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CULLMAN CARING FOR KIDS

## Fairview 1st graders top donors in cereal drive

**Kristy Harris's 1st-grade class at Fairview Elementary donated 80 boxes of cereal to the Kids Caring for Kids cereal drive, sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust**




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***Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel was overjoyed to see the food pantry's shelves packed with cereal.***

**Josh Campbell; W.C. Mann**

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – As a partner with Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK), The Cullman Tribune is proud to announce that the Kids Caring for Kids cereal drive, sponsored by Citizens Bank and Trust, has netted CCK's community food bank 1,316 boxes of cereal to be distributed to area families in need. The agency helps 600 to 650 families per month, and the donated cereal will keep kids eating breakfast for at least two months.

CCK Executive Director Javon Daniel told The Tribune, "It is absolutely amazing to watch how much the children of this community want to give. I shouldn't be surprised by it, but I am, every time, because they're following the lead of this community, and this is such a giving community. It still amazes me.

"I've lived in Cullman all my life, and I've watched this community, every time there's a need, step up and go beyond; the kids that participated in this cereal drive, it just warms my heart to know that we are raising a generation that does care."

The drive and contest were open to elementary schools across the county and city systems, as well as private schools. To make things fair, classes were ranked, not on total numbers of boxes, but on the ratio of boxes given to the number of students in the class.

**The big winners are the children of Cullman County...**

*...but the biggest donors to the drive also won pizza parties from Citizens Bank to honor their efforts:*

- **1st Place** - Kristy Harris's first-grade class at Fairview Elementary; 16 students donated 80 boxes
- **2nd Place** - Tracy Holmes's fifth-grade class at Sacred Heart School; 20 students donated 70 boxes
- **3rd Place** - Brandy Fields's first-grade class at Welti Elementary, 13 students with 37 boxes

Citizens Bank's Josh Campbell, who coordinated the cereal drive, told The Tribune, "On behalf of Cullman Caring for Kids and Citizens Bank & Trust, I would like to thank the community for their participation in the Kids Caring for Kids cereal drive. I hope the drive brought up some great teaching moments inside and outside of the classroom. This is a great opportunity for us to show the next generation the importance of taking care of others. As for the contest, there were so many classrooms that were so close to being in the Top 3 by ratio of boxes-to-students that I want to recognize a few of them for their hard work."

**Campbell noted:**

- Susan Kraft's first-grade class at Sacred Heart School
- Lisa Tidwell's first-grade class at Fairview Elementary
- Lea Casey's fourth-grade class at East Elementary

Said Campbell, "What the students in Cullman County have done in one week of this drive will provide the hungry children in their community breakfast for almost the entire summer. We are all so proud of them."

## Cullman Sheriff warns of phone scam targeting senior citizens

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) on Monday said it has received several reports of scammers calling from the 319 area code claiming to be with the Social Security Administration. The calls are targeting senior citizens.

"The scammer will claim the potential victim owes back pay on their social security and needs to refund the money or the scammer will shut off the victim's social security," said a media release from the CCSO.

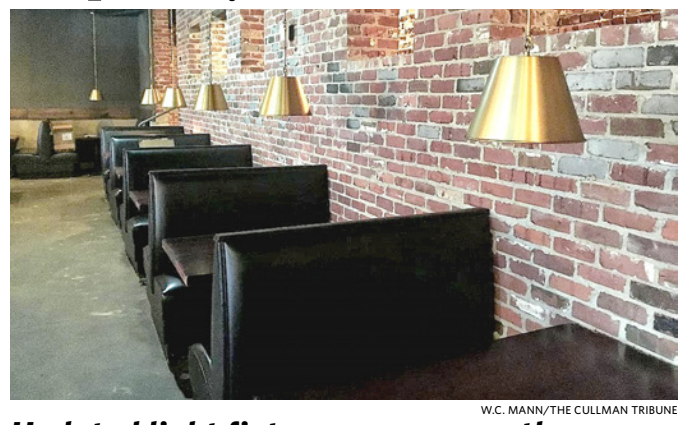
"We just want to try and get the word out to citizens, mainly our seniors who are targets of this crime, that the U.S. Government nor the State of Alabama will ever call you to solicit money over the phone. That's not how it works," said Sheriff Matt Gentry.

The CCSO encourages to citizens to warn family members who are senior citizens who might be targets of these types of scams.

BUSINESS

## The orange rolls are safe!

**All Steak under new ownership, temporarily closed for renovation**



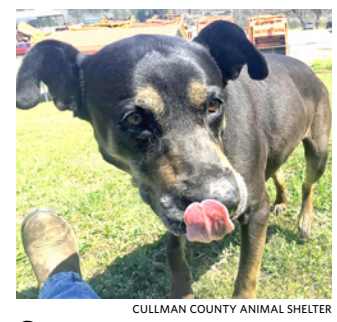
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***Updated light fixtures are among the visible changes happening during The All Steak Restaurant's renovation.*** **» PAGE 7**

PET OF THE WEEK

## Accustomed to love, Sam needs a 2nd chance

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

***Sam***

**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay shared a heartbreaking story about this week's Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Sam's owner loved him but was simply unable to keep him. Forced to give him up by circumstances beyond the family's control, his young human kissed him good-bye at the shelter. This canine friend is accustomed to being loved, and is struggling with kennel life. Ruttkay said Sam "shut down" for a while after his family left, but a visit from a young lady about the age of his previous owner made him light up again. This is a pet for families with kids.

According to Ruttkay, Sam is "a medley of Cullman's finest dog breeds!" Around 4 to 5 years old, he's a laid-back low- to medium-energy pet described as "a kindly, swell fellow." He is good on his leash, great with children and has the makings of a wonderful therapy, companion or emotional support dog.

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.

**Discount doggie!**

Sam has already been neutered, so his adoption fee will be less than half of the regular $90.

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.

