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- FEATURE -

Helen Glasscock retires from St. Bernard after 52 years in education

Glasscock is a charter member of the St. Bernard Prep School faculty



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Helen Glasscock looks forward to more time with her flowers, among many other things!

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CULLMAN, Ala. – There are people around Cullman today who don't know that St. Bernard Abbey's school used to be a college, but Helen Glasscock knows. She graduated from there summa cum laude ("with highest honors"), and came back to teach there for 14 years. A few years after the college closed, following sojourns at Alabama State University and Wallace State Community College, she drove back onto the Abbey grounds as the newly-founded St. Bernard Prep School's English teacher. Now, 35 years after she started her "new" job, and after 52 years in education, she's looking for something else to do. After announcing her retirement, Glasscock was honored during St. Bernard's 2019 commencement.

The Tribune sat down this week with Glasscock at her Cullman home not far from her beloved campus, where we got to enjoy both her hospitality and the beautiful flower beds she hopes to spend more time tending now.

How did it start?

Glasscock shared, "I started back to school in '62 and I did that- and this is what nobody has ever asked me, really: why did I start back to school, because I had three daughters already, and you know that's a full-time job- but if you remember what was happening in the 60s, it was the women's movement and that sort of thing.

"I thought that the best thing I could do for my daughters was to be educated myself, and to see that they could take care of themselves, and that they did not have to- and this sounds kind of crude- but they didn't have to rely on a man for their livelihood. And, you know, it was a strong women's rights movement and all that. And, thankfully, they have all three turned out quite successful."

Glasscock's three daughters are: Deborah- a registered dietician helping nursing homes across north Alabama improve the health of their residents, Mary- a longtime administrative staffer now retired from Wallace State and Melanie- a veterinarian and poultry science instructor at Wallace State.

Glasscock and her husband, Korean War veteran and former Birmingham steelworker Kenneth (See www.cullmantribune.com/2016/11/05/from-cullman-county-to-korea-veteran-has-stories-to-tell/) have three daughters, six grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Coming back to St. Bernard

With a master's degree in English from the University of Alabama, Glasscock was called back to the college in the fall of 1966 to help educate the increasing number of soldiers coming back from Vietnam with veterans' benefits.

Said Glasscock, "If you remember, that was when we had numerous Vietnam veterans coming back, and they wanted to further their education with the G.I. Bill. And so, the college at that time, St. Bernard College, had an influx of those returning veterans. It swelled their enrollment, and so I was needed. And I enjoyed it very much."

Glasscock remained on the college's faculty until the college closed in 1980. After that, she spent a year teaching at Alabama State University in Montgomery, driving down to teach on Mondays and coming home on weekends. She enjoyed the job and the school, but not the distance which kept her away from home most of the time.

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Hanceville man convicted in 35-year-old sex abuse case



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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Peanut

PET OF THE WEEK

Hungry for a friend? Grab a Peanut!

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

Peanut is a beagle mix who's close to 2 years old. He's a laid-back, low- to medium-energy pet described as a "delightful, compact fellow."

Ruttkay shared, "Peanut was an owner surrender and struggled with looking for mom and dad. He can now enjoy your companionship and will stay close to you!"

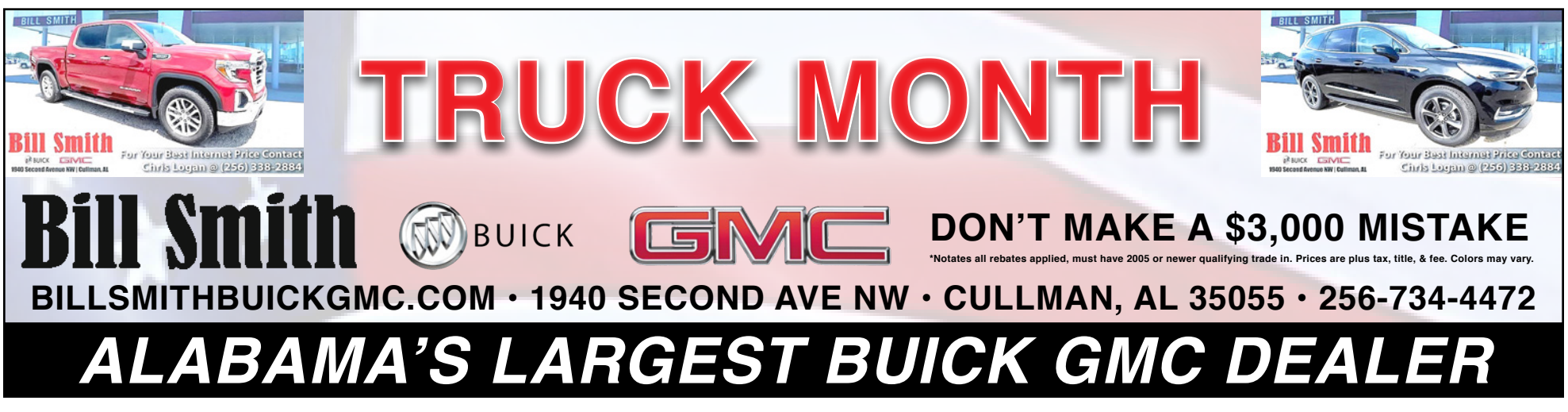
Peanut enjoys human companionship, is taking to his leash, and has the makings of a good companion, therapy, emotional support or even outdoor hiking dog.

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.

Peanut's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccine, rabies vaccine, wormer, general exam at the vet, neutering, 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.



Arrests and incidents reported June 11-12

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 11-12, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED JUNE 11
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 10
• identity theft; person
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; AC units; $356

ARRESTS
June 10
Nethery, Delver A., 30
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Corrick, Chasity H., 28
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Hutcheson, Devin R., 27
• domestic violence – strangulation, suffocation
• interference with a domestic violence emergency

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED JUNE 12
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 11
• harassment; person; Ave. A SE
• second-degree theft of property; person; unknown location; pistol; $621

ARRESTS
June 10
Fields, Ivan J., 39
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Goodwin, Kandiss N., 39
• public intoxication
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• possession of drug paraphernalia
• second-degree promoting prison contraband

June 11
Ferrell Jr., Christopher G., 28
• FTA- expired tag
• FTA- insurance violation

Burk, Randall A., 41
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (3 counts)
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Holder, Donald W., 51
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance

Weaver, Patricia K., 54
• unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (5 counts)

Goodlett II, Jimmy, 49
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Speakman, Tyler L., 24
• giving false information to law enforcement

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

Glasscock (from Front)

took a job at Wallace State.

In 1984, she was called back once more to St. Bernard Abbey, which was opening a new preparatory school. She would stay for the next 35 years, most of that as the institution's senior English teacher.

"When the prep school first opened," recalled Glasscock, "I *was* the English teacher. And then, you know, we didn't have a graduating class the first year. And then the second year, I think, we went into the four grade levels. So it's been an ongoing process."

Aside from the college-to-prep-school shift, what's the biggest change you've seen at St. Bernard?
Said Glasscock, "This was obvious, actually, before the college closed. The biggest thing I noticed back then, of course, the technology is overwhelming. But one of the biggest things I noticed before the college closed was, when I first started teaching, you could assume that most of the students had the same kind of background and had the same kind of training, and would know something of the story of Moses, would know something of the Red Sea- crossing the Red Sea. There was a basic bundle of knowledge that most people would have known about.

