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– FEATURE –

Drug crimes on the rise across Cullman County

Sheriff Matt Gentry, Lt. Jason Mickle speak



CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Drugs and paraphernalia collected in an arrest by the Cullman County Sheriff's Office in May

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Drugs are a constant issue for law enforcement across Cullman County and, increasingly, they are finding their way into the day-to-day life of its citizens. A recent social media post showing drug paraphernalia found in a public bathroom prompted The Tribune to ask the Cullman Police Department (CPD) and Cullman County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) what's happening.

What drugs and what crimes?

Right now, methamphetamine and opioids- especially heroin- are the drugs causing the biggest headaches for the CCSO, according to Sheriff Matt Gentry. Lt. Jason Mickle of the CPD Crime Suppression Unit (CSU) said the city's main problems are with meth and "repurposed" prescription medications (mostly opioids), with heroin on the rise and marijuana a perennial issue.

The CSU engages in proactive "boots on the ground" policing: making traffic stops and responding to reports by citizens by increasing patrols in areas where suspicious activities have been observed. It is not specifically a drug interdiction unit, but much of what it encounters is drug-related.

According to Gentry, more than 90 percent of all inmates in the Cullman County Detention Center are there for crimes involving drugs, and the issues go well beyond possession and distribution. People under the influence of drugs tend to make poor decisions, including getting behind the wheel of a car. When the addiction requires more drugs than addicts can afford, theft, robbery, prostitution and other crimes become fundraisers for their habits.

Said Gentry, "That's what's going to cause somebody to write bad checks. That's what's going to cause somebody to break into your house, commit a burglary, steal. It's the root of all evil."

Mickle echoed Gentry's comments, saying, "The sad fact in our community: if you get out and you really start looking and digging into things, a lot of our thefts and a lot of other cases are related back to drug issues."

Where are the drugs?

"There's not a spike in one area or another area," said Gentry. "You know, every community faces it. Every community is going to have somebody that's a problem in drug use, whether it's in the city of Cullman or out in the county. There's not a community that's immune to it."

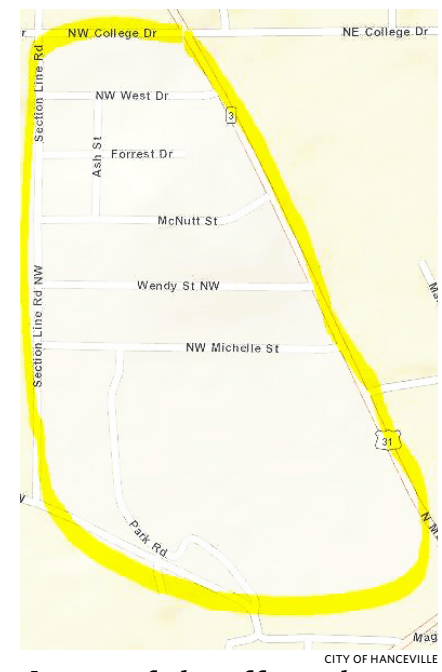
Gentry pointed out that Cullman County's location along the I-65 corridor brings its own set of issues, saying, "On that interstate corridor, you're going to deal with things on that corridor of people that are not from Cullman County. You're going to deal with people coming into our community, stopping at the rest area, stopping at stores, convenience stores."

According to the sheriff, people get off the interstate and seek out convenient sources of drugs in the local area before moving on.

Opioids, opiates and heroin

While the city cites pills and the county cites heroin, they are both talking about the same problem: opioid abuse and addiction. "Opioid" is an inclusive term for drugs, whether natural or synthetic, which act on the portions of the brain that control perception of pain. Within that broad category, the term "opiate" refers to derivatives of natural chemicals found in the opium poppy plant.

The most common opiates include heroin, morphine and codeine, while common synthetic opioids include methadone, oxycodone (often » PAGE 7



CITY OF HANCEVILLE

A map of the affected area.

ALERT

Planned water outage in Hanceville today, June 27

City of Hanceville
Contributor

HANCEVILLE, Ala. – Some Hanceville residents will see a disruption in their water service Thursday, June 27 between the hours of 1-5:30 p.m.

According to the Hanceville Water & Sewer Board, areas affected will include:

- Northwest College Drive
- Northwest Section Line Road
- West Drive
- Forrest Drive
- McNutt Street
- Wendy Street
- Northwest Michelle Street
- Magnolia Avenue

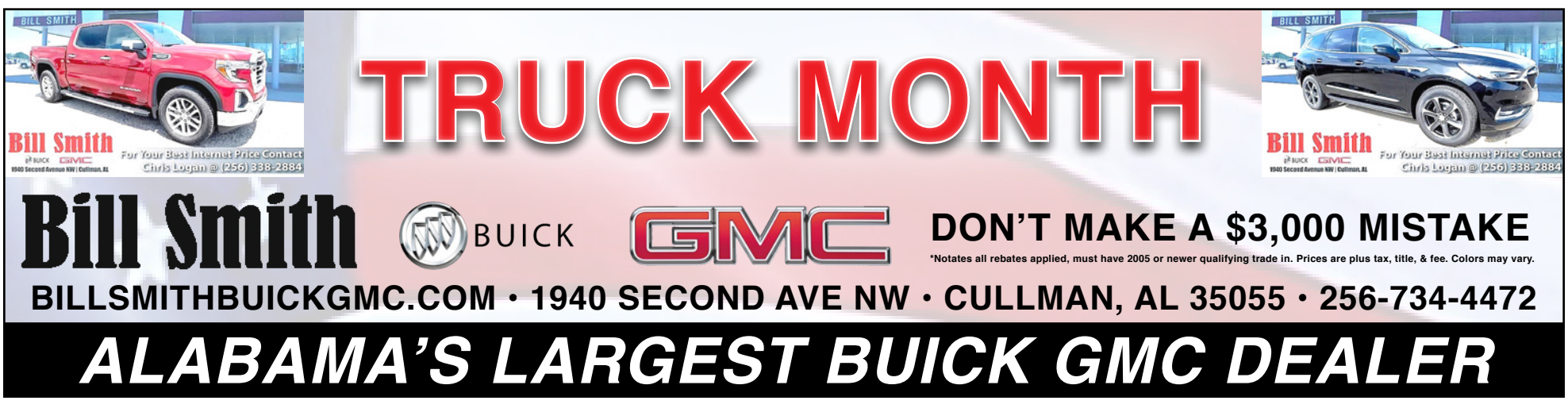
Residents with questions should call 256-352-9229.

Celebrate safely: a look at proper fireworks usage

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CULLMAN, Ala. – As Independence Day approaches, many fireworks enthusiasts are stocking up on pyrotechnics for their own backyard displays. As these can present multiple dangers when handled improperly, The Tribune reached out to Cullman Fire Marshal Chris Chaffin and Hanceville Fire Chief Rodger Green for some tips on fireworks safety.

