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'She exemplifies the commandment, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself"

Chamber bids farewell to Leah Bolin

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce bid farewell to outgoing president Leah Bolin at its annual Chamber Membership Appreciation Cookout on Wednesday. The cookout was held in the breezeway outside the Chamber of Commerce with a free lunch provided by Stone Bridge Farms.

"Today is Chamber Appreciation Day for what you do for our community, for being a part of the Chamber so we can have that one voice for business so everyone can receive a blessing from that," said Bolin. "I know I have received a blessing from each of you and I am so grateful for the time that we've been able to be together and develop relationships."

Guests enjoyed live music from Derek Sellers while enjoying grilled hamburgers and hotdogs from Stone Bridge.

This year's cookout was also a goodbye party for Bolin, who recently announced her resignation after serving as the Chamber's president for the past seven years.

Many gave emotional speeches, including Chamber Chair » PAGE 8



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Sammie Danford, left, and Leah Bolin, right, pose for a photo at Wednesday's Chamber Membership Appreciation Cookout.

Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court gets underway today

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As of Thursday morning, Cullman County's court system now gives veterans who struggle with the mental and emotional aftermath of their service a new means to deal with issues faced by many who have been to war, and which contribute to higher than average rates of substance abuse, anger control and even suicide among those who served. The Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court offers veterans who have been arrested for nonviolent offenses an alternative to jail time and a criminal record. It will not excuse any crime committed; in fact, the veteran must plead guilty to the charge, but the program will help that person overcome whatever life situation brought him or her to the point of committing a crime.

A manual developed by the county court system for use by mentors who will assist veteran offenders describes the program:

A Veterans Treatment Court is a specialty court that is designed to deal with veterans who have gotten into minor trouble with the criminal justice system. Individuals who are charged with more serious criminal offenses are not permitted to participate in the program. If an individual is charged with domestic violence, he or she will only be allowed to participate in the Veterans Treatment Court if the victim agrees. To be assigned to Veterans Court, the Veteran must agree to plead guilty, and then must undergo treatment required by the court. The Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court holds individuals accountable for their wrongful actions, but also attempts to address the underlying reason for their aberrant behavior.

Military service is a positive experience for most people, but for some, especially those who have served in combat situations, their military service has created or exacerbated mental health conditions such as PTSD, traumatic brain injury or substance abuse problems. Unfortunately, it's not unusual for individuals who have returned from active duty to be arrested for drug possession, domestic disturbances or stealing to support their drug habit. Veteran Treatment Courts have specially trained judges, administrators and mentors that understand the specific mental health issues presented and are aware of the resources available through the VA and other avenues that can be utilized to address these problems.

Participants undergo a period of intensive supervision including regular drug screens and meetings with court officials, followed by periods of incrementally stepping down the requirements until the veteran is ready to graduate.

Participants should plan to be in the program around 12 months, with mentors- who are veterans themselves- walking side by side with them all the way through the process.

Cullman's program is patterned on the already active Madison County Veterans Treatment Court, which currently enjoys an approximately 85 percent success rate.

Cullman's Veterans Treatment Court came about through the efforts of Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas and District Judge Wells "Rusty" Turner. Turner, who is a Navy veteran himself, will take the lead with Nicholas in a support role.

During a recent mentor recruiting event, Turner told The Tribune, "I think it will give people an opportunity to, if they've made a bad choice, that they can rectify that bad choice and turn a negative into a positive, and hopefully get their life back on track.

"If it's something relatively serious, or if it's just a minor hiccup that can affect their employment and definitely affect their relationship with their family members, if we can help fix that, then I'm all for it."

How does Veterans Treatment Court work?

According to the manual: *Veterans who are arrested for a criminal offense are given a Veterans Treatment First Call court date at the time they are released on bail from the Cullman County Detention Center. At the First Call hearing, the accused will be provided an attorney if they are indigent and do not already have retained counsel and, if the offense is one that would qualify for acceptance into the Veterans Treatment Court, the accused veteran will be provided an application. The accused, in consultation with his or her attorney, may submit an application for admission to the Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court, along with a copy of his or her DD214. The completed application will then be reviewed by the Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court Compliance Committee to determine whether the applicant meets the minimum qualifications to enter the Veterans Treatment Court and would otherwise be a good candidate for the program. Being allowed to enter the Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court program is a privilege and not a right.*

If the application is approved, the applicant will be assigned a date to appear in court to enter a plea of guilty to the charged offense and be formally admitted into the Veterans Treatment Court program. The judge presiding over the Veterans Treatment Court will accept the guilty plea but withhold adjudication and sentencing, conditioned upon the participant's completion of the program. At the time a guilty plea is entered, the participant will also be assigned two Mentors, a primary mentor who will typically have the most interaction with the participant and a secondary mentor, who will be available in the event the primary mentor is unable to attend court or to otherwise interact with a participant.

Upon successful completion of the program, which typically takes 12 months, the District Attorney files a motion to dismiss or nolle prosequi the criminal charges against a participant and the judge enters an order dismissing the charges. However, before criminal charges are dismissed, the participant must pay all restitution owed to the victim.

If a participant doesn't successfully complete the program

Veterans Court is not a "get out of » PAGE 8

ALERTS

I-65 night resurfacing to start June 2 in Cullman, Morgan Counties

Seth Burkett
Contributor

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – The Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) advises motorists that contractor Wiregrass Construction will begin resurfacing about 3.5 miles of Interstate 65 in southern Morgan County and northern Cullman County on the evening of Sunday, June 2.