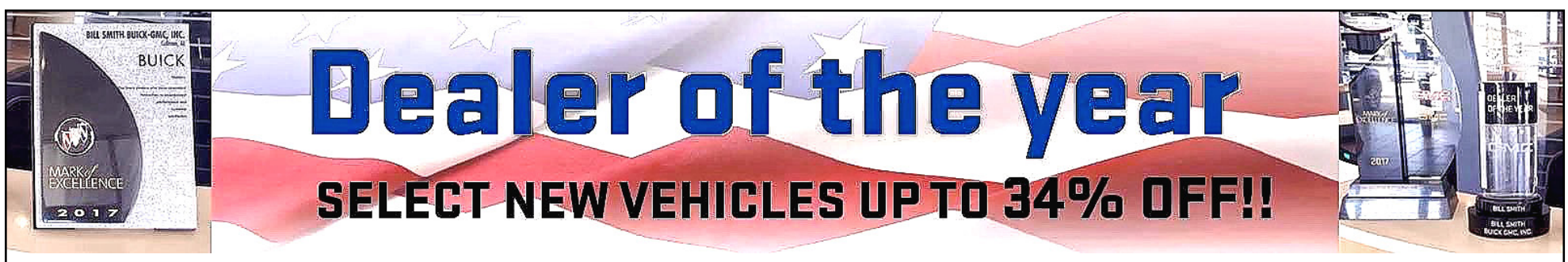
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**The Cullman Tribune discovers 'lost garden of The Confederacy'**



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**Read the full story of the discovery in the Saturday, April 6 edition of The Cullman Tribune.**




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# Arrests and incidents reported on April 1

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on April 1, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

**CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 28**

- domestic violence; CR 1568
- trespassing; CR 719
- theft of property; Hwy. 31
- violation of protection order; Town Square SW
- domestic violence; Mize Rd. N
- harassment; CR 601
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 1118
- harassment; CR 222
- trespassing; CR 855
- reckless endangerment; CR 369
- criminal mischief, domestic violence; CR 1524
- criminal mischief, trespassing; Holcomb Rd.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 69 N
- stalking; CR 707

**March 29**

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 599
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; Schwaiger Dr.
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; CR 1114
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 469
- theft of property; CR 469
- theft of property; CR 831
- theft of property, criminal mischief, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 437

**March 30**

- unlawful possession of marijuana; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; CR 473
- theft of property; CR 62
- domestic violence; CR 1107
- domestic violence; CR 1371
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Daystar Dr.
- violation of protection order; Hwy. 31

**March 31**

- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; I-65 S, 304 Exit
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1669, CR 1674
- harassment; CR 847
- domestic violence; CR 1184
- theft of property; CR 248
- burglary; Mayfair Lane

**ARRESTS**

**March 28**

**Creel, Patrick Scott, 43**
- third-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Fowler, Jeremy Lee, 38**
- probation violation – electronic solicitation
- probation violation – SORNA violation

**Gean, Clifford Wayne, Jr., 22**
- probation violation – youthful offender

**Jefferys, Taylor Jack, 27**
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

**Key, Cheyann Star Maureen, 18**
- second-degree stalking

**Mead, Jody Alan, 34**
- probation violation – first-degree theft of property (3 counts)

**Ralph, Johnathan Tyler, 29**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Ramey, Amanda, 41**
- FTA- negotiating worthless negotiable instrument

**MARCH 29-31**

**Aycock, Brandy Bambi Lee, 38**
- reckless driving

**Bagwell, Scotty Ray, 40**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Bennefield, Nicolas Jackson, 19**
- contributing to the delinquency of a minor

**Bradford, Daniel Lee, 31**
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- FTA- speeding

**Cruce, Jeffrey Blake, 49**
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- fourth-degree theft of property
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Echols, Paul Keith, 54**
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- fourth-degree theft property

**Edgil, Billy Ray, 56**
- FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- third-degree forgery

**Faucett, Shawn Anthony, 21**
- FTA- driver's license not in possession
- FTA- leaving the scene – misdemeanor
- FTA- speeding – reasonable & prudent

**Fowler, Frances Wilson, 46**
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Gibson, Lacey Marie, 26**
- FTA- DUI- influence of alcohol

**Grant, Steven Lynn, 31**
- second-degree promoting prison contraband

**Greenhawk, Codi Alan, 61**
- possession/sale of short barrel s/r-gun

**Harrison, Terry Curtis, 65**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Hill, Christopher Shane, 43**
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Jacobs, Jeremy Austin, 24**
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Jones, Amy Renee, 40**
- third-degree burglary
- second-degree criminal mischief
- obstruction/using false ID
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of burglar's tools
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- fourth-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Landers, Barry William, 34**
- obstruction/using false ID
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Lawrence, Kristi Tyson, 38**
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Lay, Zackary James, 31**
- disorderly conduct

**McNeal, Andrew Elroy, 35**
- DUI- any substance

**Miller, Karen Ann, 55**
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**Nunez, Carlos Alfredo, 24**
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Odom, Donovan Casey, 46**
- giving false name to law enforcement
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- trafficking in methamphetamine
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

**Rajput, Shaina Michelle, 34**
- FTA- public intoxication

**Schmale, Wade Riley, 22**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Smith, Timothy Maynard, 32**
- FTA- harassment
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- first-degree theft of property
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

**Stringer, Michael Joseph, 36**
- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree criminal mischief

**Thomas, Lewis Arthur, 45**
- FTA- driving while suspended
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- proof of liability insurance required
- FTA- speeding in a construction/repair zone
- tampering with physical evidence

**Tierce, Reginald Lance, 28**
- third-degree burglary
- second-degree criminal mischief
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- possession of burglar's tools
- second-degree promoting prison contraband
- fourth-degree theft of property

**Villa, Antonio Jr, 39**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Whyde, Cheryl L Lynn, 46**
- FTA- driving while suspended

**Wiley, Austin David Ray, 25**
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Wimbs, William Justin, 44**
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

**CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**INCIDENTS**

**March 30**
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Pinecrest St. NW

**March 31**
- third-degree criminal mischief; Video Games & More; 2nd Ave. SW; damaged door; $400

**ARRESTS**

**March 29-30**

**Brizendine, Christopher N., 44**
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- driving without registration

**Schwenn, Andrew W., 30**
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Stewart, Heather, 29**
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Edgil, Billy R., 56**
- FTA- public intoxication
- FTA- DUI
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

