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‘Clothed in Cullman’ raises more than $18K for Curt’s Closet



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Ashley Wilson with student volunteers who wore Curt Wilson’s Cullman High School baseball jersey number at the inaugural Clothed in Cullman event Saturday.

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Check that receipt!

Some area stores collecting repealed half-cent tax; corrections underway

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After the Cullman County Commission voted to enact a half cent sales tax increase on March 12, local businesses began preparing their computerized cash registers for the change; after the Commission repealed the tax on April 23, some of those businesses apparently didn’t get the message. Shoppers have reported that a few area retailers are charging the extra half percent, despite the repeal, so folks are encouraged to check their receipts when making purchases.

The sales tax in unincorporated areas of Cullman County is 8.5%, and it’s 9% in incorporated municipalities. According to Cullman County Commissioner Garry Marchman, businesses have been notified about the repeal, and some have not been able to correct the amounts, yet. Some corporate franchise businesses like Wal-Mart and others may have to get authorization from central offices in other states before they can make the change.

Marchman assured, “One thing that I wanted to let people know is that businesses--local businesses--are working on that.

″So, if they go into a business and they do see (an incorrect) charge to their tax, they can go back later, and I feel like all the businesses will be more than willing to take their receipt back, and they will be more than willing to give them their money back on the taxes.

“Be patient with the local businesses. It was something that we put in place, and now it was a change, and the businesses had already prepared to do it, so now they’re having to go back and change again.”

The new tax was set to go into effect May 1.

2nd annual Kids’ Summer Showcase Tuesday

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CULLMAN, Ala. – There’s always the same question when the school year comes to an end: What are the kids going to do over the summer? For ideas, visit the second annual Kids’ Summer Showcase Tuesday, May 7 at the Cullman Civic Center from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. There is no charge.

The Showcase brings multiple organizations together in one spot, giving parents and caregivers the opportunity to walk through and get information from each one, all in one trip.

One of the event organizers, Joey Orr, shared, “This is our second year offering this Summer Showcase. Last year was a great success!

″It was wonderful for organizations to be able to share what they have available to children in Cullman County.

″It is also a huge support to parents as they are able to pick up information about summer programming for their children in one location. We are excited to offer this service again this year and we hope many people will take advantage of the event.”

Booths will highlight available summer camps, Vacation Bible School programs from churches, outings, activities and many other events around the Cullman area.

Organizations participating include: Grace Chapel, Cullman Regional, Daystar Kids, TheraPlay Pediatric, Genesis Performing Arts, Courtney’s Dance Artistry, Cullman United Soccer Club, Cullman City Schools Summer Feeding Program, North Alabama Agriplex, The Link of Cullman County, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Vinemont First Baptist Church, Cullman City Head Start, McCluskey Millworks and Gifts, The Factory Dance Productions, Encore Rehabilitation, Cullman High School, Seventh Street Baptist Church, Flourish of Cullman, Vinemont First Baptist Church, Northbrook Baptist Church, Liberty National, and Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism.



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TRAFFIC ALERT

Crews to repair I-65 guardrail at Lacon Tuesday-Thursday, May 7-9

Seth Burkett
ALDOT

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) advises motorists that crews will be repairing guardrail on Interstate 65 northbound just north of Exit 318 (U.S. Highway 31) at Lacon in Morgan County from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, Tuesday, May 7 through Thursday, May 9, if weather permits.

The northbound outside lane and shoulder will be closed during work hours. Please expect delays. Be prepared merge left and reduce speed.

PET OF THE WEEK

You’ll love Lucylou!

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



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Lucylou

Lucylou is a 1-year-old terrier mix, jet black with a tiny white flash on her chest. She’s a perky-but-not-crazy medium-energy pet who enjoys human companionship. With her wonderful temperament, she has the makings of a great companion or even therapy dog.

Ruttkay told us, “This darling little girl is as sweet as sugar.”

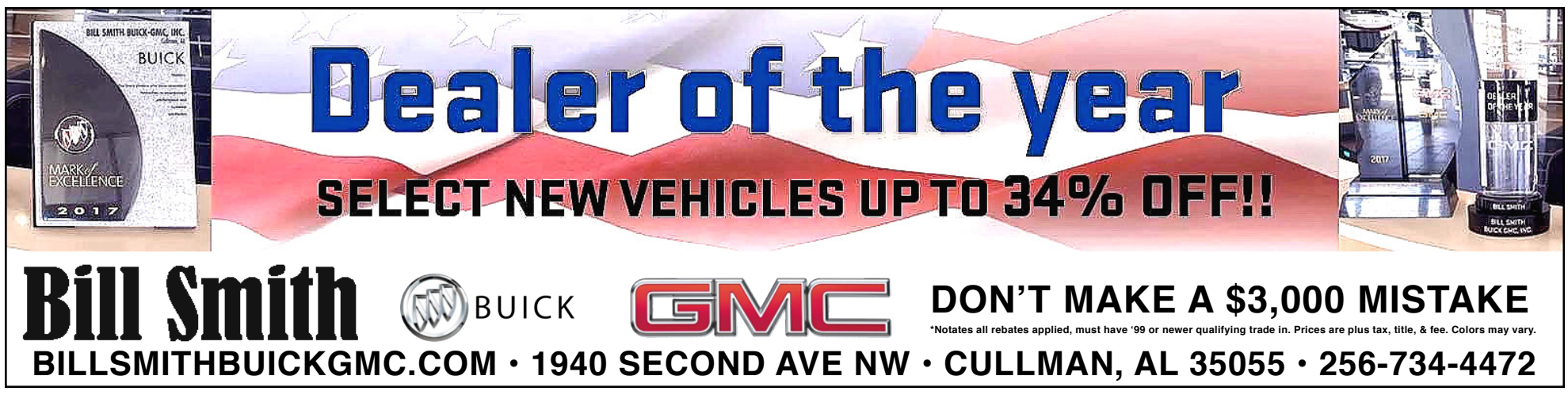
Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior.

Several of the shelter’s dogs have even been “hired” to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Lucylou’s adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, spaying, microchip, free 30-day health insurance policy issued by 24PetWatch (with valid email only) and a free bag of food from Cullman Pet Depot (you must pay sales tax).

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

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



Cullman woman killed in I-65 crash

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman woman was killed early Saturday morning in a three-vehicle crash on Interstate 65, 1 mile east of Dodge City.

Christina Marie Hopper, 30, was pronounced dead at the scene by Cullman County Coroner Jeremy L. Kilpatrick.

Alabama State Troopers said the wreck happened at 4:42 a.m. when the 2003 Toyota Camry Hopper was driving collided with a vehicle being towed by a 2001 Nissan Frontier.

Hopper's vehicle was then struck by a 2001 Toyota Camry. Hopper was not wearing a seat belt.

The drivers of the other two vehicles were not injured.

