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ENTERTAINMENT

Explosive response to 2019 Rock the South lineup



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Fans enjoy the show at Rock the South 2018 at Heritage Park. This year's festival has moved to a bigger location and fan response to the 2019 lineup has been double that of previous years'.

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CULLMAN CO. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Matchups set for Championship Saturday



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Romain Pochon (2) attacks the basket during Hanceville's 70-67 win over West Point Friday night.

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BUSINESS

Young entrepreneurs learn from local business leaders

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HANCEVILLE – On Thursday evening, Wallace State Community College welcomed the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) for a discussion about business success. The CEO Roundtable event saw Cullman-area YEA! students, who are starting their own businesses, engage in a Q & A session with Kyle Willoughby of Willoughby Roofing, Shane Quick of Premier Productions and the chamber's own Leah Bolin. The business leaders answered questions and offered advice. Below is some of the discussion.

What are the most important decisions you make as a business leader?

• Willoughby: Making sure all my employees have a paycheck.

• Bolin: Hiring the right people to do the job I need done.

• Quick: "Be as deep as we are wide." Doing due diligence: having the right people and the right knowledge, and being fully prepared to do the job.

What is one characteristic every leader should possess?

• Willoughby: Fearless commitment to making sure everything goes according to your plan, and to supporting your people.

• Bolin: Commitment and integrity, but mostly humility. Humble leaders build up the people around them.

• Quick: High interest level. What you are really interested in is what you're most likely to be world-class at doing.

What is the biggest challenge you face as a leader?

• Willoughby: Scheduling, and making sure things get done.

What has been the biggest obstacle to success in your career?

• Bolin: Doing business in my own community, and overcoming the perceptions of people who have known me since I was a child.

As a leader, how do you maintain success?

• Quick: Love what you do, stay competitive, and mostly have an incredible team.

In your career, what has been your greatest success?

• Willoughby: Handling little things on a day-to-day basis, and never becoming too content.

• Quick: Figuring out that I am where I am at any moment for a reason, and learning that the next great opportunity can find you right where you are.

What has been your greatest failure?

• Bolin: A development project that I started 10 years ago failed, but it led me to where I am now. Failure is not always a bad thing.

• Quick: When I hurt someone's feelings, or hold onto something that I need to let go.

What advice would you give to a young entrepreneur?

• Willoughby: Be persistent, and make sure your business plan stays on the straight and narrow.

• Bolin: Don't do it if you don't believe in it, and always be willing to take risks. Hire employees for character. You can teach job skills, but you can't teach character.

• Quick: Read as much as you can in your field, work hard, go with your gut, treat others better than yourself, find a mentor, and be yourself.

About YEA!

According to the chamber, "YEA!'s mission is to develop and deliver exciting, experience-based entrepreneurship programs to young people to enable them to transform their ideas into real enterprises that create economic and social value for a better world, develop the character or tomorrow's leaders, and enable educational institutions to provide successful entrepreneurship and social innovation training programs for youth between the ages of 11 and 18 around the country."

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/YEA-Cullman-Area-Chamber-of-Commerce-1637295246300118/.



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Local CEOs Kyle Willoughby (Willoughby Roofing), Leah Bolin (Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce) and Shane Quick (Premier Productions) shared business knowledge with high school entrepreneurs this week at an event at Wallace State.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
Jan. 26-29

Free Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, Jan. 26 from 6-9 a.m. at Mount Nebo Baptist Church, 11 County Road 1273, Cullman, AL 35057
Everyone is invited.

Bingo at the American Legion
Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4. 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

Good Hope City Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Good Hope City Hall

Berlin Town Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center

Spirit Fundraiser
A 'Spirit Fundraiser' will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chick-fil-A in Cullman to benefit the CCC-Committee on Church Cooperation (people helping people). Please mention CCC to the cashier when making an order.

Lunch at the VFW
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Drive

TOPS Meeting
TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
Meeting 3:30-4:30
Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

New cancer support group- Victory Support Group
Victory Support Group is for all cancer survivors and co-survivors. The first meeting is Monday, Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at Cullman Regional, Professional Office Building II. Victory Support Group is supported by Cullman Regional and Clearview Cancer Institute, works closely with Nurse Navigators Ronda Neal and Jessica Nicholson, and is assisted by the guidance of Delbert Freeman, chaplain, Cullman Regional. Victory Support Group recognizes that each survivor has a personal journey of recovery, and that survivors feel more comfortable consulting other survivors for information and resources. Survivor: Any man or woman who has been diagnosed with cancer. Co-Survivor: Anyone who walks alongside a survivor on his or her journey. This person may be an adult or child, caregiver, family member or a beloved friend. For more information, contact Judy W. Grissom at 256-347-5993.

Find more events at www.CullmanTribune.com/Calendar.

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NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPLICATION TO VACATE A PORTION OF CULLMAN COUNTY ROAD 1614.

WHEREAS, Amy McGriff Cordar, desires to vacate a portion of a county road within the County limits of Cullman, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-20 (1975), more particularly described as follows:

A proposed vacation of a portion of Cullman County Road No. 1614, that runs through the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and a part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, all in Section 9, Township 10 South, Range 2 West, Cullman County, Alabama. It being the intent of this description to vacate the entire portion of said County Road No. 1614 from the point of beginning to the ending point, the centerline of said proposed vacation being more particularly described as follows:

Commence at a found capped corner (LS-11845) marking the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 9, having an Alabama State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83 coordinate value of N. 1522525.14', E. 2196290.90' and run North 00 degrees 24 minutes 39 seconds East (Bearing based on AL. State Plane, West Zone, NAD 83, Grid) and run along the West line, a distance of 363.06 feet to a point in the center of Cullman County Road No. 1614, same being the point of beginning; thence run along the center of said County Road the following courses:

North 59 degrees 51 minutes 49 seconds East, a distance of 244.53 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 42 degrees 59 minutes 57 seconds, a radius of 335.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 38 degrees 21 minutes 51 seconds East, and a chord length of 245.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 251.41 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 16 degrees 51 minutes 52 seconds East, a distance of 517.54 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the left, having a central angle of 09 degrees 33 minutes 20 seconds, a radius of 1,360.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 12 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds East and a chord length of 226.55 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 226.81 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 07 degrees 18 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 238.19 feet to the point of curvature of a curve to the right, having a central angle of 38 degrees 08 minutes 01 seconds, a radius of 280.00 feet, a chord bearing of North 26 degrees 22 minutes 33 seconds East and a chord length of 182.94 feet; thence run along the arc of said curve an arc distance of 186.36 feet to the point of tangency; thence North 45 degrees 26 minutes 33 seconds East, a distance of 327.48 feet to the ending point.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ala. Code § 23-4-2 (1975), the Cullman County Commission is required to hold a public hearing, prior to taking final action;

WHEREAS, notice of which is required by statute, shall occur once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks;

WHEREAS, a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room; First Floor; Cullman County Courthouse; 500 2nd Avenue, S.W. Cullman, Alabama 35055;

WHEREAS, applicant, Amy McGriff Cordar, is requesting vacation of the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614.

WHEREAS, an action is requested for an adoption and approval of a Resolution vacating the above-described portion of Cullman County Road 1614.

WHEREAS, said notice is posted in accordance with Title 23-4-2, et.seq. Code of Alabama, 1975. All persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such resolution. This public notice is posted a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the date of the public hearing at: Cullman County Courthouse Entrance Bulletin Board.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the provision of the Resolution vacating a portion of Cullman County Road 1614, will be considered by the Cullman County Commission at a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at the Cullman County Commission Meeting Room at 10:00 a.m. at which time and place all persons who desire shall have an opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of such Resolution or any provision thereof.

Dated this the 24th day of January, 2019.