**Dunn, Ronald S., 47**
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Wimbs, William J., 44**
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- running a red light
- FTA- reckless driving
- FTA- improper lights

**Turrentine, Cricket L., 45**
- obstruction/using false ID

**Smith, Timothy M., 32**
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- disorderly conduct
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

**Echols, Brody R., 33**
- FTA- seatbelt required

**Thomas, Cynthia L., 42**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Monroe, Ashley C., 33**
- FTA- public intoxication

**Oden, Billy E., 26**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**South, Jason H., 41**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**South, Frankie R., 54**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

**Williams, Michelle L., 44**
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Villa Jr., Antonio, 39**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Ross, Jessica N., 24**
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

**Earley, Billy C., 34**
- FTA- running a red light

**HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

No incidents

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

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR
## *April 2 - 7*

**Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, April 2**
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

**TOPS Meeting- Tuesday, April 2**
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

**Yoga at the Library- Wednesday, April 3**
- 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.

**Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting with Special Guest Bradley Byrne- Saturday, April 6**
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge.
- 7:30- Breakfast ($10)
- 8:00- Meeting begins (free)
- April's special guest speaker will be Bradley Byrne, candidate for U.S. Senate.

**Colors of Cancer Day and 5K- Saturday, April 6**
The Colors of Cancer Day 5K Walk/Run will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 8 a.m. at Sportsman Lake Park in Cullman. All entrants will receive a T-shirt, breakfast and goodies. The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation's goal is to provide assistance for cancer patients in the Cullman area who are struggling with day-to-day living expenses. Register here: bit.ly/2FNRT4K

**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.
- 8 a.m. Shotgun Start-4 person scramble
- Breakfast and lunch are provided!
- Awards and door prizes at the conclusion of the tournament!

$220 entry fee per team until April 5
- $240 entry fee on day of event
- Mulligans 5 for $25
- Register at https://goo.gl/forms/TFOstw7lMPqkDgom2
- OR - You can print this form off and mail it in with your payment: https://www.dropbox.com/s/k3s0dn4xxfox3ee/ONLINE%20REG%20FORM-GOLF%20TOURNAMENT.docx?dl=0
- Please make checks to Holly Pond Band and mail to: Holly Pond Band, 160 New Hope Rd., Holly Pond, AL 35083
- For more info, call 256-339-9677 or email hollypondband@gmail.com.

**3rd Annual Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling- Saturday, April 6**
The third annual Fairview Lions Club Spring Fling will take place on Saturday, April 6 at 9 a.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. The event will feature a car show, vendors, music, games, food, health screenings, a blood drive and more. Car show registration will begin at 8 a.m. Vendors and remaining activities will start at 9.

**Vinemont History Day- Saturday, April 6**
Vinemont History Day will take place on Saturday, April 6 beginning at 9 a.m. at Vinemont Elementary School. Storytelling, reenactments, etc. A history bus tour will take place at noon with Dr. Jane Teeter. A parade will start at 1 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall. Free admission and free hot dog lunch.

**Bloomin' Festival Arts and Crafts Fair- Saturday and Sunday, April 6-7**
- April 6-7, 2019, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- St. Bernard Abbey, 1600 St. Bernard Dr. SE, Cullman
- Admission is $5; children younger than 5 get in for free
- Grotto admission $3
- Handicapped parking available
- No pets, please

**Miss Strawberry Festival Pageant- Saturday, April 6**
Join us Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Cullman Civic Center at 2 p.m. for a throwback pageant to help celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Cullman Strawberry Festival!

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

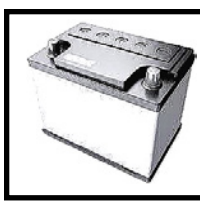
**Cullman City Cemetery**
Ground flowers at the Cullman City Cemetery need to be removed by April 15 to prepare for Decoration Day on May 12.

**Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration Weekend Clean up Announcement**
Good Hope Public Cemetery will hold its annual Decoration Weekend on Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5. Please have all flowers and decorations removed from the cemetery by Sunday, April 21. Donations are tax deductible and essential for maintenance.

**Good Hope Public Cemetery Special Event**
On Saturday, May 4, the Good Hope Public Cemetery will participate in the Alabama Bicentennial living history tours, with Good Hope High school students telling about some of the cemetery's residents. Hope to see you there!

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# Cullman man killed in Sunday crash on Hwy. 278 W

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**JONES CHAPEL, Ala.** – A Cullman man was killed in a single-vehicle wreck Sunday morning on U.S. Highway 278 West near the community of Jones Chapel.

Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick confirmed the fatality, identifying the victim as Joshua Patrick Watson, 40.

Kilpatrick said the crash happened near the 9200 block of Hwy. 278 W at approximately 9 a.m. Alabama State Troopers said Watson was killed when the 2012 Scion TC he was driving left the roadway on U.S. 278 and struck a tree. Watson, who was not wearing a seat belt, was ejected and pronounced dead at the scene.

Nothing further is available as Alabama State Troopers continue to investigate.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

# Jacobs proclaims April Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Cullman

**Leanne West**
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LEANNE WEST

***Pictured left to right are Charlotte Jones (court advocate), Mayor Woody Jacobs, Carol Horstman (executive director) and Lauren Orth (counselor).***

**CULLMAN, Ala.** - Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs on Monday officially proclaimed the month of April "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" (SAAM) in the city of Cullman. On hand to accept the proclamation from Jacobs were the following representatives of Victim Services of Cullman, Inc.: Carol Horstman, executive director; Charlotte Jones, court advocate; and Lauren Orth, counselor.

SAAM is a campaign that seeks to engage and educate individuals and communities on how to prevent sexual violence. Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., (VSOC) was established in 1991 with a focus on services related to domestic violence. In 1996, VSOC began providing services to victims of sexual assault. Their mission is to "break the cycle of family violence and sexual assault, preventing future acts of abuse through education, outreach, and empowering the survivors through support and advocacy."

"I appreciate what the folks at Victim Services do to help victims of sexual assault and to educate the public," said Jacobs. "I am proud to present this proclamation to help bring attention to this issue."