The $1,777,862 project includes milling and resurfacing between the bridge at Hurricane Creek north of Vinemont and the bridge over the CSX railroad north of Lacon. Work will begin on the northbound roadway and later transition to the southbound roadway.

Motorists are advised to expect single-lane closures from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights throughout the summer. Please be prepared to merge and reduce speed, and remain on the lookout for workers and equipment.

In addition to the night work, there is some day work planned for late next week. On Thursday, June 6, and Friday, June 7, weather permitting, shoulder work will be performed between about 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on northbound I-65. This will be a moving operation. No closures are planned for the travel lanes, but the inside and outside shoulders will be closed periodically.

FAITH

Vacation Bible School programs kicking off around the county

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Churches throughout Cullman County are gearing up for Vacation Bible School. Here is a list of VBS events happening around the area. If your church is hosting a VBS and it's not listed below, email your information to wendy@cullmantribune.com.

Week of June 2

• Vinemont Baptist: Roar, June 3 - June 7, 6-8:30 p.m. (registration June 1 from 2-4)
• Welti Cumberland Presbyterian: June 2 - June 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
• St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church: Camp Moose on the Loose, June 2 - June 5, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Hanceville First Baptist: Roar, June 2 - June 6, 6-8:45 p.m.
• Hopewell Baptist: In the Wild, June 2 - June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Friendship Baptist: In the Wild, June 2 - June 7, » PAGE 6



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Arrests and incidents reported May 28-29

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported May 28-29, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED MAY 28
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
INCIDENTS
May 23
- domestic violence; Hwy. 278 E
- trespassing; CR 810
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; St. Joseph St.
- harassment; CR 1203
- domestic violence; CR 1564
- harassment; Hwy. 278 E
- domestic violence; CR 813
- theft of property; Garden City Heights St.
- harassment; CR 1486
- theft of property; Hwy. 69 S
- unlawful possession of marijuana; Little Creek Acres

May 24
- harassment; Hwy. 69 N
- theft of property; CR 437
- domestic violence; 3rd St. SE
- trespassing; CR 1127
- theft of property; CR 1605
- trespassing; CR 1141
- theft of property; CR 437
- criminal mischief; CR 1454
- burglary; CR 1386
- theft of property; CR 509
- harassment, theft of property; Smith Lake Park

May 25
- domestic violence; CR 96
- domestic violence; Chad Dr.
- domestic violence; CR 1384
- theft of property; CR 1395
- theft of property; CR 222
- violation of a protection order; Hwy. 69 S
- theft of property; Hwy 157
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 483

May 26
- domestic violence; CR 1467
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 728
- unlawful possession of marijuana, illegal possession of prescription drugs; 3rd St. SW Garden City
- theft of property; CR 1043
- burglary; CR 421
- criminal mischief; CR 386
- theft of property; Red Hill Rd.
- burglary; CR 2024
- theft of property; CR 222
- theft of property; CR 565
- harassment; Scott Dr.
- harassment; CR 48

May 27
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 1129
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Smith Lake Park
- harassment, menacing; Hwy. 91
- theft of property; Red Hill Rd.
- theft of property; CR 35
- criminal mischief; CR 616
- possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31

ARRESTS
May 23
Akers, Tonia Denise Jones, 39
- contributing to truancy

Barnett, Richard Shane, 19
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Beavers, Jane Gregg, 84
- contributing to truancy

Benefield, Matthew Earl, 34
- public intoxication

Bentley, Sarah Jacqueline, 28
- FTA- public intoxication

Brown, Cody Weston, 27
- FTA- attempting to elude
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Brown, Dalton Myles, 21
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Colburn, Connie Ann, 52
- FTA- driving while revoked

Evans, Alex Wayne, 23
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Fallin, Ronald Ray, 51
- violation – home builder's license

Glasgow, Tyler Jacob, 33
- DUI - .08 BAC or greater
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Hahn, Bert Dion, 52
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hardin, Michael Shane, 47
- FTA- driving while revoked

Hunter, Dominick Brian, 21
- public intoxication

Otwell, Crystal Lee, 39
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Sandlin, Dallas Chase, 21
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Skinner, Paul Lee, 45
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Williams, Walter Alexander, 31
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

May 24
Aldridge, Wesley David, 31
- first-degree criminal mischief
- first-degree theft of property (2 counts)

Brown, James Stephen, 25
- judge's order- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

James, Timothy Loyd, 37
- FTA- no tag/tag not plainly visible
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts)
- writ of arrest – child support

Little, Tommy Lee, 46
- FTA- public intoxication

Sisson, William Lynn, 21
- FTA- third-degree burglary
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Taylor, Joshua Levi, 40
- reckless endangerment

Whitehead, Jerry W. Jr, 34
- writ of arrest – child support

May 25
Bailey, Nathan Paul, 44
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument (6 counts)
- FTA- public intoxication

Cantrell, Julie Fulmer, 46
- probation violation – second-degree theft of property

Eddins, Kristopher Dion, 45
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Lacrosse, Alan Michael, 31
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Martin, Jacqueline Gayle, 34
- third-degree domestic violence
- resisting arrest

Whittaker, Damian, 41
- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

May 26
Brockman, Shannon Wayne, 41
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Cox, Cheyanne Elizabeth, 18
- public intoxication

Greene, Sabrina Buford, 46
- public intoxication

Holland, Glennon Wynn Jr., 36
- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hubert, Richard Thomas III, 22
- public intoxication

