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Curt's Closet announces upcoming fundraiser, readies for summer



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Ashley Wilson (left) with volunteers Crystal Stone, Ethan Ponder, Jeremy Holley and Brandon Snider spent Thursday unloading stacks of storage totes to get Curt's Closet ready for summer.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A year has passed since Ashley Wilson opened Curt's Closet, a local charity to help disadvantaged kids, in the name of her son Curtis Wilson, who died in a tragic automobile accident in 2017. The Tribune talked with Wilson late last week about how things are going; she is working hard on the next chapter of the story.

Standing in an entryway packed with stacks of storage totes recently brought over from the ministry's storage unit (Yes, that means that Curt's Closet has more stuff than its closet can hold!), Wilson explained, "Today is season switch, where we move all the winter stuff and make room for the summer items, so that's what all these totes are. It's got all the summer items in it that we've collected over the last six, seven months."

Curt's Closet will reopen this Thursday with regular business hours and days.

How many kids are you helping, now?

"In a typical month, we see an average of a hundred children--75 to 100, but this time of year it picks up. Everybody's wanting the summer items."

Get involved

When asked what Curt's Closet is most in need of these days, Wilson shared, "Volunteers. Yes, Curt's Closet has grown so much in the past year, it's impossible for me to do alone. So we're really pushing for volunteers.

"And the easiest way to get involved is to go to our website curtscloset.org; there's a volunteer button. Fill out the information, and I'll send out an email about once a month. If something works for you that month, great, and if not, maybe you can next month. And we just ask an hour or two each month; not much, just a little help."

"Clothed in Cullman" coming up

On May 4, Curt's Closet will host "Clothed in Cullman" at the Cullman Civic Center starting at 11 a.m., with lunch at noon. It will include a fashion show. The event will feature an array of silent auction items from numerous donors and event sponsors, as well as door prizes and other goodies. The long list of donors and sponsors includes:

- Abbott Vacation Rentals
- American Girl Doll
- Backstage Boutique
- Barry & Connie Dutton
- Belk
- Birmingham Barons
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama
- Book and Barrel
- Camp St. Bernard
- Carlton's
- Cullman Cosmetic & Family Dentistry Dr. Echols
- Cullman Electric Cooperative
- Cullman-Jefferson Gas
- Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center
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CRIME

Cullman woman charged with rape, sodomy

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TRAVEL ALERT

I-65 lane closures in Cullman County beginning March 27

Seth Burkett
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) advises motorists that there will be nighttime, single-lane closures on Interstate 65 northbound north of Exit 291 (Alabama 91 near Colony) in Cullman County beginning about 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 for concrete placement.

Also, on Thursday, March 28, the contractor will be repairing asphalt between the Blount County line and Exit 305 (County Road 222 in Good Hope). Motorists are advised to expect single-lane closures northbound and southbound during the day.

Please expect delays, reduce speed within the work zone, and be prepared to change lanes.

PET OF THE WEEK

Be the center of Ginger's world

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Ginger

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay introduces The Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Ginger is a fairly big dog, a German shepherd/Great Pyrenees mix who's around 2 years of age. She's a gentle giant: a low- to medium-energy pet with what Ruttkay describes as "a soft heart." She could make a good therapy, support or companion dog. She's great on a leash and likes hanging out with people, but she respects personal space and won't try to put that big dog body in your lap!

Ginger will be loyal to her humans, but she's accustomed to exclusive relationships. She will, according to shelter staff, thrive best in a one-dog family. She has lived inside before and seems to be house-trained well.

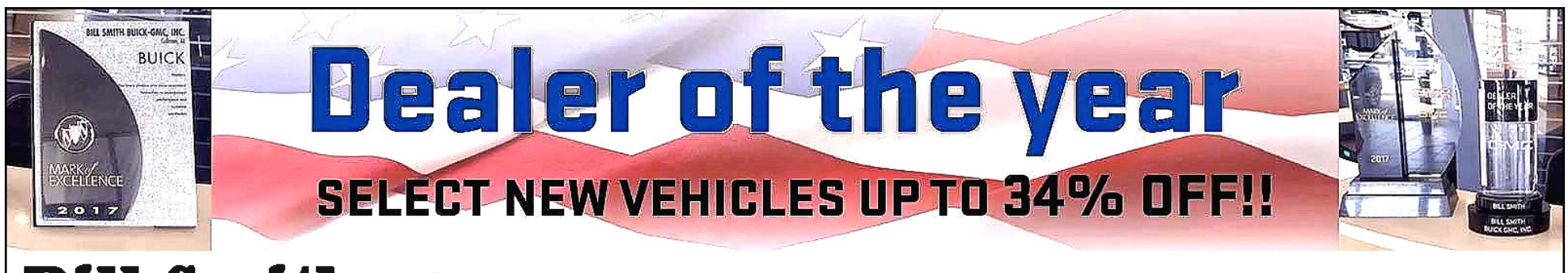
Discount doggie!

Ginger had already been spayed when she was brought to the shelter, so her adoption fee will be drastically discounted to only $5 to cover the cost of her rabies vaccine.

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 therapy and special needs service dogs.

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

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



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Arrests and incidents reported on March 25

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

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
March 21
• harassment, menacing; CR 285
• theft of property; CR 1344
• unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 91
• domestic violence; CR 1114
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 69 S/CR 223
• harassment; Sebastian Lane
• harassment; CR 109
• burglary; Lick Creek Road

March 22
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; Hwy.157
• harassment; CR 1114
• unlawful possession of marijuana, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1223/CR 1229
• criminal mischief; Chad Drive
• permitting dogs to run at large; Hwy. 278 E
• theft of property; Hwy. 31
• domestic violence; CR 437
• harassment; Hwy. 91
• harassment; Mize Road N
• giving false name to law enforcement officer; CR 703

March 23
• domestic violence, violation of protection order; CR 952
• possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• theft of property; CR 421
• harassment; CR 1114
• harassment, criminal mischief; CR 508

March 24
• unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
• harassment; Dodge City Petro
• theft of property; CR 625

ARRESTS
March 21
Anderson, John David, 45
• FTA- driving while revoked

Aycock, Anthony Wayde, 39
• FTA- child restraint required
• FTA- driving while suspended

Copeland, Dakota William M., 24
• FTA- second-degree theft of property
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Copeland, Makaliah Ryanne, 21
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
• FTA- second-degree theft of property
• FTA- third-degree theft of property

Gambrell, John Michael, 23
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Garrett, Michael Ruth, 22
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Hill, Christy Renae, 47
• endangering the welfare of child

Leclair, Kendra Lee Quinn, 40
• FTA- third-degree theft of property (old charge only)
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Lott, Joshua Gerald, 28
• first-degree kidnapping
• first-degree robbery

Overton, Brandon Gene, 28
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Roden, Waylon Cain, 18
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Sexton, Roman Alex, 19
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Shear, Lauren Michelle, 38
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Shikle, William Carlton, 31
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- first-degree theft of lost property