Statistics from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) show that 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives and, in the U.S., 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men will experience some form of contact sexual violence. Children are at risk as well, as statistics show that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old, and that an estimated 325,000 children per year are currently at risk of becoming victims of commercial child sexual exploitation.

During this year's SAAM, VSOC officials are asking citizens to participate in "Teal Tuesday" by wearing a teal ribbon or teal-colored clothing every Tuesday in April, and to participate in "Denim Day" by wearing jeans on April 27. The VSOC website (www.victimservicesofcullman.com) explains that Denim Day was created in honor of a young woman who was sexually assaulted by her driving instructor in Italy. Her rapist was initially convicted, but a higher court ruling overturned the conviction, with the judge saying that since the victim wore tight jeans, the instructor couldn't take them off by himself so, therefore, the victim had participated. Wearing jeans on Denim Day (April 27) has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

Other ways citizens can show their support for SAAM include using the hashtags #SAAM, #victimservicesofCullman, or #IAsk on social media on April 2 ( "Day of Action") and by participating in the #30DaysofSAAM Instagram Contest. Details can be found at www.victimservicesofcullman.com/events.

In the proclamation, Jacobs included the following statement: "The City of Cullman strongly supports the efforts of local, state, and national organizations to actively strive to prevent sexual violence – and we believe that through increased education, awareness, and community involvement, it can be done!"

To find out more about how to participate in Sexual Assault Awareness Month, visit www.nsvrc.org/saam.

To find out more about the services provided by Victim Services of Cullman, Inc., visit www.victimservicesofcullman.com, email help@victimservicesofcullman.com, or call 256-775-2600. If you are a victim of sexual assault, you can call the local 24-hour crisis line at 256-734-6100 or the National Sexual Assault Hotline at 1-800-656-HOPE.

# Cullman PALS accepting nominations for Beautification Awards

## Spring Cleanup coming April 27

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman County's chapter of People Against a Littered State (PALS) is taking nominations through April 30 for area businesses to be considered for its 2019 Beautification Awards. PALS recently took charge of the program after several years of it being handled by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce.

The stated purpose of the awards program is to "recognize the efforts of the many businesses that work hard to make the Cullman area a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy."

Entries and a $20 nomination fee must be received by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30.

Winners will be named during the Beautification Awards Luncheon at Camp Meadowbrook on June 20. All nominees will receive a complimentary ticket to the luncheon.

**Rules**

- Anyone may nominate a property.
- Business owners may nominate their own properties.

**Judging will be performed by a panel of master gardeners from surrounding counties on criteria including:**

- Design
- Maintenance
- General Appearance
- Litter Control
- Planting

- Judging will focus on landscaping, and will not consider building or structural renovations
- Nominees can have no contact with judges before or during judging

Cullman County PALS Chairperson Cherrie Haney told The Tribune, "It encourages people to keep their properties nice and pretty. And what better way to get people to come to Cullman than to have the properties look very nice!

"I'd encourage everybody to get out and nominate your property. We'd love to have those nominations out there for people to see. I don't know if they've seen them, but Merchants Bank right there on (U.S. Highway) 31 and Peoples Bank right there on 31 have the beautification signs, so that's really good. That lets people know that you're going the extra mile."

Community cleanup coming

Haney also shared that Saturday, April 27, following Earth Day on the 22nd, will be Cullman's community cleanup day from 8 a.m. to noon.

She's encouraging folks to help clean up to 1 mile from their homes or places of business.

Free garbage bags will be available at locations to be announced around the county, and the County will be setting out dumpsters where people can bring picked-up litter.

All manner of trash can be dropped off, except tires, paint and chemicals.

For more information on the beautification awards or community cleanup, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyPALS/ or call Haney at 256-531-4222 or Ashley Graves at 256-775-6258.

# Colors of Cancer Day set for this Saturday, April 6

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – The fifth annual Colors of Cancer Day will take place Saturday, April 6 at Sportsman Lake Park. The event will begin with a 5K color run/walk at 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation.

Participants can register online at www.eventbrite.com. Registration is $25 and includes a T-shirt, breakfast and other goodies. On-site registration is also available prior to the start. The run/walk will begin at the Veterans Pavilion. Ribbons will be awarded following the run.

The Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by volunteers. All money goes directly to help those in the Cullman area affected by cancer.

The organization's mission is "to provide assistance for cancer patients in the Cullman area who are struggling with day-to-day living expenses."

The organization offers help with gas to and from appointments, food, utilities, rent and house payments.

Colors for Cancer organizer Becky Richardson explained, "There is no one that can say they do not have a friend or relative who has or is battling cancer. But, we do not think about their financial fight during this time."

The focus of Bosom Buddies is on "supporting the fighters, admiring the survivors and honoring the taken."

Bosom Buddies is currently in need of volunteers not only for the race, but also for all aspects of the organization. President Louise Cole asks those who are interested to visit the Bosom Buddies Facebook page or to call her at 256-503-5301 to learn more about the mission and how to help.

Colors for Cancer Day is one of several fundraisers planned this year. In June, the Bosom Buddies will have its annual motorcycle ride with Bikers Against Cancer. On Oct. 1, Brenda Ladun will be the guest speaker at a cancer survivors' dinner hosted by the organization at Top of the Town.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCountyBosomBuddiesFoundation.

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# Bikers Against Child Abuse teams up with Cullman Caring for Kids to promote child abuse awareness and prevention




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***Cullman Caring for Kids Executive Director Javon Daniel and Assistant Director Nancy Bryant received a helping hand from members of the Hurricane Creek chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse Monday.***

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – Cullman Caring for Kids (CCK) on Monday began putting out blue ribbons to kick off Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month in the Cullman area. The nonprofit was joined by members of the Hurricane Creek chapter of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

BACA is an international child advocacy organization in the form of a motorcycle club whose mission statement says that it "exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. We exist as a body of bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live . . . We desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of our organization, and that we are prepared to lend our physical and emotional support to them by affiliation and our physical presence. We stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse."