Leal, Theresa Ann, 34
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shipley, Robert Thomas, 37
- illegal possession of alcohol in a dry country

Teodoro, Parra Carreto, 44
- third-degree domestic violence – harassment

Wren, Mahalla Nicole, 39
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

May 27
Brannon, Jonathan Edward, 32
- FTA- driving while suspended

Cofield, Geneva Ann, 46
- GJ- first-degree theft of property

Garmon, Charissa Lee, 30
- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Hill, Cade Daylon, 19
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)
- FTA- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Holder, Robert Dean, 51
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Johnson, Jordan Andrew, 24
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Reeves, Terry Wayne, 49
- illegal possession of prescription medicine

Shipp, Dennis Earl, 58
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- public intoxication

Villa, Antonio Jr, 39
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- resisting arrest
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Whitehead, Delilah Nicole, 35
- DUI – .08 BAC or greater

Whitehead, James Anthony, 35
- public intoxication

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 23
- leaving the scene of an accident; person; 2nd Ave. NW; damage to '18 Dodge Ram

May 24
- third-degree forgery; Cullman Savings Bank; forged checks
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous

May 25
- harassing communications; person
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; St. Joseph Dr. NW; damage to '19 GMC Acadia; $800
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW
- third-degree theft of lost property, fraudulent use of a credit or debit card; person; misc. charges
- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; misc.; $201
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Olive St. SW; helmet; $80
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc.; $89

May 27
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Dripping Springs Rd. NW; bicycle; $100
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc.; $86
- third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157
- fourth-degree theft of property; person; 2nd St. SW; bicycle; $100
- third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave. NE

ARRESTS
May 24
Martin, Dannal J., 35
- FTA- insurance violation

Burbage, George R., 44
- FTA- third-degree domestic violence

May 25
McWhirter, Benjamin C., 31
- DUI

Creel, Patrick S., 43
- FTA- insurance violation

Hilburn, David W., 53
- second-degree stalking

Cantrell, Jerimiah R., 23
- FTA- giving false information to a law enforcement officer
- FTA- public intoxication

Doss, Andy M., 60
- third-degree domestic violence- harassment

Bevington, Ronald E., 50
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Rajput, Shaina M., 34
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Graham, Asia R., 28
- fourth-degree theft of property
- FTA- insurance violation

Woods, Russell D., 44
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

May 26
Eddins, Kristopher D., 45
- harassing communications

Taub, Katherine A., 19
- obstructing government operations

Wren, Daniel Wren, 23
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Overton, Brandon G., 29
- FTA- driving while revoked (2 counts)
- FTA- improper tires
- FTA- speeding
- FTA- insurance violation
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- FTA- criminal trespassing (4 counts)
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Flanigan, George L., 42
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

May 27
Johnson, Jordan A., 24
- fourth-degree theft of property

Ross, Brandon J., 25
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Hankins, Tyler M. 24
- FTA- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- insurance violation

Hankins, Joshua J., 30
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Floyd, Justin T., 29
- third-degree criminal trespassing

Johns, James A., 60
- FTA- insurance violation

Shelnutt, Kayla R., 28
- third-degree domestic violation

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED MAY 29
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
May 28
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, third-degree burglary; Atlanta Ave. SW; miscellaneous; unknown amount of property value
- third-degree forgery, third-degree possession of a forged instrument; Warehouse Discount Groceries; forged check; unknown amount of property value
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; person
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; person
- first-degree criminal trespassing; person; Denson Ave. SW

ARRESTS
May 28
Fulton, Brandon K., 35
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Lenz, John L., 47
- fourth-degree theft of property
- first-degree criminal mischief

Hanners, Loretta J., 50
- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Johns, Justin K., 39
- first-degree criminal trespassing

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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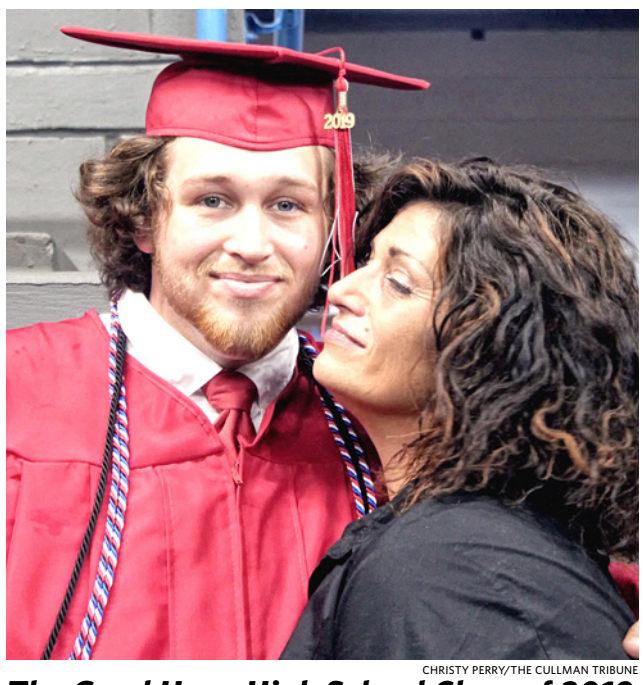
HOLLY POND HIGH SCHOOL



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Holly Pond High School held its 2019 commencement at Wallace State Community College Saturday, May 25. Principal Kim Butler announced that she would "graduate" with the class and named Lili Harris as salutatorian and Seth Self as valedictorian. Holly Pond High School graduated a total of 71 graduates.

