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– BUSINESS –

Wells Fargo, Regions Bank consolidating Cullman branches

Wells Fargo Main Branch downtown, Regions Bank Catoma Ridge office set to close



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The Main Branch of Wells Fargo in downtown Cullman will close Sept. 18, 2019.

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CULLMAN COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

Chip

PET OF THE WEEK

Who can resist a Chip?

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman County Animal Shelter volunteer Donna Ruttkay shared with The Tribune our most recent Pet of the Week, Luna, has been adopted. Here she introduces readers to a fun new friend who's looking for his forever home.

Chip is a 1-year-old miniature Aussie mix. He's a playful, medium- to high-energy pup described as a "happy young fellow who loves life and all about him." While he does enjoy play time, he is a submissive pet who likes to stay close to his humans and get in a little rest time in your lap.

Chip has the makings of a companion, therapy or emotional support dog.

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

Chip's adoption fee is $90 which includes: DHLPP vaccine, Bordetella vaccines, 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.

'ABSOLUTELY AMAZING'

A Ride to Honor the Fallen, inaugural Pitmaster Challenge raise money for Saving Forgotten Warriors

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CULLMAN, Ala. – More than 120 bikes with more than 200 riders participated in A Ride to Honor the Fallen Saturday morning according to Derrick Barton, president of the Jack Aces Riding Club, which organized the ride. Proceeds from the ride will benefit the local nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors.

The ride began at Hawg Engineering on U.S. Highway 278 West. As riders began checking in shortly before 9 a.m., they were treated to breakfast courtesy of Chick-Fil-A. Hawg Engineering owner Gary "Sarge" Sargeant was all smiles as the bikes continued to pour in for the morning ride.

"This is an incredible turnout. These guys have done a great job with this event," he said.

Just prior to kickstands up, the large crowd of riders gathered for a prayer. Sarge opted to stay behind at his shop in case a truck was needed to assist a rider during the nearly 100-mile ride.

Chuck Shikle of the Jack Aces joked, "That's more for the Harley riders. The Victory and Indian riders should be fine."

The Cullman Police Department provided an escort for the ride, which wound all around the west side of Cullman County. Motorists patiently stopped and many waved as the group passed. Some even grabbed cell phones and recorded the event. Families stood in their yards and waved and marveled at the unexpected parade as it passed.

As the bikes made their way through towns like Curry and Arley in Walker County, they were not only met with enthusiasm but reminders of why the ride was taking place: to honor veterans. Posters with images of the men and women who served and gave their lives for their country adorned the light posts.



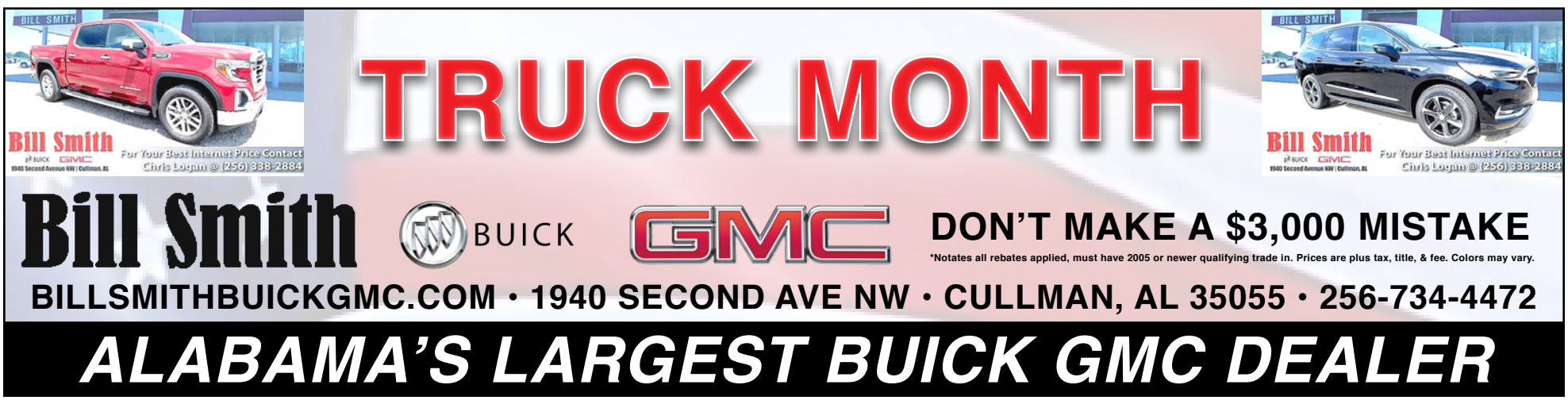
CHRISTY PERRY/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Riders participating in A Ride to Honor the Fallen head to Smith Lake Park for the inaugural Pitmaster Challenge Saturday, June 22, 2019. Both events raised money for local nonprofit Saving Forgotten Warriors.

Each poster a reminder of their sacrifices for our freedoms.

The ride concluded at Smith Lake Park to join the Saving Forgotten Warriors inaugural Pitmaster Challenge. An impressive crowd had already assembled for great barbeque, live music and other activities. The rumble of the bikes entering

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Arrests and incidents reported June 24

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 24, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

INCIDENTS

June 20

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance; CR 565
- criminal mischief; Hwy. 278 E
- harassment; Handley Ln.
- assault; CR 1435
- trespassing, theft of property; CR 312
- domestic violence; CR 1776
- assault; CR 1107
- assault; CR 1490
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1082
- burglary; CR 1371
- theft of property; CR 734

June 21

- harassment; CR 134
- theft of property; CR 1371
- possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal possession of prescription drugs; CR 490/CR 616
- menacing, assault, theft of property: CR 463
- theft of property; CR 1573
- harassment; CR 1605
- domestic violence; CR 1106
- criminal mischief; CR 468

June 22

- domestic violence; CR 1513
- domestic violence, resisting arrest; CR 1485
- harassment; CR 1341
- burglary; Highland St. SE Hanceville
- harassment; CR 1606
- possession of drug paraphernalia; CR 222
- attempting to elude law enforcement officer, violation of a protection order; CR 119
- possession of a controlled substance; CR 437
- violation of a protection order, trespassing; CR 119

June 23

- criminal mischief; CR 386
- theft of property; CR 775
- harassment; CR 939
- theft of property; CR 601
- domestic violence; Hwy. 69 N
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle; CR 1855
- theft of property; CR 747
- domestic violence; CR 369
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia; Hwy. 31, Swafford Road

ARRESTS

June 20

Golden, Jesse Gene, 23

- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana
- FTA- unlawful manufacturing of a controlled substance

Jacobs, Jasmyn Victoria C., 30

- FTA- DUI – influence of alcohol

Lovett, Steven Alexander, 31

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Shaffer, Eric Michael, 35

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Stanley, Joshua David, 35

- FTA- third-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument
- FTA- identity theft

June 21

Allaire, Richard Lee Jr., 59

- FTA- second-degree criminal trespassing
- FTA- public intoxication

Baker, Hunter J., 18

- attempting to elude

Garrett, Michael Ruth, 22

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Hubbard, Tairance Latray, 26

- writ of arrest – child support

Overton, Brandon Gene, 29

- judge's order – possession of drug paraphernalia
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- illegal possession of prescription medicine
- judge's order – fourth-degree receiving stolen property (2 counts)
- FTA- fourth-degree theft of property (2 counts)
- judge's order – second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Ramsey, Byron Christopher, 37

- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Smith, Melissa Holmes, 40

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts)

West, Jayme Allen, 38

- FTA- negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument

Whitfield, Christopher James, 37

- writ of arrest – child support

June 22

Abbott, Christopher Michael, 39

- attempting to elude
- violation of a domestic violence protection order

Bailey, Christopher Jared, 26

- probation violation – second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Fox, David Andrew, 20

- GJ- electronic solicitation of child
- GJ- transmitting obscene material to child

Johnson, Johnathon Scott, 38

- possession of drug paraphernalia

Lubert, Christopher Daniel S., 35

- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

May, Austin Lane, 22

- chemical endangerment of child

Olin, Heather Rene, 26

- chemical endangerment of child

Schmidt, Derek Michael, 40

- FTA- third-degree domestic violence – harassment
- probation violation – unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Skinner, Terra Ann, 27

- third-degree harassment- domestic violence
- resisting arrest

June 23

Alridge, Mark Anthony, 56

- public intoxication

Dinkel, Wesley Keith, 38

- certain person forbidden to possess a pistol
- possession of drug paraphernalia
- second-degree unlawful possession of marijuana

Duke, Keelen Lee, 38

- possession of drug paraphernalia
- unlawful possession of a controlled substance

Glaze, Joyce Jane, 44

- harassment

Harris, Timothy Michael, 24

- public intoxication

Keeton, Kandice Lean, 31

- contributing to truancy

Phelps, Crystal Michelle, 33

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia

Simmons, Michele Denise, 46

- FTA- third-degree theft of property

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

INCIDENTS

June 21

- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Birmingham St. SW; damaged window; $300
- third-degree criminal mischief; person; Demorie Ave. NW; damaged windshield; $450
- third-degree theft of services; Northside Veterinary Hospital; St. Joseph Dr. NW; $684
- duty upon striking an unattended vehicle; person; damage to '16 Subaru Outback; $1,500

June 22

- fourth-degree theft of property; person; Lessman Cir. SW; bicycle; $80
- second-degree criminal mischief, harassing communications; person; Olive St. SW; damage to '05 Subaru Impreza; $1,200

June 23

- fourth-degree theft of property, third-degree criminal trespassing; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $50
- unauthorized use of a vehicle; person; Hwy. 157
- fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; drinks; $3

ARRESTS

June 21

McCormack, Ethan D., 25

- fraudulent use of a credit/debit card
- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle

Pugh, Ashley C., 19

- unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle (2 counts)
- fraudulent use of a credit/debit card

Coots, Steven R., 47

- fourth-degree theft of property

Neely, Zachary G., 38

- fourth-degree theft of property

Hale, Donna L., 47

- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

West, Jayme A., 38

- FTA- possession of drug paraphernalia
- FTA- resisting arrest
- FTA- attempting to elude

Overton, Brandon G., 29

- second-degree theft of property
- fourth-degree theft of property
- third-degree criminal trespassing
- unlawful possession or receipt of a controlled substance

Smith, Zackery D., 32

- public intoxication
- public lewdness
- resisting arrest

June 22

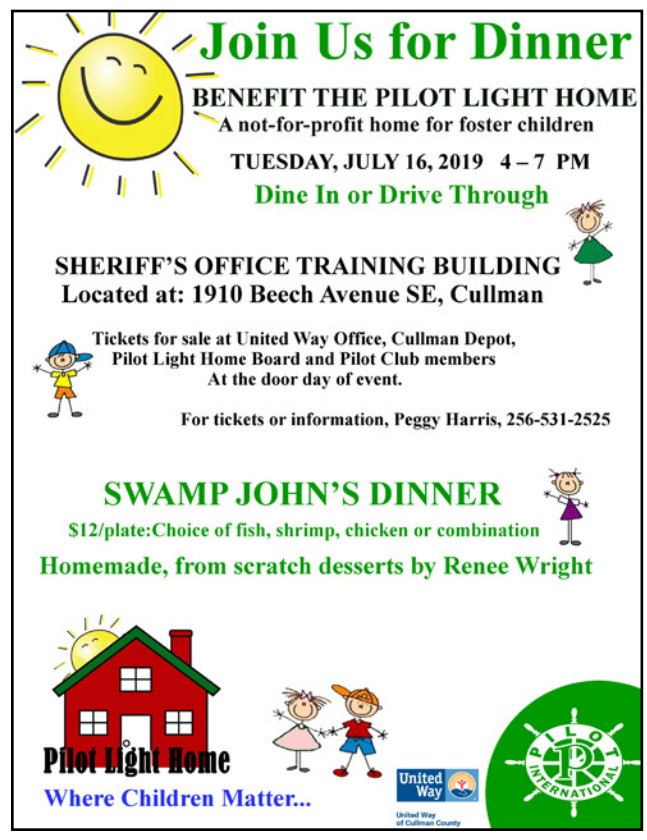
Shelton, Chayce B., 22

- public intoxication

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

No incidents or arrests reported.

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







COMMUNITY CALENDAR
June 25 - 27

TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

Lunch at the VFW
Everyone come to Tuesday's lunch at the VFW Post in Cullman. Starts at 11:30, $5 per plate. We have carryout if you can't stay and eat with us. We always have a great time. Love to see new folks and enjoy the usual group. See you on Tuesday! 112 Veterans Dr. SW in Cullman

TOPS Meeting
- TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly- meets every Tuesday at the Donald E. Green Senior Center, 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW Cullman
- Weigh-in 3-3:30 p.m.
- Meeting 3:30-4:30
- Contact- Candy Wachter 256-338-1272
- Facebook- TOPS AI0073 Cullman

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

Jammin' in the Gym
6-8 p.m. with The Cadillacs at the Donald E. Green Senior Center. Admission is free. 1625 Cleveland Ave. SW, Cullman

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Yoga at the Library
- Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Cullman County Public Library, 200 Clark St. NE, Cullman, AL 35055
- Bring your own mat, strap and block. These items are optional.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

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.

Hanceville City Council Meeting
6 p.m. at Hanceville City Hall

UPCOMING....

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.

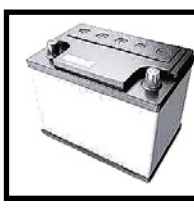
Blair Church Yard Sale
Friday, July 5 from 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, July 6 from 7 a.m.-noon; 5131 County Road 1082 in Vinemont; children's clothes, men's and women's clothes; toys, household items, baby items, etc. Free blood pressure check on Saturday.

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 than 1/4 mile, Cold Springs Community Center is on the RIGHT!
- Sandlin Chapel & Cemetery are off AL-69S.

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TYSON SPILL UPDATE

Tribune visits Mulberry and Sipsey Forks

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EMPIRE, Ala. – On Saturday morning, The Cullman Tribune visited the confluence of the Sipsey Fork and Mulberry Fork, known to locals as "The Forks," where participants in the Sipsey Heritage Commission's Sipsey Fork River Race were to have finished. The race was canceled due to concerns over water quality in the wake of the Tyson Foods/River Valley Ingredients 220,000-gallon wastewater spill two weeks ago.

There we saw a Mulberry Fork that appeared to remain lifeless.

