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EDUCATION

Holly Pond Key Club raising funds for Children's of Alabama; Club challenging removal of "God" from club pledge



CHELSIE ALLDREDGE

2018-19 Holly Pond Key Club officers are, left to right: Co-President Tylor Trimble, Treasurer Zackery Reynolds, Vice President August Floyd, Co-President Emma Grace Daniel, Secretary Kirsten Campbell.

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Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Rose to speak at CCSO Citizens' Academy graduation tonight



CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

U.S. Army Capt. Gary Michael "Mike" Rose, right, shares a moment with another veteran at the 2017 Heroes Dinner in Cullman. Rose will be the special guest speaker at tonight's Cullman County Sheriff's Office Citizens' Academy graduation ceremony.

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ARTS

Wallace State presents 'Stars Fell on Alabama' this week

Group preparing for European tour

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WALLACE STATE FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This Thursday through Saturday, Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts will present "Stars Fell on Alabama," a joint production of the Wallace State Singers and Jazz Band. The program of vocal and instrumental music, along with dance, is presented in conjunction with the Alabama 200 Bicentennial celebration.

Wallace State Music Instructor and Choir Director Tiffany Richter shared, "Basically, when we put it together that it was the 200th anniversary for Alabama, we wanted to do something to commemorate that. So what we came up with is an overview of music that comes from the heart of the state. We are going to do music from artists who were born in Alabama, from Alabama.

"We're also doing a section of 'Made in Alabama' music, which will be the Muscle Shoals stuff. We not only will be doing artists like Lionel Richie and The Commodores, The Temptations, Hank Williams, obviously the group Alabama, William Dawson, Nat King Cole. But then we'll also do songs that were recorded in Muscle Shoals like Rolling Stones and Aretha Franklin, and stuff like that.

"We decided to incorporate all of the arts, so it's all of our instrumental program, our vocal program, our theater program. It will also include song and dance, and be a big variety show, plus original monologues that our students came up with to talk about why Alabama's so important to us, and why it's so important to the arts. And 'What is that thing about Alabama that makes it so special to create art here?' is basically the line of the show."

So, what is it about Alabama that makes it a special place for the arts?

Richter continued, "I think it's something intangible. We talk about it through the show. You know, there's something to the heat, the family dynamic, the churches, the juke joints. There's something in the mud! There's just something here that is conducive to creativity and soul-stirring music and art.

"We talk about that in the show. I don't know if we define it;

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Irlene Mandrell wows at Welcome Back Hanceville concert

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – A great crowd came out Saturday to enjoy the Welcome Back Hanceville concert featuring Irlene Mandrell and other guests. The weather was perfect as the city welcomed everyone downtown for the free concert. Cody McCarver and Vicki Lynn Maxwell also gave great performances. This was one of several concerts the city will bring to Hanceville in the upcoming months.

Prior to the concert, adoring fans had the opportunity to meet with Mandrell at the Hanceville Drug Company.

She took time to visit with each person, signed autographs and posed for pictures.

Before she left to rehearse for the show, she sat down for a chat with The Tribune.

Mandrell and her sisters rose to fame in the late 70s and early 80s. Barbara, Louise and Irlene's hit show "The Mandrell Sisters" made them household names. Irlene is the youngest of this talented musical family and she went on to be a cast member of the legendary comedy show "Hee-Haw."

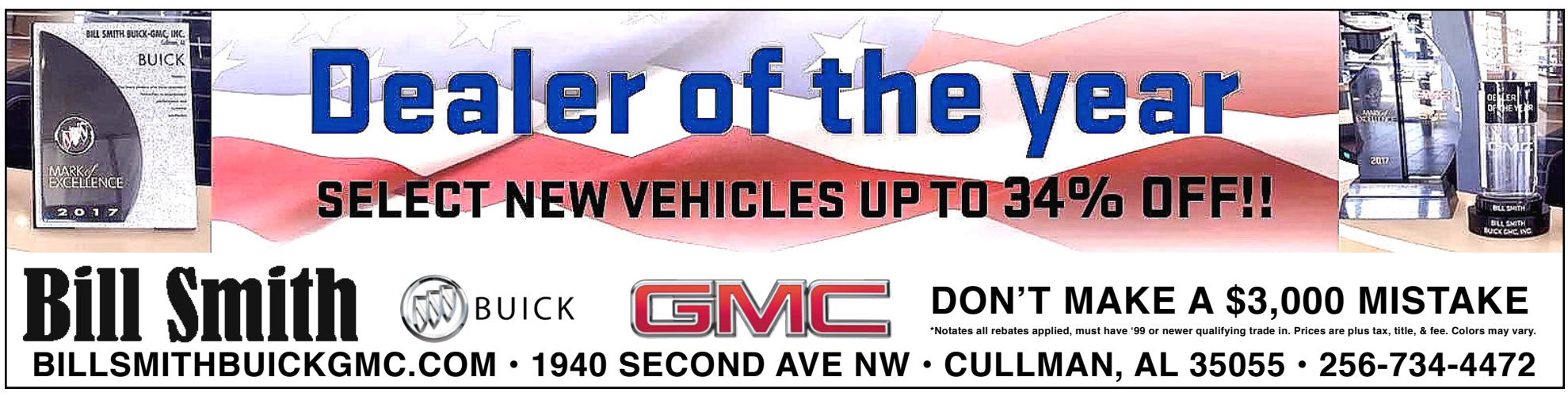


CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Irlene Mandrell performs in Hanceville Saturday, April 27.

Where are all the Mandrell sisters now?
Mandrell: We are all kind of around Nashville. We are almost like a triangle in Hendersonville, Brentwood and Ashland City, which is kind of cool to me because Barbara always said that we are like a triangle. We are just as close to each other and how we feel about each other. I felt that's weird. We are keeping that pattern going.

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CRIME

West Point man charged with rape

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WEST POINT, Ala. – A West Point man has been charged with second-degree rape. Nathan Ryan Evans, 31, was arrested Friday, April 26.

According to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), deputies and investigators executed a search warrant in the West Point area Friday which resulted in the arrest.

Evans was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and contributing to truancy.

The investigation is ongoing, said a statement from the CCSO, and Evans could face further charges as the investigation proceeds.

Evans is being held in the Cullman County Detention Center on a $10,300 bond.



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Nathan Ryan Evans

Arrests and incidents reported April 29

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported April 29, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

April 25
- harassment; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; CR 244
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Summit Rd./CR 1718

April 26
- domestic violence; CR 1080
- burglary; CR 1605
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hinkle Rd./CR 437
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- theft of property; CR 1555
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 818
- theft of property; CR 1490
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 172
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- burglary; CR 1545
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer; Fairview Rd.
- burglary; CR 1815
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 N
- domestic violence; CR 1674

April 27
- domestic violence; CR 1082
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 S
- burglary; Day Gap Rd.
- harassment, criminal mischief; CR 649

April 28
- domestic violence; CR 656
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 1662
- harassment; CR 463
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- domestic violence; Shady Lane Dr. SW Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 369
- domestic violence; CR 1605
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Short St. SW Hanceville
- trespassing; 3rd St. SE Hanceville
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 69 N

ARRESTS

April 25

Fitzgerald, Alan Rocky II, 38
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- second-degree criminal trespassing

Floyd, Jeremy Dewayne, 36
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hill, Bradley Allen, 39
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Knight, Missy Louise, 28
- FTA- illegal possession or use of credit or debit card
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Moore, Alexander Kenyon, 18
- judge's order – court appearance