GOOD HOPE HIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Good Hope High School Class of 2019 held its graduation ceremony Saturday at Wallace State Community College's Tom Drake Coliseum. Welcomed by 2019 Senior Class President, Caleb Hutcheson, the class was reminded of all its amazing accomplishments. James McWhorter, who scored a perfect 36 on his ACT, was this year's valedictorian. Tyler Kraus was the class salutatorian. The graduates were greeted on the stage by Principal Dr. John Hood who presented them with their hard-earned diplomas. Following the presentation of diplomas, Hood at long last instructed the class to move its tassels. The graduates then gathered one last time to sing the alma mater before tossing their caps into the air.

ST. BERNARD PREP SCHOOL



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

St. Bernard Prep School held its commencement at the Abbey Church on Sunday. The school presented Distinguished Alumnus awards to Rev. Michael Bausch for his work in social justice dating back to the civil rights movement of the 1960s and John Erickson for promoting causes of the elderly. The school also recognized retiring English teacher Helen Glasscock for 52 years of service. Bausch delivered the commencement address. St. Bernard named Alden Olyniec as valedictorian and Emma Pierce as salutatorian and presented its General Excellence Award to Fulton Gil. St. Bernard Prep's class of 2019 had 29 members, 16 of whom were National Honor Society inductees. Headmaster Fr. Linus Klucsarits announced that the class was awarded $6 million in scholarships and grants.

MEEK HIGH SCHOOL



MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Meek High School held its 2019 Commencement at Tiger Stadium Thursday, May 23. This was the first graduation held on the football field Principal Marla Murrah honored teacher Susette Rohde, who retired after 34 years with the Class of 2019. Murrah named student Austin Bowling as valedictorian and Emma Fincher as salutatorian. The Meek High School Class of 2019 had 52 graduates, the biggest group of graduates in the school's history.

VINEMONT HIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Vinemont High School held its 50th Commencement exercises Sunday at Wallace State Community College. The Class of 2019 observed a moment of silence prior to a touching greeting from Class President Ethan Dinkle, above center. Hudson Wood was recognized as class salutatorian and Rachel Hall as valedictorian. Principal Robin Netherton congratulated and thanked 2018-2019 SGA President Christy Perales. The last award announced each year at Vinemont is the Pinnacle Award. Netherton explained, "The winner of this award has embodied scholarship, loyalty, leadership, character and achievement." This year's Pinnacle Award winner was Mitchell Lamar Ford. Netherton delivered his yearly Principal's Challenge to the Class of 2019 before presenting diplomas. With diplomas in hand, the class listened to its class song, Trace Adkins' "You're Gonna Miss This."

HANCEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

The Hanceville High School Class of 2019 received its diplomas Saturday at Wallace State Community College. Family, friends, faculty and graduates were welcomed by the 2019 SGA President Alex Campbell. Campbell was also the class salutatorian. Tess Brown was named valedictorian. Following the speeches and scholarship acknowledgements, the graduating class walked across the stage and received its diplomas from Principal Jimmy Collins. The Hanceville Bulldog Band provided the music for the ceremony. The graduates tossed their mortar boards high in the air to begin the celebration of completing high school before being met with proud friends and family.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 30 - June 1

FRIDAY, MAY 31

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
- Rock the South- Gates will open at noon, with entertainment and activities running until midnight.
- 1872 County Road 469, Cullman, AL 35057

Friday lineup
- 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
- Find out more at www.pepsirockthesouth.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Crimson Ladies of Cullman 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
This year's tournament will be held at Cross Creek Golf Course in Hanceville. Registration opens at 7 a.m. before a shotgun start at 8. The cost for an individual golfer is $60, the team rate is $180, and proceeds will be going to the Nick's Kids Foundation. Your tournament entry fee will include green fees and a cart, range balls, a breakfast biscuit and a lunch sandwich. Prizes will be awarded to first place, second place and a randomly drawn place, as well as long-drive winners and closest to the pin contest winners. The tournament will also feature a special guest, former Crimson Tide running back Siran Stacy. For more information on this year's tournament you can contact Jan Saint at 256-339-4521 or Libby Edmonson at 256-531-2243.

Cullman County Republican Party Monthly Meeting
The Cullman County Republican Party hosts monthly meetings on the first Saturday of each month at the Cullman Elks Lodge. 1609 Brantley Ave. NW, Cullman
- 7:30 a.m.- Breakfast ($10)
- 8 a.m.- Meeting begins (free)
- The special guest speaker this month will be Congressman Gary Palmer.

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Saturday lineup
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- 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
- 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.

UPCOMING....

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.

Guthery Reunion
The Guthery family will meet on Saturday, June 8 at West Point Town Hall (3990 County Road 1141, Vinemont) at 10 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon. For more information, call Jackie Parker at 256-734-2098.

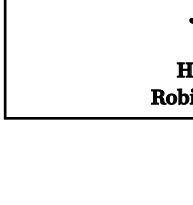
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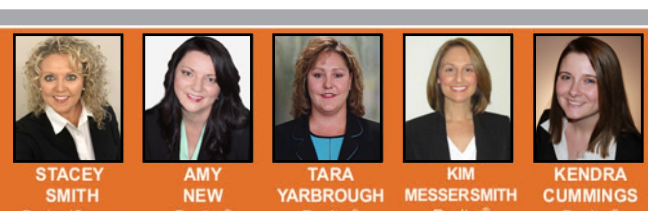
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6-8:30 p.m.
• Hopewell Baptist: In the Wild, June 2 - June 6, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Lystra Baptist: In the Wild, June 2 - June 7, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Cullman First Baptist: In the Wild, June 3 - June 7, 8:30 a.m.-noon
• Cullman First United Methodist: Roar, June 3 - June 6, 2:30-5:30 p.m.
• Welcome Baptist: In the Wild, June 3 - June 7
• Bethany Baptist: Sports Camp, June 3 - June 7, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Northside Baptist: In the Wild, June 3 - June 7, 6-8:30 p.m.

