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TYSON SPILL UPDATE

'This is heartbreaking for us'

River residents heavy-hearted; Tyson facing lawsuits



BLACK WARRIOR RIVERKEEPER

The June 6 Tyson spill resulted in a massive fish kill.

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HANCEVILLE, Ala. – On Thursday, June 6, approximately 220,000 gallons of effluent (liquid waste or sewage) were spilled by the Tyson Foods, Inc./ River Valley Ingredients plant (formerly American Proteins) in Hanceville into the Dave Young Creek, which flows to the Mulberry Fork. The spill led to a "massive fish kill" and a warning against recreational use of the Mulberry Fork. It was the plant's fourth environmental incident affecting the Mulberry Fork since 2011. In an effort to keep the public informed about circumstances surrounding the spill, The Tribune is seeking updates from as many involved parties as possible.

Sipsey Heritage Commission announces lawsuit, cancels river race

The Sipsey Heritage Commission, which describes itself as "dedicated to promoting the unique history, culture, and natural resources of Walker County," announced Tuesday that it is filing suit against Tyson over the spill, and that it retained Jasper attorney Jud Allen.

In a note to The Tribune, the Commission's Martha Salomaa, who owns property and a cabin on the Mulberry Fork, shared, "Regarding our lawsuit against Tyson, Sipsey Heritage Commission stands with our community in pursuing justice for our river and our people."

In a phone call Wednesday, Salomaa said, "Tyson is not going to stop dumping just because we ask them to. Clearly, they have an issue . . . Tyson has a very poor environmental record. And, if you consider yourself an environmentalist or if you don't, that's the water that all of Walker County drinks out of, that's the water that Birmingham city drinks out of. The Birmingham city intake is just a few miles down from the one that Walker County does their outtake from. That's all of our water.

"What are our water treatment plants having to do to make that water potable? How much is that costing? That's going to be passed on to the consumer, eventually. That's » PAGE 3



THE CITY OF CULLMAN

ALERT

Sewer smoke testing Thursday along Katherine Street

Leanne West
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Wastewater Department will be smoke-testing sewer lines in the Katherine Street area today (Thursday, June 20, 2019). This smoke-testing procedure is used to detect problems in the sewer lines for the City and for the customer. Residents or business owners may notice smoke in and around their homes or businesses at this time.

The liquid smoke that is used is environmentally safe, non-toxic and is not harmful.

If you notice smoke in or around your home or business, you may call the office at 256-775-7210.

'It feels like a high school prom'

Area seniors enjoy weekly Jammin' in the Gym sessions



CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Left to right are John "Ding Dong" Bell, Janice Bell, Carolyn Brewer and Bunky Brewer. » PAGE 3

CRIME

Cullman woman charged in July 2018 death of Gold Ridge man

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CULLMAN, Ala. – A Cullman woman has been arrested and charged with criminally negligent homicide and running a red light in connection with a July 2018 car crash that claimed the life of a Gold Ridge man.

Ashley Victoria Boackle, 25, is charged in the death of Joseph Dale Spradlin, 55.

The incident happened shortly before 7 a.m. July 26, 2018 at the intersection of Alabama Highway 69 and Alabama Highway 157.

"A blue Toyota RAV4 driven by Ashley Victoria Boackle, 25, of Cullman collided with a silver Chevrolet Spark driven by Spradlin, resulting in Spradlin's death," said Cullman Police Department Lt. Jeff Warnke at the time.

Sgt. Joey Duncan, who led the investigation, said Tuesday morning, "After the investigation was over, we determined as a traffic homicide unit that human error caused the crash.

"We relied on witness statements and especially video surveillance."

Duncan said Boackle was traveling north on Alabama Highway 157 and Spradlin was driving south on Alabama Highway 69.

"She proceeded through the red light and collided with Mr. Spradlin causing a fatal accident," said Duncan.

According to Duncan, after the traffic homicide packet was turned in, warrants were issued, and arrangements were made with Boackle's attorney for her to turn herself in Monday.

Boackle has made bond.

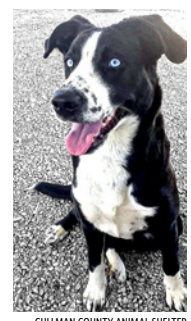


CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ashley Victoria Boackle

(BONUS) PET OF THE WEEK

Help Luna find her forever home



CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Luna » PAGE 3



Arrests and incidents reported June 18-19

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 18-19, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED JUNE 18
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 17
• third-degree burglary; person; Walnut St. NW; misc. items, damaged property; $200
• theft of lost property; person; Cherokee Ave. SW; wall & contents; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree forgery; Warehouse Discount Grocery; Town Square SW; forged checks; unknown amount of property value
• fourth-degree theft of property; Doug's Corner Mart; 2nd Ave. NE; gas; $54
• leaving the scene of an accident; person; Logan Ave SW, Lessman St. SW; damage to '16 Ford Transit; $1,000
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; misc. merchandise; $79

ARRESTS
June 17
Buchanan, Brad L., 50
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Boackle, Ashley V., 25
• criminally negligent homicide
• running a red light

Runyon, Jeremy A., 32
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Guthery, Shalina L., 26
• FTA- fourth-degree theft of property

Jimenez, Diego R., 24
• second-degree possession of a forged instrument

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED JUNE 19
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 17
• third-degree criminal trespassing; person; 2nd Ave. NE
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; $240

June 18
• third-degree domestic violence; person; 2nd Ave. NW, Loring St. NW
• duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; Cullman Shopping Center; damage to '04 Toyota Highlander; $200
• fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; misc. merchandise; unknown amount of property value
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; AC; $178
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; Grill; $188

ARRESTS
June 18
Roach, William L., 42
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Sanford, Tandelyn A., 52
• GJ- fourth-degree theft of property
• GJ- third-degree possession of a forged instrument

Gilley, Colton C., 22
• public intoxication

Burns, Jonathan S., 38
• unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance
• second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
• possession of drug paraphernalia

Oliver, Daniel M., 32
• DUI

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

North Alabama Agriplex teaches kids about agriculture at Garden Camp

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HEATHER MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Kids participate in Garden Camp at the North Alabama Agriplex Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

CULLMAN, Ala. – With school out for the summer, many organizations around Cullman County are continuing to promote education during the break. One of these is the North Alabama Agriplex, which is currently holding a four-week Garden Camp to teach children about agriculture and horticulture. Kids from age 3-10 spend two hours at the Agriplex making crafts, touring and working in the garden, and creating a project based on the day's theme to take home.

Breaking into three age groups (Peas for preschoolers, Radishes for K-second graders and Carrots for third-fifth graders), children spend the majority of camp time rotating between three activity stations - the garden, the project and snack time.

The first week of camp focused on soil, with opening crafts and activities involving worms and soil samples. Time in the garden had kids planting crops like tomatoes and zucchini, harvesting crops like kale and snow peas, and watering the plants with rain barrels. Projects for the different age groups included making mud pies, transplanting tomatoes, planting "salad bowls" to take home, and overall learning about Alabama soil and crops.