BY: s/ J. Chad Floyd
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Notice Of Self Storage Sale

Please take notice IN-N-OUT Self Storage located at 106 13th St., Cullman, AL 35055 intends to hold a sale to sell the property stored at the facility by the below occupants who are in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 2/12/2019 at 10:15 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Lori McKinney, **unit #31,** 2820 County Road 702, Lot 12, Hanceville, AL 35077.

This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. See manager for details.

Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given to all owners, secured parties and lienholders of the following described motor vehicles, which I have a right to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in accordance with the State of Alabama abandoned motor vehicle law, Statues, Chapter 13, Section 1-8, Title 32 and Alabama Law Act Number 83-494-S-80, as per Legislative Act 2015-470:

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2001 Pontiac Grand Prix, Vin. #1G2WK52J41F110530
2002 Dodge Ram, Vin. #1D7HU18Z83S114021

These vehicles will be sold on Friday, March 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. for towing/storage fees if not claimed. Located at Hammock Auto Sales, 17 County Road 406, Cullman, Alabama 35057, 256-775-3754.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
JAMES SEALES * CASE NO PC 2018-267
Deceased *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to **FAYE SEALES,** as Personal Representative of the Estate of JAMES SEALES, deceased, on the 10th day of January, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Faye Seales
Personal Representative

Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Petitioner
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Cullman, Alabama 35055
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TO: The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

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

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

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

William E. Malcom, deceased CASE NO. PC 2018-412

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. MALCOM, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased have been granted to Steven C. Smith on the 9th day of January, 2019, 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.

Steven C. Smith, 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

Todd McLeroy
McLeroy Law Firm, LLC
Attorney for Steven C. Smith
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Phone: (256) 734-6994

STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
*
CULLMAN COUNTY * CASE NO. PC 2018-317

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERALD HENRY MCMURREY, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Wanda Butler McMurrey on the 10th day of January, 2019, by the Hon. 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.

Wanda Butler McMurrey
Personal Representative

To the publisher of the *Cullman Tribune:*

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

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate

Steven C. Smith
Attorney for the Estate
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: Estate of
Willard O'Neal Shelton, Deceased. Case Number: PC2018-014

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to LYNDON SHELTON, as Executor of the Estate of WILLARD O'NEAL SHELTON, deceased, on the 6th day of August, 2018, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate Court:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/S/ Lyndon Shelton
LYNDON SHELTON, Executor for the Estate of Willard O'Neal Shelton, Deceased

Richard L. Collins
Attorney at Law
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TO: The Publisher of THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

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Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown, Probate Judge

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STATE OF ALABAMA * IN THE PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF CULLMAN * CASE NO. AD2019-003

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF LESLIE NORMAN LOVETT III and LATASHA NICOLE LOVETT TO ADOPT M.G.F., a minor child.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

Notice to: JAMES ALLEN FORD

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of M.G.F., a minor child (born July 6, 2016, to Jessica Danielle Whitehead Ford), was filed on the 14th day of January, 2019, in the Probate Court of Cullman County by Petitioners Leslie Norman Lovett III and Latasha Nicole Lovett. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within thirty (30) days of the date of the last publication herein with counsel for said Petitioner, whose name and address are as shown below, and with the Clerk of the said Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

DONE this 17th day of January, 2019.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

To: *CULLMAN TRIBUNE*

PLEASE PUBLISH ONCE A WEEK FOR FOUR SUCCESSIVE WEEKS.

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MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on February 23, 2018 by Christopher Ray Bank, an unmarried individual, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1842, Page 483 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on February 4, 2019:

Begin at a stake on the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South Range 2 West, which stake is located 630 feet east of the southwest corner of said forty; thence north 595.0 feet; thence east 146.43 feet; thence south 595.0 feet to a stake on the south line of said forty; thence west 146.43 feet to the point of beginning.
ALSO: Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼, Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E distance of 526 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning of the lands herein conveyed; thence continue N 89°00' E a distance of 104.0 feet, more or less, to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet to a point; thence S 62°53' W distance of 104 feet, more or less, to a point on the east line of the R. V. Russell and Sherlene Russell tract; thence S 00°30' E to the south line of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section and the point of beginning hereof.
ALSO; A right of way and easement for ingress and egress, said easement going over and along the following tract of and being more particularly described as follows:
Commencing at the southwest corner of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West; thence N 89°00' E a distance of 630 feet to a point; thence N 00°30' W a distance of 342.5 feet, which is the point of beginning of the easement herein; thence continue N 00°30' W for a distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to a point on the right of way of County Road No. 35; thence S 62°53' W along said right of way a distance of 15 feet to a point; thence S 00°30' E distance of 497.5 feet, more or less, to the north boundary line of a tract of land owned by Donnie T. Banks and wife, Loretta Banks; thence along line a distance of 15 fret to the point of beginning of the easement granted herein. Said lands lying and being in Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as part of the foreclosure process.

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CRIME

Cullman Police investigating armed robbery at Hwy. 278W/ I-65 Chevron; 1 injured

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CULLMAN – Cullman Police are investigating an armed robbery that occurred at the Chevron gas station on U.S. Highway 278 West and Interstate 65 in the early morning hours of Thursday, Jan. 24, according to CPD Captain of Investigation Becky Boyd.

At approximately 2:50 a.m., two African American males entered the store. "They attempted with a tow strap to pull the ATM out of the store," said Boyd. "They were not successful."

The female clerk was physically struck by the suspects, said Boyd.

She was checked out by Cullman EMS by did not require treatment at the hospital. (Earlier reports were that the victim was pistol whipped by the suspects. The CPD now says the victim was physically struck, but not with a pistol.)

"There was an amount of money that was taken from the store," said Boyd.

Boyd said the men were wearing masks, gloves and hoodies and driving a small red SUV with considerable damage to the driver's side door.

"The suspects were driving a red 2001-2004 Hyundai Santa Fe.

"Due to their unsuccessful attempts to steal the ATM located within the store this vehicle has suffered heavy damage to the right front, especially around the front passenger door.

"It is also damaged, to include a broken out window, on the driver's side of the vehicle," said a statement issued Thursday afternoon by the department.

Anyone with information is asked to call 256-775-7170. Sgt. Eric Cole is the lead investigator.

Get the latest updates at www.CullmanTribune.com.



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Image from the Chevron's video surveillance system shows one of the suspects. See the video footage at https://bit.ly/2sTfTNP

Arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 24-25

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CULLMAN – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on Jan. 24-25, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED ON JAN. 24

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

Jan. 22

- public intoxication, disorderly conduct; Hwy. 278 W
- permitting dogs to run at large; County Road 1129
- theft of property; County Road 1754
- possession of drug paraphernalia; County Road 437/ County Road 222
- menacing; County Road 895
- theft of property; County Road 717

Jan. 23

- burglary; County Road 461
- theft of property; County Road 1516
- criminal mischief; County Road 1141
- harassment; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; 8th St. SW Hanceville
- domestic violence; County Road 1810
- theft of property; Hwy. 157

ARRESTS

Jan. 22

Gomer, Michael Shane, 32

- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Harrison, Terry Curtis, 65

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Kennel, Brandon Christopher, 33

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lattimer, Henry III, 44

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Minor, Henry Odes Montgomery, 38

- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Quick, Carliea, 47

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reed, Jacob Dai, 25

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence, third-degree criminal mischief
- FTA- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Sivils, Amanda Charlene, 36

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Wilson, Garry Michael, 34

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Jan. 23

Bentley, Amanda Dawn, 41

- disorderly conduct
- public intoxication

Brenton, Brandon Wayne, 21

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Davis, Tyonna Cyndria, 24

- FTA- reckless driving

Owens, Joseph Michael Jr., 38

- FTA- obstruction/using a false ID

Sims, Taleigha Dionne, 32

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Turner, Timothy Joseph, 55

- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Vice, Lisa, 51

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (6 counts)

