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Farming conference for veterans coming to Wallace State this Saturday

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – This Saturday, May 18, the Veteran Farmers Conference will take place at Wallace State Community College. Sponsored by The Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council, the conference will offer military veterans, active duty and reserve personnel an opportunity to learn more about therapeutic farming and sustainable agriculture.

The conference will introduce participants to therapeutic farming to address PTSD financial and technical assistance programs for small farmers, and sustainable small farming techniques and practices

In addition to presentations about farming projects and getting help from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, participants will also have the opportunity to learn more about Veterans Affairs and programs to assist victims » PAGE 4

EDUCATION

Hanceville's Alex Campbell named Cullman County Student of the Year



COURTESY OF THE FAMILY

Hanceville High School senior Alex Campbell

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Hanceville High School senior Alex Campbell was recently named the Cullman County Student of the Year by the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce. He was recognized this month at the Chamber's State of Our Communities event. He also received a scholarship from the Wallace State Community College Future Foundation.

The Student of the Year is selected from all Cullman-area seniors after a review of submitted applications. Campbell pointed out that he is the first student from Hanceville to win the award since 1995.

Hanceville High School Principal Jimmy Collins had nothing but praise for Campbell, saying, "He's a smart, athletic, friendly, well-rounded kid. He scored very high on his ACT, he's got a plan and a great personality to go with it."

Assistant Principal Brent Bartlett added, "He's a genuinely great kid. He is a friend to everyone and works hard at everything he does. He helps everyone, including the younger kids.

"He is incredibly smart, athletically gifted, as well as (having) an outgoing personality. Even when faced with obstacles, he has fought through them."

Campbell is a member of the Hanceville High School Math Team, SGA, president of his senior class and plays football, baseball and basketball for the Bulldogs. He's also helped organize different fundraisers, projects and school events.

He laughed, "One time we had this bake sale during a basketball game. I was on the basketball team, but I had broken my shoulder so I was just going to sit on the bench anyways. Everybody was in the stands watching the game. It was a big game and nobody wanted to sit there and work the bake sale so I was working the bake sale with my arm in this sling while the game was happening behind me."

Campbell was chosen by his school as Mr. Hanceville High School 2019 and helped organize his class prom at Brick Haven.

Campbell praised teacher Dana Lisle, sharing, "She's kind of been with me since I started high school because she's over the math team. We won state last year. Since I got in high school and met Ms. Lisle, I've been talking to her, and when I didn't have her in ninth grade, I was still talking to her a lot because of the math team practices. When I actually had her in 10th grade and 11th grade, she's just been a good influence. A positive influence."

He added, "Also Ms. Rachel Cone. She teaches here. She's an English teacher. She is just good. I'm not the biggest English fan. I'm more of a numbers type of guy, but I liked English class with Ms. Cone."

Campbell earned $73,000 in scholarships and will be headed to The University of North Alabama in the fall.

Smiled Campbell, "I'm thinking about doing some type of medical engineering or chemical engineering. Just some type of engineering because I like math and I like to problem solve. So, I figure that would be good for me. Also, I like the medical field, being able to help and take care of people so that just brings it all together."

As for sports, he added, "I am going to try to play baseball. I'm going to try out when I get up there and hopefully walk on."

Campbell is the son of Paul and Andin Campbell and has two younger siblings, Cassidy and Zachary.

PET OF THE WEEK

Say hello to Uncle Henny!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Uncle Henny

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

Uncle Henny is a 2-year-old hound mix described as an "over-sized beagle look-alike" with a stubby tail that may indicate a little mountain cur in his family tree. He's a friendly, medium-energy pet who's learning his leash etiquette and has the makings of a good outdoor hiking or companion dog.

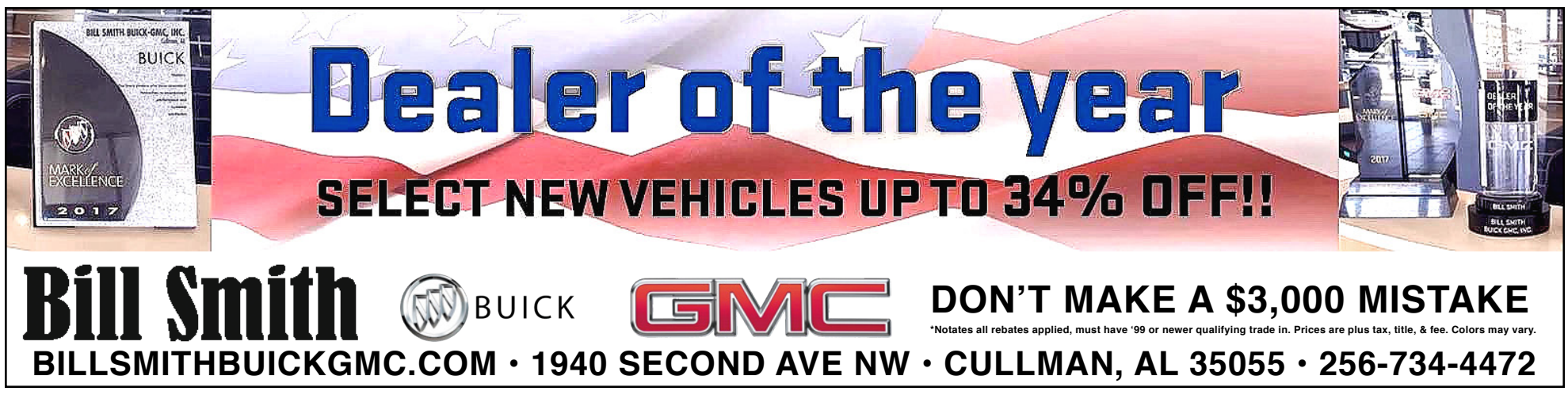
Animal shelter staff and volunteers work with their dogs to make sure they are accustomed to being around people, walking on a leash and practicing good behavior. Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

Discount doggie!

