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12-year-old Vinemont student killed in Smith Lake boating accident

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Marine Patrol Troopers Sunday afternoon released the name of the 12-year-old victim in Saturday's tragic boating accident on Smith Lake.

Patrol Commander Capt. Gary Buchanan issued the following statement to media statewide:

"ALEA Marine Patrol Troopers continue to investigate Saturday's boat crash that claimed the life of 12-year-old from Vinemont. Investigators say Christian Hart was killed when he was hit by a boat near the Goat Island area of Smith Lake. Hart had been tubing in the area prior to the crash."

Hart was a student at Vinemont Middle School.

Marine Patrol Troopers continue to investigate.



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– FEATURE –

Ready for Rock the South?

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CULLMAN, Ala. – This Friday, Rock the South (RTS) returns for its eighth annual installment. Gates will open at noon Friday and Saturday, with entertainment and activities running until midnight both days. More than 25,000 fans are expected to attend each day.

Event coordinators are confident that the change to a new venue, from Heritage Park to private property at 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057, will mean good things for the event, and preparations at the site are moving quickly.

Nathan Baugh of 46 Productions told The Tribune, "We are making great progress and are on schedule! With any event, there are some things that cannot be done until the week of or even the day before."

Lineup

"This is by far the most positive response we've ever had for any lineup that we've announced," said RTS Founder Shane Quick. "We've seen a little more than double of the response, in regards to traffic to our website, social media, things like that, than last year, which was a record year."

Continued Quick, "To be double in response and interest from people is pretty phenomenal. Literally all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska, multiple countries, people literally from all over the world were watching this announcement.

"I really believe this is going to be a reunion year where, if you've ever been to Rock the South before, I believe of lot of those people are going to be coming back; they're coming back to see how we've grown. They're going to come back to see this new, very diverse lineup. I think it's by far the most diverse lineup we've ever had, as well. So, kind of something for everybody. And, you know, a lot of new exciting features for Rock the South."

Although the music will not start until 2 p.m. Friday and 3:15 Saturday, Baugh said, "We open gates at noon! Go ahead and come on. There are plenty of areas to cool off in and relax and enjoy the day!"

Friday

- noon - gates open
- 2 p.m. - Lainey Wilson
- 2:40 p.m.- Trea Landon
- 5 p.m. - Travis Denning
- 6:15 p.m.- Jimmie Allen
- 7:30 p.m. - Mitchell Tenpenny
- 9:15 p.m. - Brooks & Dunn
- 11 p.m. - Kid Rock

Saturday

- noon - gates open
- 3:15 p.m. - Tyler Braden
- 4:30 p.m. - Hardy
- 6:15 p.m.- Colt Ford
- 7:45 p.m. - Morgan Wallen
- 9:20 p.m.- Jake Owen
- 11 p.m. - Florida Georgia Line

Dee Jay Silver will be back to keep things going between sets.

Said Baugh, "We are so excited to have Kid Rock and Brooks & Dunn in Cullman. Those two specifically are two acts that have not played Alabama recently, that we are really excited about being in Cullman."

Parking

Parking will be onsite and at two nearby locations with designated pedestrian walkways to the venue.



THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Rock the South will take place this Friday and Saturday, May 31-June 1 in Cullman.

Baugh advised, "We highly recommend that people purchase their parking pass before they get on the road! We will email you specific directions into the property. We will have plenty of staff and law enforcement support throughout the day and night to help people get where they are going."

Event safety and security

When the music cranks up Friday, May 31, around 190 law enforcement officers and at least 50 firefighters and emergency medical personnel will be at the new site, working out of a mobile unified command center to monitor traffic and weather, as well as the welfare and conduct of concertgoers. Special attention will be paid to traffic flow all the way from interstate exits to the venue, and law enforcement officers will be assigned to make sure that local residents feel as little impact as possible.

In addition to fire/EMS and law enforcement, several other agencies will bring their expertise to the event. Inspectors from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will make sure food vendors keep food safe, and staff from the National Weather Service Huntsville (NWS) office will be onsite with their computer systems to keep an eye on weather all around the venue and alert other agencies immediately if a threat is detected on the horizon.

Sheriff Matt Gentry announced that, since the event site is surrounded by unincorporated county property for the first time, the sheriff's office will concentrate on security around the outside perimeter and along traffic routes. He assured residents around the site that his office will pay special atten-

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PET OF THE WEEK

Grow some love with Pumpkin Seed!