Thomas, Nathaniel Riley, 35
• first-degree kidnapping
• first-degree robbery

March 22-24
Alexander, Ronny Earl, 61
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Arndt, Joshua Edward, 32
• illegal possession of alcohol in a dry county

Arnold, Angela Rena, 55
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Ayers, Kyle Heath, 31
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Brown, Dalton Myles, 21
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Bryant, Steven Wayne, 28
• FTA- first-degree theft of property

Carter, Allen Lee, 35
• nonsupport
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Dunn, Jessica Lee, 33
• harassment

Elliott, Jessie Lynn, 30
• public intoxication

Free, Montie Evan, 25
• FTA- fishing without a license

Gowins, Daniel Alan, 26
• DUI - .08 BAC or greater
• running a stop sign

Griffin, Trevor Blake, 20
• FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

Harris, Steven Paul, 40
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

Heald, Richard Wayne, 61
• FTA- driving while revoked

Hobbs, Cheryl Ann, 41
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hogan, Christopher Lee, 32
• carrying a pistol without a license
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hubbard, Kevin Wayne, 40
• FTA- driving while revoked

Ingle, Cherry Dale, 58
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• illegal possession of prescription medicine
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

James, Jonathan Eugene, 32
• harassment

Loggins, Darryl Edward, 57
• FTA- first-degree attempted theft

Malcom, Rodney, 51
• FTA- third-degree assault

McBride, Darren, 54
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Mikel, John T., 33
• FTA- third-degree burglary (2 counts)
• FTA- first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Montgomery, Christopher Elijah, 31
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Nethery, Auburn Zachary, 27
• obstruction/using false ID
• probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Odom, Christopher Silvie, 44
• nonsupport

Paige, Dandre Jamal, 26
• third-degree burglary (2 counts)

Parker, Jeffrey Jerome, 54
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Pike, Jason Lamar, 37
• DUI – alcohol and controlled substance

Rittenberry, Skylar Lyn, 18
• second-degree rape
• second-degree sodomy
• transmitting obscene material to a child
• traveling to meet a child for unlawful act

Robison, James Farris, 62
• FTA- DUI

Smalls, John Henry III, 21
• GJ- second-degree rape
• GJ- second-degree sodomy

Sommer, Allison, Lee, 27
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Thomas, Denzil James, 52
• FTA- third-degree burglary
• FTA- indecent exposure

Washington, Jeremiah Jerome, 23
• FTA- public intoxication (two counts)

Williams, Thomas Wayne, 21
• DUI- influence of alcohol

Yeager, Christopher Eugene, 47
• violation of a domestic violence protection order

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
March 22
• third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree theft of property; Coin Laundry; 4th St. SW; damaged washing machine, coin box; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree forgery, third-degree possession of a forged instrument; EvaBank; Cherokee Ave SW; forged check; unknown amount of property value
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Liberty Tax Service; 2nd Ave SW; generator; $2,000
• first-degree theft of property; person; 2nd Ave NE; '92 Chev.; $2,000

March 23
• harassment; person; Hwy. 157

March 24
• third-degree criminal trespassing, fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW
• fourth-degree theft by deception; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; cash; $30
• fourth-degree theft of property; Olive St. SW; misc. merchandise; $87

ARRESTS
March 22
Absher, Mitchell A., 50
• third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Corrick, Chasity H., 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Washington, Jeremiah J., 23
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana (2 counts)
• FTA- public intoxication
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Scott, Mark H., 39
• DUI

Martin, Anthony A., 27
• resisting arrest

March 23
Duncan, Brandy K., 29
• DUI

March 24
Thomas, Edward E., 52
• public intoxication
• resisting arrest

Blakely, Ricki A., 63
• DUI

Fuller, Cregary A., 42
• fourth-degree theft of property
• FTA- public intoxication

Sherrell, Cameron D., 21
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Davis, Ricky L., 39
• fourth-degree theft of property
• possession of drug paraphernalia

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
March 26 - April 6

Cullman County Commission Meeting- Tuesday, March 26
The Cullman County Commission meets every second and fourth Tuesday, except in cases where the meeting date falls on a holiday, in which case the meeting is moved to the following day. Meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Commission office conference room, first floor, Cullman County Courthouse, unless otherwise specified.

Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, March 26
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 Dr. SW, Cullman

TOPS Meeting- Tuesday, March 26
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

Colony Town Council Meeting- Tuesday, March 26
The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall.

FREE Prostate Cancer Screenings- Wednesday, March 27
Cullman Regional is offering free prostate cancer screenings on Wednesday, March 27 in the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic. The screenings offer opportunities to check your risk for prostate cancer through a PSA test and a digital prostate exam. The screenings are available for men ages 50 - 69 or men older than 40 who have a family history of prostate cancer. African American men have a higher risk for prostate cancer and should start getting screened at age 40. While the screenings are free, appointments are required. Schedule an appointment by calling the Cullman Regional Urology Clinic at 256-737-2177.

Yoga at the Library- Wednesday, March 27
• Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Cullman County Public Library
• 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
• Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.

Hanceville City Council Meeting- Thursday, March 28
The Hanceville City Council meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall.

Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale- Saturday, March 30
Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our Smith Lake Park Spring Yard Sale! It's free to the public! Set up begins at 6 a.m. and sale begins at 7 a.m. Vendor grass spots are $10 and pavilions are $35 and $55. Vendors will pay at the gate on the day of the sale. Reservations only needed for pavilions. For more info, call 256-739-2916.

Relay For Life March Madness Golf Tournament- Saturday, March 30
The Wallace State Relay For Life team will hold a March Madness Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 30, at Cross Creek Golf Course. Check in will begin at 11 a.m., with a 12 p.m. shotgun start. The two-player scramble is flighted and includes a couple's division. Entry is $120 per team, and includes green fees and cart with GPS and club cover, team range balls, tournament gift, one attempt for longest drive, one attempt for closest pin, one attempt for closest second shot, dinner, prizes/photo. Team options include skins game, chipping and putting contest and mulligans. Cash prizes will be awarded. Register by March 23 at www.wscca-lumni.org/marchmadness19 or contact Debra Young at 256-352-8334 or debra.young@wallacestate.edu. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/473493976509964/

Colors of Cancer Day and 5K- Saturday, April 6
• Saturday, April 6 from 8-11 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park
• Find out more at www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddies-Foundation.

Holly Pond Band 21st Annual Golf Classic- Saturday, April 6
Holly Pond Band's 21st Annual Golf Classic at Chesley Oaks will take place on April 6. For more information, visit the band's Facebook page, call 256-339-9677 or email hollypondband@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Ground flowers at the Cullman City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 12.



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Cullman High, Cullman Middle, Vinemont Elementary win titles at Alabama State 3D/IBO Tournament





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Cullman High School, Cullman Middle and Vinemont Elementary posted the top scores at this weekend's Alabama State 3D/IBO Tournament to capture this year's championships.

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Civic Center hosted this year's Alabama State 3D/IBO Tournament and several local squads were in the field. Cullman High School, Cullman Middle School and Vinemont Elementary took home top honors at this year's event with Vinemont Middle School and East Elementary finishing just behind them in their respective divisions.