"But before the college ever closed, I suppose- and I don't know what triggered this- it was probably television, maybe one thing, because I can remember our getting our first TV, and that sort of thing. That was one of the biggest changes I noticed when I was teaching on the college level: that you could not assume that every child, every adult I was teaching had the same kind of background as every other student in the classroom."

Changing times
Not only have changes in intellectual culture affected St. Bernard, but the school has also become an academic United Nations of sorts, its residential dormitories hosting students from around the world.

How do you adapt to a culturally wide-ranging international student body, especially as an English teacher?
Glasscock responded with a laugh, "Very patiently! But we always had support personnel. And because we were a smaller school, I never experienced that great a difficulty. In fact, it was just the opposite. One year, I remember, I had a little Chinese girl who came in- she was a sophomore. And he's now Fr. Paschal, but he was in the class with her. He was very kind; he immediately (helped), because he had association with her outside the classroom, whereas I didn't. When I gave an assignment, when I said something- she sat right behind him- and if she didn't understand something, she would punch him on the shoulder, and he would explain to her what was going on.

"And, usually, the international students live in the dorm. I think that's a great help, because they're interchanging there with English-speaking people 24/7. So that's one thing.

"And, of course, we had ESL classes. And Fr. Linus, the headmaster now, he's very good with that sort of thing."

What from St. Bernard's past would you want every new student to know about their school?
Said Glasscock, "I think any student has to have a desire to learn. And they have to understand that St. Bernard is not the kind of school who necessarily is going to fit you for a job, and you walk out of there and be employable the next day, as a trade school would or Wallace would, because their mission is different from that.

"We had the motto 'Mind, Body and Spirit.' And so, our goal was to cultivate all that, to train all of that. And I have found I've very few problems actually teaching kids out there. A teacher has to respect the child, and I think the child, in turn, senses that."

Finding her calling
Glasscock originally wanted to become a nurse and hoped to intend the Ida V. Moffatt School of Nursing, now a division of Samford University, but her father would not let the 17-year old girl move to Birmingham.

Education was her second option, about which she said, "Things turned out well. And I really do think I found my calling, which was to be a teacher."

Though she attended Catholic schools as a student and taught for most of her career at Catholic schools, Glasscock is a lifelong Southern Baptist, raised in the congregation of Oak Level Baptist Church, where she and her family are still active members.

Asked if that ever created any issues for her or the school, she said, "There was never an issue, because I respected the monks and the monks respected me. And my mentor, who was Fr. Malachi Shannihan and was head of the English Department, is actually the one who mentored me and encouraged me to get my master's degree and come back and teach.

"It's always been home to me. We had nothing to argue about, because we were serving the same God in a different way."

In Memoriam (?) No, not yet!
Laughing about the dangers of a retirement story coming across like a eulogy, but wanting to get around to how Glasscock wants to be remembered by coming generations of St. Bernard students, The Tribune asked her in what building, hall or room she'd like to see a plaque with her name on it, only to find out that it has already happened! She and the school are awaiting the arrival of an honorary plaque that will be displayed in the school's library.

Her love for the school, though, is bigger than any of its buildings.

Said Glasscock, "I've always been fascinated by that place: the whole thing, the 800-plus acres, because when I drive, get off (Highway) 278, and head to the campus, there it's so peaceful and quiet.

"I do believe that God has His hand on that place. I just look at the history and the dedication. Some of my students are brain surgeons now.

"I will never forget: the prep school had not been too many years in session, and we had a math teacher from over at Sacred Heart- she had come to us from the Catholic John Carroll (School) in Birmingham. She was giving a couple of the students a hard time. And she told this one student, whose name I won't call, that he was never going to amount to anything. And he turned out to be a brain surgeon!

"St. Bernard has always prided itself on not having the best students, but taking good students and developing their potential, and then sending them out. And they're good at doing that sort of thing.

"Just look at the history behind the place. And it's bigger than itself, bigger than itself. Everything they do out there is bigger than itself or themselves. You know what I'm saying? And I think that's what I found so fascinating about the place, was being part of something bigger, larger than myself."

What do you want people to remember about your tenure at St. Bernard?
Said Glasscock, "I was always known as a tough teacher. And more recently, I was told, just in the last fall- I didn't go to the opening on Sunday; school always opened on Sundays and the kids got checked into the dorms or whatever- one of the mothers was singing my praises because I had had her son the year before, and when he got to college, he was prepared for Freshmen English in college. And I think that's to my credit. My goal was to have them prepared for college-level work.

"You can't pat each one on the shoulder and say, 'What a nice little kid you are.' You've got to get down to business. I was known as a tough teacher. I am known as a tough teacher. That's what it's all about. I didn't feel like I was doing my job if the student wasn't prepared for the next level. You have to do what you're required to do.

"I always had good rapport with my students, too. Very seldom did I have difficulty.

"The main thing now is the lack of reading on the part of the students, because they're always sitting with this, doing this thing (performing a pantomime of some two-fisted, two-thumbed smart phone action). I told them if they wanted to do well on the ACT or the SAT, read, read, read. You can't read enough.

"I always told my students I would never be lonely and I would never be bored if I kept my eyesight, because I love to read."

What's next?
Glasscock looks forward to more time to spend reading, tending the flower beds that surround her house, joining in church functions at Oak Level and enjoying yoga and other activities that help her keep up a healthy lifestyle. She's also looking forward to a lot of quality time with a lot of children, grandchildren, greats and great-greats!

Said Glasscock, "I simply want to pretty much do what I feel like doing."

"To Helen"
Rob Harkins, a student who, according to Glasscock, "hated English to start with" until "something clicked," took to writing poetry after his time with the teacher who led him to a newfound and profound love for words. During a visit earlier this year, he presented her this poem:

TO HELEN
Such wondrous gazing
to my eyes you brought,
While knowledge
yet remained in
dimmer night,
Twas wrought within my
mind, and on I sought
Til through that
darkness broke
undying light.
A planted seed to sprout
in budding youth-
And oh, the lovely
journey of the growth!
For what I now hold
as unyielding truth
Is the read, the written,
the love of both!
The hearts of Byron,
Keats, the soul of Donne,
My own heart and my
soul they gently touch
And give a brighter
light unto the sun
That shines into a soul
and feels that such
A grateful mind and
ever grateful heart
In debt to yours until
my soul shall part.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
June 13 - 15

THURSDAY, JUNE 13
Hanceville City Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

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

Dive-In Movie: "Muppet Treasure Island"
Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's first dive-in movie of the season will be Thursday, June 13 at the Cullman Wellness & Aquatic Center's outdoor pool. "Muppet Treasure Island" will begin at dark (around 8:30 p.m.) The cost to attend is $7 per person for non-CWAC members or free for CWAC members.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14
Free Just Play! - Culpepper Park
Join us every Friday in June from 10 a.m.-noon for Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's FREE Just Play! program in different parks around Cullman. The free program is for ages 5-12, and it will feature games, relays and fun. June 14 at Culpepper Park, June 21 at Stiefelmeyer Park and June 28 at Ingle Park.