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Pumpkin Seed

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

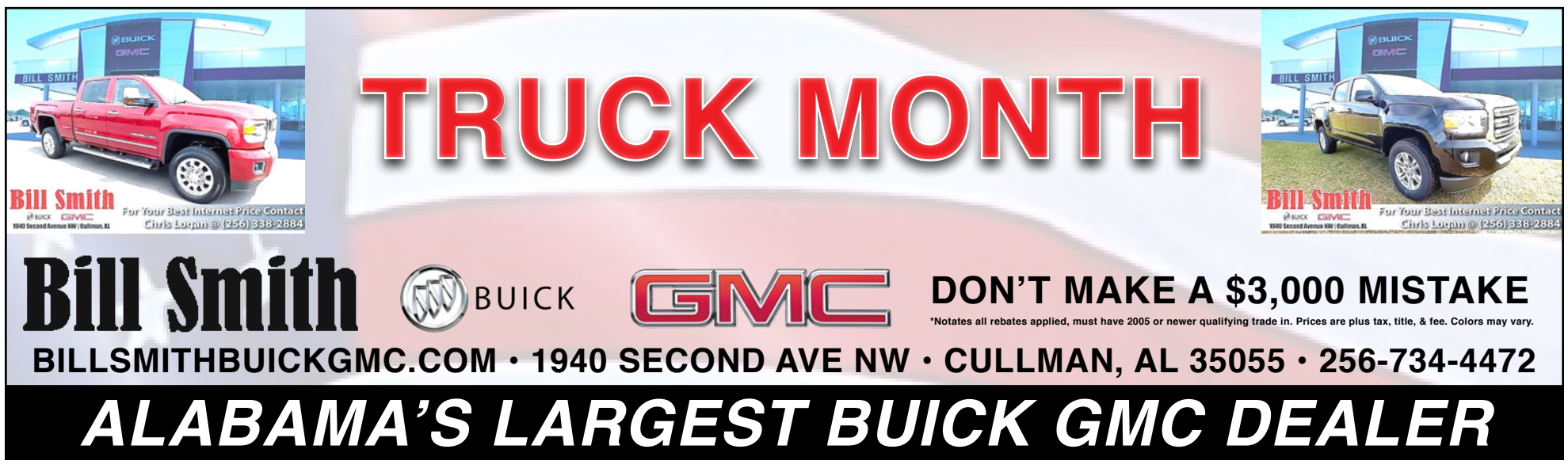
Pumpkin Seed is a 1-year-old terrier mix. She's a laid-back, low- to medium-energy pet who's savvy on her leash and likes to stay close to her human. She has a playful side- Ruttkay called her a "natural entertainer"- and enjoys water, especially playing in the shelter's kiddie pool on hot afternoons. Described as an "unassuming girl," she has the makings of a good companion, therapy or emotional support dog.

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

Pumpkin Seed'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.



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POLITICS

Mental health bill sponsored by Gudger, Shedd passes Legislature, goes to Ivey

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CULLMAN TRIBUNE FILE PHOTOS

Left to right are Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman; Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview; and Chris Van Dyke, COO of WellStone Inc. (formerly Cullman Area Mental Health Authority)

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Alabama Legislature on Thursday passed a bill that would allow people who have been temporarily committed for mental health reasons to be kept for further care, even after the expiration of their court-ordered commitments, under certain conditions. The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Garlan Gudger, R-Cullman, while a partner bill was introduced in the House by Rep. Randall Shedd, R-Fairview. Gudger's was the first to get through, and went to Gov. Kay Ivey for signing with the support of both legislators, along with that of the Cullman area's other legislators.

Friday morning, WellStone Inc. (formerly Cullman Area Mental Health Authority) issued the following statement:

A bill to improve the mental illness commitment system in Alabama is on its way to the governor's desk. SB 246, sponsored by Senator Garlan Gudger and Representative Randall Shedd, fixes a gap in the current outpatient commitment law. Current law does not allow for a renewal of an outpatient commitment order. After 150 days the outpatient commitment ends, whether or not the person needs that order to continue. SB 246 creates an option for the probate judge to renew the outpatient order for up to a year.

The recognition of the need for this change started here in Cullman County with Chris Van Dyke, chief operating officer of WellStone, the local community mental health center.

Said Van Dyke, "After the two tragic incidents in Cullman County two years ago (Steve Griffith being murdered in his home by a person reported to be mentally ill, and a man who died in his home after setting it on fire in a stand-off with police), improving the system in Alabama was on the front of my mind all the time. I was asked by Randall Shedd to let him know if there was anything that could be done by the legislature to help keep these things from happening again. This gap in our commitment system was something we could actually improve. This bill probably would not have changed those two tragic deaths, but it will definitely help other situations that could end just as badly."

"WellStone regularly sees people under outpatient commitment who have a history of refusal to continue medication or therapy services when not under a court order. When these people come to the end of a 150-day outpatient commitment, they refuse all services. Then families, neighbors and the professionals at WellStone have to wait for another incident to happen to restart the commitment process. It is those incidents that put the client and the people around them at risk of harm. The new law will allow mental health centers to ask the judge to continue an outpatient commitment when it is clear that the person needs continuing court ordered treatment.

"This is a simple fix which will make Alabama safer and save money in reduced hospitalizations and police involvement, not to mention the lost wages of family members living with a relative in crisis. I appreciate the work and support of Rep. Shedd and Sen. Gudger to sponsor this bill and I am excited to see our legislative process work to improve our state."

The bill was also supported by the Alabama Council for Behavioral Healthcare and the Alabama Probate Judges Association.

The synopsis attached to SB 246 reads:

"Existing law provides for the involuntary commitment of mentally ill persons to outpatient treatment, but does not provide a mechanism for recommitment of patients who are in need of further care after the expiration of the initial outpatient commitment order.

"This bill would provide that a probate court, after a hearing, may enter a renewal order for involuntary commitment of mentally ill persons to a mental health facility, if needed, for a period not to exceed one year."

The bill, which amends current mental health law, describes the conditions under which a person might receive an initial outpatient commitment:

"A respondent may be committed to outpatient treatment if the probate court finds, based upon clear and convincing evidence, that:

(1) The respondent is mentally ill;

(2) As a result of the mental illness, the respondent will, if not treated, continue to suffer mental distress and will continue to experience deterioration of the ability to function independently; and

(3) The respondent is unable to make a rational and informed decision as to whether or not treatment for mental illness would be desirable."