First and foremost, the use of fireworks is illegal within the Cullman city limits, except for professional displays with proper permitting, so Chaffin recommends that city residents attend one of the shows at Heritage Park or Smith Lake. The use of lanterns that float through the air is also illegal, and residents found releasing them can be held responsible for any » PAGE 5



Arrests and incidents reported June 25-26

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Below are the arrests and incidents reported June 25-26, 2019. All persons are innocent until proven guilty.

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

REPORTED JUNE 25
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 24
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Hwy. 157; general merchandise; $63
• fourth-degree theft of property; Wal-Mart; Olive St. SW; general merchandise; $365
• third-degree criminal mischief; Swafford Rd. SW; damaged mailbox; $100
• unlawful breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, second-degree theft of property; Schneider Rd. SE; wallet & contents; unknown amount of property value

ARRESTS
June 24
Sterling, Christopher W., 41
• fourth-degree theft of property

Whitaker, Brian K., 37
• FTA- public intoxication

Elliott, Jordan E., 27
• public intoxication
• resisting arrest
• attempting to elude

Sears, Bridget N., 33
• FTA- disorderly conduct
• FTA- third-degree domestic violence
• FTA- resisting arrest

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

REPORTED JUNE 26
CULLMAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
No incidents or arrests reported.

CULLMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INCIDENTS
June 25
• third-degree forgery; Warehouse Discount Groceries; Town Square Shopping Center; forged check; unknown amount of property value
• third-degree theft of property; person; Shell; Hwy. 157; miscellaneous; $878
• fourth-degree theft of property; person; 2nd Ave. NW; tag; $18
• third-degree domestic violence; person; St. Joseph St. NW
• third-degree domestic violence, harassment; person; Oak Manor Dr. SW

ARRESTS
June 25
Aaron, Benjamin L., 40
• fourth-degree theft of property

Dauksza, Hope O., 27
• fourth-degree theft of property
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Runyon, Jeremy A., 32
• fourth-degree theft of property
• third-degree criminal trespassing

Ward, Wesley S., 40
• obstructing government operations
• animal license required

Wilson, Brooklyn N., 18
• public intoxication
• disorderly conduct
• minor in possession/ consumption of an alcoholic beverage

HANCEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
No incidents or arrests reported.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Traffic light coming to Olive Street/Hwy. 31 intersection

Airport ready to start next phase of pavement upgrade

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A chart presented by Cullman Regional Airport General Manager Ben Harrison showed the various phases of the upgrade project.

CULLMAN, Ala. - The Cullman City Council on Monday night approved a maintenance agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) that will allow the placement of a traffic light at the intersection of U.S. Highway 31 and Olive Street Southwest, the "back way to Wal-Mart" for many Cullman residents. Mayor Woody Jacobs, who has worked closely with the City of Cullman Engineering Department's Erica York and ALDOT on the plan, explained that the project will include more than just a light. "It started out, kind of, as just a red light. And then, as ALDOT, the engineers and team studied it, they realized that it needed to be more than a red light with the way the hill was, coming into town (on Hwy. 31)," said Jacobs. "You know, people could come over that hill and, if they had to stop, there could be a pretty good wreck there."

As motorists come over the hill in the right northbound lane of Hwy. 31, they will be directed to continue, regardless of the main traffic light.

That light will control the left northbound lane, both southbound lanes, and Olive Street.

Additionally, according to Jacobs, ALDOT will install acceleration and deceleration lanes, and the end of the service road on the west side of Hwy. 31 approaching Olive Street from the south will be closed at Olive Street.

The cost of the project has increased as the plans have become more elaborate, to a total of approximately $1.2 million. Federal and ALDOT funds will cover most of the cost, with the City contributing $159,000 and agreeing via Monday's resolution to take care of the maintenance of the light.

Contract for next phase of airport upgrade awarded
The council also voted to award the contract for the third phase of the Cullman Regional Airport's north taxiway reconstruction to Carcel & G Construction in the bid amount of $1,244,913.87.

Airport General Manager Ben Harrison, who came to Monday's meeting, explained the project involved reconstruction all the way down to the soil underneath the pavement.

He said the current second phase of construction should be complete within the next two weeks. Phase three will complete the north taxiway. The south taxiway, runway and apron (aircraft parking area) have already been completed.

The overall goal of the project was to enable the paved areas of the airport to support the weight of larger and heavier aircraft, which will help make the Cullman area even more accessible and attractive to existing and potential future industries.

Said Harrison, "At some point in time, every industry in this community uses the airport."

Between industrial, business and recreational flights, the airport sees an average of 800 operations per month.

Other council business
The council approved three special event requests:
• from Jim Cain of Diablo's Southwest Grill to hold Carnival Days June 29, 2019 and June 30, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the parking lot located at 1302 Second Ave. SW.
• from Jennifer Jacobs of Grumpy's Italian Grill to hold a fundraiser on July 20, 2019 from 4-11 p.m. in the parking lot located at 402 Fifth St. SW. The event will raise money for Multiple Sclerosis treatment and the Cullman Parks and Recreation Foundation.
• from Mike Binkley of Choice Rentals to hold a fundraiser for Curt's Closet on July 27, 2019 from noon-5 p.m. in the Town Square Shopping Center.

The council also approved the following ordinances and resolutions:
• Resolution No. 2019 - 59, to vacate and surplus Marline Drive Southeast
• Ordinance No. 2019 - 15, to vacate and surplus a utility easement on Lincoln Avenue Southwest and Fourth Street Southwest (U.S. Highway 278)
• Ordinance No. 2019 - 20, to annex property owned by Jason and Sunny Dyke located on 70 County Road 1322 as R-1 Residential District
• Resolution No. 2019 - 65 to enter into an agreement with the State of Alabama through ALDOT on bridge replacement on Convent Road Northeast over Eight Mile Creek (Larkwood Bridge).
• Resolution No. 2019 - 67 to award the bid for various types of concrete to the lowest responsible bidder, DCA Ready Mix USA, LLC.

The Cullman City Council meets on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at 7 p.m. in the Cullman City Hall auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR
June 27 - 30

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
Free Just Play! - Ingle Park
10 a.m.-noon. This free Cullman Parks, Recreation & Sports Tourism program is for ages 5 - 12 and will feature games, relays and fun!
Saturday, June 29

Food, Fun and Fireworks
Missionary Grove Baptist Church (1364 County Road 1141, Cullman, Alabama 35057) will have its annual Food, Fun and Fireworks event Saturday, June 29 beginning at 6 p.m. There will be a water slide for the kids to play on. There will be a corn hole tournament. Lots of good food! Our fireworks show will start at dark. We hope to see everyone there! We love getting to fellowship with you!

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.

Bingo at the American Legion
Everyone is invited to Bingo every Saturday night at 6 at American Legion Post 4. 181 Reid Road, Good Hope, AL 35057

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
July 4th Picnic
Fairview: The Grace Place is hosting a July 4th Picnic Sunday, June 30 beginning at 1 p.m. at Sportsman Lake Park, pavilion no. 6.