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

Arrests and incidents reported May 6

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 6, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
May 2
- harassment; CR 1742
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 473
- burglary; CR 813
- unlawful possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 437
- theft of property; CR 1683
- harassment; CR 747
- theft of property; CR 1141
- domestic violence; CR 998
- burglary; CR 1373

May 3
- harassment; CR 677
- criminal mischief; CR 504
- theft of property; CR 312
- harassment; Apple Grove Rd.
- theft of property; Hwy. 278 E
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1447

May 4
- harassment; CR 1242
- domestic violence; CR 634
- harassment; CR 1373
- violation of a protection order; Scott Dr.
- domestic violence, criminal mischief; CR 715
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Cupp Rd.
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, attempting to elude a law enforcement officer; Hwy. 278 E

May 5
- theft of property; Hwy. 91
- criminal mischief; Harbison Dr.
- burglary; Scott Dr.
- criminal mischief; CR 1135
- theft of property; CR 1568
- domestic violence; CR 702
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 437

ARRESTS
May 2
Cammon, Michael Eugene, 54
- GJ- second-degree assault
- GJ- second-degree domestic violence

Chambers, Michael Allen, 37
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Chandler, Tony Dale, 48
- GJ- first-degree theft of property

Chappell, Sonya Olivia Sharee, 25
- third-degree robbery

Elkins, Desirree Marie, 33
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

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

Lot, Joshua Gerald, 28
- GJ- first-degree kidnapping
- GJ- first-degree robbery
- GJ- trafficking in cannabis

Lowery, Douglas Edward, Jr., 24
- GJ- first-degree attempted theft

Lynn, Donald Joe, Jr., 28
- GJ- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Marshall, Dani Marie, 26
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)

Maze, Christopher Blake, 29
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- possession of drug paraphernalia

McCraw, Bradley David, 31
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Smith, Marcus Dewayne, 40
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

May 3
Kidd, Jacob Aaron, 22
- probation violation – third-degree burglary

Knight, Brandon Sr., 36
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Roberts, Tina Hancock, 46
- probation violation – second-degree theft of property

Smith, Tommy Jacob
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – third-degree assault

Thursby, Whitney Nicole, 31
- attempting to elude

Watson, Dylan Bryant Lavelle, 24
- probation violation – first-degree robbery

Whitson, Courtney Louise-Mae, 33
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument
- probation violation – first-degree theft of property

May 4
Aldridge, Dana Jean, 39
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Billings, Kevin Dwayne, 46
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Cooper, Michael Morris, 45
- fourth-degree theft of property

Eidson, Roger Dennis III, 36
- attempting to elude
- DUI – any substance
- tampering with physical evidence
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hammond, Andrew Mark, 26
- FTA- possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance

Haynes, Toni Nicole, 18
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Kelso, Dustin Anthony, 28
- FTA- tag light required

Lyons, Charles Coe, 25
- FTA- carrying a pistol without a license
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Moody, Nicholas Cameron, 20
- FTA- youthful offender
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (6 counts)

Purdy, Nathan Wayne, 33
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Shelby, Robert Dewayne, 47
- public intoxication

Webb, William Marcus, 32
- probation violation – unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

May 5
Allison, Larry Ray Jr, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Fisher, Lauren Jennifer-Marie, 28
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- speeding
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Godfrey, Allison Marie, 21
- third-degree domestic violence

Millican, Jody Mark, 43
- public intoxication

Prakelt, Tabitha Lynn, 44
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Tanner, Heather Nicole, 32
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Walker, Jylisa Marie, 29
- GJ- illegal possession/use of credit/debit card
- GJ- third-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 3
- first-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; '89 Mazda; $800
- third-degree burglary; person; Elizabeth St. NE; miscellaneous; $327
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '12 Ford Explorer; $1,000
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $131

May 4
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; St. Joseph Dr.

May 5
- third-degree theft of property; person; 5th St. SW; debit card; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree theft of property; person; Main Ave SW; phone; $1,000
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Lessman Cir. SW

ARRESTS
May 3
Parson, Jordan N., 18
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

Lynn Jr., Donald J., 28
- FTA- fourth-degree theft by deception
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Swafford, Aaron C., 31
- DUI – any substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Jones, Patrick E., 32
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

May 4
Kelso, Dustin A., 28
- FTA- driving without a license
- FTA- expired tag (2 counts)

Reece, Christopher A., 46
- DUI

Acosta-Hernandez, Eduardo, 25
- second-degree possession of a forged instrument

Ransom, Crystal H., 27
- FTA- insurance violation

May 5
Richards, Derek K., 29
- DUI

Lancaster, Jordan L., 23
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- insurance violation

Smith, Jr., Kenneth W., 42
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Moody, Nicholas C., 20
- FTA- failure to register vehicle
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- third-degree criminal trespassing

Hanson, Phillip T., 55
- third-degree domestic violence

Wisener, Amanda M., 41
- third-degree domestic violence

Hale, Drew C., 30
- FTA- improper lane usage

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 7- 9

TUESDAY, MAY 7

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

Holly Pond Town Council Meeting
7 p.m. at the Guy Hunt Library and Museum

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Holly Pond Schools Spring Festival
6:30 p.m. (Organizers suggest getting there by at least 6 to get a seat) in Felton Easterwood Gym. This year's theme is Disney. Kindergarteners through fifth graders will be preforming.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

Dodge City Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Dodge City Town Hall

Heartland Quilt Guild Meeting
The Heartland Quilt Guild will meet at 6 p.m. at Cullman Electric Cooperative training room, 1749 Eva Road, Cullman. Program: Three Hens and a Chick quilt shop. Refreshments served, visitors welcome.

UPCOMING...

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 of 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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of *
JEFFREY BOYD, * **CASE NO.: PC2019-034**
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Lucas Andrew Boyd as Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Jeffrey Boyd, deceased, on the 3rd day of May, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE THIS THE 3rd DAY OF May, 2019.

Lucas Andrew Boyd,
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Administrator with Will Annexed

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MAJOR LEAGUE FISHING

Arizona's Dean Rojas wins MLF Bass Pro Tour Stage 5 event on Smith Lake

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The world's 80 best anglers spent the past week competing on Smith Lake in Major League Fishing's (MLF) Bass Pro Tour Stage Five event but by Sunday morning only 10 were left in the field. After reeling in 30 bass for a Sunday weight of 47lbs, Arizona's Dean Rojas was the man on top of the podium at Depot Park Sunday afternoon to receive the championship trophy and a $100,000 grand prize. The win on Smith Lake was the fifth win of Rojas' career and his 58th top 10 finish.

Rojas jumped out a big lead in the first period Sunday morning after taking advantage of excellent conditions and going back to an area he's been familiar with all week.

"That morning bite was so crucial, and I knew that it would be going into today. We had ideal conditions this morning; we had overcast with a slight breeze and the area I was fishing in had a lot of bait and a lot of fish. It's an area that I practiced in and ended up going there in the shotgun round and the elimination round so this morning I rolled up there and looked there and we started busting 'em so I figured I'd start there and all of a sudden they were just everywhere," Rojas said. "So, the key for me was trying to figure out which bait to throw because I needed something that I could catch them on really quick."

Even after putting together a strong early period, Rojas knew that he'd have to make some adjustments throughout the day, and he was able to do enough to pull away with the win as the day progressed.

"I had to mix it up to catch all those fish in the first period and then as I sat there during our break going into the second period, I kind of started settling down and I knew at that point I needed to change and try to do something else. So, I ran all my other stuff and got a couple of bites doing that but really the damage was already done, and I knew that if I could just go out and catch a few more here or there," Rojas smiled. "I didn't want to press or run anywhere, I just wanted to settle down and fish as hard as I could and try to catch as many as I could around the area I was fishing."

