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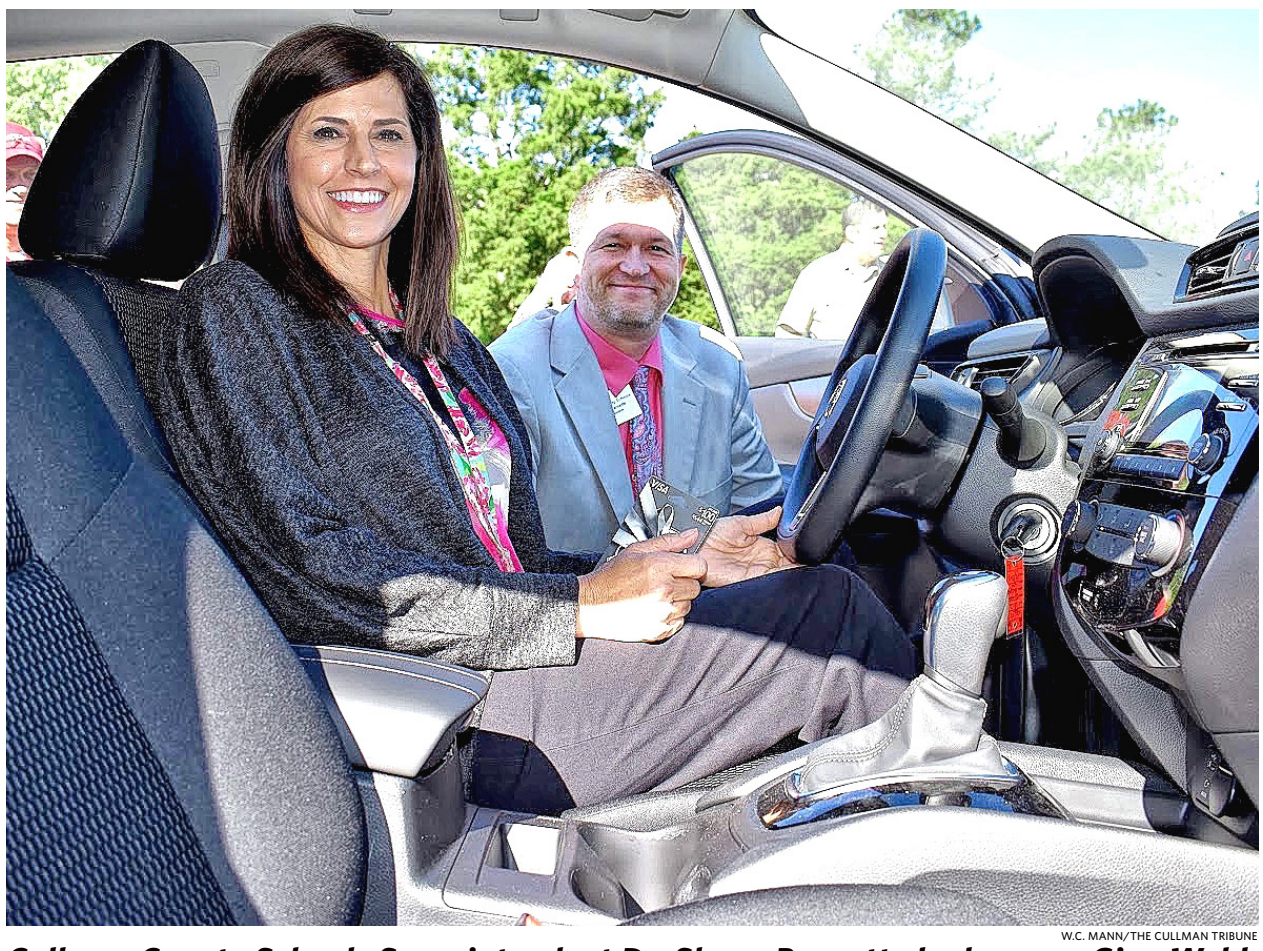
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EDUCATION

Tony Serra Nissan-Cullman Tribune Principal of the Month

Welti Elementary's Gina Webb



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Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette looks on as Gina Webb gets behind the wheel of the Nissan Rogue she'll be driving for the next month.

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WELTI, Ala. - Welti Elementary School's Gina Webb has been named the Tony Serra Nissan/Cullman Tribune Principal of the Month for April. Representatives of both organizations visited Welti Monday morning, accompanied by Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette and Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey, to present Webb a 2019 Nissan Rogue that will be hers to drive for the next month, along with a $100 gift card.

Barnette told The Tribune, "Ms. Webb is an excellent administrator for us.

"And she loves the kids, and her heart's in everything she does; we're just really excited that she was chosen as Principal of the Month."

Webb struggled for words as she was notified of the award and checked out the car, but shared afterward, "Any leader is only as good as those who support their efforts. Without the excellent staff, faculty, students and parents at Welti Elementary, it would be difficult to serve.

"I am very humbled, honored and grateful to have been selected as Principal of the Month for Cullman County Schools."

CRIME

Cullman Police confronted suspect hours before deadly Saturday night shooting



CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles Patrick Wayne Burgess

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Police Department is still in the preliminary stages of investigating the murder of Thomas "Tommy" L. Piper, 49. Piper was shot and killed inside his home Saturday evening, but witnesses reported an encounter between CPD officers and the suspect, Charles Patrick Wayne Burgess, 28, earlier that same day at Piper's home at 1325 Dripping Springs Road NW in the city of Cullman.

The Tribune has confirmed that at approximately 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, two CPD officers and one sergeant went to Piper's home, responding to a call which, according to confirmed sources, informed them, "There's a guy at » PAGE 3

Phyllis Hain crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County 2019

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – The 2019 Ms. Senior Cullman County Pageant took place Saturday at the Betty Leeth Haynes Theatre on the campus of Wallace State Community College, where 10 women, ages 60 and older, took the stage, supported by a large and enthusiastic crowd. Phyllis Hain was crowned Ms. Senior Cullman County 2019. She will be compete in July for the title of Ms. Senior Alabama.

Coordinated by the Cullman County Commission on Aging, this year's pageant was emceed by Miss Alabama 2018, Callie Walker, who recently earned a top 10 finish at the Miss America Pageant. Assisting Walker was the reigning Ms. Senior Cullman County and Ms. Senior Alabama, Donna Harris, who will be competing this summer in Las Vegas for the national title.

Getting the crowd pumped up was local favorite, "Cullman's Finest." Perhaps the greatest dancing group in all of Cullman, "Cullman's Finest" includes Cullman County Revenue Commissioner Barry Willingham, Cullman County Commissioner Gary "Twinkle Toes" Marchman, Cullman County Sheriff's Office Deputy Clayton Drew, Lt. Doug Duke, Deputy SRO Chad Whaley, Deputy SRO Jarod Hopper, Sgt. Joey Collier and Chase Mosely. The group brought down the house with their routine, featuring "Crank That" by Soulja Boy.

The men helped introduce the real stars of the pageant by escorting the contestants to the stage. The ladies donned red, white and blue and danced to "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."