SB246 adds about re-commitment:

"(b) Upon a recommendation, made by the designated mental health facility currently providing outpatient treatment, that the respondent's outpatient commitment order should be renewed, a probate court may enter an order to renew the commitment order upon the expiration of time allotted for treatment by the original outpatient treatment order if the probate court finds, based upon clear and convincing evidence, all of the following:

(1) The respondent is mentally ill.

(2) As a result of mental illness, the respondent will, if treatment is not continued, continue to suffer mental distress and will continue to experience deterioration of the ability to function independently.

(3) The respondent is unable to independently make a rational and informed decision as to whether or not he or she needs treatment for mental illness."

Determinations on outpatient commitment and re-commitment will be made by local probate courts with input from designated mental health facilities. Petitions for re-commitment must be made by the director of the facility, or by an official designated by the director, at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the existing commitment order.

According to the bill, "The petition shall explain in detail why renewal of the order is being requested and shall include testimony affirming the facility's belief that the respondent meets the requirements for renewal pursuant to Section 22-52-10.2," and , "The judge of probate shall conduct a hearing, within 30 days after the date of petition, to consider the petition for renewal of the commitment order."

Gudger told The Tribune, "I am thankful to have a small part in helping mental health in Alabama. Everyone is affected by mental health, whether it's school safety issues, opioid crisis, overcrowding in our prisons, public safety.

"Mental health is at the root of most of these issues. Each year I plan on working for the betterment of mental health in Alabama."

Shedd added, "I want to thank Rep. Corey Harbison and Rep. Scott Stadthagen for their help and support of this legislation in the House and our mental health meetings locally.

"Corey came to my defense at the microphone in the House when some legislators had questions about the bill.

"This legislation helps mental health professionals keep people on medication with certain mental health conditions.

"This was a team effort by our local delegation to pass it statewide!"

SB246 passed both houses with unanimous votes of all legislators present, and awaits Ivey's signature.

The full text of the bill can be found at https://legiscan.com/AL/text/SB246/2019.

Rock the South (from Front)

tion to their needs, saying, "We'll have deputies at intersections that will be working with the citizens of the community, who live on those roads, to get them home safely, to get them home in an expedient time, and also working with the individuals that's coming to the festival, to Rock the South, to ensure that they get to the right place in the right location, where they're parking, and those kind of things, because, for us, our main goal and focus is to ensure that all citizens and the citizens of our community are safe, and do that in a safe manner."

Culpepper noted that the security team will include state troopers and personnel from several other north Alabama law enforcement agencies, coming through a regional mutual aid agreement.

Taking all potential threats seriously, local authorities have also brought in the Alabama Fusion Center, a division of the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency which performs multiple tasks related to critical infrastructure, AMBER Alerts, rural crime, cybercrime, terrorism, narcotics, gangs, missing children and human trafficking.

Culpepper told reporters at a recent press briefing, "We're very familiar with what goes on inside the venue because, like the sheriff said, we've been doing this about seven years, so we're familiar with that.

"The only difference this year is that where our footprint inside has grown from about 15 acres to about 190 acres. We're going to have some extra stuff that we're going to have to police and patrol, so it is going to be an all-hands-on-deck event."

Special notes

- Detention deputies will staff an onsite detention and booking center. People who misbehave to a criminal degree can be arrested and processed right there.
- Law enforcement will use ATVs to move quickly around the venue and to check on area residents. Medical personnel will also use ATVs to provide rapid response and emergency transport.
- Since the site is within the city–which is wet–but all surrounding property is in the still dry county, alcoholic beverages will be allowed only within the venue footprint. Anyone found with alcohol on surrounding roads or other outside areas will be arrested, according to the sheriff.
- Local residents will have passes to allow them unhindered access to their neighborhoods. Officers will only allow people with those passes into those areas.
- In order to maintain access for emergency vehicles, visitor parking will be in designated areas only. Cars parked along roads or on private property will be towed, according to Culpepper.

Cullman Fire Rescue Chief Brian Bradberry told The Tribune, "We coordinate with numerous agencies to do that.

"Of course, it's our responsibility- the fire and EMS part, but we definitely coordinate with all the local ambulance services.

"We try to reach out to the state agencies: ADPH, North Alabama Healthcare Coalition- I know we talked to them- and then ADPH regional coordinator will be there onsite, too.

"So we try to bring in multiple agencies; we request help from all around the state, in fact.

"Like I said, it's a joint effort on the fire and EMS side of it. But it just takes a lot of coordination, a lot of pre-planning. We certainly get with the hospital on a lot of this and, statewide, we try to alert all the hospitals and even the Division F Response Team (a north Alabama-based multi-agency organization made up of various types of emergency responders).

"They may want them to know what we've got going on, and that way, if we do need help, you know, we have some help we can get coming that way."

The fire/medical response team includes CFR, the Bethsadia Volunteer Fire Department, and the Good Hope Fire Department, with support from numerous other agencies including Cullman EMS and other ambulance services, Air Evac Lifeteam, Cullman Regional, Wallace State's EMT and nursing programs and many others.

In all, the chief estimated that at least 50 fire/medical personnel will be onsite at any given time during the event, and he believed that the number represented a very conservative estimate.

They will use ATVs to transport patients to the large medical tent that is equipped to function as a mobile emergency room, or to ambulance pick-up points. A landing zone for police and medical helicopters has also been designated at the site.

Cullman County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director Phyllis Little has been in touch with NWS regularly. She reported the long-term forecast currently looks good: warm with a 10-20 percent chance of rain each day.