Thompson, Kristy Marie Simmo, 32
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

April 26

Collins, Ivan Ray, 38
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Drane, Jacob Andrew, 20
- third-degree burglary

Dunaway, Lee Michael, 38
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- running a red light

Evans, Nathan Ryan, 31
- contributing to truancy
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree rape

Self, Cody Lowell, 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Taylor, Beonica Deishia, 25
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Thomason, Sandy Denise, 28
- contributing to truancy

April 27

Bomberry-Wright, Dylan Joseph, 24
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Chappell, Sonya Olivia Sharee, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Knighten, Jennifer Suzette, 33
- judge's order – contributing to truancy

McCormick, Kenny Lynn, Jr., 26
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment
- FTA- resisting arrest

Pendergraft, Unique Nicole, 26
- public intoxication

Pennington, Christopher Brett, 34
- public intoxication

Robertson, James Mark, 38
- FTA- second-degree theft of property
- FTA- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

April 28

Hughes, John Shannon, 63
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Jones, Torronce Terrell, 50
- fourth-degree theft of property

Millican, Jody Mark, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Murphree, Bobby Duane, 57
- FTA- third-degree theft by deception

Parker, Therron Dewayne, Sr., 50
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Parson, Jordan Noah, 18
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Pennington, Brandy Nicole, 37
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Rouse, Ricky Gene, 41
- first-degree criminal trespassing

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

April 25
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; 4th St. SW

April 26
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW; purse & contents; unknown amount of property value
- fourth-degree theft of lost property; person; St. Joseph St. NW; cash; unknown amount of property value
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW; phone; $1,175
- third-degree theft of property; Webb Wheel Products; Industrial Dr. SW; trailer; $1,275
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $40
- third-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; phone, miscellaneous; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree burglary; person; Lessman St. SW; trailer, tools, miscellaneous; $6,500
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $36
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; person; Cleveland Ave. NW; tire gauge; $5
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; Hwy. 157, Hwy. 31; damage to '12 Nissan Altima; $1,000

April 27
- harassment; person; 3rd Ave. SE Cullman

April 28
- theft of lost property; person; Cullman Shopping Center; wallet & contents; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS

April 26

Dunaway, Lee M., 38
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- no brake lights
- FTA- open container in vehicle
- FTA- driving without a license

King, Alan P., 32
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- running a red light

Duncan, Devin S., 18
- fourth-degree theft of property

Brown, Linda J., 56
- fourth-degree theft of property

Collins, Ivan R., 38
- FTA- reckless endangerment

Speakman, Tyler L., 24
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- attempting to elude

April 27

Bates, Brent D., 31
- public intoxication
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Johnston, Taylor N., 36
- DUI- controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Howard, Jason M., 39
- DUI- controlled substance
- possession of a drug paraphernalia

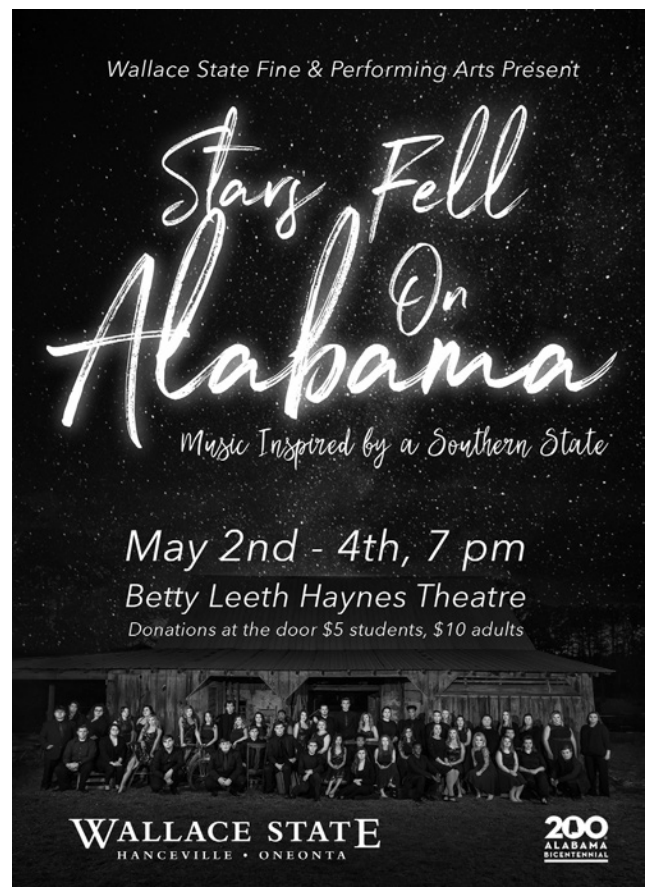
HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 30 - May 2

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

Lunch at VFW Post 2214
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
- 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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Relay For Life Survivors' Breakfast- Wednesday, March 1
7 a.m. at Cullman Church of Christ on Hwy. 157. All survivors and caregivers are invited to attend.

Major League Wings
- 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Buffalo Wild Wings, 1700 Second Ave. SW B, Cullman
- Come join us for the ultimate Major League Fishing wing eating competition at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Cullman and watch the MLF NOW! live stream while you hang out with some of your favorite pros.
- Test your wing-eating skills against some of the best pro anglers in the world for the chance to win MLF prize packages!

Yoga at the Library
- 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.

Holly Pond High School Key Club Swamp John's Dinner
- Wednesday, May 1, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- HPHS lunchroom, 160 New Hope Rd. in Holly Pond
- Proceeds to go to Children's of Alabama and expenses for students attending the Key Club International Convention

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Colony Cemetery Annual Swamp John's- Thursday, May 2
- 4-7 p.m. at the Colony Senior Center, 12980 Alabama Highway 91, Hanceville, AL 35077
- Fish, shrimp, chicken or combination plates for $11 Eat in or carry out.

"Stars Fell on Alabama" at Wallace State Community College- Thursday, May 2-Saturday, May 4
- Presented by Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts
- Betty Leeth Haynes Theater on the Wallace State campus
- Thursday, May 2 through Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. each night
- Suggested donation of $10, $5 for students

UPCOMING...

Relay For Life Survivors' Dinner- Friday, May 3
5 p.m. at the Cullman County Fairgrounds. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6, with the Survivors' First Lap beginning at 7. All survivors and caregivers are invited to attend these activities.

Old Paths Quartet will be at Cross Baptist Church on Friday night, May 3 at 7 p.m.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Special Event- Saturday, May 4
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!

Cub Scout Pack 213 New Membership Drive- Saturday, May 4
Sportsman Lake Park from 10 a.m.-noon at pavilion 4. Come out to get information about joining Cub Scouts and enjoy free food.

Good Hope Public Cemetery Decoration- Saturday, May 4 and Sunday, May 5

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.

Hamm Family Reunion-Saturday, May 18
We are changing the day o the Hamm Reunion this year. It will be on Saturday, May 18. It will still be at the Lions Club, 111 Michelle St. SW in Hanceville, AL. Please bring a covered dish. We will be eating around noon. We hope this change will allow more people to attend. For more information, call Scott Hamm at 256-739-3069.

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PRO SPORTS

Talladega Recap: Reddick wins 2-lap shootout at Talladega Xfinity race; Elliott wins GEICO 500

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Tribune Correspondent

TALLADEGA, Ala. – It's amazing the difference eight years can make. On this day, eight years ago, the state of Alabama was suffering tremendous tragedy as tornadoes tore paths of destruction and heartache throughout the state.

