, Deanna Lee. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Huntsville Heart Center, 930 Franklin St. SE, Huntsville, AL 35801.

Funeral Service for Carol Elaine Ergle, age 43 of Vinemont, will be at Cullman Heritage Chapel on Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at 1 p.m. with Steve Caudle officiating; burial at Vinemont First Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home, 255 County Road 1435, Cullman, AL 35058, is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Ergle passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018, at her residence. She was born Monday, January 20, 1975 in Alaska to Donie Rice and Mary Anne Segrest Rice. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Alton Theo Rice, Ralph Hilton Segrest, and Peggy Elaine Johnson Segrest. Survivors include her husband, Trent Ergle; step-daughter, Heather LeAnn (Wesley Adam) Waldrep; step-grandchildren, Cody Lane Waldrep and Carley Alexis Waldrep; father, Donie (Charlotte) Rice; mother, Mary Anne Segrest Rice; brother, Farris (Leslie) Brandon Rice; grandparents, Leon Puckett and Norma Carol Puckett; nieces and nephews, Ella, Miles, and Cooper Rice; and half-brother, Michael Rose Lloyd. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 17, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be family.

Karen Alesia Klugh, 70, of Cullman entered into rest on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at her home. Mrs. Klugh was born on November 8, 1947 in Cullman, Alabama. Kay was very active in her church and served as a teacher with the Bible Study Fellowship. She always believed that everyone should be treated fairly and followed that path through her life as an employee and finally as the Director of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for the State of Arkansas. A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Cullman on October 20, 2018 at 11 a.m., officiated by Brother Reagan Brown. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the American Cancer Society in her name. Kay is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Benjamin Klugh Jr.; step children, Amanda Robinson, Jeremy Klugh, Kelly Fugok and Scott Klugh; and seven grandchildren. She had six brothers and sisters, Linda (Dan) Dodson, Pam McWilliams, Steve (Barbara) Cupp, Mike (Susan) Cupp, Cecille (Bobby) Cooper, Jeff (Melanie) Cupp and a host of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Alesia Cupp.

Memorial service for Ann Louise Voce, 78 of Cullman County, will be 12 noon Saturday, October 20, 2018, at Cullman Church of Christ, with Will Myhan officiating. The family will receive friends Saturday at the church from 11 a.m. until service time. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. Mrs. Voce passed away Saturday, October 13, 2018, at her residence. She was born May 9, 1940, to parents Sim and Louise Baldwin Hartsfield. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Sim Hartsfield, Jr. Survivors include her husband, Donald Voce; daughters, Donna Voce Cagle, Leigh Ann Voce (Gavin) Underwood; siblings, Rose Marie Loper, Johnny Hartsfield, Mary McCarty; sister-in-law, Joyce Hartsfield; grandchildren, Allyson Cagle, Neal Cagle, Abby Cagle, Lynsey Underwood (Will) Myhan, Anna Underwood; and great granddaughter, Emmie Allyn Myhan.

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OPINION

Community with Carol: Flourish of Cullman, Inc.

Carol Berry
Tribune Columnist

I am excited to partner with the Cullman Tribune to write a new weekly series, "Community with Carol." This series will be focused on community awareness.

As a lifelong Cullman resident, I love my community! I have owned and operated a successful local business. I founded and oversaw a local nonprofit that has changed the lives of my neighbors. This organization was also designed to give back to the community and help individuals become the best citizens they can be.

I am passionate about helping in my community and not only talking about change but doing the hard work to see change actually happen.

After my first political campaign ended I wanted to use the experience to help others. On the campaign trail, I realized how truly blessed we are in Cullman. We have so many wonderful organizations and public service-minded individuals in our community.

Each week I will showcase a local organization or individual and give the community an overview of their services and contact information.

My hope is to motivate fellow citizens to get up, get out and get involved.

This week: Flourish of Cullman, Inc. with founders of Flourish in Cullman, Inc. Melissa Dew and Sharon Kane

As a retired occupational therapist assistant in the public school setting and as a retired resource teacher, both Melissa and Sharon saw a need in our community and wanted a solution to question.....what happens when the bus stops coming?