Uncle Henny has already been neutered, so his adoption fee will be substantially reduced. He also comes with a few "extras" thrown in, so be sure to talk to the shelter staff about what else you get when you take him home.

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.



Letter carriers collect 10K pounds of food in annual food drive

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The 27th annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive took place this past Saturday, with carriers in Cullman County picking up approximately 10,000 pounds of donated food on their routes. Staff from the United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) and Cullman Caring for Kids (which will receive the donations), along with post office staff, Monday morning helped load the goods that will help stock the food pantry.

UWCC Executive Director Becky Goff said, "This is a National Letter Carriers partnership, so all over the United States it happened. They got the bags and the people filled them up and put them in their mailboxes."

Calls continued to come in to the post office Monday from people who still had food to drop off or that didn't get picked up Saturday, so the total amount donated is expected to increase.

Goff addressed the post office staff, saying, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! We appreciate you so much and all you did this Saturday to help collect food for our neighbors here in Cullman County."

The 10,000 pounds of food were collected from eight city routes and 29 rural routes. Despite the rain, this year's food drive was the most successful the Cullman post office has experienced.

Local letter carrier Dale Black has been heading up the food drive for 18 years now; he shared, "It seems like we got two more of the large containers this year. We do it this time of year because the kids are getting out of school and they aren't getting the free lunches."

Some of the carriers picked up so many donations that they had to come back to the office in the middle of their routes to unload their trucks.

Postmaster Kapsey Lewis said, "I had probably 10 carriers who had to come back in the middle of their route and go back out. They don't mind at all.

"It can be the worst day, everything was falling apart Saturday, and they were still great. They are the best. I have worked at other post offices and they are the best."



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Letter carriers and representatives from United Way of Cullman County and Cullman Caring for Kids pose for a photo Monday morning. In front of them are some of the food items donated by Cullman County residents in this year's Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

The letter carriers enjoy the food drive despite the extra work it takes.

Lewis explained, "They don't mind. They know it goes to a good cause. They know it's local and to people they deliver to. We deliver to every house and they get to know the people on their routes."

After loading all the food on the truck headed to Cullman Caring for Kids, the nonprofit's Executive Director Javon Daniel said, "I am just tickled to death."

This time of year is when the shelves at Cullman Caring for Kids really need the boost.

With the kids soon to be home from school, many are home cooking for themselves. Daniel said dry foods such as cereal and easy to prepare food like macaroni and cheese are among the greatest needs throughout the summer months.

Find out more at www.cullmancaringforkids.com.

Arrests and incidents reported May 13

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 13, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

May 9
- domestic violence; CR 1218
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 248
- theft of property; CR 1568
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1114
- criminal mischief; CR 1250
- theft of property; Hwy. 157
- theft of property; CR 715

May 10
- domestic violence; CR 1755
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 222
- domestic violence; CR 1605
- theft of property; Fairview Rd.
- permitting dogs to run at large; CR 352
- criminal mischief; Wesley Ave.
- harassment; CR 395
- trespassing; Highland St. SE Hanceville
- domestic violence; CR 62
- burglary; CR 831
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; Cupp Dr.

May 11
- theft of property; CR 1558
- domestic violence; CR 738
- harassment; School House Rd.
- unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; CR 421
- illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 1755
- unlawful possession of marijuana; CR 463

May 12
- trespassing, criminal mischief; CR 609
- criminal mischief, harassment, menacing; CR 1474
- domestic violence; CR 991
- harassment; Hwy. 278 W
- burglary, harassment, trespassing; CR 1235
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; Hwy. 278 W

ARRESTS

May 9

Carter, William Landon, 26
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Creel, Patrick Scott, 43
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Lane, Brittany Luann Haynes, 29
- reckless endangerment

Lynn, Donald Joe Jr., 28
- injury/destruction of state property by convict or prisoner
- third-degree promoting prison contraband

McKinnon, Roger Kyle, 21
- GJ- first-degree theft of property

Michaels, Mathew John Ronald, 22
- FTA- driver's license not in possession

Millwood, Tori Brooke, 25
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Sansing, Jim Allen, 38
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Walker, Jackie Lee Jr, 23
- probation violation-first-degree receiving stolen property

Williams, Billy Leon Jr, 35
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- first-degree possession of marijuana personal use

May 10

Chapman, Melissa Shaunta, 39
- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- third-degree forgery

Harrison, Lindsey Leigh, 38
- probation violation-second-degree theft of property

Lenz, William Dallas, 47
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Maddox, James Dean Jr., 38
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Maze, Christopher Blake, 29
- third-degree burglary
- first-degree theft of property

Moore, Darren Blain, 50
- nonsupport

Moore, Jodi Lynn, 41
- contributing to truancy

Shirley, Jason Earl, 35
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Teer, James Anderson, 23
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