2nd Fridays
2nd Fridays 2019 is kicking off this summer on June 14, and we have TONS in store for everyone! Depot Park will be taken over this month by Youth Night in the Park, with several youth groups from area churches coming together to enjoy some great games like corn hole, an obstacle course, dizzy bat, and much more! Youth of all ages are encouraged to come join in the fun! We have officially expanded across to 278 with Cullman Downtown Merchants Association sponsoring family-fun activities. That's not all we will have going on! Other activities for June's 2nd Friday include:
• Johnathan East on the Shirley Quattlebaum - State Farm Insurance Agent stage
• Alex Swindle on the James R Smith Trucking Artist Alley Stage
• Blind The Sky on the Dairy Queen Grill & Chill Stage
• R.E. Garrison Trucking, Inc. show lot, featuring the Buffalo Wild Wings Kids Zone
• The Branham Accessories antique and classic car Cruise-In
• James R Smith Trucking Artist Alley, with artists, and Chamber member pop-up shops
• Farm Y'all Cullman sponsored by Cullman County Economic Development, featuring a specially opened Festhalle Farmers Market
• EvaBank's Depot Park featuring Youth Night in the Park with Domino's Pizza
• A food demonstration, sponsored by River Valley Ingredients
• A watermelon spittin' contest, sponsored by Urban Grace
• Several different kinds of food trucks
• Extended retail and dining hours at participating Cullman Warehouse District and Downtown Cullman stores
• And a lot more!
• 2nd Fridays is sponsored by Cullman Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and presented by the Cullman Chamber and Cullman Parks, Recreation, & Sports Tourism. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and wind down at 10 p.m. Admission to 2nd Fridays is free, but don't forget to bring your wallets to support local eateries, vendors, merchants, artist and farmers! We encourage attendees to bring their own chairs, as well, for your comfort. We look forward to seeing you there!

Free Drive-In Movie: "Tangled"
Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism's first drive-in movie of the season will be "Tangled." Join us Friday, June 14 at Nesmith Park for the film. It's free to attend, and movies can be viewed from your vehicle, or you can bring your own lawn chairs and blankets. The movie begins at dark (around 8:30 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 15
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.

Bates Reunion
The Bates Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Trimble Community Center.

PCA USA Alabama | Southeast Open
• PCA Alabama (Southeast Open) | June 15, 2019
• Cullman Civic Center | Athlete Registration Now Open
• 510 5th St SW, Cullman, AL 35055
• 9 a.m. - Athlete Sign-In
• Noon - Show Starts
• PCA USA bodybuilding and physique events are a celebration of all that our athletes have accomplished, sculpting and transforming their bodies with dedication, strength and sweat. Be a part of the excitement, from the stage or cheering from the seats, and take in all of the action in between. We bring in special guests, photo opportunities, and exciting exhibitors and vendors to inspire and prepare you for your own fitness journey. Register to compete in men's and women's categories: https://www.officialpcausa.com/pca-alabama-southeastopen PCA USA will be looking to build the next Team PCA USA from these events, so don't miss out! For sponsor opportunities, contact promoter: Jesse Calvert: jcalvert@officialpcausa.com - 256-758-2562

Gènesis Homecoming
5-9 p.m. at the Hanceville Civic Center; Join Gènesis in a fun-filled day with your family as we celebrate our homecoming. Groups to be in attendance are: Trusting Grace, Living Faith and Joyful Hearts.

Haunted Hanceville Ghost Walk & Paranormal Investigation Chapter 2
7:30-10 p.m. Do something different and fun this summer and join the Southern Ghost Girls Tours & Paranormal Investigations, as seen on TV, as they lead you on a Historical Haunted History Tour / Ghost Walk & Interactive Paranormal Investigation of Historic Downtown Hanceville, AL and Mann's Home & Garden! Perfect for date night, girls' night out, family nights, history buffs and seasoned paranormal and ghost hunters. $15; More info: lesleyhyde7480@gmail.com or 205-305-5098.

UPCOMING....
Cullman City School Board Meeting
June 18 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom at the Cullman City Board of Education

Cullman Regional Safety with the Sheriff Seminar
In recognition of National Safety Month, Cullman Regional is hosting a Safety with the Sheriff Seminar on Thursday, June 20. Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry will share information on community safety, scams and drug awareness. Join us for this informative seminar and learn tips to keep you safe! 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Colonel Cullmann Room, located in Professional Office Building 2 on the Cullman Regional Campus (1912 AL Hwy 157, Cullman, AL 35058). The cost of this lunch and learn program is $5 for Healthy Life members and $8 for others. To reserve your spot, register at www.cullmanregional.com or call 256-735-5600.

Swamp John's
Friday, June 21, from 4-7 p.m. at 2659 County Road 1545 (Gold Ridge Road). $12 plate. For more information, contact C.H. Loyd at 205-706-2556.

85th Annual Sandlin Reunion
Cold Springs Community Center; 8821 County Road 109, Bremen, AL 35033
Saturday, Aug. 3, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring covered dish and drinks; plates, cups, napkins, forks and ice provided. Invite your Sandlin relatives.
• Chairman: Dr. Randall Sandlin; Secretary: Patsy Sandlin Medlock
• Contact: Anita Sandlin Glover, 1283 Highland Lakes Trail, Birmingham, AL 35242, patsymedlock@bellsouth.net, 205-995-7988 (home), 205-915-1870 (cell)
• Let's conserve postage! Please email me your email address. If you don't have an email address, invitations will be sent via U.S. mail. Thanks!
• Directions: Interstate 65, Exit 299 toward Dodge City/Jasper, take AL-69 South (approximately 14 miles). Turn RIGHT on CR-54. At 1st STOP sign, turn RIGHT on CR-109. At the STOP Sign at Cold Springs High School, turn RIGHT. Less than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
• Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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CRIME

Logan man arrested in Tennessee for 'violent' attempted kidnapping

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and the Clarksville (Tennessee) Police Department are asking for the public's help in their ongoing investigation of truck driver Roy Michel Nellsch, 62, of Logan, Alabama.

According to the TBI, law enforcement officers arrested Nellsch May 22 and charged him with one count of especially aggravated kidnapping following a violent interaction earlier that day with a Clarksville woman, from which she was able to escape.

Nellsch was put into the custody of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office on a $500,000 bond.

The TBI said authorities have reason to believe Nellsch might be connected to more crimes with additional victims.

The TBI confirmed to The Tribune's Birmingham media partner, WVTM 13, that TBI agents executed a search warrant at Nellsch's home in Logan Wednesday, saying in a message, "We have had agents at 6081 County Road 940 in Logan, AL today on the execution of a search warrant as part of an ongoing investigation.

"As this remains a very active and open investigation, we're not able to provide any specifics at this stage."

A spokesman for the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) said the CCSO assisted in the search, but that it is the TBI's case. The spokesman said Nellsch remains in custody in Tennessee.



MONTGOMERY COUNTY (TENNESSEE) SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Roy Michel Nellsch

Anyone who has had an interaction with Nellsch, or who may otherwise be able to assist the ongoing investigation, should contact the TBI at 1-800-TBI-FIND.

EDUCATION

Personnel changes top county school board meeting agenda

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CULLMAN, Ala. – During its June meeting, the Cullman County Board of Education (CCBOE) approved and recognized several changes in personnel for the 2019-20 school year. Most notable were four transfers of assistant principal to principal: Eric Dickerson will be the new principal at Cold Springs High School (replacing Tim Burleson), Beverly Jenkins will be the new principal at Good Hope Elementary School (replacing Susan Melton), Lesley Hembree will be the new principal at Good Hope Middle School (replacing Alan Dunkling) and Steve Miller will be the new principal at Holly Pond High School (replacing Kim Butler). (A full list of all personnel changes will be released this week by the CCBOE.)