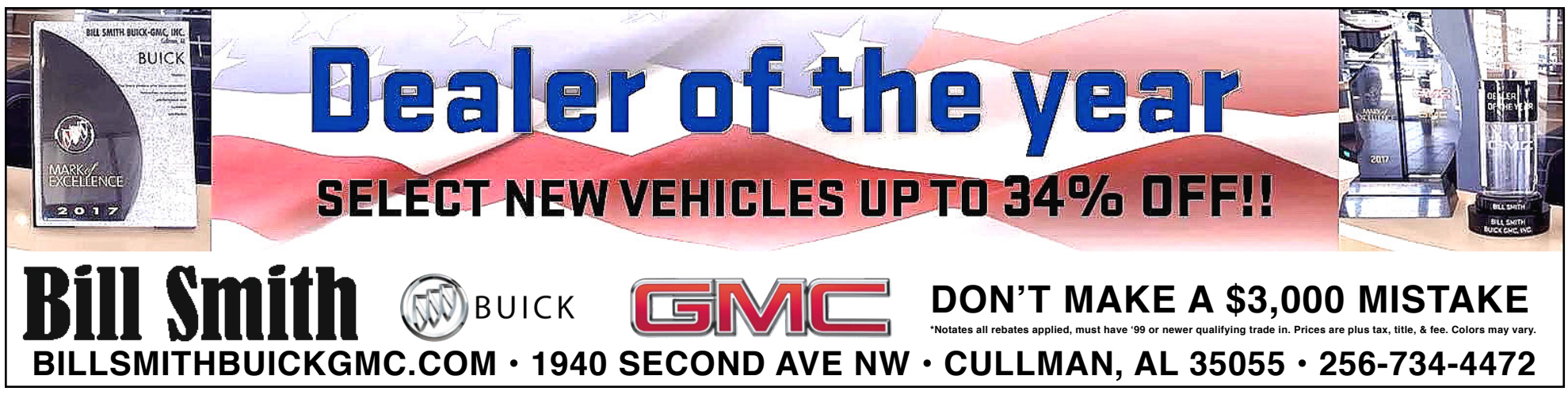
The talent portion of the pageant was the first, with Karen Knight performing a beautiful light dance to "Let it Go." The ladies showcased a variety of talents including dramatic readings, singing, strength training and dancing. Hazel Goodwin had the auditorium laughing with her comedy skit.



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Phyllis Hain

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Arrests and incidents reported on April 15

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported on April 15, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
April 11
• domestic violence; CR 1114
• harassment; Hwy. 91
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1215/CR 1216
• burglary; Chad Dr.
• harassment; Cemetery Rd.
• trespassing; CR 1640
• domestic violence; School House Rd.
• trespassing; CR 855
• domestic violence; Fairpark Ct.
• harassment; CR 656
• trespassing; CR 855
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1216
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1242

April 12
• reckless endangerment, resisting arrest; Hwy. 69 N
• trespassing; CR 1699
• harassment; CR 1036
• trespassing; CR 781
• burglary; CR 545
• harassment; CR 813
• harassment; 1339
• trespassing, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 244

April 13
• domestic violence; CR 386
• theft of property; CR 463
• theft of property; CR 703
• domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 404
• theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
• theft of property; CR 1605
• criminal mischief; CR 1711
• theft of property; CR 1635

April 14
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 1605
• domestic violence; CR 1194
• harassment; CR 127
• possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1194
• domestic violence; CR 146
• theft of property; CR 399
• domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 404
• theft of property; CR 747

ARRESTS
April 11
Baker, Heath Anthony, 32
• attempting to elude

Matthews, Jayson Alton, 47
• probation violation – first-degree receiving stolen property

McLeod, Michelle Renee, 44
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Mobley, Miranda Denise, 39
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Morris, Christopher Dean, 37
• third-degree assault
• harassment

Motte, Charles Leon, 75
• fourth-degree theft of lost property

Rainey, Kelsey Ann, 28
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Thornton, Matthew Eric, 37
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Whitaker, Brian Keith, 37
• possession of drug paraphernalia

April 12
Byram, Christopher Dale, 37
• FTA- probation violation

Figueroa, Noe, 41
• third-degree assault

Fitzgerald, Danny Ray, 20
• first-degree criminal trespassing

Harris, Onis Stephen Kelly, 27
• second-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Hyfield, Sandra P., 59
• FTA- negotiating worthless negotiable instrument

Lynn, Jonathon Paul, 36
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Roberts, Gabriel Logan, 28
• FTA- DUI

Selman, Christian Antonie, 18
• third-degree domestic violence- harassment

April 13
Beam, Margaret Ann, 54
• FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
• negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Bryan, Staci Lynn, 42
• obstructing government operations

Floyd, Justin Talmedge, 29
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Giles, Jacob Levi, 27
• aggravated child abuse

Goad, Christopher Allen, 36
• probation revoked – failure to comply after release - SORNA

Mullette, Aaron Paul, 34
• public intoxication

Smith, Lauren Diane, 36
• attempting to elude
• improper lane usage
• reckless endangerment
• resisting arrest
• speeding

Taylor, Sylania Lashea, 26
• chemical endangerment of a child

Williams, Shayla Cheyenne, 24
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• FTA- public intoxication

April 14
Christiansen, Joseph Wayne, 33
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
• unlawful possession of a controlled substance
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Garmon, James, Dannie, 29
• contributing to the delinquency of a minor

Stewart, Mary Elizabeth, 33
• FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (3 counts)
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of lost property
• FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Such, Jeremiah Moses, 42
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Carolina Lee, 24
• FTA- driving without first obtaining a license

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
April 12
• third-degree theft of property; person; Hwy 157; phone; $1,000
• third-degree burglary; person; Timberlane Dr. SE; jewelry; $1,700
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Eva Rd.; miscellaneous; $12
• domestic violence; person; Hickory Ave SW
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lee Ave SW; bicycle; $180
• fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Belk; Cullman Shopping Center; clothing; $227

April 13
• first-degree theft of property; person; Cleveland Ave SW; phones; $2,850
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; damage to '08 Audi; $700
• third-degree domestic violence, harassment; person; Lessman St. SW
• third-degree burglary, second-degree theft of property; Donauer Dr. SW; gun; $400

April 14
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lincoln Ave. SW; tag; $77
• third-degree burglary; person; Lessman Cir. SW; miscellaneous; $3,000

ARRESTS
April 12
Bell Jr., Vincent J., 24
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (6 counts)
• FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
• FTA- driving while revoked

Olser, Michael S., 35
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence

Ramirez, Christian D., 53
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Chalfant, Elizabeth A., 37
• identity theft
• third-degree forgery (2 counts)
• possession of a forged instrument (2 counts)
• fraudulent use of a credit or debit card

Aderholt, Shauna D., 38
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Tragesser, George M., 36
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Rodgers, Joshua A., 36
• fourth-degree theft of property

McDonald, Ethan W., 28
• public intoxication

McDonald, Robert C., 29
• public intoxication

April 13
Burgess, Charles P., 28
• murder

April 14
Reid, James W., 25
• FTA- failure to register vehicle
• FTA- insurance violation (2 counts)
• FTA- driving while revoked
• FTA- leaving the scene of an accident

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
April 16 - 18

Lunch at VFW Post 2214- Tuesday, April 16
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 16
• 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 17
• 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 Woodworking Guild- Thursday, April 18
The Cullman Woodworking Guild will meet Thursday, April 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the North Alabama Agriplex. The program will be "Working with the Grain." 1714 Tally Ho St. SW, Cullman

Upcoming...
Cullman County Schools Presents a Countywide Production of "Sleeping Beauty"- Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
The production will feature students from across Cullman County Schools. Performances will be at Fairview High School:
• Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m.
• Saturday, April 20 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
• Tickets are $6.