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 23

- third-degree theft of property; Pilgrim's Pride; 4th St. SW; vehicle parts; $600
- third-degree criminal mischief; Liberty Bankers Life Insurance Co.; 2nd Ave. SE; unknown
- second-degree theft of property; person; 5th Ave. SW; misc. items, medication
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person

ARRESTS

Jan. 23

Pennington, Tommy C., 56

- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED ON JAN. 25

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

None reported

ARRESTS

None reported

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

Jan. 24

- third-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief; 4th St. SW; AC, generator, damaged property; $4550
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $44

ARRESTS

Jan. 24

Chapman, Korrie D., 41

- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Obituary Announcements: Jan. 26 – 27

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Melvin Glenn Nickelson of Falkville, Alabama passed away Monday, January 21, 2019 at his residence. He was born December 30, 1942 to Luther and Massie Mae Sparks Nickelson. Mr. Nickelson is preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother and one son. A celebration of Mr. Nickelson's life will be Saturday, January 26, 2019 in Moss Service Funeral Home's Chapel at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Andrews Chapel Cemetery in Danville, Alabama. Mr. Nickelson is survived by four daughters: Amanda Keenum, Frankie Jo (Danny) Whitworth, Lori Massey, Christy (Anthony Chaney) Nickelson; one son, Norman (Rebecca) Nickelson; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-four great grandchildren. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

James Keener Walker, age 85, went to be with the Lord on January 22, 2019. He was born on September 26, 1933, in Altoona, Alabama. The funeral will be Saturday, January 26, 2019, at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Cullman, Alabama. He will lie in state 12 noon until 1 p.m., and the funeral will begin at 1 p.m. The Rev. Bob Kurtz, Rev. John Richter, and Rev. Steve Wood will officiate. Burial will be in Cullman City Cemetery with Dr. Keith Langner officiating. He was preceded in death by his parents, Terry and Dora Walker. He is survived by his wife Cindy Jones Walker; children, Jefferson A. Walker, Tuscaloosa, AL, and Jennifer (Leon) Manning, McShan, AL; grandchildren Alex, Nathan and Rachel Walker and Trey, Maria and Luke Manning; sister Charlotte (Frank) Langner; and stepson, Jeff (Carolyn) Brown of Rogers, Arkansas. Mr. Walker lived a life pointing people to Jesus Christ through his music. He served as Minister of Music in many churches throughout his adult life and was the founder of the Music Department of Wallace State Community College where he taught several courses and directed the Wallace State Community College Singers for 25 years. Mr. Walker retired from WSCC in 1992, however, he continued to serve as Minister of Music for St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church until 2010. In 2014, he was named Minister Emeritus. Jim was active in the Cullman community where he served faithfully on the Cullman Regional Hospice Board, Department of Health Resources Board, and Cullman Lion's Club where he held many leadership positions at both the local and state level. Mr. Walker's commitment to serving others is evidenced through his receipt of numerous awards and recognitions, including: an award from the Cullman Lions Club for his dedication and commitment to Inspiring young ladies in Higher Education and Talent through his work with the Cullman County Fair Pageant and The Melvin Jones Fellow for dedicated humanitarian services from Lions Club International Foundation. Mr. Walker's influence on the lives of musicians, church and community members was tremendous. His Christmas programs The Living Christmas Tree at FBC Cullman and Gloria in White with the St. John's Choir were unmatched. Recently, he was awarded the CMA Music Teacher of Excellence Award. Mr. Walker was a graduate of Emma Sansom High School, Gadsden, AL, Howard College, Birmingham, AL, and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Jim was a wonderful husband, father, and Granddaddy to six grandchildren. Mr. Walker enjoyed cheering on the Alabama Crimson Tide, boating, and playing golf in his spare time. The family would like to express heartfelt thanks to Dr. Adam Harrison and the staff of Cullman Regional Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Wallace State Future Foundation Jim Walker Scholarship Fund at Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama or to your local church music program.

Funeral services for Mr. James I. Forester, 72, of Dodge City, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home. Mickey and Michael Presley will officiate. Interment will follow at Good Hope Cemetery. The son of the late Ira and Mattie Higdon Forester was a heavy machinery mechanic spending most of his career in the strip mines of Walker and Jefferson counties. He is survived by his wife of 51-years, Alice Forester; a son, Mark Forester; Granddaughter, Breanna Sullivan; great granddaughter Abilene Nicole Sullivan and a sister, Iris Forester. James was preceded in death by his brother, Edsel Forester.

Funeral Service for Asa C. Hartwig, age 79, of Cullman, will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church with Pastor Christopher Clark officiating; interment in Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Hartwig passed away on January 22, 2019. He was born January 17, 1940, to Minnie and George T. Hartwig, Sr. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill Hartwig; and sister, Henrietta Hartwig. Survivors include his wife, Frances C. Hartwig; daughters, Betsy (Eric) Wakeman, Amy (Ben) Snipes, and Elizabeth "Scottie" (Randy) Thomas; sons, Bryan (Michelle) Cain and Greg (Cindy) Cain; brother, George T. (Sharon) Hartwig, Jr.; grandchildren, Matthew and Sarah Wakeman, Abigail and Eli Haley, Christopher Cain, Amanda Robinson, Grace Williams, Hope Cain; great-grandsons, Wilder and Sawyer Cain; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to St. Paul's School library.

Robert Carl Phillips, known to his friends as "R.C", passed away January 23, 2019 at the age of ninety-two. Following junior high school at Good Hope and two years at Cullman High, he was drafted into the army where he served until June 1946, returning to graduate from CHS. R.C. attended St. Bernard College and Auburn University. His adult life was spent in the poultry industry in Cullman County. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Jeanne Livingston and sister, Betty Smith, nieces Kristy (Paul) Pinyon, Deanna Little, Karin (Terry) Ritchey and nephews Mark (Stacey) Goodwin, Eddie (Melanie) Goodwin. He was predeceased by his parents Carl and Gladys Caple Phillips and sister, Marge Goodwin. Visitation will be at Moss Service from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, January 26 with funeral services at St. Johns Evangelical church at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 27, conducted by Pastors John Richter and Bob Kurtz. Interment following at Hopewell Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tim Richter, Clint Winston, Mark Goodwin, Eddie Goodwin, Dr. Bruce Lee, Bobby Edwards, Terry Ritchey and Paul Pinyon. Honorary pallbearers are Hardie Cornett, Bobby Brown, Charlie Montgomery, Darwin Hardison, and Cody Francis. Special appreciation to CRMC doctors Peinhardt, Johns, Mahan, Windom, Shaw, and the staff of third and fourth floors, CRMC Home health and his many caregivers through the years. Memorials to St. Johns Evangelical Church or the charity of your choice will be appreciated. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

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Basketball (from Front)

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HANCEVILLE – Today's championship games are set for the 2019 Cullman County Basketball Tournament at Wallace State.

Saturday's championship games schedule:

- 1 p.m. – (1) West Point v. (2) Fairview (ninth-grade)
- 2:30 p.m. – (1) West Point v. (2) Cold Springs (junior varsity girls)
- 4 p.m. – (3) West Point v. (5) Vinemont (junior varsity boys)
- 5:30 p.m. – (1) West Point v. (2) Fairview (varsity girls)
- 7 p.m. – (1) Good Hope v. (2) Hanceville (varsity boys)

Here's how Friday night's games went down:

Cold Springs knocks off Fairview to advance to JV girls' title game

The junior varsity girls tipped off Friday night's Cullman County Basketball Tournament action with a showdown between (2) Cold Springs and (3) Fairview.

Both teams got off to slow starts on the offensive end, but a Kyla Aaron three midway through the first put the Lady Eagles in front 6-2. The Lady Aggies fought back to tie the game at six later in the period on a layup from Allie Scott, but another three from Aaron in the final seconds of the first gave Cold Springs a 10-6 lead going into the second.