The board recognized Rhonda Hogan from Fairview Elementary for receiving the CCBOE e5 Exceptional Service Award. Stephanie Hood, librarian for Good Hope Middle School, was also recognized as the Tony Serra Nissan and Cullman Tribune Teacher of the Month.

Some of the agenda items approved included:

- list of 2019 summer workers
- request from Good Hope High School to offer credit advancement classes in summer school for $150
- request from the Holly Pond High School Key Club to attend the International Key Club Convention in Baltimore in July
- request from the Cullman County Extension Office to transport 4-H students to a Summer 4-H Camp in Columbiana using a county school bus
- request from Cullman County Soil & Water Conservation District to use a county school bus to transport teachers to their annual teachers' workshop in Falkville
- permission for all county schools and the central office to dispose of and/or sell (by sealed bid) any obsolete or non-operational technology equipment, classroom/library/office equipment, furniture, televisions and electronics

Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette reported that the Jerimiah Castille Character Camp for grades 1-12 will take place June 22 at Good Hope High School. Grades 1-6 will have Speed & Agility Camp from 9-11 a.m., and grades 7-12 will have Speed & Agility Camp from noon-2:30 p.m. and football camp from 8:15 a.m.-2 p.m.

During the board's work session prior to the meeting, members heard from Ramona Calhoun, a special education instructor at Parkside School who is being transferred to Fairview involuntarily. Working largely with students on the autism spectrum at Parkside, Calhoun said her job included helping prepare her students for success in their academic careers while also adjusting to their needs (such as implementing sensory-friendly changes to her classroom). She said her job served other students as well through a mentoring program, and said that in the four years that she has been at Parkside she has become very fond of her students. However, she told the school board that after Parkside's graduation, she returned a missed call to be notified that "effective immediately, you will be transferred to Fairview High School."

She described to the board how she had no prior notice of this transfer, how she had no say in the issue (she described being told on the phone, "I am your boss and you will do as you're told."), and even having a meeting with a representative from the Alabama Education Association she said left her feeling like she had been steamrolled over. In the end, she did not ask the board to do anything to change the transfer - rather, she said she would do anything the members told her - but only asked the board to consider the action and its impact on her students.

"I've worked in the (Cullman County) system for 14 years. First it was the Child Development Center, then Holly Pond, then Parkside for the past four years. I had no idea anything was changing because I thought my principal would have talked to me about it," she said. "I was never given an opportunity to speak on my behalf or on my students' behalf. I went to autism training conferences, I set up a sensory station in my classroom at my own expense, I work with them on a daily basis. My job hasn't changed, so I don't understand if they're gonna have to hire someone to take over the student's that I've worked with."

She continued tearfully, "Mr. Barnette, I just want to understand why it is that my years in the education field don't matter at all when we hire someone through a temp agency to replace someone who's poured their heart into these babies."

Barnette stated that a replacement would not be hired; Parkside will continue with two special education aides instead of three.

The next regular school board meeting will be Thursday, July 18, with a work session at 5:30 p.m. and meeting immediately afterward.

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East Elementary

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Good Hope High School
Hanceville High School
Whitlock's General Store - Trimble
Etha Baptist Church
Enon Church - Eva Road
Springhill Church, Hwy 278 West
Holly Pond High School



2:30 PM- 3:30 PM

Calvert's Store - Brushy Pond
West Elementary School
Garden City School
Fairview High School
Vinemont High School
Jones Chapel School
Cross Creek Tractor



4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Cold Springs High School
Simcoe Baptist Church
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Parkside School
Battleground School
West Point High School
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According to a network meta-analysis research article published in the May 1, 2018 issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons* (JAAOS), the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) naproxen was ranked most effective in individual knee osteoarthritis treatment.

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Researchers have shown that color vision problems caused by retinal damage on a cellular level can result from a high dose of sildenafil citrate, the popular erectile-dysfunction medication sold under the brand name Viagra. The results demonstrate that excessive use of the drug could lead to long-term vision problems, including possible irreversible damage. The findings have been published in the fall issue of *Retinal Cases*.

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Antibiotics have saved many lives by rescuing patients with bacterial or fungal infections, but these valuable drugs also have a dark side. Many antibiotics can have undesired effects on the body's metabolism, causing more or less severe symptoms. Fluoroquinolones are some of the most frequently used broad-spectrum antibacterial antibiotics and usually prescribed for respiratory, urinary or ear infections. While they are generally well-tolerated, some patients receiving fluoroquinoles develop severe health problems, among them tendon rupture, permanent nerve damage or depression. A new study published in *Nucleic Acids Research* investigated the effect of ciprofloxacin – a commonly prescribed fluoroquinolone – on mitochondria. Ciprofloxacin caused impaired mitochondrial energy production and blocked cellular growth and differentiation. This dramatic impact on mitochondrial DNA is the likely cause for most negative side effects experienced by patients and also a reason to use fluoroquinolone antibiotics with great caution.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Cullman's Eastman commits to University of Montevallo

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman standout Anna Katherine Eastman has made her college decision. The rising senior point guard will be continuing her academic and athletic career at the University of Montevallo. Eastman was of one of the Lady Bearcats' biggest leaders on the floor in her junior campaign at Cullman. She earned an honorable mention on this year's 6A All-State Team and now holds the state record after making 42 consecutive free throws this season. In her junior season, Eastman helped the Lady Bearcats finish with a 23-10 record, their first season in several years with more than 20 wins.

After going to take a look at the campus, Eastman felt at home right away and that made her decision really easy.

"Ever since I stepped foot on campus, it felt like home right away," Eastman said. "I have a very good relationship with both of the coaches, and I am already very close to some of the players.

"It was a very good fit from a basketball, academic, and location standpoint. Montevallo is an historic campus with brick streets that are absolutely beautiful."

Eastman has learned a lot from coach Josh Hembree and has improved her game each year and has also learned how to be a leader on and off the court.

"Since freshman year, I have been fortunate enough to learn more and keep improving my game," Eastman said. "I've learned how to be a leader by example. I've also had to learn how to be a vocal leader, since I am a quiet person.

"Coach Hembree has been an outstanding coach. He pushes me every single day and never lets me let up. He holds me to a very high standard, and for that, I am very thankful."

Eastman also learned a lot from assistant coaches Mary Lauren Hartline and Nina Mills this season.

"I have learned so much from them," Eastman said. "They are so knowledgeable about the game and push me every day to be my best. They've also been in my position before, so it's very easy to relate to them. They're always there for me with anything I need."

Hembree feels blessed to have coached Eastman for several years and he can't wait to see what she does in her senior season and what she can eventually do at the next level.

"I am really excited for her," Hembree said. "I've had the privilege to see her work, grow, sacrifice, and do things that others were not willing to do to be the best that she could be.

"She's gotten so much out of her ability, and I'm excited to see how she leads her team during her senior season. I think Montevallo will be a great fit for her. She's a very intelligent player who can handle the ball, shoot it, and distribute the ball to others.

"Moreover, A.K. is a great teammate who pushes others to be their best and encourages them to rise to her level."