Special Needs Free Swim at the Aquatic Center
Free Swim Hosted by Cullman Parks, Recreation and Sports Tourism, 3-5 p.m. Free swim is for those with special needs and immediate family members. All guests must sign in at the CWAC front desk before entering the pool. Parents/ guardians/caregivers must stay in the pool area at all times during the therapeutic recreation swim time.

Bethlehem West Baptist Church 4th of July Celebration
Make plans on joining us Sunday night, June 30 at 6 p.m. as we celebrate America! We are so thankful and blessed to live in the USA!!! Fireworks will be at 9 p.m. 14310 Alabama Highway 157, Vinemont, AL 35179

Garden City Freedom Celebration
The Garden City Freedom Celebration will be Sunday, June 30, 2019 starting at 6 p.m. at Garden City Park by town hall. Fireworks will began at dark. Come out and bring family and friends!

UPCOMING....
Spring Valley Beach Fireworks Show
Make plans now to join us for our annual fireworks show July 3 at 9 p.m. As always, this will be a FREE show and all are welcome to view the show from our free parking lot. See you there! 2340 County Highway 55, Blountsville, AL 35031 Fireworks show visible from the park and surrounding areas, with parking areas available at stores down the road like Dollar General and Lucky's Supermarket.

Smith Lake Park Fireworks & Music Festival
• July 4, 9 a.m. Admission $5 per person.
• Live music, art and food vendors, putt-putt golf ($3), and boat rentals (prices for two hours - $15 for kayaks and canoes, $25 for paddle boats)

Entertainment schedule
• 9:30 a.m. Donny James
• 11 a.m. Ben Myrick
• 1 p.m. Justin Holt
• 3 p.m. Golf cart parade & Pepsi chugging contest
• 3:30 p.m. Christian Gann
• 5:30 p.m. Matt Bennet
• 7:30 p.m. Trey Lewis
• 9 p.m. Fireworks

Cullman Fireworks Festival
• July 4, 5-9:30 p.m. at Heritage Park, 705 Lee Ave. SW, Cullman
• Fireworks Festival presented by Desperation Church and Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm
• Admission is free thanks to our sponsors: Nelson, Bryan & Cross Law Firm, Ashley Mercantile and Metal Central.
• Gates open at 5 p.m. There will be food, games, music and more! Listen live on WKUL 92.1 & Praise 97.9 for the fireworks show beginning at dark!
• Food will be available for purchase from these vendors:, Chick-Fil-A; Devil Dawgs: Funnel cakes, fried oreos, gourmet fries, lemonade, and sweet tea.

Annual Fairview Freedom Celebration (Randall Shedd Community Park)
July 4, beginning at 6 p.m. at Randall Shedd Community Park. Free admission. Sponsored by area churches and the Fairview Lions Club. Food, games and live music until sundown, followed by a fireworks show.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Due to the Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank being closed July 4-5 for Independence Day, the Food Bank will be open Wednesday, July 3 from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. We are doing this to help clients who normally come in the first part of the month.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Dollar General breaks ground near Colony

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COLONY, Ala. – Colony's Tuesday evening town council meeting was fairly uneventful, but it gave The Tribune a chance to catch up with town officials on local events. The big news for everyone was the groundbreaking for the county's newest Dollar General just outside the town limits on Alabama Highway 91, east of Interstate 65. Creative Concrete, which is handling both site preparation and concrete work, started a little more than a week ago, elevating the pad in an area known to see high water during heavy rains. A specific timetable for completion was not available.

The location of a Dollar General in Colony has been part of Mayor Donnis Leeth's platform for years. The site of this store is outside the town, but Leeth will be meeting with officials from the North Central Alabama Regional Council of Governments (NARCOG) to talk about what will be required to annex the property.

Town Clerk Patricia Ponder reported that Colony's children and youth just got to participate in their first harvest in the town's community garden, sharing, "We are currently harvesting herbs, yellow crookneck squash, zucchini and cucumbers from the garden. We have tomatoes on the vine that we are closely monitoring, and the eggplants are blooming. A variety of peppers are being seen but are not yet ready to pick. The corn is growing tall and the watermelon plants are spreading out."

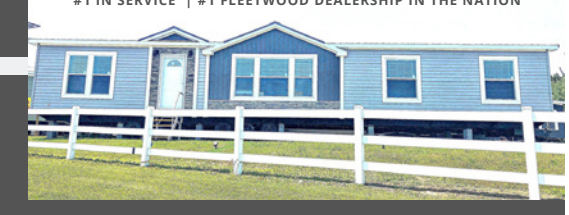
Through the season, the garden's produce will include a wide variety of vegetables. Long-term plans for the garden include a handicapped-accessible bed that can accommodate gardeners with canes, walkers or wheelchairs.

The Cullman County Extension Service brought its Mobile Kitchen last week for a Healthy Food Demonstration.

According to Ponder, "They prepared meatless spaghetti, French bread with an herb butter and a garden salad that contained cucumbers from the town's community garden as well as other fresh produce."

Ponder also reported that the town's summer feeding program typically sees more than 20 visitors per day.

In council business, members considered the continuation of its host agency agreement with NARCOG for participation in the Senior Service America, Inc./Alabama Department of Senior Services Senior Community Service Employment Program. Questions arose over the cost of the program and whether the benefits of the program so far have justified that cost. In an effort to give members an opportunity to review the program contracts, the issue was tabled. A special called meeting will take place at Colony Town Hall at 2 p.m. Friday to decide on the agreement ahead of its June 30 deadline.

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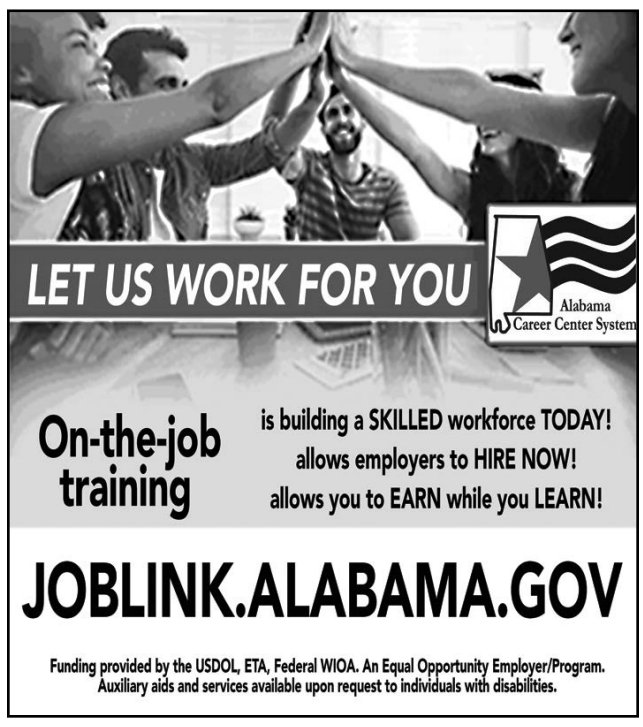