Quilting Class at the Cullman Extension Office
• April 24 & 25 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
• April 26 from 10 a.m.-noon
• Learn to piece, applique and put together a wall-hanging/table topper, game/checkerboard. All supplies furnished; cost is $45. Call Raydonna Sims at 256-737-9386 for more information.

Pilot Club of Cullman 27th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon Charity Fundraiser- Wednesday, April 24
• "Stars Fell on Alabama" - An Alabama 200 Bicentennial Celebration
• Pilot Club of Cullman 27th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon Charity Fundraiser
• Wednesday, April 24, 2019
• 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
• Cullman Civic Center
• 10 a.m. - Doors open – vendor shopping at 10 a.m., set up by local businesses
• 11:30 a.m. - Lunch by Freddie Day Catering
• 11:45 a.m. - Fashion Show - Models and fashions from 12 + local merchants
• Door prizes donated by area businesses and Pilot members, 100-plus to be given away.

Tickets for the event are $20 and can be purchased:
• Cullman County Museum
• Cullman Civic Center
• Any Pilot Club member

Tickets will not be sold at the door. For ticket sale questions, contact Sandra McCluskey at 205-960-7633. Deadline to buy tickets is April 17.

2nd Annual Auto, Motorcycle & Antique Tractor Show- Saturday, May 4
Holly Pond High School from 4-8 p.m. Sponsored by the Holly Pond Band. Registration starts at 2:30 p.m. $20 for first entry; $15 for each additional entry. For more info or to register online, visit www.facebook.com/HPBroncoBand.

Vinemont High School Class of 1994 25 Year Reunion- Saturday, May 4
The Vinemont High School Class of 1994 will hold its 25-year reunion on Saturday, May 4 at The Brandin' Iron in West Point at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Julie Barck at 256-339-1924.

Good Hope High School Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion- Thursday, May 16
Good Hope High School's Class of 1969 will hold its 50-year reunion on Thursday, May 16 from 5-8 p.m. in Belle Vue Hall at Stone Bridge Farms in Cullman. For more information, contact Becky Barnard at 256-339-1806 or Jeanne Milligan at 256-520-5951.

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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BUSINESS

Wacked Out Weiner coming to Cullman

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Wacked Out Weiner is coming to Cullman. The restaurant serves, you guessed it, hot dogs. It will be located at 1930 Market Platz Ctr. SW, in the same strip as Rock N Roll Sushi.

Lori Gortemoller, who owns the franchise with Bo and Jennifer Winfrey, of Cullman, said the restaurant will be open by the end of May.

"Our goal is mid-May, definitely by the end of May," said Gortemoller.

Gortemoller said in addition to the storefront, there will also be a Wacked Out Weiner food truck.

"We're really excited about it. We think Cullman is a perfect place for it. We can really get involved with the community and do stuff," she said. "There's so much we can do with the food truck. That's kind of our goal, really, just to have fun."

The Wacked Out Weiner opened in Foley, Alabama in 2016. Gortemoller said the Cullman store will be the 11th store opened since last year.

"It's like a Subway for hot dogs and nachos," she said. "There's over 40 toppings. You can get as little or as much as you want for one price on the hot dogs."

Toppings for the hot dogs, sausage or Nathan's all beef, include homemade chili, shredded cheese, chopped onions, hot chow chow, sweet chow chow, coleslaw, jalapenos, banana peppers, Rotel tomatoes, bacon, sweet relish, jalapeno relish, dill pickles, kraut, melted cheese, mac and cheese, barbecue baked beans, yellow mustard, spicy mustard, ketchup, mayo, barbecue sauce, hot dog sauce, cayenne pepper, celery salt and sour cream.

Check out https://www.facebook.com/The-Wacked-Out-Weiner-Cullman-Al-420406502068643 for more.



THE WACKED OUT WEINER

BUSINESS

Good Hope Service Center now in Cullman, re-named Integrity Auto Group

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Integrity means doing the right thing even when nobody else is looking; that is why Robert Taylor and Mike Pritchard said they chose to re-name their auto shop Integrity Auto Group, LLC. The two men have been in business as Good Hope Service Center in the city of Good Hope, but have relocated to Cullman. Integrity Auto Group is located at 1645 Second Ave. NW (U.S. Highway 31) in Cullman and opened Monday morning.

A grand opening celebration is planned for May 25, along with a cookout and vendor giveaways.

Taylor described the new expansion into the Cullman location as a "one-stop location for all car needs."

The auto group employed six people at its Good Hope location but hopes to have closer to 30 as it expands its services.

Integrity will offer car, truck, boat and RV sales.

Taylor laughed, "We will sell just about anything with an engine."

The business will also offer consignment sales for a minimal fee to help customers safely sell their vehicles. Besides sales, the group also offers in-house and outside financing.

The new location will allow Integrity to expand other services including a body shop, mechanic work on foreign, domestic and diesel trucks, detailing, a car wash, new and used tires, a transmission shop and accessories and other automotive needs.

Taylor also offers financing on repairs saying, "The average person can't always afford a $3,000 repair and we want to help."

Integrity Auto Group has maintained a Triple A rating from the Better Business Bureau.

Taylor and Pritchard stressed their desire to be great neighbors and community members, with Taylor explaining, "We are really big about being in the community and we are excited about being part of the Cullman community."

One of the many ways they give back is every graduate from both Cullman County and Cullman City Schools will receive a $25 gift certificate good toward any product or services they offer.

"All these kids will be heading to work or school and we want to give them a little something to help," Taylor said.

Even better for the young graduates is the one-year roadside assistance service they receive for anything over $25. Because Integrity is a member of the Tech-Net Garage Network, the roadside assistance is good throughout the United States.

Integrity also offers specials throughout the year. Last year it gave free oil changes for Mother's Day as well as offering discounts to veterans and military families at all times. It also invites church groups and other organizations to learn about fundraiser opportunities.

Pritchard said, "The number one thing we are representing here is Jesus."

The group hosts a men's Bible study group each Tuesday night and has offered a gathering place for another group for Thursdays.

The Tuesday group held its last meeting this past Tuesday but will begin meeting again in July.

Taylor explained, "Whether it's working on your car or what it may be, we want to be part of this community. We want to give back to this community. We want to serve this community. We gotta make a living but it ain't all about that. It ain't all about the dollar. God's going to take care of us."