This week's camp was the next step in the gardening process - growing. Kids learned about how to grow different plants and what plants are considered invasive.

This week's opening activities included painting rocks, decorating jars to fill with flowers, making leaf imprint rubbings and reading the book "Plantzilla" by Jerdine Nolen.

Inspired by the book, all the kids worked on the same project: making their own Plantzilla friends. Using aloe vera, mint sprigs, grass seeds and succulent cuttings, the kids planted eyes, hair, mouths and other facial features for their Plantzillas.

In the garden, they continued learning about harvesting by picking raspberries, squash and peppers, and older age groups got to learn about the process of hydroponics (which will be taught in further detail during the last week of camp) and about invasive plant species like bamboo.

Later camp themes involve harvesting (June 26) and water/hydroponics (July 10). While it is not accepting new arrivals for the camp (registration ended during the first week of June), the Agriplex is still offering different programs during the summer for both children and adults. Registration for the events below can be found at https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

The North Alabama Agriplex Heritage Center is located at 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman.

Farm Kids Club - Water, Water Everywhere
July 13, 9-10:30 a.m.
Have fun with water through relays, science experiments, and games. $5 per child, $10 per family. Registration required.

Sewing Camp 101 (limited openings remaining)
July 15-19, ages 5-12

Living Landscapes - Backyard Chickens
July 16, 6 p.m.
Join Rachel Dawsey, backyard chicken veteran, and Alabama Cooperative regional Extension Agent Landon Marks will cover the best practices of raising chickens. $5 per person. Registration required.

Lunch & Learn - Rain Harvesting
July 17, noon-1 p.m.
Free program with door prizes at each event. New topic every month. Call 256-297-1044 to reserve your seat. Bring your own lunch. Registration required.

Heritage Skills - Crochet an Amigurumi (Japanese Stuffed Toy)
July 18, 6 p.m.
Michelle Morring will teach this class on how to crochet an adorable small stuffed yarn creature. Make and take, need basic crochet skills, cost $10. Registration required.

Sewing Camp 102 (limited openings remaining)
July 22-26, ages 9-18

Sewing 103
August 10, ages 9-18

Heritage Skills - Sacred Harp Singing
August 15, 6 p.m.
Join local Sacred Harp singers to hear the beauty of this historical music and learn the basics. $5 per person. Registration required.

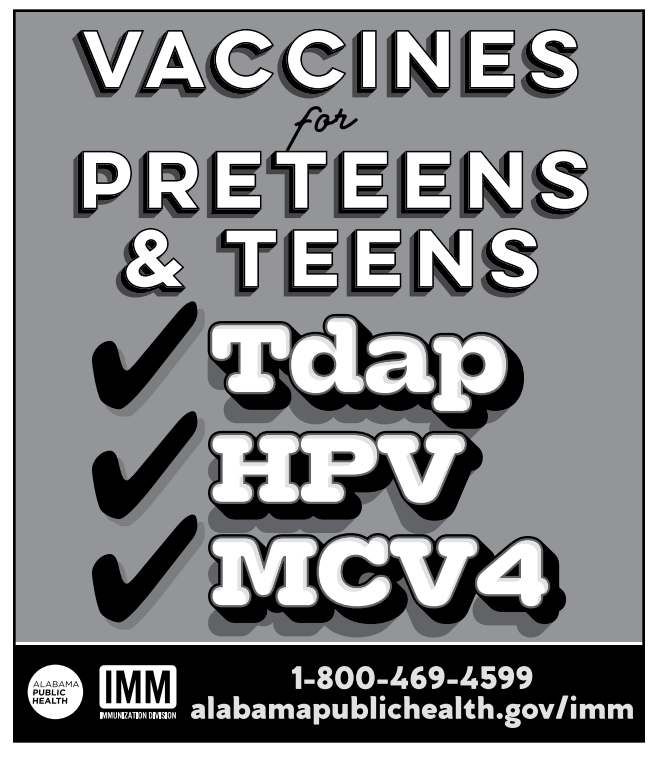
Lunch & Learn - Preserving Peaches
August 21, noon-1 p.m.
Free Program with door prizes at each event. New topic every month. Call 256-297-1044 to reserve your seat. Bring your own lunch. Registration required.

Living Landscapes - Salad Bowl Garden and Growing Fall Vegetables
August 22, 6 p.m.
Plant a salad bowl garden to take home and learn what veggies you can plant in your garden for the fall. $5 per person. Registration required.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
June 20 - 22

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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.

Healing Salves from the Earth (Heritage Skills)
6-8 p.m. You will make two salves to take home at this basic salves making class with Deann Duke. $10 per person. Registration required. Visit https://cullmanrecreation.recdesk.com/Community/Home to register online. North Alabama Agriplex, 1714 Talley Ho St., Cullman

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Fairview High School Class of 1963 Meeting
The Fairview Class of 1963 will meet at noon Friday, June 21, 2019 at Golden Corral restaurant, 1720 Cherokee Ave. SW, Cullman. For more information, contact Joyce Williams Rodgers at 256-339- 3451.

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

Blair Church Vacation Bible School Kickoff Cookout
6-8:30 p.m., 5131 County Road 1082, Vinemont, AL 35179, www.blairchurch.com- VBS June 22 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and June 23 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch served after service.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Saving Forgotten Warriors Inaugural Pitmaster Challenge
• OPEN TO PUBLIC/ FREE ADMISSION! BANDS, BIKES, MUSIC & FOOD!
• Public is encouraged to come and enjoy a day of great music, food and fellowship! Kid-friendly!
• Admission is FREE! Donations to taste the food and food tickets are $6.
• Smith Lake Park, 403 County Road 386, Cullman, AL 35057, 6 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Castille Character Camp
The 12th annual Jeremiah 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. 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.

Redeeming Grace Church Vacation Bible School
Jungle Safari, June 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Family Day June 23, 12:30 p.m. at Terri Pines

UPCOMING....

Cullman County Historical Society Meeting
The Cullman County Historical Society will meet Sunday, June 23 at 2 p.m. at the Cullman County Museum. Program - Quilts and Quilting by Hazel Ruehl. Everyone is welcome.

Vacation Bible Schools:
• Center Grove Baptist: In the Wild, June 23 – June 26, 6-8 p.m.
• Mount Nebo Baptist Church: In the Wild, June 24 – June 28, 6-8:30 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.
• Sardis Baptist Church: The Incredible Race, June 24 – 28, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Cullman City School Board Meeting
June 25 at 7:30 a.m. in the boardroom at the Cullman City Board of Education

Cullman Woodworkers Meeting
The Cullman Woodworkers will meet Thursday, June 27 at the North Alabama Agriplex at 5:30 p.m. Program presented by David James. Everyone is welcome.

