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Duck River Reservoir project update

Pipeline nearing completion, bidding on pump station to begin soon, dam lawsuit awaiting court date



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Members of the Duck River Reservoir Oversight Board hear about the pipeline project from Dale Bright of St. John & Associates Monday morning.

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BUSINESS

'We are not leaving Cullman': Krystal looking for new home



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Krystal sign lies in the parking lot of 1701 Second Ave. Monday morning. The restaurant location closed Sunday night.

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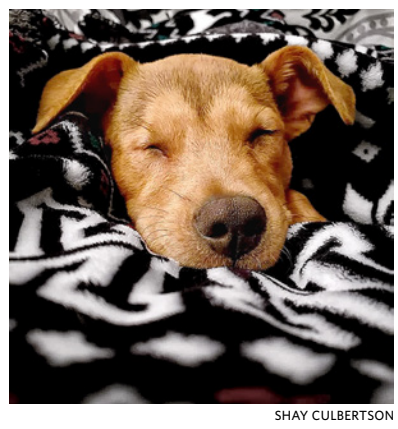
DONNA RUTTKAY

George was a pitiful pup when he first arrived at the shelter...



SHAY CULBERTSON

...but now he's doing fine and enjoying the company of a brother in his foster home!



SHAY CULBERTSON

That is a satisfied puppy!

Good news: blind puppy leaves shelter for special needs foster service

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CULLMAN – We at The Tribune like to help out the Cullman County Animal Shelter and its temporary residents by featuring an available pet or two each week, but here's one we had to feature who didn't even hang around long enough to make it into our regular feature.

Meet "Curious George," a 3-month-old blind puppy found by an animal control officer on a Cullman street. Animals with special needs can be a hard sell for many prospective human companions, and despite George's ingratiating desire to be close to people, he might have been destined to fall into that category. But sometimes you find the right human.

Shay Culbertson, who visits the shelter frequently, has contacts with a number of animal rescue and fostering services around the country. She shared with The Tribune George's story:

"I was contacted by the shelter a few weeks ago about helping this special blind boy I later named 'Curious George.' I am an independent rescuer who finds rescue for shelter dogs who are either on death row or, like Curious George, special needs.

"I went to the shelter and fell in love with this curious, lovely boy. He is totally blind but adapts quite quickly to his surroundings. He is playful, inquisitive and loving. The shelter staff and volunteers developed a bond with him right away and were eager for him to be placed in a rescue that has experience dealing with blind dogs.

"I contacted a fantastic rescue I work with, Second City Canine Rescue out of Chicago, and they immediately said that they would take him into their program. Curious George was then taken to Lee's Vet Hospital for a physical and his vaccinations. He was deemed healthy for travel, and then went into foster care with April Johnson for the next two weeks. April is a loving and experienced foster who is also a vet tech. She was able to help George grow in confidence and strength. The shelter did a great job caring for him, as did April.

"Then I transported him along with transport coordinator, Tamika Perrymon, to Nashville, Tennessee to meet the rescue who drove down from Chicago. He arrived in Chicago and is doing amazingly well in foster care. After he clears his second physical and after his neuter, he will be up for adoption. All potential homes are carefully screened to make sure that he will have a loving family who can meet his needs and that he gets the absolute best home out there."

The Cullman County Animal Shelter still has enough pets to go around. Please consider adopting to give a rescued pet a chance at a happy and healthy life. 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.

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.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

SURVIVOR'S STORY: 'Trust your gut'



LINDSEY MARSHALL

"Race for the Cure 2016 with (from left) my son, Hugh; dad, Don Marecle; my mom, Christy Marecle; (me); my sister, Haley Marecle; and my daughter, Vivian, in the stroller"

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On March 16, 2015, Dr. Lindsey Marshall and her partner Dr. Katherine Stidham celebrated the opening of their Signature Smiles dental practice. Opening a business takes months of hard work, but for Lindsey, her greatest battle was much more personal.

Lindsey is a 2003 graduate of Cullman High School. After high school she attended Birmingham Southern. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority. Her junior year, one of her sorority sisters introduced her to Tyler Marshall and they began dating. Lindsey graduated in 2007.

Tyler was accepted to UAB where he became a physician while Lindsey decided that dentistry was her calling. Lindsey's father is a surgeon in Cullman and Lindsey knew she wanted to work in the medical field, too. While at UAB, Tyler and Lindsey were married on April 10, 2010. She graduated from the UAB School of Dentistry in 2011 and joined Coleman Dental Group in Athens.

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Arrest reports: Oct. 15-21

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests reported for Oct. 15-21, 2018. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Monday, Oct. 15, 2018

Antonio Santiago, Ivan, 26
• GJ- third-degree burglary

Brizendine, Christopher Neal, 44
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Crane, Charles William, 49
• FTA- driving while revoked

Early, Misty Rachelle, 43
• menacing

Hankins, Tyler Mark, 23
• attempting to elude
• driving without a license
• improper lane usage
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• first-degree receiving stolen property
• reckless endangerment
• running a stop sign
• speeding- reasonable and prudent
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lovett, Steven Alexander, 30
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Parker, Chad Stephen, 34
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Parker, Robert Dale, 42
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (2 counts)

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Smith, Jonathan Wayne, 38
• writ of arrest- child support

Southard, Jessie Wayne, 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Swann, Chadrick Ray, 28
• torture, willful abuse of child under the age of 18

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018

Adair, Shannon Dale, 32
• FTA- owner allowed operation without insurance

Cray, Shane Robert, 31
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Hathcock, Elizabeth Ann, 51
• permitting dogs to run at large

Hollis, Nathaniel Caleb, 32
• second-degree assault

Keplinger, Harry Frederick III, 37
• nonsupport

Moore, Ted Franklin Jr., 26
• probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sandifer, Matthew James, 34
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Sapp, Ashley Nicole, 30
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Stewart, Mary Elizabeth, 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Whitley, Dwight Glenn, 62
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Wilson, Zachary Scott, 25
• harassing communications