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Robert Taylor, left, and Mike Pritchard, right, pose in front of Integrity Auto Group

Integrity Auto Group will be open six days a week, Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. For those needing assistance after hours, on weekends and holidays, Taylor encourages people to message Integrity on Facebook and it will do what it can to assist.

He said, "We don't want to work on Sunday, but if someone needs help or is stranded we will try to help."

Customers can call 256-735-4000 for more information.

Pritchard added, "God sent us the name Integrity because we are going to do the right thing even when nobody is watching. If we sell somebody a car, yeah we are to put a warranty with it, but if something happens we're going to stand behind it!"

Shooting (from Front)

my door with a gun."

Witnesses reported seeing a man at the house who was open carrying a firearm and was "talking crazy."

Officers disarmed Burgess and ordered him to leave in an effort to defuse the situation, but the suspect reportedly returned a little more than three hours later with another gun, entered Piper's residence and killed him.

Burgess, who was arrested a few hours later and charged with murder, has a criminal record for breaking into a vehicle and possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, but did not have a history of violent crime.

In the fall of 2018, he was arrested for criminal trespassing but was released on his own recognizance under current state bond law.

When he recently failed to appear for his court date, an alias warrant was issued, and he was picked up last week. Also under current state bond law, Piper was again released with a promise to appear for his next court date.

On Monday, CPD Chief Kenny Culpepper responded to questions about why Burgess, who is facing criminal prosecution in other cases, was not arrested Saturday afternoon after the first call to Piper's residence.

Culpepper told The Tribune, "We received a call to go to the address on Dripping Springs Road on April 13, 2019, about 3 in the afternoon, a little after 3 (for) some sort of disturbance.

"And when the officers arrived, they found the subject and the homeowner and some other resident, and there was an argument or some back and forth, but the subject was not doing anything in their presence that would allow them to arrest (him), and had not done anything at that point in time that would allow them to arrest (him). So they determined that the best course of action was to make him leave.

"And he was open carry, which in Alabama it's legal to open carry without being a felon in possession of a weapon or some other circumstances, which did not apply.

"That by itself is not illegal."

Did the officers disarm him?

"They did, but they thought that would be the prudent thing to do, was to take his weapon and make him leave, and he did at that point in time."

At 7:06 p.m. Saturday night, the CPD received another call.

"We received a call for a welfare check," said Sgt. Cindy Rohrscheib, who said when an officer responded the victim was found deceased.

The police are not sure what time the shooting occurred.

"It had been a couple of hours since family had seen the victim," said Rohrscheib.

As early in the investigation as investigators are, possible motives for the shooting and reasons for the suspect being at Piper's home are not currently being discussed.

Said Culpepper, "It's still under investigation at this time. That's all I can say."

Hain (from Front)

The Factory Dance Company and Bailee the Ventriloquist, a crowd favorite at the For Kids' Sake Variety Show back in February, entertained between the talent and evening gown portions of the pageant.

Commission on Aging board members were recognized for their hard work throughout the year. Doris Patterson was given special recognition for her many years of dedication.

Tiffany Collins also received a special gift of appreciation. She, along with her late husband, Tim Collins, have been dedicated supporters.

This year's pageant was also dedicated in loving memory of Tim Collins and Janice Simmons.

Former pageant winners as well as the current Ms. Senior USA and Ms. Senior Universe were also recognized.

With the contestants ready in their most beautiful gowns, each was asked to give a brief "Life Philosophy."

The evening gown portion gave each lady one last chance to wow the judges.

As each contestant took to the stage, Walker and Harris read biographies including accomplishments, family life, hobbies and greatest aspects of life since turning 60.

Grandchildren seemed to be the common interest shared by all the contestants. The family support was evident by the cheers from the audience.

As the judges' scores were tallied, the crowd was treated to a revved up performance of "Greased Lightnin'" by the Senior Spirit Kickers.

Donning their silver sequined hats and matching "Kickers" shirts, the group electrified the auditorium.

Prior to announcing this year's winners, Harris took her final walk as Ms. Senior Cullman County 2018. As a special treat she performed Pachelbel's "Canon in D" on piano.

Faye Harris was all smiles as she was named Miss Congeniality. Harris also won the People's Choice award.

Third alternate went to Jolene Hammick. Second Alternate was Judy Moon and first alternate was Mary Fortner.

Phyllis Hain was crowned 2019 Ms. Senior Cullman County. She will be compete in July for the title of Ms. Senior Alabama.

After her big win, Hain shared, "I think I'm still in shock. It's really wonderful and we worked so hard.

"I've never been with a group of women that were any more loving or any more supportive every day. I didn't hear one cross word and not one catty comment. It was just wonderful."

As for her upcoming trip to the state competition, Hain laughed, "It might be a rerun."

Hain stood smiling with her sparkling tiara, sash and arm full of roses and explained, "This is my first one (pageant). I've been a horse person, an artist and an author. I did event coordinating, always behind the scenes pushing everybody else to the forefront.

"This was my first time and I was out of my comfort zone. I am thrilled and I want to do the best I can to represent Cullman County. I love it."

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BUSINESS

‘By God’s grace’: ABC Family Medicine celebrates grand opening in Dodge City

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DODGE CITY, Ala. – ABC Family Medicine in Dodge City held a formal grand opening Saturday.

The practice opened for business back on Feb. 18, but Office Manager Jas Talyor said, “We just wanted to do like a grand opening; we wanted warmer weather, to be more comfortable with our surroundings, and meet more people. I feel like we’ve drawn some established relationships.”

ABC Family Medicine is a primary care practice owned by nurse practitioner Renae Jones.

“We’re excited to be in this community because there’s nothing like this in this community; this community has two pharmacies and no place to go for a doctor-type visit,” said Taylor.

Medical assistant Brandi Grace said, “If you’re looking for a family care provider, come see us. Call us, make an appointment or walk in. We’re excited to be in Dodge City.”

Shared Jones, “We’re excited to be a part of the Dodge City community. We’ve already met some great wonderful people here, neighbors of the community. We’re excited about providing more health care to them and just being a service to these people, local, and of course anybody coming off the interstate.”

Jones continued, “We take all different types of insurance; we’re in the process of getting covered with Medicaid. We take all ages. We’re a general practice. We’re able to do wellness visits, sports physicals, DOT physicals and just general health. We can also do some urgent care stuff, so we’re a walk-in clinic.”

Jones said ABC Family Medicine will soon have X-rays capabilities.

Jones started her medical career in the emergency room, but “the dream was to own a clinic providing (care) for all ages.

”I started out wanting to do women’s health, and then worked in internal medicine and fell in love with the adult geriatric population and I knew I wanted to open a family practice, so then I went and got experience at ABC Pediatrics and fell in love with the pediatric population so I just love being able to care for all ages.”

So, how did she end up in Dodge City?

Smiled Jones, “Well, it’s by God’s grace. God actually put me here. Honestly, it’s just a blessing from God. I was actually looking at a clinic in town and that deal fell through and I came down to the little town of Dodge City and this one presented itself and I’ve seen that it’s a community with a great need for a health provider here.

”They haven’t really had that service for a very long time. The doctor that was here did more pain management and tried to do rehab for them, so there was a greater need for the community in general for all ages and genders, and that brought me here.”