Outlaw DJ Services Benefit Dance and Auction for Savannah Wallace
Outlaw DJ Services will host a benefit dance and auction for 17-year-old Savannah Wallace from Hartselle, who is fighting a battle with cystic fibrosis. She is at UAB and needs a double lung transplant. The family has to relocate to Houston, Texas. Her parents are both visually impaired. We are reaching out to the community to help keep the family together. The dance and auction will be June 29 from 4-10 p.m. in front of Duchess Bakery along First Avenue Southeast in Cullman. $5 donation at the gate with all proceeds going to the Wallace family. Food and drinks for donations. Auction will be cash only. For more info, contact Outlaw DJ Services at 256-735-6986.

Blair Church Yard Sale
Friday, July 5 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 6 from 7 a.m.-noon; 5131 County Road 1082 in Vinemont; children's clothes, men's and women's clothes; toys, household items, baby items, etc. Free blood pressure check on Saturday.

Vinemont High School Class of 1972 47-Year Reunion
The Vinemont High School Class of 1972 will hold its 47-year reunion Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. in the Florida Room at The Shrimp Basket in Cullman. Call Jolene Gamble Bethke at 256-612-7201 or Linda Williams Skinner at 256-595-7808 for more information.

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 than1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
• Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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Luna (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay informed The Tribune that this week's original Pet of the Week, Spy, has already been adopted. Additionally, recently featured Sugar Pie just got "hired" as a therapy dog.

Thank you to Spy's and Sugar Pie's new families, and to all the folks who gave 95% of our Pets of the Week a home last year!

With the Spy apprehended and deported from the shelter, Ruttkay shares a bonus Cullman Tribune Pet of the Week:

Luna is a heeler/border collie mix who's just under a year old. Even though she's still got some puppy in her, she's a fairly laid-back, low-to medium-energy pet.

She's very good on her leash and cherishes companionship while respecting the personal space of her humans.

Luna has the makings of a good therapy, reading, companion or emotional support dog.

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

Several of the shelter's dogs have even been "hired" to work as therapy and special needs service dogs.

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

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

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

Prom (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman area seniors gathered at the Donald E. Green Senior Center gym Tuesday evening for Jammin' in the Gym. It was the third in a series of weekly dances scheduled at the center during the month of June.

This week's Jammin' in the Gym brought crowd favorite The Fairlanes, who played a great mix of rock and country hits from the 50s and 60s.

Bucky and Carolyn Brewer came down from Decatur to attend the dance and were having a wonderful time.

Said Carolyn Brewer, "Back in the day, where all this music's coming from, that's all we had to do was to dance. I grew up with 'American Bandstand,' and that's where I learned to dance, with Dick Clark."

She laughed as she explained, "I danced with the dining room facing. The doorway was my partner."

The Brewers came with two friends from Hartselle, the Bells, and the couples enjoyed reminiscing about their high school days and the great music from that time. John "Ding Dong" Bell and his wife Janice, both retired teachers, love getting out and having a few laughs with their friends. Ding Dong, in crimson, and Bunky, wearing orange and blue, exchanged jabs over the legendary Auburn/Alabama rivalry.

Carolyn Brewer had a personal reason for treating herself to night out with friends; she said, "My mother is battling dementia. I have been attending a dementia support group on Tuesday nights.

"I have been for the past several months, but tonight I decided that I was going to do something for myself. I needed this. I needed to find myself."

The seniors attending the Jammin' in the Gym event showed off their partner dancing skills as well as line dancing. As "Will You Still Live Me Tomorrow?" played, one couldn't help but feel transported to a 1960s senior prom.

"It feels like a high school prom. It really does," Kim Foshee Merritt said of the dance.

As Chubby Checker's "The Twist" played, the seniors showed why their generation is one of the greatest.

Karla Pitts, who works at the senior center smiled, "This is their music and they know all the dances to it. Look at him, he's twisting all the way to the floor! This is a great way to keep our seniors active."

The next Jammin' at the Gym will be Tuesday, June 25 from 6-8 p.m. The Cadillacs will be playing everyone's favorite tunes and admission is free. Dance lessons are offered to seniors at the Donald E. Green center on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday line dancing classes:

- Beginners- 9:15-10 a.m.
- Improvers- 10-11:15 a.m.
- Intermediate- 11:15 a.m-12:30 p.m.

On Wednesdays a beginner class is taught by a former cruise ship dance instructor and includes introductions to a variety of dances including rumba, mambo, waltz and many popular dances.

For more information on the dance lessons and the many activities offered at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, call 256-734-4803 from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The center is closed on Thursdays and weekends.

Tyson (from Front)

one thing.

"Another thing is, I grew up with this river, and they're not going to take it. There are too many people. That's what we do, you know: my family and I, different members, we are on that river usually two days a week.

"There are other people who are on that river every day, every day. And that the river--when I want to be on a river, that's the one I want to be on. And at this point, they've made it where that is impossible. They're going to have to change their ways."

Tuesday evening, The Tribune spoke with Allen, who shared, "I live on the river, as well, and it's a personal thing to me, as well."

He went on to say, "I am representing some people that live on the river, and also people that- I don't know if you've looked at ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) complaints, but there's some people that live in a little bit closer proximity to the plant, and maybe not actually on the river.

"But they are experiencing a smell, and I see these complaints, and they're described as rotting animals-not fish- but dead animals and wet dog food, and they say it's permeating their car upholstery; it's in their house, they gag. I'm also representing some of them. When this came out, it kind of opened a door for other people that I've just found out that have had problems in the past, as well."

The suit is actually a collection of individual suits, not currently a class action.

Said Allen, "Anybody's welcome to join that has special damages like this."

In its announcement, the Sipsey Heritage Commission said, "If you want to join with us and others in our community, you can contact (Allen) at 205-221-5601."

Allen has not set a specific schedule but said he hopes to file the case within the next week.

Sipsey Fork River Race

The Commission also sponsors the annual Sipsey Fork River Race, which was scheduled for this coming Saturday. The race, set to begin at the Alabama Highway 69 bridge crossing and move down to the Sipsey's junction with the Mulberry- known as "The Forks"- has been canceled.

On Sunday, June 16, the Commission issued this statement on the race's website www.kayaksipsey.com/blog:

"It is with deep regret that we announce that we have been forced to cancel the 3rd annual Sipsey Fork River Race. As many of you already know, the Mulberry Fork has suffered a massive fish kill due to a spill from the Tyson Foods/ American Protein, River Valley Plant in Hanceville, Alabama.

"The spill and all it carried with it was pulled at least one mile up the Sipsey Fork. Originally, we believed enough water would pass through both forks to dilute our waters to safe levels. Yesterday, we took water samples and submitted them to an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) recognized company.

"Today we learned that the levels of bacteria were several times the acceptable level for human recreation. It would be irresponsible for us to continue with the race under these circumstances.

"On June 22 at 8 a.m., we will be at the boat ramp behind T&R Grocery at The Forks. People who have ordered T-shirts may pick them up there. We will also have contact information so that you may speak up regarding the assault on our river."