The Lady Eagles were able to create turnovers and add onto their lead in the second quarter. Aaron's fourth made 3-pointer of the half put Cold Springs up 17-9 and a three from Lacey Rice late in the period made it a 24-9 game at the half.

The Lady Eagles continued to create separation in the third, stretching the lead to 28-10 midway through the quarter. A layup from Rice later in the quarter made it a 36-10 game going into the fourth. Fairview was held to just one point in the third. Cold Springs quickly jumped out to a 43-12 advantage and pulled away to win it 48-15.

Aaron was the leading scorer for the Lady Eagles, finishing with 14 points. She was followed closely by Rice with 13 points and Madison Bruer with nine. Makayla Latham led the Lady Aggies with five points.

Cold Springs will be back in action Saturday at 2:30 p.m. when the Lady Eagles take on (1) West Point for this year's junior varsity girls' championship.

Good Hope handles Fairview 70-51 to advance to championship game

For our first varsity boys' matchup of Friday night, the top-seeded Good Hope Raiders squared off against the Fairview Aggies with a spot in Saturday's championship game on the line.

It took both squads a while to get things going offensively, but the Raiders started to create some separation with a 9-0 run midway through the first quarter. A 3-pointer from Drew Maddox gave Good Hope a 15-6 lead later in the period and a couple of Aggie turnovers turned into back-to-back baskets from Cole Maddox, stretching the lead to 19-6. Fairview was able to get a few shots to fall late in the first, but the Raiders still held a 25-13 lead going into the second quarter.

Good Hope continued to pour it on in the second, going ahead 32-14 early in the frame. A layup from Noah Fendley made it a 37-19 game at the 2:00 mark of the second quarter and Cole Maddox converted an and-one play at the free-throw line in the final seconds of the period to give the Raiders a 44-22 lead at the half.

The Aggies were able to cut into the lead early in the second half, making it a 50-38 game on a basket from Austin Turner. Good Hope responded with a 12-0 run to end the third quarter, including a three and an and-one basket from Fendley. Tanner Malin knocked down a 3-pointer as time expired in the period to give the Raiders a commanding 62-38 lead at the start of the fourth. Cole Maddox laid one in to make it 70-40 midway through the final period and Good Hope pulled away to win it in convincing fashion, 70-51.

Cole Maddox and Fendley led the way for the Raiders offensively, finishing with 21 points each. Austin Jackson and Austin Turner each posted 11 points for the Aggies in the loss.

Good Hope will face off against Hanceville Saturday at 7 p.m. for the varsity boys' championship.

Hanceville edges out West Point in OT 70-67; matchups set for championship Saturday

In Friday's night-cap from the Cullman County Basketball Tournament, (2) Hanceville battled with (3) West Point for the final available spot on championship Saturday.

The Warriors jumped out to an 8-2 lead early in the first quarter and a layup from Rylan Jones made it 10-2 midway through the period. Jones added another basket around the 2:00 mark of the first to put West Point in front 18-6 and the Warriors held a 20-9 lead by the start of the second.

The Bulldogs started the second quarter strong and trimmed the lead to 24-18 midway through the period. A three from Tyson Bellmon made it a 29-23 game late in the second but Will Cochran answered with a layup for West Point on the other end. Bellmon added another three with just over a minute remaining in the half to trim the lead to 33-28 and knocked down another with 30 seconds to make it a 36-31 game. Bellmon had one more shot in him in the first half and knocked down his fourth 3-pointer of the second quarter as the half expired to cut the Warriors' lead to 36-34 at the break.

Hanceville's Raiden Morgan tied the game at 36 early in the third quarter and Fred Ellis put the Bulldogs ahead 38-36 with a layup on their next possession.

A three from Romael Simmons tied the game back up at 43 with less than a minute to play in the third, but two free throws from Kolton Sapp put West Point in front 45-43. Romain Pochon and Zeke McDonald each nailed a 3-pointer with 30 seconds left in the quarter to give Hanceville a 49-45 lead going into the final period.

A three from Kobe Bowers trimmed the lead to 49-48 as soon as the fourth quarter began but Pochon answered with a basket on the other end to make it 51-48. A layup from Cochran put the Warriors up 54-53 midway through the period and a basket by Bowers on their next possession made it 56-53. Buckets from RJ Evans and Ellis put the Bulldogs back in front 57-56 but Sapp laid one in on a fast break to retake the lead for West Point with 2:00 to play. McDonald responded with a three on the other end and Hanceville went back up 60-58 with less than two minutes to play. A layup from Sapp tied the game at 60 on West Point's next possession and neither team was able to score again the rest of the way, sending us to overtime.

Pochon started the overtime period with back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Bulldogs a 66-60 lead right out of the gate. A free throw from Jones cut the lead to 66-62 with less than two minutes to play, but two free throws from Pochon put Hanceville back up by six on its next possession. Bowers converted an and-one play to cut it to 68-65, and a steal and layup by Sapp made it a 68-67 game with less than 10 seconds to play. Bellmon was fouled on the other end and netted a pair of free throws to put the Bulldogs up 70-67 with six seconds to play. Bowers' game-tying three bounced off the front of the rim and Hanceville held on to win it 70-67.

Pochon led the way for Hanceville with 20 points, followed by Bellmon with 16, Ellis with 12 and McDonald with eight. Sapp led the Warriors with 20 points, followed by Bowers with 16, Cochran with 12 and Jones with nine.

Hanceville will face off against Good Hope Saturday at 7 p.m. for the varsity boys' championship.



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Cold Springs' Kyla Aaron (20) puts up a three in the Lady Eagles' win over Fairview Friday night.



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Good Hope's Noah Fendley (30) shoots over an Aggies defender during the Raiders' win over Fairview Friday night.





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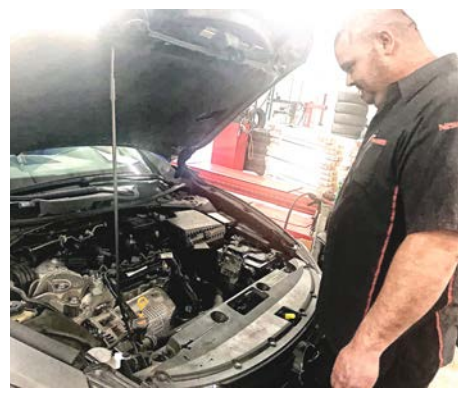
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"THE 67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY"

MADISON COUNTY

The Cullman Tribune is celebrating the Alabama Bicentennial (1819-2019) with statewide field reporting by Alabama Master Gardener/ Botanical Artist Ben Johnson South. This year-long feature, "The 67-County Alabama Garden Party," will spotlight different counties each week. Each county will get its own "quilt block," along with a historical profile, and we'll share a recipe specific to the area. At the end of the year, all 67 counties will be put in a book to commemorate the Bicentennial.

"Off we go into the wild, green yonder" could have been the refrain thousands of early settlers sang as they were propelled into the vast, verdant lands of the northern part of the Alabama Territory into what is now Madison County. Imagine their delight and amazement encountering all the varieties of plants in this part of God's green earth. Alabama ranks fifth in biodiversity among the 50 states and this part of the state is particularly diverse in plant life. Our state is home to some 4,000 different species of native plants, 28 of which grow only in Alabama.

Mostly these were farm folk coming from North Carolina and Tennessee to plant some roots, feed a family and look forward to a thriving future.

My farming, gardening father was proudly Madison County-born and deeply rooted in the rolling, green foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Although my bookish dad became a philosophy professor, he retained his hardscrabble farm boy, Madison County hillbilly twang. Imagine the eloquent profundity of Aristotle with a hint of "Hee Haw."