ABC Family Medicine is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The address is 24 County Road 262, Hancevville, AL 35077. Find out more at www.ABCFamilyMed.com or www.facebook.com/abcfamilymedicineinc.



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Left to right: Nurse practitioner Sheli Ward, owner Renae Jones, Richard Jones, office manager Jas Taylor, Dodge City Mayor Tawana Canada, medical assistant Brandi Grace and Dodge City Councilman Murray Lowe

YARD SALE

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8 AM TO 1PM

Denna Chivers, 11 years old is having her 3rd annual yard sale and donating all the money she makes to the animal shelter. Last year she raised over $1400.00.

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PREP BASEBALL

AHSAA State Baseball Playoffs begin Friday for local teams

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Postseason baseball has arrived, and we have six local teams in the field for this year's AHSAA playoffs starting Friday. Addison, Fairview, Cold Springs, Hanceville and Cullman will be on the road for round one and the Vinemont Eagles will host an opening round game at Mike Cupp Field Friday night.

Vinemont (12-9) v. J.B. Pennington (10-9) 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
After winning the area title over Hanceville in walk-off fashion last week, the Eagles earned a chance to host a playoff game this Friday against the Tigers of J.B. Pennington. Vinemont played the Tigers earlier in the season and won its first matchup 11-7 but had to fend off a comeback effort to seal the win.

The Eagles drew seven walks in the win and if they can show the same kind of patience in the box again this week, they'll give themselves a chance to score runs and advance to the next round.

Cullman (19-11) at Albertville (17-14) 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.
The Bearcats wrapped up their area title with an extra-innings win at Hartselle last week and they'll head to Albertville Friday night to kick off another trip to the playoffs. The Aggies have won five of their last seven at this point in the season, but they'll have to face a red-hot Cullman squad that has won nine of its last 10 games.

The Bearcats have been in this spot for 19 consecutive years and if they can continue to improve, they'll have another real chance to play their way deep into the postseason.

Fairview (15-11) at Haleyville (18-5) 5 & 7:30 p.m.
The Aggies suffered a pair of tough losses at Oneonta last week but this week they'll have a chance to bounce back when they travel to Haleyville for round one. The Lions have won 12 of their last 13 games going into the postseason so Fairview will have its hands full on Friday.

Haleyville is giving up just under two runs per game in that stretch so the pressure will be on the Aggies' arms as well as their bats to keep pace. Fairview has been held to four runs or fewer in its last six outings, so it'll take strong outings on the mound and at the plate for the Aggies to advance.

Cold Springs (9-7) at Sulligent (8-11) 2 & 4 p.m.
Cold Springs punched its ticket to the postseason by defeating West End last week and the Eagles will get started with a trip to Sulligent in round one.

The two teams have not seen each other yet this season and sport similar records going into the matchup and both swept their area foes last week, so this is set to be a close finish.

The Eagles have found ways to score runs throughout the year, but Sulligent will be coming off back to back wins when they square off Friday afternoon with a chance to move on to the next round.

Hanceville (12-5) at Glencoe (10-9) 3 & 5 p.m.
After falling in a pair of nail-biters at Vinemont last week, the Bulldogs finished second in Area 11 and will hit the road to face Glencoe Friday afternoon.

Hanceville has not faced the Yellow Jackets yet this season and they have won five of their last seven games entering Friday's matchup.

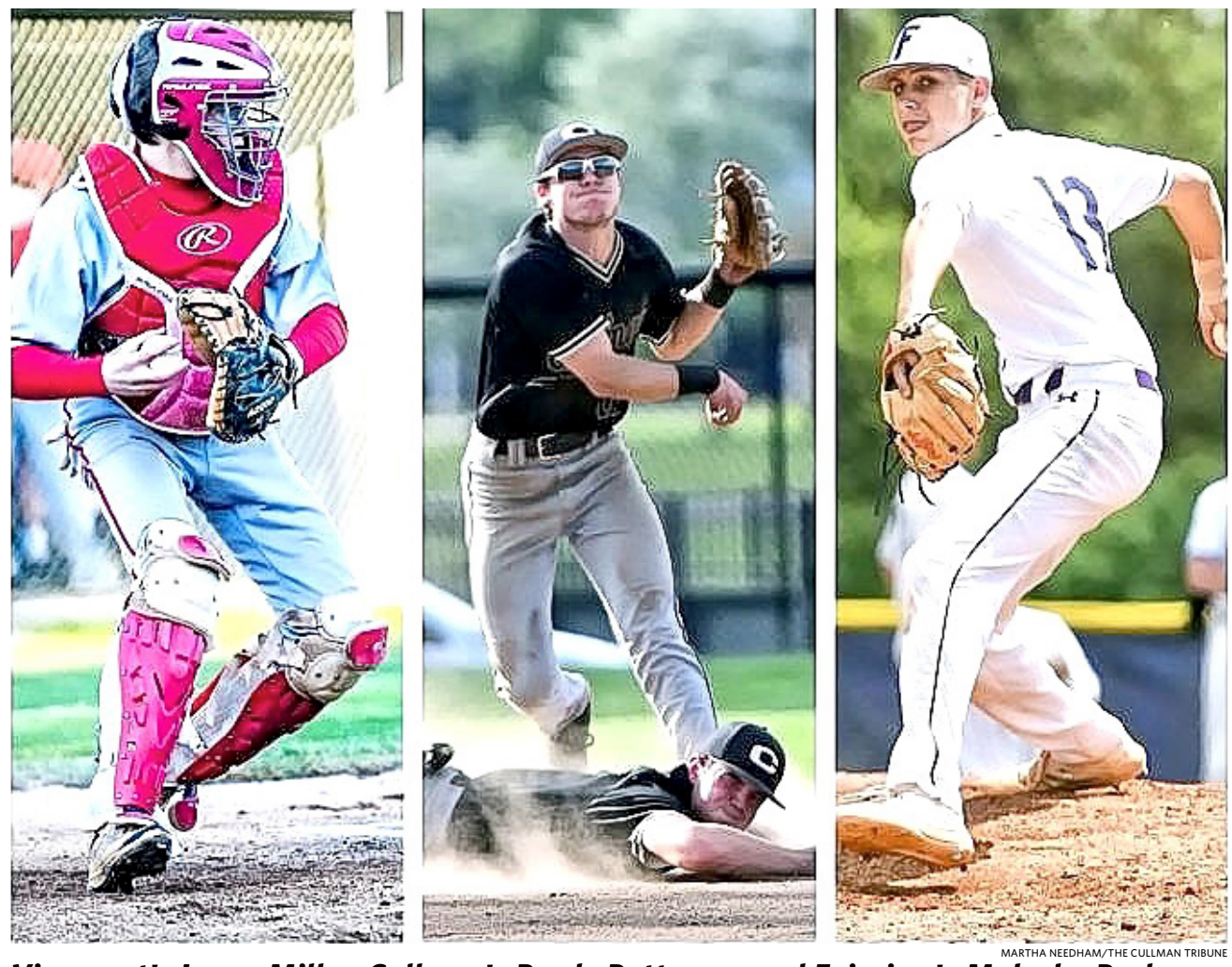
The Bulldogs, on the other hand, have won eight of their last 11 games including six straight in March and have been plating a lot of runs in that stretch.