Saturday, under cloudless skies, light winds and comfortable temperatures, thousands gathered at Talladega Superspeedway to watch NASCAR's Xfinity race cars compete in the MoneyLion 300.

The ninth race of the Xfinity season had a front row consisting of pole winner Michael Annett and the second fastest Tyler Reddick. NASCAR breaks the 113-lap race on Talladega's 2.66 mile racetrack into three stages or segments. The first two stage were 25 laps with final stage to the checkered flag 63 laps.

Within the first few laps Annett dropped back in the race. Only the beginning of lap eight, Brando Jones lost control of his car and spun across the start finish line without causing too much damage to his car and without collecting any other racers.

After a restart on lap 12, the racing picked up in intensity as drivers continued to try and position themselves to win the first stage and collect the bonus points awarded for winning each stage. Most laps the cars were two and three wide on the track.

The stage was completed without further incident as Reddick led the field to segment one win. However, during the subsequent pit stops, Reddick went through the pits faster than was allowed and had to restart at the back of the field.

Using and early pit stop strategy, Justin Allgaier led the field to the green flag restart. Most of the field quickly lined up single file, and unlike stage one, stage two was run without any incidents.

The winner of stage one, Reddick, did brush the track's outside wall and caused minor damage to his car.

The stage's last lap saw several cars break out of line in an attempt to pass Noah Gragson. They were all unsuccessful as Gragson took the green and white checkered flag to win stage two.

During the pit stops, Reddick's crew took the time to tape up and repair as much as possible the damage to his car when he brushed the wall.

Ross Chastain led the field to the green flag for what would turn out to be a hectic and exciting segment three. The seemingly quiet single file racing of segment two quickly evaporated as once again two and three wide racing was the norm.

Due to the penalty and damage to his car, Reddick was within a few laps of going a full lap down when Ray Black, Jr. created a caution because of engine problems. This allowed Reddick to catch up almost an entire lap and join the lead cars after about 15 laps of racing in segment three.

With 28 laps to go, stage two winner Gragson spun out coming to the start finish line after brushing with Reddick. Gragson spun all the way down into the inside wall and made heavy contact with the wall.

With 19 laps to go, Austin Cendric hit pole sitter Annett too hard going down the back stretch causing Annett to spin into Allgaier running fourth.

Additionally, Annett hit Cole Custer running behind Allgaier. Other drivers who received damage were Ryan Sieg and Stephen Leicht.

On the restart, Reddick had clawed his way back to the lead and led the field to the green flag. Then, with five laps to go, the "big one" happened. A wreck that involved many cars on the lead lap. Jeffrey Earnhardt, running fourth, lost control coming out to turn two and took out about a third of the field with significant damage. Allgaier, recovering from an earlier accident, suffered more significant damage and had to retire from the race. This accident resulted in NASCAR stopping the race and allowing the full cleanup of the back stretch.

The race restarted with only two laps to go The drivers managed to complete both laps without further issues and Reddick held off all the other drivers to win the race followed by Gray Gaulding and Christopher Bell.

In addition to the trophy and winner's purse, Reddick collected an additional $100,000 for the Dash4Cash promotion. Reddick assured himself a place in the season ending playoffs with his MoneyLion 300 win by overcoming a penalty and a damaged race car from his contact with the wall.

Elliott wins GEICO 500

On a beautiful April Sunday in Talladega the NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series gathered at the largest track on the circuit to compete in the GEICO 500. Austin Dillon celebrated his birthday Saturday winning the pole and earning the first starting position for the race.

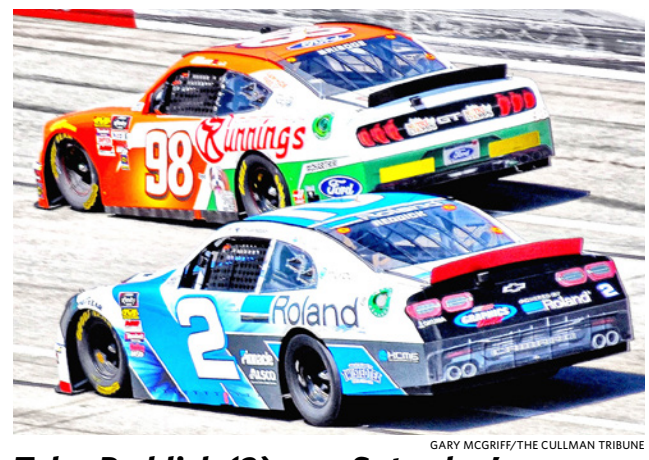
After a clean start, Mobile's Bubba Wallace hit the bumper of Ryan Blaney losing control of his Richard Petty Chevrolet. Caught up in the wreck were Kevin Harvick, Denny Hamlin, Michael McDowell, Clint Bowyer and Matt Tifft. Only Hamlin was able to continue in the race.

Ty Dillon won the first stage of the race in his GEICO Chevrolet.

The second stage of the race continued without a major incident with Chase Elliott in his Hendrick Motorsports Little Caesars/Mountain Dew Chevrolet.

Elliott led the field to start the third stage of the race. The third stage continued without an incidents until the race was almost over.

With seven laps remaining in the race, Chris Buescher was turned by Aric Almirola and collected Martin Truex, Jr., Matt DiBenedetto and Justin Haley. DiBenedetto's car caught fire, but he managed to escape unharmed.



GARY MCGRIFF/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Tyler Reddick (2) won Saturday's MoneyLion 300 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Talladega Superspeedway.

To allow the debris from the wreck to be cleaned up without impacting the finish of the race, NASCAR red flagged the race, stopping most cars on the track in turn two.

Following the restart on the last lap of the race, Ricky Stenhouse, Jr. spun on the backstretch. In the resulting melee, Kyle Larson, David Ragan, Jeffrey Earnhardt and William Byron wrecked.

Larson's car was spinning to the inside wall and suddenly lifted and flipped several times. The car was completely destroyed with Larson walking away uninjured.

As the cars were wrecking, Elliott won the race to assure himself a place in the NASCAR playoffs later this year.

Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2019 inducted Saturday night

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The 20th annual Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame class was inducted at the annual banquet Saturday night and this year's class drew a crowd of friends and family that filled the Cullman Civic Center. The 2019 class consists of West Point's Jason Allcorn, Hanceville's Keith Burns, Good Hope's Phillip Carden, Cullman's Mike Cobb, Cullman's Clifford Eugene Copeland, Fairview's Marty Hardman, Hanceville's Mitch Hollis, Vinemont's Teck Johnson, Cullman's Mike Lee, Holly Pond's Russell Walker and Cold Springs' Tim Willoughby.

Along with honoring this year's inductees, there were also several scholarships to give out to local students during the banquet.

- Victoria Rouse Memorial Scholarship: Kinley Campbell, Cold Springs High School
- Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship: Caroline Hollingsworth, Cullman High School
- Charlotte Cummings Memorial Scholarship: Alivia Boyll, Fairview High School
- James and Gussie Shabel Memorial Scholarship: Taryn Collins, Good Hope High School
- Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship: Logan McKee, Hanceville High School
- Dane Estes Memorial Scholarship: Kara Hollis, Holly Pond High School
- Jimmy Dale Burgess Scholarship: Tess Duke, Holly Pond High School
- Charlie Richard Memorial Scholarship: Baylee Grace Loyd, St. Bernard Prep School
- Michael Stewart Memorial Scholarship: Rachel Hall, Vinemont High School
- Jacob Harris Memorial Scholarship: Rylan Jones, West Point High School

Below is a brief bio of each of this year's Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Jason Allcorn

Graduated from West Point High School in 1995 and played baseball, basketball and football in high school. Lettered in baseball for four years, lettered in football for three years and in basketball for two years. All County in basketball for two years and was All-County and All-State in football. Played on West Point football team that went 12-1 in 1994. Received a football scholarship at Arkansas State and lettered there for three years.