Local archers also took home all but one of the individual gold medals up for grabs on Saturday. East Elementary's Sophia Helms (257) and Vinemont's Tucker Robinson (271) were the top elementary shooters, Cullman's Arianna Scott (286) and Will Bolzle (283) were the top middle school shooters and Cullman's Kilie Copser (283) won gold in the high school division. Scott's mark of 286 was the highest score posted at this weekend's tournament.

Individual results by school, top six scores contribute to total team score:

Vinemont Elementary (Team 1) – 1544 (1st place)

- Tucker Robinson: 271 and 11 10s – 1st place elementary boys
- Andrew Landreth: 264 and 13 10s – 2nd place elementary boys
- Gavin Phillips: 256 and 6 10s – 6th place elementary boys
- Jayden Friedrich: 254 and 6 10s – 2nd place elementary girls
- Emily Coats: 250 and 10 10s – 4th place elementary girls
- Caroline Miller: 249 and 6 10s – 5th place elementary girls

East Elementary – 1533 (2nd place)

- Carson Stancil: 258 and 7 10s – 3rd place elementary boys
- Joshua Au: 258 and 6 10s – 4th place elementary boys
- Sophia Helms: 257 and 9 10s – 1st place elementary girls
- Easton Walker: 256 and 10 10s – 5th place elementary boys
- Camp Smith: 252 and 9 10s – 7th place elementary boys
- Aubrey Corry: 252 and 6 10s – 3rd place elementary girls

Vinemont Elementary (Team 2) – 1380 (3rd place)

- Evie Floyd: 244 and 5 10s – 9th place elementary girls
- Cade Jankawski: 242 and 8 10s – 11th place elementary boys
- E.J. Sharpe: 229 and 5 10s – 16th place elementary boys
- Joshua Rhodes: 228 and 5 10s – 18th place elementary boys
- Jeffrey Pressnell: 220 and 7 10s – 21st place elementary boys
- Halli Joiner: 217 and 1 ten – 22nd place elementary girls

Welti Elementary – 1330 (4th place)

- Chelsey Johnson: 236 and 5 10s – 12th place elementary girls
- Morgan Bartlett: 233 and 5 10s – 14th place elementary girls
- Sarabeth Jackson: 232 and 4 10s – 16th place elementary girls
- Rylan Miller: 228 and 6 10s – 17th place elementary boys
- Silas Reynolds: 208 and 1 ten – 26th place elementary boys
- Aubrie Castaneda: 193 and 1 ten – 28th place elementary girls

West Point Intermediate

- Blake Hammond: 220 and 4 10s – 22nd place elementary boys
- Case Pinion: 219 and 2 10s – 23rd place elementary boys
- Madeline Pinion: 187 and 2 10s – 32nd place elementary girls

Cullman Christian School

- Nathan Tysor: 229 and 6 10s – 15th place elementary boys

Cullman Middle School – 1682 (1st place)

- Arianna Scott: 286 and 21 10s – 1st place middle school girls
- Will Bolzle: 283 and 15 10s – 1st place middle school boys
- Brianna Willoughby: 281 and 15 10s – 2nd place middle school girls
- Jack Yeager: 280 and 17 10s – 2nd place middle school boys
- Hayden Scott: 276 and 16 10s – 4th place middle school boys
- Forrest Calvert: 276 and 15 10s – 5th place middle school boys

Vinemont Middle School – 1599 (2nd place)

- Dawson Wilhite: 279 and 14 10s – 3rd place middle school boys
- Alexis Sartin: 278 and 13 10s – 3rd place middle school girls
- Logan Ford: 266 and 13 10s – 8th place middle school boys
- Tai Shurtleff: 264 and 9 10s – 10th place middle school boys
- Ashton Kelley: 256 and 12 10s – 10th place middle school girls
- Trinity Sartin: 256 and 9 10s – 11th place middle school girls

Holly Pond Middle School – 1318 (5th place)

- Brayden Jeffreys: 255 and 14 10s – 11th place middle school boys
- Jon Haynes: 238 and 3 10s – 22nd place middle school boys
- Tristan Gray: 230 and 6 10s – 28th place middle school boys
- Tyler Tyree: 228 and 6 10s – 29th place middle school boys
- Conner Smith: 218 and 4 10s – 31st place middle school boys
- Callum Smith: 215 and 1 ten – 32nd place middle school boys

Sacred Heart School – 1281 (6th place)

- Evelyn Griffin: 255 and 11 10s – 12th place middle school girls
- Madilyn Kerber: 222 and 2 10s – 34th place middle school girls
- Lesly Garcia: 213 and 4 10s – 36th place middle school girls
- Katie Chamblee: 202 and 3 10s – 26th place elementary girls
- Nic Fallin: 195 – 30th place elementary boys
- Danny Garcia: 194 and 3 10s – 31st place elementary boys

West Point Middle School

- Madilyn Branum: 277 and 12 10s – 4th place middle school girls

Good Hope Middle School

- Mason McCury: 227 and 3 10s – 30th place middle school boys

Cullman High School – 1662 (1st place)

- Kilie Copser: 283 and 16 10s – 1st place high school girls
- Jackson Llewellyn: 280 and 14 10s – 3rd place high school girls
- Claude Thomas: 278 and 16 10s – 3rd place high school boys
- Samantha Johnson: 278 and 14 10s – 4th place high school girls
- Abby Gragg: 276 and 13 10s – 5th place high school girls
- Sarah Kate Dockery: 270 and 11 10s – 6th place high school girls

West Point High School – 1569 (4th place)

- Sarah Hudson: 268 and 13 10s – 7th place high school girls
- Lauren Taylor: 267 and 12 10s – 8th place high school girls
- Cameron Haynes: 264 and 10 10s – 12th place high school boys
- Mackenzie Tidwell: 260 and 11 10s – 9th place high school girls
- Marshal Doherty: 257 and 7 10s – 18th place high school boys
- Ronnie Gentry: 253 and 5 10s – 13th place high school girls

Vinemont High School – 1516 (5th place)

- Ryan Isbell: 265 and 13 10s – 10th place high school boys
- Josh Gillott: 260 and 6 10s – 16th place high school boys
- Jordan Terry: 258 and 5 10s – 17th place high school boys
- Maddy Thompson: 256 and 9 10s – 12th place high school girls
- Jarrett Friedrich: 248 and 10 10s – 24th place high school boys
- Kix Johnson: 248 and 5 10s – 25th place high school boys

Good Hope High School

- Mallory Hammock: 259 and 5 10s – 10th place high school girls
- Morgan Hammock: 233 and 5 10s – 24th place high school girls