CCK Assistant Director Nancy Bryant said, "Today is the day we start April Child Abuse Awareness Month, and we're going to begin this month by putting up our blue bows up and down Highway 31 and 278. Some of the businesses will allow us to put up bows on their doors, and we will have signs that will say, 'Help stop child abuse. Join us and help us to stop child abuse,' because the blue does represent the bruises on our children. We want to stop that; we want to make sure that our children are safe. BACA has joined forces with us, and we're so excited and so happy to have them join us this month to make the impact that we hope we can."

For more on CCK, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanCaringForKids/.

For more information on BACA, visit www.bacaworld.org.















## ALABAMA BICENTENNIAL

# Colony unveils 5 Alabama Bicentennial murals

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**COLONY, Ala.** – The Town of Colony held a special Alabama Bicentennial celebration Saturday, unveiling five murals depicting the community's history, churches and people. In a ceremony held at the town's Educational Complex, guests listened to songs and readings that gave insight into the history of Colony.

The moving ceremony looked back at the town's origins. Founded by many former slaves, Colony became a place of safety and community.

Mary Turner read aloud the "Willie Lynch Letter," a speech which historians say was given by Lynch on the bank of the James River in the colony of Virginia in 1712. Lynch was a British slave and plantation owner in the West Indies. The term "lynching" is said to be derived from his last name. The subject of the letter, said Turner, was "how to keep slaves enslaved for 300 years."

Turner addressed the crowd, "I trust that as you listen and as you hear things about our history, you will understand and realize that we've come farther than that, we know better than that. The program is not designed to stir up anger, resentment, hatred or cause retaliation. We want you to see how our forefathers succeeded and made it against all the abuse that they suffered. We want you to know that no matter what problems you face, you can make it, too."

The reading was followed by a history lesson from Ms. Letitia. She spoke of the injustices of slavery and how far society has come. She reminded everybody that not too long ago, African Americans were "branded and made to wear metal collars and unable to walk free."

She smiled as she pointed to the diversity in the room, saying, "We've come a long way. We can sit here and we can converse and live together. We can share together."

A brief history of Colony was presented by Jamelle Dimbo, who said the town was founded as a farming community.

She explained that as industry in Cullman County grew, along with the acceptance of African Americans into the workforce, farming in Colony became a thing of the past.

Prior to integration, the Colony had its own school. The Colony Trojans began integrating into Hanceville schools in 1965. Since then, the town has made great strides to provide facilities and programs benefiting its citizens. A community center, ballfields, walking trails, splash pad, playground, and other improvements to recreation areas have been added.

A grant was awarded allowing the town to build a multi-use facility that houses the town's library, Head Start, nursery and daycare, adult classes and after-school programs. All of these milestones, the leadership and churches who were instrumental in moving the town forward, the people and places are featured on the five murals unveiled Saturday evening.

Mayor Donnis Leeth introduced Cullman's Alabama Bicentennial Committee Chairman Drew Green, who explained that the goal of the Alabama Bicentennial in Cullman is "to include the whole county."



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***Cullman's Alabama Bicentennial Committee Chairman Drew Green, Colony Councilwoman Ethel Alexander and Colony Mayor Donnis Leeth***

Leeth also praised Councilwoman Ethel Alexander for her hard work and dedication to the mural project, saying, "She did all of this. I told her to just do what you do best. This is ours."

Alexander worked to secure a $2,500 grant for the project. The murals will travel to the Cullman County Museum and Montgomery before returning to their permanent home in Colony.

The grant money also included the production of two official Alabama Bicentennial commemorative postcards unique to Colony. One features Ms. Kizzie Montgomery Leeth and the other features a sketch by Linda Shaw Chavis of the town's Educational Complex.

# Representatives from Victim Services, Inc. to attend 14th annual Conference on Crimes Against Women

**Amy Ridings**
Contributor

**DALLAS** – Hundreds of members of law enforcement, prosecutors and victim advocates from across the nation who work with female victims of crime have been awarded scholarships to participate in the highest quality workshops, computer labs and case studies at the 14th annual Conference on Crimes Against Women (CCAW). This scholarship provides access to critical training for communities who would otherwise be unable to attend due to increasing budget constraints that public service agencies face. Presented by Genesis Women's Shelter & Support and the Dallas Police Department, CCAW is a national clearinghouse for training and best practices regarding the identification, investigation and prosecution of all types of violent crimes against women, including domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking. This year the conference will welcome more than 2,800 professionals from all 50 states. Hosted in Dallas, the 2019 conference will be held April 8-11.

Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. has been selected as a 2019 scholarship recipient to attend CCAW. Because scholarship proceeds cover registration, travel and hotel costs, teams are able to attend the conference and then return to their departments with newfound knowledge of how to combat the many and varied forms of crimes against women.

The conference promotes strategies that improve public safety and support victims of crime across the nation. Classes are taught at CCAW with the intention of not only educating attendees, but also equipping them with the necessary tools to convey information to their departments and colleagues, thereby systematically improving agencies and increasing collective skill and competency levels. Ultimately, this training facilitates improvement of policies, practices, strategies and collaborative responses to all crimes against women.

This year, the conference will feature keynote speaker, Kristen M. Gibbons Feden, Esq. As a nationally-acclaimed litigator, Feden is most notably known for her involvement in the Bill Cosby trials. Serving as special prosecutor, she secured a conviction of three counts of sexual assault against the comedian formerly known as "America's Dad." Consequently, Cosby is currently serving between three and 10 years in prison.

**About the Conference on Crimes Against Women**

The goal of the Conference on Crimes Against Women is absolutely to create an overall reduction in the rate of crimes against women, and ultimately, eliminate violence against women. It is also, however, a primary part of our mission to improve the way crimes against women are investigated and prosecuted, as well as to improve the way victims are treated throughout the criminal justice system.

The problem of domestic violence is so pervasive and at such epidemic proportions, that tangible decreases in the rate of violence against women will not be seen until all women are safe in their homes. Conferences like CCAW create the momentum and the network to allow for the culture shifts necessary to end the epidemic of violence against women. For additional information about the Conference, please visit www.conferencecaw.org.

More than one in three women will experience abuse during her lifetime. One in four women will be the victim of an attempted or completed sexual assault. CCAW serves the overwhelming number of victims impacted each year by sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and human trafficking across North America and beyond.