Children with different abilities grow up in a structured environment within the public school system. Then upon graduating their world comes to a drastic stop. This reality leaves families in chaos.

"Families sometimes are so focused on completing high school, and all the struggles that entails, the thoughts after high school are never addressed," said Dew.

After watching this happen to several families, Dew and Kane wanted to see a solution. On Aug. 8, 2016 they found it, sitting in a conference with Triumph Service, a program they used as a model to start Flourish. Their vision took root that day and five days later a plan was in action to become the organization Flourish is today, employing 13 individuals and assisting 28 people.

Follow this story on The Cullman Tribune's Facebook page on Tuesday, Oct. 16, as Dew sits down with Community with Carol to explain just what Flourish of Cullman, Inc. does in our community.

- www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune
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CAROL BERRY

Carol Berry, left and Flourish of Cullman, Inc.'s Melissa Dew

Story (from Front)

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Behind her wicked sense of humor and her refusal to take herself too seriously, Sonya Graham is a magnificent woman of strength, perseverance and inspiration. Her story is one of tragedy, triumph, twists, turns, miracles, hope and the importance of love and laughter.

Sonya grew up in Mississippi. At the age of 2, she was in a tragic shooting accident. Her lung was pierced, and she was left with a permanent spinal cord injury. The T4 spinal cord injury left her with no feeling from her chest down.

She explained, "I was so young when the accident happened, so being in a wheelchair was my normal. My mom would tell me that I could feel sorry for myself or be depressed for one day and that's it. That became my way throughout life."

Sonya describes her childhood as a paraplegic as, "easier in some ways and harder in others." She says she was popular and had many good friends, her mother being her number one fan.

After high school Sonya attended Mississippi State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in child development and psychology. In 1997, Sonya, at the urging of friends and family, entered the Miss Wheelchair Mississippi pageant and she won!

She laughs as she remembers the experience, "I am so not a pageant person, but I went to Denver to compete for Miss Wheelchair USA. I was terrible! My mother had always thought everything I did was wonderful. I knew things were bad when all she could say was 'Sonya, you are like me. We shouldn't really do public speaking.' Yeah, pageants are just not my thing!"

Sonya continued her education at the University of Illinois earning her master's degree in social work. She interned at the VA Hospital in Chicago. She transferred to the VA in Memphis and then to the VA in Birmingham in 2001 where she still works today.

In 1998 she met her husband Les and they married in August 2001. For the next several years, Les and Sonya worked hard commuting to Birmingham each day from Good Hope. Both were active in animal welfare causes and rescue. Their new home was built with the accommodations of their beloved dogs in mind. Life was good.

In 2009, the Grahams were thrilled to learn they were expecting. Sonya says it was not planned. "I was with a friend and we were helping with a group of foster puppies. One of the puppies pooped and in rescue, we don't even flinch. That day, I got sick and threw up. Her first thought was to ask if I was pregnant. Well, I went to the doctor and yep, 12 weeks pregnant!"

The pregnancy was easy and trouble-free until Sonya approached the 33rd week. "I woke up and knew I felt really bad and something was wrong. My blood pressure had skyrocketed, and Gabby's blood pressure was dangerously low. The doctor said they had to get the baby or one of us was going to die or both."

Gabby Graham was delivered by cesarean section on June 1, 2010. She lacked the ability to regulate her body temperature so baby Gabby stayed in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at UAB Hospital in Birmingham for two weeks. Sonya's blood pressure failed to improve, and she was unable to see. "Les rushed me to the ER and a CT Scan revealed I had had a stroke. I couldn't see, and although I knew it was bad, I knew we would be OK."

After almost two weeks, Sonya's vision and blood pressure improved and she was discharged. Gabby was discharged a couple of days later and Les, Sonya and Gabby were finally able to enjoy being home. There was one small problem, though. Les was scheduled for a knee surgery that could not be rescheduled.