May 11

Edmondson, Christopher Dale, 57
- public intoxication

Grissom, Jason Eric, 41
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Lacy, Kimberly Ann, 35
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- public intoxication

Nunnelley, Jacky Lee, 44
- probation violation-first-degree receiving stolen property
- probation violation-first-degree theft of property (3 counts)

Parker, Christopher Samuel, 48
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- under minimum speed limit

Sharp, David Allen, 41
- first-degree theft of property
- probation violation- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Kenneth Wayne Jr., 42
- first-degree unlawful possession of marijuana personal use

Twilley, Natisha Mahalie, 40
- public intoxication

May 12

Atkins, Anthony Marquel, 36
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence- third-degree assault

Delorme, Brian Jacob, 38
- FTA- driving without a license

Evans, Karlaton Shelton, 34
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

McLeod, Natalie Nacole, 38
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Parson, Jordan Noah, 18
- motion to revoke- harassment

Smith, Justin Wade, 28
- fourth-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

May 10
- harassment; person
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Katherine St. NW; refrigerator; $499
- third-degree domestic violence; person; Logan St. SW
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Logan St. SW; damage to '03 Ford Mustang; $400
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Main Ave. SW; cash; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree theft of property; America's Best Value Inn; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $755
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; 4th St. SW; damage to '08 Ford Fusion; $200

May 11
- fraudulent use of credit/debit card; misc. charges; unknown amount of property value
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 13th St. NE; damaged mailbox; $800
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $36

May 12
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Ave. C SE

ARRESTS

May 10

Moore, Darren B., 50
- FTA- driving while suspended
- FTA- expired tag
- FTA- insurance violation

Giles, Jacob L., 27
- chemical endangerment of child

Williams, Shayla C., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property

Brown, Daniel L., 44
- harassment

Gaydos, Lanea M., 38
- public intoxication

Moore, Austin T., 21
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Tello, Raquelita J., 19
- minor in possession–consumption of alcoholic beverage

May 11

Teer, James A., 23
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- failure to register vehicle

Odom, Donovan C., 46
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodlett II, Jimmy, 49
- unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Rockwell Jr., Vinton E., 31
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Gaydos, Lanea M., 38
- public intoxication
- disorderly conduct

Atkins, Anthony M., 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- driving while revoked

McLeod, Natalie N., 38
- possession of drug paraphernalia

King, Brittany R., 34
- FTA- public intoxication

Fowler, James W., 41
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- driving while revoked

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
May 14 - 16

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Cullman County Commission Meeting
10 a.m. in the Commission meeting room on the first floor of the Cullman County Courthouse

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, Cullman

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

Vinemont Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Vinemont Town Hall

Colony Town Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall

Cullman County Republican Women Meeting
The Cullman County Republican Women meet on the second Tuesday of each month.
- Place: Cullman VFW Post 2214, 112 Veterans Dr. SW
- Time: 6 p.m.
- All citizens are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served.
- May's special guest will be Cullman Mayor Woody Jacobs.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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 16

Good Hope High School Class of 1969 50 Year Reunion
- 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.

UPCOMING...

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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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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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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EDUCATION

Wallace State celebrates 53rd commencement

Kristen Holmes
WSCC

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Wallace State Community College and President Dr. Vicki Karolewics celebrated the college's 53rd commencement at Tom Drake Coliseum Friday. More than 700 students participated in the ceremony, while a record of more than 1,800 will have earned degrees or certificates this year.

"Congratulations graduates," said Karolewics. "Tonight, we celebrate your success, and we excitedly anticipate tomorrow as we watch your journey continue to unfold."

Karolewics recognized a number of local officials and special guests at the ceremony as well as guest speaker, Jimmy Baker, chancellor of the Alabama Community College System, who congratulated the graduates.

"Work hard. Work smart. We need you to be successful. This country needs you to be successful. This state needs you to be successful," Baker said. "Always continue to grow intellectually."

Wallace State has educated hundreds of thousands of students since opening its doors in 1966, and tens of thousands have had degrees conferred. The college is nationally recognized for its work in student success and for its outstanding graduation rates.

In her remarks, Dr. Karolewics shared the following stories of the night's graduates, who embody the richness, diversity and dreams of the students Wallace State serves:

Zachary Glenn
"Zachary graduates tonight with an associate degree in general studies, an associate in applied science degree in law enforcement, an associate in applied science degree in forensic investigation, a short-term general education certificate, a short-term certificate in law enforcement, and a short-term certificate in crime scene technician, as well as certifications in finger printing and latent print examinations. If he has not set a record in academic achievement, he is surely close. Zachary, a 2016 Cullman High grad, also earned a SkillsUSA gold medal with two classmates last month in the Crime Scene Investigation competition. And as Zachary has achieved all this success, he's also served as Roary, the Wallace State mascot, for two years, providing smiles, fun and support at significant college events and basketball games. Zachary is transferring to Jacksonville State, where he will pursue bachelor and master degrees in criminal justice. Zachary says he is sufficiently prepared for the next step because Wallace State."