If Hanceville can slow down Glencoe's bats, the Bulldogs' offense will give them a chance to win on the road and advance.

Addison (7-8) at Southeastern (14-4) 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
The Bulldogs haven't seen Southeastern yet this season, but their bats are getting hot just in time for the postseason.

Addison finished as the runner up in Area 12 but won four of its last five games and is averaging 10 runs per game in that stretch.

The Mustangs enter this game on a hot streak as well, having won six of their last seven so the Bulldogs will have to keep putting runs on the board this week if they want to move on to round two.



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Vinemont's Lucas Miller, Cullman's Brady Patterson and Fairview's Malcolm Parker

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Always Reforming: How to listen to a sermon (8)

Tom FIllinger
Tribune Columnist

Today in our series on ***How To Listen to a Sermon*** we address the "so what factor."

What is that, you ask? Let me explain. Most worship gatherings in which a message is delivered are made up of people with various levels of spiritual maturity. There may even be some people who are flat out lost.

They have never repented of their sin and believed as scripture requires for redemption. Such people are not familiar with the vocabulary of Christianity.

I recall the first time I heard the phrase "on fire for the Lord."

What in the world does that mean? Another is "get into the word." How does one get into the word?

Is that like getting into a suit of clothes? Or perhaps "getting into the house?" You get the picture by looking at these examples.

The "so what factor" puts the proverbial handle on what people heard in the sermon.

It may also be framed with the question, "What am I supposed to do with what I just heard?" It provides a means for the listener to "take away" the essence of the passage just preached.

You might say it puts a "handle" on the message. They have a means to grasp what they heard.

Let's go back to the example from last week on the third commandment – Do not take the Lord's name in vain.

The "so what factor" may be something like this.

Today we opened up the meaning of the third commandment.

As Christ followers we are to live with a consciousness that in everything we are, think, and do, we bear his name. With that understanding of this passage, what needs to change in your life?

What modifications do you need to make? What resources will you need to apply to live in obedience to this command?

Let me offer this much needed caution. It is NEVER proper to manipulate people by employing purely emotional appeals.

The TRUTH of the scripture is more than adequate to produce a proper and lasting response.

The proof of a good handle is always found after the sermon. Whenever someone says, "I felt like you were talking directly to me," I know the message connected with them by providing a handle.

Better yet is when someone contacts you during the week to let you know they have used the handle.

Whatever it might be, you know that you have shared a good handle. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is powerful.

As Christ's messengers, it is our task to share the message in such a way that the hearers will know how to assimilate the words into their lives.

When we accomplish that task, we know we are faithful to our calling and have developed a good handle for our hearers.

When God's word is properly exegeted and declared, the results are lasting. When God produces the response he clearly states that he will complete what he has begun:

Philippians 1:6: And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

So, is there a "so what" moment where you worship?

West Point grad Tom Weaver's composition performed at UA's 'Composers Present' concert

Richard LeComte
Tribune Contributor

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - University of Alabama student Tom Weaver, a graduate of West Point High School, had a musical composition performed by UA's Contemporary Ensemble at the "Composers Present" event April 12 in the concert hall of the Moody Music Building on the UA campus.

The title of the work was "Kaiwa," the first movement of his woodwind trio, for flute, clarinet and piano (world premiere).

The UA Contemporary Ensemble in the School of Music, College of Arts and Sciences, is committed to performing the music of the 20th and 21st centuries, including masterworks by established composers, music by emerging composers and the music of UA student and faculty composers.

Striving to present this body of art at an exceptionally high level, the ensemble aims to endow student performers with a strong foundation of knowledge for this canon of musical literature, to enlarge the audience for contemporary art music and to generate new opportunities for its performance.

The ensemble is dedicated to encouraging and nurturing the music and careers of the composers and performers of today.

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 occupant who is in default at an auction. The sale will occur or otherwise disposed as an online auction via www.storageauctions.com on 4/30/2019 at 10:00 a.m. Unless stated otherwise the description of the contents are household goods and furnishings.

Don Salter, unit #4, 1802 Warnke Road, Northwest, Cullman, Alabama 35055.

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

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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.
D.O.B. 01-30-2014
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: LARRY DALE CHAMPION, FATHER
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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, ALABMA

Sara Baker
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100 Fifth Street SE
Cullman, AL 35055

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF NORMAN O. THOMAS, Deceased.) **CASE NO.: PC-2019-098**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to PAULETTE LEACH, as Personal Representative of the Estate of NORMAN O. THOMAS, deceased, on the 15th day of April, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or the same will be barred.

DONE this 15th day of April, 2019.

Paulette Leach
Personal Representative

Nathan A. Brock
Attorney for Estate
2nd Avenue SW
Cullman, Alabama 35055

TO THE PUBLISHER OF: THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Please publish the above notice for three (3) consecutive weeks and provide a proof of publication affidavit to the Probate Judge of Cullman County, Alabama.

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

Public Meeting Notice

The Alcohol Review Committee of the City of Cullman will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 18th, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the administrative conference room at City Hall located at 204 Second Avenue NE. The Committee will receive public comments for and against the alcohol license applicant listed below:

Dreher's – 216 First Avenue SE, Cullman, AL 35055 – Restaurant Alcohol License

LEGAL

[THIS COPY FOR THE NEWSPAPER: THIS NOTICE MUST BE PRINTED PRECEDING THE BILL]
STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

NOTICE is hereby given that a bill substantially as follows will be introduced in the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature of Alabama and application for its passage and enactment will be made:

198707-1 : n : 04/04/2019 : KBH / tj LSA2019-694

A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to Cullman County; to amend Section 11 of Act 81-599 of the 1981 Regular Session (Acts 1981, p. 1002), relating to the distribution of the 1981 sales and use tax; to further provide for a portion of the distribution of the proceeds to the Cullman County Fire Association Training Center.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 11 of Act 81-599 of the 1981 Regular Session (Acts 1981, p. 1002), is amended to read as follows:

"Section 11. The proceeds of any taxes herein authorized to be levied shall be distributed as follows:

"(1) 45 percent to the general fund of the City of Cullman~~.~~

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"(2) 15 percent to the general fund of Cullman County to be used by the County Commission~~.~~

"(3) 15 percent to the Cullman County Commission to the credit of the road fund~~.~~

"(4) 10 percent to the Cullman County Commission for use by the Cullman County Board of Education~~.~~

"(5) 10 percent to the municipalities of Cullman County, except Cullman, to be distributed on a population basis~~; and~~.

"(6) ~~5~~ a. Five percent to the rural volunteer fire departments of the county, to be equally distributed among the following volunteer fire departments in Cullman County: Arkadelphia, Baileyton, Battle Ground, Berlin, Bethsadia, Bremen, Cold Springs, Crane Hill, Dodge City, Fairview, Garden City, Gold Ridge, Good Hope, Holly Pond, Johnson Crossing, Jones Chapel, Joppa, Logan, Loretto, Providence, Sardis, Trimble, Walter, and West Point.