Wednesday, Oct. 17 - Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018

Cox, Cecil William, 56
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Creel, Patrick Scott, 42
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Dorton, Eric Preston, 25
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Flanigan, Jerome Anthony, 36
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Freeman, Diane Speegle, 57
• first-degree theft of property

Gaither, Frankie Wayne, 56
• first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Gil, Francis Nicholas, 43
• FTA- reckless endangerment

Hankins, Tyler Mark, 23
• FTA- attempting to elude
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Hays, Jennifer Louise, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Henson, Lesley Michelle, 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Maddox, Jackie Ray, 55
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reed, Jacob Dai, 25
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

Richardson, Horace Vance, 26
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Richardson, Marcus Deangelo, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Schorsch, Cletus Leo, 46
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• sexual offender failure to register termination- SORNA

Sears, Bridget Nichole, 33
• first-degree criminal trespassing

Sheets, Vickie Lynn, 55
• public intoxication

Smith, Alisha Marie, 40
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Smith, Timothy Maynard, 32
• harassment
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

Stephens, Andrea Michele, 39
• DUI- influence of alcohol

Stevens, Leroy Cletus, 36
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Stewart, Tiffany Nathsha, 39
• FTA- driving while revoked

Tanner, Vickie Lee, 50
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Thompson, Tyler Daniel, 24
• third-degree domestic violence

Wilson, Westley Steven, 26
• FTA- liability insurance required

Wimbs, Liles Neal, 30
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Wojcik, Joshua, 24
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Yarbrough, Ryan Henry, 42
• sexual offender- failure to possess ID - SORNA

Zinsmeister, Herman Odis, 74
• first-degree theft of property

Friday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018

Barnett, Richard Shane, 19
• fourth-degree theft of property

Bryant, Jacob Lawrence, 24
• GJ- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
• GJ- third-degree forgery

Burgess, Charles Patrick, 27
• first-degree criminal trespassing

Crowe, Steven Lee, 41
• probation revoked- violation of protection order

Dodson, Sindy Lynn, 36
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Ewertz, Daniel Joseph, 38
• judge's order- DUI

Gaines, Dalen Eliase, 21
• GJ- attempting to elude
• GJ- obstruction-using false ID

Holmes, Violet, 58
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Johnson, James David, 57
• attempting to elude

Johnson, Jordan Andrew, 23
• possession of drug paraphernalia

King, Curtis Jason, 40
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Knight, Steven Jessie, 40
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree promoting prison contraband
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Marion, Chasey Rae, 34
• FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Rogers, Jeremiah J., 35
• writ of arrest- child support

Schorsch, Glenda Lynette, 42
• harassment

Sears, Bridget Nichole, 33
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Selvage, Robert Daniel, 35
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• resisting arrest
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Sherrell, Johnathan Grider, 20
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Justin William, 30
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Swann, Johnny Gregory Jr., 37
• third-degree burglary
• second-degree theft of property

Vice, Lisa Ellen Lobrillo, 51
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (6 counts)

White, Willie Robert, 60
• FTA- DUI

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Friday, Oct. 19 - Sunday, Oct. 21, 2018

Stanley, Joshua D., 34
• identity theft
• third-degree possession of a forged instrument

Thompson, Tyler D., 24
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Roberson, David R. Jr., 35
• DUI

Harris, Heather R., 44
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Beasley, Janet R., 41
• attempting to commit controlled substance crime

Champion, Jennifer L., 34
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Manuele, Breanna K., 28
• fourth-degree theft of property

Mathews, Megan T., 19
• DUI

Files-Barnes, Corbin T., 23
• DUI

Yates, Jimmy L. Jr., 31
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Thursby, Jessica L., 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Eddy, Monika L., 29
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Dorwaldt, Jack T., 21
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Wilbanks, Martha L., 40
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Grohman, James S., 22
• public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No reports provided.

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You are ordered to publish the following notice once a week for four successive weeks:

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

James Cox and Lisa Cox, Plaintiff, v. **Joshua F. Brown,** Defendant. — Case No. DV-2017-900117 — **Notice of Summons**

To: Joshua F. Brown

You are hereby notified that the above-styled action seeking monies due the Plaintiffs in a total amount to be determined by jury on breach of contract, conversion, fraud-misrepresentation of material facts, and deceit, as a result of the claims filed against you in the District Court, Cullman County, Alabama, and that by reason of an order for service of summons by publication entered by the Court, you are hereby commanded and required to file with the clerk of the court and to serve upon Plaintiffs' attorney, Nathan A. Brock, 223 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055, an answer to the Complaint on or before December 15, 18 or default judgment will be entered against you.

This 19th day of October 2018.

District Court Clerk
Cullman County, Alabama

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New Cullman apartments to house seniors on limited incomes

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CULLMAN – Earlier this month, Community Action Partnership of North Alabama (CAPNA), developers of affordable housing including the Sara's Ridge apartment complex in Cullman, broke ground on a new complex on County Road 1402 near Eva Road, to be called The Village at Bridge Creek. The new complex will contain 56 units to house seniors age 55 and older, with a household income of $39,000 or less (60 percent of the area's median income). Applications must follow United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines.

According to a plan approved by the Cullman County Commission in January, Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) Director Joyce Echols was authorized to sign a memorandum of understanding with CAPNA to provide transit services to the complex.

CAPNA Director of Real Estate Development Dave Truitt told The Tribune, "We built Sara's Ridge in 2008, I believe it was when we placed that in service. So, it's been there 10 years. It's been a great property, always had a lot of interest. And certainly, over the years, we've seen more need for, not just affordable housing, but senior housing in Cullman. So that's a big part of it.

"Also, you know, as a community action agency, our core area is Morgan, Cullman and Lawrence Counties. You know, we have an office there in Cullman.

"We operate our light/heat program, and we do weatherization work and things like that. It's part of our core service area, and it's where we try to meet our mission and our goals, so it works out very well for us."

The project is expected to represent a $10 million capital investment.