Jerry Lwamba
"Wallace State basketball player Jerry Lwamba has contributed to that team's outstanding success. The team won the 2019 ACCC North Division regular-season championship, finishing with a 24-7 record, and the sophomores were also a part of the 2017-2018 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year, which had the top GPA in the nation for men's basketball at 3.48. Jerry is originally from the Congo, and lived in Lubumbashi until he was 17 years old. While in high school, Jerry attended a prospect camp in the Congo, which was hosted by Bismack Biyombo of the Charlotte Hornets. At the camp, Jerry was among select group chosen to earn a path to the United States to play basketball. He played for Mountain Mission School in Virginia before signing with Coach John Meeks and the Wallace State basketball program prior to the 2018 season. Jerry, who graduates tonight with an associate in science degree, can speak four languages: French, Swahili, Lingala and English. Jerry says he is thankful for the two years he played here at Wallace State and for his First Baptist Church family in Cullman. He said he's going to miss the food at Top of the Town when he continues his basketball career at a university as a business administration or information systems major."

Mercedes Mitchell
"Mercedes Mitchell graduates tonight from the Polysomnography program. Her journey has not been easy. Just six months ago she lost her mom and best friend, Cindy, to cancer. Cindy fought for four years, from the time Mercedes was in high school at Russellville, where she was president of her senior class in 2017, until last semester. Her mom tried her best to fight a few more months to watch her graduate. They made a promise that if she didn't make it, Mercedes would push through the pain and grief to graduate. Cindy wanted to inspire Mercedes to succeed.

To never give up. To make something out of herself. To finish what she had started. Many times, Mercedes felt like quitting but she hung on to the promise she had with her mom. She took classes online in Florence, while attending clinicals, and came to campus for lab work and tests. She would go home after working clinicals at night to take care of her mom and even stay with her in Birmingham for chemotherapy. Tonight, Mercedes' Wallace State family cheers her on for being the first in her family to graduate from college and for already working in her field. Just as her mom suggested, though, she will not stop here but is studying for her registry and has plans to pursue another degree."

Brooke Leigh Sinyard and Wendy Marlene Sinyard
Wendy Sinyard is the youngest of her five siblings to obtain a college degree. And tonight, she graduates with her daughter, Brooke Leigh Sinyard. After having her first child, Wendy went to work in Alabama's Head Start Early Education program for several years before giving birth to her Brooke and deciding to become a stay at home mom. Years later she decided to homeschool her daughter, which included not only preparing her for college, but Brooke's participation as a violinist in the Decatur Youth Symphony. At the end of all the drives from Winston County to Decatur and all of the high school assignments, when it was time for Brooke to graduate from high school, Wendy asked if her daughter would mind if they attended Wallace State together, to which she replied she loved that idea and wouldn't mind at all.

Throughout Wendy's time at Wallace State, she and her daughter have taken almost all of their classes together, providing each other support in their life goals and helping each other study. After Wendy receives her diploma, she and Brooke, the vocalist for the Wallace State Jazz Band, will be packing their bags to prepare for Wallace State's Fine and Performing arts tour to Germany and France – a wonderful graduation gift from their husband and father. It will be their first time on the plane. Wendy's goal has always been to help her fellow man. She was a caretaker for her father, and now intends to build on her degree and pursue a career in the medical field working with oncology patients.

Brooke has been taking dance classes at Wallace State while pursuing her general studies degree. She's fallen in love again with dance, which she began as a child and left to pursue other interests. She now plans to continue her dance education on pointe at WSCC this summer and to earn her dance pedagogy certificate so that she can teach. Her goal is to work in Dance Medicine. Wendy's 81 year old mother attended the ceremony to see her daughter and granddaughter graduate, which Wendy said meant everything to her."

Ashley McClintock, Nicole Stoddard, Melinda Fulford, Holly Smith and Karlye Payne
"These women changed lives, and their lives were changed in Kenya, this year. They were part of a team of six students and two instructors from Wallace State's Nursing department to participate in the nursing department's first, and Wallace State health science's third global health outreach / international service learning project with Kenya Relief, founded by Wallace State Nursing alumnus Steve James. Like everything our National League of Nursing Center of Excellence nursing department does, this group helped to break new ground, conducting the organization's first remote clinic with a larger Kenya Relief medical mission team in Lake Victoria, where in one day they saw 189 patients. Our students recalled seeing patients walk for miles to reach the clinics for medical care and for water.

They witnessed the effects of unclean water on patient health, gained an understanding of the importance of patient education, and saw the manifestation of diseases, like malaria, in patients as well as under a microscope. They also conducted a two-day clinic at Kenya Relief's Brase Clinic, where they saw an additional 180 patients. But if you ask our nursing team whose lives were impacted more, they would say that any positive impact they made on the people they served was returned tenfold. "I will be a better, more compassionate nurse because of this experience," one said. "I now understand why life circumstances make it difficult for patients, even here, to be compliant in their treatment regimen," another said. "We were met with such love and compassion," said another, who understood in a deeply personal way the Kenya Relief slogan that we are all one. Each one came back with a broader, deeper, more enlightened view of the world. And with a desire to do more. Some are even making plans to return to Kenya again."

Women in Welding Scholarship Recipients and Kamtek Apprentices
"Three special women graduate from the Wallace State Oneonta campus welding program. Tammy Kelsoe, Caitlyn Green and Allison Morton have each attended Wallace State's Welding Department thanks to a grant from The Women's Fund of Greater Birmingham, which allows single mothers the opportunity to pursue a welding career.