Friday, June 14, the Commission published water testing results from Birmingham-based Sutherland Environmental Company, an environmental testing laboratory certified by both the ADEM and U.S. EPA. Water samples from the junction of the Sipsey and Mulberry Forks, where the race was to finish, were tested for three specific contaminants, each of which- according to the report- was supposed to occur in an amount not exceeding 200 units per 100 ml of tested water.

The findings were reported as:

- E. coli - 5,100 units per 100 ml
- Total coliform - 23,600 units per 100 ml
- Fecal coliform - 14,400 units per 100 ml

Salomaa shared, "We are very disappointed that we had to cancel the Sipsey Fork River Race. However, once we had the water tested, we knew we could not jeopardize the health of our racers or their families."

The Commission is also gathering stories and information from people who live around the affected waterways. On Monday, it requested: "Do you live and/or have property on the Mulberry Fork? Has the Tyson spill affected you? We'd like to hear your story. We will not share your story without your permission. Email us: sipseyheritage-commission@gmail.com or leave us a voicemail at 205-265-1175."

Tyson releases updated statement

Last Friday, Tyson Foods' Public Relations Manager Derek Burleson issued this statement:

"Representatives of River Valley Ingredients and owner Tyson Foods met with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Thursday to discuss the recent accidental release of partially treated wastewater at Hanceville and the proactive measures the company has taken to address it.

"Tyson Foods bought the plant in August 2018 and this week reported that as part of significant upgrade to the facility, a pipe provided and installed by an outside contractor failed and resulted in the accidental release of 220,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater. This unfortunately led to a loss of fish in nearby streams because of reduced oxygen levels in the water.

"The company stopped the accidental release and brought in an outside environmental contractor the same day to help with clean-up. These efforts included collection of fish affected by the release. This work has now been completed and oxygen levels in the affected streams have returned to normal.

"We deeply regret this incident and will continue to work with state officials and members of the community to evaluate remediation options. We will follow up with the contractor that supplied the failed pipe and also continue our previously planned work to upgrade the facility."

Controversy over amount of spill; DCNR division chief speaks

Shortly after the spill occurred, a Birmingham news outlet claimed that the spill involved up to 800,000 gallons of wastewater, saying that the number was given by staff of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries division. A later official statement issued by ADEM listed the amount at approximately 220,000 gallons.

William "Nick" Nichols, chief of fisheries for DCNR's Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, reported to The Tribune Wednesday morning that his department made no official statement on the amount of the spill, nor would such a determination fall within its jurisdiction.

Said Nichols, "We are fisheries biologists; we're out there counting dead fish. Our guys are just gathering up what information they can get as they're doing their investigation. The amount of material spilled is really, that's between ADEM and the plant that caused the spill."

The chief also shared that his division is still analyzing data from this and two other unrelated spills across the state, and that final reports will take some time to produce, saying, "We're working on those reports, and once we're confident we've got our information and our data correct and cross-checked, then that's when those things'll go public."

Black Warrior Riverkeeper unhappy with sampling, reporting

Wednesday, the nonprofit advocacy group Black Warrior Riverkeeper's Nelson Brooke did not outright reject ADEM's official number, but did express skepticism over the officially reported amount, saying, "It seems like the 220,000 estimate is a rather small number, small volume, for the magnitude of the harm that was done out there."

Brooke shared that he was dissatisfied with ADEM's water sampling performed last Thursday, saying, "That sampling did not sample downriver of Cordova, where the spill had migrated to by that point. So that's why we released our statement on Friday the 14th, saying that, while ADEM had found that bacteria was within acceptable limits upriver of Cordova, there was no data for downriver. We were still telling everybody that was asking us to be cautious and not swim in cloudy brown water that looked like it was muddy, stinky or had dead fish in it.

"And the same advice continues, with or without the Tyson spill. If we get rains and the river gets real muddy, or it's not raining and the river gets real muddy, then those are not the right conditions for swimming. That's the kind of river conditions that can give rise to elevated bacteria levels that are unsafe."

Brooke also talked about Riverkeeper's recent meeting with Tyson officials, saying, "They stood by their 220,000 gallon estimation of wastewater spilled, and they also stood by their June 12 announcement that the river was safe, and verified for us that they only based that statement or conclusion on dissolved oxygen data, which is only relevant for whether or not the river's safe for fish to survive.

"I think they probably understand, at this point, we pointed out to them a pretty short-sighted announcement, which didn't match up with what ADEM was saying, and didn't match up with what we were saying based on the bacteria results."

Overall, Brooke concluded, "Just generally, we're kind of unhappy with the level of public notice that went out from Tyson and ADEM in the beginning, and we're also quite unhappy with the limited amount of information and data that's been shared by the responsible company and the investigating agencies, so that it's just leaving the public with a lot of unanswered questions. I think that's probably just going to continue, because the way they do these investigations is they go out and DCNR counts the fish and puts an economic valuation on the fish killed, and ADEM is responsible for investigating the spill that caused the fish kill, determining who's responsible for it, and assessing any penalties and proposed fixes to the problem. It's uncommon for either agency to release their final investigative reports, findings or conclusions in a timely manner. It usually takes multiple weeks, if not months."

Dead river

Multiple observers who live on or have recently visited the Mulberry or Sipsey Forks have commented on the lack of life on the water.

One observer, who visited the river last Thursday, in a comment on the Sipsey Heritage Commission's Facebook page, reported, "Nobody hanging around, nobody fishing. I saw what I thought was one fish jump down the river a piece. That's it. It's surreal."

Another commenter reported visiting the river on Sunday and later reported seeing "thick, foamy, green scum that I have never in my 47 years on this river have ever seen. It looked like the stagnant water of a farm pond. There were also areas with such a thick film that looked like a big sheet of plastic on top of the water. Normally this time of year I see stripe and bass feeding in the evening. The only sign of life I saw was a small wake of a dying fish in the middle of the river."

Allen shared, "A lot of people rely on this river. That's why they live (here). And a lot of them, they can't use it, now. I mean, they're afraid their kids will get in it, or their dogs. I know one person was worried his dog had been in the river, you know. But mostly, I talk to people. They said, 'We haven't seen a fish since the kill, unless they're dead."

Salomaa shared, "Up where we have property, we have not seen anything alive. We've seen one turtle. By Thursday, there was a very, like a strange algae- and keep in mind: I've always been on the river-there was a strange algae that I don't know if I've ever seen anything like it before, which makes me wonder if this has killed what eats the algae.

"Later, there's like a film that almost looks like a kind of grease that's gathered along the banks, and that sort of thing. But we've seen nothing alive. The birds are not there; I'm sure they've gone elsewhere. We saw a heron in a pond instead of on the river. But in the water, nothing is really moving, except for we did see that one turtle. So, right now, it just does not look good right now.

"And that's not something I want to say because I want to make Tyson look bad. This is heartbreaking for us."