Said Little, "Just a typical summer day."

Since Heritage Park had to be evacuated due to lightning two years ago, NWS pays special attention to the dangerous weather phenomenon and the kinds of storms that produce it. They will be in the multi-agency command center, monitoring current weather and weather systems headed toward the site, both in real time. If a bad storm is coming, or if a lightning strike hits close, they will be able to tell immediately the direction of the storm and make educated predictions about how the storm might affect the venue.

EMA is coordinating with agencies like NWS, the Fusion Center and others to prevent or respond to both natural and man-made disasters including, according to Little, "doing a safety plan for- God forbid- mass casualties."

Watch the heat, watch the alcohol

Both Bradberry and Little talked to The Tribune about heat dangers at RTS, and all involved agency heads talked about issues related to alcohol consumption.

EMA and NWS will monitor heat from the weather end and will keep responders aware of what is happening, and medical personnel are making special preparations to deal with large numbers of people suffering heat exhaustion and those facing more dangerous heatstroke.

Little reported that event coordinators, who have installed misters in the woods on the southwest side of Heritage Park during previous RTS events, will contend with less shade at the new venue by placing misters under canopies this time around.

Agency leaders appealed to visitors to be responsible about alcohol consumption: to stay hydrated with water, limit alcohol, make use of pre-appointed designated drivers and keep all alcoholic beverages within the venue.

Culpepper said, "The object is to come and have a good time, and not overdo it and have any kind of issues."

Gentry added, "We want the community to be safe. We want the participants coming to Rock the South to have a good time. Enjoy the festival, but be safe while doing it. Be responsible. And that's what we're looking at. We're there to assist them getting to and from the event, and also to protect the residents in those areas, because it is going to be different."

Tips for visitors

Both event coordinators and local authorities have advised all RTS visitors to realize that the event is like most other large music events today: bags and containers will be subject to search, and metal detectors will be in use. Visitors are encouraged to come early, be patient and double check what they are carrying.

Before you approach the gates, make sure any weapons (including pocket knives) are secured in your vehicle. Have keys and other metal objects out of your pockets and ready to hand off to security personnel when passing through the metal detectors. And, of course, don't try to bring anything into the park you wouldn't want to be caught with.

Outside food and drink are not allowed in the venue.

Please remember that all areas surrounding the event site are part of a dry county. If you are found in possession of alcohol outside the venue, you will be subject to arrest.

For more information, visit www.rockthesouth.com.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Look for more graduation ceremony photos in Thursday's edition of The Cullman Tribune

COLD SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Cold Springs High School Class of 2019 took its last walk as seniors Saturday at Wallace State Community College's Tom Drake Coliseum. The 72 graduating Eagles earned their diplomas in front of family, friends and faculty. Class President Sydney Grace Newton and Valedictorian Camryn Joan Crider delivered speeches prior to the presentation of diplomas. Alan Richard Armstrong was named salutatorian. Principal Tim Burleson bragged about the many great accomplishments of the Class of 2019 including scholarships, outstanding test scores and accomplishments in athletics. After receiving their diplomas, graduates were finally able to move their tassels before they gathered in a circle for the school's alma mater and the traditional tossing of the caps.

CULLMAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman Christian School held its 2019 Commencement at Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church Thursday, May 23. The students took time to honor retiring faculty members: Coaches Roger Pierce and Lauren Wynn, and English/ Science teacher and Counselor Anne Phillips. Principal Dr. Josh Swindoll named Nolan Warner as valedictorian and Klowy Barrett as salutatorian. The commencement address was delivered by Dr. Alex Sosler, assistant professor of Bible and ministry at Montreat College in North Carolina.The CCS class of 2019 had only seven members, but five of them were American Christian Honor Society inductees.

CULLMAN HIGH SCHOOL



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Cullman High School held its 2019 Commencement at Wallace State Community College Friday, May 24. The ceremony included a moment of remembrance for Jackson Lambert and Curt Wilson, who would have graduated with this class. Graduates heard from Valedictorian Gracie Apel and Salutatorian Mary Kate Stanford, as well as Class President Anna Grace Murphy, Class Instrumentalist Riley Chrisman and Class Vocalist Alyssa Sandlin. Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson announced the Class of 2019 was awarded $4.5 million in scholarship offers. The CHS class of 2019 had 210 members, 63 of whom were National Honor Society inductees.

FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Fairview High School held its 2019 Commencement Saturday, May 25 at Wallace State Community College. Principal Chris Gambrill gave the commencement speech. This year's salutatorian was Jozi Jackson and valedictorian was Kristen Hays. The Class of 2019 had 114 graduates. Gambrill congratulated the class for being the one that brought Fairview High School's state report card grade from a D to a B.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 28 - 29

TUESDAY, MAY 28

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

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

Cullman City Council Meeting
7 p.m. at Cullman City Hall

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

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.

UPCOMING....

Yard Sale
Mount Zion United Methodist Church, (U.S. Highway 31 North, next to the Cullman Area Technology Academy) will have a yard sale May 31 through June 1, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. (rain or shine). It will be located in the fellowship hall at the back of the church. Proceeds benefit the youth fund projects.

Rock the South
May 31- June 1. Find out more at www.pepsirockthesouth.com.

Benefit Gospel Singing
Saturday, June 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church, 4200 County Road 1435, Vinemont, AL (4 miles north of Hwy. 157 on the Eva Road). Featured groups include One Accord from Moulton and New Dawn Quartet from Cullman. For more info, please contact Tony Wood at 256-962-0853 or 256-739-0611.