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City of Cullman
Planning Commission

On Monday July 1, 2019, at Cullman City Hall Auditorium at 5:30 P.M, at the regular meeting of the City of Cullman Planning Commission, a public hearing will be held to allow affected parties to voice their concerns related to the following items:

1. Subdivision Regulations
2. Short-form subdivision – Brunner Street NW & Cleveland Ave. NW – Create two lots
3. Short-form subdivision – 501 9th Ave. SE – Create two lots
4. Short-form subdivision – McNabb Drive NW – Create two lots
5. Rezoning request at 213 Main Ave. NW – R-4 to CBD
6. Rezoning request on John H. Cooper Drive SE – M-1 to B-2

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



Front L-R: Sonja Sewell, Launne Reid, Sue Miller.
Back L-R: Kathryn Striker, Eddy Hoenig, RPH

The drug allopurinol, used to manage gout, may offer protection against the development of kidney disease, according to a new study published in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. Researchers found that of the more than 4,000 patients started on full-dose allopurinol for prevention of gout flares, 12.2 percent had developed stage 3 chronic kidney disease after an average of five years of treatment, as compared to 13.1 percent of non-users over a similar period. The researchers conclude that the use of allopurinol in the management of gout is not only safe, but also potentially beneficial in reducing the risk of kidney disease. Gout is the most common inflammatory arthritis in the United States (affecting 3.9 percent of Americans, more than eight million adults). Gout flares are caused by the formation of urate crystals within the joints, leading to significant pain and swelling. Allopurinol is the most frequently used medication to manage gout, including the long-term prevention of gout flares by reducing the amount of urate circulating through the blood.

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A new study from National Institutes of Health scientists shows that a "good" bacterium commonly found in probiotic digestive supplements helps eliminate Staphylococcus aureus, a type of bacteria that can cause serious antibiotic-resistant infections. The researchers, led by scientists at NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), unexpectedly found that Bacillus bacteria prevented S. aureus bacteria from growing in the gut and nose of healthy individuals. Staphylococcus infections cause tens of thousands of deaths worldwide each year. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus or MRSA, is familiar to many people as a cause of serious disease. Less well-known is that S. aureus often can live in the nose or gut without causing any harm. However, it the skin barrier is broken, or the immune system compromised, these colonizing bacteria can cause serious infections.

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Jake Johnson named new principal of Cullman Middle School

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Jake Johnson has been named the new principal of Cullman Middle School. Johnson will replace Lane Hill, according to the Cullman City School Board.

Back in April the board, in a special-called meeting, agreed to extend Hill's contract with the school system for one year. The agreement brought to a close weeks of contention following the school board's seemingly abrupt decision not to renew Hill's contract back on Feb. 19, 2019. At that time, the board voted 3-2. Teachers, parents and retired educators weighed in, the majority of whom expressed support for Hill. Hill was to retire effective June 30, 2020.

Johnson has been an assistant principal at Cullman High School since 2016. In 2014, Johnson interned at Cullman City Primary School. He spent the 2015-16 school year at Fairview Elementary as assistant principal to Marty Hardman.

Tuesday morning, June 25, a statement issued by Cullman City Schools Superintendent Dr. Susan Patterson read, "We are excited to see Mr. Jake Johnson approved as the principal of Cullman Middle School. Mr. Johnson has been associated with Cullman City Schools for many years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and coordinator. His leadership will ensure the continued academic success of CMS and bring new opportunities to our students. Mr. Hill has accepted a position with a private school in the Huntsville area and we wish him well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service to CMS."

Johnson said, "I'm excited but also a little nervous. I feel I have been well prepared by my time at Cullman High School and my time at Fairview."

The school board also recognized Peyton Arnold, a student at East Elementary who placed in the top 10 in the Alabama Council on Economic Education Color the Concepts Contest. She, along with her sponsor Penny Clark, were congratulated and presented with a certificate.

Jason Harpe and Tasha Quick with Carr, Riggs& Ingram, LLC gave a brief presentation regarding the finalized audit of FY2018. Harpe highlighted the general fund income statement.

Shared Harpe, "You'll see that the board added about $413,000 to the general fund balance and that works out to be about 2.9 months' worth of operating reserve which is above the 30 day requirement."

The board approved the following items:

1. Approval of May 21, 2019 minutes
2. Approval of May 28, 2019 minutes
3. Approval of May 2019 payroll of $2,029,187.97, invoices paid of $336,686.24, financial statements and bank reconciliations
4. Approval of Agenda

5. Approval of the following Head Start Items:
1. Expenditures Report for May 2019
2. Health/Nutrition/Disabilities/Enrollment Report for May 2019
3. CLASS Scores - 3rd Trimester
4. TS GOLD 3rd Trimester Outcomes Report
5. Training and Technical Assistance Plan 2019-2020
6. School Readiness Plan 2019-2020
7. Self-Assessment and Improvement Plan

6. Permission to surplus/salvage the following textbooks from Cullman Middle School: Beginnings Through The Renaissance ISBN: 0-07-860307-2, 284 copies.
7. Permission to surplus/salvage outdated textbooks from East Elementary School (Exhibit A attached)
8. Permission to surplus one Sanyo 25" TV (S/N V6360809038799) and one Sharp TV (S/N 205839567) from Cullman City Primary School
9. Permission to salvage a Tennant 120 VAC 20" Floor Scrubber in disrepair from Cullman City Primary School (Asset #02187)
10. Permission to salvage unusable FM systems, classroom audiology equipment, 2 broken printers, and an outdated iPad 2 from Student Services
11. Permission to salvage the following old items from Central Office: RCA TV, Sanyo TV, VHS Recorders/Players, and a CD player
12. Permission for CHS Varsity Cross Country Team to participate in a Team Camp at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio on July 21-24, 2019

Old Business
1. Ratification of bid results with Southland International Bus Sales as the lowest responsible bidder, meeting specifications for the Cullman City Schools Bus Replacement - Bid #05-21-19-02.
2. Permission to award bid #04-16-19-01 to Encore Rehabilitation, Inc. for consultant services in physical and occupational therapy.

New Business
1. Proposed approval of the 2019-2020 Salary Schedules for Cullman City Schools. This item will be sent out to the Policy Review Committee and brought back for consideration.
2. Proposed approval of the 2019-2020 Head Start Salary Schedules. This item will be sent out to the Policy Review Committee and brought back for consideration.