Keith Burns

Graduated from West Point High School in 1971 and played baseball, football and track. Played on three county championship football teams. Played outfield and catcher on baseball team and won two county championships. Started coaching at Cold Springs High and established the Jr. High Football program. Coach Jr. High football at Hanceville for 10 years, winning seven county championships with a 36-game win streak. Varsity defensive coordinator in 1990, varsity head football coach from 1991-1994. Made state playoffs in 1991 and 1992 and was voted Cullman County Coach of the year in '91 and '92. Coach boys and girls track at Hanceville, winning three girls county championships and seven boys' championships. Varsity offensive coordinator at West Point from 1995-98, varsity baseball coach at West Point from 1996-99.

Phillip Carden

Graduated from Good Hope High School in 1977 and played baseball and basketball. All-County baseball in 1976 and 1977 and All-County basketball in 1977. All-Area and All-Tournament Team in 1977 and honorable mention All-State for basketball. Led Cullman County in scoring with 25.1 points per game in 1977 and led Cullman County in free throw percentage (84.9%). Signed with Wallace State basketball in 1977. Umpired ASA softball for 14 years around the state of Alabama and refereed basketball for park and rec. for eight years.

Mike Cobb

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1968 and played football and baseball. Was voted most valuable player in 1967, most valuable back in 1966 and team captain in 1967. Received a football scholarship to Samford University and was an All-Tennessee Valley Conference Team member and was chosen to play in the Alabama All Star Game. Leading rusher with 1,173 yards and averaged 6.34 yards per carry. Led Tennessee Valley Conference in interceptions. Set a school record for carries in a game at 31 and the school record for most rushing years in a season. Only person in top 10 rushing and receiving in Samford history. Best offensive back, team captain and honorable mention All-American Small College. Member of the 1971 Samford national championship team.

Clifford Euguene Copeland

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1949 and played baseball and basketball. Played baseball with the Cullman Red Sox. Following graduation, he was sent to Iowa by the Cleveland Indians to play Independent Baseball. Received a scholarship to Illinois State University to play both baseball and basketball. Joined the Air Force in 1951 where he played baseball and basketball. Played on U.S. team that won the European Basketball Championship. After release from Air Force, played baseball for St. Bernard College. Played on the Stockham Pipe Baseball Team and played in the World Amateur Championship in Cashion, Oklahoma. Signed by the Cleveland Indians in 1956 and played in the minor leagues for two years. Graduated from Samford University with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy and owned Hospital Discount Pharmacy in Cullman.

Marty Hardman

Graduated from Fairview High School in 1985 and played football, basketball and baseball. Voted All-County, All-Brindlee Mountain, All-Area and All-State honorable mention in football. Voted All-County baseball in 1984 and 1985. Leading hitter in Cullman County with a .475 average and played in the East-West All-Star Game. Voted All-County, Team MVP and selected to East-West All-Stars in basketball. Varsity assistant football coach at Fairview from 1986-1999 and made the state playoffs seven times. Varsity baseball coach from 1990-1995 and won four county championships and three area championships. Jr. High basketball coach from 1994-1999. Middle School football coach from 2001-2006 with a 32-3 record. Started golf team at Fairview and coached from 1996-2008.



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Standing L-R: Phillip Carden, Teck Johnson, Jason Allcorn, Russell Walker, Clifford E. Copeland Jr. Sitting L-R: Mitch Hollis, Marty Hardman, Mike Cobb, Keith Burns, Tim Willoughby, Mike Lee.

Mitch Hollis

Graduated from Hanceville High School in 1978 and played baseball, football and track. Played on 1977 football team that finished 11-1 and went to semi-finals. In 1977, was voted most valuable back, most valuable offensive player, All-County and All-State. Played in the North-South All-Star football game. Received a football scholarship to Jacksonville State University. Fought in 25 Tough Man Contest, finishing second in the state in the light weight division.

Teck Johnson

Graduated from Vinemont High School in 1985 and played baseball, football and track. Was voted All-County and All-Area in basketball his junior and senior season, made the East-West All-Star team and was honorable mention All-State his senior season. Voted All-County and All-Area in football senior year. County and Area champion in high jump. Played for Hall of Fame coaches Mike Cupp, Mark Smothers and Randy Hasenbein.

Mike Lee

Graduated from Cullman High School in 1969 and played football, basketball and baseball. Played for Hall of Fame coaches Dafford Smith, Oliver Woodard, Ray Talley and Del Brock. Played quarterback and defensive back in football. Played on two undefeated teams in junior high school and an undefeated junior varsity team. Voted team co-captain and MVP for football in 1968. Selected to the All-Tennessee Valley Conference team and Birmingham New Alabama All-Star team in 1968. Played three years of varsity basketball. Played outfield, infield and pitcher in baseball and led the team in homeruns. Received football scholarship to Marion and played quarterback for two years. Signed baseball and football scholarships to the University of Tennessee Chattanooga. Holds record at Tennessee Chattanooga for longest punt at 84 yards.

Russell Walker

Graduated from Holly Pond High School in 1983 and lettered in track and football for three years. Named to the All-Brindlee Mountain, All-Area and All-State football teams in 1981 and 1982. Selected as the McDonalds and Cullman Times Defensive Player of the Year in 1981 and 1982. Averaged 14.3 tackles and 4.1 sacks per game as a senior along with 13 forced fumbles, two interceptions and three blocked punts. Named All-State after placing second in the shot put at the 1982 1A-2A State Track Meet. SFC USA (retired) served 21 years in ABN INF and Special Operations duty positions. Conducted combat operations in Central and South America, Southwest Asia and the middle east. Coaching positions include strength and conditioning coach, assistant football coach and track coach at Holly Pond since 2004. Graduated from Athens State and started teaching social science classes at Holly Pond High School and Middle School in 2012.

Tim Willoughby

Graduated from Cold Springs High School in 1977. Coach Cold Springs junior high basketball from 1987-1993, winning two county championships. Coached at Curry High School in Walker County, winning a county and an area championship. Coached at Sparkman High School in Madison County from 1986-2002, winning three county and area championships and finishing as a state runner-up. Named Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 5A Coach of the Year in 1997. Coached at Hanceville High School from 2003-2005. Coach Curry varsity girls' basketball from 2010-2013. Coaching Cold Springs varsity boys' basketball from 2013-present and has won a county championship and four area championships. Coached Cold Springs baseball from 1987-1990. Coached Curry Jr. High football for two years with an undefeated season.

United Way Crawfish Boil sees record-breaking crowd

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The crawfish were fresh and the weather was perfect for the United Way of Cullman County's (UWCC) Crawfish Boil Saturday at Goat Island Brewing. The doors were up and people enjoyed the mudbugs that were brought from south Alabama that morning. The Crawfish Boil is one of UWCC's largest fundraisers and is organized by its Young Professionals Board (YPB).

"We had record-breaking attendance again this year and we had so many volunteers here to help tonight, too. It was just unbelievable.

"Such a great group of young professionals that work hard for the United Way and I couldn't do any of this without their help," said UWCC Executive Director Becky Goff. "The Brickmasons have been a great addition to this year's lineup. They are from north Shelby County. We have loved their music all night long. We've been rockin' all day!"