Week of June 9
• Mt. Zion Baptist: June 9 - June 12, 5:30 p.m. (registration June 5 at 6:30)
• Duck River Baptist: In the Wild, June 9 - June 12, 5:30-8 p.m.
• Holly Pond First Baptist: The Incredible Race, June 9 - June 12, 5:30-8 p.m.
• Northbrook Baptist: In the Wild, June 9 - June 13, 6-8:30 p.m. with dinner served at 5:30
• West Point Baptist: In the Wild, June 9 - June 14, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
• Desperation Church: Summer Jam, June 10 - June 12, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
• Concord Baptist: In the Wild, June 10 - June 14, 5:30-8 p.m.
• Enon Baptist: In the Wild, June 10 - June 14, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Walter Baptist: In the Wild, June 10 - June 14
• Corinth Baptist: Survival Guide, June 10 - June 14, 6-8:30 p.m.

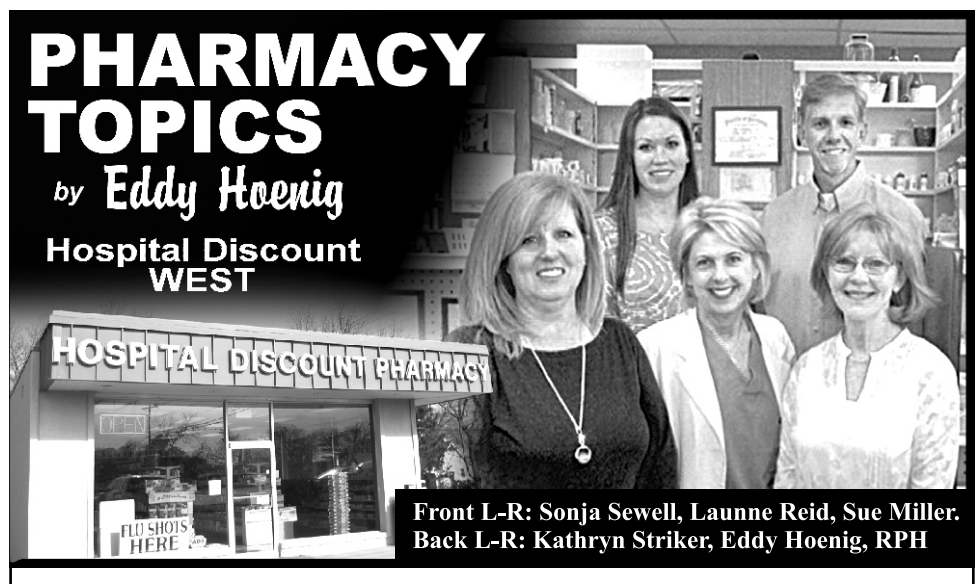
Week of June 16
• Spring Hill Baptist: Farm Fresh Faith, June 17 - June 21, 6 p.m. with dinner served at 5 (VBS kickoff celebration June 15 at 5 p.m.)
• Antioch Baptist: In the Wild, June 16 - June 21, 6-8 p.m.
• West Side Eva Baptist: Roar, June 17 - June 21, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Seventh Street Baptist: Roar, June 17 - June 21, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Week of June 23
• Center Grove Baptist: In the Wild, June 23 - June 26, 6-8 p.m.
• Center Hill Baptist: Roar, June 24 - June 28, 6-8 p.m.
• St. Andrew's United Methodist: Big Heart Farms, June 24 - June 28, 6-8 p.m.
• Lake Catoma Baptist: In the Wild, June 24 - June 28, 6-8:30 p.m.
• East Side Baptist: Roar, June 24 - June 28, 5:30-8 p.m.

July
• Redan Baptist: In the Wild, July 7 - July 12, 6-8:30 p.m.
• Fairview First Baptist: In the Wild, July 8 - July 12, 6-9 p.m.
• Daystar Church: The Circle of Life, July 14 - July 17, 6:30 p.m.
• Mission Grove Baptist: In the Wild, July 19 - July 20
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Taking a low-dose aspirin daily may help women lower their risk of developing ovarian cancer. A new study published in *JAMA Oncology* found that women who reported taking a low-dose aspirin every day had a 23 percent lower risk of ovarian cancer compared to nonaspirin users. The research also found that women who were heavy users of nonaspirin nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as ibuprofen (Advil) or naproxen (Aleve), over a long period of time had a higher risk of developing ovarian cancer. Ovarian cancer is the most fatal gynecological cancer, largely due to lack of early detection strategies.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 59
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET

WHEREAS, the City of Cullman, Alabama, is the owner of Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet;
WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council finds that this property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and has determined that it is in the interest of the public that such street or portion thereof be vacated;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet, is hereby declared vacant.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to surplus and sell this property for its appraised fair market value.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 15
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
1. The City of Cullman is the owner of a parcel of property described as a utility easement on Lincoln Avenue SW and Highway 278 (4th Street SW).
2. The Cullman City Council finds and determines that this property is not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and hereby vacates the property and declares it surplus.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell this property for its fair market value.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