The grant helps pay for childcare and living expenses during college. Among these women, Tammy, for example, has four children and didn't dream going back to college would be possible before this grant. She now wants to open her own mobile welding business—taking repairs to farms and businesses, or wherever they are needed. Allison wants to join her! Caitlyn is just waiting until she graduates tonight before entertaining job offers. Eleven students are graduating from our Kamtek Apprenticeship Program and several are here with us tonight. Tim Wiggins, Preston Mills, Mike Gormley, William Buzbee, Cedric Jackson, Jr., and DreLaquane Moton are graduating from our Machining Tool and Die program as part of an 8000-hour DOL approved paid apprenticeship program that involved higher education and on-the-job training. Through Kamtek, these students not only are paid for their work while at Kamtek, the are also paid by Kamtek while in school. They already have a job and are finishing tonight with a certificate and/or a degree."

Z.J. Blubaugh
"Z.J. Blubaugh is a young man who never liked school. Though he did exceptionally well in school, in the fifth grade, he declared to his teachers that he would not be attending college. Z.J .wanted to do his work, at his rate, and be done.

"Thankfully, during ninth grade orientation, he and his parents learned about the Hancock Academy. Z.J. would ride to the career center, take their core classes online and attend career tech classes the remainder of the day. Though encouraged to take an honors course because of his grades, he had never been excited about school before career tech. Then he learned about Fast Track and really hit his stride taking classes with college students, where he found the challenges he needed. During Z.J.'s time at Fast Track he worked various jobs, including one on the Arsenal and an internship at Reliance Worldwide. For much of his time here, he has worked two jobs while attending college. Now he has been offered a fulltime position in industrial maintenance at RWC once his internship ends on the day he graduates from Good Hope, May 25. He has been a leader and an outstanding representative of the Fast Track program, even speaking to other high schools about the opportunities. Tonight, he graduates from Mechatronics. According to his parents, Z.J. is truly proof that 'traditional education' does not suit every student."



CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL

An overview of the coliseum as the processional of graduates takes place

Special presentations were made to Challie Johnson, a General Studies/Business Administration graduate, for the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; to Blubaugh, a Mechatronics graduate, for the Presidential Award for Technical Excellence; and to Nicole Stoddard, a Nursing graduate, for the Presidential Award for Health Excellence. These awards go to students of superior achievement in each area and are the highest academic honors presented at graduation.

Dr. Ryan Smith, dean of students, gave special recognition to students who were wearing medals and pins received during the college's Honors Night for program excellence, leadership, and service, as well as recognizing members of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society, Sigma Kappa Delta English honorary society, Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honorary society, Kappa Beta Delta business honor society, state SkillsUSA medalists, and other honor graduates with GPAs of at least 3.5 or higher. He also recognized Veterans in the student body and in the audience.

Music was provided by the Wallace State Concert Choir, Singers, and Symphonic Band. Choir Director Tiffany Richter sang "America" for the audience.

Jordan Freeman and Challie Johnson offered the invocation and benediction.

The Wallace State Coliseum seats approximately 6,000 and was filled to capacity for the event.

OPINION

Always Reforming: Life in Community (3)

Tom FIllinger
Tribune Columnist

Today in our series on the One Another Commands we focus on the Ability to Obey.

When facing a command, it is normal to ask, "Do I have the ability to obey?" Well the answer to that question is maybe. Let me explain. Read carefully what follows. Your life and eternity depend on the answer to this question.

It is estimated by numerous evangelical leaders that as many as 70% of those professing faith in Christ as LORD and Savior are in fact not regenerate people. This has been stated by Billy Graham and others who have enjoyed wide exposure to the American Church.

In my own personal labors with the American Church I concur with this alarming assessment. The vast majority have called on Jesus as Savior. Far fewer have surrendered to him as LORD!

Jesus himself said that in the final judgment there will be those who hear the horrifying words, "Depart from me, I never knew you!"

There are multiple reasons for people not living in obedience to the One Another Commands. Most of these so-called reasons actually mask the reality that those failing to obey may be, probably are NOT redeemed.

The evidence for this conclusion is the rampant divisiveness and conflict that is present in so many churches.

People who are redeemed consistently endeavor to obey all that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:18-20).

Shame on those in leadership roles who do not confront people that show no evidence of regeneration.

What are the marks of regeneration in a person's life?
1. They read and apply to every aspect of life the word of God, their Bible.
2. They are prompted by the Holy Spirit to pray earnestly for God's guidance and blessing.
3. They love and participate faithfully in the gathering of the body of Christ – no excuses acceptable.
4. They are accountable and hold other believers accountable for growth in grace (2Peter 3:18).
5. They consistently share the gospel with lost people. They are focused on others. Barna's research shows that fewer than 5% of professing Christians ever share the Gospel with anyone in an entire year.
6. They live with the knowledge that this world is not their home – they are Ambassadors of Christ here on a mission – to make Christ known!

Luke 9:23-26 And He said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

"For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

So, are you redeemed? Do you obey the One Another Commands?

Conference (from Front)

of PTSD, and will get to network with other veterans who have similar experiences and interests.

Alabama Mountains, Rivers & Valleys Resource Conservation & Development Council Executive Director Mike Roden told The Tribune, "This is a whole team effort to honor our military veterans and active duty service men and women.

"Our purpose is twofold. One is to educate military veteran farmers on farm practices and assistance that is available to them to improve their effectiveness and protect the natural resources.

"Secondly, we are building a network of existing veteran farmers that will allow returning veterans to do some hands-on work/therapy on their farms.

"This is especially important for those returning with post-traumatic stress disorder and other injuries."