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Cullman's A.K. Eastman announced her commitment to play at the University of Montevallo on Tuesday.

Castille visits Cullman ahead of annual Character Camp

Camp set for June 22 at Good Hope High School

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Football season may still be a couple months away but there's a great opportunity for young athletes to improve their game coming to town in a couple of weeks. The 12th annual Castille Character Camp will be hosted by Good Hope High School Saturday, June 22, and boys and girls ranging from the first grade to the 12th grade are invited to come participate free of charge.

The camp was founded by former Alabama Crimson Tide standout Jeremiah Castille in 2008, and he is assisted by former NFL and Division I athletes that teach the fundamental skills of athletics, giving participants a competitive edge in their athletic performance.

The hands-on instruction of the non-contact skills camp is designed to provide a solid foundation in football fundamentals while also building character. Participants are taught teamwork, self-discipline, consideration of others and how to attain and maximize their true potential relative to age and development on the field and in life. The camp's goal is to train, develop and prepare players to reach their full potential athletically and personally through skill training and character building. The camp is divided into four quarters with Character Corner during half-time.

Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette said he hopes to rotate the camp to multiple campuses down the road and is excited for Good Hope High to get the chance to host the upcoming event.

"The coaching staff there at Good Hope is just a great example of character, from basketball to football and every sport down there. Many of our coaching staffs do in Cullman, and we're so blessed to have that, but we reached out to (Good Hope) trying to get more kids involved and we'd like to rotate the locations a little bit," Barnette said.

"(Principal) Dr. (John) Hood was excited to host it, so they've got some of their coaches putting the supplies and things together to prepare the stadium, so we're excited about that. I'm hoping we'll have more kids, especially from there, come out and maybe next year we can rotate it to another school and keep it going."

Both Barnette and Coach Castille credit Cullman County Schools Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey with helping organize the event each year.

"T.J. got us involved in this area and this is our 12th camp. I'm excited anytime we have a chance to work with younger athletes whether it be here in Cullman, in Birmingham or wherever," Castille said. "It's great to have the opportunity to help and teach them the fundamentals of running and then from there being able to do football. When you're able to do that, you can touch that person's life, and we call our camps character camps because that's what we want to instill in them is the right type of character. Football and athletics in general are a great vehicle to do that."

"Year in and year out, she's the one that has kept this going," Barnette said. "She's worked really hard in the community to get sponsors for this and we're really excited because it doesn't cost our campers anything, and if they sign up ahead of time, they get a free T-shirt and that's all because of our local sponsors."

Franey has been part of the camp every year and helped make the camp a free event as well. She said they've picked up around 20 sponsors for this year's camp and she's thankful for their contributions that make the camp possible.

"I got involved with our first camp and back then we charged. I remember I had a young man in my classroom who said he was going and when I asked him why he wasn't at the camp he said he couldn't go because his mom said, 'We can't afford that.' He was so disappointed, and I thought about how many kids there were that don't play sports that could benefit from the camp," Franey said. "So, we had several people and sponsors in the community that have supported it, and the character component is very important to them as well."

Barnette shared some stories of former students who have spoken to him about their experiences with the camp and said that's become one of his favorite things about the event each year.

"One of the things I love about the camp is in between the plays and different drills, you see the young people talking to these former and current players and coaches and they just really mentor these young people," Barnette said. "All the time, we have people that graduated and come back and say 'I went to that camp for 10 years.' It's great when you see the kind of person that they're developing into and know that this camp contributed to that."

Coach Castille had some similar stories to tell. He has developed relationships with past campers that are still strong to this day, and some of them have even come full circle to help coach at the camp.

"We had a young man who started coming to our camp about 10 years ago as a sixth-grader or seventh-grader named T.J. Steele," Castille said. "He actually texted me the other day asking when camp was, and he's come back and coached it the last couple of years, so I need to call him and let him know to plan on coming out to help coach."

Castille has served as the chaplain of the University of Alabama football team since 2001, and in that time has met many young men who help him coach the camp.

The character component of the camp is a priority for Castille so his role as chaplain helps a great deal in finding leaders to help run his camp.

"As the chaplain at the University of Alabama, this'll be my 18th season, the guys that are involved in our Bible study leadership are really the players we use," Castille said. "From current players to former players, they're people that we know and that we vouch for as far as their character and their leadership."

Castille said the attendance at the camp here in Cullman has always been good to work with because it allows him and his coaches to work with athletes on a more intimate level. Some kids can find themselves lost in the shuffle at larger camps across the state, and Coach Castille is proud that his camp provides a more personal training experience.

"I was actually sharing with T.J. (Franey) earlier that I like our numbers here. To me, as a former athlete and a parent, I would want my son or daughter to be able to get quality time. When camps are too big, the coaching staff can't take the time out," Castille said.

"To me, this camp is one of the most quality camps an athlete can come to because if they decide to go down to the Nick Saban camp or go down to Auburn, we have coaches that work those camps that are here. So, from a quality standpoint, they can get the same type of coaching, but when you're in these big camps, you're a number and you don't get that personal interaction and develop that relationship. For example, like I said with T.J. Steele, we developed that relationship 10 years ago and we still have that relationship. To me, that's what makes this special."

The festivities won't be over once the camp winds down Saturday afternoon. St. John's Church will be hosting a cookout and fellowship service at 5 p.m. and all participants are invited to attend.

Participants can register early for the camp at the Cullman County Board of Education's central office, www.ccboe.org or www.castillefoundation.org/events. Those who register early will receive a free T-shirt, but participants can also register at the field before the camp at 7:45 a.m.

The football camp, only for grades 7-12, will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. while the speed and agility camp for grades 1-6 runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The speed and agility camp for grades 7-12 will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 256-734-2933 or visit www.castillefoundation.org.



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Pictured left to right are Cullman County Schools Superintendent Dr. Shane Barnette, Cullman County Schools Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey, Cullman County Schools' Leah Sapp and Coach Jeremiah Castille.







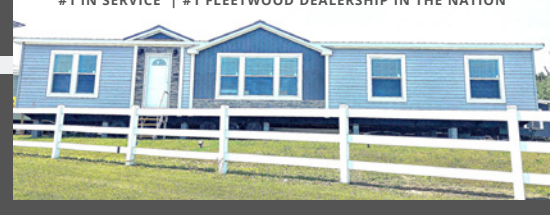
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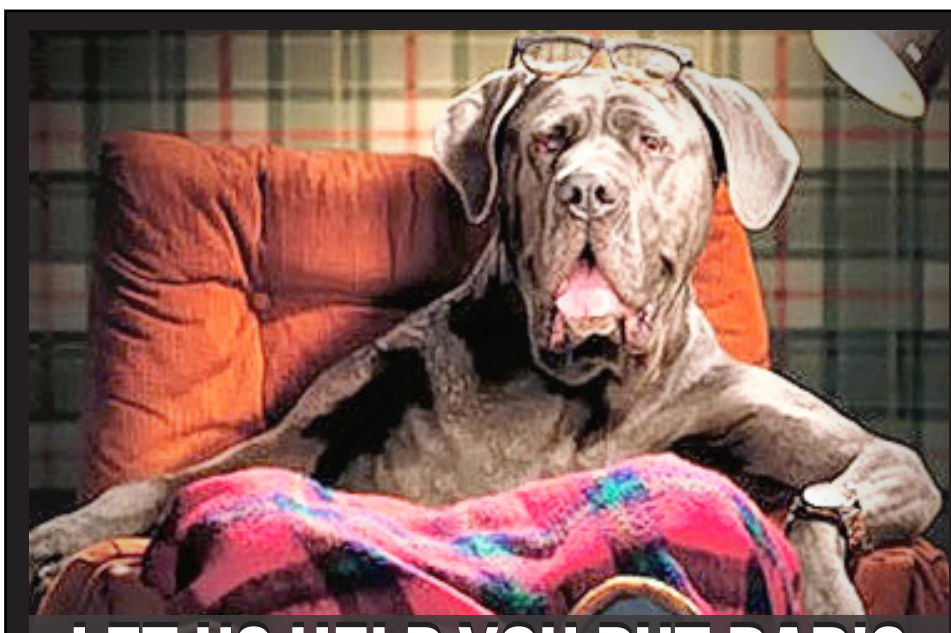
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Commission awards bids for courthouse roof, detention center siding