Volunteers from the different agencies under the United Way umbrella were on-hand to help with the first major fundraiser of the year.

"It just keeps getting bigger every year and we are just thankful to the community that came out to support us," Goff said.

Besides the great live music, Goat Island had the backroom set up with folks playing cornhole.

The brewery was packed with folks loving the crawfish and enjoying the cold beer. Some brought their dogs and just enjoyed a laid-back and fun afternoon. More than 300 tickets were sold for the party.

A group of volunteers got up early Saturday morning and drove to around Mobile to bring back fresh crawfish that were prepared by Freddie Day Catering. Other volunteers were busy chopping vegetables and getting everything set up for the day's festivities.

YPB Chair Jennifer Parker and YPB Liaison Lora Gilliland were serving up the crawfish and having a great time.

Gilliland explained that many of the volunteers visited the Strawberry Festival in downtown Cullman and passed out crawfish beads and info about the Crawfish Boil.

She felt that many took a break from the festival to come out and have a good time.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Guests enjoyed fresh crawfish and cold Goat Island beer Saturday at the United Way of Cullman County's annual Crawfish Boil.

PREP BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Bearcats take game 3 over Pell City to advance, Hanceville falls to Phil Campbell

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After splitting last night's games with Pell City, the Cullman Bearcats hit the field on Saturday for a rubber match against the Panthers with a spot in round three of the state playoffs on the line.

The 'Cats set the tone right out of the gate by tacking on six runs in the bottom of the first. Peyton Colvard was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to make it 1-0 and one pitch later, Dylon Wallace stretched the lead to 2-0 with an RBI single. Ben Hollis put the Pell City in a deep hole after that by putting a gran slam over the center field wall and putting Cullman in front 6-0.

A pair of RBI singles trimmed the lead to 6-3 in the top of the second, but the Bearcats had another big inning in them. Back to back RBI singles from Nicholas Braswell and A.J. Miller made it an 8-3 game and Niklas Fondren drew a walk with the bases loaded to extend the lead to 9-3. Cooper Beck was hit just a few pitches later, bringing in another run for Cullman, Miller came home to score on a passed ball and a sacrifice fly from Brennen Norton put the Panthers down 12-3.

Hollis drove in two more runs with a single up the middle to make it 14-3 and the 'Cats held onto that lead to win it in five innings. Hollis (two hits) racked up six RBIs in the win and Miller (one RBI) led the way with three hits. Braswell (one hit), Wallace (one hit), Beck (one hit), Norton (one hit) and Colvard each drove in a run for Cullman.

Wallace got the start and the win for the Bearcats on the mound and head coach Brent Patterson credits his quick first inning for the early shot of momentum the first inning of the game.

"For Dylon to go out and be sharp in the first, he set the tone and then because of the momentum he created, we come in and have a big first inning and it lets you take a breath and it takes the pressure off of the game," Patterson said. "It's game three and it means the world to both sides and so you want to play from on top obviously. If it doesn't happen then you've got to scratch and claw like we tried to do yesterday but you want to play from on top and it was just one good at bat after another from Niklas to Cooper and then Brennen hit a first pitch breaking ball and just one after another and Ben had the big blow."

Hazel Green is the next obstacle for Cullman on its way to Montgomery this year and Patterson is anticipating a very tight series against a great opponent.

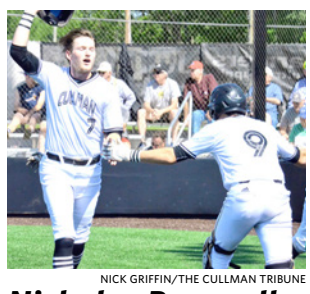
"They are fantastic. They're well coached, they're competitive, they've got five or six arms on the mound at least and so you're going to have to put great games together, have a great plan, a great approach in the box, string good at bats together and play great defense," Patterson said. "They can really swing it and they're as solid as any team I've seen in a long time, so it'll be a great series."

The Bearcats will travel to Hazel Green next Friday for round three of the AHSAA state playoffs.

Phil Campbell 11 – Hanceville 3

The Bulldogs' postseason run came to an end Saturday after they fell to the Bobcats of Phil Campbell in a game three matchup 11-3.

The Bobcats scored a pair of runs in the top of the first to take an early lead, but Hanceville answered in their half of the inning with an RBI single from Alex Campbell that cut the lead to 2-1. After a pair of scoreless innings, Phil Campbell began to pull away in the fourth. The Bobcats scored on in the fourth, two in the fifth and three in the sixth to build an 8-1 advantage going into the bottom half of the sixth.



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Nicholas Braswell (9) greets Cooper Beck (7) and Dylon Wallace (1) after scoring during Cullman's 14-3 win over Pell City.

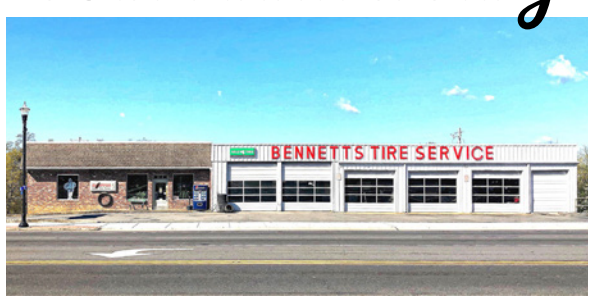
TJ Kubia singled into right field to bring around Campbell and trim the lead to 8-2 in the sixth and Tate Brown came home to score on a fielder's choice to make it an 8-3 game. The Bobcats added three more runs in the top of the seventh to put the game out of reach for Hanceville and held on to win it 11-3.

The loss brings the final record to 15-10 for Hanceville with some young talent returning to the field for the Bulldogs next season.

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As if by magic, kids appeared wherever Busy Bee "Queen Bee" Kitty Spears stopped with her sack of freezer pops.

Busy Bee celebrates 100 years

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As customers lined up Saturday, there was hardly a seat to be found at the Busy Bee, inside or out.

CULLMAN, Ala. – On Saturday, the 100th anniversary celebration of the Busy Bee was officially supposed to start at 2 p.m., but diners and well-wishers had other ideas. By 1 p.m., the restaurant was full, as was all outside seating, and the crowd, like the party, was just getting started.

Just before official start time, the Busy Bee's "Queen Bee" Kitty Spears told The Tribune, "So far, it's been slammed!

"It's just now actually getting started, but we've been slammed all day. I want everybody to just to enjoy and have fun. That's what it's all about."

When asked what it meant to be celebrating in her restaurant eight years to the day after a tornado brought the building down around, and on, her, Spears laughed as she replied, "I'm glad to be here! But yeah, everything's great. I just love Cullman and love the people in Cullman."

The celebration featured kids' games, face painting, carnival-style rides, a car show and live music from the Cotton Pickin' Kids.

Co-owner and son of the Queen Bee, Kyle Spears, shared, "I really appreciate all the support this community has given us over the years; I'm very thankful for that, and I just hope everybody has a great time today."

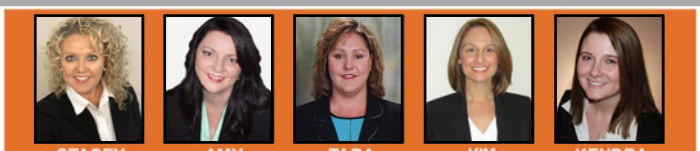
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OPINION

Always Reforming: 'meet & greet' or life in community

Tom FIllinger
Tribune Columnist

It is known in many church circles as "meet & greet." This is typically a 3-4 minute interruption in the service in which people wander around shaking hands and asking, "You doin' alright?" The purpose is ostensibly to make folks "feel welcome." OK, that is not a bad idea.