Dad's father was a skilled, Madison County carpenter, and his wife, my grandmother, also of Madison County, was Creek Indian. She was a descendant of Alabama natives displaced by the forced relocation known as "The Trail Of Tears." Her resilient, Indian nation had endured a 300-mile evacuation walk through Alabama to the Old Natchez Trace.

Large cotton and corn plantations in the Antebellum Period flourished here in the fertile soil along the shores of the Tennessee River.

Until the 1960s, Madison County workers were mostly agricultural, planting and harvesting crops or working in the textile mills.

Madison County, older than Alabama, and an early hub of state politics, was established in December 1818. Just six months later, in what is present-day Huntsville, in a cabinetmaker's shop that smelled pungently of fresh, local-cut cedar and pine, 44 men gathered to write Alabama's first constitution, which they signed on Monday, July 5, 1819.

The original Alabama Constitution was handwritten using iron-gall ink on 26 pages of parchment. Within the month, a Madison County newspaperman, John Boardman of The Alabama Republican, printed the first paper copies of the Alabama Constitution to share throughout the territory.

The paper was from native trees and the ink he used was a plant base of linseed oil darkened with charred wood soot.

Madison County is called "The Birthplace Of Alabama." (As we celebrate the Alabama Bicentennial this year, Huntsville will be the only location other than the Alabama Archives in Montgomery to host a showing of the original, state constitution and all six, subsequent ones.

Come enjoy the cool, tree-lined shade of Alabama's Constitution Village, an open-air history museum, during this special showing from June 30-Aug. 11. www.early-works.com)

THINKING UP creatively with positivity comes naturally to this part of Alabama. In the late 19th century, one of America's finest health resorts was created up on densely forested Monte Sano (Spanish for "Mountain of Health") Mountain. An elegant, 223-room hotel built of native timber went up to welcome celebrities like the Vanderbilts and Waldorfs to Madison County for cooler temperatures, fresh air and curative spa treatments like hydrotherapy and balneotherapy.

WHERE WOULD YOU TAKE A LANDSCAPE ARTIST/PHOTOGRAPHER TO CAPTURE THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF MADISON COUNTY?

I asked gifted Huntsville artist Amy Shackelford McBroom, for her suggestion, and she had many, but her number one was Monte Sano Mountain with its 2,140 acres of protected nature thanks to the tireless efforts of the Land Trust of North Alabama (www.landtrustnal.org).

Check out the rustic cabins on Monte Sano built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Per McBroom, you'll find, "amazing vistas, sheltering trees, bursts of wildflowers, fossils, waterfalls, fall leaves, pinecones and an unobstructed view of the stars...For artists, the plethora and intricacies of nature overwhelm: the endless patterns, colors, textures and composition of life."

McBroom is a Southern painter who most recently exhibited at the Wiregrass Museum in Dothan.

She is the president of the Alabama Women's Caucus For Art. In Madison County, her joy-filled works are at Lowe Mill, the popular arts and entertainment complex in a reimagined, cotton textile mill. (Second Floor HAL Gallery, www.lowemill.net)

"Off we go into the wild, blue yonder" and beyond to the moon as Madison County escorted the USA to the moon. Locals speak of time as "Pre-vB," before von Braun, and "Post-vB." Dr. Wernher von Braun and a team of fellow scientists immigrated from Germany to the county in the 1960s to help the country win the "Space Race."

The Saturn V rocket which powered the first trip to the moon was thought up and created here.

When you visit the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Alabama's most-popular tourist destination, ask your friendly, informative guides to tell you how PLANTS + PEOPLE connected so astronauts could have healthy nutrition in space and enjoy the calm that plant life could bring them even in a spaceship hundreds of miles away from native soil. (www.rocketcenter.com)

Madison County has more public gardens, farmers' markets, nurseries, plant-centric chefs and other pleasurable PLANTS + PEOPLE delights than I can possibly mention in one article, but here are some and links to more.

Also, enjoy a healthy, tasty MADISON COUNTY ROCKET SALAD and think up your own visit to this green haven.

***HERB and TERRY LEWIS ALABAMA BIRD GARDEN**—this Huntsville "backyard birder" habitat is gaining national recognition; check out Mr. Lewis' astounding, avian photography and arrange a visit by linking to the eyeball-alluring website created by the Lewises' son. It's a great example of an Alabama family working together to add beauty, knowledge and pleasure to our universe. www.creativebirding.com

***HUNTSVILLE BOTANICAL GARDEN**: Check out its beautiful website and plan a trip among a variety of gardens from those with a single-plant focus like the Holmes Trillium Garden to those with broad interest like the large and smile-inducing Children's Garden; this is one of the most imaginative places in Alabama to view the pleasure of PLANTS + PEOPLE www.hsvbg.org

***BURRITT ON THE MOUNTAIN**: "The Jewel on the Mountain" house museum and open-air history museum overlooking metropolitan Huntsville www.burritonthemountain.com

***MADISON COUNTY FARMERS' MARKETS:** a full list with contact info is at fma.alabama.gov for Bailey Cove Farmers' Market, Greene Street At Nativity, Healthworks Farmers' Market (Huntsville Hospital), Latham, Madison City Farmers' Market, Madison County Farmers' Market, Providence, Meridianville, Winchester Road

***MADISON COUNTY U-PICK FARMS:** Browns Farm for berries and hanging flower baskets; Harvest Farm, J. Sparks Farm for honeydew melons, cucumbers, lots more; Mary Mac Berry Farm, The Boyd Family Farm, Turner Farms for okra, collards, cantaloupe and much more

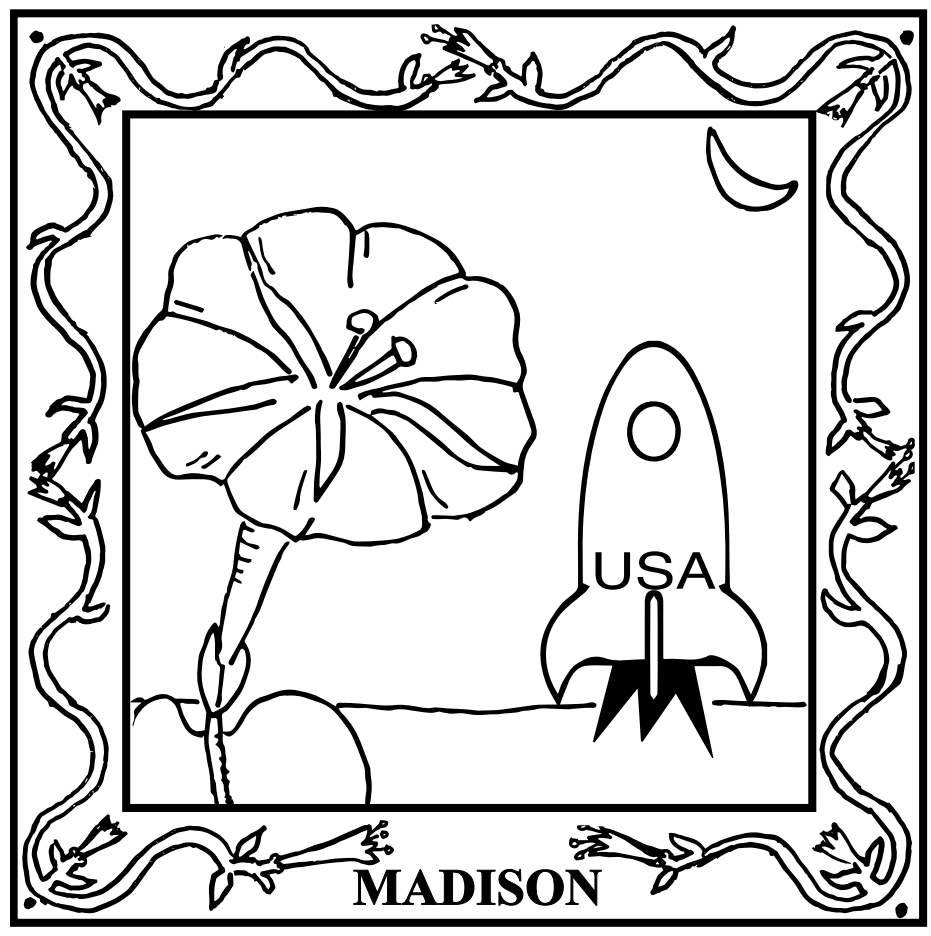
***LOCAL, "MOM & POP" NURSERIES:** Bennett Nurseries (will thrill every plant lover), Reseda Nursery and Stone Yard (Madison City), The Greenery (Brownsboro), Brooks & Collier, The Catbird Seat Garden Center (Madison City), Riverton Nursery (New Market), Two Ponds Nursery (Harvest), Goodwin Seed & Feed (Gurley)