Wesley M. Moore, City Clerk

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COUNTY OF CULLMAN

Default having been made in the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Gerald M. Yarbrough Husband Stephanie M. Yarbrough Wife to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. dated May 29, 2013; said mortgage being recorded on June 18, 2013, in Book 1710, Page 152 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT by assignment recorded in Deed Book 336, Page 498 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama.
The undersigned, U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Cullman County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 14th day of June, 2019 the following property, situated in Cullman County, Alabama, to-wit:
ALL THAT PARCEL OF LAND IN CULLMAN COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, BEING KNOWN AS FOLLOWS:
A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID FORTY; THENCE DUE SOUTH 863 FEET; TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE FROM SAID TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTINUE DUE SOUTH 200 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE HOLLY POND PUBLIC ROAD OR PIKE, NOW KNOWN AS THE EAST HIGHWAY; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 315.5 FEET; THENCE DUE NORTH 240 FEET; THENCE SOUTHWEST 327.1 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 1.6 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
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SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT FOR JOINT USE OF PRIVATE ROAD BETWEEN MAMIE DEERR NIXON AND STEPHEN W. JONES AND WIFE, DIANA D. JONES DATED OCTOBER 7,1992 AND RECORDED IN DEED BOOK 418 PAGE 064 IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

ALSO: A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.08 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE ACCEPTED NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST AND RUN ALONG THE ACCEPTED WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 826.76 FEET TO A FOUND 1 INCH PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 20.10 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 291.82 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 74 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 297.95 FEET; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 22.09 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO: A TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND CONTAINING 0.07 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS AND BEING A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION II, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCE AT THE ACCEPTED NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST AND RUN ALONG THE ACCEPTED WEST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 826.76 FEET TO A FOUND 1 INCH PIPE; THENCE RUN NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 311.92 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUE NORTH 78 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST, A DISTANCE OF 13.39 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN SOUTH 02 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS WEST, A DISTANCE OF 241.63 FEET; TO A FOUND 1/2 INCH REBAR MARKING THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY NO. 278 AND BEING IN A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 10 SECONDS, A RADIUS OF 2801.96 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 83 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 37 SECONDS WEST; THENCE RUN ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE AN ARC DISTANCE OF 13.18 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE RUN NORTH 02 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 48 SECONDS EAST, DEPARTING SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 240.56 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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Dena Marie Suter passed away on Sunday, May 26, 2019, at her residence. She was born March 30, 1956, to Laverne and Ida Wadenstorer. She was preceded in death by her father, Laverne Wadenstorer, and two sisters. Survivors include her husband, Walter Suter; son, Thomas Swarthout; daughter, Tina Brown; son, Tony Swarthout; stepchildren, Laura Crawford, William Suter, and Jeffrey Suter; ten grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; mother, Ida Wadenstorer; three sisters; and two brothers.

Mrs. Faye Marty passed away on Monday, May 27, 2019, at Falkville Health Care Center. She was born October 10, 1937, to Troy Theron and Collnie C. Jones. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Marty; two sisters; and two brothers. Survivors include her daughter, Pam (Kevin) Binkowski; son, Michael (Debbie) Marty; grandchildren, Varonica (Jared) Donham, Hilarie Marty, and Grace Binkowski; great-grandchildren, Ethan Donham and Gwyneth Donham; sister, Peggy Claburn; and brother, Gene Jones. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Memorial Services for Franklin Douglas Arnold, 39, of Hanceville will be 6 p.m. Saturday June 1, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home. There will be a visitation starting at 5 p.m. Mr. Arnold is survived by his daughters Zoe Beth Arnold and Mya Jordan Arnold; a sister Julie Arnold of Los Angeles, CA; a brother Forrest Arnold of Los Angeles, CA and parents Douglas and Melissa Arnold of Hanceville, AL.

Funeral services for Mrs. Margie Guthrie, 86, of Baileyton are Friday, May 31, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Cullman Funeral Home, Rev. Steve Rodgers officiating, with interment in Baileyton Cemetery. Visitation on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mrs. Guthrie passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents, James Silas Garrison and Saphroni A. Jester Garrison; her husband, Charles William Guthrie and 18 siblings. She is survived by her son, Alan (Mitzi) Guthrie; grandson, Preston Guthrie; granddaughter, Maci Guthrie and a host of nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

A memorial service for Mr. Donnie Ray Thomas, 69, of Vinemont will be Saturday, June 1, 2019 at noon at Cullman Funeral Home, Bro. Brian Hawkins officiating. The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon Cullman Funeral Home directing. Mr. Thomas was born April 4, 1950 and passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. He was the owner of Thomas Custom Cabinets. He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther Amos Thomas and Mildred Marie Kelley Thomas and a sister, Betty Blackwood. He is survived by his sons, Chris (Angie) Thomas and Shannon (Misty) Thomas; brothers, Andy (Shirley) Thomas and Jerrol (Ida) Thomas; grandchildren, Dakota Thomas, Brody Montgomery, J.C. Thomas, Anzlee Chaney, Kylee Chaney, Weston Montgomery and Brantley Thomas and a host of other family and friends.