However, I will offer another less admirable and generally unknown reason for this exercise in pseudo hospitality. By engaging in this ritual, it enables people to claim, "Our church is a friendly church." I have never known of a church that wanted to be known as an unfriendly church!

There is a substantive and rational basis for my aversion to this routine which is a part of most evangelical church services. Dr. Thom Rainer, president of Lifeway Research Group, completed formal research on this activity.

The result was this: 83% of those who responded stated that they virtually hated this. Not merely disliked, but hated. That is a strong and very compelling reason to ask, "Why do churches perpetuate an activity that the vast majority of people openly declared that they hate?" Churches rarely if ever evaluate what they are doing in any objective manner. I appeal to church leaders to evaluate everything they are doing at least once a month. Very few do and they are irritated and worse when asked to do so.

This article introduces a series on Life in Community. The New Testament provides a host of one another commands. These are commands. They are always found expressed by an imperative verb form.

They are not options. They are not pick and choose issues. They are commands to be obeyed and applied in the church on a consistent basis. They are at the heart of Jesus' declaration that the world will know that we are his disciples by the way we love one another.

Failure to live in obedience to these commands is a glaring and obvious reason why the world is not attracted to the church and to Christ.

Back to my aversion to "meet & greet." I suggest that the "meet & greet" routine relieves people of the biblical obligation to truly relate to one another in a manner that produces ongoing life transformation. We are to know one another beyond the "You doin alright?" shallowness given expression in 3-4 minutes and then nothing until next Sunday. The following from the pen of Dietrich Bonhoeffer captures the importance of genuine Life in Community:

Human love lives by uncontrolled and uncontrollable dark desires; spiritual love lives in the clear light of service ordered by the truth. Human love produces human subjection, dependence, constraint; spiritual love creates freedom of the brethren under the word. Human love breeds hothouse flowers; spiritual love creates the fruits that grow healthily in accord with God's goodwill in the rain and storm and sunshine of God's outdoors. The existence of any Christian life together depends on whether it's succeeds at the right time in bringing out the ability to distinguish between a human ideal and God's reality, between spiritual and human community. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Life Together," p. 37).

So, the question is this: Is the church that you attend a "meet & greet" assembly, or a place where the one another commands of the New Testament are lived out with passion and persistence?

Rose (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, U.S. Army Capt. Gary Michael "Mike" Rose will be the special guest speaker at tonight's Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Citizens' Academy graduation ceremony. The event will take place at 6 p.m. at Temple Baptist Church (30 County Road 1184, Cullman, AL 35057)

Rose was a Green Beret medic serving with the 5th Special Forces Group serving in long-undocumented operations in Laos as a member of the top-secret Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group (MACVSOG, often referred to as MAC-SOG). On a four-day mission, Rose's unit found itself already under fire before its helicopters even landed. Repeatedly placing himself in the line of fire and even boarding a crashed and burning troop transport helicopter to tend the wounded, Rose brought home all but three men of a 136-man force, though almost half were wounded, some multiple times.

His nomination for a medal would have to wait until the U.S. government went public with its involvement in the secret Laotian war. The process began in the late 1990s, taking almost 20 years until August 2017, when Rose received a phone call at his home.

Rose was presented the Medal of Honor by President Donald Trump in October 2017.

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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
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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

LEGAL

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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:

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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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Club (from Front)

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – The Key Club of Holly Pond High School (HPHS) is working to remember its founder and longtime sponsor Bob Palys through acts of service and fundraising for Children's of Alabama. This Wednesday, May 1, HPHS Key Club members will be hosting a Swamp John's dinner from 3:30-6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Plates will be $12, and a portion of these proceeds will go to Children's of Alabama in memory of Palys and his son, Matt Palys.

Palys was the HPHS Key Club sponsor for almost 30 years, continuing to serve in that post even after his retirement from teaching.

In a letter to The Tribune, students from the Key Club wrote, "He dedicated his life to helping and serving others. The Holly Pond Key Club is striving hard to honor Mr. Palys' legacy of service through many service projects and by raising money for Children's Hospital of Alabama in memory of Mr. Bob Palys and Matt Palys.

"This past year, 75 members of the Key Club raised $2,448 for Children's through T-shirt sales and a silent auction. Key Club also partnered with the Holly Pond Elementary, Middle and High Schools to collect supplies and donations for the victims of the Lee County tornado.

"The members also joined with Ms. Melba Palys to prepare and serve breakfast for the veterans from our community for Veterans Day. The Veterans Day Breakfast has been a tradition for many years and has continued after Mr. Palys' passing.

"Key Clubbers also decorated pumpkins to raise $380 for the UNICEF Elimination Project. The members participated in an elementary mentoring program called 'Bronco Buddies.' This program was made to provide children that are struggling academically or with their home lives a 'big sibling' to talk to.

"Some of the other events Holly Pond Key Clubbers have participated in are the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, the Oktoberfest Dog Show and the Special Needs Rodeo and Field Day. Caleb Knedlik had the honor of serving as Division 4 lieutenant governor this past year and Josie Harbison will serve as the lieutenant governor for the upcoming year. Both are members of Holly Pond Key Club. All members of the Holly Pond Key Club are active servants for the Cullman community."

Andy Palys added a quote from his late father: "It takes very little effort from you to change someone else."

Facing a challenge to Key Club statement of faith

Part of the proceeds from the fundraising dinner will help HPHS students attend the International Key Club Convention this summer in Baltimore, Maryland. A plan is circulating in Key Club circles to bring a motion to the convention floor to remove the phrase "and God" from the Key Club Pledge. The current pledge reads:

"I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and God; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions."

HPHS Key Club Vice President August Floyd told The Tribune, "The majority of the members in our club are going to vote against taking God out of the Key Club Pledge. Many of us are devoted to our beliefs. If the International Key Club Board takes God out of the pledge, we feel this action will ultimately take away for our commitment to serve others as we serve our God. We are in the process of raising money so that we can attend International Convention to speak out against this plan. Each school is allowed to have two voting delegates, and if we have enough people to speak against this proposition, then we can prevent it."

According to HPHS Key Club sponsor Chelsie Alldredge, representatives of local Kiwanis Clubs, Key Club's parent organization, have already sent letters to Key Club International opposing the proposed change.

At a glance

Holly Pond High School Key Club Swamp John's Dinner

- Wednesday, May 1, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- HPHS lunchroom, 160 New Hope Rd. in Holly Pond
- Proceeds to go to Children's of Alabama and expenses for students attending the Key Club International Convention

Stars Fell on Alabama (from Front)

I think that we give examples of it, but I don't know what is the intangible thing about this state that causes so much wonderful art to come out of it."

The show

Wallace State Technical Director Noah Carpenter explained that the show is going to incorporate new tech and fun features, including a huge array of fixed and moving lights, and a state-of-the-art projection system putting images on a multi-surface backdrop instead of a single flat screen, akin to the projection systems used in live park productions at Disney World.

Carpenter shared, "We're adding so much that we've never had before. We've always tried to add a couple of different lighting effects, and especially for the Singers show, because it's a 'funner' kind of high-energy show.

"So we've added a couple of LEDs in the past, or last year they did some LED effects on the stage, but I don't think we've ever added this many fixtures onstage in addition to what we've already got. I think we've got 45 to 50 added fixtures in the theater and moving up the theater.