CAPNA hopes to begin construction in the first quarter of 2019, on a schedule to complete the project in approximately one year.

Truitt said about CAPNA's ongoing partnership with Cullman, "We've been there and (Sara's Ridge has) been a great project for us, and the City of Cullman's been a great partner.

"We've been looking for the opportunity for a few years now and were finally able to get the land and get all the application cycles synced up to where it works, so we're very excited to be coming back, and looking forward to another project in Cullman."

To find out more about CAPNA or to apply for services, visit www.capna.org or call the Cullman office at 256-734-5170.

Walk for Freedom spotlights human trafficking

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CULLMAN – "This is a silent walk, we're walking for those without a voice," this year's Freedom Walk organizer, Stephanie Wood, said to those congregated at the Cullman County Courthouse Saturday morning. The group walked for the A21 Campaign, a nonprofit, non-governmental organization whose mission is to fight human trafficking. A21 was founded in 2008 by Christine Caine and has a global presence. The organization has many strategies to fight against human trafficking "through awareness, intervention, and aftercare."

Saturday's Walk For Freedom took place across 50 nations and 450 happened that day.

Shared Wood, "I think it is absolutely awesome that Cullman gets to be a part of something that is so large; Cullman can be a small town, but we are getting to be a part of a global walk, and I just think that's huge.

"A lot of people think that human trafficking does not affect Cullman County, but it does, and it doesn't matter if your family is impoverished or rich, human trafficking touches everyone."

She continued, "Whether you're a victim yourself, or if you're not a victim you may find some you know may have experienced trafficking.

"I just think it's so amazing that we get to be a part of it (the walk) and I hope that people walk away today more aware of their surroundings, more aware of what's happening right here, and just be moved to do something and not just sit on the sidelines; now that they have that knowledge, take a step: donate to an organization that is doing something, make a phone call if they see something is off, just that they would be empowered to make a difference."

Walkers can raise money and were encouraged by A21 to donate $100 to the campaign.

The fundraising ends in October. Walkers carried signs with key statistics about people who have been victims of the horror of human trafficking.

There were several speakers before the walk started. In addition to Wood, Cullman County Sherriff Matt Gentry and special guest speaker Charity Pittman spoke to the gathering.

Gentry addressed human trafficking in Cullman County: "Human trafficking for us, is on all levels since the new law was passed."

Gentry said usually it's solicitation for sexual acts; "Human trafficking today is a very broad range of acts."

Pittman gave a personal testimony about how human trafficking deeply affected her life, being subjected to it by a family member, but said, "I am not a victim of human trafficking, I am a survivor!"

Attendees walked in a single-file line down Highway 31 in front of the courthouse, in silence, "for those who don't have a voice."

What is human trafficking?

According to the Alabama Criminal Code, Section 13A-6-153:

(a) A person commits the crime of human trafficking in the second degree if:

(1) A person knowingly benefits, financially or by receiving anything of value, from participation in a venture or engagement for the purpose of sexual servitude or labor servitude.

(2) A person knowingly recruits, entices, solicits, induces, harbors, transports, holds, restrains, provides, maintains, subjects, or obtains by any means another person for the purpose of labor servitude or sexual servitude.

(3) A corporation, or any other legal entity other than an individual, may be prosecuted for human trafficking in the second degree for an act or omission only if an agent of the corporation or entity performs the conduct which is an element of the crime while acting within the scope of his or her office or employment and on behalf of the corporation or entity, and the commission of the crime was either authorized, requested, commanded, performed, or within the scope of the person's employment on behalf of the corporation or entity or constituted a pattern of conduct that an agent of the corporation or entity knew or should have known was occurring.

(4) Any person who obstructs, or attempts to obstruct, or in any way interferes with or prevents the enforcement of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(b) Human trafficking in the second degree is a Class B felony.



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Human trafficking survivor Charity Pittman

Earlier this year, The Tribune reached out to Kathy Wilson, the chair of the Cullman County Human Trafficking Task Force for her definition:

"Human trafficking is defined as modern day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. People often confuse trafficking with human smuggling, which involves movement of persons. These are not interchangeable terms. Smuggling is transportation-based and trafficking is exploitation-based. I wish the language could be changed to 'Human Exploitation.'"

Learn more at www.facebook.com/Cullman-County-Human-Trafficking-Task-Force-870585096352748 or https://www.a21.org.

Krystal (from Front)

Christy Perry, Wendy Sack

CULLMAN – Krystal in Cullman closed to the public temporarily at the end of the business day Sunday, but according to franchisee partner John Jones, a new location will be open in the city within a year.

Jones said that WAC Enterprises, the franchisee group which operates 33 Krystal locations, including the one that was at 1701 Second Ave. attached to the Jet-Pep station in Cullman, sent Circle K Stores, Inc., the new owner of the Jet-Pep, a letter 60 days ago informing it of WAC's decision not to renew its lease.

Jones cited cleanliness at the gas station, parking and visibility as reasons WAC decided not to renew the lease. He said with the ownership change at Jet-Pep and the lease coming up for renewal, it was the perfect time to make a change.

"The smartest thing for us to do," Jones said, "was to not renew our lease and find a property we are happy with."

In fact, WAC had found a property it was very happy with: the site of the former Bojangles' Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits at 1821 Cherokee Ave. SW. Jones said that WAC was all set to sign a 20-year lease on the property and had even gone so far as to have an architect draw up plans for the new Krystal location, when the owners of the property sold it "at the last minute." He said the new owners wanted more money for the lease than WAC wanted to spend.

As for Cullman Krystal employees, Jones said that they were informed Sunday that the store was closing. He said employees were told they can work at WAC's other Krystal locations, including Athens, Priceville and Boaz.

"We are a family-oriented company and our employees are important to us," Jones told The Tribune Monday. WAC is continuing its search for a new location in the city. "We are not leaving Cullman," said Jones.