We could hear insects in the brush around us, and butterflies flittered up and down a boat ramp on the Sipsey side, but the water in the Mulberry was still and there were no birds in the immediate area.

The Commission's Martha Salomaa told us that the area typically has a substantial amount of wildlife, both in the water and on the surrounding land.

In the Sipsey Fork, where contaminated water reportedly reached at least a mile upstream, we discovered a pleasant surprise. While walking down the hill, we saw a fish jumping within yards of the confluence, which Salomaa said was the first live fish she had seen in the area since the spill reached the confluence.

Pointing out more splashes, Salomaa said, "There's something alive over there. That's good to see."

Walking down the boat ramp to the water's edge, we saw one remaining dead fish; around it swam three minnows who appeared to be healthy.

Back up the hill, volunteer staff of the canceled race gave out pre-ordered T-shirts to participants who wanted them, and passed out official complaint forms for river residents to fill out and send to the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

Said Salomaa, "We've had a steady flow of people who've filled out the forms, and then several of them have taken forms with them, so that their family can fill out forms, as well."

All forms turned in to the Commission will be copied for its files, and the forms will be mailed together to ADEM.

Reaching out to Montgomery

Salomaa reported to us that a copy of our update story from Thursday (https://www.cullmantribune.com/2019/06/20/this-is-heartbreaking-for-us-river-residents-heavy-hearted-tyson-facing-lawsuits) was delivered to Gov. Kay Ivey's office Friday.

For a video of our visit to the forks and conversation with Salomaa, visit www.facebook.com/CullmanTribune/videos/387618861866907/.



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Among the first signs of life returning to the confluence, these minnows appeared on the Sipsey side.

Amazing (from Front)

the park was an added treat to those who came out to enjoy the day.

The Pitmaster Challenge was already in full swing. Local band By All Means had just finished its set and kids were lined up for the mechanical bull. The heat of the day was not stopping folks from having a great time. Jason Willingham with special guest Jeremy Phillips kept the party going with a set of rock classics and today's favorites.

Preston Green was there with his dad and stepmom, Stephen and Angela Green. He loved the mechanical bull and seeing all the bikes, especially the orange ones, he said.

Stephen and Angela Green are newcomers to Cullman, and Angela Green said, "We love all the things that Cullman has, all the little festivals. We didn't have all of this where we lived in Jefferson County."

The Greens had already tried all the barbeque and decided that Freddie Day Catering was their top choice.

Overall, the judges picked Freddie Day for Best Brisket and Sachmo's Smokehouse BBQ for best ribs. The People's Choice Award went to Robert Taylor from Integrity Auto Group.

As the final band, Shootin' You Straight, was preparing to perform, the festival had to pause as severe thunderstorms rolled in.

The rain and thunderstorms were relentless and unfortunately caused the day at Smith Lake to come to an end.

Despite the weather, the Pitmaster Challenge and A Ride to Honor the Fallen were proclaimed successes.

Saving Forgotten Warriors Founder Jeremy Hogan said, "Absolutely amazing. I am in awe. For it to be so successful in a two-month planning time period, to have that many riders was phenomenal.

"When they came pulling up to the park I was just blown away."

Although the total is unknown at this time, Hogan said he knows the event raised at least $4,900.

Hogan said he didn't anticipate the first year of this event to be a huge money maker; he simply hoped to put on a fun event that was well received and build on it for next year.

"We hope to grow this even into a multi-day rally and welcome any ideas that people might have," shared Hogan. "We have already been contacted by some national motorcycle organizations who hope to get involved next year. We are already planning for next year's event where we will focus more on the fundraising aspects."

Hogan thanked everyone for coming together in such a short amount of time to make the inaugural Pitmaster Challenge a success, saying, "The Jack Aces did a great job, and they do so many great things and events to help this community. (Organizers) Tiffany (Collins) and Danielle (Carnes) are the ones who really pulled this whole thing off. They took an idea and made it happen in less than two months. We couldn't have done this without so many people who helped."

Saving Forgotten Warriors is a nonprofit organization which advocates for the health, safety and well-being of veterans. For more information, visit www.savingforgottenwarriors.com.

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Funeral Services for Ruth Diane Key, 67, of Anniston, AL were Monday, June 24, 2019 at Hanceville Funeral Home Chapel. Mrs. Key is buried at Mt. Zion Nazarene Cemetery in Blount County, AL. Mrs. Key is survived by her husband Paul Key of Oxford, AL; son Wesley (Kelly) Key of Bloomington, IN; daughter Amanda (Timothy) Hines of Oxford, AL; mother Ruth Gartman of Green Pond, AL; her grandchildren Carson Key, Cohen Key, Eden Key, Juliana Hines, and two sisters Darlene (Jack) Franklin of McCalla, AL., and Becky (Donnie) Englebert of Green Pond, AL. Mrs. Key is predeceased by her dad Darrol Mickle; step-dad Bob Gartman; sisters Rhonda Kay Mickle and Anita Birkhimer; nephew Bradley Franklin; and a niece Brooke Franklin. Officiating were Rev. Randall Crotts, Rev. Walton Hedstrom and Rev. John Parker. Pallbearers were Hollis Hitt Jr., Jimmy Hitt, T.C. Bailey, Greg Bailey, Phillip Bailey and Donnie Vinson. Honorary Pallbearers will be ministers of Bible Methodist Congregation of Churches and Ministerial Friends.

Martha Louise Reid of Hayden, Alabama passed away on Friday, June 21, 2019. She was born on April 27, 1944 to Charles and Delois Lake Adams. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Fairy Roberts; brother, "Tuffy" Adams; sister-in-law, Imogene Black; and brothers-in-law: Edsal and Elzie Reid. Mrs. Reid was a loving wife, mother and Nanny. She worked hard and made sacrifices as needed for the benefit of her family. Mrs. Reid was a loyal friend and loved any kind of flowers. She was also a big Alabama Fan. She will be missed by both her family and friends. Martha leaves behind to cherish her memories her husband, Franklin Reid; daughters: Imogene (Mark) Holderfield, Tammy (Elmer "Woody") Moyer and Kim (Jimmy Barbee) Evans; seven grandchildren: Nicole Holderfield (Josh) Best, Brooke Holderfield, Danielle Moyer, Courtney Moyer, Megan (Kelby Murphree) Evans, Erica Evans and Sadie Evans; two great grandchildren: Levi Best and Marlee Holderfield; sisters: Anne Goodwin (Ken) McCuen and Mary Reid; brother, Ed Adams; and a host of nieces, nephews and grandchildren by heart. Visitation for Mrs. Reid will be Thursday, June 27, 2019, from 5-6 p.m. at Moss Service Funeral Home with a celebration of life service following. Rev. Harlin Haynes will be officiating the service. To leave condolences for the family of Martha Louise Reid please visit mossservicefh.com.