Vinemont Baptist Church Vacation Bible School
Vinemont Baptist Church invites students K-6 to come "ROAR" with us. Vacation Bible School will be June 3-7 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Students will be served supper each night. Pre-registration and Fun Day will be June 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the church, located at 787 County Road 1343, Vinemont.

Bikers Against Cancer Ride
Saturday, June 15- New route this year to Guntersville State Park- Rain date is June 22. Riders will be escorted by members of the Cullman County Sheriff's Office and the Cullman Police Department. It begins in the parking lot behind Cullman Regional (POB 2) with registration at 7:30 a.m. and kickstands up at 9:30. Cost is $25 per bike, $10 for extra rider. This includes a complimentary breakfast, snacks at the rest stop and lunch on return. Proceeds benefit the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation, Inc., which assists cancer patients and families while in active treatment for cancer. For more info, call 256-339-0911 or 256-503-5301.

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June 6th	McWane Center	Final Frontier
June 13th	1-2-3 Blast Off	Larry the Magician
June 20th	Things to Remember	Sewing and Rocket ships
June 27th	McWane Center	Explore the Universe
July 4th	No Program	Happy Birthday America
July 11th	Character Art	Mr. Krel Buckelew
July 18th	The Middle of Nowhere	Robin White
	Puppeteer	Bobby Thomas
July 25th	Agriplex	Nichole Taylor

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JERRY SKINNER, Deceased. * CASE NO PC-2019-170

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Linda Roat, as Personal Representative of the Estate of JERRY SKINNER, Deceased, on the 24th day of May, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Linda Roat
Personal Representative

Andria Sims
Attorney for Personal Representative
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

Please publish the foregoing notice once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

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

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BETTY ALLBRIGHT, DECEASED.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of said deceased have been granted to Phyllis Daphne Thomas on the 17th day of May, 2019, by the Hon. Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate of Cullman County. 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.

Phyllis Daphne Thomas
Personal Representative

To the publisher of *The Cullman Tribune*:

Please publish the above notice three successive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
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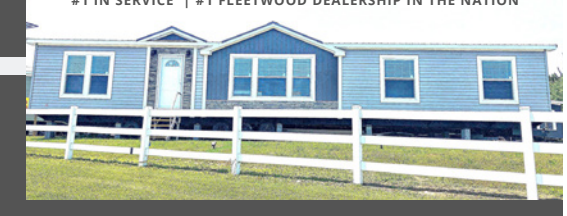
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2019 All-County softball team presentation dinner set for June 3 at BWW

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Top row L-R: West Point's Carlie Wilkins, Cold Springs' AK Voce, Good Hope's Bailey Swann; Bottom row L-R: Holly Pond's Madison Heatherly, Hanceville's Cassidy Campbell, Fairview's Katie Ball.

CULLMAN, Ala. – Another year of softball is in the books for Cullman County and after a season full of great games, great teams and great performances, Buffalo Wild Wings is sponsoring an All-County softball team for the 2019 season. This year's team, selected by the coaches of Cullman County, consists of 14 players who excelled on the diamond this year and they'll be recognized for making the team at a presentation dinner at Buffalo Wild Wings June 3.

Cold Springs' Anna Katherine Voce earned a spot on this year's roster after playing a big role during the season for the Lady Eagles. Voce, a sophomore, was a big part of the Cold Springs rotation and filled the clean-up spot in the lineup. Voce will look to continue improving into her junior season and help Cold Springs take another shot at a postseason run in 2020.

Fairview junior Katie Ball made this year's team and like Voce, was a big factor for the Lady Aggies on the mound and at the plate this season. Ball had several highlights throughout the spring including hitting a walk-off, 3-run home run in the Lady Aggies' come-from-behind win over Ashville at home. With her being one of several players coming back next season, Ball will look to make even more noise in her senior year and help the Lady Aggies get back to the postseason.

Four players made the list for the Good Lady Raiders, Morgan Goodwin, Skylar Tucker, Bailey Swann and Sidnie English, after a stellar 2019 season. The Lady Raiders won an area and regional title on their way to Montgomery and finished 5th in the state tournament.

Goodwin was the perfect leadoff batter for the Lady Raiders this year, batting .549 with 22 RBIs, 49 runs scored and collecting 17 stolen bases on the season.

Tucker was a tough out as well, hitting .482 with a home run, 36 RBIs, 38 runs scored and led the team with 18 doubles.

Swann was just as dangerous, hitting .570 with a team-leading 6 homers, 49 RBIs, 57 runs scored, and she led the team with 35 stolen bases during her senior campaign.

English, a junior, dominated at the plate and on the mound. She finished with a .376 batting average, a home run, 39 RBIs and 10 stolen bases while on the mound, English posted a 31-6 record with a 2.30 ERA.

Hanceville's Cassidy Campbell made this year's All-County squad as a sophomore. Coming off of an injury, she continued to improve and lead the way in the circle and at the plate for the Lady Bulldogs who finished with an 8-14 mark on the season.

Hanceville has a lot of youth returning to the field in 2020 and Campbell will be looked to as one of the leaders as she continues to get better. A pair of Holly Pond standouts landed on the team as well, seniors Madison Heatherly and Emili Perry.

Both were big factors at the plate during the Lady Broncos' 9-16 season and their production will be missed when Holly Pond hits the field again in 2020.

Lady Eagles senior Madison Oliver made the team for Vinemont after serving as a leader offensively and defensively this season.