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SWIMMING

Cullman Swim Team hosts Boaz; girls' team tops Barracudas

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Boaz traveled to the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center Tuesday night for a matchup against the Cullman Swim Team, and the on the girls' side, the Tritons pulled away to win with a score of 189. The boys finished behind Boaz after posting a 135. The Cullman Swim Team will be back in action when it travels to Guntersville on Thursday.

1st Place Individual winners (Girls):
- Madison Clements (13-14) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Back
- Georgia Dowdy (6&U) 25-Yard Free, 25-Yard Back
- Madeline Dowdy (9-10) 50-Yard Back
- Lacey Fischer (15-18) 50-Yard Back
- Morgan Fuller (11-12) 100-Yard IM
- Edie Hudson (8&U) 100-Yard IM, 25-Yard Breast, 25-Yard Fly
- Ruby Hudson (13-14) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Breast, 100-Yard Free
- Reese McNeel (15-18) 50-Yard Free, 100-Yard Free
- Samantha Olsen (8&U) 25-Yard Back
- Anna Page (13-14) 50-Yard Fly
- Kelly Warren (15-18) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Breast,
- Claire Windham (11-12) 50-Yard Breast

1st Place Individual winners (Boys):
- CJ Arnold (13-14) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Back
- Chase Duncan (11-12) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Back, 100-Yard Free
- Mason Fuller (9-10) 50-Yard Breast, 50-Yard Fly
- Jonah Hilb (15-18) 50-Yard Free, 50-Yard Fly, 100-Yard Free
- Brody Schaefer (13-14) 50-Yard Breast
- Parker Wight (11-12) 100-Yard IM, 50-Yard Breast, 50-Yard Fly

1st Place Relay Teams:
- (Girls 9-10) 200-Yard Medley Relay: Ella Cupp, Lauren Windham, Madeline Dowdy, Claire McPhillips
- (Boys 11-12) 200-Yard Medley Relay: Chase Duncan, Parker Wight, Rhett Tysinger, Grayson Randall
- (Boys 13-14) 200-Yard Medley Relay: CJ Arnold, Brody Schaefer, Aubrey Helms, Jacob Hilb
- (Girls 13-14) 200-Yard Medley Relay: Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson, Madison Clements, Anna Page
- (Girls 15-18) 200-Yard Medley Relay: Lacey Fischer, Kelly Warren, Reese McNeel, Marie Windham
- (Boys 11-12) 200-Yard Free Relay: Parker Wight, Grayson Randall, Rhett Tysinger, Chase Duncan
- (Girls 13-14) 200-Yard Free Relay: Anna Page, Madison Clements, Maddie Long, Ruby Hudson
- (Girls 15-18) 200-Yard Kelly Warren, Maria Windham, Lacey Fischer, Reese McNeel



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The Cullman Swim Team hosted Boaz at the Cullman Wellness and Aquatic Center Tuesday night.

United Way preparing for annual back-to-school supply drive

Becky Goff, W.C. Mann
Contributors

CULLMAN, Ala. – After success last year, United Way of Cullman County (UWCC) has announced its second annual "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive will take place July 19-26, starting on the tax-free back-to-school shopping weekend.

Tuesday, UWCC Executive Director Becky Goff told The Tribune that last year's drive took in 11,000 items at an estimated value of $8,000-10,000. Additionally, donors gave $700 in cash, which was used to create a discretionary fund for school administrators to use in helping needy students during the school year.

The official dates of the drive may be a month away, but folks can help out now by dropping off supplies or monetary contributions at:
- UWCC office in the Old Depot at Depot Park, 304 First Ave. NE in Cullman
- The Cullman Tribune, 219 Second Ave. SE
- Warren Averett CPA and Advisors, 501 Fifth St. SW
- Rusken Packaging, 64 Walnut St. NW
- The UPS Store, 1236 Cullman Shopping Center NW
- First Community Bank, 420 Second Ave. SW

Also look for boxes at Tyson Foods, Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6006 and Wallace State Community College in Hanceville. (See contact information at the end of this article if you would like for your business to be a collection point.)

Supplies needed include:
- Number 2 pencils
- Glue sticks
- Rulers
- Index cards
- Graph paper
- 1-inch and 2-inch three-ring binders
- Crayons
- Zippered pencil cases
- Hand sanitizer
- Colored pencils
- Composition notebooks
- Red, blue, and black pens
- Erasers
- Safety scissors
- Loose-leaf notebook paper

In a press release announcing the drive, Goff wrote:

"Sending a student back to school with the necessary school supplies that they need can be very stressful for parents with limited resources. We believe that every child should have the tools they need to succeed, and we are asking for the community to help make that happen.

"This event will bring our community together to support local students from low-income families. UWCC focuses on education, financial stability and health, the building blocks for a good life and a strong community. Education is the cornerstone of those three pillars and will help them start the year with the supplies they need. The 'Stuff-the-Bus' program is a critical piece to (ensuring) a child has the tools needed to flourish."

You can mail a donation check to United Way of Cullman County, 304 First Ave. NE, Cullman, AL 35056 designated for school supplies. For more information, or if you or your business would like to participate, contact UWCC at 256-739-2948 or mdingler@uwaycc.org.









Chamber: 2nd Fridays events continue to increase in popularity

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CULLMAN, Ala. – The Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce held its monthly Morning Blend event Wednesday at Rumors Deli. Over coffee and breakfast goodies, the morning's discussion centered around the success of last week's 2nd Fridays event.

Community Development Director Brittney Hudson shared, "It started out as a separate venture. The Chamber had an event called 'Hops & Shops' on second Fridays and the (City of Cullman) parks and rec department had 1st Fridays where they were in the (Festhalle) Farmers' Market. After a while we started to join forces which became the 2nd Fridays events. Right now, it has reached upwards of about a half-mile stretch, so about eight blocks now."

The feedback at Wednesday's meeting was that the June 14 2nd Fridays event, the first of this summer, was the most successful thus far.

Chamber staff gave a preview of new things it will bring to the remaining events planned throughout the summer.

The R.E. Garrison Show Lot will feature live music and a camping theme in July. The lot will host some new RVs for guests to visit. Alabama National Guard recruiters will also return with their rock wall, as well as the gladiator pit. The lot will have many activities for kids and giveaways in the Buffalo Wild Wings Kids' Zone.

Magan Bartlett, who oversees member services, spoke about the planned activities at Depot Park, sharing, "This year will be the first year we will be at Depot Park for all four months."

In July, activities in Depot Park will focus on a night for the ladies. Sips n Strokes will be set up in the park and the library will bring its popular goat yoga class.

Bartlett said, "This really is a fun event if you haven't been. There is something for everyone."

Last Friday's event had several food vendors, but the vendors ran out of food near the end of the night.

Next month will see additional food trucks including ones from Pimento and Wacked Out Weiner to join Augusta's Sports Grill, Johnny's Bar-B-Q, Devil Dawgs and Domino's Pizza.