Rojas believes that those adjustments on the water were the biggest key to him pulling off this win. He saw the conditions on Smith Lake change throughout the week but stayed on top of it well enough to claim the trophy in downtown Cullman Sunday afternoon.

"It really changed from our practice rounds. We had a lot of warm days, the temperature raised about three or four degrees throughout the week and that changes the fish. It changes their dynamic and changes everything about that," Rojas said. "It's just a matter of evolving and we had great conditions today and I was able to find an area that I could bounce around in and fish shallow and then fish deep for the spotted bass when I needed to do that. It changed a lot of things throughout the week and I was just lucky enough and fortunate enough to stay in front of everything and sit in front of you fine folks here today with the win so I'm really excited."

FINAL TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

- **1st place: Dean Rojas – 47lbs. ($100,000)**



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Arizona native Dean Rojas celebrates on-stage with the championship trophy after winning MLF's Bass Pro Tour Stage 5 event on Smith Lake Sunday afternoon.

- 2nd place: Brent Chapman – 40lbs. 14oz. ($42,000)
- 3rd place: Michael Neal – 34lbs. 15 oz. ($30,000)
- 4th place: Jason Christie – 32lbs. 6oz. ($24,000)
- 5th place: Todd Faircloth – 32lbs. 2oz. ($18,000)
- 6th place: Mark Rose – 29lbs. 14oz. ($16,800)
- 7th place: Brent Ehrler – 26lbs. ($15,600)
- 8th place: Dustin Connell – 24lbs. 14oz. ($14,400)
- 9th place Mike Iaconelli – 17lbs. 14oz. ($13,200)
- 10th place: Fred Roumbanis – 10lbs. 1oz. ($12,000)

STATE TRACK MEETS

Saints, Lady Saints finish as 1A runners-up, state track & field wrap-up

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CULLMAN, Ala. – They had to work through a quick schedule to dodge the rain but when this year's 1A-3A State track meet was over, St. Bernard's boys and girls were both holding red maps. The Lady Saints finished behind Falkville after scoring 74 points and the boys came in behind Falkville as well after posting 32 points.

St. Bernard head track coach William Calvert was happy to see both teams perform the way they did on this stage after running into some adversity early in the season.

"We had some injuries early in the year, a lot of sickness with the flu early in the year but I'm really proud that they stepped up at the right time," Calvert said.

"That's what I expected but they delivered and every year they just always do their best at state."

St. Bernard has consistently been in the hunt on the state level in track and field and Calvert credits that to the work ethic of the kids that make up the program each year.

"Our kids are dedicated to our program, to working hard and to work consistently hard over several months to get here.

"We started with our distance runners back in June, so they do it throughout the year and you know sometimes it doesn't work out and you don't get a trophy but this year we did," Calvert said.

"I'm really proud of our seniors and the entire team of course. They're very eager to be excellent. They really want to do their best in everything they do, and it shows."

See below for results from both the 1A-3A State meet in Cullman and the 4A-7A meet in Gulf Shores. Top eight finishers in each event count towards total team score. Top three finishers receive medals.

St. Bernard Boys (1A Runner-up)

- John Christian Rose, Ian Sidley, Nikolas Borths, David Kim – 3rd place 4x400-Meter Relay (3:40.25)
- Caleb Guthery – 1st place 800-Meter Run (2:02.78)
- Caleb Guthery – 1st place 3200-Meter Run (10:44.58)
- Caleb Guthery – 2nd place 1600-Meter Run (4:46.11)
- Joseph Arriaga – 3rd place 1600-Meter Run (4:49.60)
- Joseph Arriaga – 3rd place 3200-Meter Run (10:53.80)
- Joseph Arriaga, Caleb Guthery, Joey McCarthy, Francisco Tona – 2nd place 4x800-Meter Relay (8:52.52)
- John Christian Rose – 1st place Triple Jump (43-02.25)
- Joey McCarthy – 4th place 3200-Meter Run (11:03.63)
- Nikolas Borths – 5th place 300-Meter Hurdles (44.05)

St. Bernard Girls (1A Runner-up)

- Gracie Loyd – 2nd place 100-Meter Hurdles (16.75)
- Gracie Loyd – 2nd place Long Jump (16-02.75)
- Gracie Loyd – 3rd place Triple Jump (33-11.00)
- Gracie Loyd – 2nd place 200-Meter Dash (27.57)
- Emma Powell – 2nd place 1600-Meter Run (5:44.81)
- Emma Powell – 2nd place 3200-Meter Run (12:36.31)
- Emma Powell, Adrian Smith, Aria McMillan, Claire Sanders – 1st place 4x800-Meter Relay (10:58.05)
- Emma Powell – 5th place 800-Meter Run (2:39.94)
- Claire Sanders – 5th place 1600-Meter Run (6:06.60)
- Claire Sanders – 5th place 3200-Meter Run (13:32.91)
- Aria McMillan – 6th place High Jump (4-04.00)
- Claudia Fallin – 8th place Discus (77-05)
- Adrian Smith – 7th place 1600-Meter Run (6:18.33)

Meek (1A)

- Jaycey Bowling - 1st place Pole Vault (9-00.00)

Cold Springs Girls (4th place Class 2A)

- Aubrey Negron – 2nd place Shot Put (32-03.50)
- Aubrey Negron – 3rd place Discus (93-02)
- Ashleigh White – 3rd place 800-Meter Run (2:31.32)
- Ava Akridge, Brooke Crider, Allison White, Reagan Parris – 2nd place 4x800-Meter Relay (10:39.03)
- Kinley Campbell – 7th place Javelin (99-03)
- Kinley Campbell – 5th place Shot Put (29-05.50)
- Kinley Campbell – 5th place Discus (87-03)
- Ashleigh White – 7th place 1600-Meter Run (5:47.01)
- Reagan Parris – 6th place 3200-Meter Run (12:39.62)
- Reagan Parris – 8th place 1600-Meter Run (5:52.06)
- Brooke Crider – 8th place 800-Meter Run (2:38.47)
- Brooke Crider, Ava Akridge, Katie Jewell, Ashleigh White – 6th place 4x400-Meter Relay (4:35.64)

Cold Springs Boys (5th place Class 2A)

Trentan Williams – 3rd place 800-Meter Run (1:59.74)

- Cole Akridge, Seth Walker, Aaron Spurger, Trentan Williams – 2nd place 4x800-Meter Relay (8:33.27)
- Mason Harris – 2nd place 110-Meter Hurdles (16.01)
- Mason Harris – 3rd place 300-Meter Hurdles (42.43)
- Trentan Williams – 5th place 1600-Meter Run (4:42.49)
- Seth Walker – 6th place 3200-Meter Run (10:38.36)
- Hunter Calvert – 5th place Pole Vault (10-00.00)
- Cole Akridge, Trentan Williams, Aaron Spurger, Mason Harris – 6th place 4x400-Meter Relay (3:37.66))
- Cole Akridge – 7th place 1600-Meter Run (4:52.36)
- Cole Akridge – 8th place 800-Meter Run (2:06.39)
- Jonathan Collett – 7th place 3200-Meter Run (10:40.96)

Addison (2A)

- Sunny Snoddy – 4th place Javelin (101-06)
- Destiny Walker – 4th place Long Jump (15-01.00)

Holly Pond (3A)

- Camilla Chambers – 3rd place 1600-Meter Run (5:42.68)
- Kirsten Campbell – 7th place High Jump (4-06.00)
- Ashley Duke – 7th place Discus (85-03)