***MADISON COUNTY PUBLIC PARKS:** Big Spring International Park, Mountain Mist Trail, McKay Hollow Trail, Blevins Gap, Southside Park, Lost Sink Falls, Keel Mountains, Indian Creek Greenway, Fern Bell Park, Big Cove Creek Greenway, Rainbow Mountain Trail, Knox Creek Park, Wade Mountain Nature Preserve, Haunted Cemetery Playground, Mars Climbing Wall, Flint River Kayaking, Aldridge Creek, Greenway

***PLANTING AN IDEA:** Madison County would be a perfect setting for a locals-thrilling, tourist-worthy American Moongarden; such loved gardens are typically a mix of plants with white blossoms like gardenias and moonflowers (Ipomoea alba) to beautifully reflect the evening moon, night-blooming plants like certain jasmines, and plants appreciated even more for their fragrance than for their looks—this could be a repurposing of a vacant lot or a newly designed area of an existing, public garden. The world-famous "White Garden" at Sissinghurst (England) could be infinitely inspiring of this idea which could be readily adapted for Alabama native plants and others chosen for Madison County's four seasons. Innovative landscape designers could THINK UP planting schemes punctuated with: white verbena, green nicotiana, hosta crispula, white pea, "white wing" roses, white snapdragons, salvia argentea, artemisia "powis castle" shamrocks, wonderful looking and wonderfully fragrant white flowers to the moon and back. www.national-trust.org.uk

Y'ALL COME to Madison County, "the Birthplace Of Alabama" on your "67-COUNTY, ALABAMA GARDEN PARTY" tour. It's where our state's constitution was written and a splendid place to celebrate Alabama PLANTS + PEOPLE.

Many thanks to Christy Mendoza, food safety and quality regional agent of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for her tasty, nutritious and place-perfect recipe, MADISON COUNTY ROCKET SALAD. Also, a huge THANK YOU to Georgia Ann Hudson, communication coordinator, Alabama Department of Archives and History, who was a superb resource for information related to the original Constitution of Alabama and the 2019 statewide celebration of this important historical document and related papers.



The Alabama honeysuckle border was inspired by an 18th century, Southern applique quilt.



MADISON COUNTY ROCKET SALAD with Hot Bacon Dressing

Provided by Christy Mendoza, food quality agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Rocket Salad Ingredients

- 6 ounces (7-8 cups) rocket (arugula) lettuce
- 6 slices Alabama bacon
- 4 satsumas or tangerines, peeled, separated, seeded
- 4 ounces Belle Chevre Montrachet-style goat cheese
- ½ cup Alabama pecans, chopped

Instructions

- Cook bacon and save bacon grease in pan. Wash produce. Peel, separate and remove seeds in satsumas. Add rocket lettuce and satsuma pieces to a medium-sized bowl. Crumble the bacon into the salad bowl. Crumble the cheese into the salad bowl. Add chopped pecans. Mix all salad ingredients. Just before serving, add hot dressing and toss.

Dressing Ingredients

- 2 tbsp. bacon grease
- ¼ diced onion
- 2 tbsp. apple cider vinegar
- 2 tsp. local, Alabama honey
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. dry mustard
- Pinch black pepper

Instructions

- Fry diced onion in the bacon grease until tender. Be careful not to burn. Mix vinegar, honey, salt, mustard and pepper. Add bacon grease and onion. Mix well (shake it in a small, lidded canning jar). Drizzle over salad while still warm and serve immediately.

FUNNY THINGS FROM YESTERDAY

I was only joking

Robert N. Tidwell, Sr.
Tribune Contributor



Little children most always believe what you say to them, even when you are joking.

I have also known of adults who would believe some of the wild tales that I might tell them. This article is about three people who believed wild tales I told them.

When our daughter Robin was about 4 years old, there was an open field across the road from our house. Mr. Kelley, who was a fine man and was the father of Mrs.

Robert Teichmiller, had a cornfield there each summer. He seemed to always have a good stand of corn and worked in this field quite often.

One day we had fresh corn for dinner (which Rudene had bought at the grocery store) and Robin asked, "Where did we get this good corn?" I jokingly told her that we sneaked across the road after dark and got it out of Mr. Kelley's cornfield.

The next day, Robin told someone that we got our corn out of Mr. Kelley's cornfield. I really had to straighten my act up in front of her. No more joking, Robin.

The other incident of joking with someone was some years later. One of our drivers brought some kiwi fruit from California and gave me a couple. Kiwi looks like a small tan potato. It has a fuzzy tan skin on it.

When I got home, our sweet daughter-in-law, Glenda, was visiting with Rudene. I carried the kiwi in and showed it to them. I told them it was a new potato that had been developed. I said that it grows on top of the ground and the fuzzy skin keeps insects from eating it. They were both amazed at such a new scientific development.

After I had my fun, I told them I was only joking, for I was afraid they would go out and tell people the tale I had just told them.

BILLY BOB'S STORIES AND STUFF

Hope outdoors makes dreams come true

Bill King
Tribune Contributor



Last Friday afternoon, I traveled four hours, across our great state, to Chatom, Alabama. As I do regularly, I went to share some of my Billy Bob humor through stories and songs, along with a few inspirational thoughts. Some of the group only traveled a few minutes to get there, but most of them traveled several hours. One of them traveled eight hours.

They came from various locations in Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. I drove myself there; someone else drove them. When I arrived, I jumped out of my truck and walked in. They would have loved to have done the same thing, if they could have. Someone helped most of them into wheelchairs. Some rolled themselves in, someone pushed the others.

They had an assortment of issues that ranged from Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, brain injuries, cancer, to debilitating heart defects. Some were paraplegics, one was a quadriplegic, and one was blind. The youngest one was only eight years old. Nine of them were twenty- one or younger. The oldest one of the group was sixty-seven; however, one of the helpers was a ninety-nine year old, young lady! I would indeed be flattered had they gone to all that trouble, and traveled all that distance, to hear my program. They had not come to see my program; they came to go deer hunting! What? You may ask, "How is it possible for a group, like the one I just described, to go hunting?" Well, it is. It is made possible because of a ministry known as "Hope Outdoors." They provide outdoor experiences such as hunting and fishing, for individuals with special needs. Hope Outdoors arranges the outings, housing, meals, programs such as mine, and pays for all the expenses.

While there were only twenty-four hunters in the group last weekend, over two-hundred individuals worked together to pull off the event. Families served as hosts, providing housing for the hunters and their families. Buster Seafood, in Chatom, fed the entire group at First Baptist Church, but many volunteers were needed to help set up and serve. There was music, and of course, Billy Bob after dinner. Each hunter has a team, which consists of five to six people. The team drives each hunter to prearranged private property for their hunt. Once they reach their destination, hunters are helped into a custom built wheelchair called a "Track-Chair."