Mike Wood, Krystal's chief real estate officer, said in a statement to The Tribune, "After 20 years of operation in Cullman, Krystal closed on October 21. We intend to remain in this market and are actively seeking an alternate site for a new free-standing Krystal. Although this C-store location has served us well for years, we are investing in our properties to upgrade and build new in our core markets, such as Cullman. Our long-term plan is to be in Cullman in one of our new prototypes."

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.,)
A Minor Child, 01/19/2005)

CASE NO. JU 2015-110.04

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

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NOTICE

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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

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
OCTOBER 23, 2018

Rain can't dampen Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival

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HANCEVILLE – The ninth annual Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival took place in Hanceville Saturday. Started almost a decade ago by late Hanceville Councilwoman and Civitan Joann Walls, when it was encouraged by the state of Alabama for small towns to participate in "small towns downtown," the festival features local and visiting vendors and artists.

While vendors set up tents in the rain, Hanceville Civitan Club President Brenda Carter said with a smile, "We'll have this rain or shine. It's been nine years since it has last rained on the festival, too."

Civitan International is a global nonprofit organization based in Birmingham dedicated to serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It supports the Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham that, according to Carter, "does international research on "stem cells, spinal cord injuries and things like that."

The Hanceville Civitans sponsor the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival, as well as other Hanceville events like the Christmas parade and the Tinsel Trail at Veterans Park. They also support other events to benefit the community and raise money for scholarships for Hanceville High School students.

Carter has been president of the Hanceville Civitans since the sixth annual Mud Creek festival.

Funds raised at the festival and the nearby German lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church support the music, art and drama programs at Hanceville Schools.

Carter was happy with Saturday's attendance in light of the wet morning weather.

"We're so thankful our vendors have come," she said.

Of the festival's importance, she smiled, "It brings people to downtown Hanceville to see what we have to offer here."



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Wood carvings for sale at one of the many vendor booths at the Mud Creek Arts and Crafts Festival Saturday in Hanceville

CULLMAN COUNTY YOUTH FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Championship and third-place matchups set

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VINEMONT – Saturday started the Cullman County youth football playoffs as four teams from each division looked to clinch one of the two spots in their respective championship games next Saturday; the third-place games will also be played that day.

Cullman Bearcats 36, Good Hope Raiders 0 (Pee-Wee)
The day started with the pee-wee matchup between the Cullman Bearcats and the Good Hope Raiders. The Bearcats struck first in the opening quarter to take an 8-0 lead after one, then Tiger Flanigan picked off an Ayden Black pass and took it in for the score to give Cullman a 14-0 lead, which was the score at the half.

The second half saw the Bearcats continue to dominate on defense while pulling away on offense as Flanigan added a pair of rushing touchdowns and Cooper Loftin scored one as well; Cullman advanced to the pee-wee championship game next Saturday against the West Point Warriors, while the Raiders will play in the third-place game against the Cullman Cyclones.

West Point 26, Cullman Cyclones 14 (Pee-Wee)
West Point and Cullman faced off next to determine who would take on the Bearcats in the championship game next week. Noah Laney and Joshua Shannon II each scored touchdowns in the first quarter for the Warriors to go up 12-0 after one.

But the Cyclones made things very interesting in the second quarter as they allowed only a Dawson Smith score and countered with a rushing touchdown by Cooper Ogstad; Tucker Perry later found Ogstad for a score to make it an 18-14 game at the half.

Both defenses took over in the third, and the score stayed the same heading into the final quarter. The Cyclones looked to take the lead about halfway into the quarter, but Ogstad's pass got intercepted by Colton Thrower, who took it to the end zone to help clinch the win and the other pee-wee championship spot; West Point's opponent will be the Cullman Bearcats.

The Cyclones will take on the Good Hope Raiders in the third-place game.

Vinemont 34, Holly Pond 14 (Fireplug)
The first fireplug game saw the Vinemont Eagles take on the Holly Pond Broncos. Vinemont jumped out to a quick 16-0 lead behind a pair of touchdowns by Carson Arbet. The Eagles stifled the Bronco offense for most of the first half, until Hunter Tolbert found the end zone to make it a 16-8 game going into the break.

The Eagles broke the game wide open by scoring the first 18 points of the second half as Trevor Lee scored a pair of touchdowns and Arbet added another score.

Tolbert added another score later in the half, but it was too little, too late, as Vinemont advanced to the fireplug championship game. The Eagles will face off against the Good Hope Outlaws, while the Broncos will take on the Warriors in the third-place game.

Good Hope Outlaws 32, West Point 0 (Fireplug)
The Outlaws took on the Warriors in the final fireplug game of the day, and it was all Good Hope from the start as the Outlaws dominated on both sides of the ball. Kamden Collins scored three touchdowns and Bentlee Marlow added a pair of scores as the Outlaws jumped out to a quick 26-0 lead and went on to shut out the Warriors and clinch the other spot in the fireplug championship game. Their opponent will be the Vinemont Eagles, while West Point will face off against the Holly Pond Broncos in the third-place game.



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The Cullman Bearcats shut out the Good Hope Raiders in the pee-wee game Saturday, earning a spot in the pee-wee championship game next Saturday.

Cullman Bearcats 22, Vinemont 0 (Wee-Wee)
The first wee-wee matchup of the day featured a rematch from last week as the Cullman Bearcats faced off against the Vinemont Eagles. Kash Thomas quickly put the Bearcats up with a long touchdown run down the right side; he added another score in the second quarter.

The Vinemont offense got stifled by Cullman's defense in the first half and it continued into the second half; Andrew Godwin added the final score of the game in the third as the Bearcats clinched one of the two spots in the wee-wee championship game.

The other spot will belong to the Cullman Cyclones, while the Eagles will take on the Outlaws in the third-place game.

Cullman Cyclones 20, Good Hope Outlaws 6 (Wee-Wee)
The Cyclones took on the Outlaws to determine the final slot in the wee-wee championship game. Each team scored a touchdown in the opening period: Weston Keel for Cullman and Karson Hollis for Good Hope. The score stayed tied at 6-all going into the second half. Keel added a touchdown reception in the third to make it 12-6 after three as both defenses took over. Late in the fourth, the Outlaws looked to find the end zone, but they got stopped on fourth down, and Keel clinched the other championship slot with his third touchdown of the game.