PREP TRACK & FIELD

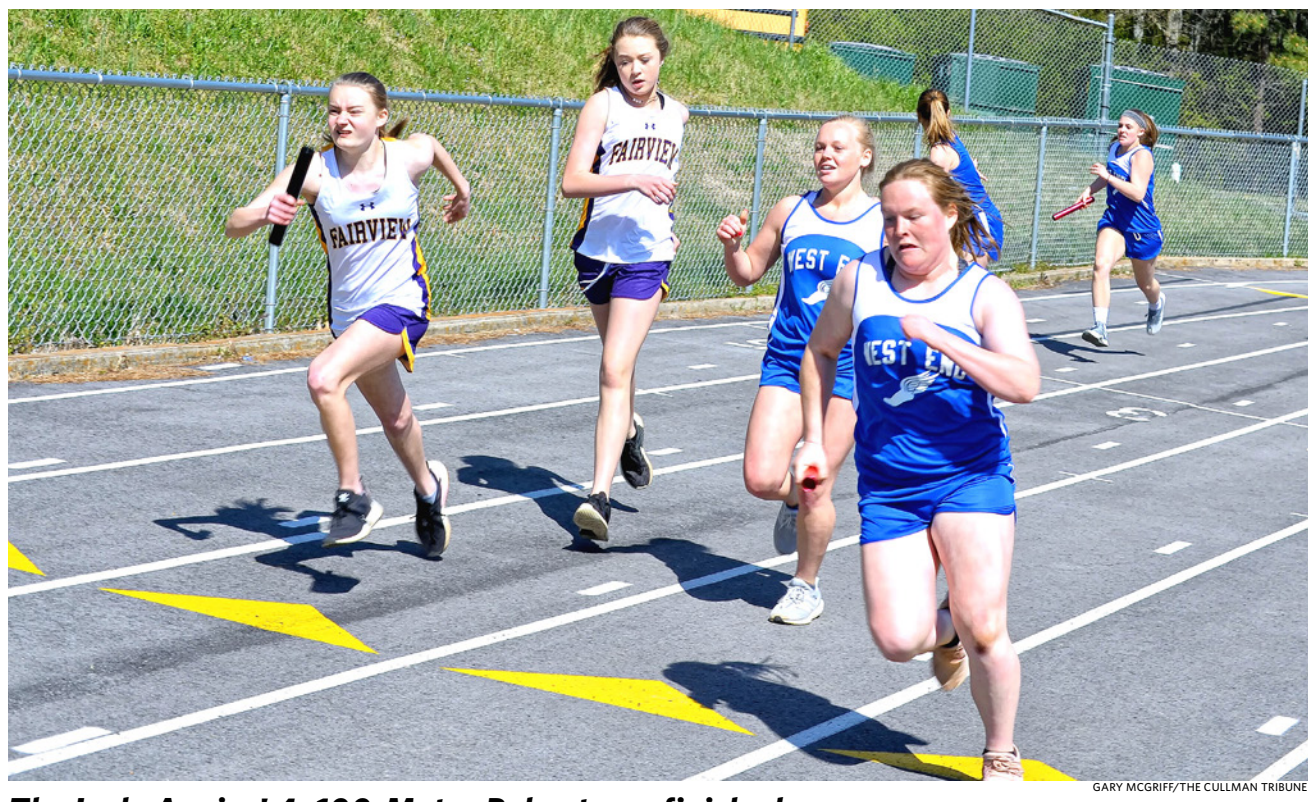
Aggies, Lady Aggies rack up medals at Fairview meet

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FAIRVIEW, Ala. – West End traveled to Fairview High School Saturday morning to compete, and the homestanding Aggies took home first place as a team with a score of 193. West End edged out Fairview in the girls'' division with a score of 227, but there was still a long list of medalists for Fairview High, including several gold medalists.

Full list of Fairview medalists (top three finishers receive medals):

- Ethan Gandy – 2nd place Boys' 200-Meter Dash – 27.24
- Jonathan Semadeni – 3rd place Boys' 400-Meter Dash – 1:08.01
- Peyton Bailey – 1st place Boys' 1600-Meter Run – 5:15.73
- Daniel Cook – 2nd place Boys' 1600-Meter Run – 5:18.20
- Peyton Bailey – 1st place Boys' 3200-Meter Run – 11:16.35
- Tyvn Ellis – 1st place Boys' 110-Meter Hurdles – 18.15
- Mason Black, Tyvn Ellis, Dow Nichols, Jonathan Semadeni – 2nd place Boys' 4x100-Meter Relay – 50.09
- Peyton Bailey, Daniel Cook, Keagan Hardin, Andrick Lindsey – 1st place Boys' 4x800-Meter Relay – 10:33.83
- Mason Black – 1st place Boys' High Jump – 5-06.00
- Tyvn Ellis – 2nd place Boys' High Jump – 5-06.00
- Dow Nichols – 3rd place Boys' Long Jump – 14-08.50
- Dow Nichols – 1st place Boys' Triple Jump – 35-00.50
- Cruz Ibanez – 2nd place Boys' Triple Jump – 26-05.00
- Dylan Garner – 1st place Boys' Discus – 137-00.00
- Trevor Cheatham – 2nd place Boys' Discus Throw – 98-09.00
- Austin Turner – 3rd place Boys' Discus Throw – 76-05.00
- Trevor Cheatham – 1st place Boys' Javelin – 1-05.00
- Dylan Garner – 1st place Boys' Shot Put – 38-10.00
- Trevor Cheatham – 3rd place Boys' Shot Put – 30-11.00
- Somer Harris – 2nd place Girls' 200-Meter Dash – 32.81
- Angelica Antibero – 3rd place Girls' 400-Meter Dash – 1:18.62
- Destiny Anders, Angelica Antibero, Kabri Redding, Lacey Segrest – 2nd place Girls' 4x100-Meter Relay
- Destiny Anders – 1st place Girls' High Jump – 4-02.00
- Kabri Redding – 2nd place Girls' High Jump – 4-00.00
- Abby McDonald – 1st place Girls' Long Jump – 14-08.50
- Kabri Redding – 3rd place Girls' Long Jump – 10-11.50
- Abby McDonald – 1st place Girls' Triple Jump – 26-10.50
- Kabri Redding – 1st place Girls' Discus Throw – 64-05.00
- Micah Means – 3rd place Girls' Discus Throw – 51-01.00
- Madison Smith – 2nd place Girls' Javelin – 65-01.00
- Micah Means – 3rd place Girls' Javelin – 63-07.00
- Madison Smith – 2nd place Girls' Shot Put – 21-02.00
- Micah Means – 3rd place Girls' Shot Put – 20-08.00



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The Lady Aggies' 4x100-Meter Relay team finished second with a time of 59.65 Saturday morning.

THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE
MARCH 26, 2019

Help from Near and Far

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WHITE CITY, Ala. – After a tornado touched down in White City on March 14, affected residents leaned on the kindness of others to help them through those first tough days. What they might not have known is that Steve and Julie Neer had recently moved to Alabama to be in better position to help after such disasters. Near and Far Connections is the nonprofit created by the couple to offer a helping hand to the ongoing needs of those affected by disasters.

Steve Neer has been working throughout the White City community to help with cleanup. That's where he met Randy and Kathy McLeroy, whose home was damaged substantially by the tornado. The Neers' journey prior to coming to the McLeroys' could be considered a true godsend.