For more information or to register for the conference, visit https://amrvrcd.org/vfc/

At a glance

Veteran Farmers Conference

- Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wallace State Community College, 801 Main St. NW in Hanceville











Vinemont High School Class of 1994 holds 25-year reunion



JULIE BARCK

The Vinemont High School Class of 1994 held its 25-year reunion Saturday, May 4, 2019 at The Brandin' Iron in West Point.

Pictured are: (front row, left to right): Kenny Haynes, Shawn Warnke, Brian Echols, Shelley Mazur Sanders, Tonia McCrary, Tanya Sanders Smith, Mandy Clemmons Preiss, Lisa Murphree Timbs, Stacey Challis Frederick, Teresa Yeager Green, Amanda Smith Shelton, Julie Ransom Barck, Jennifer Knighten Phelps and Stacey Gay; (back row, left to right): Anthany Holt, Matt Williams, Robert Kaple, Scott Sarich, Jeff Frederick, Brant Benefield, Scott Millwood, Robert Spurgeon, Jason Malin and Phillip Campbell.

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Joshua Vandiver, Sales Consultant, has been with Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman for nearly two years. Joshua says that customer satisfaction is his ultimate goal at Tony Serra Nissan of Cullman.
"My favorite part about working at Tony Serra Nissan has to be the satisfaction of making a customer happy and excited about their new vehicle. I don't want to be just your salesman; I want to be your 'car guy' no matter your needs. I once had this lady so happy about her experience that she personally delivered brownies to my home for my family. Those are the moments I cherish and makes me love my job. I want everyone to have that experience when they see me. Plus, I just love brownies."

Joshua says the family atmosphere within Nissan is one that is accommodating to the staff, but more importantly, the customer.
"We strive to make everyone feel like family and welcomed, which comes with a warm hello and a wonderful, caring staff."
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PREP SOCCER

Cullman's Branham signs with Birmingham-Southern after record-setting career

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CULLMAN, Ala. – After spending the last six years playing for the Lady Bearcats and filling the record books, Cullman's Abby Branham signed an athletic scholarship with Birmingham-Southern College Thursday to stretch her playing career to the next step.

Abby posted several school records in her playing days with the Lady Bearcats. She racked up 167 goals in her career at Cullman, a school and state record, holds the school and state record for most goals in a single season with 56, holds the school record for most points (assists and goals) in a career, has the school and state record for most consecutive matches with a hat trick, was selected to the All-State First Team in 2017 and 2018 and has been voted team MVP for the past three seasons.

Abby touched on her relationship with her coach at Cullman, Jacob Brown, as well as her teammates and how they helped drive her toward the player she is today.

"It was very big, I don't know what I would've done without him," Branham said. "Having my teammates by my side is what really helped me, and I had a foreign exchange student come this year and she's my best friend and I don't know how I could've done it without her either. I think having my teammates by my side really gave me motivation to want to play for them these last few years."

Branham has been a big part of a lot of wins for Cullman over the years but now she's ready for something new.

She's ready to face new obstacles on the field and is excited learn from some new voices as well.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting new people and learning a new perspective from a different coach," Branham said. "I'm just looking forward to playing at the next level."

Lady Bearcats head coach Jacob Brown has coached Branham since she was a seventh grader so he's as familiar with her game and her development as anyone. Brown knew right away that Abby would have some success on the field but couldn't have predicted the type of numbers she would put up or the player-coach relationship that grew between them over the years.

"I knew the second she got to Cullman that she was going to be a special player. Then, right around her sophomore year is about when everything clicked, and she understood everything we were trying to do and obviously turned into the beast that she is.

"I would say in my opinion that she's the best player I've coached and is arguably the best girls' player to ever come through Cullman," Brown said.

"She holds a special place in my life just because she's been here every year that I've been a coach. We've both been here for six years so we've always been side by side so she's the one person that I've had on my varsity team all the way through. She was my coach on the field and we have a very special relationship that I will cherish the rest of my time."



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Back row L-R: CHS Principal Kim Hall, Meaghan Hackbarth, Jacob Brown. Front row L-R: Jennifer, Abby and Chris Branham.

Abby obviously has the physical talent to play at the college level, but Brown believes that what makes her special is her intangibles. Those traits are what he says will lead to continued success for Abby going forward.

"From a physical standpoint, her speed with the ball is huge but she also has a couple of things you can't teach; the desire to score and grit," Brown said. "Plenty of people can shoot, everybody on our team and most teams can shoot, but the desire to score is what gives you that extra motivation and makes for a true goal scorer. You can't teach competitiveness; you can't teach the drive to win so those are two things that she was gifted. No coach can teach that kind of thing, it's something that is bestowed on the greater athletes."

PREP CHEER

Holly Pond's Jacey Wise signs with Wallace State

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HOLLY POND, Ala. – Friday was a big day at Holly Pond High School for senior cheerleadver Jacey Wise along with her friends, family and teammates as they gathered in the library to recognize Wise as she takes her cheer career to the next level. Wise has earned a scholarship from Wallace State Community College to extend her cheerleading career with the Lions and she will miss her time with the Broncos but is also anxious to apply what she has learned in that time.

"I'll miss all of my friendships here and of course Emily (Brown)," Wise smiled. "This is just a great opportunity. I got better mostly with my stunting and then just being here just taught me how to be part of a team really."

Wise is excited to move into another skill level at Wallace State and she's already looking forward to preparing for competition.