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Roofing and siding bids were awarded by the Cullman County Commission this week. The first bid was for the re-roofing for the Cullman County Courthouse.

The second bid was for the replacement of the siding at the Cullman County Detention Center. Both were heavily damaged during the March 2018 hailstorm.

The base bid for the metal portion of the courthouse re-roofing was awarded to GKL of Rainbow City for $461,160.

The flat roof bid has not been officially awarded yet. The County bid the job in two parts to avoid the need for a re-bid depending on the outcome of insurance reimbursement.

"In instructions to bidders we said that basically we are bidding two separate jobs and we would award them based on the low bid for the base bid and the low bid for the alternate," Frank Fagg of F&O Architects explained in the work session prior to the commission meeting.

The low bid for the siding at the jail was awarded to R.B. Atkins & Associates of Bessemer.

The company was responsible for the installing the jail's original siding. It was the only bidder at $1,041,900.

The commission also passed a resolution relocating the voting precinct in the town of Colony. Precinct 6.2 will be moved from Colony Town Hall to the town's Education Complex.

In other business the commission approved:

- Insolvents, errors and taxes in litigation for 2018
- Bid for pipe for the Cullman County Water Department. Consolidated Pipe Supply was the low bidder at $931,168 .50.
- NARCOG dues and program match for FY-2019 for $56,299
- Payment for landfill charges from the May Spring Clean-Up Program-$27,551.27
- Plat for Valley View Subdivision located in District 3 on County Roads 1339 and 1329
- Release of surety bond for Shoreline Estates Subdivision located in District 2 on County Road 41

The next commission meeting will be Tuesday, June 25 at 10 a.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Cullman County Commission recognizes young animal advocate Denna Chivers

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CULLMAN, Ala. - Denna Chivers, 11, was recognized by the Cullman County Commission at its Tuesday meeting for her generosity and dedication to the Cullman County Animal Shelter.

Chivers, a sixth grader at Cullman Christian School, recently held her third annual yard sale to raise money for the shelter and the animals in its care.

The young animal champion raised an impressive $3,000 at this year's yard sale.

This is the third year Chivers has chosen to raise money and awareness for the needs of the homeless animals of Cullman County.

Last year, she donated a covered pavilion to the shelter to provide a shady area with seating for potential adopters, volunteers and the shelter's dogs.

In return, the shelter hung a sign from the pavilion in Chivers' honor.

Tuesday morning, Chivers was accompanied by her proud parents, James and Beth Ann Chivers.

She was quick to give credit to others, sharing, "I had a lot of help.

"People donated items for the yard sale and my friends and family helped me.

"My best friend Gracie Moody, she helped me with everything."

Commissioner Garry Marchman said of Chivers' efforts, "It's a huge testament not only for her but the people around her that supports these efforts.

The idea has to come from somewhere. It's just an example of the great community we live in and how some of the parents in this community take time to raise kids to look at the impact they can have on their community. It's huge!"

"We told everybody what you had done and how grateful we are for your hard work and your support of the animal shelter.

"We would like to present you with a certificate of appreciation," Commission Chairman Kenneth Walker said to Chivers.

Cullman County Animal Control Assistant Director Dwain Floyd presented Chivers with a plaque that reads, "In appreciation and recognition for your generous commitment of time, support and inspiration to the care of the animals of Cullman County."

Chivers' dad said he wasn't sure how this year's money will be spent but said there are several ideas-from providing some agility equipment for the shelter's play yard to possibly sponsoring adoptions.

"We just want to do whatever can help them out the best," he said.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Good Hope OKs 33-acre purchase to expand park

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. - Great news out of the City of Good Hope this week as council members John Harris and Maxie Jones were both back Monday after being out with serious illnesses. Hearing everyone answer as present during the roll call resulted in an applause from City Clerk Christie Chamblee.
Said Jones, "Feels good to call everybody's name, doesn't it?"

With the full council back, Mayor Jerry Bartlett took the opportunity to propose the purchase of 33 acres connected to the City's Municipal Park. The 33 acres would expand the park all the way to Deer Run Subdivision.

Bartlett said, "With the influx of people that we're going to be having with people moving to Good Hope, I just think this 33 acres will be an asset to our park. It joins our pond. It joins our Municipal Park. Our initial plans, and we haven't discussed it a lot, but our initial thoughts are that we might put some trails through it for bicycles and walkers and maybe put a centrally-located bathroom with a pavilion."

Bartlett continued, "It's something we can offer our citizens as we continue to grow. Somewhere to go and ride their bicycles, walk and do exercise. Over the years, eventually, I'd like to see something like Sportsman Lake (Park in the city of Cullman) where we have a few pavilions that people use."

With acreage the City is selling along County Road 437 for a project that has yet to be officially announced, Bartlett said the City is in great shape financially for the purchase of the land.

The 33 acres was appraised at $220,000 and the City is selling 3 acres along County Road 437. Once the money from the sale is collected, said Bartlett, the City will owe just $47, 870 toward the park's expansion. The council voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the property.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Vinemont delays decision on sales tax increase

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VINEMONT, Ala. - The Vinemont Town Council and Mayor Reggie Dodson will take more time to discuss a proposed half-cent tax increase. The proposal, which was made at last month's council meeting, would increase the town's sales tax from 8.5% to 9%, with the extra money earmarked for Vinemont schools.

Dodson, who Tuesday night said he is having second thoughts, asked the council for more time and consideration before putting the proposal to a vote.

Dodson said he spoke to a few of the retail shop owners in Vinemont and some had expressed concerns about how the increase might negatively affect their businesses.

"I'm not saying no, I'm just saying it's something we have to justify in our minds before we make our decisions in this town," Dodson said. If the tax increase does eventually pass, the Town would have to wait 60 days before implementing it. Dodson said there's time to look at the proposal more in depth as the tax would not be implemented until October if it did pass. Dodson added, "We need to discuss this more than we have."
The council did approve the purchase of a new 2019 Grasshopper mower for an estimated $14,000.
The Town has acquired a shaved ice machine from a community member. The town purchased the syrup and freezer needed to operate the machine and is now selling shaved ice at Vinemont's baseball/softball complex. After the first two weekends, the council reported an estimated $900 in additional revenue.

The mayor and council encourage everyone to stop by and enjoy a shaved ice on weekends during ball tournaments.