The conference curriculum focuses exclusively on women and girls who come from all ethnicities, cultures, and socio-economic backgrounds. Due to tremendous safety implications, the often-repeated trauma that victims have suffered, and the intimate, private nature of these crimes, victims require the highest level of sensitive and skilled assistance by every professional that comes into contact with them. CCAW simultaneously addresses traditionally underserved women and girls—indigent, tribal, minorities, the disabled, and those who face other unique barriers to safety and self-sufficiency—who require an added layer of understanding of the multitude of challenges that they face on their road to physical and emotional safety and well-being.

**About Genesis Women's Shelter & Support**

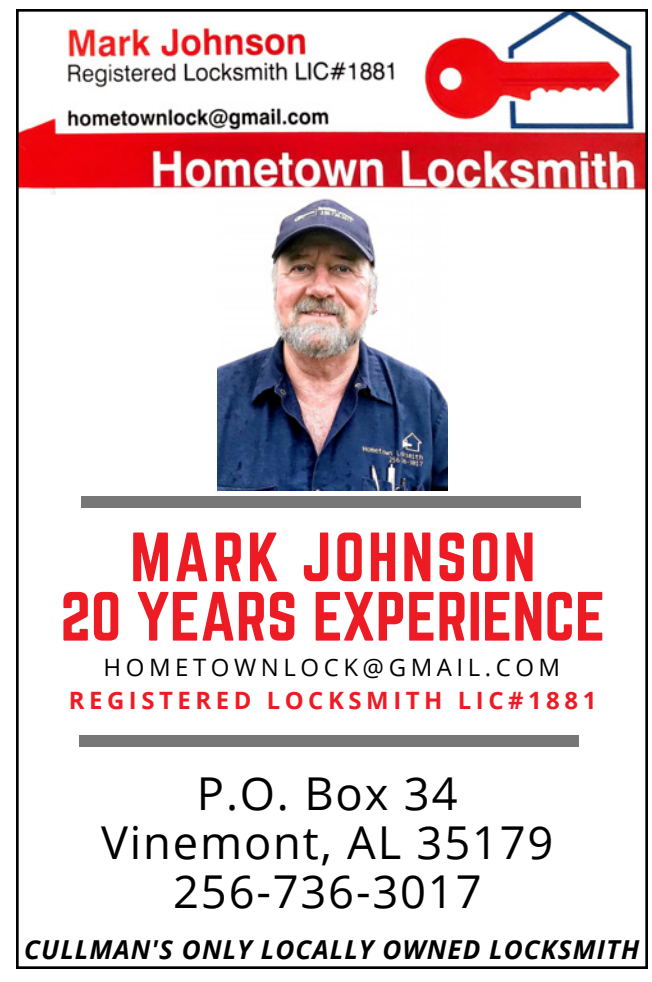
Since opening its doors in 1985, Genesis Women's Shelter & Support has provided safety, shelter and expert counseling services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis is committed to removing every roadblock a woman might face on her journey to the abuse-free life she deserves.

These life-changing services include an emergency shelter, long-term housing, an award-winning onsite, K-12 school, daycare, access to legal representation and cutting-edge therapeutics.

Genesis serves more than 3,700 women and children each year, and relies on the generous support of the Dallas community to continue providing these services at no cost to clients. For more information, visit www.genesisshelter.org.

**About Victim Services of Cullman, Inc.**

Since 1991, Victim Services of Cullman, Inc. has provided Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault recovery services to thousands of residents of Cullman County. In addition to the Harbor Haus emergency shelter, Victim Services offers counseling, group support, court and medical advocacy, children's advocacy, batterers' intervention classes, parenting classes, and a 24/7 Helpline. To provide these services at no cost to the client, Victim Services relies on grants and on the generous support of the Cullman community. Victim Services of Cullman is a United Way agency. For more information, visit www.victimservicesofcullman.com.



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# Inaugural Garrison Gives Hope 5K sees good weather, turnout

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** - It was perfect weather Saturday morning for the inaugural Garrison Gives Hope 5K Walk and Run. R.E. Garrison Trucking, through its organization Garrison Gives Hope, hosted the event to raise money for the Stephen K. Griffith Memorial Fund, which benefits the Cullman Area Mental Health Foundation and more worthy causes.

"All proceeds go toward LOCAL FOLKS who need access to care or medications and who struggle with mental health issues here in our community," said organizers.

In all, 67 runners and walkers came out to Sportsman Lake Park. The top finishers began crossing the finish line with times just more than 20 minutes. Others chose to walk with friends in support of the cause.

The top male finisher was Thomas Moss. Leading the women was Nina Mills.

**Other winners included:**
**Female**

- Rowe Tapscott- 14 and under
- Caitlin Schiehl- 20-24
- Cassie Johnson- 25-29
- Christina Watson- 30-34
- Emily Carroll- 35-39
- Shay Persall- 40-44
- Heather Curtis- 45-49
- Mylinh Thrift- 50-54
- Cindy Mallard- 55-59
- Cheryl Easterwood- 60+

**Male**

- Drew Morton- 15-19
- Chase Slocumb- 20-24
- Justin Self- 25-29
- Casey Harbin- 30-34
- Daniel Hunt- 35-39
- Scott Dendy- 45-49
- Wyles Griffith- 50-54
- Eddie Lewis- 60+

Organizers were pleased with the turnout.

Justin Pruett spoke on behalf of RE Garrison and the Garrison Gives Hope Foundation, saying, "We just hope it continues to grow.

"We are trying to raise as much money as we can to help people locally who are struggling with mental health. For our first 5K, it was a good turnout."

Garrison Gives Hope is planning several other fundraisers throughout the year.

The 30 Guns in 30 Days gun giveaway is planned for November.

It will also host turkey shoots this fall. The Foundation hopes to host a benefit fishing tournament and a golf tournament as well.




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***Thomas Moss, left, and Nina Mills, right, were the overall top finishers at Saturday's inaugural Garrison Gives Hope 5K Walk and Run.***

OPINION

# Always Reforming: How to listen to a sermon (6)

**Tom Fillinger**
Tribune Columnist

This is article no. 6 in our series on How to Listen to a sermon. Today we address the issue of exegesis.