Tourism Director Roger Steele spoke about the Farm Y'all area at the Festhalle, saying, "We have the farmers' market, and the opening of Depot Park has brought many more people to the market."

Last Friday the market held a watermelon seed spitting contest, with the winning seed going an impressive 25 feet, 5 inches. Next month the Farm Y'all area will have a cake walk.

The Classic Car Cruise-In continues to grow and bring in more visitors to Cullman.

According to the Chamber's Brian Poole, the first event last year saw 235 cars and by the end of the year the festival had 299 cars. Last Friday, 310 cars signed in for the cruise-in.

Chamber Ambassador Jacqueline Schendel had great feedback for the Chamber staff, saying, "The crowd was the biggest I had ever seen. You see all ages and people bring their dogs and they bring their little kids and they bring their cars.

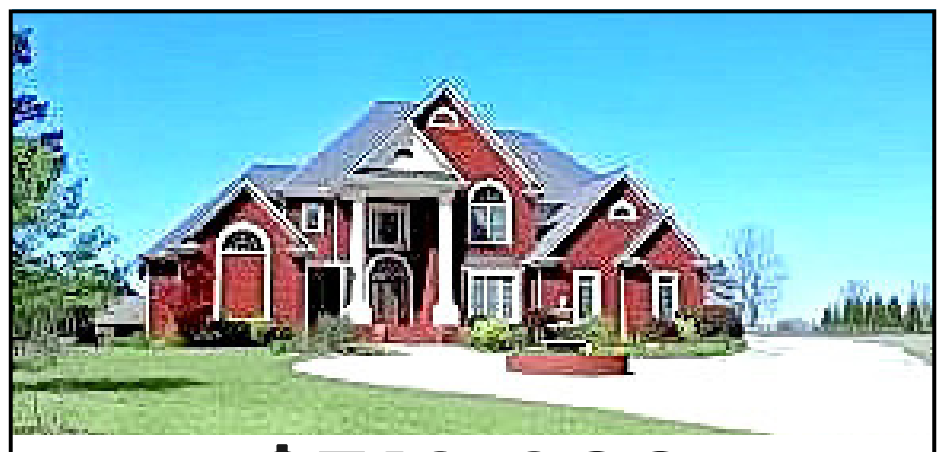
"It's a great event to come meet your friends and to see the vendors, to see the cars. I mean there is so much that goes on and it's FREE. People come from other areas to this event because it's safe, it's clean, it's free and it's enjoyable.

"It's just a great event and I applaud the Chamber because I know this is a lot of work for you guys."

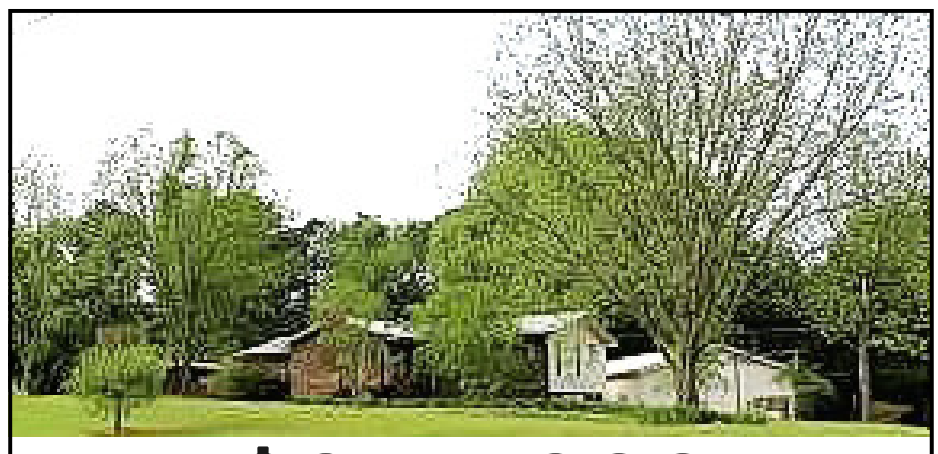
The next 2nd Fridays event will be July 12 starting at 5 p.m.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Berlin Council approves 2 annexations

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BERLIN, Ala. – Berlin Mayor Patrick Bates this week gave the town council an update on the Town's purchase of 20 acres beside the Berlin Community Center- land on which the council hopes to build a town hall in the future- and presented two annexation requests.

Bates told the council that closing on the property purchase will be soon, saying, "As soon as the title company completes their work, we're set to close. That could be one day this week, or maybe the next week."

The first annexation to consider was from Mark Lovelady, who, with his father-in-law, requested their property on the north side of U.S. Highway 278 be brought into the town limits.

"That's the one piece of Lovelady Farms that had not yet come in," said Bates. "Since that is on 278 there's no road to take over."

The second annexation to consider was from Ralph and Janice Laney, who requested their property along County Road 1621 be brought into the town limits.

The council suspended the rules for each, and both annexations were approved.

Bates informed the council there will be a few more annexations on the agenda next month.

In other business, Bates said he put half of the Town's sales tax revenue toward the bond that was used to finance the 20-acre property purchase.

"Just to make it a little cleaner, I went ahead and rounded it up and made the bond payment $7,500," Bates stated. "The sales tax check this month was for $14,990 and some change."

The Berlin Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Berlin Community Center. The next regularly scheduled council meeting is July 15.


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PHARMACY TOPICS
by Rex Smith
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Clinicians prescribed antibiotics without an infection-related diagnosis nearly half of the time and one in five prescriptions were provided without an in-person visit, according to research being presented at IDWeek 2018. The study, which is the first to look at overall outpatient antibiotic prescribing, analyzed more than half a million prescriptions from 514 outpatient clinics. Previous research has found antibiotics often are prescribed for certain symptoms (such as a sore throat or cough) when they shouldn't be. Most of these types of illnesses are caused by viruses and therefore don't benefit from antibiotics, which only treat bacterial infections.

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The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved a supplemental application for Gardasil 9 (Human Papillomavirus (HPV) 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant) expanding the approved use of the vaccine to include women and men aged 27 through 45 years. Gardasil 9 prevents certain cancers and diseases caused by the nine HPV types covered by the vaccine. In 2014, Gardasil 9 was approved for use in males and females aged 9 through 26 years. According to the CDC, every year about 14 million Americans become infected with HPV; about 12,000 women are diagnosed with and about 4,000 women die from cervical cancer caused by certain HPV viruses. Additionally, HPV viruses are associated with several other forms of cancer affecting men and women.

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LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE

PETITION OF TONY JAMES BROWN and PATRICIA LYNN BROWN FOR THE ADOPTION OF

CASE NO: AD2019-039

C.K.B., A MINOR.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: JEREMY LANEY, KNOWN OR UNKNOWN FATHER OF C.K.B., A MINOR CHILD BORN TO CANDACE LORRAINE BROWN

The Petition for Adoption was filed in the Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama by Tony James Brown and Patricia Lynn Brown. If you should contest this adoption, you must file a written response within Thirty (30) days from the date of the last notice of publication. Your response must be filed with Counsel for said petitioners, whose name and address is shown below, and with the Clerk of Probate Court, 500 2nd Avenue SW, Room 101, Cullman County, Alabama.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF June, 2019.