"Samuel Hewitt is our student lighting designer who's working on the show with me. Him and T.R. (Richter) and me, we've kind of worked on an immersive experience from the time you walk in to the time you walk out, so there won't be that kind of dead time pre-show. As soon as you walk in the front doors of the theater, the experience starts right then with some of the movers and some of the LEDs that we're bringing in, and then the environmental projection that we're using onstage. We'll be able to do all kinds of really fun, really cool things with that that we've never been able to do before, too.

"The lights: the number is new, but with the environmental projection, that's something that I don't know a show in the Cullman County area has used yet, so that's something that will be brand new to everybody."

Richter said, "It's going to feel like you're going to a concert/party/play; I mean, we're going to have a little bit of everything in it, so I think everyone will have a good time.

"The thing I think also that makes this pretty unique is that, most of the time when choirs or bands do concerts, we do other people's music. And we are doing that, but usually use other people's arrangements of music. But for a lot of this stuff, because we were arranging it for band or for choir, we just had to arrange ourselves. The kids came up with original monologues.

"So most of what you see in this show is going to be Wallace State-made, and that's why we're really proud of it, because instrumentally, vocally, the monologues, we had a hand in everything. And so, that makes it very original and unique to what we do.

Taking the show on the road...to Europe!

This summer, "Stars Fell on Alabama" will tour Germany and France, as Richter explained:

"It's me and 70 of my closest friends going to put on a show in Europe! And we're starting in our sister city of Frankweiler, of course.

"Once again, it's kind of a unique trip, because the company that we're working with, they're not used to a band and vocal thing happening together in a variety show kind of format. So we're really excited to take this to Europe because, number one, Europeans love to hear American music. They don't love it as much when we come and try to do European music. They want us to do the music that was made and grown here. So we're excited about that.

"We're also excited about taking this group of students because, I think out of 60 or 70 of them, two of them have been to Europe. This is a really big deal for them. We're going from Germany all the way across France, Strasbourg and Paris, but then we're going to end up in Normandy and do a memorial recital there. And it ends up being the 75th anniversary of D-Day, so there are a lot of really interesting things that we get to celebrate."

The final word

Richter shared, "We're not going to play all of the songs that you like, but you will like every song that we come up with. (The audience is) not going to hear every one of their favorite songs, but they're going to walk out with a new favorite song!"

At a glance

"Stars Fell on Alabama" at Wallace State Community College

- Presented by Wallace State Fine and Performing Arts
- Betty Leeth Haynes Theater on the Wallace State campus
- Thursday, May 2 through Saturday, May 4, at 7 p.m. each night
- Suggested donation of $10, $5 for students

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Wayne Milton Heaton, 67 of Cullman passed away on Friday, April 26, 2019. Wayne was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He loved spending time and doing things with his grandchildren who lovingly called him PawPaw. He enjoyed working on cars and Auburn Football. He loved going to flea markets and spending his mornings eating at Jack's He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Gladys Umphrey Heaton. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Deborah Baker Heaton; son, Jeremy (Tammie) Heaton; daughter, Amanda (Jacob) Tolbert; grandchildren: Ryan Weaver, Spencer Heaton, Westen Tolbert, Natallie Heaton, Makenlee Heaton and Kolton Tolbert and brothers: Charley (Carol) Heaton, Ronnie (Minnie) Heaton and Byron Heaton. His family will receive friends on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The Celebration of Life for Wayne Heaton will be held in the chapel of Moss Service on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 11 a.m. with Bro. Scott Guthrie officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Valley Springs Cemetery.

Michael Dennis Naler, 55 of Cullman, passed away April 26, 2019 at his residence. He was born September 26, 1962 to parents Dennis and Francis Hoffman Naler. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, Tammy Naler; son, Michael Scott (Jessica) Naler; two daughters, Christy (Kenny) Gilzine, Beth Taylor; grandchildren, Mackenzie Naler, Lilly Gunn, K.J. Gilzine, Christian Naler, Bridgett Chandler; and two brothers, Jeff Naler and Craig Naler. The family will have a memorial service at a later date.

Patricia (Pat) Scott Johnson, age 68, of Southside (Gadsden) passed away Saturday afternoon, April 27, 2019. She was born in Cullman County to John Rayford and Edith Amos Scott. Pat and her husband drove long-haul truck together as a team. Pat was a member of Redan Baptist Church. She is predeceased by her parents; brother and sister-in-law, Ricky and Mary Scott. Survivors are husband, Aaron Johnson; daughters, Stephanie (David) Chambers, Shannon (Britt) Randolph, April (Jeff) Pruitt, and Nicole Johnson; brother, Ronnie (Sandy) Scott; sisters, Gail (James) Holcomb and Lynn Tankersley; grandchildren Blair Pruitt, Jackson Chambers, Mason Harris, Morgan Harris, Camilla Chambers, Tyler Pruitt. Funeral Service will be at Redan Baptist Church 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 2019 with burial in Holly Pond Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 2 p.m. prior to service and continue until service at 4 p.m.

William Alexander Corey, 67 of Arley, formerly of Rhode Island, entered into rest on April 28, 2019 at his home. He was born on November 20, 1951 in Rhode Island. A private memorial service will be held at a later time.

Funeral Service for Danny "Donnie" Ray Weaver, age 67, of Cullman, will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Lonnie Goodwin officiating; interment in Simcoe Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Weaver passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Cullman Regional. He was born October 13, 1951, to C. B. and Mary Estelle Weaver. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tammy Weaver; brothers, Leon Weaver, Billy Ray Weaver, and Marvin Weaver; and sisters, Judy Bennett and Esther Baker. Survivors include his wife, Carol Weaver; daughters, Connie Weaver and Kayla Weaver; son, Donnie Weaver; stepson, Donald Stone, Jr.; grandchildren, Chasity Nasworthy, Jordan Munn, Ashlynn Hale, Cierra Munn, Colton Waldrop, Tucker Waldrop, Issac Weaver, Brooklyn Weaver, Mason Weaver, and Jebediah Weaver; great-grandson, Ciaran Terry; brother, Wendell Weaver; sisters, Eva Mae Stone, Edith Ballenger, and Linda Goodwin; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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2019 Strawberry Festival sees record attendance

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This year's Cullman Strawberry Festival not only marked the 80th anniversary of the event, but will also likely turn out to be the biggest Strawberry Festival in recent years. Just two years ago, only 1,300 gallons of strawberries were sold, but 2018 saw a surge to around 2,500 gallons sold to a crowd of approximately 15,000. This year, both of those numbers were put to shame: by midafternoon, farmers had already sold 4,000 gallons of strawberries, and by 7 p.m., Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism (CP&R) Executive Director Nathan Anderson estimated that around 20,000 visitors had come through the festival, with fans still coming in to see entertainment headliner Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

A Festhalle full of produce, Depot Park full of vendors, a wide selection of food to eat and plenty of kids' activities, combined with beautiful weather, kept the crowds coming in throughout the day.

In the evening, Anderson told The Tribune, "It's been a great day; the traffic has been strong all day long. We could not be happier with the weather and how everything came together.

"The music, the entertainment, all the food vendors, kids' activities; everything just came together great!"



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Entertainment headliner Nitty Gritty Dirt Band had crowds still coming in as the sun went down.

Mandrell (from Front)

Is this your first time visiting Hanceville or Cullman County?