"Skill-wise, just moving up to the next level of skill is what I'm most excited about," Wise said. "And I would say I'm nervous about practice for nationals because that's going to be two-a-day practices but I'm ready for it."

Holly Pond cheer coach Emily Brown has seen Wise develop as an athlete over her years with the Broncos, but she has seen her develop into a leader as well.

"When Jacey started off, she was very meek, and I didn't know how far she would take it," Brown said.

"I thought maybe she would just be a high school cheerleader, but she became really driven and she was always the one working out, always the one that was leading."

Obviously, it takes talent to cheer at the collegiate level but what makes Wise stand out to Brown is her work ethic. She saw her train as much as she had to over these last several years until she realized her ultimate goal.

"If people weren't working, she was still going to do it. She went on her own to gym classes and tumble classes and did everything she could," Brown said. "She committed herself to that dream and she made it happen so I'm pretty proud of her."



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Pictured L-R: Jo-Ann Bullock, Jacey Wise, Emily Brown.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Cold Springs' Campbell signs with Montevallo

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BREMEN, Ala. – Family, teammates, friends, coaches and more packed out the library at Cold Springs High School Thursday afternoon to recognize an Eagle athlete extending her career to the next level. Cold Springs' Kinley Campbell signed a track and field scholarship with the University of Montevallo Thursday to cap off her high school career. Before she inked her letter of intent, Kinley heard from several of her coaches, family members and others about how they've seen her grow as an athlete and a person in her time at Cold Springs before sharing a few words with everyone herself.

"I just want to thank everyone for coming out and my family for always supporting me," Campbell said.

"Y'all know how long track meets last and y'all were always there at every practice and anything I needed help on you were always there.

"When I was super mad at myself because I had a terrible day, they had to deal with me, but they always helped me come back."

Cold Springs Track and Field Coach Blaise Carie has seen Campbell develop as a competitor over the last several years and that competitive nature is what coach believes puts her over the top.

"Kinley works her tail off," Carie said. "It starts in the classroom and then she brings it out on the field and she's there as soon as you can be and always staying late to the point that we have to make her go.

"That's one of her great strengths. She wants to do well and she's hard on herself when she doesn't, and it shows."

Carie can obviously see Kinley's talent and physical ability but for him, Kinley's attitude is what sets her apart from the pack and has led her to this point.

"She's very athletic and very talented but her attitude goes with her athletic ability," Carie said.

"There are people who have talent but not the work ethic. She's talented and has the work ethic and she's got the mindset to deal with the struggles and trials that come her way."

Kinley is thrilled to have earned four more years of athletics and is looking forward to moving on to compete at the college level.

She played basketball for the Lady Eagles throughout high school as well and now that she's transitioning to track and field full time, Kinley is ready to see how far she can go.

"I'm just really excited to get four more years," Campbell said. "I feel like I really started figuring things out senior year and now that I'll be able to focus on one sport, I can't wait to see where I can get in the future."

Kinley has enjoyed a unique situation in her time at Cold Springs.

The Campbell family is deeply connected to the track and field program at the school thanks in large part to the hall of fame career that her grandfather, Clayborn Campbell, had there.

"There's no place like Cold Springs. If I say I'm getting the family together, it's them," Campbell said as she looked to the crowd. "It's everybody. I feel like no matter where I go, Cold Springs will always be home. I look up to my Granddad like nobody else," Campbell smiled.

"My Granddad hung the moon to me. I just aspire to try and be half the person that he is and impact half as many lives.

"He's just done so much for me and his athletes don't remember their wins or their losses, they remember the lessons that they have been taught and that's something that I want to do when I get older."

If the number of people who came out to see her signing was any indication, Kinley has already started impacting a lot people in a positive way and she'll have a whole new group of people to meet when she gets to Montevallo.

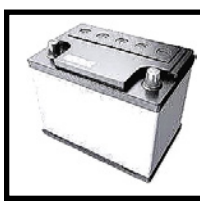


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Cold Springs' Kinley Campbell (middle) signs with Montevallo with her parents Christy (left) and Jeremy (right) at Cold Springs High School on Thursday.

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Elizabeth T. King, 86, of Blountsville, AL, was born on Sept. 23, 1932 and passed away on May 11, 2019 at TLC Nursing Center. Preceding her in death were her parents Dr. T. M. and Margaret Tobitha Beasley Towns; husband Robert A. King; son Pat King; two sisters and two brothers. Survivors include her sons Steven King (Carla) of Blountsville and Dr. Barry King (Dallas-Shea) of Birmingham; daughter Kathy Sanders (Tommy) of Vestavia; daughter-in-law Julia King of Blountsville; grandchildren Christian King, Caroline King, Autumn Allen, Austin Sanders, Margaret Ann Sanders, Stephen Jonah King, Sidney Claire King and Samuel Ryan King; great-great grandchild Carson Newman; brother Bill Towns of Oneonta. The family will receive friends on Monday, May 13, 2019 at Lemley Funeral Home from 5:30 until 8 p.m. and on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. A graveside service will be held at Dailey's Chapel Cemetery at 2 p.m. with Bro. Tommy Sanders officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Blount County Sav-A-Life Foundation. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Graveside funeral services for Virginia Lee Calvert, 79, of Cullman, will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Livingston Chapel Cemetery, with Bro. Ron Collett officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Calvert passed away Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Woodland Village. She was born Jan. 1, 1940 to parents Calvin and Eula Calvert. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Larry, Darrel and Donald Calvert; two nephews and one niece. Survivors include her daughter, Celia (Wayne) Galbreath; son, Jack Gregory (Pam) Guthery; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; brother, Keith (Kim) Calvert; sister, Pat (Dewey) Miller; sisters-in-law, JoAnn, Ann and Betty Calvert; and a host of nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, May 13, 2019 at the funeral home.