Funeral services for Mr. Tony Bradford Wynn, age 72 of Vinemont were held at Blair Methodist Church. Burial followed in the adjoining cemetery, with Rev. Tim Holder officiating. He will lie-in-state at the church from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Mr. Wynn was born on July 24, 1946 and passed away on June 21, 2019 at DCH in Tuscaloosa. He was retired from Americold with 30 years of service and a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He is preceded in death by his parents, Dallas Wynn & Joyce Maze Wynn; his wife, Nancy Wynn; sister, Katherine Shoemaker and one brother, Tom Wynn. Survivors include two sons, Brad Wynn and Greg Wynn; two brothers, Charles (Gail) Wynn and Keith Wynn; four grandchildren, Chase Wynn, Tazz Wynn, Hunter Wynn and Iszick Wynn; and one great-grandson, Mason Wynn. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday night June 23, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Charmaine Therese Howell of Crane Hill, Alabama passed away June 21, 2019 at the age of 64. She was born in Detroit, Michigan Nov. 9, 1954 to Thomas and Mary Ann Fox Fries. She worked in FOIA Administration for The United States Army. She is survived by her husband Larry Howell, sons Jeremiah (April) Howell, Scott (Yelena) Howell, sister Sheila (Dennis) Morgan, brothers David Fries, Douglas (Cara) Fries, grandchildren James and Luke Howell. Services have not yet been scheduled.

Ethel Jean Netherton, 87, of Addison, entered into rest Saturday, June 22, 2019 at Cullman Regional Medical Center. Ethel was born Jan. 31, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist for 35 years. Ethel was a homemaker who enjoyed taking care of her family. Graveside services were Monday, June 24, 2019 at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Cemetery. Brother Steton Hayes officiated. Ethel is survived by her sons, Brian Netherton, Randy Netherton, Greg Netherton, Chris Netherton and his wife Beverly, Shannon Netherton, Ken Netherton and his wife Tammy; daughters, Diane Beall, Deborah Rodgers, Patricia Rodgers and her husband Michael, Shelby Twilley, Angie Netherton; and a host grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilburn "Pamp" Netherton; sons, Michael Netherton, infant twins, Vincent and Lamar Netherton; and grandsons, Jonathan Pigg, and Chase Netherton.

John Herbert Watkins, 87 of Logan passed away on June 23, 2019 at his home surrounded by his family. John was born on October 29, 1931 in Jefferson County. After graduating from McAdory High School he joined the Air Force. John went on to retire from U.S. Steel. He was a member of Addison First Baptist Church. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery in Addison. Brother Samuel Tucker will officiate. He is survived by his daughter, Johnna Kay Watkins; and he was Paw Paw to his grandson, Gregory Paul Ross; and great grandchildren, Adeline Pearl Ross and Harvey William Ross. John was preceded in death by his wife, Joe Annie Watkins; daughter, Linda Jo Ross; parents, Collie and Jewel Watkins; and son-in-law, William Paul Ross.

Malcolm Eugene Ward, age 74 of Double Springs, entered into rest on June 23, 2019 at St. Vincent's Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was born December 17, 1944 to Wilburn and Lucille Ward. Known by many as "Sonny" or "Poppy." Malcolm was a 50-year member of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Double Springs. He was a 1964 graduate of Winston County High School and worked in the coal mining industry for over 45 years. Mr. Ward enjoyed watching westerns on television and vacations in the Great Smoky Mountains. He was a devoted husband who loved his family. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where the service will be held Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Brother Thomas Curtis will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Olive Cemetery. Malcolm is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mattie Susan Ward; son, Sonny Joseph (Kathy) Ward; sister, Connie Faye Ergle; one grandson, Cameron Ward; brother in law, Dwight (Doris) Bell; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Ann Everly; brothers, Ronnie Ray Ward and Mac Ward; and mother and father-in-law, Calvin and Earline Bell.

Funeral Service for Betty Faye Day, age 76, of Hanceville, will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Randall Waldrep officiating; interment in Cullman Heritage Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Day passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019 at St. Vincent's Hospital. She was born July 16, 1942, to Lewis Evans and Martha Evans Finley. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Billy Ray Day. Survivors include her daughter, Rebecca Yates; son, Ricky (Brenda) Day; grandchildren, April (Dusty) Shadix, Jason (Delila) Yates, Amber (Jeff) Chambers, and Blake (Andi) Day; great-grandchildren, Kaine Yates, Logan Yates, Preslee Yates, Lexi Shadix, Liberty Shadix, Laklin Shadix, Kadance Chambers, Ryker Chambers, and Ella Day; sisters, Patsy Hood, Joyce Blair, and Mary Hellen Speck; and brothers, Lewis Evans, Pete Evans, Donald Evans, and Jerry Evans. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

Graveside Service for Mildred Janet Chambers Sears, age 86, of Cullman, will be at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at Simcoe Methodist Cemetery with Rev. George Redding officiating; interment in Simcoe Methodist Cemetery. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Sears passed away on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at her residence. She was born October 16, 1932 in Cullman, AL to the late Hugh Harold and Eula Grace Causey Chambers. She was fondly and lovingly referred to as "Net", "Granny", "Mom", or "Mama". She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Shelley Sears; children, Bonnie Collins, Diane (Hoyt) Landers, and Jimmy Sears; and brother, Hugh H. "Pete" Chambers. Survivors include her children, Mike (Diane) Sears, Donna (Butch) Bullard, and Bill (Sharon) Sears; siblings, Judy (Dickie) Glenn, Kay Sparkman, Charlie (Wanda) Chambers, and Rebecca Chambers; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of family and friends. The family expresses a special "thank you" to the nurses and caregivers of Hospice of North Alabama.

On Monday, June 24, 2019, Harry William Collins, 85, of Cullman, AL, went to be with the Lord. He was survived by his wife of 53 years, Carrie Lee Collins, and by his children, Buddy and Debbie Gilbert of Birmingham, AL, John and Lesley Klem of Milford, NH, Steve and Polly Brooks of Kerrville, TX, and Antoinette Mitchell of Cullman, AL; grandchildren, James and Deliska Bates, Brian and Crystal Bevis, Michelle Gilbert, Trevor Gilbert, Alyssa Klem, Kevin and Tina Kelcey, Mark Brooks, Stuart Brooks and Tina Brandon, Steve and Rachel LeDoux, and Arrie Mitchell; great-grandchildren Brandon, Ryan, Seth, Jewel, Jeffery, Andrew, Stephen, Kaitlyn, Katie, Sean, Emilie, and Karma. Predeceased by parents Julian Anthony and Sadie Beatrice Stephenson Collins. Predeceased by brother and sisters JC Collins, Christine Hooper, and Jean Kaye Wilson. Survived by brothers and sisters, Donald (Ralph) and Mary Collins, Betty Clark, Tommy and Sandra Collins, Barbara Wilson, Robert and Debbie Collins, Mike and Eddie Lee Smith, and many, many nieces and nephews. Harry served his country in the United States Navy from 1952-1960. Family was the most important thing in his life. Harry loved everyone whether related or by choice. He loved a good joke and Alabama football - Roll Tide! Services and visitation will be held at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home in Cullman, AL on Friday, June 28, 2019. Visitation will be from noon until 2 p.m., with services beginning at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

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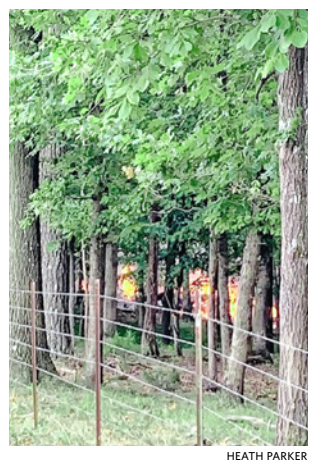
Fire in Jones Chapel

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JONES CHAPEL, Ala. – Jones Chapel, Sardis, West Point and Logan and Fire Departments responded to a fire along County Road 1093 near the community of Jones Chapel Sunday morning.