Case (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Hanceville area resident Glen Leon Yarbrough, 78, on Wednesday was found guilty of one count of sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years old. The conviction stems from accusations brought by his daughter in 2018 for incidents that occurred during her childhood in the 1980s. Alabama has no statute of limitations for sex abuse of children.

According to the victim's allegations, the abuse occurred numerous times in the family home, and in a vehicle on the family's property. The grand jury indictment noted incidents in 1983-84, based on the victim's original report to the Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO); in her testimony, the victim claimed the abuse went on for a longer period of time.

Testimony from CCSO investigators included a video interview in which Yarbrough admitted to touching his daughter's genitals, but in his own testimony, the defendant claimed that he had been referring to bathing and other caregiving activities when he said he touched her. Deputy District Attorney John Bryant countered that statements Yarbrough made in the video were inconsistent with any caregiving. When, under cross-examination, Yarbrough denied making one particularly condemnatory admission to investigators, Bryant replayed the video for the jury.

Defense attorney Joshua O'Neal attacked inconsistencies in the victim's testimony about when the abuse began and how long it went on, and pointed out that charges were not brought until 35 years after the incidents in question, when her father indicated plans to remarry after the death of her mother.

Gail Swafford, of Brooks' Place Child Advocacy Center, was called as an expert witness on child abuse. She informed the jury about long-term effects of abuse, why many child victims wait many years to disclose abuse and how memory repression and other factors can lead to changes in a victim's testimony over the course of an investigation.

O'Neal countered that Swafford's expertise is in dealing with child victims, not adults and said she was not familiar with this case, having never met or spoken with the victim before.

Swafford told The Tribune later that she had intentionally avoided prior contact with the victim so that her testimony about child abuse in general would not appear skewed toward this particular victim.

After hearing testimony late into the afternoon Tuesday, the jury received instructions from Circuit Judge Gregory Nicholas Wednesday morning before beginning deliberations around 9:30. Around 11:25, the jury sent word that it had reached a verdict, and presented the verdict a few minutes later.

The courtroom remained silent through the reading of the guilty verdict and polling of individual jurors, but the victim broke down in tears as a deputy came forward to handcuff her father.

Yarbrough was remanded to CCSO custody pending a sentencing hearing at a later date.

Swafford, who had returned to hear the verdict, quietly remarked as she left the court, "There is no winner here."

Swafford gave The Tribune the following statement about victims of child abuse:

"It is common for children not to disclose abuse. Some eventually disclose, some wait until adulthood and some never do. The core reason for not telling is fear - fear they won't be believed, fear of hurting loved ones such as their mother, siblings, grandparents, etc., fear of retaliation from the offender, fear of what it will do to the family.

"That fear is also a promise of safety. The child may be told, 'Everything will be fine as long as you don't tell,' 'No one will believe you,' or 'You will be in as much trouble as I am' or 'They will believe an adult before they believe a child.'

"In addition, they're dealing with internal conflicts of shame, embarrassment, guilt. The closer the child's relationship to the offender, the more likely the child will not tell. The child carries the burden of knowing they have the power to destroy the family, while at the same time, feeling the enormous responsibility of keeping the family together.

"Contrary to what most people think, one can't tell by looking at someone if they have been abused. Some children are masters at keeping the 'secret' and don't have behaviors indicating abuse. Others do exhibit behaviors and characteristics indicative of abuse. What's important to know is that children rarely lie about abuse. If a child tells you he/she is being abused, or you suspect abuse, report it immediately to DHR or law enforcement."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHIRLEY MAE BAILEY, * CASE NO PC 2019-121
Deceased. *

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

TO: CAROLYN TWILLEY, AND ANY KNOWN OR UNKNOWN NEXT-OF-KIN OR INTERESTED PARTIES

Please take notice that a Hearing on the Petition for Probate of Will for the estate of Shirley Mae Bailey has been set for the 12th day of July 2019, at 9:30 a.m., before the Honorable Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman, Alabama.

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DONE this the 11th day of June, 2019.

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Cesar E. Garcia, age 20, of Tomball, passed away on May 24, 2019. He was born July 17, 1998 in New Orleans, La. to Steve Garcia and Cassandra Farmer Phillips. Cesar was a 2016 graduate of Tomball Memorial High School. He loved creating music with his brother and friends. He enjoyed making everyone laugh, loved his family, his dog, had an unbreakable bond with his twin brother and always had a huge smile on his face! Cesar will be greatly missed by everyone who knew him. We are proud to call him son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. Cesar is survived by his parents (Steve & Lori Garcia and Cassandra & Josh Phillips); sisters (Serena & Desiree); twin brother (Christian); brothers (Chance and Tyler); grandparents (Celia Ramos-Roberts and John & Pam Farmer); great-grandmother (Ethelene Farmer); numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. He is predeceased by his grandfather (Steven Garcia) and aunt (Pandora Farmer Allred). Funeral services will be held at Klein Funeral Home, 1400 W. Main St, Tomball, at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 14, 2019.

Fran Weiss was born in Cullman, AL, July 8, 1957, daughter of the late Frank and Helen (Veigl) Schwaiger. She died peacefully in her sleep, in the arms of her husband John, June 4, 2019, after a two-year battle with gallbladder cancer. Determined to escape the poverty of her youth, Fran worked hard to become valedictorian of her 1975 Cullman High School class. She then won a full scholarship to the Vanderbilt University School of Engineering, from which she graduated Summa Cum Laude. After brief stints at Procter & Gamble and the Memphis VA Hospital, Fran was hired by Federal Express in 1982, the first woman engineer hired by the company. In her 31st year career she worked in several positions in Memphis, TN; Nuremburg, Germany; and Seattle, WA. Her last 13 years were as the Ramp Engineer for the FedEx operation at SeaTac Airport. Even before her retirement, Fran was working on ways to encourage girls to pursue engineering careers. In 2010 she endowed a scholarship for Alabama girls to study engineering at Vanderbilt. In 2017 she endowed another scholarship for graduating Cullman High School seniors to study Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math at any university. She also was active for several years in IGNITE – Inspiring Girls Now in Technology Evolution – in the Seattle School District. Showing her softer side, with John she raised two puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind: Fergie now guides a physical therapist in Florida; and Evelyn guides a retired police officer in Alabama. With her beloved Labrador/Golden Retriever therapy dog Tessa, Fran brightened the days of many patients at memory care facilities in Edmonds and Shoreline, WA for the past five years. Fran is survived by her husband John Weiss of Edmonds, WA; sister Lisa Schwaiger of Birmingham, AL; and a large extended family, many in the Cullman, AL area. A memorial service will be held at North Sound Church, 4th & Bell St., Edmonds, WA, at 2 p.m. Saturday June 29. Donations to the Fran Kay Schwaiger Scholarship Fund at https://cacfinfo.org/give/fran-kay-schwaiger-weissscholarship/ will be appreciated.