Rather than having wheels, these chairs have tracks, like a tank or bulldozer, and are equipped with shooting mounts. They can run through mud, across fields, and through wooded areas without getting stuck or turning over. Each specially built Track-Chair comes with a price tag of around $13,000. At each hunt site, a special built handicap accessible blind has been constructed. Most chapters only own one

Track-Chair, but during a hunt other chapters will bring theirs to be used.

It all began fifteen years ago, when a boy in New Orleans needed a kidney transplant. On a "Make a Wish" list, his wish was to go deer hunting in Alabama. He could not travel more than three hours from New Orleans, in case a kidney became available. Someone contacted Chuck Reynolds, in Chatom, Alabama.

Mr. Reynolds made arrangements for an all- expense paid hunt on his property for the young man. Mr. Reynolds was so moved by the entire experience that he began to look for other individuals for whom he could do the same. That was the humble beginning of "Hope Outdoors" which now has twelve chapters, in six states.

The primary focus of Hope Outdoors is to show the love of Christ to every person they come into contact with, whether they are a participant, family member, or volunteer. I was honored to have had a small part in their weekend in Chatom, Alabama. As I walked back to my truck, I gave thanks to God.

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Tribune Files from Yesteryear

From The Files Of 1958

Garden City News

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dillashaw and daughter, of Pontiac, Michigan, are visiting relatives here.

They were called here for the funeral of Mrs. Dillashaw's stepfather, John Sims, of Hanceville.

Bob Anderton and Ked Curl were in Birmingham, on Tuesday night, for the Mobile and Baron's ballgame. Guests of Mrs. Eula B. Kinser and Mrs. Cora Lessley during the past week were Mr. and Mrs. E.D. Storey, of Miami, Florida.

Enon And Hamby's Chapel

Sandra Patton, of Eva, was the weekend guest of Pat Bentley. Mr. and Mrs. Seaborn Bonner were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Brown, of Cole Springs, in Morgan County, recently. Stephen Edmondson was home from Florence for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob McGukin, of Bethel, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Felix McGukin, on Friday night.

Mr. Glenn Holmes and Regina returned from Washington, D.C., where they had visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Galagher and participated in the wedding of Glenda Holmes and William Neal. The church wedding took place in Mount Ranier, Maryland. Regina was flower girl. Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Bass were the supper guests of Mrs. Roma Neal, Linda and Buddy on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robin Ray and children, of Birmingham, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sanders.

Mrs. Mollie Wright, Mrs. Era Mays, Mrs. Annie Green, Mrs. Dolly Hunt and Mary, of Arab and Mrs. Pauline Hendrix, of Gadsden, visited Mrs. Susie Kniphfer, on Saturday, September 13th.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McConnell, of Weirton, West Virginia and Mrs. Minnie Bonner, of Hanceville, were the guests of Mrs. Kate, Bal and Eunice Eason, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Eason and Billy moved to Miami, Florida, last week.

Mrs. Idella Griffin is ill at her home.

Mrs. Ozella Hughes returned from Gadsden on Saturday, where she visited Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hughes for several days. Jay and Gelate spent Saturday night with her.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Tucker and children and Mrs. Wayne Nails and children have returned from Flint, Michigan, where they visited Robert Southern and family.

Mrs. Laura Kinney is visiting her son and family in Tennessee.

Guthery's Cross Roads

Mrs. Ray Davis and Mrs. Ira Hudson, of Harmony, visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bryant, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Miller and Sharon visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knight, Tommie and Timmie in Decatur on Sunday.

Dora Speegle, of Birmingham, spent Saturday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Sinyard and attended church at Prospect on Sunday. Mrs. Darrinda Rushing was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rader Smith, on Sunday.

Mrs. Dilmon Rushing and children visited Mrs. A.L. Rushing and Mrs. Darrinda Rushing on Saturday afternoon.

A.L. Rushing is installing a pump, in his well and running water into his home.

Effie Mae Sanford visited Sandra Rushing on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. David Couch and children left on Sunday night for Detroit, Michigan, to join her husband, who is employed there. Her mother, Mrs. Effie Rushing made the trip with her.

EDUCATION

Wallace State Diesel Technology students Zachary Benefield, Kyle Keck inaugural recipients of Alabama Trucking Association scholarship

Russell Moore
WSCC

HANCEVILLE – Wallace State Diesel Technology students Zachary Benefield and Kyle Keck are recipients this semester of the inaugural Alabama Trucking Association (ATA) Foundation Scholarship Fund through an agreement with the Wallace State Future Foundation. Both students were recognized on campus this week by Tim Frazier, ATA director of safety and member services, and Terry Kilpatrick, chairman of the ATA Foundation. "Diesel Technology is a great career and field to be in. There's a great demand for it. Being from this area, I've been familiar with Wallace State for many years, so we're excited to support the program here and see these students get an opportunity. We hope this helps take them a long way in their careers," Frazier said. The ATA Scholarship for Diesel Technology students awards $1,500 per semester and funds tuition, books, fees and supplies. Students in the program are eligible for the scholarship after completing one semester and maintaining a specific grade point average.

Benefield, an Eva native, is currently in his final semester at Wallace State and will graduate from the program in May. He enjoys the electrical components and applications that make up the program. "This is a tremendous opportunity. Expenses like tools add up, so I'm very grateful," said Benefield, 20. "I'm fond of the electrical side of new engines and it's something that's going to grow in the future." Earlier this month, Keck began his second semester in the program, driving to Wallace State from his hometown of Guntersville. He was attracted to the Diesel Technology program after visiting the college as a high school senior. "This scholarship is a blessing. I commute each day, so it helps with expenses. I can reinvest my money into fuel costs," Keck said. "I also like the electrical side of the program and want to be a part of the cutting edge of everything in this profession." Wallace State Diesel Technology instructor Jeremy Smith is among those grateful this scholarship is available for his students.

"We want to make sure we are putting out the best product and students we can. We want students to leave here and be ready to go into the workforce. These funds and scholarships allow them to buy books, tools, access codes and things they need to ease the burden and help them grow as students," Smith said. "Zachary Benefield and Kyle Keck are very deserving of this scholarship. They are top-notch students." The Alabama Trucking Association, based out of Montgomery, has represented state trucking operations since 1938, serving as a top ambassador for the industry. To learn more about ATA, visit www.alabamatrucking.org/about/



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Wallace State students Zachary Benefield, left, and Kyle Keck are utilizing the inaugural scholarships this semester.

For more information about Wallace State's Diesel Technology program, visit www.wallacestate.edu/programs/technical-division/diesel-mechanics

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Poet's Corner

Among the Living

By: Randy C. Hale

As the family receives friends
and relatives give their condolences,
I'm gathering my thoughts for the eulogy when a little girl with bouncing
blonde curls walks near and says,

"Hey" then broadens her face with
a smile that shows her teeth.

Oblivious to the meaning of all this
but well aware of her surrounding, she
brings herself closer in curiosity.

She couldn't be much over two, but has my
full attention as she giggles and twists.
"What your name," I asked?

She twirls away, her attention diverted, then whirls to face me again
with assurance and answers,

"Me"

as if that was the only answer I needed. "Me," I chuckle reasoning, "yes," in
your world that's all that matters.

You'll find out soon enough the
world doesn't revolve around you
and search for new ways to express
your unique identity, I expect.

But for now, enjoy just being you,

"Miss Me."

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Council recognizes Hanceville Middle School football team; pavilion repairs to begin

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HANCEVILLE – The Hanceville Middle School Bulldog football team was honored by Mayor Kenneth Nail and the Hanceville City Council at Thursday night's council meeting. The middle school boys were the 2018 Cullman County Football Champions.

Nail congratulated the team and gave them a challenge, saying, "It's been several years since the Bulldogs' varsity team has been in the state playoffs. We want a championship and you can do it. Stay together and work hard and you can do it!" Daniel Whitfield, the team's offensive and defensive line coach, was also present as the team and coaches were honored. He spoke on the behalf of the coaching staff, saying, "These are great young men and great football players. I'm proud of them."