The fire involved a structure, camper and automobile.

No injuries were reported.



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EDUCATION

37 Cullman-area students named to Auburn University Dean's List

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AUBURN, Ala. – Thirty-seven Cullman-area students were named to the Dean's List (GPA of 3.75 or higher) at Auburn University for the Spring 2019 semester.

- Mikayla L. Adams, of Logan
- Tucker O. Adkison, of Vinemont
- Seth W. Andrews, of Cullman
- Dalton McKenzie Bright, of Hanceville
- Libby J. Burroughs, of Cullman
- James E. Cobbs, of Vinemont
- Trevor D. Crider, of Vinemont
- Kacie J. Donaldson, of Cullman
- Austin M. Heim, of Vinemont
- Savannah Grace Holmes, of Cullman
- Katherine E. Hood, of Cullman
- Brady M. Kent, of Cullman
- Branch R. Knight, of Cullman
- Brooke L. Ledbetter, of Cullman
- Jake A. Lindsey, of Cullman
- Zebulon P. Little, Jr., of Cullman
- Erin E. McAdams, of Cullman
- Molly K. McLeroy, of Cullman
- Torie M. Novara, of Hanceville
- Kasey M. Pair, of Cullman
- Benjamin J. Ratliff, of Cullman
- Jordan W. Ray, of Cullman
- Leah A. Shaddix, of Bremen
- Rachael C. Skinner, of Hanceville
- Noah M. Stewart, of Cullman
- Joshua B. Story, of Hanceville
- Tyler G. Taunton, of Cullman
- Dylan L. Warner, of Cullman
- Lydia F. Waters, of Cullman
- Jordan A. Windham, of Vinemont
- Kylie Jordan Witcher, of Cullman
- Nicolas Anthony Young, of Cullman
- Andrew J. McGehee, of Arley
- Jesse A. McLeroy, of Double Springs
- Jordan A. McLeroy, of Double Springs
- Brittany L. Noe, of Arley
- Carly Alana Westmoreland, of Addison

Consolidating (from Front)

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Both Regions Bank and Wells Fargo have announced upcoming consolidations of branch offices in Cullman, following a years-long national trend of local bank branch closures. Each institution currently has two branches in the city, and each will maintain one office. Regions will close its Catoma Ridge office along Alabama Highway 157 Aug. 23, consolidating local operations with its Second Avenue Southwest (U.S. Highway 31) location. Wells Fargo will close its Main Branch on Second Avenue Southwest Sept. 18, consolidating operations with its Town Square location near the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Cherokee Avenue.

Wells Fargo Assistant Vice President for Corporate Communications in Florida and the Southeast, Michael Gray, said in a statement:

"We continue to evaluate our branch network and base our distribution strategy on customer trends, market factors and economic changes, and as a result will close our Cullman Main Branch on September 18. It's important to recognize that a physical branch is not the only way for us to serve our customers. While branches continue to be important in serving our customers' needs, we're finding that customers are often using our wide range of digital capabilities for many of their banking needs. We will continue to serve our customers at other branches – including our Town Square branch approximately two miles away – and through WellsFargo.com and our mobile banking app."

Regions Corporate Communication spokesperson Mel Campbell issued this statement:

"As customer expectations for service and convenience have increased, Regions' focus has been on making prudent investments – particularly in branch design, growth markets and digital services -- to continuously improve customer service options and the customer experience. With this strategy, we also rely on a continuous and rigorous review of data, locations and policies to ensure the most efficient use of available resources, which recently identified opportunities to consolidate select branch locations based on traffic, new technology, volume, location of other branches, profitability, and other data.

"Regions will also work with the affected associates to find other positions within the company where possible."

The change is nothing new for either corporation, following a national trend by banks to consolidate their operations and shrink their workforces. Birmingham-based Regions Bank had more than 2,100 local branches at its peak in 2007, before it began a series of closures which, according to Campbell, leaves the company with around 1,500 branches today. More than 150 branches have closed since 2016. The company is opening new branches, especially in larger cities, but at a pace far behind that of closures.

San Francisco-based Wells Fargo had more than 6,300 branches nationwide in 2012 but plans to reduce that number to below 5,000 by 2020, according to a report published by CNN.

The trend of bank branch closures dates back before 2010 but has accelerated since 2012. Between 2013 and 2018, banks across the country have closed approximately 7,500 branches, and according to a report cited by the Mercator Advisory Group in its PaymentsJournal, almost half of all large banks are participating in the trend. Local/community banks are faring better, with only about 15% closing branches.

Why are banks closing branches?

A March 2019 article in The Business Journal cited a study saying that, at current rates of change, branch office visits will drop 36% between 2017 and 2022. During the same period mobile transactions will increase by 121%, with smart devices becoming substantially more popular transaction tools than computers.

In a phone conversation, Campbell told The Tribune, "You think about how people are managing their finances using just an ATM, or whether they just use their phones, you know, having things like remote deposit where you can take a picture of a check, make a deposit with a phone. You don't have to take a stack of checks to a branch like that. You can do that just whenever you feel like it, and a lot of other things people can do today that they couldn't do in the past, but technology's opened some doors to let people manage their money in different ways, and frankly, people are doing it.

"That is the yin and the yang of that. Think about everybody now that checks something on their phone, or pays for something with PayPal, or things that don't really have anything to do with Regions. It's just people have changed the way they manage their money over the last decade."

Wells Fargo has publicly reported that increasing use of digital resources led to its decision to cut branches, but many in the financial field also point to legal troubles like the discovery of more than three million fake accounts in 2016 and 2017, which have cost the company more than $3 billion, and to the unauthorized enrollment of more than 500,000 customers in automatic bill pay programs.

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This year's Castille Character Camp at Good Hope High School saw a record number of over 200 campers in attendance Saturday morning.

SPORTS

Record numbers turn out for this year's Castille Character Camp

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GOOD HOPE, Ala. – More than 200 athletes made their way to James W. Shabel Stadium Saturday morning for this year's Castille Character Camp, setting an attendance record for the event.

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 who 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 halftime.

Cullman County Schools' Special Projects Coordinator Dr. T.J. Franey was happy to report a record turnout for this year's event and was even happier to know the event is giving valuable lessons to all of its participants.

"We've had a great turnout. This year we had the most pre-registered ahead of time that we've ever had, over 130," Franey said. "Jeremiah's camp just focuses so much on character and the person you are off the field. Being a great athlete is wonderful and it's great to have that talent and gift, but he talks about how your character is what keeps you where you need to be in life."

One of the camp's biggest sponsors is Cullman Savings Bank. CSB's Vice President of Marketing Clara Kent was on-hand for the camp.

"We love doing it. It seems to teach the kids so much more than football and that's what we're interested in," Kent said. "We love football but the character that they bring and that they teach means so much more and for the little kids to get to learn speed and agility, there's really nowhere else to do that and girls can come too so we like that. It's an honor and a privilege to get to sponsor this."

As one of the camp's sponsors, Cullman Savings Bank helps to make sure the event is free to attend, and that's very important to Kent.

"It makes a big difference for the kids," Kent said. "We don't want any child not being able to attend. If we're offering it, we want everybody that wants to come to come."

Good Hope High School hosted this year's camp, and Raiders' Strength Coach Patrick McDonald was excited to see the camp on their home field.