Mandrell: Yes, but I've been to Alabama a lot for different events. Hanceville is fun. I got to meet the people at the meet and greet, walked through the town and been to the civic center where we set up a few things. It's just going back in time. It feels like, especially being here today where everyone knows me because I'm appearing here, when we used to do the show when you walk in and your friends and new friends are all feeling still like family is really cool.

Mandrell on being accessible to her fans:

I've always just gone shopping or do whatever I did even when the TV show was going on. We were known really well then. I remember right after the show had aired, because people say there was a 40 million viewing audience. Louise and I went to Disneyland while we were out there because we were raised in California. When we were kids, we went to Disneyland a lot. So, we went and people recognized us at Disneyland and Louise was like "Wow! That was fun! We've made it and this is cool!" We love people and we love people to know us because it makes it feel like they are part of our family because we are a family. We were a family show. Everyone got to know our family and we kid just like everyone does in their family.

Were there ever any sibling rivalries?

We would disagree once in a while. Really not even often. Our daddy was our manager. He was also a World War II veteran and policeman. Both parents were hard-working. My mom was a musician. We had so much in common and raised the same way because we were together all the time, even on the road. We just had the same opinion. It seems like almost all the time we had the same opinion. When they would do a big production show or something, like Louise is now in California getting ready to do a big dinner show, "Calamity Jane," a big production. She would have Barbara there and both would walk around with a legal pad making notes of the show and things they should change. I guess constructive criticism and each person would go "Oh yeah, I wondered about that and wondered what you would think." It was something like that. Not even disagreeing just trying to help each other. It was never to tear anybody down. We were competitive if it was cards, trap or sporting plays. We all do shotguns and sports and stuff. But not (competitive) when it came to business.

So nobody tried to be the standout?

Well Barbara really was already when we did the TV show, and Louise and I were part of her band. I get it now, but I was so young as a drummer and we would work county fairs or state fairs together and stuff. While Barbara was getting ready to do interviews like we are doing now, Louise and I were out riding roller coasters and eating corndogs and stuff and I felt sorry for her. I didn't get it. I always just wanted to play drums and be the best drummer I could be. Then later years, a photographer wanted to do some pictures and I got interested in doing some modeling and went in there and did some different things. I was lucky. It's not like I was a runway model. I'm not tall enough. Then when the show came about, Barbara just called and asked, "Would you like to do a national television show with Louise and I? You'd be doing some drumming and some dancing." I was like, "Yeah!" I always wanted to learn to dance and we had never danced before then. It was just God sent. It was just a blessing from God.

Did you have a favorite guest?

Bob Hope was incredible, and Danny Thomas. I was raised on the road doing shows with big artists, so I knew a lot of them and of course I was impressed with them, Conway and Loretta and Jerry Lee Lewis. I had never met people from TV shows I grew up watching as a kid so they were important to me. Phyllis Diller, I actually got to do a comedy skit with her, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans. We did a barroom scene where they had breakaway bottles and chairs that was choreographed. Dale was just sitting there singing as we're fighting around her. It was amazing. I can't believe I was there doing that. Good memories and lucky to have it on tape.

You were also on "Hee-Haw"?

I did the last eight years of "Hee-Haw," and it was fun going in. We had just finished our show and I was just being a spokesperson and traveling and doing that stuff. I stayed in California to do some acting lessons because I love acting, but I got to guest star on "Hee-Haw." I already knew a lot of the people who were regulars, but when guest starring, I got to know the rest. Sam Lovullo was the creator and he was Italian. I went in with dad and we were talking about me going in and having a spot because I wanted to go in with my own spot. I was a "Kornfield Kounty operator, can I help you???" Then I said, "One problem, I want to start a family." Sam says, "Are you kidding? I'm Italian. I love children. What do you think the cornfield is for?" With the operator spot, I would look bigger but I had the wrap around they had on me or a shawl. I had my two oldest children while I was on "Hee-Haw." It was just wonderful.

How many children do you have?

I have three. I had the two while on "Hee-Haw." Deric will be here today playing drums. Vanessa, who couldn't be here today. She's a great singer, but she also has her regular job, with the Online School Firearms Technology and she is a liaison between companies for the school. The NRA is going on so she's working there and that's important for her other job so Vicki Lynn said she would sing some harmonies today. My other daughter (Christina) sings with me when she can. She's also a wedding planner and she has a wedding this weekend. I have the three and I have a granddaughter now. My youngest daughter got married the other two aren't married yet. My granddaughter is 2 ½, named Blakely.

As Mandrell left to rehearse for her show, the crowd was building outside as Nashville recording artist Maxwell prepared to get the concert underway. Originally from Georgia, Maxwell performed a great set of classic cover songs that the audience loved. As a special treat, area church members, including Hanceville Mayor Kenneth Nail, dressed in choir robes to accompany Maxwell as she concluded her set with "I Can Only Imagine."

One of the next stops for Maxwell will be in Chattanooga on June 1 for the Riverbend Festival.

She said, "They have a whole a week of huge entertainers. Lionel Richie will be there one night and Keith Urban another night.

"We will be the same night at Keith Urban." Maxwell has a new CD available with a new single she recorded last week named "Butterfly." She added, "We didn't get to do it today but we hope to have it out there very soon."

McCarver and his band played next with his unique blend he has dubbed "Outlaw Gospel." McCarver was a member of the popular group Confederate Railroad.

He explained to the crowd, "All the glory goes to God because I've been sober since March of 2013. When we pull up and get out of the vehicle or the bus, some people look at us and they don't really think of us as being saved.

"We look a little different than your average Christian. I don't think the Lord cares what none of us looks like. I believe when we get to heaven one day, we are going to be all kinds of different folks up there and the Alabama fans or gonna have to put up with Tennessee fans. I sobered up and changed my whole life and wrote some gospel songs. I went to Nashville and I met some people from the Christian music industry. I took these songs I had written and I played them for them all and this guy listened to them and said 'Man, your lyrics are a little too serious.' I had a line in my song where I had contemplated killing myself. He didn't like that. He said, 'You sound a little to outlawy and you look a little too rough.' Just two weeks ago, Zach and I went and played a Baptist church and we had three people saved. I decided to call what we do Outlaw Gospel and as far as I know, you are looking at the only Outlaw Gospel singer in the whole wide world."

McCarver then sang his rendition of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and crowd loved it.

Following his set, McCarver met and posed with pictures with the fans. McCarver has a new song released Monday and a new album, "Blessings." The new single is titled "These Hands" and it's a duet with John Schneider. McCarver performed the song for the first time publicly at the Hanceville show. The song is available for download on iTunes.

McCarver said after the show, "I had a great time. I love these little towns. I'd rather play these little towns than the big towns anytime."

He continued, "I'm actually producing an album for John Schneider. That's what I'm doing Monday. He's recording a few gospel songs I have written. Then next weekend I have a show with the Georgia Satellites and one with Guy Penrod."

McCarver joked, "My momma says he's the Sam Elliot of gospel music. My mom says, 'He looks like Sam Elliot. He's so pretty.'"

Finally, Mandrell took to the stage and with her son Derec on drums. The crowd was having a great time. Mandrell then introduced her guitar player, Mike Watkins. Watkins sang lead on a few songs and was an instant crowd favorite.

Everyone The Tribune spoke to really appreciated the hard work the city and organizer Nolan Bradford put in to get the city ready and all the preparation for the concert.

Bradford said, "We wish we had more people but there are many other events we are competing with today. This is our first year having events like this and I think it will continue to grow."

Nail echoed Bradford, saying, "We are trying very hard to offer something for everybody."

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