Ruth D. Hagemore of Vinemont Alabama passed away May 11, 2019 at the age of 75. She was born February 20, 1944 to Reford and Opal Meigs Thompson. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Billy Hagemore, daughter Angie Hagemore, brothers Cecil and Don Thompson. Funeral services are Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 11 a.m.. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be in Sardis Baptist Cemetery in Winston County. Survivors are: sons Jay Hagemore, Jeff Hagemore, sisters Sybil Davis, Sally Jones, brother Hoyt Thompson, 2 grandchildren. Visitation is Tuesday at Moss Funeral Home from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Funeral services for John Kenneth Walker, 79, of Cullman, will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with Tim Aris and Benjamin Smothers officiating. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mr. Walker passed away Saturday morning, May 11, 2019 at Huntsville Hospital. He was born Sept. 12, 1939 to parents Eddie and Mary Bullard Walker. He was preceded in death by his father, Eddie Walker; mother, Mary Walker Roberts; and three brothers, Bennie, Alford and James Walker. Survivors include his wife, Linda Hart Walker; sons, Ricky (Heidi) Walker, Rodney (Sandy) Walker, Kelly (Lori) Clark; daughters, Tammy (Tom) Pyeatt, Karen Clark; brother, Eddie Walker; sisters, Charlotte Kilgore, Janice Quattlebaum, Marty Spicer; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Services for Ruth Merritt, 82, of Hanceville will be Tuesday May 14, 2019. Visitation will start at 1:30 p.m. at Hanceville Funeral Home. Following the visitation will be a graveside service at 3 p.m. at Hopewell Cemetery in Hanceville, AL. Mrs. Merritt is survived by her children Pat Merritt of Hanceville, AL, Donna Merritt of Hanceville, AL and Leisa McGriff of Oneonta, AL; grandchildren Zach McGriff, Allison McGriff, Elizabeth Merritt and Patrick Merritt II; a brother Eddie Belcher of Fultondale, AL and two great-grandchildren Mia McGriff and Grayson McGriff. Mrs. Merritt was predeceased by her husband Gene Merritt of Hanceville, AL.

Cary Wayne Simmons, 69, of Arley, entered into rest on Sunday, May 12, 2019 surrounded by his loving family. Wayne was born on Aug. 4, 1949 in Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Hialeah High School and went on to proudly serve his country for three years in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Before his retirement, Wayne worked at Cavalier Homes in Addison as a plumber and cabinet builder. He enjoyed fishing and riding four-wheelers and motorcycles. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 4-5 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where a memorial service will follow at 5pm. Brother Jeff Wiggins will officiate. Wayne is survived by his sons, Scot Simmons, and BJ Simmons and his wife Jessica; and brother, Gary DeWitt Simmons and his wife Penny. He was "Pop" to three grandchildren, Katie Simmons, Caleb Simmons and Braylon Simmons. He was preceded in death by his wife, Joni Marie Simmons; parents, Frank Dewitt Simmons and Virginia Smith Simmons.

Ann Chandler Smith, 84, of Cullman, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Ann was a loving mother and grandmother and always enjoyed spending time with her family. She was an Alfa Insurance Agent in Cullman for 40+ years before retirement. She attended 4th Street Church of Christ and was a member there. Ann loved to travel, her favorite place was in the mountains of Gatlinburg. Being on the farm with all the animals brought her much joy. She is preceded in death by her parents: Ernest and Lillie Tucker Chandler; brother, Dudley "Sonny" Chandler and sisters: Carolyn Muphree and Alesia Cupp. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Blane Daniel; grandchildren: Chandra (Bailey) Mahler, Haley (Richard) Hock and Hunter Daniel; great grandchildren; Kaylee Smith, Clay Mahler, Zeke Mahler, Peyton Hock, Lilli Hock and Easton Hock along with a host of nieces and nephews and special friend/caregiver; Leysha Canady. Her family will receive friends on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life Service will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Moss Service Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Randolph officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Cullman City Cemetery. Condolences and special memories may be shared with the family at mossservicefh.com.

Funeral services for Jackie Chappell Leathers, 66, of Blountsville, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Bobby Murphee officiating; interment in Mulberry Baptist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Leathers passed away on Monday, May 13, 2019 at her residence. She was born Dec. 23, 1952, to Albert Talley Butts and Evelyn June Goforth. She was preceded in death by her infant daughter, Tiffany Leigh Chappell; parents; grandparents, Herman Newton and Frances Barnes Chamblee; and brother, Sammy Van Nichols. Survivors include her husband, Rodger Leathers; daughters, Shiela (Keith) Johnson and Leslie Leathers (Rocky) Dunn; grandchildren, Jacob (Amber) Graham, Joshua (Alex) Graham, Andrea Johnson (Jason) Smith, and Annaliese Dunn; sister, Janice Hale; and brothers, Calvin Nichols, Jeff Nichols, and Donnie Nichols. Visitation will be from 5:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Joy Tolley, 80, of Cullman passed away on Monday, May 13, 2019. Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

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