The Outlaws will take on the Vinemont Eagles in the third-place game.

Cullman Florist preparing to 'petal it forward' Wednesday

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CULLMAN – After the success it had last year, Cullman Florist will once again participate in the nationwide event "Petal it Forward" this Wednesday, Oct. 24 . During the event, florists will surprise people on the street with two bouquets, one for them to keep, and one for them to share. Whether you share it with a family member, friend or just someone who could use a pick-me-up, the goal is to spread the joy of giving flowers throughout the community.

Cullman Florist is one of just three florists in the state participating in the event and will be stationed at a few locations across town during the day.

Those locations are currently unknown. Cullman Florist participated for the first time last year and handed out 30 bouquets, but they were gone so quickly, and the demand was so high, that this year there will be 100 bouquets given in an effort to spread even more joy.

Event Coordinator London Nix knew that after the response Cullman Florist got a year ago, it was going to have to bump up the number of bouquets for this year.

"We gave out 30 bouquets last year around the Warehouse District and people were just over the top," Nix said.

"At first people were kind of nervous to take them, but once they saw other people start to take the flowers, more people got involved and they really weren't out there that long before they'd given out all 30 of them."

Store Manager Carla Fussell recalled one of the bouquets given out last year and the effect it had on someone's day.

"One lady was actually going to meet a sick friend and she said, 'I know just what to do with these,'" Fussell said. "Everybody immediately started thinking of someone they could give them to and make their day."

Nix is excited for Wednesday and she can't wait to see the flowers brighten people's days across the community.

"I think it's just knowing that we're putting joy in people's lives and then they can share it," Nix said. "I think there's a generational gap with flowers at this point, and tons of people haven't experienced the joy of receiving flowers, let alone giving flowers, so that's what we're trying to do."

Learn more about Petal It Forward at https://safnow.org/petalitforward.



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London Nix and Carla Fussell prepare bouquets on Monday at Cullman Florist for Wednesday's "Petal It Forward" event.



Preserving a way of life: Peinhardt Farm Day 2018

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CULLMAN – On Saturday, Peinhardt Living History Farm put on its longtime community favorite, Peinhardt Farm Day. For more than 20 years, the Peinhardt family and numerous volunteers have opened the old homestead farm to the public for a day of education, entertainment and general fun for all people and all the senses.

Said Peinhardt Farm Board President Jennifer Tucker, "This is the only day during the year that we open our farm to the public. It's a day to step back in time to the 1930s, during a time of no cell phones, no TVs, no fast food restaurants, no Wal-Mart- a time where life was slower paced, and the center was the family farm. We want this to be a learning experience for people of all ages, a time for the older generation to reminisce and share stories with the younger generation."

Activities and exhibits around the farm property included: the Peinhardt Farm museum collection, historic buildings and artifacts collected from around the region, farm animals, picking sweet potatoes and cotton in the garden, woodcrafts in the east pasture, including free birdhouses for kids to build on the spot, hands-on activities for kids with traditional farm and frontier tools, honey bees and honey, blacksmith shop, broom making, wood carving, chair caning and basket weaving, quilting, open-fire cooking, weaving and cloth dyeing, pumpkin painting, grist mill, sorghum syrup making, using cane harvested from Peinhardt's own field, live music and hay rides.

Rain in the morning held down the early crowd, but by lunchtime, parking areas were full, and a steady stream of visitors was coming through the gate.

On Saturday afternoon Tucker said, "Despite the rain that we had earlier today, I think our crowd has picked up some. We've had a great day so far, even though it's been a little damp and a little wet. We've got our grist mill running, making our corn meal. We've got our molasses; they're still cooking it.

"We've got birdhouses in the east pasture, open-fire cooking in the east pasture. We've got wagon rides that have picked up since the rain has quit, and we've got a field full of people that are down there picking up sweet potatoes, they're picking cotton, they're picking corn. They're out with their mud boots, enjoying their day."



ED HUDDLESTON

Hands-on activities with farm animals were a big draw at Saturday's Peinhardt Farm Day.

Tucker isn't just board president. She's also the daughter of Eddie Peinhardt, so this is a family affair for her.

She said, "Our farm is unique in that I don't think there's another around that does the history like we do. There's other farms around that have the petting animals and the other activities, but we want to make sure that we preserve the history, because that's something that you just can't find anymore.

"It's a learning opportunity. You know, you see people walking around, and the older people's generation--they're reminiscing, and they can point out the different tools and they know what they are. And they have their family with them, and they're sharing that. It's also a learning experience for the younger generation that are with them. It's fun to watch the people reminisce, and then people learning, too, because it's a lot of hands-on demonstrating going on all over the farm, but also they're learning, too."

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Wallace State volleyball wraps up ACCC regular season with perfect mark

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State volleyball has once again completed a perfect regular-season march through the Alabama Community College Conference (ACCC).

The Lions won 25-7, 25-19, 25-12 at Coastal Alabama-Brewton on Sunday, wrapping up a perfect 16-0 mark in conference action this season.

Wallace State (29-7), which has won 10 matches in a row, concludes the regular season Wednesday at Martin Methodist College. The Lions have won 11 consecutive ACCC regular-season championships.

Wallace State freshman Karlee Hall finished with 13 kills and four digs against the Lady Warhawks, Lexie Riggins had 10 kills and a pair of digs, Kaitlyn Doyle had seven kills and Maya Jones added five.

McKenzie Boland collected a team-high 31 assists.

Madison Turner finished with 11 digs, Karmahn Hall had eight and Alexis Snow added seven. Courtlyn Barber added six digs and three kills.

Wallace State also earned a 25-12, 25-10, 25-16 victory over Wallace Community College – Selma on Oct. 17 with four players registering at least seven kills.

Hale finished the match with 11 kills, Riggins had nine kills, Jones had seven and Barber contributed seven kills and six digs.