3. Approval of the 2019-2020 Cullman City Head Start Grant Application/ Budget (including Program Operations, Training Technical Assistance, Non-Federal Share and Other Funding, Cost Allocation Plan, and Selection Criteria)
A. Proposed approval of revised Head Start Job Descriptions. These will be sent out to Policy Review Committee and brought back for consideration.
i. Head Start Parent, Family & Community Engagement Manager (PFCE)
ii. Head Start ERSEA Manager
iii. Head Start Mental Health Manager
iv. Head Start Parent, Family & Community Engagement Assistant
v. Head Start Interpreter/ Family Service Worker
vi. Head Start Family Service Worker
vii. Head Start Disabilities Assistant
viii. Head Start Teacher
ix. Head Start Instructional Assistant
x. Head Start Pre-K Teacher
xi. Head Start Pre-K Auxiliary Teacher

b. Approval of the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit Agreement with Wallace State Community College for the 2019-2020 school year
c. Permission for Head Start to provide a $100 stipend per day for Pre-K teachers and a $75 per day stipend per day for Pre-K assistant teachers to attend the NEAC Conference in July 24, 2019 (OSR Funds)

1. Permission for Head Start to provide a $50 half-day stipend for Pre-K teachers and a $37.50 half-day stipend for Pre-K Assistant teachers to attend the V.I.T. Training in July 2019 (OSR Funds)
1. Permission to provide a $500 supplement to a staff member to coordinate the Cullman City Primary School Earth Day event (local school funds)
2. Permission to contract with Mentor teachers for the 2019-2020 school year
3. Permission for Cullman City Head Start to contract with Wellstone Behavioral Health to provide psychological consultation services beginning September 1, 2019 - May 31, 2020
4. Permission for Head Start to contract with Dr. James Thomas of Alabama Urgent Care to provide TB Screenings
5. Permission for Head Start to contract with Tammy Cornelius, CRNP of Cullman Primary Care to provide health examinations
6. Permission for Head Start to contract with Dr. Samuel Oliver to provide dental services.
7. Permission for Head Start to contract with Dr. Rex Adams to provide dental services
8. Approval of the Cullman City Head Start Partnership Agreements with Dr. Samuel Oliver and Signature Smiles of Cullman
9. Permission to provide a stipend to Karla Rodriquez for Medication Training during the summer of 2019 (Head Start Funds)
10. Permission to provide a stipend to Kayla Aaron and Lois Bice for Medication Refresher training during the summer of 2019 (Head Start Funds)
11. Permission to contract with Amy Gleaton during the summer of 2019 to provide Coop Coordinator duties (CTE O&M Funds)
12. Permission to contract with John Drake to provide the necessary support, maintenance, updates, and operational needs to the CHS Computer Science Lab (CTE O&M Funds)

13. Personnel Considerations:
1. Resignation:
1. Micah Milligan, History teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective May 24, 2019

2. Principal Contract Resignation:
1. Lane Hill, Principal at Cullman Middle School, effective Aug. 1, 2019

3. Transfers:
1. Nina Mills, transfer from instructional assistant at East Elementary School to Special Education teacher at Cullman High School, effective 2019-2020 school year (JV 19-039)
2. Holly Murphree, transfer from Pre-K Special Education instructional assistant at Cullman City Primary School to Special Education instructional assistant at City Primary School, effective 2019-2020 school year (JV 19-046)
3. Jacob Brown, transfer from History teacher at Cullman High School to History teacher at Cullman Middle School, effective 2019-2020 school year (JV 19-043)

2. Leave of Absence:
1. Julie Spradlin, West Elementary School, requests one-half day unpaid leave for May 8, 2019.

3. Employments: Conditional Employment under the terms of the Child Protection Act of 1999, Act No. 2002-457, and pending certification, as applicable.
1. Elizabeth Wilson, Art teacher at Cullman High School and Cullman City Primary School, beginning Aug. 2, 2019 (JV 19-033)
2. Jason Johnsey, Social Studies teacher at Cullman High School, beginning Aug. 2, 2019 (JV 19-007)
3. Hilary Nix, Library Media Specialist at Cullman City Primary School, beginning Aug. 2, 2019 (JV 19-030)
4. Susan "Terri" Cooper, Special Education Instructional Assistant at Cullman City Primary School, beginning Aug. 5, 2019 (JV 19-041)
5. Amber Kugler, Pre-K Special Education instructional assistant at Cullman City Primary School, beginning Aug. 5, 2019 (JV 19-040)
6. Michelle Herrera, Extended Day Program aide at Cullman City Primary School, beginning Aug. 7, 2019 (JV 19-045)
7. Kristen Dee King, teacher (Grade TBD) at West Elementary School, beginning Aug. 2, 2019 (JV 19-038)
8. Ray Bledsoe, custodian at West Elementary School, beginning June 17, 2019 (JV 19-032)

4. Probationary Principal Contract:
1. James "Jake" Johnson, Cullman Middle School, effective July 1, 2019 (JV 19-048) (Voluntary transfer from Federal Programs/ CTE Coordinator)

5. Modification of Employment:
1. David Benefield, Agribusiness teacher at Cullman High School, modification of employment from eleven months to twelve months, effective 2019-2020 school year.

6. Administrative Supplement:
1. Patricia Culpepper, modify supplement from Administrative Level 3 Supplement to Administrative Level 5 Supplement for the Head Start and Office of School Readiness Programs responsibilities, effective October 1, 2019 (Head Start Funds)

7. Supplement Termination:
1. Michelle Nix, administrative supplement for the Child Nutrition Program, effective May 31, 2019

8. Supplement Resignations:
1. Micah Milligan, CMS Assistant football, CHS Indoor Track Assistant, and CHS Outdoor Track Assistant, effective May 24, 2019
2. Lane Hill, SGA Supplement, effective Aug. 1, 2019

9. Cullman City Primary School - Extended Day Program Aide Pay Increase:
1. Jenna Lambert and Ashton Laney - Pay increase of $0.25 per hour, effective Aug. 7, 2019



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Jake Johnson







Cullman High School earns AHSAA Sportsmanship School recognition

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CULLMAN, Ala. – Ninety-nine Alabama High School Athletic Association (AHSAA) member schools were recognized as AHSAA Sportsmanship Schools for the 2018-2019 school year Wednesday morning, and Cullman High School was on the list. The schools were recognized for being ejection-free and receiving no more than one non-sportsmanship school fine during the completed school year and will be honored at the AHSAA Sportsmanship Luncheon during the 2019 AHSAA Summer Conference and All-Star Sports Week.

CHS Principal Kim Hall is very proud of the administrators, coaches and students who worked toward this accomplishment throughout the year and wants to maintain an environment that rewards sportsmanship.

"Our athletic administrative staff and coaches work hard to establish an environment where good sportsmanship is a priority. We are proud of this award," Hall said.

"It is a testament to the character, work ethic, dedication and commitment of our coaches and student athletes."

"We are extremely pleased to recognize 99 high schools for this noted accomplishment," said AHSAA Executive Director Steve Savarese.

"Our total fines were down 4.1% in 2018-19 over the previous year, and we thank all our schools for their commitment to teaching good sportsmanship and upholding the regulations and by-laws created by our member schools."