Don't let the term confuse you. This is one of the most vital and important aspects of the study of Scripture. Listen carefully and apply what you hear to each sermon or lesson that you are privileged to hear from God's word.

So, what is exegesis? Here is a helpful definition.

As the term suggests, exegesis is the science of interpretation. It is closely related to hermeneutics.

Whereas hermeneutics seeks to establish the proper ruling principles of biblical interpretation, exegesis seeks to fix the meaning of individual statements and passages.

It is important to consult the original languages when endeavoring to do credible exegesis. The goal of orthodox interpretation is to convey authorial intent.

That is, what did the original author mean when under the guidance of the Holy Spirit he wrote a particular passage of Scripture. Until we have gleaned that meaning our interpretive efforts are lacking and deficient.

Exegesis is predicated on two fundamentals.

First, it assumes that thought can be accurately conveyed in words, each of which, at least originally, had its own shade of meeting.

Second, it assumes that the content of Scripture is of such superlative importance for man as to warrant the most painstaking effort to discover exactly what God seeks to impart through his word.

Let's look at a key verse in understanding exegesis. That verse is John 1:18.

John 1:18 "No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known."

The last three English words, "made him known," are one word in the original language. It is the word from which we get the English translation exegesis.

Exegesis is the process of "leading out into the open" the meaning of words as conveyed by the original authors.

Words and their relationships give meaning to language.

This fact helps us understand the absolute vital importance of precision when we seek to correctly understand and apply God's word to life and ministry.

Scripture was given to us in three language:; Hebrew, Aramaic and Koine' Greek. Word studies in these languages enable us to glean the precise meaning of God's special revelation to us.

The tragic abuse of this principle may be witnessed daily. Simply watch or listen to what passes as "Christian programming" on the TV or radio. This is not a new phenomenon.

The sons of the OT priest Aaron were guilty of offering "strange fire."

That is, the offerings they made did not meet the standard the Lord had clearly established.

This is tragically true in many churches on Sunday morning. The speaker tells stories or personal experiences.

What they do not do is exegete the text of Scripture so that the listener departs knowing with precision and accuracy what God's word says and means in a given passage.

This equips the listener to apply properly the truth delivered in the message.

So, as you listen to sermons or Bible lessons, make certain that what you hear is a true and accurate representation of what the text says.

Anything less is strange fire!

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Donna Haynes, unit #525, 315 County Road 535, Hanceville, Alabama 35077.

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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.

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
Personal Representative

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

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY**

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

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF L.G.C.
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A MINOR CHILD.

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION**

TO: LARRY DALE CHAMPION, FATHER
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A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY WESLEY LEE RODGERS, PETITIONER. 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 PETITIONER, 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 22nd DAY OF March, 2019.

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

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# Obituary Announcements: March 29 – April 1

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**Funeral service for Mildred Evelyn Thompson Turner**, 91 of Vinemont, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Turner passed away Friday evening, March 29, 2019, at her residence. She was born March 4, 1928, to parents, Thomas Joseph and Elsie Lee Eddy Thompson. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marion F. Turner; three sisters, Hilda Campbell, Faye Bell, Bernice Woods; and two brothers, Art Thompson and Kent Thompson. Survivors include her son, Greg Turner; daughter, Glenis (Darrell) Campbell; grandchildren, Cindy (Mike) Steele, Jennifer (Zach) Higgins, Chase Turner, Nathan (April) Trull, Nick Trull; great-grandchildren, Tyler (Kristen) Finley, Gracie Higgins, Addyson Higgins; great-great-grandchildren, Shelton Finley, Jammie Finley, Katarina Oropeza; three sisters, Stella Freeman, Elvie Freeman, Marie (Mark) Saint; two brothers, Curtis (Ann) Thompson, Brent (Mary) Thompson; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

**Memorial service for George William Lewis**, 79 of Bremen, will be 3 p.m. Monday, April 1, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel. The family will receive friends from 2:30pm – 3 p.m. prior to the service. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Lewis passed away Saturday morning, March 30, 2019, at Hanceville Nursing Home. He was born December 7, 1939, to parents Daniel and Thelma Gunter Lewis. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jean Lewis; grandchildren, Candi, Brandi, and Sandi Lewis; and a brother, Billy Lewis. Survivors include his sons, George (Angela) Lewis, David (Kathy) Lewis, Dan (Becky) Lewis; grandchildren, Phillip Lewis, Eric Lewis, Tamara Fulenwider, C.J. (Justin) Hobbs, Patrick Clark, Valerie Lewis, Ashley (Justin) Martin, Kim (Bill) Miller; great-grandchildren, Braxton Ekes, Elijah Page, Bailey Fulenwider, Noah Page, Katelynn Fulenwider, Kyler Fulenwider, Jaydin Hobbs, Will Miller, Joscelyn Lewis, Mia Clark, Tyler Martin; sisters, Barbara McKerley, Pat Bland, Phylis Parker; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

**Billy Louis McRae**, 87 of Double Springs passed away on March 30, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. Billy was born on March 17, 1932 in Tishomingo County, Mississippi. He joined the United States Army and served in the Korean War. Billy enjoyed hunting and fishing. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs where services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. Pastor Drew Robbins will officiate. Burial will be in Winston Memorial Cemetery. Billy is survived by his daughter, Donna McRae Berry; brothers, Howard E. (Shirley) Bonds and Eddie (Debby) Bonds; brother in law, Donnie Lambert; sisters, Mildred E. (Marvin) Minton, Helen E. (Bo) McVay, Martha E. Adams and Shannon Terry; he was Pawpaw to 3 grandchildren, La Jonna Renae Berry, Jonathan Wesley Berry and Brittney Jean Berry; and Pawpaw Bill to 2 great grandchildren, Parker Reid Berry and Stassi Elizabeth Berry; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Beatrice McRae; parents, Howard and Elizabeth Bonds; mother, Juanita McRae; sisters, Ona Lambert and Hildred Jeffreys; brothers, Oma Edmonson and Telford Edmonson; son in law, John Berry; and brother in law, William Adams.