Near and Far Connections began with a vision.

Steve Neer explained, "What brought us down was about 14 years ago, my wife and I had been working at a church; we had this vision of just going and renovating an RV and doing kids ministry outside of the walls of the church. It took a backseat for a while.

"Then, in October 2016, we were feeling this strain that we should be doing something different. We walked into our pastor's office. I was doing middle school and my wife was doing elementary kids ministry at church.

"We said that we really feel God is telling us to go find an RV, renovate and move somewhere south closer to where we can help people when there's a hurricane or tornadoes. It was just a big step of faith."

The Neers stepped down from their positions at the church at the end of the 2017 school year. That October they took the leap and purchased the RV. That same night, the couple received a $500 donation from someone wanting to help with the mission to help children. Other offers came to help house the RV during its renovations. Things were really falling into place. Steve Neer, who works in sales for a veterinarian supplier, learned of the company opening an office in Birmingham.

In June 2018, the Neers left their family and friends in Fort Wayne, Indiana and found a house in Hayden. Shortly after the move, Hurricane Florence slammed the Carolinas and Hurricane Michael devastated the Florida panhandle. The Neers visited the Carolinas and made multiple trips to Florida to help.

When the tornadoes hit Lee County this month, friends began asking Steve Neer if he planned to visit Beauregard.

He said, "My wife's mother is battling cancer and undergoing chemo so Julie has been traveling back and forth to Indiana. I wanted to wait until she could go down with me. Then the tornado hit the White City community. A friend messaged to see if I was OK, and I thought, oh that's way north of us."

New to the area, Steve Neer wasn't aware of just how close he was from White City. When he saw it was just a few miles away, he reached out to Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail to ask how to help.

Steve Neer spoke of his second trip to help the McLeroys, saying, "Everybody's there on the scene at first. It's the weeks or even months afterward when the depression sets in. People feel abandoned and that nobody cares anymore. We know there is a deeper need than the physical. There is also the emotional and spiritual. If we can find an organization or church in the area we can connect them to, hopefully that can help ease the burden in their life. Near and Far Connections, our mission is to help connect people to God."

He continued, "I told Kathy, I gotta clean the porch up because the porch is where you can feel like that's home. A safe place. I got that cleaned out. We got a lot done, but there's more to do that I'm not qualified for like roofing and foundation work."

Steve Neer was stunned by the damage caused, including seeing parts of chicken houses strewn for yards and yards throughout pastures and trees. He even came across a stray donkey displaced as fencing was destroyed.

Kathy McLeroy said she is appreciative to everyone who came to help after the tornado caused extensive damage to her home.

She said, "What is amazing with Steve is he had a way of having a calming effect on everyone helping. Just a natural person you want around during a crisis."

Plans for the future

With a third grandchild due this year, the Neers said they do miss their family but plan on staying in Alabama.

Steve Neer said, "When God tells you to do it, you just do it. You can't go wrong with that. I look at it like this: we can have forever in heaven with them. If God has something for you here, you just do it, and when you do, the blessings come.

"My objective in life is: if you don't know about my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, guess what? You are going to know him. You are going to know about him at least if you follow me and like on Facebook. You are going to hear about him because this life is too short. If people are sitting there screaming out in their basement afraid the tree is coming down on the house or the house is going to get sucked up-you just never know. In the blink of an eye, life can be snuffed out. I've chosen to make my life about the eternal."

What began as a puppet ministry 25 years ago led the Neers to Alabama. They hope to take their RV to low-income areas to bring their ministry to them while also using it to travel into areas hit by disasters.

Steve Neer smiled, "Sometimes I feel like Noah. If Noah had waited until it started raining to build the Ark, it wouldn't have worked out too well. He took a leap of faith. I did, too. I made it. Here I am. God supplies."

For more information on Near and Far Connections, visit www.facebook.com/nearandfarconnections/.



KATHY MCLEROY

Steve Neer of Near and Far Connections helps clean up a property in White City.



Crime (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman woman was arrested Friday, charged with second-degree rape, second-degree sodomy, transmitting obscene material to a child and traveling to meet a child for unlawful act.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), an investigation involving suspect Skylar Lyn Rittenberry, 18, led to warrants for Rittenberry's arrest. The CCSO said investigators believe there was sexual contact between Rittenberry and a juvenile. The CCSO said Rittenberry had an association with the victim before the crime occurred.

"The CCSO would like to thank DHR and Brooks' Place for their assistance in this case," said a media release from the CCSO.

Rittenberry has made bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Skylar Lyn Rittenberry









Holly Pond High School crowns pageant winners

Submitted by Holly Pond High School



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Holly Pond High School Fair Queen Representative August Floyd



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SENIOR MISS BRONCO

Winners in the Senior Miss Bronco Pageant were, from left to right: 2nd Alternate - Kara Hollis, 4th Al-ternate - Maddie Heatherly, Senior Miss Bronco - Lexy Smith, 3rd Alternate - Rebecca Bell and 1st Alternate - Maddix Miller.



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JUNIOR MISS BRONCO

Winners in the Junior Miss Bronco Pageant were, from left to right: 2nd Alternate - Raylee Beeson, 1st Alternate - Maycie Brock, Junior Miss Bronco - Alexis Pitts, 4th Alternate - Valerie Duncan and 3rd Alternate - Breanna Tankersley.



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USED CAR MANAGER



Daniel Coombs served as the New Car Manager at Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman before being named Used Car Manager of the Used Car Supercenter lot this past February. Daniel says this Used Car Supercenter is something that is new to Cullman and that he is glad that Tony Serra Nissan is able to help customers find the perfect car, whether new or used.

"In the past we have carried an inventory of 40 to 50 pre-owned cars on the lot. We have spent the past year moving earth and paving a new parking lot just south of our main store. The new lot is located at 301 Broadway Drive SW.

This lot will allow us to stock over 100 pre-owned vehicles in addition to the 300 new vehicles we keep in stock.

We will have a bigger selection of trucks, SUV's and cars."

Daniel said they do their research to ensure they are giving their customers the best deals possible

"We try to set a fair price and eliminate the need for customers to feel like they have to be a good negotiator to get a good deal."

Come meet Daniel Coombs at the Used Car Supercenter, located at 301 Broadway ST. SW, and see what he can do for you!



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LIFESTYLE

Get to know the Cullman Brewers Guild

W.C. Mann, Nick Griffin
Tribune Staff

CULLMAN, Ala. - If you enjoy good beer, there are quite a few places in the wet cities in Cullman County where you can find some. If you have a do-it-yourself spirit and often find yourself saying of the store-bought stuff, "That would be better if...," there's one group of people you should get to know.

The Cullman Brewers Guild has more than 50 members from Cullman and Blount Counties, about half of whom actively make their own beers, meads and wines. They brew in Cullman, Hanceville and Good Hope (the rest of the county is dry) and across the county line. The group includes commercial brewers like the guys at Goat Island Brewing, but you won't find products from most of them at your local restaurant or bar. The majority are home-brewing hobbyists who can legally produce small batches, but aren't licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. They do it for the joy of creativity and individual expression.