Gloria Faye Yates of Cullman, formerly of Huntsville passed away May 28, 2019 at the age of 87. She was born April 18, 1932 to Louis and Alabama Swann Johnson. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Edward R. Yates, sisters Arzola Parker, Tassie E. Douglas, brothers James P., H.M. and Lloyd Johnson. She was a resident of Norfolk Virginia before she moved to Huntsville. Funeral services are Friday, May 31, 2019 at 12 noon at Moss Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sidney Johnson officiating. Interment will be in East Point Cumberland Presbyterian Cemetery. Survivors are: son Douglas Yates, brothers Herbert Johnson, Sidney (Jean) Johnson, Bill Johnson, grandchildren D.J. Yates and Casey and a host of other family. Visitation is Friday at Moss Funeral Home beginning at 11 a.m.

It is with great sadness that the family of Tony Eidson, 61, of Cullman, announce that he passed away at his residence on Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Mr. Eidson was born in Mole Bridge, South Dakota on November 8, 1957 to Gerald and Gladys Nix Eidson. He was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Eidson; mother, Gladys Eidson Brock; wife, Cindy Lanford-Eidson and sister, Debra Lamphear. He leaves to cherish his memory his daughters, Bridget (Susie Lopez) Crosby and her children Kaiya and Sydnee, Natalie (Hamilton) Caffey and their children Guy and Audrey, Michelle (Nate Burnett) Eidson and her son Jayden; Andrea Lanford and her children Blake, Evan and Jaxon and Kaitlyn (Josh) Hawkins and their son Ayden; son, Jordan Lanford; and sisters, Diana (Steve) Bradley, Brenda Eidson Goodwin and Kellie (Gene) Persall. The family will be hosting a Celebration of Life Memorial service on Thursday, May 30 2019 at 6 p.m. at Sportsman's Lake Pavilion 7. Moss Service Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences and special memories may be left at mossservicefh.com.

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On Monday June 3, 2019, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Short-form subdivision – Main Ave. NW & Brunner Street NW
2. Subdivision Regulations
3. Request to vacate right of way – Marline Drive SE

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1. Proposed new Subdivision Ordinance for the City of Cullman, Alabama

View print copy at the City of Cullman Building, Planning, & Zoning Office located at 201 2nd Ave. NE. Monday – Friday 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Request digital copy of Ordinance at aduke@cullmanal.gov.

For further information contact Rick Fulmer or Amber Duke at the City of Cullman Building Department at 256-775-7203.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman Council approves special events

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CULLMAN, Ala. – "We have a big announcement with our competitive cheer teams winning the national championship for the league they compete in," Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism Executive Director Nathan Anderson told the mayor and city council members at their meeting Tuesday night. He continued, "We actually have two teams. They are called Warhead and Starburst Teams and they competed nationally and went up against the top teams in the country and won two different divisions. Nobody in our area has ever won a national competition like that to my knowledge."

Read the full story on the national competition here: www.cullmantribune.com/2019/05/24/cullman-gymnastics-cheer-academys-warheads-and-starbursts-finish-first-at-u-s-finals.

Mayor Woody Jacobs and the council will recognize the ladies at a future meeting. Councilman Clint Hollingsworth added, "It's been a big last couple of weeks in the Patterson family with baseball state championship and Kristy's teams winning the national championship."

Kristy Patterson is the director of the Cullman Gymnastics & Cheer Academy and her husband Brent Patterson is the head coach of the 2019 State Champion Cullman High School Baseball team.

The council approved two special event requests:

• Reyford Parker of Outlaw DJ Services was given approval to hold a fundraiser for double lung transplant patient Savannah Wallace. The event will take place in front of WKUL June 29 from 4-10 p.m.

• Louise Cole of the Cullman County Bosom Buddies Foundation was given approval for a charity motorcycle ride June 15 from 7 a.m.-noon. The ride will begin at Cullman Regional.

In other business, the council passed:

• Resolution No. 2019-60 to levy ad valorem taxes. This is an annual renewal, not a new tax.

• Resolution No. 2019-61 to amend the position control policy and detail. This adds a temporary position for an engineer at Cullman Fire Rescue and a program director at Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism.

• Resolution No. 2019-62 to award construction, engineering and inspection services to TTL, Inc. for the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program (ATRIP) project on Convent Road (Larkwood Bridge).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Colony readying for summer programs

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COLONY, Ala. – On Tuesday evening, the Colony Town Council talked about plans for what's shaping up to be an eventful summer for the community. The town will participate in the federally-funded summer feeding program from June 3 through June 29, offering free breakfast and lunch to children and youth up to 18 years old, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays.

During the first week of the program, Councilwoman Ethel Alexander and Town Clerk Patricia Ponder will head up a summer camp.

Alexander will offer a program for younger children studying Colony's history, with community tours and specially-made coloring books.

Ponder will lead a high-tech course that will give kids access to computer-driven technology not typically found in the average home, including digital cutting, laser engraving and 3D printing.

The town also plans to take a group of students to the McWane Center during the closing week of the feeding program.

An ambitious summer program for the small town will require some help, and Colony is getting it from:

• Cullman Savings Bank, which donated $2,500 to the town to cover costs of the McWane Center trip and assist with repair projects around the gym and park

• Ponder, who is using her personal tech equipment collection for the summer camp. She is also trying to secure additional computers from the Cullman County Public Library System.

• The Cullman County Extension Office, which is scheduled to come to town to prepare a free spaghetti dinner for diners of all ages on June 18

• An upcoming community yard sale, date to be announced

• Sale of T-shirts and backpacks emblazoned with a "Straight Outta Colony" logo. Ponder made one shirt by request, and as folks have seen it and word has gotten around, she has begun receiving more requests. Anyone interested in getting a T-shirt or backpack should contact Colony Town Hall at 256-287-1192.