Tony James Brown
Patricia Lynn Brown
Petitioners

Andria D. Sims
Attorney for Petitioners
300 10st Avenue SE
Cullman, Alabama 35055

To the Publisher of The Cullman Tribune

Please publish the above notice once a week for four (4) successive weeks and send an Affidavit of Publication to the Judge of Probate.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE
CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY

STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

CASE NO: AD2019-036

IN RE: THE MATTER OF ADOPTION OF D.O.C.
D.O.B. 06-04-2012
A MINOR CHILD.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: **HECTOR CUEAVAS RODRIGUEZ**

A PETITION FOR ADOPTION WAS FILED IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA BY CRYSTAL GAIL ROYSTER AND JACK WESLEY ROYSTER, PETITIONERS. IF YOU SHOULD CONTEST THIS ADOPTION, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS WITH COUNSEL FOR SAID PETITIONERS, WHOSE NAME AND ADDRESS ARE SHOWN BELOW, AND WITH THE CLERK OF THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA, 500 2ND AVENUE SW, ROOM 101, CULLMAN, ALABAMA 35055.

DONE THIS 18th DAY OF June, 2019.

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

G. Edward Coey
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P.O. Box 834
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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF *
SHIRLEY MAE BAILEY, *
Deceased. *

CASE NO PC 2019-121

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.

Cullman County Courthouse
500 2nd Avenue SW
Room 101
Cullman, Alabama 35055

DONE this the 11th day of June, 2019.

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

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

ALEXIS HARLACH
Plaintiff

Vs.

Case Number: **DR-2019-900061.00**

CHARLES HARLACH
Defendant

NOTICE OF DIVORCE ACTION

Charles Harlach, defendant, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer Alexis Harlach's Complaint for Divorce by August 12th, 2019 or, thereafter, a Judgment by Default may be rendered against him in Case Number 25-DR-2019-900061.00 in the Circuit Court of Cullman County.

Done this the 12th day of June, 2019.

Lisa McSwain,
Clerk of Circuit Court

PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY:
Nathan Brock.
223 Second Avenue SW
Cullman, AL 35055

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IN RE: THE ESTATE OF	*	IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
JEFFERSON BAILEY	*	CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
Deceased	*	CASE NO. PC 2017-239

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Valarie Brady
Address - Unknown

You will please take notice that the 30th day of July, 2019, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. has been appointed the day and time for hearing the Petition For Final Discharge filed by J. Bradley Wilson at which time you can appear and contest the same, if you see proper.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court this 18th day of June, 2019.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, PROBATE JUDGE

TO: Publisher
The Cullman Tribune

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

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Garden City discusses possible town deputy

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GARDEN CITY, Ala. – The Garden City Town Council continued its discussion on law enforcement for the town this week. At the previous council meeting, Cullman County Sheriff Matt Gentry spoke with the council about having a township deputy. This month, during its work session, the council said it was leaning toward a township deputy as opposed to a town police department, but no action was taken during the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Scott Arnold Scott Arnold noted in the work session, "Even if we did our own police department, all you'll get is 40 hours a week, and our own police department would cost us a lot more than what the County is going to cost us."

"I will say this for the sheriff, that I've seen more deputies around the past couple of months than I've seen in a while, and I know, you know, they got a lot of area to cover," said Councilman Doug Pender.

Mayor Tim Eskew noted as well the potential costs with starting a police department, sharing, "Say we start at the very bottom. First thing we're going to have to have is an automobile, OK, the County is furnishing that (for a township deputy), so that's a plus on that."

In the meeting, the council decided to get more information on the possibility of a township deputy and reach out to Gentry to set up a special meeting.

In new business, Eskew said, "One of the properties we talked about cleaning up we found out actually belongs to the State. What the State has told us is if we wanted to do a title service and find out when and how they got the property, that they might just turn it over to us."

Eskew said he needed approval from the council in case the property is turned over to the Town. A motion was made and passed.

In other business, the council voted to make public works employee Tyler Legg full-time. Legg's pay rate was increased from $11.33 to $12 an hour.

The Garden City Town Council meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Garden City Town Hall. The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 15.

Obituary Announcements: June 16 – 19

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William "Boyd" Beasley passed away June 16, 2019 at the age of 61. He was born on March 16, 1958 to William Alfey and Freda Joyce Entrekin Beasley in Cullman, Alabama. Mr. Beasley leaves to cherish his memory his mother; daughters, Terra Celeste Beasley and Lindsey Beasley Dilworth; two grandsons; sisters, Joyce "Wilette" Beasley Johnson and Darina Wynette Beasley; brothers, Philip "Lynn" Beasley and Alfey "Durant" (Paula) Beasley; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Beasley and brother, Jason Lang Beasley. Boyd enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing. He was also an Alabama football fan. Visitation for Mr. Beasley will be Thursday, June 20, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home. A celebration of his life will follow immediately after visitation with Rev. Tim Kinney officiating. Interment will follow the services at Cullman City Cemetery. To leave condolences for Mr. Boyd Beasley's family please visit mossservicefh.com.

George Carlton Grund, 75, of Hanceville, Alabama passed away on June 17, 2019. Mr. Grund is a Vietnam War veteran and received a Vietnam Campaign medal, Bronze Star and Good Conduct medal. Mr. Grund is survived by his wife Sandra Grund, daughters Kaye Grund and Anna (Shawn) Morgan and son Pete (Lesilie) Grund. Other survivors include a sister Frances (Randy) Nuss and a brother Paul Grund. Surviving grandchildren include Ally and Caleb Grund and Shawn Tyler and Matty Jack Morgan.

Robert Charles Davis, age 50 of Jasper, entered into rest on June 17, 2019. He was born June 10, 1969. "Bubba" or "uncle Bo," as he was referred to by so many, was a 1987 graduate of Curry High School. Robert enjoyed antiquing and finding hidden treasures. He found peace in nature and had a heart of pure gold. He was loved and will be missed by so many. A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Pinetucky Cemetery. Damon Williamson will officiate. Robert is survived by his mother and step-father, Bobbie and Bill Murray; sisters, Vanda (Tony) Aaron, Donna (Bobby) Harris,Gayle (Ernie) Culver, Nita (Moochie) Allen, and Kim Davis; brothers, Roger and Kenny Davis; nephew, Damon (Stephani) Williamson; nieces, Devin (Rob) Coble and Courtney Hamby (Jon Ward); great nephews, Trent Marks, Cole Mertens, Blaine Coble, Canaan Williamson, and Brayden Williamson; great nieces, Dakota Morris, Avery Hamby, and Ansley Hamby; honorary daughter, Cresta McElrath; honorary nephew, Eli Dempsey; honorary niece, Makenzie Mertens; best friend, Trent Marks; "little buddy", Cole Mertens; and "little angels" Avery and Ansley Hamby. He was preceded in death by his father, Chuck Davis; grandparents, Charles and Lonella Jones; and sister, Brenda Pullig.