"This is a great camp that they put on not only to teach them skills and speed and agility for football but the best thing about it is the character development that they're doing," McDonald said.

"They're teaching these kids to grow up to be young men and women with character and doing things right on and off the field. We're glad we could host it here, so far it's going great and we're hoping to finish this camp really well."

The Raiders are coming off a sensational 2018 football season and McDonald has been working hard alongside his players in the offseason to meet the standard set by last year's senior class.

"We had a great year last year. That senior class led the way with an 11-3 record, and we lost a lot of seniors so it's up to the next man up," McDonald said. "They've accepted the challenge, they're hitting the weights hard this summer, conditioning hard, we've had really good attendance and we're hoping it translates to this season."

The camp's head coach, Castille, likes how this camp has progressed so far and was thankful they've been able to find a little shade.

"It has been productive, and I just really have to give credit to our coaches. When you can have something in place and planned out, young people already have the energy naturally to do it and carry it out," Castille said.

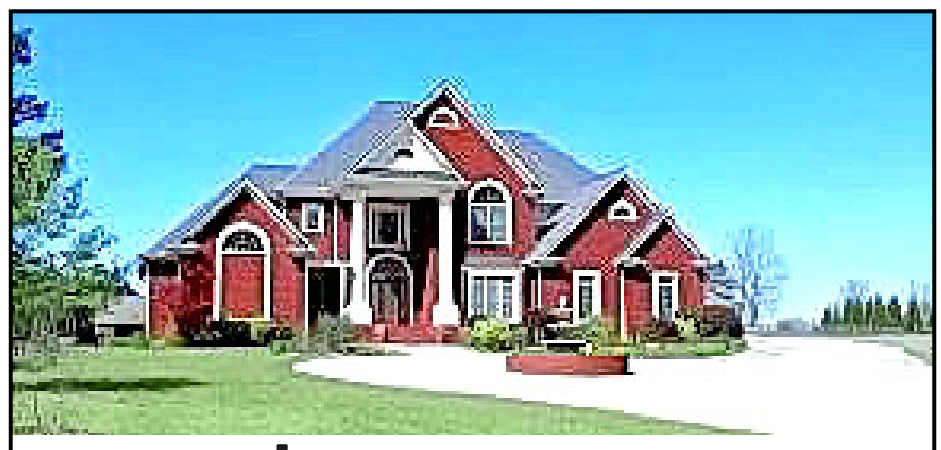
"If you can keep it fun and exciting for them, they'll work through and actually do more work than they realize. We've been blessed with some cloud coverage today too so that has kept everything running pretty smoothly."

During the camp's first character building session, campers learned from one of Coach Castille's assistants about overcoming adversity and building the foundation of character. The ability to speak wisdom to young people about overcoming obstacles is what Castille loves the most about his roster of coaches.

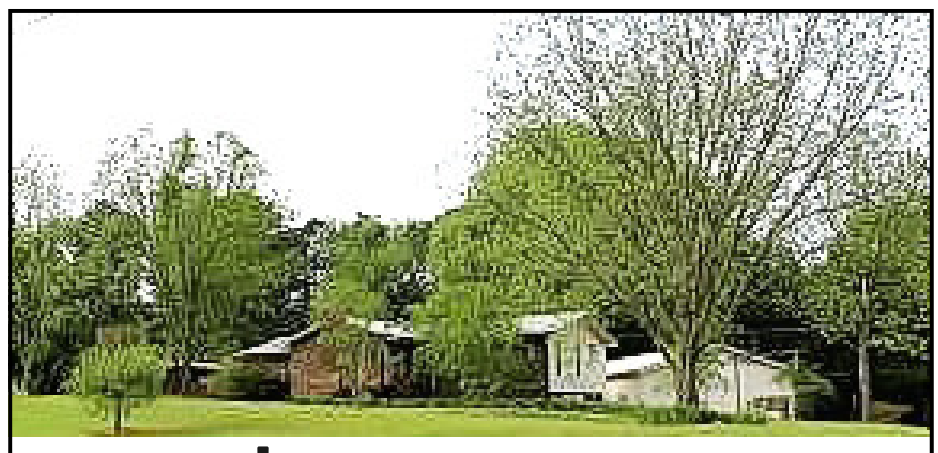
"The first one we had was Brandon Brooks and he talked to them about biblical character, Christ-like character and your foundation. What you need as we climb what we call the success ladder, you need that character and adversity is going to come," Castille said. "That's when you find out what your character is, and he had adversity and talked about that. When you can personalize character-building, that's what I love about this group of coaches that we have."

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
BETTY JANE DUKE SCREWS
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2019-180

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Philip A. Screws as Administrator of the Estate of Betty Jane Duke Screws, deceased, on the 7th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same be barred.

Betty Jane Duke Screws
Administrator

Erick K. Pratt
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TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
DALE WAYNE COOK SR.,
Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2019-103

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Jackie Cook Porter, as Administratrix of the Estate of Dale Wayne Cook Sr., deceased, on the 30th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown, Probate Judge.

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Jackie Cook Porter
Administratrix

Annette Irons-Parker
Attorney for Administratrix
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CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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STATE OF ALABAMA
CULLMAN COUNTY

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NO. PC2019-134

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAZEL BEATRICE PERSALL HATHCOTE, DECEASED

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF HAZEL BEATRICE PERSALL HATHCOTE

TO: THE HEIRS AND NEXT-OF-KIN OF HAZEL BEATRICE PERSALL HATHCOTE AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Petition of William C. Porter to admit to probate the Last Will and Testament of Hazel Beatrice Persall Hathcote, deceased, has been set for hearing on the 13th day of August, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

All persons in interest residing or being without the state are hereby given notice to appear and contest said petition if they think proper.

Tammy Brown
Tammy Brown
Judge of Probate

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA
COUNTY OF CULLMAN

IN THE PROBATE COURT
CASE NUMBER PC2019-129

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF APRIL DAWN LANDINGER, DECEASED

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the **DEBORAH DOLLAR** on the 7th day of June 2019 by the Honorable **TAMMY BROWN**, Judge of Probate Court of Cullman County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DEBORAH DOLLAR
Personal Representative

John S. Odem
210 West Tennessee Street
Florence, AL 35630

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To the Publisher of the Cullman Tribune:

Please publish the above notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in said newspaper.

Tammy Brown
TAMMY BROWN, JUDGE OF PROBATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that Proposed Ordinance No. 627 (below), an amendment to Zoning Ordinance No. 510, will be considered for passage by the by the city council on Thursday, July 11, 2019. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019 in the Hanceville City Hall Council Chamber, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077 where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed ordinance.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE NO. 627
AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public to permit and regulate dormitories in the city limits of Hanceville by amending the City of Hanceville Zoning Ordinance No. 510, and;

WHEREAS, the public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

Section 1. ARTICLE IV USE PROVISIONS FOR ZONING DISTRICTS
Section 4.5 TABLE OF USES
Addition of:
Dwelling, Dormitory is permitted in Zones R-2, R-3, B-1, B-2, I-D, M-1
Dwelling, Dormitory is conditional in Zones R-4, AG-1, M-2

Section 2. ARTICLE XVI DEFINITIONS
Addition of:
Dormitories. A residence hall providing sleeping rooms, bathrooms, study and recreation rooms and a common kitchen or kitchens in one or more rooms for occupancy by students of an established college, university or similar educational institution with full-time live-in resident supervisor assistant to provide support services and oversight of occupants.