**Thomas O'Neal McKenney** was born February 17, 1956 in Cullman, Alabama. He passed away on March 30, 2019 at Marshall Medical Center at the age of 63. He is preceded in death by his father, William Lawrence McKenney, mother, Christine Lynn McKenney, brother O Dean McKenney. Funeral services are Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home Chapel at 2:00 PM with Brother Josh McKenney and Brother Jordan Wright officiating. Interment will be in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Survivors are: wife of 41 years Cindy McKenney, son, Josh McKenney, daughter-in-law Nicole McKenney, grandchildren Walker McKenney, Anna McKenney Wright, Jordan Wright, great grandchildren Abbiegail Wright, Oakleigh Wright, brother Johnny (Myra) McKenney, sister Vickie (Terry) Guthrie, sister-in-law Sabrina McKenney Hayward, a host of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers are: Josh McKenney, Walker McKenney, John McKenney, Brian McKenney, Jerad Guthrie and Jacob Guthrie. Visitation is Monday, April 1, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

**Roger Dale Shadix**, 66, of the Sardis Community, entered into rest on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center surrounded by his loved ones. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 1 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home Chapel in Addison, where services will be held at 1 p.m. Brother Kyle Woodard, Ethan Shadix, Leah Lee and Paul Bishop will be officiating.

**Memorial Service for Linda Ann Link**, age 74, of Hanceville, will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Gary Waddell officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Ms. Link passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019, at her residence. She was born June 5, 1944, to the late Leo and Bertha Shelton. Survivors include her daughters, Tina Cobb and Sommer (Stevie) DeForest; sons, Timothy Link, Kelly Link, and Randal Link; grandchildren, Aaron (Vanna) Link, Jordan Cobb, Sadie Childers, Bentley Childers, Lexi Link, and Jaxson DeForest; great-grandchildren, Camren and Macy; four sisters; and two brothers. Visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

**Funeral services for Jerry Wayne "Pops" Skinner**, 72, of Vinemont are Thursday, April 4, 2019 at noon at Cullman Funeral Home, Reverend Steve Bryan and Reverend Larry Duke officiating, with interment in Blair Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Skinner passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Nelson and Carrie Skinner; wife, Ival Lee Skinner; son, Paul Roberts; grandson, Patrick Holloway; great grandchildren, Brady and Connor Hill and Abby Speegle and brothers, Dennis Ray Skinner and Carlton Leon Skinner. He is survived by his son, Randy (Cynde) Roberts; daughters, Linda Roat and Glenda (Hal) Lockhart; daughter-in-law, Jayne Roberts; brother, Johnny (Barbara) Skinner; sisters, Vonda Lee Fincher and Nell O'Connell; sisters-in-law, Katie Moore and Kay Anderson; ten grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, work family and friends. Pallbearers are Frankie Fincher, Phillip Fincher, Wesley Yarbrough, Tyler Speegle, Chris Lovelady and Shannon Walker.

**Willard Craig Knighten**, of Vinemont, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the age of 58. Craig was a loving husband and father. He was the manager of the Automotive Department at Wal-Mart and took pride in his work. He enjoyed fishing and old cars. He loved his animals and they were like his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Willard Toby and Opal Woodall Knighten and brother, Ronny Knighten. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Tammy Huffstutler Knighten; son, Justin (Kaitea) Knighten, grandsons: Anchor Pace and Joshua Pace, Jr.; sisters: Teresa (Steve) Sparkman and Patricia Cole; brothers: Eric Knighten and Mike (Melody) Knighten and a host of nieces and nephews. His family will host a Celebration of Life Bar-b-que at Sportsman's Lake on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 2 p.m.

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# All Steak (from Front)

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**CULLMAN, Ala.** – When folks around Cullman heard that local landmark, The All Steak Restaurant, is under new ownership, one of the first questions asked was, "What about the orange rolls?" New proprietors, Cullman natives Zac Wood and Dyron Powell (owner of the acclaimed Dyron's Lowcountry restaurant in Mountain Brook), put concerned minds at ease Monday, telling The Tribune the All Steak staple isn't going anywhere.

All Steak is temporarily closed while the facility undergoes renovation and, despite speculation, an official date for reopening has not been set, pending completion of the upgrades.

Wood described the work going on as "not a complete renovation, but just a general renovation: painting, light fixtures, cleaning the kitchen just a general overhaul."

There will be some changes, but longtime All Steak fans should still be happy, as Wood pointed out, "We'll have a whole new menu, new and improved. It'll still be the All Steak, obviously: we'll still have steaks, great steaks.

"We'll have certified Angus beef steaks and everything. And then, we'll obviously still have the orange rolls.

"We will definitely keep the orange rolls. We have to do that; they're wonderful and it's a staple, so we have to keep them!"

Wood shared that the restaurant has brought a new executive chef on board and will also expand its seafood offerings.

Wood concluded, "We're excited. The staff's excited. It's going to be good!"

Look for a feature on The All Steak soon.






JACOB BROWN

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## PREP SOCCER

# Lady Bearcats finish 3rd at Smoky Mountain Cup

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**GATLINBURG, Tenn.** – The fourth-ranked Lady Bearcats spent the weekend in Gatlinburg to compete in this year's Smoky Mountain Cup with a field of top teams from five different states.

Cullman finished third at the tournament after posting a 2-1 record against some of the top teams from Oklahoma, with wins over Pryor High School and Putnam City West and a loss to Fort Gibson.

The Lady Bearcats dropped their first matchup of the weekend to Fort Gibson 6-2.

Jeta Falcon scored on an assist from Ashlei Bryant to trim the lead to 2-1 at the halftime break, but Fort Gibson pulled away to win it 6-2 in the second half.

Emily Moss scored in the second half for Cullman.

In their second game against Pryor, Abby Branham, Bryant and Falcon each found the back of the net to lift the Lady Bearcats to a 3-2 win and in their final game of the weekend, Branham racked up three goals in a 4-1 win over Putnam City West.

Falcon scored the other goal of the game for Cullman along with an assist and Pia Muri, Bryant and Branham each collected an assist as well.

The Lady Bearcats are now 12-3-2 with their first section match against Decatur coming up at home on Thursday.



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