"b. The Hanceville Fire Department and the Cullman County Fire Association Training Center shall also receive a share of ~~such~~ the proceeds equal to that received by each ~~said~~ volunteer fire department. Additionally, volunteer fire departments may be designated to receive funds hereunder by resolution of the Cullman County Commission upon the recommendation of the Cullman County Volunteer Fire Department Association and the Cullman office of the Alabama Forestry Commission."

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Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Foundation Gala recognizes Papapietro, Echols, Hoover, Quattlebaum

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CULLMAN, Ala. - The Cullman Regional Foundation held its 18th annual Gala Saturday evening at the Cullman Civic Center. The Gala is Cullman Regional's largest fundraiser. In addition to dinner, dancing and auctions, the event featured the presentation of The H.C. Arnold Humanitarian Award, which recognizes a local humanitarian for his or her contributions in advancing health care for the community,

The Herman C. Ensor Award, which is given to a physician on the Cullman Regional medical staff recognizing excellence in medical care, the Commitment to a Cause Award and the Spirit of Volunteerism Award.

Dr. Jim Hoover presented the 2019 H.C. Arnold Humanitarian Award to Dr. Silvio Papapietro.

According to the Foundation, "Dr. Papapietro, an interventional cardiologist, has been instrumental in serving the medical community since the mid-1980s.

"He has been a dedicated physician always giving back to his patients in the Cullman community."

Dr. Bill Peinhardt presented the 2019 Dr. Herman C. Ensor Award for Excellence in Medical Care to Dr. Jonathan Echols, who accepted the posthumous honor on behalf of his father, the late Dr. Bob Echols.

"Dr. Echols practiced emergency in Cullman since 1995.

"Dr. Echols served in numerous roles at the medical center and was dedicated to improving the quality of care for the Cullman area," shared the Foundation.

Champ Crocker presented the Commitment to a Cause Award to Pepper Hoover, who, said the Foundation, received the award "for her efforts in advancing the nursing profession in our community ant at Wallace State Community College."

Lastly, Stephanie Jowers presented the Spirit of Volunteerism Award to Shirley Quattlebaum "for her involvement with the Bownes Memorial For Kids' Sake Variety Show."



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Dr. Jonathan Echols speaks after accepting the posthumous 2019 Dr. Herman C. Ensor Award for Excellence in Medical Care on behalf of his father, the late Dr. Bob Echols, as Dr. Bill Peinhardt looks on.

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Sharon Rae Kuhlmeyer Joiner, 73 of Addison, entered into rest on Friday, April 12, 2019 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.
Mrs. Joiner was born on October 24, 1945 in Arkansas City, Kansas. Sharon was a member of Central Christian Church in Arkansas City, Kansas for 19 years and after moving to Kentucky, she attended Floating Church. She was a 1963 graduate of Arkansas City Kansas High School and went to Cowley County Junior College. Sharon worked as a waitress at a bowling alley in Arkansas City, as a nurse's aide at Halstead Kansas Hospital, and a co-owner at JB's BBQ in Addison, Alabama. Above all she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved her cat Miss Priss. Sharon is survived by her sons, Chris Kuhlmeyer and his girlfriend Belinda Turner, John Kuhlmeyer and his wife Robyn; daughter, Pam Wilkins and her husband Tony; step brothers, Mike Dailey, Steve Dailey and his wife Suzannah, Terry Dailey; and sister, Debbie Wood and her husband Gary. She was "Grandma" to 7 grandchildren, Derrick Garity, Ryan Garity, Danyle Kuhlmeyer, Jeremy (Britney) Wilkins, Holly (Jake) Lee, Justin Kuhlmeyer, and Logan Wilkins. She was preceded in death by her 1st husband, Paul Kuhlmeyer, 2nd husband, Mike Joiner; father, Jack Raymond Dailey; mother, Dora Mae Dailey; step mother, Rose Dailey; and step brother, Jack W. Dailey.

Junior Blalock, 83, of Huntsville formerly of Cullman, passed away on Friday, April 12, 2019. His family will receive friends on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home from noon until 2 p.m. The Celebration of Life Service will begin immediately following visitation at 2 p.m. in the Chapel with Rev. Charles Maples officiating. Burial will be held at Cullman City Cemetery. Mr. Blalock worked at Kuhns many years ago and later retired from at Nicholson Files. He loved playing his guitar and singing gospel, country and bluegrass music. He and his wife; Darlene, had pet birds that he loved and enjoyed. Mr. Blalock is preceded in death by his parents: Tom and Dellie Blalock; daughter, Marie Sullins; Sister, Irene Welch; brothers: Huey Blalock, Alvis Blalock and half-brother, Leach Shelton. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Darlene Blalock; daughter, Rita Bell; grandsons: Jeremy (Amanda) Hyatt and Casey (Molly) Bell; great grandsons: Garrett Hyatt and Lane Hyatt; sister, Inez Ayers; brothers: JD Blalock, Charles Blalock, WT Blalock; half-brothers; Freddie Shelton and John Robert Smith and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Bonnie Virginia Blackwood of Cullman, passed away at her residence surrounding by her family on Friday, April 12, 2019 at the age of 93. She is preceded in death by her parents: John Elbert and Lily Pearl Rainey McBrayer; husband John "Hunky" Blackwood; son, Jimmy Blackwood; son-in-law, J.C. Cook; sister, Versie Hembree and brother, Herl McBrayer. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Connie Cook; son, Tommy (Shiela) Blackwood; daughter-in-law, Linda Blackwood; grandchildren: Johnny (Chrystie) Cook, Keith Blackwood, Malorie Blackwood (Wesley) Campbell and Leah (Casey) Mitchell; great grandchildren: Stephanie Cook, Jennifer Blackwood, Karlie Cook and Lathan Cook; brother, Coy (Jean) McBrayer and sister-in-law, Joann McBrayer.

Funeral services for Mary Lou Crigger, 83 of Cullman, will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home Chapel, with Interment at Flint Creek Cemetery. Rev. Floyd Bradford and Jerry Freeman officiating. Mrs. Crigger passed away Friday, April 12 at her residence. She was born JUly 16, 1935 in West Virginia to James and Nora Talbert.
She is survived by her Husband, L. Clinton Crigger, Children: Beth (Irv) Grant of Clarkshill, SC, Clint (Judith) Crigger II of Manassas, VA, Greg (Vanessa) Crigger of Chipley, FL, and Danny (Wendy) Crigger of Warrior, AL. Grandchildren: Stephanie (Matt) Platt, Lee Clinton Crigger III, Luke Crigger, Hope Crigger, Seth Crigger, Isaiah Crigger, Abigail Crigger, Samuel Crigger, James Crigger, John Crigger, Michael (Brittany) Crigger, Justin (Lacinda) Litz, Katie Fleming, Stephen(Casey) Crigger, Dalton Crigger. Great-Grandchildren: Madison, Rosie Platt, Ava, Shyler (is on the way), MollyGrace, Kaden, Zander, Decklin, Tucker, Chase Allen, Nevaeh, Collin, Hunter, Braxton, Tripp, and Ali. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 16, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. prior to the service at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Fred Ingram, age 92, of Oneonta passed away April 14, 2019 at St. Vincent's Blount Hospital. He was born February 7, 1927 to the late Clinton L. and Clara Nix Ingram. Mr. Ingram held a Bachelors' of Science and a Master's of Art from the University of Alabama. He served in the United States Navy from March 1951 until March 1955. He retired from the Social Security Administration and owned and operated Eureka Antique and Collectible Shop in Oneonta for many years. He is survived by nieces and nephews Lou Ashworth of Huntsville, Sandra Watson (Rick) of Bremen, Linda Flackus (Duane) of Beavercreek, Oregon, Harry Moore (Martha) of Birmingham, John Ingram (Pam) of Oneonta, and Ron Ingram (Dianna) of Richland, Washington and special care givers Allen Thrasher and Ann Beaird of Oneonta. A memorial service will be held at Oak Hill Cemetery on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 2 p.m. with Bro. Bob Bryant officiating. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory Directing.