She was one of the anchors for this year's Vinemont team as the lone senior on the roster and helped lay the groundwork for a very young Lady Eagles squad going forward.

Four Lady Warriors earned spots on the All-County squad after another big year on the diamond for West Point, Gracie Abbott, Carlie Wilkins, Molly Pendley and Makayla Brown.

Despite not having Olivia Ball for the season due to a torn ACL, the Lady Warriors were able to put plenty of runs on the board this season, captured their sixth straight county title, won the Class 5A, Area 14 championship and advanced to regionals. Brown racked up five RBIs in wins over Grissom and Brewer this year, Pendley was a constant for West Point both at the plate and catching behind it, Abbott brought power to the leadoff spot for the Lady Warriors and Wilkins carried the load on the mound.

The presentation dinner for this year's All-County team will be at Buffalo Wild Wings June 3rd at 6:30. Buffalo Wild Wings is located at 1700 2nd Ave. SW.



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LIFESTYLE

Senior Spotlight: Meet the Dodsons

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Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson was a senior at West Point when he met junior Judy Caudle in Geometry class.

"He tormented me, but he had a girlfriend," Judy said.

The summer of 1963, things had changed and Radginal asked Judy on a date. As soon as Judy graduated the following year, the two were married.

Radginal recalled, "Dad told me, all my children have finished high school and I'd like for her to finish high school."

Radginal and Judy Dodson will celebrate 55 years of marriage May 29.

They remembered their first date. They went to the bowling alley that was once located by Sportsman Lake Park and visited the Mug 'N Cone located across the street.

"It had a pretty good cheeseburger back then," remembered Judy.

Back then, the fun thing to do was cruise up and down the street between the Mug 'N Cone and The Globe, Radginal explained, "What you did was you parked your vehicle, sat on the trunk and hollered at the girls going by. The Globe, you went to eat. The Mug 'N Cone, you went to check out the women."

Judy added, "You could get a frosty root beer that was really good."

When the Dodsons got married, Radginal had a '55 Pontiac.

"I remember it because it was gray and white and they wrote 'Just Married' in black letters down the side of it with black shoe polish. Years later I traded the car off and you could still read 'Just Married' down the side of it. I had scrubbed it with everything imaginable to try to get it off, but it wasn't coming off."

In November 1966, Radginal went into the Navy. He spent three years and one day on an aircraft carrier. While in the Navy, he went to school in Memphis to learn about refrigeration and air conditioning with liquid oxygen used on the aircraft carriers. While he was away, Judy stayed home and worked. She did get to stay with him for a few months while he was in school in Memphis.

"We lived in a chicken coop. It was a real tiny house," he said.

Judy added, "It was little! It was a tiny house. You'd go into this little room that I guess was supposed to be a living room. The house was maybe 12 of 15 ft. square at most."

They paid $40 a month to stay in the tiny house.

The rest of the time, Judy stayed home in Cullman County. One time, when Radginal had been overseas for nine-and-a-half months, he came home from Naples, Italy to surprise her.

Radginal tells the story: "I wrote letters and had them mailed so she wouldn't get suspicious because it took a three-day trip back from Naples. I landed in New York, in La Guardia, and had to go to the other airport, Kennedy. I had to ride a bus to the other airport, then a bus from Birmingham to Cullman. Then, a cab to my house. The reason that's important was I had been on an aircraft carrier, a train, another airplane, a bus, another airplane, another bus, and a cab just to get home. I showed up and she and a good friend of ours, we were due to go in the military together, but I chickened out and joined the Navy and he joined the Army. Well, the two wives lived together in my house while we were gone. They were getting ready to go to church on Sunday evening, that's when I got there on Sunday afternoon. I went to the door and knocked on the door. Donna came to the door and she squealed at Judy. Judy was up to her eyeballs with her toothbrush."

They went to church that evening and he stayed home for a couple of weeks.

"I didn't really enjoy my military service because I was homesick all the time I was gone. My memories of the military were being homesick," he said.

Several months ago, after Christmas, as the Dodsons were in their attic, they came across a box of letters he had sent to Judy while he was in the service. One was even written on toilet paper when he had run out of writing paper.

"Even reading my letters, as long ago as that's been, you can tell I was bad homesick. I wanted to go home. I wanted to go back to Alabama. I had been married for two years-plus before I went in the service. I went in in 1966 so I was 21 years old when I went in. I was 18 when I got married, so I had a 2-2 ½ year gap in there where I just got used to this married life and I decided I liked it!"

In 1970 the Dodsons welcomed a baby boy named Barry. Radginal came home a month later.

"I had a son I had never seen. I was GOING to Alabama," he said. "At that point in my life, I was going home to Alabama. I was going home to see my wife and my kid."

He worked at Sears and they had held his position while he was in the service. He worked there until 1973. During this time, he and Judy had welcomed a second son, Tracy.

Judy didn't work as much after the kids were born.

He went to work for GE and Judy went to work once the boys were in school. Judy took a job with Cullman City Schools in the Cullman High School lunchroom where she worked for several years. Through the years, Judy worked several jobs to keep busy while the boys were in school.

"I had a lot of part-time jobs," she said. "Nothing to retire on, but I was fortunate. I didn't really have to I guess. I was blessed."

Radginal worked in Irondale for GE until 1979 when the company asked if he would like to work closer to home by working out of Decatur servicing the north Alabama area. He worked in the area until 1998.