Savarese is proud of the strides schools across the state took over the past year and wants to see that trend continue for years to come.

"We are also encouraged by the large percentage of student-athletes and coaches who are competing in our sports' programs who never receive an ejection," Savarese said.

"Our goal, however, is always for each school to be fine and ejection free. It is imperative that each of us, our schools, coaches and administrators continue to emphasize daily the importance of good sportsmanship to our students, parents and communities."

The 12th annual luncheon will be held at noon Friday, July 19, at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center.

Fireworks (from Front)

and all property damages. Regulations differ out in the county, especially in and around incorporated municipalities, so residents are advised to call their town halls or look up the ordinances on fireworks. For example, Green stated that Hanceville ordinances limit discharging time to between 5 p.m. July 4 to 1 a.m. July 5.

For county residents who are allowed to set off fireworks, one of the biggest factors to consider before setting them off is the weather. Chaffin and Green both agreed fireworks should not be used in the event of a drought, low humidity or red flag warnings in the fire weather forecast; windy conditions also present a risk for blowing rockets off-course or causing fires to spread faster. In addition to fire hazards, fireworks also pose risks of bodily harm when used improperly or in unfavorable conditions, and the smoke could possibly cause irritation.

Green also offered comments on other hazards commonly seen on Independence Day, sharing, "A lot of people do a lot of grilling, so there's a big risk of folks catching their porch or their house on fire. They got their grill too close to the house, or they don't clean their grill properly and the leftovers flare up. Maybe they don't wait for their charcoal to cool before throwing it out or they have a problem with their propane tank. That's always a big risk around this time of year."

Another thing he mentioned was handheld sparklers, which are often overlooked as fireworks: "Lots of folks don't really think they're all that dangerous since they're so small, but those things can burn at around 1,200 degrees. They can cause severe burns, and you've got people lighting a bunch of them all at once."

Chaffin added, "Fire pits in backyards (in the city) are okay as long as they are used for cooking and they are kept in a non-combustible pit, meaning materials such as metal, concrete or stone. As with any fire, these should never be left unattended and should be extinguished thoroughly after use, and they cannot be used to burn brush, garbage or yard waste."

According to Chaffin, all outdoor burning in the city requires a permit through the Cullman Fire Rescue main office, and not everyone will be eligible for a permit as certain restrictions apply.

While Green also recommended residents attend professional fireworks displays, he offered the following pieces of advice for those setting them off at home:

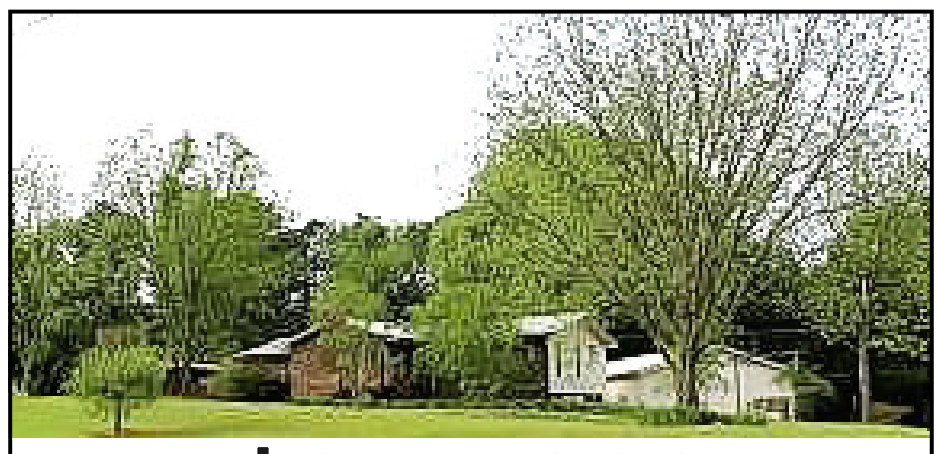
- Keep children away from the fireworks at all times.
- Set off all fireworks in a clear, open area away from buildings and vegetation.
- Only set off one item at a time, and keep the rest in a safe place until you are ready to use them.
- Keep a hose or a water bucket ready to douse the fireworks before disposing of them.

Also advised is to never set off rockets from a metal or glass container, due to the risk of shrapnel, and launching fireworks from a steady and secure platform.

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LEGALS

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Default having been made in the terms of that mortgage executed on May 4, 2012 by Valerie J. Levi, unmarried woman, to EvaBank, which said mortgage is recorded in Book MTG 1676, Page 476 in the Probate Office of Cullman County, Alabama, and default continuing, and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the following described property will be sold at public outcry, for cash, to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door of said County, in Cullman, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 18, 2019:

A parcel or tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama, described as follows: Commence at an existing half inch rebar, capped W.H.O. marking the locally accepted Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 24; thence North 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West as basis of bearing along the South Line of said Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter 660.97 feet (deed 667.70 feet) to an existing half inch iron capped W.H.O. to the point of beginning; thence continue North 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds West 387.00 feet to an existing railroad spike in the center of County Road 62; thence North 19 degrees 15 minutes 09 seconds East 119.75 feet to a set 5/8 inch rebar in the center of said County Road 62; thence leaving said road run South 89 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds East 381.17 feet to the Westerly line of the land described in Deed Book 480, Page 68 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama; thence South 16 degrees 34 minutes 15 seconds West along said westerly line a distance of 118.00 feet back to the point of beginning containing 1.00 acres, more or less, less and except that now taken by road..

MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
Commence at the Southeast Corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, thence North 89° 28' 00" West 660.79 feet to an existing capped iron and the point of beginning, thence North 89° 28' 00" West 387.00 feet to an iron set in a paved County road, thence North 19° 15' 09" East 119.75 feet to an Iron set in said road, thence South 89° 28' 00" East 381.17 feet to an iron ½" capped rebar set, thence South 16° 34' 14" West 118.01 feet
back to the point of beginning, containing I acre, more or less. Said land lying in the NE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 24, Township 12 South, Range 5 West, Cullman County, Alabama.
According to survey dated May 17, 2004 performed by James W. Baldy, Al. PLC. Lic. No. 11845.

Subject to easements, restrictions and ad valorem taxes of record.

This conveyance is made subject to matters of survey and other matters of record, if any.

The following manufactured home to be auctioned separately and together with the real estate: 2000 Southern Homes, VIN DSDAl29844A and DSDAl29844B.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt and cost of foreclosure.