Guild President Jason Guidry told The Tribune, "It's fun! It's getting to do something the way you want it. It's like eating; you can go out to restaurants every day, or you can cook something at home. By brewing at home, you can have it the way you like it instead of the way someone else likes it."

The Guild gives members the opportunity to share ideas, compare recipes, sample each other's projects and enjoy each other's company. The monthly meetings are laid-back gatherings with a conversation and a lot of laughing, as well as tasting of member brews and interesting or unusual (one at this month's meeting contained edible glitter!) offerings from smaller commercial breweries. They're open to anyone: one brand new visitor to the March meeting joined in the conversation, and soon two bottles of his honey-based mead were being passed around the table while other mead brewers talked with him about ingredients and the virtues of various types of honey.

This month's meeting featured the quarterly competition the Guild hosts for its members to show off their goods. The category this time was porters and stouts, and Jeff Taylor took top honors with his chocolate milk stout. The next quarterly contest, scheduled for June, will feature brews made with fruits and vegetables.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right: Bryan Benefield, April Benefield and Preston Prewett were winners in the quarterly home brew competition. First-place winner Jeff Taylor couldn't attend the meeting, but bottles of his chocolate milk stout did, and one even survived long enough to make it into the photo!

It's not all just sitting around, talking and tasting beer, though. Members give educational presentations on brewing and winemaking and, more importantly, fundraising events regularly held by the group support area charities. After last fall's Oktoberfest generated $2,000 in tips for the Guild, which ran the beer tent at the event, the group gave the money to Cullman Caring for Kids, The Link of Cullman County, Flourish of Cullman, Cullman's Little Pantry and Sacred Heart Church's St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

Home brewer Preston Prewett, who helped deliver checks to the local charities, told The Tribune afterward, "It's completely awesome. A lot of people think that the beer tent is just a tremendous amount of work, and it is, don't get me wrong. Oktoberfest is a ridiculous amount of work, but it's so much fun because you get to talk to everybody that comes through to get a beer and get to explain all the different kind of beers and do a little craft beer education, but at the same time we get donations to give back to the community. It's just awesome, man."

For more information on the Cullman Brewers Guild, visit www.facebook.com/cullmanbrewersguild/.

OPINION

Always Reforming: How to listen to a sermon - part 5

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Columnist

Today in our series on **How To Listen to a Sermon** we address **Outlines**.

The speaker MUST enable the listener to follow the message by providing a clear path through the text; what is the text declaring? The outline sharpens the focus of those listening. It enables them to grasp what God's word is calling them to do in response.

How often have you departed after a worship service with the question ringing in your mind – "What was that all about?" That should never be the case.

The preaching of God's word is one of God's primary means of instructing and transforming his people. The exposition of God's word must both encourage and confront the listener.

The Old Testament Prophets delivered stinging rebukes to the people. They called them to repent of their sin and to walk in obedience.

Amos 2:4-8 Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, but their lies have led them astray, those after which their fathers walked. So I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the strongholds of Jerusalem."

Thus says the LORD: "For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment, because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals-those who trample the head of the poor into the dust of the earth and turn aside the way of the afflicted; a man and his father go in to the same girl, so that my holy name is profaned; they lay themselves down beside every altar on garments taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of those who have been fined."

Folks, there is no ambiguity in the message Amos delivered.

There should be no ambiguity in the messages a pastor brings to God's people.

Crafting and declaring a clear outline of the passage being proclaimed greatly enhances the probability that those listening will hear God speaking to them.

1. Outlines maintain the focus on the thesis being declared.

2. Outlines organize a message so that the audience can understand the content and how they must respond.

3. Outlines help the speaker deliver a clear message by serving as the foundation for any notes used in delivering the message.

Providing a clear Outline equips the listener to follow and apply what the message of God's word requires.

This also equips the listener to function as a Bereans (Acts 17:11), searching the scriptures and verifying what the speaker declares is in fact true and correct.

So, does your pastor provide a clear outline of his message?

LEGALS

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 4/9/2019 at 10:00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

James E. Dailey, unit #518, 154 Robinson Avenue, Emelle, Alabama 35459.

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-007**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF M.C.G.
D.O.B. 08/03/2009
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **GERRI LYNN PATE AND ROBERTO GUERRA, ANY KNOWN, UNKNOWN, OR DISCLOSED PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE THE BIOLOGICAL MOTHER AND FATHER**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY LEONARD HARRY TATRO AND EMILY JANE TATRO, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE LAST PUBLICATION. THE RESPONSE MUST BE FILED WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 1st DAY OF March, 2019.

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

G. Edward Coey
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077

Case No. PC-2018-197

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Re: The Estate of Warner M. Mercer

Under and by virtue of a decree of the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama in the estate of Warner M. Mercer, deceased, the undersigned, as Conservator, will sell to the public for cash on April 13, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and at the location known as 94 73 Highway 157, Vinemont, AL, the following personal property, in "as is" condition:

Living room furniture, Bedroom furniture, Dinette Set, Buffet, Mounted Deer Trophy, Lawn Mowers & various tools, Automobile - 2000 Mercury Marquis, Boat, Tractor, TV's, Various other household furniture, furnishings and decorations, Men's Clothing, Exercycle, Freezers Space Heaters, Tillers, Treadmill, Wheelchairs

Dated this the 6th day of March, 2019.

John Cruce
John Cruce
Personal Representative

Law Firm of Nail & Sparks, LLC.
Pamela E. Nail
Attorney for Personal Representative

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-004**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF L.G.C.
D.O.B. 01-30-2014
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DONE THIS 22nd DAY OF March, 2019.

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

Sara Baker
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100 Fifth Street SE
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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY **CASE NO: AD-2019-008**

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF N.D.G.
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Obituary Announcements: March 23 - 25

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Funeral service for Yonnie C. Stewart, 80, of Hanceville, will be Monday, March 25, 2019 at noon at the Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Fairview West Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hanceville Funeral Home. Mrs. Stewart is survived by her children, Holly Pirkle (David) of Hanceville, AL and Robert Stewart (Amber) of Cullman, AL; her grandchildren, Dalton Pirkle, Abigail Pirkle, Eliana Stewart; brothers, Wayne Baldwin of Jacksonville, FL and Charles Baldwin (Martha) of Loganville, GA; and an aunt Mary Haas of Cantonment, FL. Mrs. Stewart was preceded in death by her mother, Jewell Baldwin.
Funeral service for David Travis Pope, 55, of Vinemont, will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Dewey Briscoe officiating; burial at Vinemont First Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Pope passed away on Friday, March 22, 2019 at Brookwood Medical Center. He was born, October 16, 1963 to Daymon and Margaret Pope. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Janine Pope, sons, TJ (Lori) Pope, Josh (Erica Sparks) Pope and Tyler Boike, daughter, Ashley (Charlie) Martin, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and sister, Sherry Hill. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Daniel Alan Isley, 70, of Cullman, passed away Friday, March 22, 2019. Before serving the State of Alabama as an EMA Field Coordinator, Dan was EMA Director of Cullman County. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He is preceded in death by his parents: Edwin and Evelyn Harrison Isley; a sister, Joann Turney and brothers: William and Jerry Isley. Dan is survived by his wife, Tennia Federer Isley; step-daughter, Lori Bates (Nicholas); son, Craig Isley; step-son, Kevin Mooney (Randi); sisters: Jan Burchfield (Randall) and Judy Gamble (Charles); grandchildren: Kaitlyn Mooney and Brayden Mooney; and his constant companion and beloved pet beagle, Elmer. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 from 12:30 p.m. until the Celebration of Dan's Life, which will begin at 2 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home Chapel. The family request that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the charity of your choice. Moss Service Funeral Home directing.