Mayor Donnis Leeth hopes to have staff from the Good Samaritan Health Clinic come down for an onsite clinic day, and Alexander told The Tribune she also hopes to include a luau-style community event as part of the month-long program.

Possible polling place change

In his comments, the mayor said he has filed the necessary paperwork with Cullman County Probate Judge Tammy Brown to move Colony's voting location from the town hall next door to the larger Educational Complex.

The request must be approved by Brown and the County Commission.

Leeth also remarked that, during a recent visit to Montgomery, he spoke with officials from the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) and other agencies about having some of Colony's roads repaved and that the town's community garden is coming along well.

In the council's last order of business, Councilman Melvin Hammond, who chairs the Finance Committee and who expressed concern about town spending at the last meeting, requested that the town cease paying him for his service. The request was approved.

The Colony Town Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. at Colony Town Hall, with work sessions at 5:30. The public is invited to attend.

Bolin (from Front)

Dr. T.J. Franey, who shared, "Cullman County is a better place to live, work and play because of the outstanding work of Leah Bolin and all that she's done for the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center. Her leadership, passion and enthusiasm over the past seven years has transformed our Chamber and our community."

Pasts Chamber Chair Melissa Cartee added, "She exemplifies the commandment, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' Everybody she talks to or comes into contact with feels like they know her and that she has been a dear friend to her forever. She has brought this Chamber to where it is, number four in the nation, by sheer dedication, commitment and drive. She loves this Chamber; she loves our community and she has worked relentlessly to get it to the success that it is today. It is the most successful this Chamber has ever been in the history of the Chamber."

The Chamber staff presented Bolin with a touching gift signed by the guests of the cookout. Magan Bartlett explained the significance and thought behind the gift. As guest arrived, they were asked to sign a painting of trees. Guest signed their names to the many branches prominent in the painting. At the bottom was a favorite quote of Bolin's: "Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."

Court (from Front)

jail free" card, as the manual explains:

When a defendant has failed to comply with court ordered random drug testing or treatment recommendations, sanctions are immediately imposed by the Veterans Treatment Court judge. Sanctions may include community service or incarceration in the local detention facility for a short while. Because of this intensive supervision that is designed to address the underlying drug or mental health problem, those individuals who graduate from a Veterans Treatment Court are far less likely to reoffend in the future.

If a participant commits a new offense or fails to abide by the requirements of the program, he or she may be terminated from the program at the discretion of the judge, adjudged guilty and sentenced pursuant to the plea agreement for the offense committed.

Mentors needed

Veterans Treatment Courts partner with local law enforcement, mental health services, veterans' services agencies and others to bring resources together from a broad range of disciplines to help participants, but the main points of contact between veterans and the program are other veterans who serve as mentors.

The county program's mentor handbook says: *Veteran mentors play an important role in the Cullman Veterans Treatment Court program. Because of their shared military service experience, mentors are better able to communicate effectively with participants who have been charged with committing a criminal offense. With the support and encouragement of mentors, participants in the program are much more likely to successfully complete court ordered treatments for their service-related mental health or substance abuse problems and graduate the program to be restored as valued and productive members of our community.*

Mentors come to court with participants, help them navigate through the legal and treatment system, and hold them accountable for meeting their program requirements.

While they are not counselors, mentors can offer a sympathetic ear for participants who just need to talk through some issues. Maybe the most important resource they offer the participants is their friendship.

Earlier this year, Army veteran and experienced Madison County program mentor Ray Zimmerman told a local group of mentor candidates that the mentor's best tool is to "just care about your mentee."

Said Nicholas, "We're really fortunate, I think, in this county that we do have people in the DA's office, and the judges, and the law enforcement that are committed to veterans.

"And this concept is something that we're all invested in, but it's really not going to work without the mentors.

"The mentors really are the heart and soul of this program, because they provide the tools that are necessary to help that individual that has run afoul of the law kind of navigate through the judicial system.

"Now, again, the mentors are very helpful; they're going to help navigate. They're not going to be therapists, they're not going to be lawyers, but they're still going to be instrumental, really, in helping the veterans court program succeed."

Get involved

Cullman County Veterans Treatment Court is in need of mentors. Volunteers will not have to go in blind, but will undergo training led by instructors from established veterans court programs.

The county is currently seeking military veterans to serve as mentors, believing that people who understand the military experience and "speak the language" can offer the best help to other veterans.

If you are a veteran who is interested in helping other veterans by becoming a mentor, please contact one of the following:

• Darrell Brewer, Cullman County Veterans Service Officer, Cullman County Courthouse, 500 Second Ave. SW, Room 109 in Cullman. Phone: 256-775-4662. Brewer will be supervising the mentor program.

• VFW Post 2214 Commander Will Harris at 256-739-6611 or twodogwill@hotmail.com. Mentor applications are available from, and completed forms can be dropped off at, the VFW Post, 112 Veterans Dr. SW in Cullman.

On Tuesday, Nicholas said, "Memorial Day is a time that Americans reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by military men and women who died while in the service of their country.

"It's only fitting that the Cullman Veterans Treatment Court will officially accept its first applicants into the program this coming Thursday, just a few days after the Memorial Day celebration honoring our veterans.

"The court will be presided over by District Judge Wells 'Rusty' Turner, who is himself a retired veteran of the U.S. Navy, and I am confident he will provide the necessary leadership to make the program a complete success.

"With the support and encouragement of veteran mentors, participants in the Veterans Treatment Court program are much more likely to complete court-ordered treatments for their service-related mental health or substance abuse problems and graduate the program to be restored as valued and productive members of our community."