EvaBank, Mortgagee
Dewayne N. Morris
Attorney for Mortgagee
2131 Third Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
The Cullman Tribune-June 27, July 4, 11, 2019

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 15
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR ANY PUBLIC OR MUNICIPAL PURPOSE
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
1. The City of Cullman is the owner of a parcel of property described as a utility easement on Lincoln Avenue SW and Highway 278 (4th Street SW).
2. The Cullman City Council finds and determines that this property is not needed by the City of Cullman for public or municipal purposes and hereby vacates the property and declares it surplus.
3. The City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to sell this property for its fair market value.
4. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 – 59
TO VACATE AND SURPLUS A PORTION OF A PUBLIC STREET
WHEREAS, the City of Cullman, Alabama, is the owner of Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet;
WHEREAS, the Cullman City Council finds that this property is not needed for public or municipal purposes and has determined that it is in the interest of the public that such street or portion thereof be vacated;
BE IT RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that Marline Drive SE, which is approximately fifty feet by two hundred feet, is hereby declared vacant.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cullman City Council that the Mayor is hereby authorized to surplus and sell this property for its appraised fair market value.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 20
TO ANNEX CERTAIN PROPERTIES INTO THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Cullman finds that Nathan Brock have petitioned the City under the provisions of Section 11-42-21 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, that the following described property, which property is owned by the petitioner, be annexed into the City of Cullman: PPIN: 15673. PARCEL: 09-08-27-0-001-012.000. ADDRESS: 70 County Road 1322. LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lot No. 3 of the Shangri-La Subdivision as shown on the recorded Plat of said subdivision in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama. Situated, lying and being in Cullman County, State of Alabama.
SECTION 2. That the Council has before it a map showing the relationship of the property proposed to be annexed to the corporate limits of the City of Cullman, and that said map is on file in the office of the City Clerk along with an acknowledgment by the property owners that they want it to be annexed into the City of Cullman.
SECTION 3. That the City of Cullman does hereby annex as a part of its corporate limits the above described tracts or parcels of land as R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.
SECTION 4. That a copy of this ordinance after its adoption, which ordinance includes a description of the property annexed to the City of Cullman, be filed in the office of the Judge of Probate of Cullman County, Alabama, the county in which the municipality is located.
SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as required by law.
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Jenny G. Folsom - President of the City Council
ATTEST: /s/ Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 24th day of June, 2019. /s/ Woody Jacobs - Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cullman, Alabama, will hold a public hearing on July 22nd, 2019 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Lucille N. Galin Auditorium at City Hall, 204 Second Avenue NE, Cullman, Alabama 35055. At this time anyone wishing to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-21 (set forth in full below) will be given an opportunity to be heard:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 – 21
TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2018 – 34 REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS IN SUBDIVISIONS
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:
Section I. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is to modify or amend Section IV, paragraph 4 of Ordinance No. 2018 - 34.
Section II. Definitions:
1. Section IV paragraph 4 of Ordinance No, 2018 - 34, is hereby deleted in its entirety.
2. The following paragraph is hereby substituted in place of the above deleted paragraph.
   A. The Owner/Developer will be responsible for the installation of all components of the street lighting system approved by the utility provider and required and approved by the Planning Commission. The City of Cullman shall be responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all components of the street lighting system upon its approval by the utility provider and completion by the Owner/Developer in accordance with the plans and specifications as approved by the Planning Commission and City of Cullman Engineering Department or said departments designated by the Mayor.
3. Once installed the lighting system shall be the property of the city or utility providing power to the system as the City of Cullman directs.
4. The installation shall be in accordance with the then existing regulations as adopted at the time of the installation.
Section III. Severability Clause. Each and every provision of this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an independent provision and the holding of any provision hereof to be void or invalid for any reason shall not affect any other provision hereof, and it is hereby declared that the other provisions of this Ordinance would have been enacted regardless of any provisions which might have been invalid.
Section IV. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.
Wesley M. Moore - City Clerk

PB MIN BK 180 PG 238 - 06/25/2019 08:28 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF * CASE NO PC-2019-175
BRADLEY RAY PATTERSON, *
Deceased. *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Administration having been granted to Michelle Lynn Caples, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bradley Ray Patterson, Deceased, on the 24th day of June, 2019, by the Honorable Tammy Brown. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claim against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Michelle Lynn Caples
Personal Representative

James B. Griffin
Attorney for the Personal Representative
P.O. Box 911
Cullman, Alabama 35056

TO: **The Publisher of The Cullman Tribune**

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

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

PB ADT BK 52 PG 553 - 06/18/2019 04:04 PM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

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
Attorney for Petitioners
P.O. Box 834
Hanceville, AL 35077
256-352-2090

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

PB WIL BK 91 PG 111 - 06/11/2019 08:21 AM
Tammy Brown, Judge of Probate, Cullman County, AL

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF CULLMAN COUNTY, ALABAMA

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

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

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

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 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.

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CULLMAN COUNTY ALABAMA

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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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Crimes (from Front)

marketed as OxyContin), hydrocodone (often marketed as Vicodin) and fentanyl.

Said Gentry, "What we started seeing in 2011 was the opiate use go- so people were using pills, pills, pills. And I go from the 18 to 30 year olds: early college, kids in school. Why? It's easy access.

"What we've noticed over the years is that increase in opiate use throughout the communities, which is why you see, today, heroin on the rise, because it's addressing opiate addiction and it's a cheaper method of an opiate versus going and trying to go to a doctor to get prescriptions, buy pills on the street. It's a cheaper alternative.

"Like we talked about (at a recent seminar), the cartels know that, so they've pushed a product into the U.S. that's meeting the needs of the communities as a whole, not just Cullman County, but other counties as a whole."

Much of the heroin is coming into the U.S. from Mexico, and the amount of money going back there is unknown due to the efforts of cartels to hide the flow. Cash seizures have dropped substantially with the rise of online currency exchanges like Bitcoin. Even the most conservative guesses, though, range around $5 billion per year and up, as part of an international trade whose cash flow is estimated in the hundreds of billions per year. (According to research by The Washington Post and talkingdrugs.org)

Said Gentry, "Think about what we could do for our children, our schools, our communities with that money."

Getting better or worse?

Comparing the first quarter of 2019 with the same period in 2018, the CPD's drug arrests actually dropped slightly, but Mickle cautioned that the numbers don't tell the whole story.

Said Mickle, "I would attribute a lot of that to our (Crime Suppression Unit) being short-staffed and undermanned. We had several people that we had to pull from our unit to go assist other divisions within the department, so I wouldn't directly correlate anything back to any decrease or increase in numbers. If we had been at full staff, I would think that our numbers this year and last year would be pretty similar. So there's not anything I see that's indicating a huge change from last year to this year."

He continued, "I'll be honest with you: a lot of times, drug arrests and just because more people are getting put in jail or less people are getting put in jail, that does not always directly correlate with how much is being used on the streets, because we're only hitting a very small amount of what's going on.

"So those numbers don't always directly correlate with what's going on out in the public."

"You see a lot in the media with arrests because we have proactive law enforcement in Cullman County," said Gentry. "That doesn't mean it's any more or any less; it just means you have law enforcement officers that take pride in getting drugs off the streets.

"You know, we average about three drug arrests a day just at the sheriff's office; that doesn't count what the city of Cullman or Hanceville does. So we're very blessed here to have proactive law enforcement."