College or university. An educational use, public or private, that provides training beyond and in addition to that training received in the 12th grade (i.e. undergraduate and graduate), and which has students regularly attending classes, and which confers an associate, bachelor, master, and/or doctoral degree(s).

Section 3. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

Section 4. That a public hearing was held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the ____ of _____, _____at _____ p.m. at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

Section 5. That all notices required by law have been given by the City Clerk concerning the public hearing.

Section 6. **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the City Council of the City of Hanceville,
Alabama, that upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY
Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately after its adoption by the City Council of the City of Hanceville, Alabama and publication as required by law.

ADOPTED on the _____ day of _____, 2019.

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Kenneth Nail, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tania C. Wilcox, MMC
City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the property belonging to Charles and Susan Cobb as described in Proposed Ordinance No. 626 below will be considered for passage by the city council on Thursday, July 11, 2019. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019 in the Hanceville City Hall Council Chamber, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077 where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed zoning.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE 626
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of Charles and Susan Cobb located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, be re-zoned as R-1, described as follows, to-wit:

   The West half of Lot 4 and Lots No. 5,6, and 7 in Block No. 29, and being more fu1ly described as follows: Beginning 87 1/2 feet from the Northeast corner of Block 29, thence running South 140 feet, thence West 87 1/2,thence North 140 feet, thence east 87 1/2 feet to the point of beginning, all of T.A. William Addition to Gilmore, Alabama, as shown Plat Book, Probate Judge of Cullman, Alabama. (1205 Commercial ST SE)

   Lots numbered 1,2,3 and the East half of Lot No. 4 of Block 29 in the T. A. Williams Addition to New Hanceville, according to the plat of said Townsite recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. (1217 Commercial ST SE)

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the ____ day of _____ 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

6. ***THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,*** that the above described property is zoned R-1 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____, _____ shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

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Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

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Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

OPINION

Always Reforming: Life in Community (9)

Tom Fillinger
Tribune Correspondent

Today in our series on the **One Another Commands** we interrupt the examination of specific issues to focus on some recent research that should awaken those who slumber. That would be the vast majority of local churches in Cullman County.

They are at ease in Zion (Amos 6:1). Living in obedience to the One Another Commands we have been focusing on usually brings health, both numerical and spiritual growth, to a local church. Failure to live in obedience to these commands brings decline. Seventy-three percent of the churches in American are declining. Read that slowly and prayerfully.

As you reflect on this material you must engage in honest and precise assessment of the church where you gather. The door is closing on the time required for renewal. Lasting transformation requires three to five years to complete. If the church you attend is in persistent decline, and the vast majority are in that condition, action to remedy that trend is required and that right soon. The American culture is rapidly becoming hostile to the church. I anticipate radical changes ahead for the church in the not too distant future.

Be like Joshua and Caleb. Call the church you attend to action on this matter. Those who continue the persistent drift to decline will see the doors close. That is not hyperbole. That is not exaggeration. That is reality.

Growth and Decline Categories of North American Congregations 2009

- Fast-growing (growing greater than 5% annually): 12%

Growing (growing nominally to 5% annually): 23%

- Steadily declining (declining 0% to 3% annually): 34%
- Rapidly declining (declining 2% to 5% annually): 21%
- Declining toward death (over 5% decline annually): 10%

This past week, I (Dr. Thom Rainer) conducted the same exercise based on some of my updated research and the research of others and estimated the following:

Growth and Decline Categories of North American Congregations 2019

- Fast-growing (growing greater than 5% annually): 3%
- Growing (growing nominally to 5% annually): 24%
- Steadily declining (declining 0% to 3% annually): 32%
- Rapidly declining (declining 2% to 5% annually): 22%
- Declining toward death (over 5% decline annually): 19%

Notice the "Toward Death" and "Rapidly Declining" figures. Yet there is persistent denial of reality.

You may deny reality, but you may not deny the consequences of reality. Unless and until specific strategic action is taken by a local church to correct the current plunge to obscurity, it will close its doors.

I have been sounding the alarm on this fact for six years in Cullman County. My appeal has fallen on deaf ears. This was precisely the result of the message the OT Prophets delivered. In fact, Jesus tells us they killed those Prophets.

Those in positions of leadership refuse to heed the clear and compelling reality of persistent decline. The day of reckoning will come, and it is not far off.

The question is - what will you do today to address this reality? Don't wait. Don't remain at ease in Zion.

FAITH

West Point Baptist Church reaches out with music and ice cream

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WEST POINT, Ala. – West Point Baptist Church invited its community in for a special evening of fellowship, music and a little ice cream Sunday.

Leading the evening service was a self-proclaimed "no-name quartet" made up of:

- Brian Witcher, Grace Chapel Baptist Church
- Jonathan Hayes, First Baptist Church Cullman
- Charlie Nesmith, First Baptist Church Cullman
- Bobby Bowden, Bethsadia Baptist Church



W.C. MANN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

Jonathan Hayes, Brian Witcher, Charlie Nesmith and Bobby Bowden perform Sunday at West Point Baptist Church.

Before the concert, The Tribune enjoyed a fun, slightly silly, and informative sit-down with the guys.

What's with the name, or lack thereof?

These guys *were*- that's were- the Fortress Quartet, at one time. They started in Cullman, years ago, as the First Baptist Church Quartet and picked up the shorter and sweeter title along the way. While they were taking some time off, though, someone else slipped in; if you looked up the quartet name, you'd find a group from Illinois that has nothing to do with these men. Now the search for a new name is on.

Said Witcher, "We've been thinking about that. We used (Fortress). We did a CD a long time ago, and I don't even remember what group (of members; the roster has changed a little over the years) it was. We had that name, Fortress. And it's fine, it's a fine name, but I don't know what we are. We're just kind of a horse with no name!"

With that, they may have found a new name. Between giggles and guffaws, they batted around the idea of the apocalyptic moniker "The Horsemen." Well, there are four of them! If you don't get that, read your Bibles, folks.

Witcher talked about the group's history:

"A version of this group has sung together for a lot of years. Bobby and I went to college together, were roommates in college. And John and Julie (Brown, wife of West Point Pastor Stephen Brown) and I sang together in a group, so we've all been connected in a lot of different ways. We actually put a lot of miles on singing at First Baptist Church in Cullman.

"Southern Gospel music has deep roots here, for certain. And we kind of grew up, sort of, at least on the fringe listening to it some."

Nesmith stepped in, insisting that he was not raised on gospel, since he grew up in a big city church in Oneonta!

Well, the conversation just kind of continued on that way, and then they sang. It was a good crowd of folks who seemed to enjoy the concert of hymn arrangements and classic gospel favorites. Afterward, the church hosted an ice cream social for the congregation and guests.

About West Point Baptist Church

Pastor Brown talked about his church, a longtime community fixture with an average attendance of around 150 and growing:

"We've been here a long time as a presence here in West Point- great history, a great impact, and I believe it's a time now where we're becoming more focused on discipling our own, but discipling the community, as well, having an outward focus.

"And it's events like this that we want to use to bring people in, just to let them know the things that we believe and the things that we have hope in. It's an opportunity just to touch the community."

For more information, visit https://wpbaptist.church.