Johnnie Mae Pee, 83, of Remlap, AL., was born on August 4, 1935 to the late Johnny Walter and Merle Cheek Pee in Louisiana. She passed away on April 14, 2019 at St. Vincent's Blount Hospital. She is survived by her sister Juanita Cozad (Sonny) of Remlap and brother Fred Pee (Karen) of Hamilton, Indiana. The family will have a private memorial held at a later date. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Coy Wallace Lauderdale, Jr, 74, of Haleyville entered into rest on April 14, 2019. Mr. Lauderdale was born October 26, 1944 to Thelma Inez and Coy Wallace Lauderdale, Sr. There are no services planned at this time. Coy is survived by his wife of 56 years Ellie Marie Lewis-Lauderdale; daughter, Connie (Tom) Martello; one granddaughter, Carly Martello Waid; one great-grandson, Cameron Samuel Waid; and sisters, Delartis Brakefield and Marquetta Lauderdale. He was preceded in death by his parents Coy and Thelma Lauderdale; daughter, Samantha Amanda Lauderdale; brothers, Wayne and Randall Lauderdale; and sister, Ivorene Norris.

George Norton Nassar passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at his residence. He was born March 7, 1927, to George and Bathsheba Nassar. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and three brothers. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Ferguson Nassar; daughters, Georgia Nassar and Leslie Nassar; son, David Nassar; stepdaughters, Sherry (Jim) Miller and Kimberly (Stephen) Siegel; stepsons, Michael Ferguson and Adam (Kassie) Ferguson; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, family, and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Cullman Electric Co-op lets kids get hands-on with heavy equipment

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A young visitor enjoys "operating" a piece of heavy equipment at Saturday's Touch-A-Truck event, organized by the Cullman County Electric Cooperative.

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman County Electric Cooperative (CCEC) on Saturday assembled some heavy equipment at the Cullman County Fairgrounds for its Touch-A-Truck event. Vehicles and construction equipment from the CEC were joined by many more from the Cullman Power Board, , Ready Mix USA, Kent Logging, Wallace State Community College, Cullman EMS, the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman, Hanceville, Logan, Crane Hill, Trimble and Cold Springs fire departments.

James R. Smith Trucking brought a tractor-trailer rig with a trailer advertising the company's stance against human trafficking, and R.E. Garrison Trucking displayed its newest wrapped truck which salutes law enforcement. A big attention-getter for many kids--and quite a few grownups--was the arrival and landing of the Air Evac Lifeteam helicopter.

CCEC Communications Manager Brian Lacy told The Tribune, "We've seen touch-a-trucks, you see events like it all over the country. And we at the co-op were looking for something to do just as a fun community event in the spring, and nobody else around Cullman was doing anything quite like this, so we thought, 'Well, let's pick up the ball and run with it.' So that's what we decided to do.

"Back in February we started making some phone calls and inviting some people out. We really wanted to have a big emphasis on our first responders, so we reached out to the city law enforcement, the sheriff's office with the county, all of the volunteer fire departments, and invited all of them to come to this. And then we kind of just started reaching out to a few businesses and folks like that, to bring some of the other big equipment and trucks that you see out here. And we got a pretty good turnout!"

As a drizzling rain began to fall on the fairgrounds, Lacy continued, "We didn't know what to expect; it's the first year that we've done this.

"We thought, 'Well, let's just do it and we'll see what happens.' And the weather's been OK, but we've had a decent turnout, so we're pretty happy with that. It's been a pretty fun day."

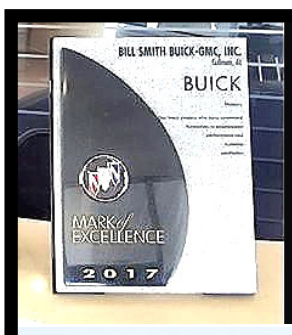
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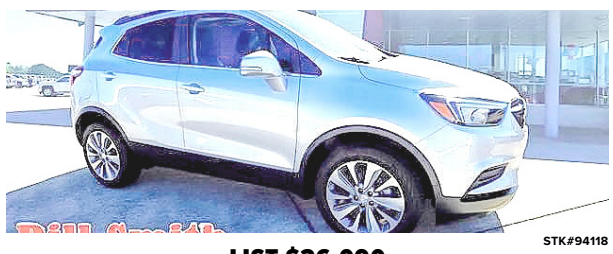
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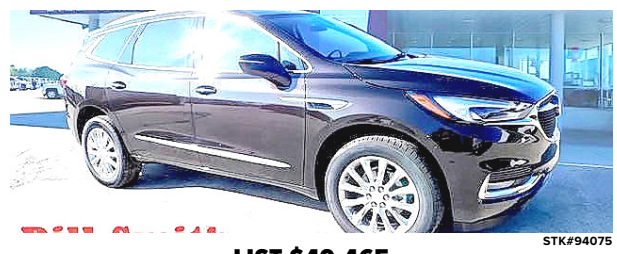
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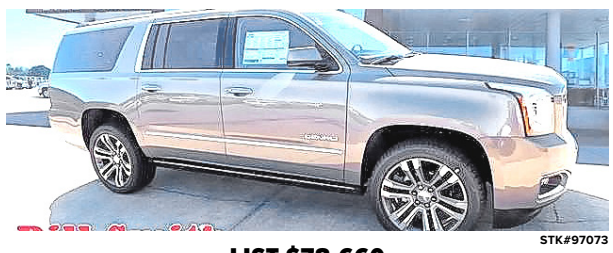
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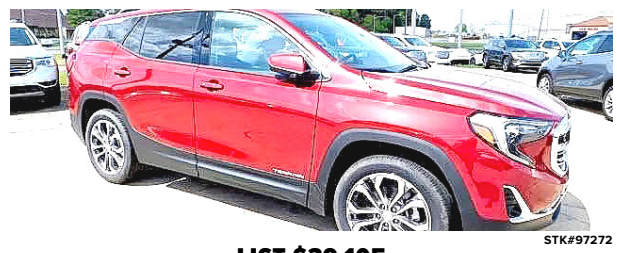
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