Vinemont (3A)

- Emily Cheatwood – 4th place Triple Jump (33-11.50)
- Emily Cheatwood – 5th place 100-Meter Hurdles (16.99)
- Brilee Wasilewski – 4th place High Jump (4-08.00)
- Kanasta Daniel – 5th place Javelin (110-06)
- Kanasta Daniel – 7th place Shot Put (30-03.50)

Fairview (4A)

- Dylan Garner – 2nd place Discus (152-06)
- Dylan Garner – 8th place Shot Put (42-02.50)
- Kole Robinson – 5th place Discus (133-02)
- Molly Freeman – 5th place Pole Vault (8-00.00)

Good Hope (4A)

- Tommy Fetters – 6th place Pole Vault (11-06.00)
- Matt Schwaiger – 7th place Javelin (147-05)

Cullman (6A)

- Bailey Hayes – 4th place Discus (158-05)
- Ivy Edge, Colette Whitney, Jennifer Aviles, Della Kelly – 5th place 4x800-Meter Relay (10:25.03)
- Caroline Hollingsworth – 7th place High Jump (5-00.00)
- Nic Glass – 7th place Long Jump (21-08.50)
- Jennifer Aviles – 7th place 3200-Meter Run (12:18.20)
- Will Thompson – 8th place 3200-Meter Run (9:48.72)

PREP SOFTBALL

Regional Tournaments coming up this week for local teams

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Five local squads are headed to regional tournaments this week after their strong showings in their area tournaments and each one is looking for a spot in Montgomery. Meek, Good Hope and Holly Pond will head to Tuscaloosa for the West-Central Regional Tournament while Cullman and West Point travel to Florence for the North Regional Tournament.

CLASS 1A

Meek (Area 12 Runner-Up) vs. Marion County (Area 9 Winner): Thursday, May 9th at noon.

The Lady Tigers finished as runners-up in the 1A Area 12 tournament last week and punched their ticket to the West Central Regional Tournament in Tuscaloosa with a walk-off win over Decatur Heritage.

Meek has relied on a powerful offense all season to get to this point, but Marion County has won three straight and is averaging 15 runs per game in that stretch.

It'll take some strong defense and pitching for the Lady Tigers to take this one and advance, along with their high-powered offense.

CLASS 3A

Lexington (20-6) (Area 16 Winner) vs Holly Pond (9-14) (Area 13 Runner-Up)

The Holly Pond Lady Broncos rolled past Vinemont 13-6 in their Class 3A, Area 13 opening game but fell to New Hope 10-0, dropping them down to the loser's bracket.

Holly Pond then dominated Brindlee Mountain 17-8 before falling to the Lady Indians in the area championship game 11-1.

The Lady Broncos are bringing a deep lineup with them to the regional tournament, led by Madison Heatherly, Taylor Simmons, Madyson Rickman and Lexy Smith to name a few.

They, along with some young talent on the roster, will look to make some noise in their opening round game against the Area 16 winner, Lexington, on Thursday at 9 a.m. at Coffee O'Neal Park in Florence.

In order to pull off the upset, Holly Pond will look to get some solid at-bats from their whole lineup, and their pitching staff will have to keep a high-octane Lady Bear offense in check.

CLASS 4A

Talladega (Area 9 Runner-Up) vs. Good Hope (29-9) (Area 12 Winner): Friday May 10th at 3 p.m.

Good Hope dominated their Class 4A, Area 12 tournament, defeating Fairview, 5-1. They rolled past Ashville 16-0 in the next round before taking down the Lady Bulldogs once again 9-3 to clinch the area championship.

The Lady Raiders have a stacked lineup full of veterans with some young talent mixed in there as well, and Sidnie English has helped lead the way on the mound, piling up wins throughout the season and she has a great defense to back her up as well.

They will take on the Area 9 runner-up, Talladega, in the West Central Regional next Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. at Bowers Park in Tuscaloosa.

In order to move on to the next round, the Lady Raiders will just have to continue doing what they've been doing all season; play great defense, put runs on the scoreboard and be efficient on the mound.

CLASS 5A

Hamilton (10-17) (Area 15 Runner-Up) vs. West Point (22-17-1) (Area 14 Winner): Friday, May 10th at noon.

The West Point Lady Warriors took down the no. 2 seed, Guntersville, 17-7, in the opening round of its Class 5A, Area 14 tournament. They fell to Brewer in the next round, 5-4, dropping them down to the loser's bracket. West Point rolled past Arab 13-3 and Brewer 11-1 before taking down the Lady Patriots in the championship game 11-8. They have a mixture of veterans and young talent on this team and are peaking at the right time, having won six of their last seven games.

They've gotten some clutch at-bats from Makayla Brown, Lexi Shadix, Molly Pendley and Gracie Abbott, to name a few, and they've also gotten some gutsy, clutch performances by freshman pitcher Carlie Wilkins.

The Lady Warriors will take on the Area 15 runner-up, Hamilton, next Friday at noon in the North Regional at Coffee O'Neal Park in Florence, and will look to clean up their defense, continue their hot hitting, and Wilkins needs to continue to do her thing on the mound if they want to advance to the next round.

CLASS 6A

Cullman (18-25) (Area 14 Runner-Up) vs Athens (25-14) (Area 15 Winner): Thursday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m.

The Cullman Lady Bearcats started out the Class 6A, Area 14 tournament by defeating Decatur, 4-2 but fell to Hartselle 15-5, dropping them into the loser's bracket. The Lady Bearcats took down the Lady Red Raiders in a rematch 11-10 in a back-and-forth match-up, before dropping the area championship game to the Lady Tigers 9-5. Cullman has gotten some big performances from some great young talent this season like Carlie Burnham, Ashlen Heatherly, Savannah Davis and Faith Guest to name a few, and from their veteran players as well, like Alex Stansell and Sydney Holder.

They will take on the Area 15 winner, Athens, next Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the North Regional at Coffee O'Neal Park in Florence. The Lady Bearcats will look to get some quality at-bats from their young lineup and some more solid pitching performances from Holder and Olivia Hudson if they hope to move on to the next round.

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Good Hope High School pageant winners



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Good Hope High School Fair Queen Representative Pageant winners - (Left to right): Miss Congeniality Bethany Bynum; Talent Winner and Fair Queen Representative Hanna Hancock; and 1st Alternate Brooklyn Ward



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Heritage Pageant winners - Back row, (left to right): 1st Alternate and Most Photogenic Jesse Kent; 2nd Alternate Sidnie English; Academic Winner and Miss Congeniality Riley Smith; Miss Congeniality Bethany Bynum; and People's Choice Winner Savanna Derrick. Seated is Miss Heritage Bella Davis.