Snow finished with a team-high 10 digs, Alex Wiggins had nine digs and five kills, Hall had seven digs and Madison Turner added five.

Boland finished with 35 assists and Rhodes added six assists.

Wallace State has won 74 consecutive regular-season matches.

As the top seed, Wallace State will seek its 10th consecutive ACCC/Region 22 tournament championship beginning Nov. 2 at Tom Drake Coliseum. The tournament is Nov. 2-4.

For more information about Wallace State athletics, visit www.athletics.wallacestate.edu or the athletics Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Wallace-State-Community-College-Athletics-238544719506181



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Wallace State sophomore Katie Edwards (6) attempts to hit the ball over the net in a match this season.

Story (from Front)

In 2013, Tyler and Lindsey were thrilled to learn they were expecting a son. Hugh Marshall was born in January 2014, and soon after, Tyler was chosen for a sports medicine fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. All of their hopes and dreams seemed to be falling into place.

As the daughter of a surgeon who spent his career providing care to women with cancer, Lindsey was very body conscious and perhaps knew more on the subject than most. As a new mother, Lindsey was breastfeeding her son.

She explained, "There were some changes in my body, but all women experience changes after giving birth. Breastfeeding can cause weight loss and I was losing weight. I was losing a substantial amount of weight. It was to the point where my friends were expressing their concerns."

She continued, "Katherine Stidham and I talked about opening a practice in Cullman. We are both Cullman girls although we never knew each other prior to being in the same bay in dental school.

"We joked in school about the two Cullman girls opening a clinic but now we wanted to turn it into a reality. Around the same time, in November 2014, I found a lump in my left breast. I still convinced myself that it was normal due to having a baby and breastfeeding. I was only 30 years old."

With the Christmas holidays and Hugh's first birthday upon her, she didn't tell anyone and concentrated on enjoying the festivities. She rechecked the lump and found that it had grown. She described the lump as "almond-sized."

Lindsey explained, "I did have my husband check it and he found it concerning but it is not his area of medical expertise.

"I know this might sound crazy having come from a medical family, but I didn't want to concern everyone over nothing and I'm a very modest person. I think my parents left on a Sunday and I finally called my dad the next day.

"I did make an appointment with an OB/GYN in Cleveland and the doctor performed a manual exam and scheduled me for a mammogram ultrasound."

The mammogram was scheduled very soon after.

Lindsey recalled, "I remember being in a room of women who were older and feeling awkward sitting there at just 30 years old. After the mammogram, I watched as everyone was sent home, but I was still sitting there waiting and waiting. That was the when I started getting very worried. I called my mom while I was waiting because I was getting scared."

She continued, "I thought it was strange that the ultrasound tech was looking in an area other than the lump. The tech felt the lump was a complex cyst, but the different area was more concerning. At this point a biopsy was scheduled for the following week."

Lindsey called her dad again and he explained that based on what they knew, it could be 10 different things with nine of those being benign.

The biopsy was scheduled that Friday and the pathology report was expected to take a few days. On Monday Feb. 9, 2015, as Lindsey was in the shower, she heard her phone ringing.

She said, "I raced to get out and to the phone, but the call had gone to voicemail. The message was from the pathologist asking me to please return the call. My first thought was, 'This can't be good.' I just figured if the results were good they would have said so in the message. I called the office and heard from the nurse, 'I'm shocked. You are only 30 but you have ductal carcinoma.' I have breast cancer. The rest of that day is a blur. I remember feeling numb and thought about my son."

Lindsey got off the phone and called her mom, her husband and her dad. Her dad asked, "Invasive or noninvasive?" The answer was unknown. Her mother flew to Cleveland the next day and Lindsey had an MRI on Feb. 11. Afterward the pathologist was waiting and said, "The good news is the cancer is concentrated in the left breast and is noninvasive. The bad news is the cancer is in 70 percent of the ducts in the left breast."

Everything was happening so quickly, and Lindsey was soon meeting surgeons, oncologists, plastic surgeons, geneticists and other professionals. Lindsey knew what she wanted.

"I wanted it gone! I knew the cancer was concentrated in my left breast," she said, "so I was adamant about having the most aggressive procedure: a double mastectomy. I did not want chemo or radiation."

While Lindsey was battling the breast cancer diagnosis and preparing for her upcoming surgery, she was still busy with the new dental practice scheduled to open on March 16, 2015. She flew home to help with those preparations and to see family and friends. With the exception of a few very close friends and family, she did not reveal that she had breast cancer.

Lindsey flew back to Cleveland and just 10 days prior to the grand opening of Signature Smiles, she underwent a double mastectomy. Lindsey's mother stayed with her for many weeks.

Lindsey said, "I wasn't allowed to lift anything. I couldn't lift my arms above my head. The most difficult thing was I could not lift my son. He was just a year old and he couldn't understand why his mother was suddenly not picking him up or holding him. My mother was my rock, though. She just came in and took care of everything.

"Being in Cleveland during my recovery had its advantages. I was able to go through it without being seen and I didn't have to talk about it. Nobody knew me in Ohio. I weighed only 93 pounds and I didn't have to feel self-conscious as I went to run errands.

"However, the emotional support from everyone back home in Cullman could be felt! I am forever grateful, and it still makes me tear up. People were praying for me and many didn't even know me."

The doctors began preparing Lindsey for reconstruction surgery by implanting tissue expanders. Saline could be added through a port she had until the breasts were the desired size for the reconstruction. On June 28, 2015, Lindsey had her reconstruction surgery. A week later, she developed an infection and was hospitalized.

She said of this setback, "This was actually one of my lowest points. I felt like I had handled everything well and pushed through. I had been strong, and I had made it to the end. It just didn't seem fair."

After antibiotics for the infection, Lindsey was back and feeling great. On July 15, 2015, Lindsey and her family were able to move to Cullman. Lindsey was able to join Katherine and their dental practice.