To reach the "No-Name Horsemen" (they should have that solved soon), call Witcher at 256-734-7381.

Learn beekeeping basics June 29 at Tractor Supply

Niki Giacchina
Contributor

CULLMAN, Ala. – Tractor Supply Company in Cullman is inviting customers to attend an all-new beekeeping event Saturday, June 29, 2019 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Beekeeping 101 will offer attendees the opportunity to learn the basics of beekeeping, including how to safely use the tools and equipment one needs to begin the hobby. Through fun and interactive exercises, attendees will learn about the process of beekeeping and pollination and why it is critical to agricultural production. This session is open to community members of all ages.

"Tractor Supply is excited to embrace the growing interest in beekeeping in our community," said Jason Bane, manager of the Cullman Tractor Supply store. "Beekeeping is a fun and unique hobby, but most importantly, it's essential to sustaining a healthy ecosystem. This course will teach our community how they can create a positive impact on the agricultural industry while making their own honey."

Bees are critical to agricultural production, especially during bloom period, because they pollinate blossoms and are often a grower's only chance for their crops to bloom that season. Without bees transferring pollen and seeds from flower to flower, vegetation quality suffers.

Beekeeping 101 will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Tractor Supply is located at 1731 Second Ave. SW. For more information, contact the store at 256-775-4445.

LEGALS

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Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * IN THE PROBATE COURT OF
*
GLINDLE LEE GILL * CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA
*
an incapacitated person * CASE NO. PC 2019-158

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Deana Davenport
Address - Unknown

You will please take notice that the 10th day of July, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. has been appointed the day and time for hearing the Petition For Letters of Guardianship and Conservatorship filed by Annie Osborn 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 7th 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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF HANCEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that the property belonging to John and Teresa Preiss as described in Proposed Ordinance No. 628 below will be considered for passage by the by the city council on Thursday, July 11, 2019. A public hearing will be held at 6:00 p.m. on July 11, 2019 in the Hanceville City Hall Council Chamber, located at 112 Main ST SE, Hanceville, Alabama, 35077 where all interested citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard for or against the proposed zoning.

PROPOSED
ORDINANCE 628
AN AMMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 510 INCLUDING THE ZONING MAP

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HANCEVILLE, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The public health, safety, morals and general welfare requiring it under authority granted by Article 4, Sections 11-52-70 through 11-52-79, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended and the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Hanceville, Alabama Ordinance No. 510, adopted the 1st day of May, 2006, as amended, and more particularly the Hanceville, Alabama zoning map as a part thereof, is hereby amended, changed and modified as follows:

   (a) That the real estate being the property of John and Teresa Preiss located in Hanceville, Cullman County, Alabama, be re-zoned as R-3, described as follows, to-wit:

   Commencing at the Southwest comer of the Northwest 1/4, of the Northwest 1/4, of Section 29, Township 11 South, Range 2 West, In Cullman County, Alabama; thence run North 11 degrees 30'00"West for a distance of 132. 70 feet to a point; thence run North 58 degrees 13'00" East for a distance of 318.47 feet to a point; thence run South 27 degrees 44'58" East for a distance of 147.82 feet to an Iron pin, said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence run North 58 degrees 25'01"East for a distance of 710.50 feet to an Iron pin thence run South 31 degrees 37'15"East for a distance of 149.99 feet to an Iron pin on the North right of way margin of Sherry Street; thence run North 48 degrees 56'23"East along said right of way margin for a distance of 62.67 feet to an Iron pin; thence run North 28 degrees 04'15"East along said right of way margin for a distance of 158.32 feet to an Iron pin; thence run South 57 degrees 06'53" East along said right of way margin for a distance of 49.51 feet to an Iron pin on the North right of way margin of Highway 91; thence run South 25 degrees 51'05" West along said right of way margin for a distance of 656.92 feet to an Iron pin; thence run North 88 degrees 08'50" West for a distance of 467.55 feet to an iron pin; thence run North 27 degrees 44'58" West for a distance of 200.78 feet to an Iron pin and back the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, containing 5.93 acres more or less.
   Legal description according to the survey of Robert L. Taylor, Reg, PLS # 23348, dated 5/28/2009.

2. That this Ordinance has been published once each week for two (2) successive weeks with the second being at least 15 days prior to passage, within the City of Hanceville, Alabama, and the publication of said notice and ordinance being verbatim.

   That a public hearing has been held relative to the passage of this ordinance on the ____ day of _____ 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at which time interested parties and citizens had opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance and any changes relating thereto.

3. That all notices as required by law were given by the City Clerk concerning said public hearing.

4. That upon final passage of this ordinance, all zoning maps, master comprehensive plans or any other documents of the City of Hanceville, Alabama, in conflict with this ordinance be and are hereby changed and amended to reflect the changes and amendments herein.

5. Should any part or portion of this ordinance be held invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional, for whatever reason, by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other part or portion of this ordinance.

6. ***THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED,*** that the above described property is zoned R-3 and that appropriate action be taken to change and modify the City Zoning Map to so reflect the said land as such.

7. This ordinance adopted ____ day of _____, _____ shall take effect after its publication as required by law, including notice, publication and public hearing, all in accordance with Section 11-52-1, et seq., Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

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Mayor Kenneth Nail

ATTEST:

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Tania C. Wilcox, City Clerk

CARTS celebrates drivers at special picnic

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MAGGIE DARNELL/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

CULLMAN, Ala. – Cullman Area Rural Transportation System (CARTS) Director Joyce Echols on Saturday gathered CARTS drivers and family members together a special appreciation picnic for the drivers at Sportsman Lake Park.

Echols said with a smile, "Well, this is the first time we've ever done this, and it's long overdue. Our drivers are our life force, you know, and they are out there in the public every day working hard.

"They keep our people happy and are very safe drivers. It's time we showed them how much we appreciate them"

Echols shared another reason for the picnic: "They do competitions every year, you know we get to do our own competition, local roadeo, and then we'd go to state competition, and for the past several years we've either placed or won the national championship.

"I just think we need to show them how much we appreciate how hard they work and how well they do their jobs."

CARTS Driver Wade Hancock took first place in the Van Division at the Alabama Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) Statewide Bus and Paratransit Roadeo, which was held March 23 in Eufaula.

Hancock won first place in the Van Division and Driver of the Year at the 2019 National Community Transit Roadeo, which took place in Palm Springs, California this year.

Hancock also won last year's Driver of the Year award and first place in the Van Division at the 2018 National Community Transit Roadeo, which was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Hancock shared the process of how he won the Van Division, saying, "It's a set four-part course, a roadeo driving course with 10 obstacles, a written test with 25 questions, we have to correctly load in seven minutes or less a person in a wheelchair, and we have to find four defects on a bus that they predetermine and fix in less than seven minutes, and you may find more than five defects, but you gotta find their four, and luckily we pulled it out of the hat."

Hancock is the second driver to win back-to-back, and the first driver ever to win Driver of the Year back-to-back.

Hancock added with a smile, "I was pumped about it."

Of being honored at Saturday's picnic, he said, "Well I'm sort of flabbergasted because I didn't realize, I mean I just thought we were having a picnic today, I did not realize we were doing this, per say. I wasn't aware of this; we had a little trouble at the house and this lady, she called me, and she said, 'Well you need to be here.' So I'm sort of touched, humbled and sort of flabbergasted right now."