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Heritage Princess - (Left to right): 1st Alternate, Academic Winner and People's Choice Winner Lona Shelby; Miss Heritage Princess and Most Photogenic Zoe Vincent; 2nd Alternate Victoria Hassler; and Miss Congeniality Cassie Overton



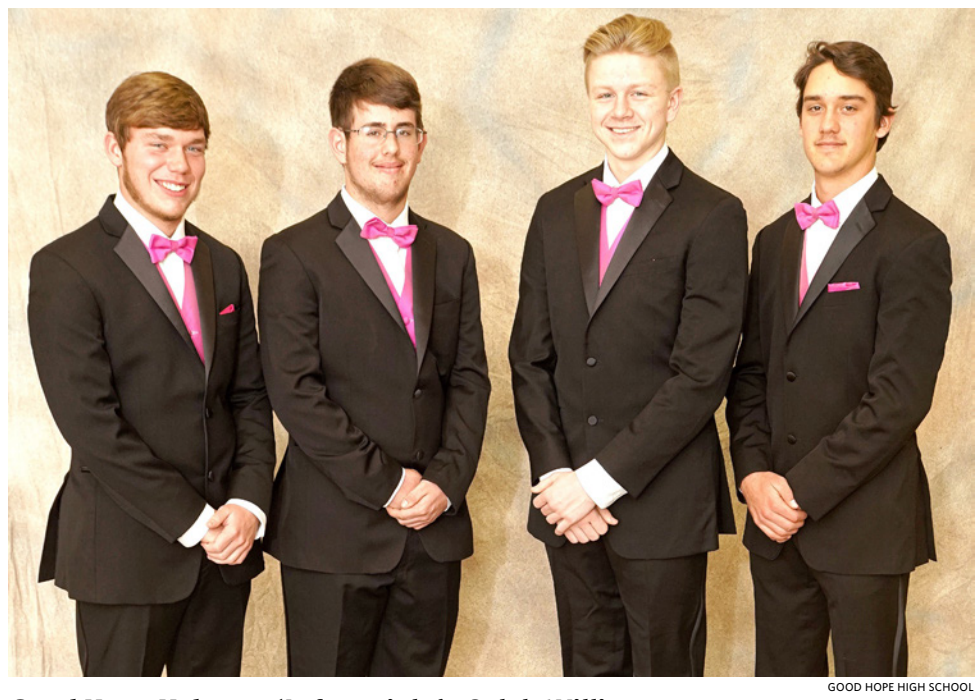
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GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope Ushers - (Left to right): Zayne Welborn, Tripp Taylor, Justin Crumpton



GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL

Good Hope Ushers - (Left to right): Caleb Williams, Billy Halbrook, Dawson Turner, John King

Teach a Child to Fish Day a hit at Sportsman Lake

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Sportsman Lake Park was full of young anglers Saturday morning for Pond Hopper Nation's Teach a Child to Fish Day with Major League Fishing. The weather cleared up in time for families to come out and enjoy a day of fishing and an opportunity to meet and learn from some of the best anglers in the world. Kids were given their own new rods and reels for the special day.

Albert Talafuse, founder of Pond Hopper Nation, was excited to see so many come out for the event.

He said, "We've been doing this for three years, but this year, we made a little partnership with Major League Fishing to tour with them.

"We've been hanging out with them and that's how we ended up here. We've done the last three events with them. We do these all over the country. Cullman's been the biggest turnout or the most registered. We had 340 kids register, but I'm not sure how many have shown up."

It was Talafuse's love of fishing that inspired him the create Pond Hopper Nation.

He explained, "The goal was to spread the love of fishing. Me and my buddy Roy Hawk, we hosted our first Teach a Child to Fish Day. When we hosted that, we had 156 kids come and it was very rewarding."

With more kids than registering for Saturday than expected, the organization was a little short on rods so Talafuse had to reach out in hopes of having more donated before the event.

Werner's, Mary Carter Store and Van's Sporting Goods helped by donating more rods so all kids could fish.

It was a great morning for fishing and the kids were seeing success early and often. Emily Glover was at the lake with her family.

Pro Angler Britt Myers patiently taught Glover how to cast, and within minutes she had caught her first fish of day. She was ecstatic about the fish and equally as excited, Myers joined her for pictures before releasing her catch.

Less than 10 minutes later, Glover had her second fish hooked and on the bank. This one even bigger than the first.

Myers kept a close eye on all the kids and made sure to help as many as possible. He took a break to talk about the importance of events like these and recalled his days fishing as a kid.

He said, "You know, driving over here, I was thinking about the time when I first remember catching a fish or not really catching a fish, but being on a pond and seeing fish.

"That always intrigued me. I can remember down the road from where I grew up, there was a little pond.

"I wasn't even supposed to be there actually, but I used to walk down there and walk around and no one really showed me anything. I didn't figure much out, but what I did learn, I taught myself. Just catching a fish is so much fun."

Myers doesn't remember the first fish he caught but he does remember his first time on the water.

He laughed, "I can remember specifically my mom getting me a rod and reel and I was hung up and I reeled it really really really tight.

"I let it go and it went right out into the lake and I lost it. I remember that!"

Myers also spoke about how his career as a professional angler came to be, sharing, "I fished a lot of tournaments and I enjoyed fishing tournaments, but as a kid, I never thought I would even have an opportunity to fish professionally so it wasn't really a goal.

"But as I started fishing tournaments, I fished a tournament series called The Open event just to see how I could do against the pros and I did really well, and qualified for a professional tour, took a shot at it and here I am.

"So it wasn't as a kid I dreamed of it because I didn't even think it was possible."

Most of the kids were having a great day catching blue gill when all of a sudden, a young girl reeled in a nice bass.

Kaylee Pair from Vinemont couldn't wait to show Myers her big catch and show it off. After a few pictures, Pair released her fish and continued to try for more.

Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs and Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson helped as the kids arrived at the Veterans Pavilion.

Anderson thanked Cullman County Parks and Recreation for allowing the event to take place at its facilities, saying, "It's been a great joint effort. We couldn't have done it without them."

Jacobs said of the park full of young anglers, "This is what it's all about. Bringing on the next generation!"



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Kaylee Pair, 6, poses with pro angler Britt Myers and shows off the bass she caught at Sportsman Lake Saturday morning.

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Clothed in Cullman (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Hundreds of Cullman-area residents turned out at the Cullman Civic Center Saturday to shop, eat and show their support for Ashley Wilson and her free clothing boutique, Curt's Closet. At "Clothed in Cullman," tables were set for a good-sized crowd, based on ticket pre-sales, but with people lining up to pay at the door, volunteers were already putting out extra tables within minutes of the official event opening.

At that time, Wilson told The Tribune, "This is our first annual, and the turnout is overwhelming. I appreciate everyone coming out and supporting Curt's Closet. The crowd is overwhelming. We're actually having to get more tables at the moment because we have more people, and that's amazing! I'm not complaining!"

Wilson continued, "We have so many sponsors, there's no way I could even start to thank everybody. We have over $11,000 in silent auction items. We have tons of door prizes. Southern Eats is here with delicious food. Our main sponsor is Traditions Bank; we do want to thank them, because they were a huge contributor to Clothed in Cullman.

"Because of this community, this turnout is what it is and what Curt's Closet is today, because of this community and the support. Just looking around at everybody that's here shows me that I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing, and everyone is backing me. It's a great feeling and I appreciate everybody so much."

Helen Lewis reported after the event that Clothed in Cullman raised more than $18,000, sharing, "We could not be more overwhelmed and thankful for the support of our community."

Born from tragedy

Curt's Closet was founded by Wilson in memory of her son, Curtis "Curt" Wilson, who was killed May 7, 2017 in an automobile accident when the car driven by Ashley Wilson was struck by a vehicle driven by Bradford Meeks. Meeks, found to have been intoxicated at the time of the crash, is awaiting trial for reckless murder and other charges.