Her tests showed clear margins, and as of March, she has been three years cancer-free. She learned her cancer area was 3cm by 4cm by 5cm.

For Lindsey, she said her lesson was: "Silver linings! If not for a benign cyst, I would have not known about the cancer. I have a dad who is a surgeon, so besides his support, I believe I was prepared throughout my life to handle the situation more than others might have. My sister works for the American Cancer Society and was able to help me so much. My mom!! What would I have done without her being able to help us? Also, a study came out a year prior to my diagnosis that revealed that radiation was not beneficial in the type of cancer I had. Had I had cancer a year earlier, I might have had to undergo radiation. So many silver linings.

She continued, "Now, I am healthy and follow up with dad to make sure everything is clear. All the genetic tests show my cancer was not caused by genetics. I had no genetic markers, and in September 2016, Tyler and I had our little girl, Vivian."

Lindsey urges women, "Trust your gut. If you are worried about something to do with your health, see your doctor. You aren't bothering anyone. If it's nothing, good!

"That's what you wanted to hear anyway. If it's not good, hopefully it can be caught early. Stop and appreciate the now. Before this, I was a scheduler and tried to do it all. Not anymore. I do what I can, but some things are just going to have to wait. Spending time with my babies, my husband and loved ones is much more important than all that other stuff."

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Obituary Announcements: Oct. 23 - 24

Graveside services for Mrs. Glinda Lou Walker, 71, of Hartselle will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Cemetery in Cullman. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Walker passed away on Saturday, October 20, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clay Johnson and Iris Raney Johnson; daughter, Angela Evon Walker; brother, Cecil Hulsey and sister, Mamie Heath. She is survived by her husband, Paul Walker; brother, Jessie Hulsey; sisters, Juanita Lynn, Wanda Aderholt, Clarene Reid, Linda McCarty and Naomi Lynn and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ollie Alton Murphree, 67, of Cullman, left the loving arms of his family and entered into the presence of his Heavenly Father on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Mr. Murphree was born in Cullman County to Oscar Talmadge "Bunk" and Lessie Lyles Murphree on April 1, 1951. Alton was a jack of all trades: there was not anything he could not do. He was a grounds keeper, auto mechanic, carpenter, gardener of both flowers and vegetables, antique collector and much more. His love of flowers led to a membership of the Wildflower Association. Alton was a husband, father, grandfather and best friend. He loved his Savior, treasured his wife, and adored his daughter and grandchildren. His passing leaves an emptiness in the life of many. Mr. Murphree was welcomed home by his parents, Bunk and Lessie Murphree, and several siblings. He is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Anita Jackson Murphree; daughter, Allison Taylor; grandchildren, Cloey and Landan Taylor; brother Zelter (Debbie) Murphree; sisters, Melba (Robert) Harris, Willodean (John) Bolzle; brother-in-law, Buddy Cole; sister-in-laws, Marilyn Murphree, Melba Jo (Joe) Federer; a host of nieces and nephews; and many loving friends. Funeral services will be Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Pastor Steve Bryan officiating. Friends may visit with the family, preceding services, from noon until the service begins. Burial will follow in Oak Level Cemetery. Bryan Hollis, Seth Murphree, Rex Harris, Tony Harris, Cody McGriff, and Howard Cole are honored to serve as pallbearers for Mr. Murphree. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the Murphree family.

Funeral services for Mrs. Janis Simmons, 74, of Cullman are 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Rodney Thompson officiating, with interment in Bethaberry Cemetery in Berry, Alabama. Visitation on Tuesday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Simmons passed away on Thursday, October 18, 2018. She was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew Jackson Simmons and Lula Columbia Gray Simmons; son, Ronald Lynn Grace; granddaughter, Michelle Lynn Butler; brothers, Dwight, Harold, Glen and Vaughn Simmons and sister, Sally Simmons. She is survived by her sons, Warren Lee (Carmen) Grace, Barry Joe Grace, Vaughn Wallace (Tonja) Grace and Teddy Andrew (Khrysten) Grace; daughter, Cheri (Agustin) Grace; fourteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

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Community with Carol: Kelsey Rice with Hope Horses, Inc.

Carol Berry
Tribune Columnist

"Community with Carol" recently sat down with Kelsey Rice to talk about the local nonprofit, Hope Horses, Inc. Kelsey is a beautiful, soft-spoken young lady with a true love for what she does. As Kelsey began to speak to me before our interview, her eyes lit up with excitement over the plans she has for her organization.

Kelsey is a local girl, a "country girl," as she described herself. She barely appeared old enough to be out of high school, but I quickly understood she was wise beyond her years and a very educated young woman. She is an Auburn graduate who chose to come home and apply her degree in the community she loves.

In 2007, David Poyner founded Hope Horses, Inc. Its mission is to provide therapeutic horsemanship programs for individuals with special physical, social, cognitive and emotional needs. In 2014, the organization started providing lessons at the private farm of Dr. Glori Short. It later moved to its current location, on Convent Road, provided by the Benedictine Sisters of Sacred Heart Monastery.

Kelsey became the executive director in 2015. She has implemented many new ideas, such as camps and field trips for able children. A new, exciting fundraiser held on St. Patrick's Day each year is called "Casino Night." I attended this event last year and would encourage others to do so; it was an evening of fun and excitement. Kelsey also opens the facility up to the public for one day each October. This is a great way to see where your money goes as a donor.

"Watching those individuals ride and the smiles on their faces is priceless," said Kelsey.

Kelsey and the board of Hope Horses, Inc. have big plans for expanding the program. It is now open six days per week, serving more individuals than ever before. It actually has a waiting list. To serve more individuals, Hope Horses needs YOUR help. There is a great need for volunteers.

"You do not need any horse training or even to like horses to do this," Kelsey told me.

If you are interested in volunteering with the horses you will be properly trained; however, other opportunities to get involved include office help, crafts with the children, cleaning and many other things. If you would like to donate your time, talent or treasures to help Hope Horses, Inc., please call 256-841-6290.