Sonya said, "Bless my mom! She lived with us for three months and took care of everyone. Not sure what we would have done without her."

As Sonya approached 40, she scheduled a mammogram and the results came back clean. But a couple of months later, in the shower, she felt a lump. She says she was concerned but thought about the mammogram just a couple of months prior.

She made the important choice to consult her physician.

Sonya recalls the Friday-night phone call from her doctor: "Gabby was in the bathtub when I got the call and heard the words 'You have cancer.' Everything after that was like an out-of-body experience. I was trying to write down everything they were saying, but I wasn't getting it all. The word 'cancer' is so scary. It is the scariest thing I have ever ever, ever, EVER heard. Being shot was easy compared to this."

Sonya was terrified as her anxiety flooded her mind with worst-case scenarios. An estimated 41,000 women die each year from breast cancer. Sonya described her reaction, "I was going to die! What was going to happen to my daughter? I was frantic. What do I do to prepare? My biggest fear was Gabby would lose me and Les. Being a social worker, I've seen so many kids go into foster care. Many are wonderful homes, but it's still different."

She continued, "My anxiety had me focused on advanced directives. I didn't have a will. I worried about insurance. Do I want to be buried or cremated? Will Les and Gabby have enough? I began working on the end. I gathered greeting cards with different messages for different occasions and milestones in Gabby's life. I knew I had to lighten my load and start doing whatever I had to do to increase my chances of being here longer for her."

Said Sonya, "I began organizing photos and videos into folders for Les and Gabby. I gave Les all my passwords, so he could get to everything if he needed. I created an email for Gabby to access when she got older with messages from me about how proud she makes me and how much I love her."

Sonya was diagnosed with ER-positive, PR- positive, or invasive ductal carcinoma (IDC). The doctors described it as "low-grade," which was good news. While it is a type of breast cancer that spreads, it is not as aggressive as other types. The other good news, the ER+, PR + means the cancer is a hormone-fueled cancer rather than genetically-fueled. Genetic testing revealed that no cancer gene was passed to Sonya's daughter.

A week after the diagnosis Sonya and Les began meeting with a team of oncologists and nurses assigned to her case. Les was there writing everything down. Sonya recalls "losing it" on that first visit.

"It all became so real when a lady in the waiting room started telling about wigs and other things I might need to know about," she said. "By the time I got to the doctor I was sobbing and telling him how I can't die! I have a 4-year-old daughter at home! The doctor told me then that I was going to be fine."

There were some challenges due to Sonya's spinal injury. A lumpectomy was scheduled, and she was out of work for two weeks. Not being able to lift her body and her chair prolonged her recovery from surgery. Tests revealed that the surgery did not get all the cancer, so she underwent a second surgery. She missed several more weeks of work.

Sonya's doctors recommended radiation treatments but had concerns about chemotherapy. Sonya explained, "The doctors didn't think the benefit was worth how hard it might be for my body. Paraplegics often have kidney and bladder problems. My lung also has scar tissue, so we opted for radiation only."

She continued, "I was able to work my job at the VA and go next door to UAB for radiation on my lunch breaks. Every time I went into UAB Hospital I couldn't help but be reminded that it was the same building Gabby was born. I received treatments five days a week for five weeks. The radiation didn't hurt while I was receiving it, but later it would burn. It burned my skin from the inside out!"

Despite the genuine fear when hearing she had cancer, Sonya said, "I was lucky. I was fortunate that my cancer was treatable and had not spread to lymph nodes. I take medication that reduces the amounts of estrogen and progesterone in my body. I feel lucky because so many women have aggressive types of breast cancer with a much lower success rate than the kind I had."

Sonya is cancer-free now but says that the fear and anxiety persist.

"When something doesn't feel right or hurts, your mind thinks cancer. You automatically go there!

Sonya's advice
SELF EXAMS!
Don't solely rely on mammograms. They can miss things, especially in women with bigger breasts.

"I knew a doctor who had a clean mammogram. She went jogging, and while adjusting her sports bra, found a lump."