Clothed in Cullman was held on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the accident. Ashley Wilson wrote about the founding of Curt's Closet: "Curt had a gift for loving others with the love of Christ... he brightened any room he walked into and touched many lives with his sincere care and concern for others.

"His wit and humor made everyone he came in contact with walk away smiling! I want to continue his gift of love by lessening the burden of the expenses that parents face each year as their children go back to school and throughout the year. In doing so, we collect donations of gently used/new clothing, shoes, backpacks and lunch boxes. There's no greater gift I can give in memory of my son than that of making a difference in the lives of those in need. It's what Curt would want... to make life a little easier and make people smile."

A slide show running during the event included testimonials from clients.

One read: "I don't think words adequately express how grateful I am to have found Curt's Closet in a time when I really needed it the most.

"I have several children and getting them all clothed for school is quite a challenge. Not only did I receive clothes from Curt's Closet for my children, but they were very NICE clothes, something we could never have been able to afford otherwise.

"It gives my children a sense of confidence to be able to go to school and not feel like the 'hand me down' kid. I grew up not having this opportunity and it makes me feel good to be able to provide them with that.

"I really want people to know that this is a great service and greatly appreciated by those in this community who have benefited from it."

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OPINION

Always Reforming: One Another Commands

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Today we continue the series on the **One Another Commands** of the New Testament.

As a nation we completed a National Election in 2016. In January of 2017 we witnessed the transfer of leadership, an exercise in civil government that is rare when considered on a global scale. As Christians we have much for which we must be thankful. God has taken me to 27 countries around the globe and I am always glad to come home to the USA.

On my daily radio program, "A Different Perspective," which airs at 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday on WKUL 92.1 FM, we have considered the multiple dysfunctions of the church. We started with convincing evidence that 94% of American churches are declining. Tragically this fact is denied by the vast majority of people in the church, including those charged with leadership. Research states that the Southern Baptist Convention will close 40% of its existing churches by the year 2030. We also considered the characteristics of a healthy church. We are focused on the reformation and renewal of the church in Cullman County and across the USA.

The recent election process resulted in the church having the continued privilege of the exercise of the Freedom of Religion, not merely the deceptive Freedom of Worship as proposed by those who label it "progressive," which is a misnomer of monumental proportions. Now the church is faced with the question, "What will we do with the opportunity before us?"

In this series it is my purpose to confront professing Christians with a responsibility that is largely ignored. I refer to the One Another Commands stated in the New Testament.

Notice I said **COMMANDS**, not options. Not choices. Not responsibilities to embrace or not as you may decide. The consequence of disobeying or obeying these commands is significant.

The conduct required by each of these functions is an imperative. An imperative verb in the New Testament expresses a command.

The effectiveness of the church is in many ways contingent upon the obedience of God's people to these commands. The watching world is weary of what it claims is hypocrisy on the part of Christians. There is a measure of truth in the accusation.

The concept of One Another is rooted in the basic nature of the Body of Christ. That nature is "Life in Community." Being a Christian is not a "Lone Ranger" endeavor. Some try to excuse their responsibility in this area by saying, "I am just a very private person." Well la dee dah. That does not excuse you from living in obedience to these commands.

So back to that ritual known as "Meet & Greet." Now you have some insight into why Life in Community is vital and must not be replaced by a lesser endeavor that has no exegetical basis in the New Testament.

The church MUST repent of her dereliction and disobedience. The effectiveness of ministry in the marketplace and the Glory of Jesus Christ is at stake. "Just Do It!"

Cullman Relay For Life raises more than $14K

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Cancer survivors take their lap around the Cullman County Fairgrounds Friday evening at Relay For Life.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Hundreds gathered at the Cullman County Fairgrounds Friday evening for the 2019 Relay For Life event to celebrate cancer survivors, honor caretakers and remember those whose lives were lost to the disease. Through fundraising efforts by more than 30 teams, along with an onsite raffle, the event raised more than $14,000.

Cullman's Relay was part of a season-long event which has raised more than $90,000 to date, and the season isn't over yet. Fundraising for the current campaign will continue until the end of June.

Event coordinator Gail Crutchfield told The Tribune, "We were very pleased with the turnout, and thankful for everyone who came out to support us on Relay night. And then, everybody who worked before and supported us, either through sponsorships or volunteering with their teams, raising money for their teams, in-kind donations as well; all that's greatly appreciated, because it helps in our overall goal of funding research and services for cancer patients."

More than 30 teams have participated in fundraising efforts throughout the season. Top contributors include Topre America, REHAU, Kris' Kornerstone, The Rack Pack, Hermetz, Cash Acme, Team CCSO (Cullman County Sheriff's Office), Merchants Bank of Alabama, General Dynamics GIT and Wallace State Community College. Organizations and businesses fielded teams, including both area Wal-Mart stores, Seventh Street Baptist Church, Serta Simmons Bedding, Hope Riders, Panera Bread Company and many others.

Boozefighters Motorcycle Club, which began its association with the American Cancer Society 11 years ago to honor a member diagnosed with cancer, presented the organization a $5,000 check. Over the years, according to Boozefighter representative Lockup, the club has raised and donated more than $100,000 to the war on cancer.

The raffle, featuring 156 items and gift cards from more than 70 donors, was sponsored by the "Minions of Magic" team and raised $2,575.

Driven by volunteers

Cullman's local Relay group has a liaison from the American Cancer Society, but according to Crutchfield, "Everything else is all volunteer efforts through local committee, and we have a wonderful committee who works pretty well together to bring us all together."

An inside perspective

CCSO IT Systems Administrator Rebekah Cash served as the master of ceremonies for Friday's relay. In a note to The Tribune, she shared what Relay For Life means to her:

"Relay For Life is very important to me. I believe that cancer is a horrible disease that needs to be eradicated. This will only be done with research and development of new medication. My grandmother, Addie Messersmith, died from cancer. My aunt, Clovine Messersmith, is in remission. The community has lost several people in the last few years to cancer. Arvel Allison, Timmy Puckett, Matt Osborn and Tim Collins, just to name a few. Relay For Life is the fundraising component of the American Cancer Society. Without us supporting research and therapy, there is no telling the advancements that may not have been achieved.

"When I'm trying to raise money, I hear people say that they aren't a local organization and they won't put their money outside of the community. My response to them? First off, we don't have a local research hospital. Without their researching and testing, we would not have new medications, therapies or less invasive treatment options. UAB is the closest research hospital to Cullman and several of our dollars have been used to create medicines there that have made an impact on our residents.

"When most people in our community find out they have cancer, where do they go?

"To these cancer research facilities for the latest and greatest treatments. Who funds those? We do. Secondly, there are assistance programs through the American Cancer Society if you reach out. Assistance from free housing at cancer treatment locations (Hope Lodge), travel to/from treatments, Look Better Feel Better campaign (helps those with image issues during or after treatment to feel normal again), and several other programs that are available. For more information about ACS or the programs they offer, please go to www.cancer.org or call 1-800-277-2345 for more information.

"At our local Relay, we try to make the time enjoyable. We celebrate the survivors who have or are fighting cancer. We mourn the ones who we have lost. We thank the caregivers that made the fight more bearable through love, friendship and support.

"Our community is very supportive of our mission and it shows from the turnout that we had last night and the monies that have been donated.