He said, "In 1998, they called me in and said, 'You've been here 25 years and five days,' then they fired me. I never did get an exact reason. I drove 1.2 million miles in 25 years in nine different vehicles with two accidents."

He continued, "It took me three or four weeks after GE run me off, I decided I can still fix washing machines; I can fix something for a living.

"So, I went to work with Handy TV in Cullman for six years. I went to work in Warrior at a company, HSI. They manufacture water handling equipment for municipalities. When I turned 62, I came to the house."

During this time Judy spent 16 years on the Vinemont Town Council.

When asked why she wasn't the mayor, Judy laughed, "I thought about it back then. It was the last part of the 80s, maybe '86 or so, until 2004 or 2000. I'm not sure."

She joked about running for mayor against her husband, "If they give me a raise, I might! Woo, we could really drag up the dirt."

In the second part of the Dodsons' story, they will talk about family life and discuss the tragic loss of their son, Tracy. They will also talk about life after retirement and the celebration of 55 years of marriage.



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Vinemont Mayor Radginal Dodson and his wife, Judy, pose for a photo recently.

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Charles E. Howell, 88, of Vinemont, left his earthly life and entered his eternal home with his Lord and Savior on Friday, May 24, at Woodland Village HealthCare Center following a long struggle caused by a stroke suffered in October 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd Edgar Howell and Hallie Mae Curtis Howell, first wife Alma Ilene Howell, and granddaughter, Delinda Marie Coleman. He is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife, Charlotte Jane Howell of Vinemont; daughter, Charlene Howell Johnston and her husband, Eric, of Laceys Springs, AL; sister Lilly Arnold of Orlando, FL; granddaughter Holly Elizabeth Moulder and her husband, Tyler, of Madison, AL; grandson Timothy Johnston II and his wife, Destini, of Arab, AL; plus stepchildren, Robert T. Barry and wife Angela, Raymond Barry and wife Diane, Rick Barry, Carol Hulsey and husband David, and their children and grandchildren. Charles retired from the Cullman Walmart Distribution Center. In retirement, he often spent his days at Cullman Regional Medical Center, where he worked as a volunteer. Always alert for opportunities to make children smile, Charles was affectionately known to children as "the candy man" because of his habit of carrying candy to give to children at church and elsewhere. He was also known for his enjoyment of cowboy movies and western novels. He often kept a paperback handy. Visitation will be at Cullman Funeral Home, 461 U.S. Hwy 278 E, Cullman, AL 35055 on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will be held at the Bethlehem West Baptist Church, 14310 AL Hwy 157, Vinemont, AL 35179 on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 11 a.m. Burial to follow at Friendship Methodist Cemetery.

Jackie Dean Hale of Vinemont passed away peacefully May 24, 2019 at the age of 85 surrounded by his family and friends. He was born July 12, 1933 to Eddieth Carl Hale and Lillie White Hale. He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Wilburn, Leonard and Huel Hale, daughter-in-law Karen Joy Hale and his wife of 65 years, Willodean Wilhite Hale. Mr. Hale was a veteran of The United States Army and worked as a Military Police in the Korean War. A Celebration of Life service is Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tim Aris officiating. Interment will be in Bethlehem West Cemetery. Survivors are: daughters Donna (Roy) Aaron, Melinda (Billy) James, son Ronnie Hale, brother Charles (Carolyn) Hale, grandchildren Haley Aaron, Kayla Aaron, Kevin Aaron and Brooke James. Visitation is Monday, May 27, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m.

Barbara Ann Harris of Hanceville Alabama passed away May 25, 2019 at the age of 78. She was born March 4, 1941 in Cullman to James Hoyt and Marie Tucker Tubbs. She was retired from the United States Department of Agriculture and she was also the owner of Harris Steel. Funeral services are Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 2 p.m. at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jerry Lawson officiating. Interment will follow services at Bethlehem Cemetery in Dodge City. Survivors are: son Clarence "Dumpy" William Harris III, grandson Jagger Dylan Harris, granddaughter Karina Marie Harris, niece Rhonda Brewer, one great niece and one great nephew. Visitation is Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at Moss Funeral Home from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. Please send condolence to the family at: www.mossservicefh.com

Paul Richard Wilson, 72, of Duncanville, Alabama formerly of Haleyville, entered into rest on May 25, 2019. Mr. Wilson was born on December 26, 1946. Paul served in the United State Army and did 2 tours during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed playing pool and admiring nature. Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 1-2 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Haleyville, where services will be held at 2 p.m. Brother Chris Sherrill will officiate. Burial will follow in Mt. Ebron Church Cemetery in Double Springs, Alabama. Paul is survived by his son, Brandon Wilson and his wife Amanda; beloved companion and caregiver, Judy Wilson; and sister, Rachael Fleming and her husband Roger. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Ruth Wilson.

Martha Carolyn Echols, 75 of Cullman, formerly of Sardis Community, passed away on May 25, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born on September 1, 1943 in Winston County. Martha was a member of Sardis #2 Baptist Church for 50 years. Visitation will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 from noon until 2 p.m. at Sardis #2 Baptist Church where service will be held at 2:00pm. Brother Donnie Carroll and Brother Mike Tidwell will officiate. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery. She is survived by her daughters, Kelly Echols and Mitzi Quick and her husband Jimmy; brother, Ronnie Seymore and his wife Amy; sisters, Linda Carroll and her husband Donnie and Debbie Tidwell and her husband Mike; she was grandma to 9 grandchildren, Drew Frazier, Hillary (Kevin) Calma, Brooke Frazier, Bo (Courtney) Frazier, Blake Bartlett, Sarah (Daniel) Merkl, Hope Bartlett, Hannah Bartlett and Meagan Quick; and 7 great grandchildren, Maddie Calma, Ava Schafer, Addison Schafer, Maverick Calma, Lucca Calma, Jeremiah Frazier and Elijah Frazier. She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Keith Echols; parents, Lomax and Helen Seymore; son, Mike Echols; daughter, Amanda Bartlett; and sister, Gearldine Long. Pallbearers will be Drew Frazier, Bo Frazier, Blake Bartlett, Kevin Calma, Daniel Merkl and Jim Quick.