Janie Mae Tyson Hill, age 92 of Bailey, Texas, formerly of Double Springs, entered into rest on June 7, 2019. Janie was born March 20, 1927 in Bessemer, Alabama. Her parents were Robert E. and Edna Maybelle Gardner Tyson. She married Luther M. Hill June 8, 1945 in Birmingham, Alabama. She was a retired machinist and a member of the First Baptist Church of Leonard, Texas. Janie, known to everyone as 'Gran' or 'Granny', loved to make blankets for all the babies, as well as for friends and family and she made a lot of them. Janie had the most beautiful smile that she shared with everyone she met. She always told people that she loved them because everyone needs to know they are loved. Janie was a spunky old lady that loved to dress to the nines even just to go to the grocery store. She could never have enough shoes or purses. She loved her sisters, her children and her grandchildren without limits. Janie also loved flowers, her puppies and most of all she loved her Lord and Savior. She was the heart and soul of her family and she will be missed greatly by all whose lives she has touched. Janie is survived by her son, Roger Hill of Round Rock, Texas; her daughters and sons-in-law, Rebecca & Ronnie Wagoner of Athens, Texas and Deborah & Gary Murphy of Bailey, Texas; her daughters-in-law, Rita Hill of Ferris, Texas and Bonnie Hill of Petal, Mississippi; her sisters, Peggy Ethridge and Caroline Wilder, both of Birmingham, Alabama; her 15 grandchildren, Danna Hill, Robert Hill, Jr., Samuel Hill, Terri Morton, Sherie Poore, Michael Hill, Melissa Singer, Elaina Collins, Edna Walker, Terri Englert, Janie Foster, Randy Hill, Sumer Jarvis, Chandra Hill and Sasha Hill. She is also survived by her 38 great-grandchildren and her 30 great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents and her husband, Janie was preceded in death by three sons, Robert L. Hill, Sr., Tommy Hill and George Hill, a daughter, Sonyia Hill, and a great-great-grandson, Eli Poore.

Marie Duncan, 100, of Cullman passed away Sunday, June 9, 2019. She was preceded in death by her parents: Benjamin and Millie Thrift; husband, Lester Otha Duncan, Sr. and son, Jerry Duncan. She leaves to cherish her memory her sons: Lester Duncan, Jr. and Charles Duncan grandchildren: Denise (Barth) Hale, Bradley (Lamona) Duncan, Guy (Brandy) Duncan, Chris (Victoria) Duncan and Susan (Scott) Harper; several great and great-great grandchildren and special relatives Troy and Dessie Fallen. Her family will receive friends Thursday, June 13, 2019 at Moss Service Funeral Home from noon until 2 p.m. Her Celebration of Life service will begin in the chapel at 2 p.m. with Dr. Edwin Hayes officiating. Her grandsons and great grandsons will serve at pallbearers. Burial will follow at Cullman Memory Gardens.

Agnes Tellete Thompson, 80, of Vinemont, entered into rest Monday, June 10, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Agnes was born Nov. 2, 1938 in Cullman County, Alabama. She attended Grandview School and Wallace State Community College. She was a member of Pine Grove Methodist Church, where she served as a Sunday school teacher, was involved in Vacation Bible School, as well as other church programs. Agnes loved reading and making jewelry. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. Everyone knew Agnes as "Grannie." Visitation will be Wednesday, June 12, 2019 from 10 a.m.-noon at Nichols Funeral Home in Addison. A graveside service will follow at 1 p.m. at Pine Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in the Piney Grove Community. Brother Greg Standridge will officiate. Agnes is survived by her sons, Rickey (Jan Parker) Thompson and Ronald (Janet Waldrep) Thompson; step-sons, Steve (Kay) Thompson and Anthony (Cindy) Thompson; seven grandchildren, Elizabeth (David) Swann, Amanda Oliver, Marinda (Eric) Sullivan, Lindsey (Cody) Rasco, Katrina (Todd) Ahlstedt, Gretchen (Brandon) Payne and Kellen (Katie) Thompson; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arillian C. Thompson; parents, Alfie and Gurtrue Rodgers; brothers, Cecil Reaid, Jimmy Rodgers, and C.L. Reaid; sisters, Vilos Rodgers, Julettie Kelsoe, Irene Havolen; and granddaughter, Sonya Thompson.

Funeral services for Daniel Franklin Bates, 61, of Huntsville, will be at noon Friday, June 14, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Rev. Keith Whitley officiating; interment in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Bates passed away Monday, June 10, 2019 at his residence. He was born August 23, 1957 to Franklin Delano and Emma Fay Bates. He was preceded in death by his wife, Fitnat Bates; parents; and brother, David Bates. Survivors include his sons, Chris Bates, Michael Bates, Umut Engin, and Baris Engin; grandson, Jonathan Bates; sister, Cindy Bates (Bill) Faust; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-noon Friday, June 14, 2019 at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Terry "Adam" Marks, 38, of Oneonta, AL., was born on October 20, 1980 and passed away on July 11, 2019. Adam served in the United States Navy. He is preceded in death by his sister Amanda Marks. He is survived by his parents Terry and Tammy Marks and a daughter Adriana Marks. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at Lemley Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be held in the Chapel of Lemley Funeral Home on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 2 p.m. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. Lemley Funeral Home and Crematory directing.

Jennifer Lynn Huey, age 44, of Somerville, passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at her residence. She was born December 11, 1974, to Danny and Kay Smith. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Daniel T. and Ida Mary Smith, and Aaron and Odell Beaver. Survivors include her husband, Chris Huey: daughter, Jessica Huey; son, Jack Huey; mother, Kay Smith; and father, Danny Smith. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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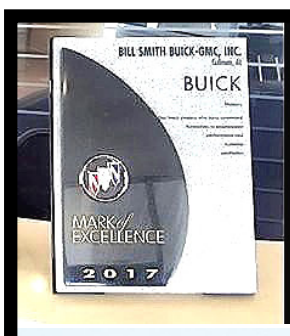


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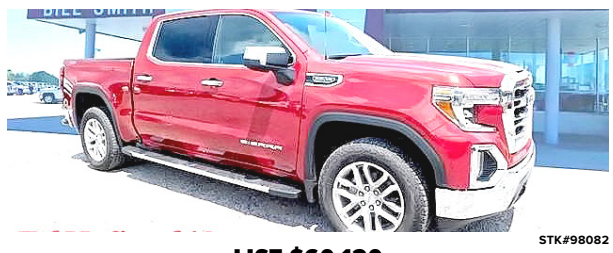
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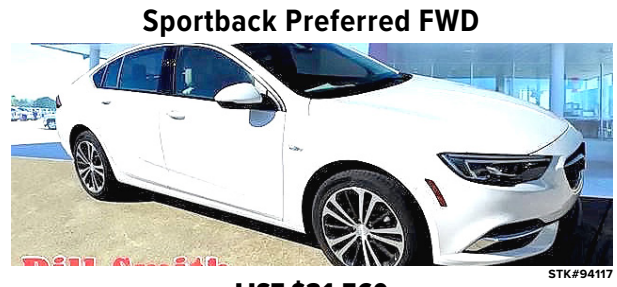
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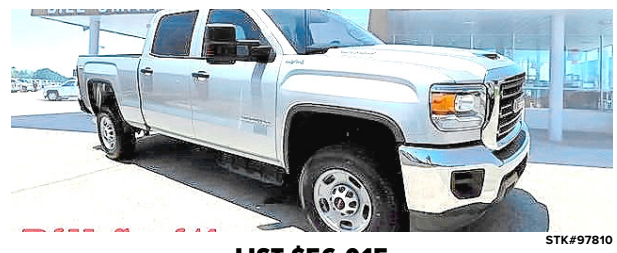
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