Funeral service for Nellie Ruth Richter, 84, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home; burial at Cullman City Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Richter passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at her residence. She was born, August 26, 1934 to C.W. and Reba Bessie Bates. She is preceded in death by her parents, first husband, Hobert Dye Sr., son, Hobert Dye Jr. and brother, Lloyd Bates. Survivors include her husband, Louie Richter, daughters Carolyn (Daniel) Fincher, Vanessa (Tim) Willis, and Regena Richter, son Greg (Laura Axelrod) Richter, grandchildren, Danielle Fincher, Billy Fincher, Michele (Jason) Heaton, Robert Willis, Ashley Richter, John Stevens, Shelton (Ashley) Stevens, and James (Courtney) Fullard, 12 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Memorial service for Corey Clifford Mark Lindsey, 30, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lindsey passed away on Friday, March 22, 2019 at his residence. He was born, November 7, 1988 to Mark Lindsey and Karen Clark. He is preceded in death by his grandfather's, Clifford Lindsey and Mark Clark. Survivors include his father, Mark Lindsey, mother, Karen Clark, sons, Ashton Lindsey, Deacon Lindsey, Wyatt Lindsey, and Westin Lindsey, sister, Cassy (Dustin) Dempsey, nephews, Kabri Hyde, Deegan Dempsey, and Kannon Dempsey, grandmothers, Linda (Kenneth) Walker and Zelda Lindsey, aunts, Tammy (Tom) Pyeatt, Melanie (Jerrold) Russell, and Brenda (David) McPherson, uncles, Kelly (Lori) Clark and Ricky (Trisha) Lindsey, and a host of cousins, family and friends.

Memorial Services for Mr. James Byron Leslie, 87 of Hanceville will be Saturday March 30, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Hanceville First United Methodist Church. There will be an Ice Cream Social, at Faith Hall, Saturday immediately following the Memorial Service. Mr. Leslie is survived by his wife of 62 years, Martha "Pete" Leslie of Hanceville, AL; his sons, Byron Leslie (Pam) of Hanceville, AL and Howard Leslie (Lacrecia) of Hartselle, AL; his grandsons, Alex Leslie, D.J. Leslie, and Brayden Leslie; Aliya Leslie; sister, Willodean Hill of Fallon, NV, as well as a host of Nieces, Nephews, and extended family. Mr. Leslie is preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Trixie (Waldrop) Leslie; and his brother, Johnnie Alton Leslie. In Lieu of Flowers the family requests donations be made to Hanceville First United Methodist Church, 704 SE Commercial Street, Hanceville, AL 35077

James "JL" Levi Godsey, 71 of Dayton, TN., formerly of Double Springs, passed away on March 23, 2019. James "JL" was born on November 29, 1947 in Double Springs. James attended Winston County High School. Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Homes in Double Springs. Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 2 p.m. at Fairview Missionary Baptist Church where he will lie in state from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Brother Tony Gasaway and Brother Delmar Dubois will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. James "JL" is survived by his step son; Kenneth Jackson and his wife Janis; step daughters, Malinda Rayburn, Renee Baker and her husband Glenn, Bonnie Sue Aaron; brothers, Eugene Godsey, Edmon Godsey and his wife Tami, and Scottie Godsey and his wife Charolett; sisters, Betty Claburn and Mary Godsey; he was Paw Paw to 8 grandchildren, Heather (Scott) McGoughy, Dewayne (Mary) Baker, Eric (Tammy) Jackson, Jason Jackson, Dana (Bubba) Lewis, Amanda Hill, Ashley White, and Kenneth (Jennifer) Rayburn; and Great Paw Paw to 16 great grandchildren, Chasity Smith, Brendon (Amber) Westmoreland, Bradley (Ashley) Justice, Kristen Hill, Blake (Courtney) Baker, Rheanna Baker, Hannah Alexander, Noah Jackson, Hayden Jackson, Emma Ballenger, Morgan Lewis, Walker Lewis, Tyler Baker, Kizer Baker, Mirrisa Cook and Dani Cook; and 11 great great grandchildren, Hunter Baker, Brentley Alexander, Mason Smith, Jase Pruitt, Carter Pruitt, Bailey Smiley, McKenzie Hydie Smiley, Charleigh Justice, Sebastin Sutherland, Anslie Westmoreland and AJ Westmoreland. He was preceded in death by his wife, Iona Godsey; parents, Inas and Coralee Godsey; brothers, Larry Godsey, Roy Godsey, Terry Godsey, Tommy Godsey and Robert Godsey.

Funeral service for Flo Ann Dyer will be Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home. Bro Larry Brown is officiating. Interment will be at Center Grove Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Dyer passed away Saturday, March 23, 2019. She was born November 17, 1947 to Amos and Annie Mae Moore. She is preceded in death by her parents, a daughter Tracy A. Dyer, and sisters Diane Stapp and Marsha Kay Moore. She is survived by her husband of 52 years Bill Dyer, daughter, Tammy Dyer Griffith, sons Stephen Dyer and Wade Dyer, grandchildren, Kacie Griffith, Jackson Griffith, and Jacob Griffith, brother Terry (Beth) Moore, and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends. Visitation will be Wednesday, March 27, from 6 until 8 p.m. at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Funeral Service for Billy Ray Lawrence, age 68, of Cullman, will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Herron officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Lawrence passed away on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at his residence. He was born December 13, 1950, to John Wesley and Lucille Lawrence. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jackie Marie Weidehammer and Joanne Arndt; and his very special pet, Tony. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Patricia Ann Lawrence; daughter, Jackie (Kurt) Zassoda; sons, Billy (Amanda) Lawrence and Ronald James "Jimmy" Denton; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Helen Hill; brother, Johnny Wayne (Robin) Lawrence; and best friends Randy, Diego, and Manrel. Pallbearers are Kurt Zassoda, Jimmy Denton, Randy Schnittker, Diego Vega, Manuel Manrel, and Kenny Schnittker. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Melvin Julian Gerstman of Vinemont passed away March 25, 2019 at the age of 76. He was born May 22, 1942 in Cullman to William and Mary Emma Johnson Gerstman. He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother Ray Gerstman. Funeral services are Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 7 p.m. with Bro. Charles Sinyard officiating. Survivors are: wife Margie Hendrix Gerstman, daughters Janine (G.T.) Robertson, Teresa (Mark) McBrayer, Amy (Billy) Moore, Michelle Winstead, son Jeff Gerstman, sisters Mary Williams, Carolyn Hancock, brother Ronald Gerstman, 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Visitation is Tuesday at Moss Funeral Home from 5 p.m. until the service time at 7 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Ronald Marlin "Red" Greathouse, 70, of Hanceville are Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Mt. Joy Baptist Church, Rev. Harce Swann officiating, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. Visitation on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the church. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Greathouse passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2019. He was born December 11, 1948 to Marlin Greathouse and Mertie Katherine Rice Greathouse. He is survived by his brother, Danny Greathouse and a host of other family and friends.