"I know I said this several times last night, but I want to thank everyone again, from the volunteers to the teams to the survivors to everyone that was a part of this year's Relay. It was truly amazing."

What's it about?

While a memorial to those lost to cancer, the event celebrated survivors, honored caregivers and offered participants an opportunity to laugh with those who wanted to laugh, cry with those who needed to cry, play with those who were ready to play and enjoy the fellowship of a community of people who understand each other.

Folks walked the path around the fairground midway, took turns on the mechanical bull and various games, listened to music by gospel quartet Living Faith and a few musicians who came with teams, and heard inspirational messages from survivors and caretakers. There were contests for team banners, tents, T-shirts, lip syncing and things downright silly and just plain fun.

Elena Caudle, author of the "Serendipitous" books that are distributed each Christmas to kids spending the holiday in Children's of Alabama and other Birmingham-area medical facilities in a program begun by childhood cancer survivor Levi Bates (See www.cullmantribune.com/2018/12/24/team-levi-spreads-christmas-joy/), is team captain of the "Minions of Magic."

After welcoming the Minions and a two-time survivor who obviously came dressed for fun, Caudle shared: "That crazy gal in the purple tutu and pom-pom antennae makes my heart smile all over the place! SHE'S the reason! And 16-year-old warrior and survivor Levi Bates is the reason! And Colton Evans, who didn't see his 18th birthday, is the reason! And the millions of people who hopefully someday will never have to fight that battle against cancer because WE came together to do our part to fund research: they're the reason we Relay!"

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3- Wallace State Community College

Tent Site
1 - Hope Riders
2 - Yutaka
3 - Hanceville Nursing Home and Rehab

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1- Wal-Mart South 670
2- Yutaka
3- Kris' Kornerstone

Bra
1- Wal-Mart North 7280
2- Hope Riders
3- Kris' Kornerstone

Boxer Shorts
1- The Rack Pack
2- Wallace State Community College
3- Team CCSO

Spirit Stick
1- Hope Riders
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1- Team CCSO
2- The Rack Pack
3- Hope Riders

Spirit Points
1- Team CCSO
2- Kris' Kornerstone
3- The Rack Pack

Get involved

Cullman County Relay for Life teams are still raising funds for the American Cancer Society in a campaign that will run until the end of June. To join a team, make a donation or get more information, visit http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLCY19SOR?pg=entry&fr_id=91569 or www.facebook.com/RFLCullmanAL/, or visit the American Cancer Society's site at www.cancer.org.

CULTURE

The past comes alive at Good Hope's Alabama Bicentennial Festival

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – The rich history of Good Hope was celebrated Saturday at the There's Good Hope in Alabama Festival. The students and faculty of Good Hope High School (GHHS) worked all year to make sure the festival was a success. The event was one of many celebrations taking place across Cullman County and the state this year commemorating the Alabama 200 Bicentennial.

A statement from the school explained, "The purpose of the project is to bring the school and the community together in order to forge relationships for the present and future as well as to recognize and exhibit the reverence to the history, people and entities of Good Hope's past. Our faculty, students, town leaders and community will work side-by-side to produce this project.

"This will serve as a lifelong guide for the students to understand the importance of community history and volunteerism. The school will work to instill pride and accomplishment in the students as they work to see There's Good Hope in Alabama to maturation. We will forever hold our bit of history as participants in the 200 Alabama Bicentennial."

The festival schedule had to be rearranged and altered a bit due to the stormy weather Saturday morning, but all the planned events were held. The Raider Run 5K was postponed to the afternoon and the cemetery tours were held in the school's band room as it was determined the cemetery grounds were too wet for heavy foot traffic.

Festival director Anita Whitlock and the students transformed the school's gymnasium into the Good Hope museum featuring the many people, places and events that shaped the city. Artwork by the students of Good Hope was also displayed throughout the museum.

Younger children were treated to a bouncy house in the gym and the GHHS cheerleaders offered face painting. The corn hole tournament was held in the gym's balcony.

A craft show was held in the hallways of the high school and the SGA hosted a Kat Daddy's BBQ lunch in the school's cafeteria.

The gym also served as the main stage for several special events held throughout the day. The opening ceremony featured Bailey Swann performing "The Star Spangled Banner." Swann also took the stage a few more times during the festival. Bethany Bynum also performed.

Two special ceremonies took place: Rep. Corey Harbison, R-Good Hope was honored for his contributions and leadership in Good Hope, and David Bice was recognized for his 37 years of service as the school's ag teacher.

The men each received special appreciation awards. Bice will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Bice said that he would miss the kids, then added, "I got a few things I'm looking at doing after I retire. I'm not just going to sit still."

History came alive in the band room as Good Hope students/actors waited to perform for the cemetery tours.

Each student learned of the lives and stories of former Good Hope residents who are buried in the Good Hope Cemetery.

The students wore costumes depicting the time period and personalities of the people they portrayed.

Making the project more memorable, surviving family members of many of those portrayed attended the performances.

A special performance took place Friday evening for the students' family members, as well as the family members of those the students chose to portray.

Bynum played young Wanda Coker, who was tragically killed in 1948 when she was struck by a car as she was on her way to school.

Lawton Farr played Charles Christopher Reyer, Jr.

Staying in character, Farr explained, "I was a military Confederate soldier in the war and I died in the war. I had four little girls and right before I left we had them. I was 31 when I died."

He added, "This was Mrs. Whitlock's idea, but we all kind of pitched in to help. We did one last night for the family members with a VIP reception."

As The Tribune sat with the actors prior to their first Saturday tour, the personal commitment the students demonstrated to the people they would portray was apparent. They were eager to share everything they had learned.



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The late Elwin Robinson (portrayed by Preston Seymore) poses for a photo with his wife, Sue Robinson, at Saturday's There's Good Hope in Alabama Festival.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, whose son Noah portrayed James Melvin (JM) Sanford, who owned "The Rock Store," said of the performance, "They did a great job. When I was a kid, probably 6 or 7 years old, we went to church in Good Hope and we always stopped at that Rock Store on the way to church.

"We'd go in there and get a snack or something, usually a pack of Certs. These kids will never forget this. It will be embedded in their minds forever."

Elwin Robinson and Fred and Ethel Robinson were three of the individuals portrayed by the students.

Their performance was attended by Sue Robinson. Elwin Robinson was her husband and Fred and Ethel Robinson were her parents.

She enjoyed meeting the young actors portraying her late family members and praised them for a job well done. Thanks to the actors, four generations of the Robinson family were represented Saturday as they posed for many memorable photos.

Whitlock was pleased with the day's festivities, saying, "We have had about 200-300 people sign our guest book, and everyone has done a great job."

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Jamie James Lawayne Quinn
Jamie James Lawayne Quinn of Hanceville passed away on May 2, 2019 at the age of 39. He was born Dec. 13, 1979 in Cullman to Rodney Wayne and Brenda Quinn. Funeral services are Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 2 p.m. at God's House of Praise with Pastor Jean Parson officiating. Interment will be in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Bremen. Survivors are: mother Brenda D. Newberry (Billy R. Ratliff), father Rodney Wayne Quinn, daughters Brittney Watkins, Lexi Quinn, sons Creed Knight, Braxton Bradley, sisters Kristy Self, Kendra Quinn, Tammy Quinn, Crystal Posey, brothers Jessie Swann, Elijah Haynes, grandchildren Serenity, Logan and Jonah Watkins. Visitation is Thursday at God's House of Prayer from noon until 2 p.m.