DON'T SWEAT THE SMALL STUFF!
"I used to worry about unimportant things. Is so-and-so mad at me? Oh no, someone said something about me on Facebook.... who cares?

"I have prioritized my life, putting my family at the top. I started doing stuff I like! Reading books and planting flowers! I plant them in my backyard for me instead of the front yard to impress everyone else. I'm growing food in my backyard. I'm not good at it all but I like trying," she smiled.

Les, Sonya and Gabby took a celebration trip to Mexico Beach, Florida in 2016. Being a Mississippi State grad, she thoughtfully gave her doctor (an Auburn Fan) a cowbell with "Thank you" on one side and a bulldog on the other.

Sonya said she hopes her story will help others remember the wisdom of her mother: "You can feel sorry for yourself for one day, but then you have to get on with it."

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OCTOBER IS BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL MONTH IN THE PROBATE OFFICE

Any business license NOT purchased in October will face penalty and interest

Before any person, firm, or corporation shall engage in or carry on any business or do any act for which a business license is required (it) shall pay to the Judge of Probate of the County in which it is proposed to engage in or carry on such business, the amount required for such license. The cost of a business license is based on the type business it is and for certain businesses the location of the business.

Per Act 2014-430, effective October 1, 2014, prior to being issued a business license by the Probate Office, the applicant must provide the Social Security Number (SSN) for individuals or the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) for other entities.

Certain businesses must have permits before obtaining the license. Please bring or include all permits for business license in order to avoid a delay in the purchase of the license.

Business license may be purchased in person or by mail. If renewing by mail a $2.00 mail fee must be included. If renewing by mail send to the following:
Cullman County Courthouse
Probate Office
PO Box 970
Cullman, AL 35056

Business License may be purchased at the following:
Courthouse Probate Office/Room 101
Baileyton Sheriff's Substation
Dodge City Town Hall
Hanceville City Hall

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLEASE BRING THE RENEWAL NOTICE WHEN RENEWING IN PERSON OR BY MAIL
Any questions please contact the Probate Office 256-775-4802 or 256-775-4803.

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Karma in Cullman gearing up for holiday service projects

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CULLMAN – Local charity Karma in Cullman, an organization that provides food and other necessities to people in need, and whose social media presence serves as a clearinghouse for its members to help and encourage each other, is getting ready for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Individuals and families in need, whether they are associated with Karma or not, will have the opportunity in November to enjoy a community Thanksgiving meal, and to sign up for assistance at Christmastime.

Christmas assistance signups

• Nov. 9, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at DEEZ Vapes, 1418 Fourth St. SW (U.S. Highway 278) in Cullman

• Nov. 17, 2018 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Comfort Suites, 2048 St. Joseph Dr NW at Alabama Highway 157 in Cullman

Thanksgiving dinner and final Christmas assistance signup

• Nov. 21, 2018 from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center, 1545 Vine Circle SW in Cullman

Karma Founder and Director Rachel Bryant told The Tribune, "Our Community Thanksgiving Dinner has moved from the Goldridge Community Center to the Cullman Housing Authority Community Center in hopes of making it easier for people to get to.

"It will be held the day before Thanksgiving. We are hosting a dressing cook-off as a way to help provide food to serve, so if you think you make the best dressing be sure to enter.

"We are also looking for area businesses who might be interested in helping sponsor the dinner.

"The Karma Christmas Assistance Program is a way to try and remove some of the stress and worry from mom and dad this Christmas season. We know it will not solve all their problems, but if it can lift some of the burdens so they can enjoy Christmas with their families then that is what we want to do.

"We will also have opportunities for people to adopt children to shop for this Christmas season if they are interested, but more importantly, if any area businesses are interested in hosting toy drives, please contact us."

Get involved

If you or your organization would like to help Karma provide happy holidays to those in the Cullman area who are in need, or if you have a need yourself, contact Karma at 256-735-3942 or email karmaincullman@gmail.com. Visit Karma on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/1437544579798507.