Alta Mae Buchanan, 89 of Lynn passed away on March 24, 2019 at home surrounded by her family. Alta Mae was born on January 5, 1930 on her family farm in Nauvoo. She attended Mt Vernon Missionary Baptist Church for 20 years. Alta Mae graduated from Lynn High School in 1948 and went on to own and operate Garrison Truck Stop. Alta Mae was a member of the Senior Citizens club and enjoyed fishing, flowers, going to yard sales, playing board games, making flowers, woodworking, puzzles and especially loved her grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Brother Lawson Clark and Brother Steve Miles will officiate. Burial will follow in Ashbank Cemetery. Alta Mae is survived by her sons, Jimmy (Ruth) Clingan, Paul (Sandy) Garrison, Rodney (Kathy) Buchanan, Donald (Brenda) Buchanan and Danny (Kathy) Buchanan; daughters, Shelia (Robert) Wilson, Charlotte (Randy) Farris and Elaine Crump; sisters, Lois Nelson, Annie Paul Norris and Betty Sue Humphries; she was Maw Maw Mae and Maw Maw Buck to 18 grandchildren, and many great grandchildren; and her special companion dog Pippy. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Otha Clingan, Homer Garrison and Roy Buchanan; brothers, Edward Prestridge and J.A. Partridge; sisters, Melda Faye Greene and 2 baby sisters; son, Sidney Buchanan; great granddaughter, Hannah Bridgmon; and granddaughter, LeNae Wilson.

Herbert L. Jackson, 89, of Haleyville, Alabama entered into rest on March 24, 2018 at his home. Mr. Jackson was born on January 22, 1930, in Iuka, Mississippi. Herbert attended Bear Creek High School. He joined and served in the United States Marine Corp for 3 years. Herbert was also known as "Hoss." He enjoyed tinkering in his shop and woodworking. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Ricky Thrasher will officiate. Burial will follow in Thornhill Church of Christ Cemetery. Herbert is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Christine Jackson; sons, R.D. Jackson, Johnny Jackson and his wife Lorie, Phillip Jackson and his wife Kelly; daughter, Yvonne Frazier; 12 grandchildren, Brian and Bruce Frazier, Sherry Hallmark, Andera Crowe, Carter and Makena Jackson, Lorie Beth Hopson, Sandy Rena Borden, Lexy, Laney and Bella Stallins, Journey Jackson; and 16 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Terry Jackson and Buddy Jackson; parents, W.F. and Viola Jackson.

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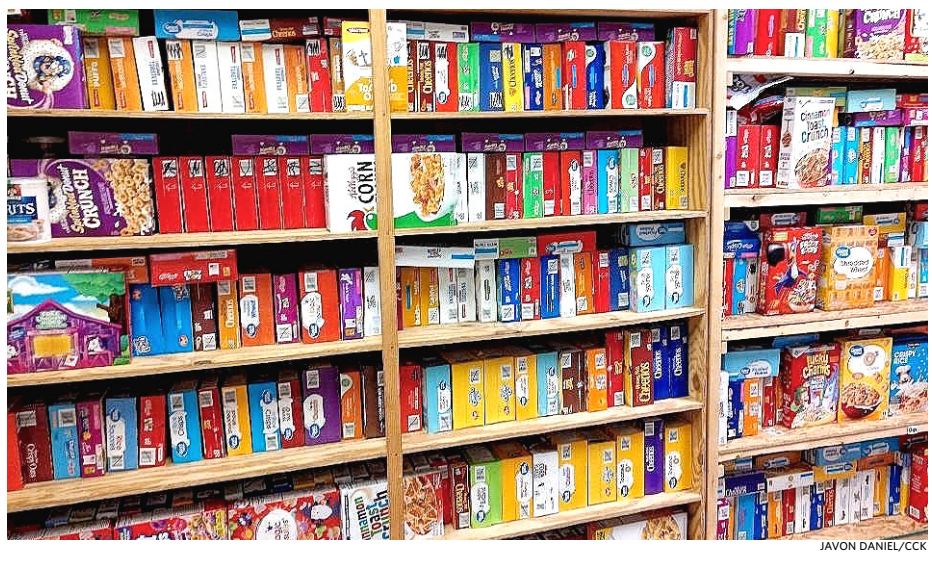
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JAVON DANIEL/CCK

Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel reported that cereal shelves in the agency's community food pantry are packed full, thanks to a drive among area elementary schools sponsored by Citizens Bank. The drive was a contest to see which school could turn in the most cereal, and the numbers are being tabulated now. Winners will be announced in The Cullman Tribune next week, so stay tuned!

Fundraiser (from Front)

Gifts

- Wal-Mart Distribution
- Wearhouse Clothing and Gifts
- What a Girl Wants
- WKUL
- Younique Sophistication Boutique

The lunchtime fashion show will feature outfits from local boutiques, and all featured clothing will be donated to Curt's Closet. Tickets are available at Traditions Bank, Monograms Plus, Southern Eats and Curt's Closet for $20; tickets can be purchased at the door for $25.

The final word

Said Wilson, "I couldn't do it without the support of this community. They have supported me since day one, and it's very heart-tugging.

"Every day I have someone that's wanting to help in some way, and it's amazing. I appreciate everyone that has been involved: from volunteers to donations, to monetary donations. It's amazing."

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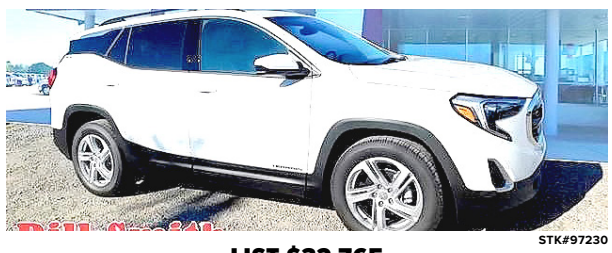
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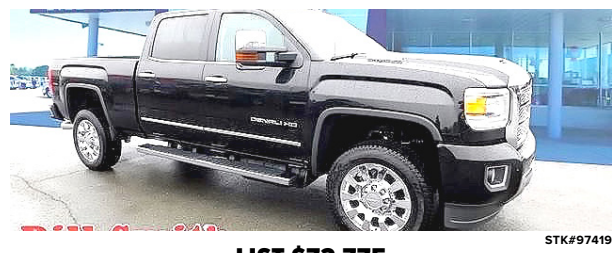
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