Mary Joyce Netherton, age 68 of Cullman, entered into rest Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. She was born January 24, 1951 to Lee and Viola Trussell. "Joyce" attended New Life Assembly in Cullman. Visitation will be Monday, May 27, 2019 from 10-11 a.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison, where the service will be held at 11 a.m. Brother Jimmy Drinkard will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Nesmith Community. Joyce is survived by her husband of 43 years, Tillman Netherton; parents, Lee and Viola Trussell; son Robin (Leah) Netherton; brother Jerry Trussell; and was "Maw Maw" to two grandchildren, Avery and Carter Netherton. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Pam Netherton.

Helen Brown Freeman, born May 26, 1933 in Cullman, Alabama and passed away peacefully on her 86th birthday in Cullman, Alabama. She was preceded in death by her parents, Talmadge and Emma Nix; husband, Ranie Brown; one son, Keith Brown, two sisters, Fay (Frank) Hanson, Gladys Eidson Brock; and one great granddaughter, Aspen Grace Brown. Survivors include two sons, Bruce (Connie) Brown, Greg (Rosemary) Brown; six grandchildren, Keith Brown, Noah (Amanda) Brown, Nicholas (Jennifer) Brown, Kristin (Jonathan) Thompson, Nathan (Stephanie) Brown, Jessica (Jonathon) Wright; five great grandchildren, Liv, Sydni, Parker, Chandler, Eva Grace; and two sisters, Rachel (Jerry) Daffron, Shirley (Dwain) Stricklin. Helen lived a blessed life and was a loving and giving Christian wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and aunt. Funeral Service will be noon Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Chapel, with interment in Cullman Memory Gardens. Rev. Ralph Andrews will be officiating. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the funeral Home. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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OPINION

Always Reforming: Life in Community (5)

Tom Fillinger
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Today in our series on the One Another Commands we focus on the Command to Serve One Another.

1. Crucial question – Have you been set free from the bondage and penalty of sin?

2. Evidence – If you were called to stand before an impartial judge or jury, what evidence would you offer to validate your claim?

3. What is the definition of "indulging the sinful nature?" Is that limited to mere sexual misconduct?

4. How would you describe "serving in love" using specific actions that meet the expectations of this command?

5. What specific action do YOU need to take to qualify for the status "living in obedience to this command?"

Gal. 5:13 You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.

Serving one another in love requires the intentional and persistent setting aside of personal convenience and preferences and embracing Kingdom values and a biblical model for living as a servant (δουλος = slave). cf. Will Durant, History of Civilization, Vol. 3, p. 397 provides 30 pages of relevant material on what it meant to be a slave in the first century Roman culture. We are slaves to righteousness and slaves to Christ. We must live as such in obedience to this command.

To obey this command, you must evaluate our current priorities, our values hierarchy.

A. We must ask ourselves – "In what specific acts that I engage do I exhibit 'slavery' to the needs of others?"

B. When is the last time I intentionally and systematically evaluated my values hierarchy?

C. When I discover and validate deficiencies in this area of my life, am I willing to repent?

D. What evidence must I accumulate to validate my obedience to this command?

E. Will I establish an accountability circle and submit myself to those people and honor their observations?

Application

1. How and when will you apply what you learned today?

2. This command is not addressing mere social considerations: food pantry, clothing, etc. It includes, and perhaps the primary focus is on, Spiritual Formation (Gal. 3:1).

3. The greatest joy in living is serving. Profoundly unhappy people are always profoundly self-centered myopic people who see only their own wants and needs. Step out and step up to the command to be used of God to bring Transformation to the life of others.

So, are you obeying this command to serve? If not, what action will you take to correct your disobedience to Jesus who is LORD? If you take no action, you are saying it is acceptable to live in perpetual rebellion and disobedience and yet expect God to bless you.

That my dear friend is delusional. DO NOT live with unconfessed sin and failure to serve others is sin. Remember, these are commands not merely good ideas.

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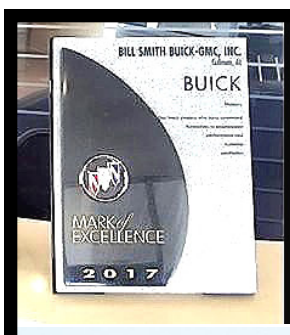
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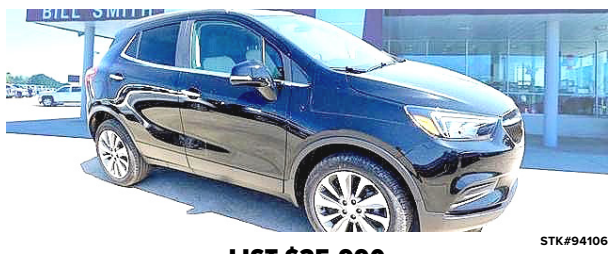
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