Look for "Community with Carol" on The Cullman Tribune's Facebook page on Tuesday, where you can see my interview with Kelsey. (www.Facebook.com/CullmanTribune).



CAROL BERRY

Carol Berry, left; Kelsey Rice, right

Reservoir (from Front)

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CULLMAN – On Monday morning, the Duck River Reservoir Oversight Board held its quarterly meeting, hearing presentations about the pipeline project, upcoming pump station project, water plant improvements and water quality in the system. The board, which serves in an advisory capacity, brings together representatives from all water systems served by the Duck River Reservoir (representing approximately 100,000 customers), Cullman County Commission and Cullman County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Utilities Board of the City of Cullman and City of Cullman Water Department, Cullman Economic Development Agency and engineering firms.

Pipeline project

Dale Bright, of St. John & Associates, the engineering firm overseeing the pipeline project, reported that the pipeline is nearly complete except for two short sections: at Brindley Creek and at the water plant. Construction is underway at Brindley Creek now and is expected to be finished next week. The last 900 feet of pipeline at the water plant should be finished in November, and the line should be ready to begin testing by the end of the year.

Bright also reported that the pipeline project is currently under budget.

Status of the lake

Duck River Reservoir Manager Tim Scott told the group that the lake is 7.5 feet below full pool right now. He reported that Lake Catoma is at the same level presently, so the lower level is not a cause for concern, but simply represents the current status of the area's water level in general. He also said that water quality data was submitted to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) in July, and that the lake's status will be changed before water begins flowing to the plant, from its current "Fish and Wildlife" classification to "Public Water Source."

Scott also reported on fishing in the lake, noting an unconfirmed report of a 9-pound bass caught and released. All bass caught in the lake must be released under current rules. Other fish, including crappie, bream and catfish may be removed, but limits apply to crappie and bream.

Pump station

Scott told the group that bids will be advertised for construction of the pumping station at the reservoir starting Nov. 5, and that submitted bids will be opened on Dec. 4. The notice of award will go out Dec. 18, and construction will begin after that.

According to information given by Utilities Board of the City of Cullman General Manager Mike Manning to The Tribune earlier this year, construction will take up to a year, and, at that time, the board hoped to have water running to the plant by the end of 2019.

The construction project is expected to cost around $7 million and will include three 500-horsepower motors with a 60-80-horsepower "jockey pump" that will keep a constant flow of 1 million gallons per day moving to the plant. The larger pumps can move large amounts of water quickly, in case pumps from Lake Catoma need to be shut down, or if blending the two sources can increase water quality at the plant.

Water quality

Cullman City Water Treatment Plant Manager David Freeman presented a detailed review of testing results at the water plant and at facilities of the various water agencies supplied by Cullman's water plant. According to multi-page printed reports distributed to attendees, all levels that had to below a certain threshold came in well below the mark, often less than half the allowed maximum. Likewise, all levels that were supposed to exceed a certain mark did so with room to spare.

Said Freeman, "The bottom line is nobody's even close to being out of compliance. That's because everybody is doing what they need to."

CH2M Hill engineer Steve Newton reported that current water quality in the Duck River Reservoir itself has also received high marks, pointing to cooperation from land owners in controlling pollution in the runoff from their properties, combined with the 100-foot buffer around the lake, as the major contributing factors.

Water plant

Cullman City Water Treatment Plant Assistant Manager Mark Brooks told the group that work on the plant's new chemical storage building is proceeding well, with some internal components completed. A new air compressor and compressor building have also been built on the west side of the plant. Pipe work at the plant could begin in the first two weeks of November.

Duck River Dam lawsuit

The currently pending Utilities Board of the City of Cullman lawsuit against CH2M Hill Engineers, ASI Constructors and ASI's bonding agency Western Surety over excessive water seepage in the dam was not a topic of discussion during the meeting, but afterward board attorney Roy Williams spoke to The Tribune. He said that motions by the three defendants to dismiss the case have been denied, so a trial is still ahead. All parties are working toward getting preparation out of the way, but the process is not moving rapidly. The Utilities Board hopes to see the case go to trial before Dec. 2019, but one of the defendants is pushing for a 2020 date.

For more on the dam and reservoir projects, as well as the pending lawsuit, see:

- www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/17/duck-river-reservoir-opens-recreational-use
- www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2018/07/07/duck-river-reservoir-set-open-recreational-use-july-17-pipeline-ahead-schedule
- www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/08/08/deeper-dive-duck-river-dam
- www.cullmantribune.com/articles/2017/07/28/cullman-utilities-board-files-suit-against-duck-river-dam-engineers-construction

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday November 5, 2018, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. The Grove at Fischer Farms Phase II – Lots 41 – 70 (30 lots)
2. The Flatts at Fischer Farms Phase III – Lots 30 – 41 & Lots 43-46) (16 lots)
3. Short-form Subdivision on 3rd Street SE (Highway 278 East)
4. Request to vacate an easement on Lot 9 of the Flatts at Fischer Farms Phase I

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For Kids' Sake Variety Show auditions set for Nov. 13, 15

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CULLMAN – The Cullman Regional Foundation has announced that auditions for next year's For Kids' Sake Variety Show will take place on Nov. 13 and 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room in Professional Office Building II on the campus of Cullman Regional.

The program is open to students from the Cullman community who would like to showcase their talents, including vocal, instrumental, drama, gymnastics, dance or ensembles and group performances.

Auditions are open to children ages 4 to 19.

The length of the audition should be around two minutes and a maximum of three minutes. Registration is a $30 donation for individuals and a $60 donation for groups of two or more, paid at time of audition.

Students should bring a queued CD for the auditions and be ready to perform an entertaining piece.

The For Kids' Sake Variety Show will take place on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. in the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre at Wallace State Community College.

The event directly benefits nursery and pediatric care at Cullman Regional, allowing the Foundation to purchase special items for the hospital to help care for infants and pediatric patients.

For more information, contact the Cullman Regional Foundation at 256-737-2565 or visit www.cullmanregional.com/foundation.