Guin Andrews (awaiting update)
Guin Andrews, 83, of Addison, entered into rest Sunday, May 5, 2019 at Folsom Health and Rehab in Cullman. Mr. Andrews was born on Aug. 28, 1935 in Winston County, Alabama and was a farmer most of his life. He was a member of Enmonfield Baptist Church for 38 years where he served as a deacon. He enjoyed family gatherings, cooking fish and chicken in the forest, and fishing. He was also a coon-hunter. He was known by family and friends as "Winkle and Wink." Visitation will be on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, Alabama with service to follow at 2 p.m. Brother Gary Driver and Brother Mike Turner will officiate. Burial will follow at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery in Upshaw. Mr. Andrews is survived by his sons, Jerry Guin (Meloney) Andrews, and Benny Ray (Brittney) Andrews; daughter, Karen Tucker; brother, Morris (Betty Sue) Andrews; "Paw Paw" to seven grandchildren: Andy Tucker, Dana Andrews, Allen Andrews, Jake Andrews, Jordan Rogers, Bridgett Andrews, and Kyle Denton; and seven great grandchildren: Easton Tucker, McKenzie Andrews, Beckett Andrews, Harley Andrews, Ryder Andrews, Anastasia Rogers, and Jedd Andrews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Magratha Andrews; his parents, John Henry Andrews and Eula Williams Andrews.

Melvin Talley (awaiting update)
Mr. Melvin Talley, 83, passed away on Monday, May 6, 2019. Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Christina Marie Cason Hopper
Christina Marie Cason Hopper, 30, was born on Nov. 19, 1988 and passed away on May 4, 2019. Visitation will be May 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home where a celebration of life will take place at 1 p.m.

Billie Jo Motes
Billie Jo Motes, 86, was born on Nov. 15, 1932 and passed away on May 5, 2019. A graveside service will take place Wednesday, May 8 at 3 p.m. at Cullman Memory Gardens.

Paul Dudley Freeman
Dr. Paul Dudley Freeman, DMD, 64, of Hanceville, died Sunday, May 5, 2019. Paul was a deacon at Northbrook Baptist Church, his beloved church. He was a graduate of Cullman High School, Birmingham Southern and UAB School of Dentistry. Dr. Freeman considered his staff and patients as part of his family. Paul was known as a generous man always willing to give of himself. He especially enjoyed spending time with his wife, children and his new granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his parents: L.D. and Doris Parker Freeman. Dr. Freeman is survived by his wife, Beth Mullins Freeman; daughter, Natalie Freeman; Son, Michael Paul Freeman, daughter-in-law, JaneMarie Freeman; granddaughter, Eliza Marianne Freeman; Father-in-law, Sonny Mullins: Mother-in-law, Hilda Mullins; brother-in-law, Stacey Mullins; sister-in-law, Stephanie Mullins; nephew, Austin Mullins and niece, Emily Mullins.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The celebration of Dr. Freeman's life will be Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Northbrook Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Cullman City Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Restoring Women Outreach and the Caring Center, two of Paul's favorite ministries at Northbrook Baptist Church. Please visit mossservicefh.com to leave condolences for the family. Moss Service Funeral Home Directing.

Randall Keith Blackwood
Graveside services for Randall Keith Blackwood, 52, of Cullman, were Monday, May 6, 2019 at Crossroads Cemetery with Tommy Blackwood officiating; interment in Cross Roads Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Blackwood passed away on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at his residence. He was born Feb. 25, 1967 to Jimmy C. and Linda Blackwood. He was preceded in death by his father, Jimmy C. Blackwood; grandparents, Shorty (Idois) Cook and Hunky (Bonnie) Blackwood. Survivors include his mother, Linda Blackwood; daughter, Jennifer Blackwood; aunt, Connie (Late J.C.) Cook; and uncles, Tommy (Shelia) Blackwood and Danny (Becky) Cook.

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Share Club donates $12,300 to local nonprofits

Paula Graham
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CULLMAN, Ala. – Share Club of Cullman is pleased to announce the 2018-19 Christmas Tour of Homes fundraising effort raised $12,300. These proceeds were shared with Hospice of Cullman County, The Good Samaritan Health Clinic and Restoring Women Outreach.

A special thank you is extended to the families of each of this year's host homes and to our local sponsors who help make this possible. We offer a heart-felt thank you to the Cullman County community for supporting this effort to make a difference for these organizations.

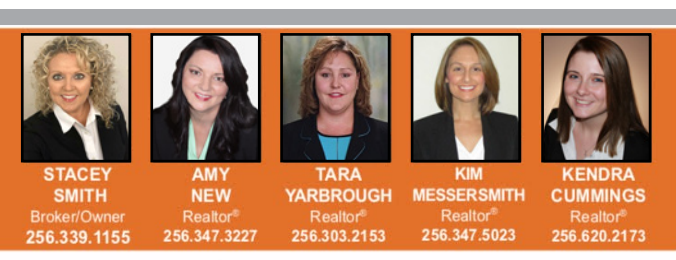
Dedicated to service, Share Club began in 1972. The club operates strictly nonprofit. Members consistently strive to serve their families, community and neighbors. Various fundraising activities have been conducted throughout the years, but The Christmas Tour of Homes has always been a favorite event of the Cullman community.



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Share Club of Cullman's Beth Caviness presents a donation check to Jolanda Hutson of The Good Samaritan Health Clinic.

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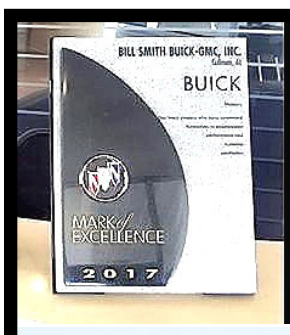
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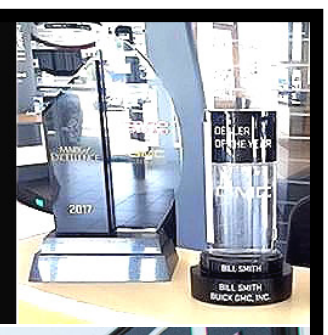


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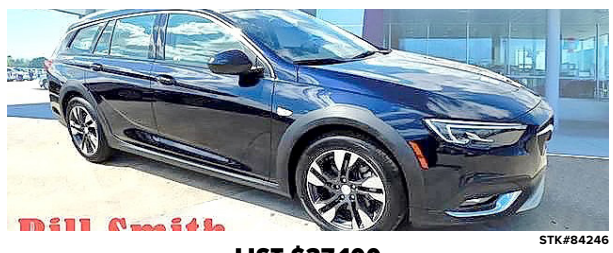
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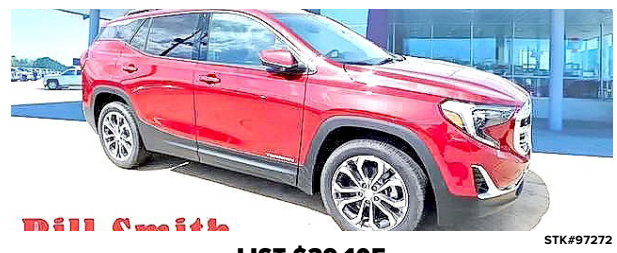
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