The middle school Bulldogs finished the season with a perfect record. The Heritage Archery Club was also recognized. Club members presented a plaque to the mayor and city council to show appreciation for their support.

The council has allowed the nonprofit club to practice and recently host an area tournament at the Rayford Talley building.

Joey Skinner represented the club and thanked the council, sharing, "We appreciate your kindness and support for the Heritage Archery Club and enabling us to reach our goal of providing an after-school activity for youth in Cullman County and surrounding area while teaching them the lifelong skill of archery."

In other business, the council voted to appoint Mike Macon and Buddy Perkins to the Industrial Development Board and reappointed Betty Dover to the Cemetery Rehabilitation Authority.

The City received a check for almost $21,000 for damages to the pavilion at Veterans' Park that collapsed during a recent storm. The cause of the collapse was bracket failure. The park pavilion will be rebuilt with salvageable material from the pavilion but with double treated 8X8 posts anchored in concrete, thus eliminating the need for brackets. New trusses will also be required in the rebuilding.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Hanceville Middle School football team poses for a photo with the Hanceville City Council at Thursday night's council meeting.

Hanceville Parks and Recreation continues to plan concerts and other activities for the summer. On June 8 will be Three on a String in concert.

The family-friendly concert will include many more fun activities including climbing walls, food trucks, paddle boats and face painting. More events will be announced later.

Parks and rec baseball, softball and t-ball signups will be on Feb. 8-9.

Nail also publicly thanks the Public Works Department for the excellent work on building, sanding and finishing the new desk in the City's courtroom.

HEALTH

Cullman Regional showcases positive growth, new robotic surgery capabilities

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CULLMAN – Community leaders gathered at Cullman Regional Thursday for the hospital's annual State of the Health System address from CEO James Clements, learning about the hospital's current status, projects and programs.

Clements pointed to numerous signs of positive growth:

• Equipment - Cullman Regional now offers robotic surgery and 3D mammography, as well as new tech for cardiac CTs and kidney stone treatment.

• Capacity - The recent fifth-floor expansion increased inpatient capacity by 25 percent; the new urgent care center has taken pressure off of the emergency room, which sees approximately 45,000 patients per year.

• Staff - Cullman Regional has seen substantial increases in its physician staff, as well as allied health care providers. Hospital staff also enjoy benefits like merit-based compensation, Christmas bonuses, an on-site gym and the annual Breakfast with Santa for them and their families.

• Community contributions and outreach - Cullman Regional made $16 million in community contributions last year, through charity care, Medicaid, the Good Samaritan Health Clinic, community screenings and outreach, and support for local schools. The hospital also sponsored multiple heart health awareness events through the year, as well as a successful "trunk-or-treat" event at Halloween.

• Finances - In 2014, Cullman Regional operated at a profit for the first time in several years, and it has continued to do so since then, increasing its margin each year to 2017, when the operating margin was more than nine percent. In 2018, the amount slipped slightly, but the operating margin was still around eight percent. From 2015 to 2018, Cullman Regional's outstanding debt decreased from just more than $61 million to just more than $56 million, while capital expenditures during the same period increased 257 percent, from around $5 million to more than $17 million. Investments have included the fifth-floor expansion, urgent care and imaging center, upgraded equipment for the women's center, and the da Vinci Xi surgical robot.

• Online capabilities - Clements talked about interactive features of Cullman Regional's website, which includes things such as urgent care appointment scheduling and a listing of the current ER wait time.

Clements also commended Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs, the Cullman Economic Development Agency and area officials for their efforts to complete the four-lane expansion of Alabama Highway 157, which will create better access to the hospital.

da Vinci Xi surgical robot

The big hit of the day for many people was the hands-on display of a da Vinci Xi surgical robot, which was up and running for guests to try out. Visitors sat at the controls and looked into a dual eyepiece 3D monitor as they attempted to pick up, move and place tiny objects on the operating table several feet away, using fingertip controls that ran the robot's arms.

The device that everyone got to put their hands on was for demonstration. "Leo," Cullman Regional's actual robot, remained safely at home in the surgical area where it is used for gallbladder removal, hernia treatment, hysterectomies, prostate and kidney surgeries, and reconstructive urinary tract procedures.

Dr. Lars Erik Wallin, the hospital's new urologist and robotic surgery program director explained that Leo has been used for around 40 procedures so far.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Urologist/Robotic Surgery Director Dr. Erik Wallin talks to a guest about Cullman Regional's new da Vinci Xi robotic surgery device, which has been in use at the hospital since October 2018.

Wallin told The Tribune, "The device, as far as it goes for patients, is great because it allows us to do a very complex surgery through a very small incision, and that minimizes patients' post-operative discomfort and pain from the incision and helps them get out of the hospital and recovered a little quicker."

POLITICS

Stadthagen announces town hall events

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CULLMAN – Alabama Rep. Scott Stadthagen, R-Hartselle will host three town hall events across the 9th District in early February. All events are open to the public. Stadthagen said the events will give the people of the district the opportunity to ask questions, offer comments and share their opinions on current issues.

"I believe it is important to hear from the people I've been elected to represent and gain their insights on the issues we all face," said Stadthagen.

The meetings are as follows:

West Point Town Hall
6 p.m., Feb. 5, 2019 at the Brandin Iron Steakhouse

Lacey's Spring Town Hall
6 p.m., Feb. 8, 2019 at the Lacey's Spring Senior Center

Hartselle Town Hall
6 p.m., Feb. 12, 2019 at The Burleson Center

Response (from Front)

W.C. Mann, Wendy Sack
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN – Reaction to the new location of Rock the South (RTS) has been mixed, but the same cannot be said for the festival's fans' response to the 2019 lineup, which was announced over four days this week.

"This is by far the most positive response we've ever had for any lineup that we've announced," said RTS Founder Shane Quick. "We've seen a little more than double of the response, in regards to traffic to our website, social media, things like that, than last year, which was a record year."

Indeed, thousands have shared the news on The Cullman Tribune's online platforms as well, especially after the announcement of this year's headliner: superstar Kid Rock, along with country music favorites Brooks & Dunn, Florida Georgia Line and Jake Owen. Also performing will be Mitchell Tenpenny, Morgan Wallen, Colt Ford, Jimmie Allen, Travis Denning and Hardy.

Continued Quick, "To be double in response and interest from people is pretty phenomenal.

"Literally all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska, multiple countries, people literally from all over the world were watching this announcement.

"And I really believe this is going to be a reunion year where, if you've ever been to Rock the South before, I believe of lot of those people are going to be coming back; they're coming back to see how we've grown.

"They're going to come back to see this new, very diverse lineup. I think it's by far the most diverse lineup we've ever had, as well. So, kind of something for everybody.

"And, you know, a lot of new exciting features for Rock the South."

Quick said, "We're welcoming everybody back to our hometown, and welcome back to the festival. What a way to do that with the kind of kickoff we've had!"

This year's festival will take place May 31-June 1 at 1872 Country Road 469, just west of Interstate 65, in Cullman, on a 150-acre parcel of private land about 2 miles west of Heritage Park, RTS' location for the first seven years.

The expanded venue will offer RV parking and camping. Residents in the nearby Deer Trace subdivision have voiced concerns over traffic, road conditions, noise and crime.

At the last meeting of the Cullman City Council, several residents were on hand to speak out about the move.

Quick said then, "We are doing our due diligence. We are hiring professionals just like (traffic engineer and owner of Skipper Consulting) Daryl Skipper... to do the due diligence on the roads, on the site, on health management, everything."

RTS tickets go on sale Wednesday morning, Jan. 30. For more information, visit www.RocktheSouth.com.