Memorial services are incomplete at this time for Marcus Eugene Beaver, 73, of Cullman. Mr. Beaver passed away Monday, June 17, 2019 at his residence. He was born September 12, 1945 in Indiana. Cullman Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Etheleen Beatrice Murphree Stricklin, born July 13, 1925 to Ellis and Thomas Mava "May" (Woods) Murphree, died June 17, 2019. Etheleen was retired from the Birmingham, Alabama School System after 30 years of service. Preceded in death by her husband Loyal Emil Stricklin, Sr; daughter Patricia Ann (Stricklin) Self Allen; grandson Walker Clement Self; son-in-law John William Dover; brother-in-law O.D. "Bo" Chafin. Survivors include: son Loyal E. (Sandra Lynn Saenger) Stricklin, Jr. of Bremen, daughter Judy Gail Stricklin Dover of Bremen, sister Edna A. (Murphree) Chafin of Hanceville, son-in-law Charles Anthony "Tony" Allen of Cullman. Surviving grandchildren are Kelly Wayne Stricklin (Ron Costigan) of Washington, D.C., Casey Jane Stricklin (Brian) McCluskey of Good Hope, Amanda Lee Self Gibson of Cullman, John Zachary "Zac" Dover of Brisbane, Australia, Major Andrea G. Dover of US Army Nato Brigade at Sembach, Germany and 2 great grandchildren. The family will have a private memorial service. The family request no flowers. Send any donations to your favorite charity. Moss Service Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Funeral Services for Brenda Pugh, 64, of Hanceville Alabama, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday June 21, 2019 Hanceville Funeral Chapel. Reverend Randall Waldrop will be presiding. Burial will follow at the Hanna Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. The family will receive friends at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at the Hanceville Funeral Home. Brenda Pugh was a data entry clerk in government service. Mrs.Pugh is survived by her son Asa Pugh of Hanceville and his wife Candace, a sister Deborah Joan Glasscock Campbell of Bremen, a brother Jason (Stephenie) Glasscock and two grandsons, Asa Ray II and Madison Rae Pugh. Mrs. Pugh is preceded in death by her husband Jimmy Ray Pugh.

Funeral Services David Roy Grantham, 68, of Crane Hill, Alabama, will be at 11 a.m. on Friday June 21, 2019 at Bethany Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Bethany Cemetery in Hanceville, Alabama. The family will receive friends at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday June 20, 2019 at the Bethany Baptist Church. Reverends Mark Hidgon and Brad Philbeck will officiate. Mr. Grantham retired from the Jim Walter Number Five Mine. Mr. Grantham is a Vietnam War veteran who received the Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Parachute Badge. Mr. Grantham is survived by his wife Pat Grantham, mother June Suell, daughters Brandy (Tony) Ethridge of Brookwood, Alabama, Jennifer (Marty) Gellness of Cullman, Alabama and son Chad (Samantha) Grantham of Providence, Alabama. Grandchildren include Justin Ethridge, Emma Gellness, Mady Gellness, Jayce and Jackson Grantham. A brother Rod Grantham. Mr. Grantham was preceded in death by his father David Roger Grantham Jr. and grandson Dylonn Ethridge.

Donna Renea Privett, 52, of Blountsville, passed away on Tuesday, June 18, 2019. She was born June 25, 1966, in Marshall County, to James and Ruby Morris Mayo. Donna was a RN, working most recently, as a nurse, at Princeton Baptist Medical Center. She worked as a waitress at JR's, in Holly Pond, as well as at the Holly Pond Café. Ms. Privett loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed camping, canoeing, and fishing; and she enjoyed watching hummingbirds. Donna also loved to crochet. But most importantly, Donna loved her family and she was treasured by them as well. She was surrounded by an adoring family as she departed from this world. Ms. Privett is preceded in death by her father, James Mayo. Survivors include her mother, Ruby Mayo; life partner, Randy Lynn Rainwater; son, Matthew (Samantha) Privett; stepsons, Michael Rainwater, Matthew Rainwater; daughters, Tracie (Jason) Carpenter, Julie (Jay) Gibson, Meagan (Nick) Cagle; brothers, Timmy Mayo, Daniel Mayo, Mikey Mayo, Joey Mayo, Patrick Mayo; sister, Kristy Blankenship; and fourteen grandchildren. Funeral services for Ms. Privett are 3 p.m. on Friday June 21, 2019, in the Holly Pond Funeral Home Chapel, Matt Kephart officiating. Burial will follow in Roswell Creek Cemetery. Nick Cagle, Jay Gibson, Jason Carpenter, Matthew Rainwater, Michael Rainwater, and Keith Burke will serve as pallbearers. Friends may visit with the family two hours prior to services, from 1 p.m., until services begin at 3 p.m. Holly Pond Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Ms. Privett.

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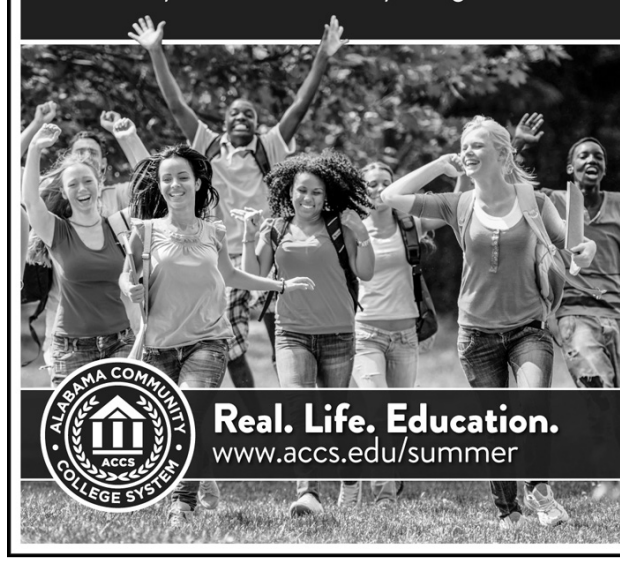
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Taylor Urech of Crane Hill serves on 2019 Avanti team at UA

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – University of Alabama student Taylor Urech, of Crane Hill, an alumna of Good Hope High School, is serving as Orientation Leader in the Avanti program for the summer 2019 orientation session.

Nearly 60 students are serving on the UA Avanti team - a group that seeks to welcome new students during the Bama Bound orientation process. By becoming acquainted with Capstone academic programs and co-curricular opportunities, the Avanti Team provides essential support in preparing incoming students to meet the challenges of enrollment and in welcoming high school groups to campus for large-scale recruitment events. The Avanti team is in the Office of Orientation and Special Programs in the Division of Academic Affairs.

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