In a recent story on the increase in failures to appear (FTAs) in court since a federal court injunction required the CCSO and county courts to release most suspects on a non-monetary bond (https://www.cullmantribune.com/2019/06/06/out-on-bond-what-has-free-bail-meant-for-cullman-county/), The Tribune noted that Cullman County has seen an average of 16 to 17 more drug arrests per month since the injunction than before.

Gentry talked about one reason for the increase:

"I think what you see a lot of times is this: so, let's say somebody FTAs. We go out, we stop them on a traffic stop or we go to their house to arrest them. Well, guess what? They've got more drugs. So we arrest them again, and so you're going to see that number rise.

"So, as you don't go to court and you're not held accountable, then we go back out there, from their perspective, 'Why would I not do that? Why would I not have more drugs, if I know that there's no accountability on the judicial end?' That's what we face with everything that we're dealing with."

Right now, according to Gentry, even when they reach the courtroom, the average drug offender will be convicted of five felony drug offenses before he or she actually goes to prison.

Said Gentry, "Things that look good on paper in Montgomery or wherever, look good on paper, but it's not reality."

He added, "You know, prison reform did not help the citizens. When prison reform came out a few years ago, it was 'Our goal is to release non-violent offenders back into society.' Well, that doesn't help the citizen that gets their house broken into. That doesn't help the citizen that's living next to somebody that's got a hundred cars coming in and out of their driveway at night. You know, that's releasing people back into society with no direction, no skills, no avenue to change their lives. And we're all about rehabilitation."

Fighting the good fight

At a recent seminar, Gentry told his audience that combating drugs is a three-step process:

"Number one, the most important thing we can do is educate our children," said Gentry. "Educate them to what they're going to face. Hey, be honest with our kids. My boys are 11 and 8, and I'm very honest with them about the effects of drugs: what it's going to do to you, what it does to the community. That's why we go out to the schools and we talk to these kids, because we want them to know what battles and challenges they're facing.

"Second part of that is the enforcement. That's why the deputies go out every day and enforce the law, and arrest them. If you want to be a drug dealer, hey, we're going to put you in jail. If you want to run drugs, we're going to do everything in our power to put you in jail.

"Then the third thing is the rehabilitation side. Again, I told you we have 300 inmates in our county jail, 300 inmates. We have 33 programs that come in, that minister to the inmates, that help them changes their lives.

"The way we look at it is this: if they can change their lives, then that's a positive for all of us, because they're back working, they're back being productive members of society, they're paying taxes. They're back being mothers, fathers, grandparents again. So that's very important to us on that side of things.

Trying to keep up with a growing city and county

Gentry said, "Cullman County is one of the top growing counties in the state. So, growth is good, like we talked about, but the negative is: when you bring in growth, you're also going to bring in a lot of problems from other areas. And we're experiencing a little bit of that, you know, people that are not from here, things that are happening, whether it's an overdose or people using drugs that are not from Cullman County. You know, we make a lot of arrests of people that are passing through.

"So it's kind of a combination of things that we're dealing with in law enforcement today. You're dealing with the ones that are here that are using drugs, and then those that travel through or come in through growth."

As the county population grows and brings with it both the advantages and disadvantages of growth, law enforcement struggles to keep up.

"The CCSO routinely asks for more funding in the Cullman County Commission's budget to put more patrol deputies on the road and more detention deputies in the jail. Currently, eight patrol deputies per shift cover all areas of the 755-square-mile county outside Cullman City and Hanceville, which have their own police departments. On the other hand, the roughly 21 square miles of the city of Cullman are typically patrolled by five officers plus a sergeant and lieutenant, bolstered during peak call hours by the CSU.

Said Gentry, "Money's always an issue, but one of the things that we're stressing to the (County) Commission is, with growth-community growth- you have to grow your law enforcement. And again, you're talking dollars and cents. And we've refigured, and we've added internally- not through the commission; I'm talking internally- we've been able to make some changes and shift some personnel around to put more deputies on the road than we've ever had. But we've not grown the office. You have to grow to meet those needs."

Get involved

Mickle advised, "The biggest thing for the public: if anybody sees something, I would suggest that, if they've got any information, to contact the police department and make us aware. They can leave anonymous tips if they choose to, but we always try to aggressively follow up on any information that we have."

The CPD central dispatch number is 256-734-1434.

Citizens can report criminal activity anonymously to the CCSO by calling the secret witness number at 256-734-0210. Through the office's Nixle program, to which citizens can subscribe by texting 25sheriff to 888777, citizens can get alerts from the sheriff and also send anonymous texts to report a crime or suspicious activity. Being routed through the third-party Nixle system, the CCSO will not see the sender's number.

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William Glenn Hipp, age 67, of Holly Pond, passed away Monday evening, June 24, 2019. He was born to Bill and Bobbie Vanzandt Hipp. Mr. Hipp was a retired, self-employed building contractor. Mr. Hipp served his country with pride in the U.S. Army. He is preceded in death by his parents. Survivors are his wife, Tracy Parrish Hipp; sons, Shannon, Joey, Oncie, and Scottie Hipp; daughters, Summer Hipps and Amber (Adam) Johnson; sister, Gina Marks; mother-in-law, Diane Parrish; brothers-in-law, Tony Reese, Jimmy Reese, and Jason Parrish; sister-in-law, Tammie Jo Parrish; grandchildren, Jaden Hipp, Davis Hipp, Morgan Hipp, Anna Hipp, Michael Mitchell, Andrew Johnson and Brady Mitchell. Funeral Service will be at Holly Pond Funeral Home at noon Thursday, June 27. Bro. Randy Burtram officiating. Visitation will be 11 a.m. – noon, Thursday prior to service. Burial will be in Rock Springs Cemetery, Blountsville.

Alex Castro entered into rest June 21, 2019.
Private services will be held.

Lewis Jack Baldwin, 97, of Double Springs, Alabama entered into rest on June 26, 2019 at Hendrix Health Care. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. at Nichols Funeral Home in Double Springs, where services will be held on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 11 a.m. Reverend Buford Smith will officiate. Burial will follow in Houston Community Cemetery in Houston, Alabama with military honors.

Memorial Service for Patricia R. Keeton, age 70, of Crane Hill, will be at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home with Junior Garmon officiating. Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Mrs. Keeton passed away on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at her residence. She was born November 15, 1948, to Claude and Mildred England. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Johnny England, Bill England, and Robert England. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Gene Keeton; daughters, Cindy (Mike) Fortenberry, Angela (Jay) Garmon, and Christy Keeton; grandchildren, Emily Fortenberry, Callie Welch, Jillian Keeton, Katie Fortenberry, Gracie Cruce, and Jordan Garmon; great-grandchildren, Bentley Rice, Parker Diaz, Brinley Diaz, and Noah Haynes; sister, Shirley Blanton; and a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends. Visitation will be from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2019, at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.

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